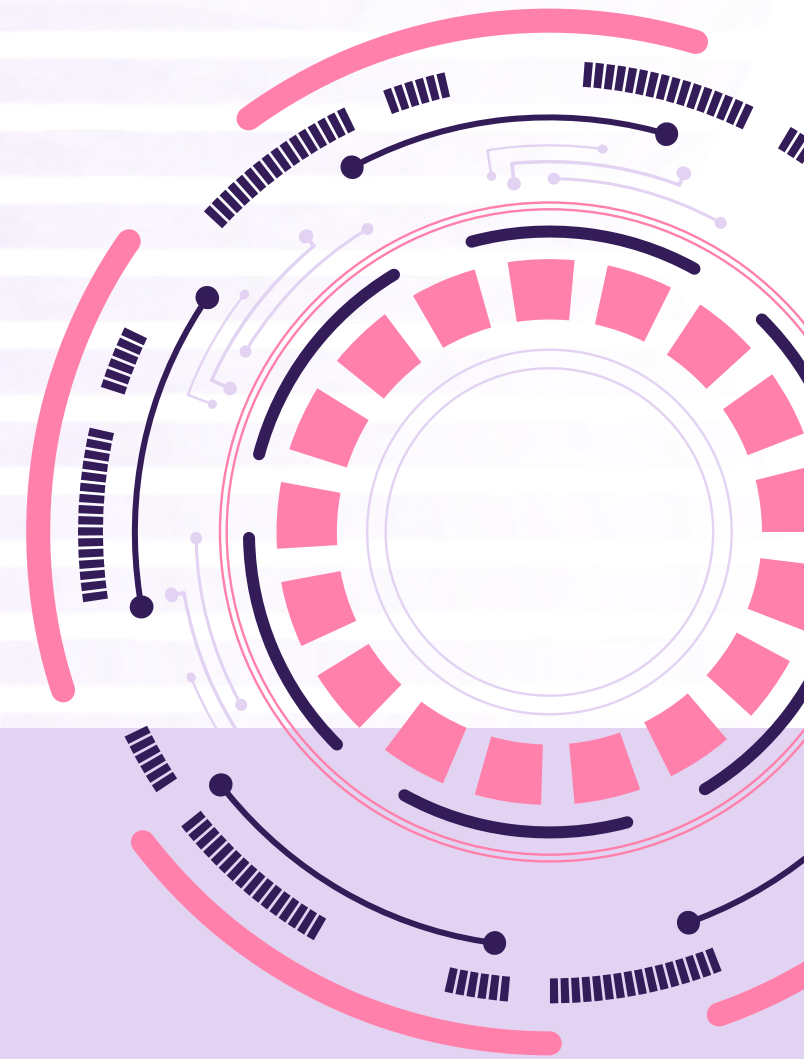


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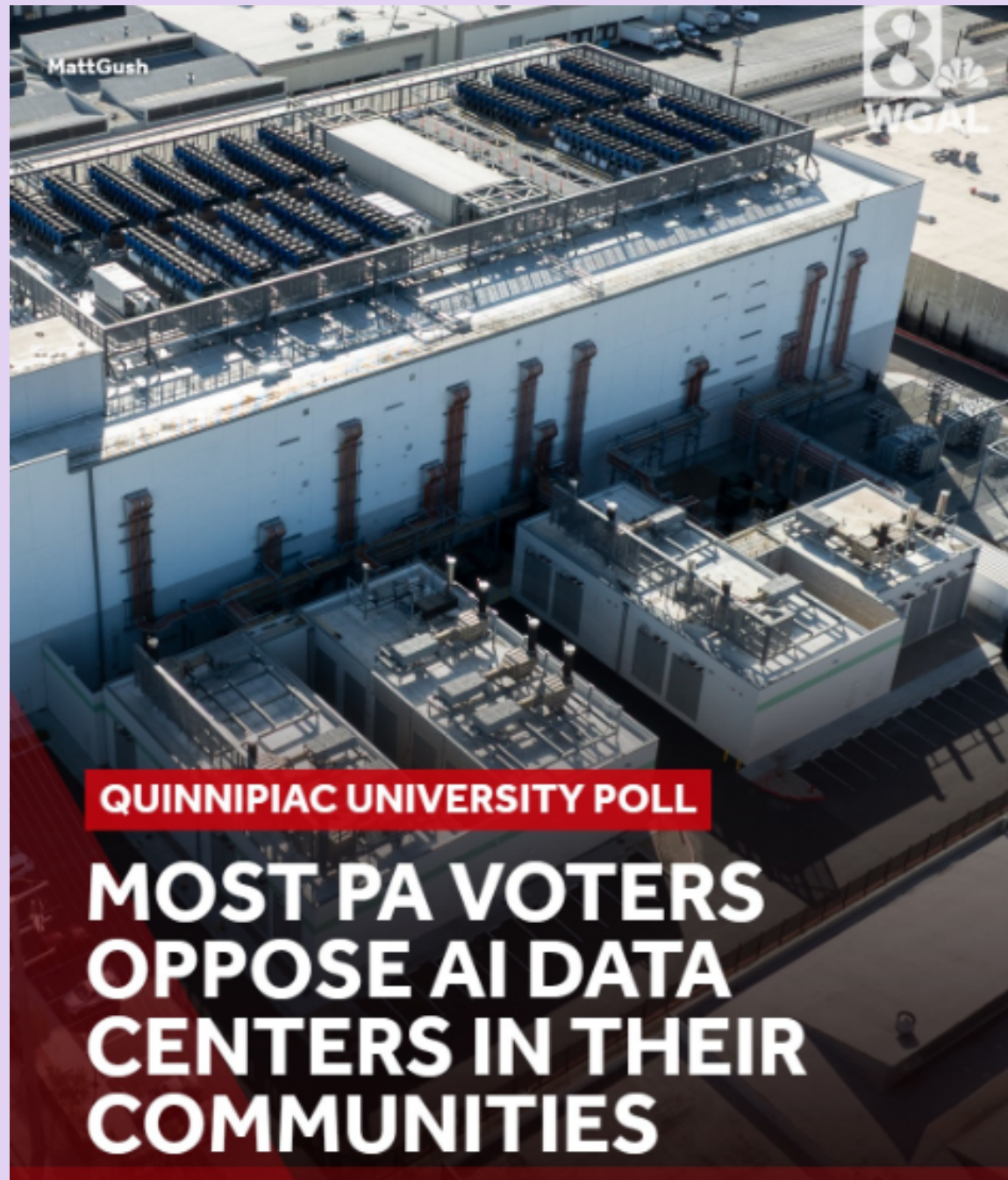
Understanding the Data Center Boom in PA



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PA What does polling suggest?



QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

AI DATA CENTERS

Roughly three-quarters of voters (76 percent) say they are following news about AI data centers either very closely (26 percent) or somewhat closely (50 percent), while 24 percent say they are following news about AI data centers not too closely.

Seventy-four percent of voters say they would oppose building an AI data center in their community, while 16 percent say they would support it, with 10 percent not offering an opinion.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's February 25 poll, when 68 percent said they would oppose building an AI data center in their community and 20 percent said they would support it, with 12 percent not offering an opinion.

"Nothing artificial about Pennsylvania voters' take on the advent of AI. Opposition grows as the inevitable new industry plants roots in their neighborhoods,"

— added Malloy.

