

Community Mining Activity Awareness Survey

All Responses

Question 1: Are you a resident of Santa Cruz County, Arizona? > registered voter in Santa Cruz County, Arizona

Question 1

“Are you a resident of Santa Cruz County, Arizona? ”



Question 2

“Are you a registered voter in Santa Cruz County Arizona?”



Question 3

“What is your age?”



Feedback

65+ years old



Question 4

“Are you familiar with the Australian mining company called South32 that is mining in the Patagonia Mountains?”

Yes



No



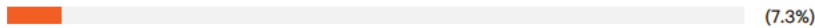
Question 5

“Do you know about the South32 Hermosa Project?”

Yes



No

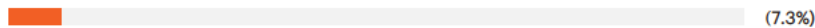


Feedback

Question 6

“Do you support or oppose mining in the Patagonia Mountains?”

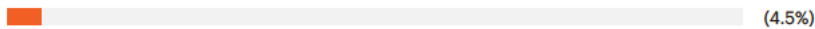
Support



Oppose



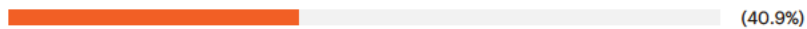
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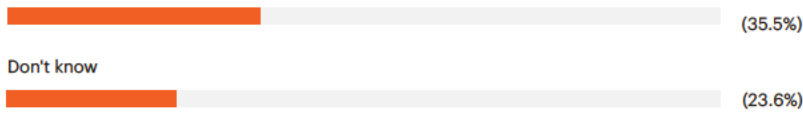
Question 7

“Do you support mining in the United States?”

Yes



No



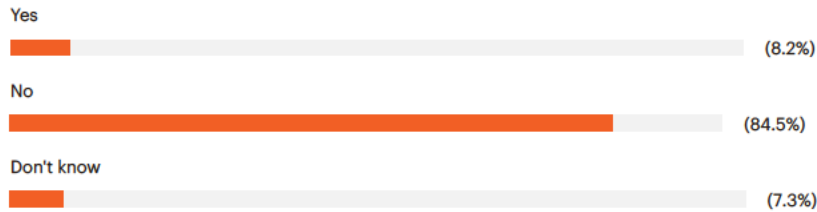
Question 8

“Do you know what minerals that South32 Hermosa Project is mining?”



Question 9

“Do you have a favorable opinion of South32?”



Feedback

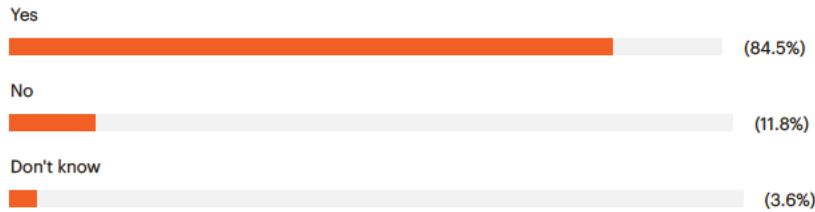
Question 10

“Do you think the South32 mining project should be more regulated by our elected officials?”



Question 11

“Are you aware that there are Manganese deposits that South32 will mine in the Patagonia Mountains that are under the water table?”



Question 12

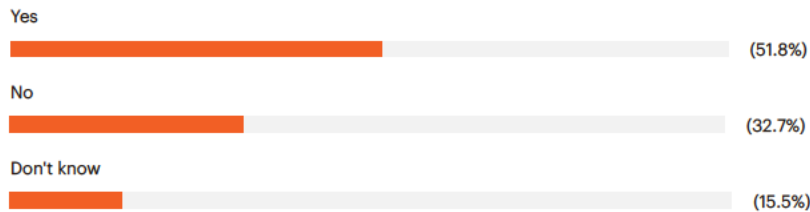
“Did you know that the purpose of mining Manganese is principally for Electric Vehicles?”



Feedback

Question 13

“Did you know that mining for Manganese and other critical ores is for National Security reasons?”



Question 14

“Are you aware that mining for Manganese in the Patagonia Mountains will result in a discharge of 6.5 million gallons of treated water per day into Harshaw Creek which will eventually flow into the Santa Cruz River? ”



Question 15

“Do you believe that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should provide oversight of the water quality being discharged from the mine into Harshaw Creek?”



Feedback

Question 16

“Are you aware that South32 will have substantial needs for more electricity to mine manganese and a separate electrical transmission line is required for the mining operation?”



