

POSITIVE ENERGY NEWS

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RECENT RESEARCH



The results of our latest survey distinguish between fragmented opinion, where public opinion is split but views are not strongly held, and polarized opinion, where public opinion is both split and concentrated at the extremes. The survey was conducted by Positive Energy Faculty Members Stephen Bird and Erick Lachapelle.

[Read the results](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Talk: Australian Energy Federalism: Lessons for Canada?

March 26, at 12:00 PM

Faculty of Social Sciences, 4th floor, room 4006

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RECENT EVENTS



- Debate: Go Big or Go Home? The Future of Canadian Energy
- Conference: DIVIDED? Polarization and Canada's Energy Future in an Age of Climate Change

IN THE MEDIA

Monica Gattinger, Director of the ISSP and Chair of Positive Energy.

- Introduction To 3-Part Series: Opinions On Energy And Environment In Canada: A Positive Path Forward Is Possible (The Daily Oil Bulletin)
- Part 1: Canadians Not As Divided As Many Believe: Emerging Consensus On Oil And Gas, Climate And The National Interest (The Daily Oil Bulletin)
- Opposition to Trans Mountain project grows as shovels in ground (The Calgary Herald)



- Analysis: Why Ottawa's LRT is a lesson in how not to manage a major environmental project (The Ottawa Citizen)



Op-ed article written by Stephen Bird, Erick Lachapelle and Monica Gatteringer for Policy Options, about the new University of Ottawa Positive Energy survey Polarization over Energy and Climate in Canada.

- On energy and climate, we're actually not so polarized (Policy Options)

The Issues in Science and Technology article, written by Matthew C. Nisbet, about Canada's Climate Wars, citing the Positive Energy report Canada's Energy Future in an Age of Climate Change.

- Sciences, Publics, Politics: Lessons From Canada's Climate Wars (The Issues in Science and Technology)



In the latest podcast episode, Ian T. D. Thomson interviews Positive Energy Research Team member Duane Bratt, who discusses the history of the Alberta Climate Leadership Plan: an ambitious policy program developed by the previous NDP government to address climate change in the oil and gas-rich province.

Positive Energy will publish Dr. Bratt's case study in the coming weeks as part of its 'What Works' series exploring various efforts to address polarization over energy and climate.

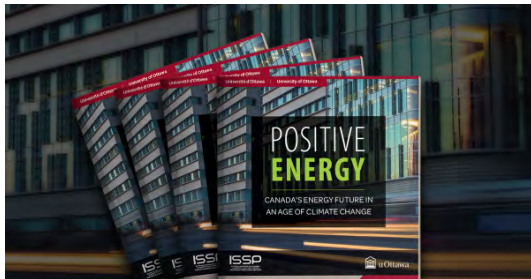
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ENGAGEMENT WITH DECISION-MAKERS

- Positive Energy Chair Monica Gattinger met with Senator Doug Black (Independent, Alberta) on February 5 to discuss energy and environmental issues in Canada.
- She was also the Master of Ceremonies at the Breakthrough Energy Solutions Forum, in Ottawa, co-organized by Natural Resources Canada, the Business Development Bank of Canada and Breakthrough Energy Ventures.



ABOUT POSITIVE ENERGY



Positive Energy uses the convening power of the university to bring together academic researchers and senior decision-makers from industry, government, Indigenous communities, local communities and environmental organizations to determine how to strengthen public confidence in energy decision-making.

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