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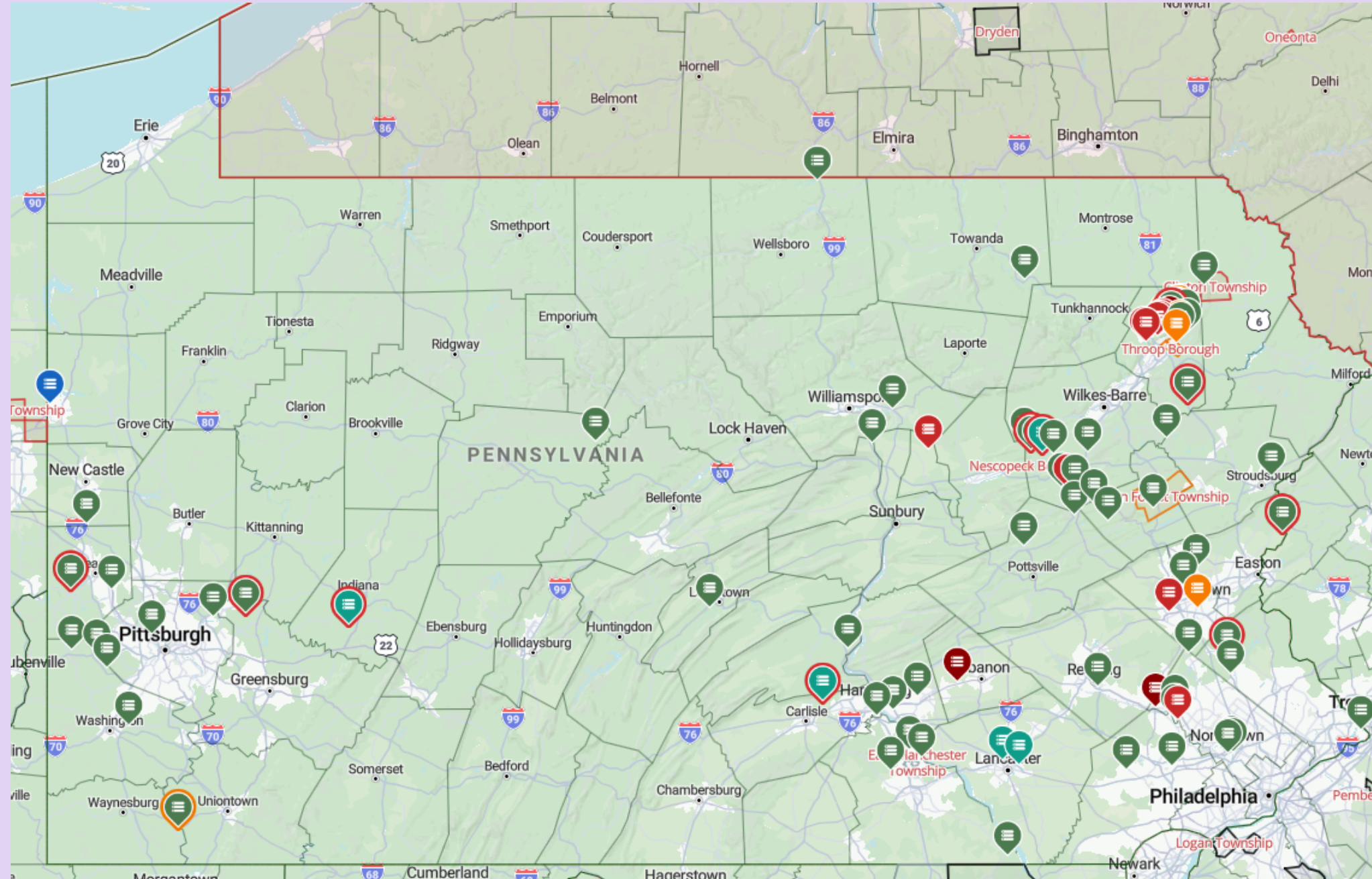
- **71%** of Pennsylvanians are concerned about the amount of electricity data centers use.
- **70%** are concerned about the amount of water they use.
- **44%** believe data centers will have a negative impact on the environment, while only 18% think the impact will be positive.
- **70%** support requiring data centers to provide their own energy generation rather than relying on the public grid.

This is a bi-partisan issue!



SOURCE: ERIN MCCARTHY, "HOW PENNSYLVANIANS REALLY FEEL ABOUT AI DATA CENTERS, ACCORDING TO A NEW SURVEY," THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, DECEMBER 15, 2025.

Over 70 Proposed Data Centers Across the Commonwealth



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Brockovich AI Data Center Reporting



Brockovich questions whether the massive, multibillion-dollar real estate investments currently being poured into AI data centers will hold value, as the underlying AI computing requirements may shift and render these facilities outdated by 2030

Archbald, PA Facing 51 Data Centers



Donny Carey stands on his porch in Archbald, Pennsylvania, on April 15. Archbald is experiencing a contentious boom in proposed data center projects. (Heather Ainsworth/For The Washington Post)

- **Town of 7,000 residents**
- **6 campuses**
- **51 data center warehouses**
- **14% of land**

“This debate has destroyed this community,” Archbald Mayor Shirley Barrett (D) said. “We want answers, but we have no clue what is going on because this is all happening so quickly.”

THE WASHINGTON POST – A TOWN OF 7,000 PLANNED SO MANY DATA CENTERS, IT'S LIKE ADDING 51 WALMARTS

Over-promising will underdeliver

Myth - Big tech job creation

Truth - Data centers produce temporary construction and trade jobs, and generate relatively few permanent operational roles.

Myth - Creation will create tax revenue for communities

Truth - These incentivizations come at a cost to consumers.

This is **NOT** About Everyday Consumers

- Beware of marketing campaigns to remind us of our individual impacts (smart phones, debit cards, AI searches)
- Don't be blind to the impacts that industry is having on this growth.
- Understand that the current wave of hyperscale data centers are driven by giant tech, not consumers.
- 65% of current expansion is coming from enterprise usage.

This is about corporations over people!

Watch out for the election year “flip flop”!

- Polling has been clear that Data Centers are a losing issue for both parties
- Vulnerable elected officials have calculated that jumping on the “anti-data” center train is a good strategy
- It is important to take a deeper look at their record and ask good questions. For example, someone for moratoriums today may have taken large contributions from pro data center donors in the past.
- Political theater often leads to broken promises.

Don't Be Fooled!



Trump Executive Order

Last week

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