Question 17

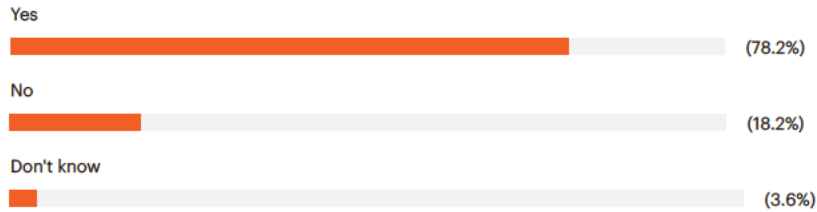
“Would you prefer this transmission line to be underground?”





Question 18

“Are you aware that South32 has entered the Federal Government “Fast-41” program for manganese mining permitting?”



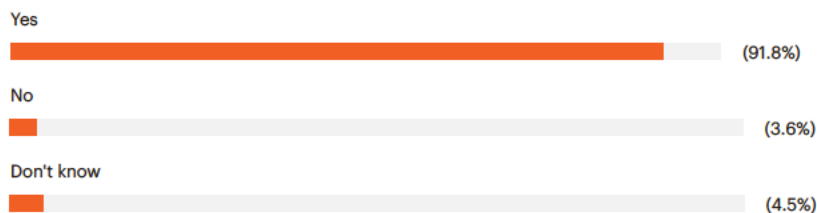
Question 19

“Are you aware that Santa Cruz County is considering allowing placement of a Manganese processing facility for South32 in the county?”



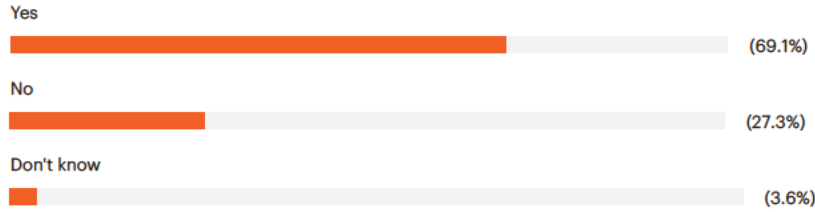
Question 20

“Are you aware that Manganese is a heavy metal, toxic element, and in excess, hazardous to all lifeforms?”



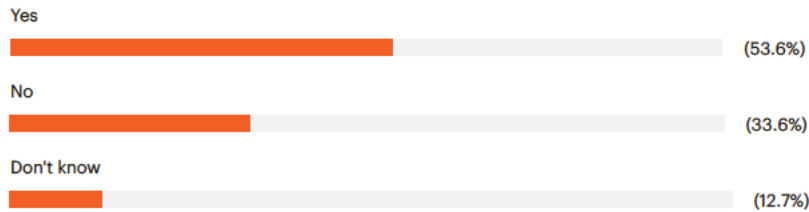
Question 21

“Are you familiar with the disease called Manganism that is caused by increased exposure to manganese with symptoms like Parkinson's Disease?”



Question 22

“Are you aware that the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors have regular private meetings with the management of South32?”



Feedback

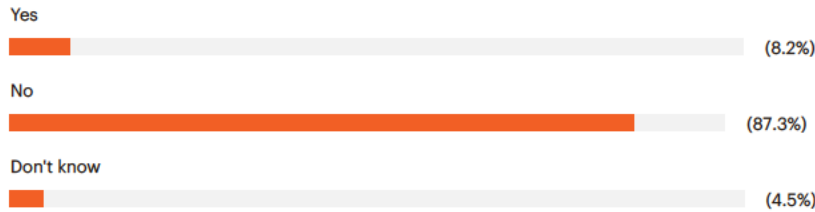
Question 23

“Are you aware of the Federal lawsuit against the US Forestry Service regarding permits for South32 and other exploratory companies in the area?”



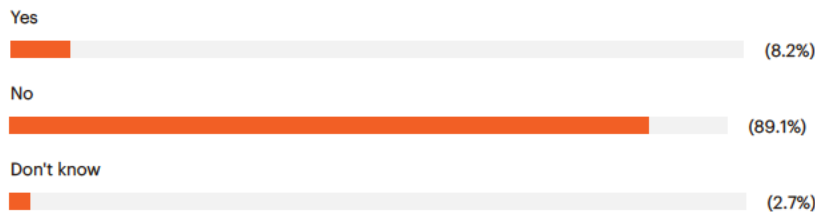
Question 24

“Do you feel that our local government officials have done a good job of informing the public regarding South32’s intentions?”



