



Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity
Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Poll
500 Rhode Island Voters
January 22-24, 2020

Governor Gina Raimondo wants Rhode Island to join the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), a regional collaboration of 11 states that seek to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector by increasing the costs of gasoline and diesel fuel. Do you support or oppose Rhode Island joining TCI?

Strongly support	34.4%
Somewhat support	7.6%
Not sure	22.2%
Somewhat oppose	10.4%
Strongly oppose	25.4%

Under current policies, over the next 10 years, we will reduce carbon emissions by 19% if we do NOTHING else. Adding TCI will cost up to \$7 billion over that time, and only reduce emissions by an extra 1% to 6%. Do you support TCI knowing it will only reduce emissions by an additional 1% to 6% over current policies?

Strongly support	26.2%
Somewhat support	8.4%
Not sure	25.8%
Somewhat oppose	13.0%
Strongly oppose	26.6%

The non-partisan RI Center for Freedom & Prosperity estimates that within 5 years, TCI would cost our state almost 2,000 jobs, increase gasoline prices by up to 23 cents per gallon, and reduce the average family's disposable income by about \$1,200. Knowing this, do you support or oppose Rhode Island joining TCI?

Strongly support	22.4%
Somewhat support	7.2%
Not sure	21.8%
Somewhat oppose	17.4%
Strongly oppose	31.2%

Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?

Statement A: Raising fuel costs through gasoline and diesel taxes will provide a needed answer to the climate crisis by promoting public transit and reducing emissions. We should implement TCI as soon as is reasonably possible.

...Or...

Statement B: By driving up fuel costs TCI will disproportionately affect commuters and low-income families who are already struggling to recover, economically, from the COVID pandemic.

Statement A	26.0%
Statement B	48.8%
Not sure	25.2%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age Range

18-44	21.8%
44-64	51.2%
65 or older	27.0%

Gender

Male	47.8%
Female	52.2%

Party ID

Democrat	40.2%
Republican	12.8%
Independent/Other	47.0%

Results are based on an issue survey of 500 voters statewide fielded January 22-24, 2020 that included questions dedicated to TCI. Interviews were conducted by both live operators and collected online via text message. The margin of error is +/- 4.4% with a 95% confidence level. The poll was sponsored by the Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity and conducted by Advantage, Inc.