

# **Busting 11 myths about westerners and conservation**

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On Thursday morning, Colorado College released its Conservation in the West poll, which it has conducted since 2011. The survey asks voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho (added this year), Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah for their opinions on everything from energy development to national monuments, water usage to recreation.

It also asks about political affiliation, a question that, not surprisingly, tends to matter a lot.

In 2016, 63 percent of respondents said they'd call themselves one. This year, it was 76 percent.

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