Question 25

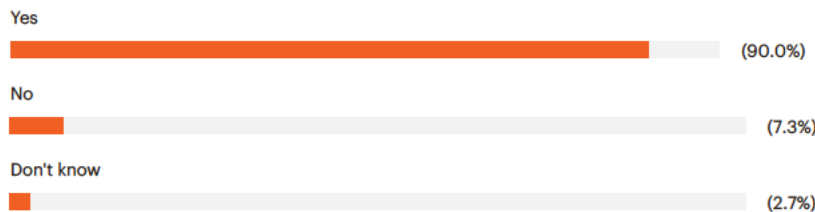
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Feedback

Question 26

“Are you aware that trucks hauling hazardous materials such as manganese, lead, and zinc will dramatically increase on the 2-lane Highway 82 in and out of the Patagonia area, which will increase the risk of accidents and accelerate road wear?”



Question 27

“Would you like to provide any other comments?”

██████████ said

"Unequivocally opposed to this disaster for Arizona's treasure - Santa Cruz County. This will absolutely ruin our lifestyle and environment here, not to mention the health hazards. This project benefits one individual and one foreign mining company, and is ruinous for all other residents. This MUST be stopped. Thank you for taking the reins for defeating this horrid disaster for our county and residents."

██████████ said

"Species diversity and severe water table degradation are immediate flags. Add in deadly heavy metals and expect the mining company to self regulate? Disaster."

██████████ said

"No mining in SantaCruz county. Leave our environment alone. And let our children have a healthy clean future."

██████████ said

"This mining is dangerous to the health and safety of everyone in Santa Cruz County and along the highways, these trucks are traveling. It should be stopped."

██████████ said

"S32 will destroy the quality of life in Patagonia and the surrounding area."

██████████ said

"I do not want any mining in Santa Cruz County. I don't support South 32. Our government is following a false agenda of climate change so they can make a lot of money from their "green " investments. "

██████████ said

"I am sorry that mining companies have such a disproportionate influence on our political system and that there is so little oversight."

[REDACTED] said

"“De watering” anything in Arizona is a terrible ideal for the long term ecological health of any living system of which we humans are inextricably and incontrovertibly linked and interdependent on. "

[REDACTED] said

"Sounds like a terrible idea for such a beautiful small town "

[REDACTED] said

"Mining will negatively impact the residents of our county. The financial gain with be in the pockets of those outside our county."

[REDACTED] said

"They have done enough damage already stop the mine, South 32 goes belly up than what????
"

[REDACTED] said

"Please no mining"

[REDACTED] said

"South 32 will bring lots of profits to the Patagonia area and the surrounding areas. "

[REDACTED] said

"From destruction of habitat to water issues & traffic, nothing South 32 is doing will benefit this area. To claim that huge destruction, use of electricity, traffic, & ozone is acceptable to power electric vehicles is ridiculous! The trade off is one sided "

██████████ said:

"I would like to see community organizations "Just Say No" to grants from South32. Most of these agencies survived without their funding and can continue to do so.

Also, it may send a message to South32 and community members that this group can combine funding with other likeminded groups to sponsor the same events S32 does to have the same effect - get name exposure and recognition on websites, print materials, t-shirts etc. Or even sponsor one big event a year. To me, seeing South 32s name on the Sky Island Market is absurd and an oxymoron. Maybe sponsor this next year if possible. I realize funding is key. Continuing to educate the public and local community is important. Thank you for your endeavors. "

██████████ said:

"Thank you for your work."

██████████ said:

"S32 will destroy our environment if they are allowed to have their way. We citizens of Santa Cruz County know exactly what they are up to and that our agencies are letting them go ahead by not enforcing regulations nor county supervisors voting against changes to zoning and classification. The blight left in Green Valley is a visible sign what our beautiful Patagonia Mountains will look like after the rape of the S32 mining. The water, riparian area and bird migration all will suffer. "

██████████ said:

"Take care our mother earth...is the only one we, have."

██████████ said:

"I am firmly against this project. If this project continues I suggest that South 32 place at least \$2 billion into escrow that the county/state/EPA can access for repairs/restoration when the environmental damage becomes evident. "

██████████ said:

"I am a former homeowner in Patagonia and a regular fixture in Patagonia through my volunteer work with PARA and Tucson Audubon's Paton Center for Hummingbirds. I value the biodiversity in southern Arizona and am concerned about the impacts of modern mining on communities, wildlife, and water "

██████████ said

"Regarding a couple of questions, there are NO guarantees that the minerals mined from the Patagonia Mountains will be used in the manner that South32 and any elected officials are saying they will be. There is that. Similarly, the "national security" angle is bogus, it's a lot like waving the flag to ensure the compliance of the public. In other words, that should not be part of the discussion.

I am not opposed to electric vehicles... 60 years ago. (Quite the opposite.) But the U.S. and carmakers and industry leaders have proven over and over and over again that they do not give a fuck about the environment or the planet as a whole. This whole saving the planet by destroying the planet will never work, hence, South32 and the entire mining debacle is about money and has nothing to do with EVs or climate change; the latter being a done deal and irreversible at this point. Until there is a "Fast-41" program for recycling whereby every single item sold and / or in existence is recycled, ALL of the EV talk is complete nonsense, putting a million more EVs on the road will do zero for the environment and the planet. Just sayin'..."

██████████ said

"Life for all creatures, humans and animals, will be negatively affected if S32 does and gets away with. "

██████████ said

"South 32 needs to go! I feel that our community is being exploited, and this puts me on edge."

██████████ said

"The way questions are asked in this survey is very one sided and not factually correct. "

██████████ said

"South32 needs to go. We cannot co-exist with them. They will slowly poison our community and then it will be too late "

██████████ said

"Sant Cruz County should not support the opening of the Hermosa Mine in Patagonia. The environmental and social costs are too high and too long lasting. "

██████████ said

"Manganese nickel batteries have been supplanted by ferrous lithium by electric vehicle makers as it is safer and makes longer lasting batteries."

██████████ said

"I'm appalled that a mine can operate and risk depletion and pollution of our aquifer. We live in a desert and in an Active Water Management Area where community members and agriculture must follow legally binding regulations but water use by mining is unregulated, they can use as much as they want and they self-monitor for pollution! They don't pay for this water and they do not pay a tariff on the ore they extract. The Patagonia Mountains are a biological diversity hotspot and should be protected. "

██████████ said

"This region is a biological diversity hotspot and must be protected from 21st century industrialized mining."

██████████ said

"South32 has a horrible track record around the world and cannot be trusted to do things in a proper, safe way. Even if they did, there is no way they can mine manganese without some contamination of our local water and air. Also, we do NOT want a processing plant for the manganese in our county or in our state! South32 had left horrible messes in South Africa and Columbia. In Columbia they have refused to pay huge fines from the government and simply sold their mine there to another company and left! THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED AND WILL DESTROY THIS AREA! MANY PEOPLE WILL BECOME SICK AND IT WILL RUIN HOME PROPERTY VALUES IN OUR AREA AS WELL! "

██████████ said

"South32 must go somewhere else. We don't want them here. Go contaminate another community. "

Unknown contact said

"South 32 Has a poor environmental record in most every place it has operated mines. Our government officials from local to national level disregard the public's concerns."

██████████ said:

"First off, South32 has got to go. We don't want them here, we don't want mining of any kind in Santa Cruz Co., there are too many natural resources at risk of being polluted or entirely destroyed. They don't have our best interest at hand. They don't care if our people get sick, all they care about is facilitating a Gov. program that will be a certain failure, electric vehicles are not that stable of a product as of yet. We need to have the BOS stop accepting donations from S32. South 32 has left the towns they mine in in bad shape and doesn't clean up after they are done mining. So the towns are left polluted and ruined and people are sick. The main goal of these meetings with you folks and the group I am in is to establish a common ground of getting South32 to abandon the plans they have for Santa Cruz Co. Our children are our future and if they are sick or die due to these mining activities what kind of future will that be? We need a lot more protests within their local offices showing our disapproval of this type of mining here, we need to pour the pressure on them and let them know they won't have an easy time if they try to pursue this. We also need to let the BOS know without a doubt that they are failing the taxpayers of our County and it isn't appreciated and they will not be voted back into office because of their incompetence in doing what is right for the people. We can't slack off with this because South32 and the County will see it as a lack of interest and we are weak. We have to present a hard-core determination to make them understand we do not want them here under any circumstances. Also don't put any other solutions on the table like Andy Jackson should make a soccer field out of his alfalfa fields. That will only cause another problem, with insane traffic on soccer game days, and we don't want to put up with that garbage either, so slam that down! There are still a lot of other issues at hand."

██████████ said:

"I understand there is a need for mining to some degree, but too much of it is unnecessary and greed-based. Any truly necessary mining and processing should done on land far from residential and developed/inhabited areas."

██████████ said:

"Please protect life in Santa Cruz County!! No hazardous mining should be allowed. It will affect our air and water quality and sicken our residents!!"

██████████ said:

"I am apposed to South 32 building an operating station in Rio Rico/Nogales. I will not vote for anyone running for political office that supports this or accepts campaign donations from South 32. South 32 Hermosa Project will bring unimaginable destruction to Santa Cruz County and deserves the wrath of the people."

[REDACTED] said
"Shit32"

[REDACTED] said
"The Cross Creek Connector, the exit route for ore trucks from Harshaw Canyon along the rural and narrow Harshaw Rd to Hwy 82 is currently bulldozing its way across neighborhoods and cutting into the Harshaw creek flood plain. This route has already impacted homes, displacing families, causing school children and school bus routes to deal with heavy construction equipment, reduced property values, and punched its way across our trail system. It's a dirt road that is kicking up dust, making noise and air pollution and creating health & safety hazards for local residents of Patagonia. Please make people aware of this."

[REDACTED] said
"I am against the mining. "

[REDACTED] said
"The bypass road is adequate to divert heavy traffic from Patagonia. I am NOT an environmental extremist. I believe it critical to protect foreign miners that as much mining as possible be done in the USA where regulations and management are far stronger."

[REDACTED] said
"Until the 1872 mining law is significantly changed, we are at the mercy of foreign and domestic mining operations. The best we can hope for is greater oversight from governmental agencies, like the EPA and watchdog groups like PARA. As far as local governance goes, money talks. "

[REDACTED] said
"Keep this mining out of our small towns. They are coming to take advantage of us. "

[REDACTED] said
"I'm on the PARA board, so much more informed than most. Thanks for doing this his survey! I hope to see the results."

██████████ said

"I am interested in AZDOT process for design and approval of increased truck traffic on Hwy. 82. "

██████████ said

"na"

██████████ said

"Can this atrocious project be stopped?"

██████████ said

"Thank You. What will be next steps? What can I do to help this effort to stop/slow down/elect different supervisors/ etc?"

██████████ said

"Mining in this area, with its fragile ecosystem, would destroy habitat, deplete and pollute ancient water systems, destroy the quiet that wildlife need, fracture our dark night skies along with sending hazardous materials into the atmosphere. It could endanger workers with illnesses that cannot be overcome. It would destroy our local rural lifestyle and would strip our area of our fragile ecosystem that draws ecotourism. And for what? So a foreign company can make huge profits that will not be shared, even a percentage with the United States. They can pull out when they want leaving us with nothing but devastation never to be regained to our original land. Plus it's for a product, electric cars, that cause more pollution than any gas powered vehicle when you look at how they are made, powered (mainly coal fired plants), using materials that must be extracted at huge costs such as this project, and will be outdated and obsolete in the coming years. Please stop this madness. New laws must be introduced so these behemoth foreign companies cannot rape our land and lifestyle. Any politicians that back these companies will be put on a do not reelect campaign the likes you have never seen. "

██████████ said

"I think the fallacy of electric vehicles being "the answer" to carbon emissions and the environmental problems created by electric vehicles should be publicized more."

██████████ said

"The public is painfully uninformed about the South 32 project. I am concerned about recent changes to and approval of the FEMA floodplain maps depicting land along the Santa Cruz River. I am also concerned about foreign companies getting mining permits in AZ, particularly South 32 and a recent proposal in Superior, AZ. It is insidious how these types of projects take over small communities, rape the land, destroy rural landscape under the guise of providing jobs and services.

The truth? Strip malls and shattered and shuttered communities. I don't believe the entire plan being submitted is well thought out and our voters DESERVE a complete and comprehensive report with input from professionals such as scientists, environmentalists and community planners before anything is approved. Currently, Rio Ricans are being kept in the dark about very important details. It appears that County Officials and local businesses are receiving ill gotten funds. As far as I know, the County has not shown an accounting for what it has received so far from South 32. Manganese is currently used in the production of batteries. Might something be found as useful in the future? After our beautiful County has been destroyed?"

██████████ said

"We have been speaking against South32 and the transmission line they "require" to further destroy and de-water the Patagonia Mtns for 6 years. BOS is laughably unresponsive; we keep hoping Governor Hobbes might take a look and put the brakes on, as she did recently with another multi-billion dollar foreign corporation taking our natural resources for (essentially) nothing. It's hard to stay optimistic after so many statements, letters, protests etc but thank you for continuing."

██████████ said

"Need full disclosure, more transparency and accountability from stakeholders. Also questions need to be answered by the governmental and mine people. "