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I. Introduction

- Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release gas inside.
- Water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out to the head of the well.
- This can be a very controversial topic, especially in the Western United States where fracking is a major part of the economic growth of the states.
- The public forms opinions both negative and positive regarding fracking in the state of Utah.
- Studies have been done to discover the impacts, good or bad, fracking may have on our environment.
- So, what are the public opinions on fracking in Utah, good or bad?

II. Methods

Countless Utah residents have not yet formed an opinion about fracking being done in our state of Utah.

- Some residents near fracking sites are given surveys to learn the views of people who live the effects of fracking first hand.
- Some residents who don't live near fracking are given surveys to understand their

points of view. This isn't quite as helpful to researchers.

- Little research has actually been done on this topic.

III. Results

- Because little research has been done on the public opinions of fracking in Utah, it is hard to form very steady results.
- Just like any other controversial topic, many people are for fracking and many people are against fracking.

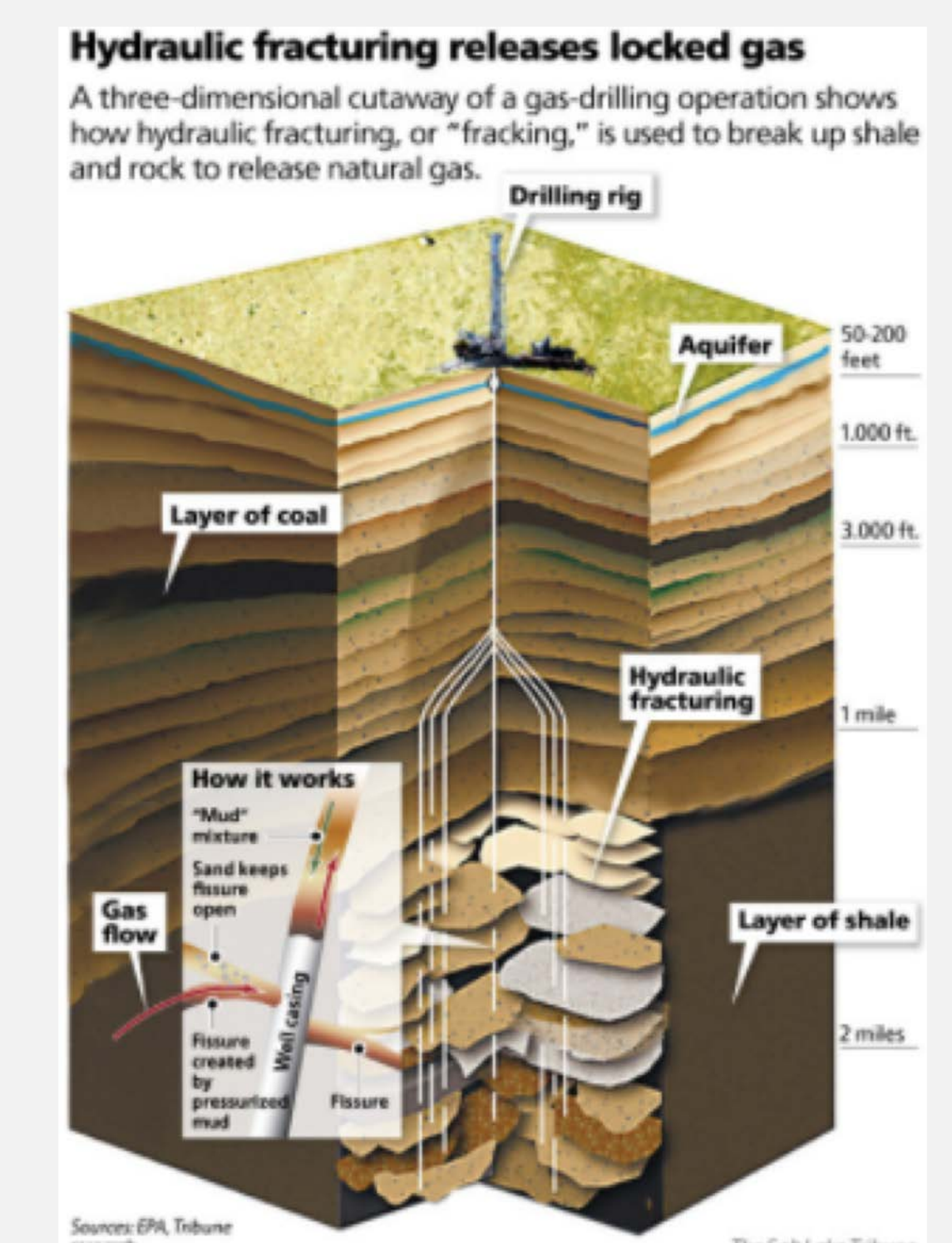
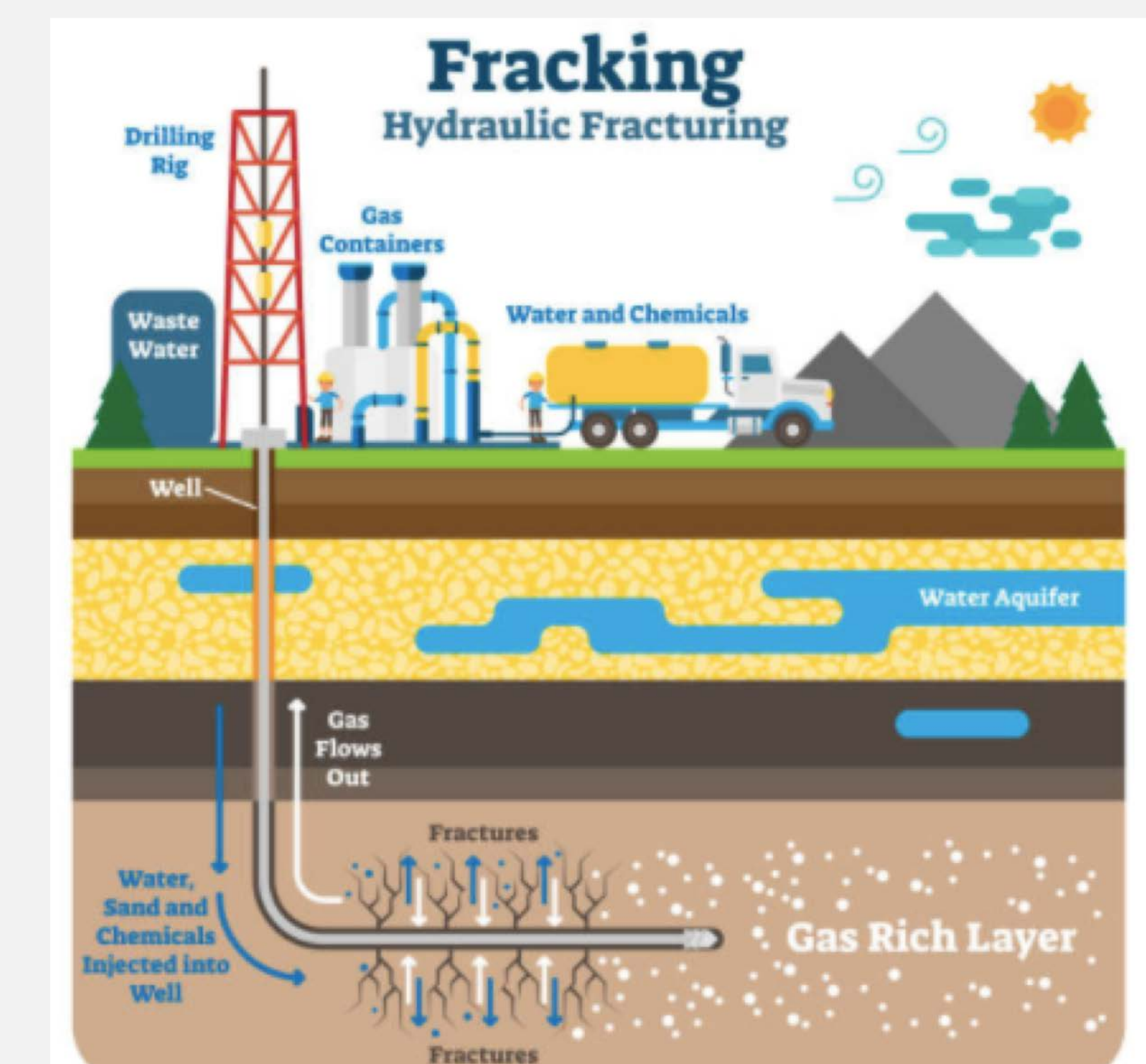
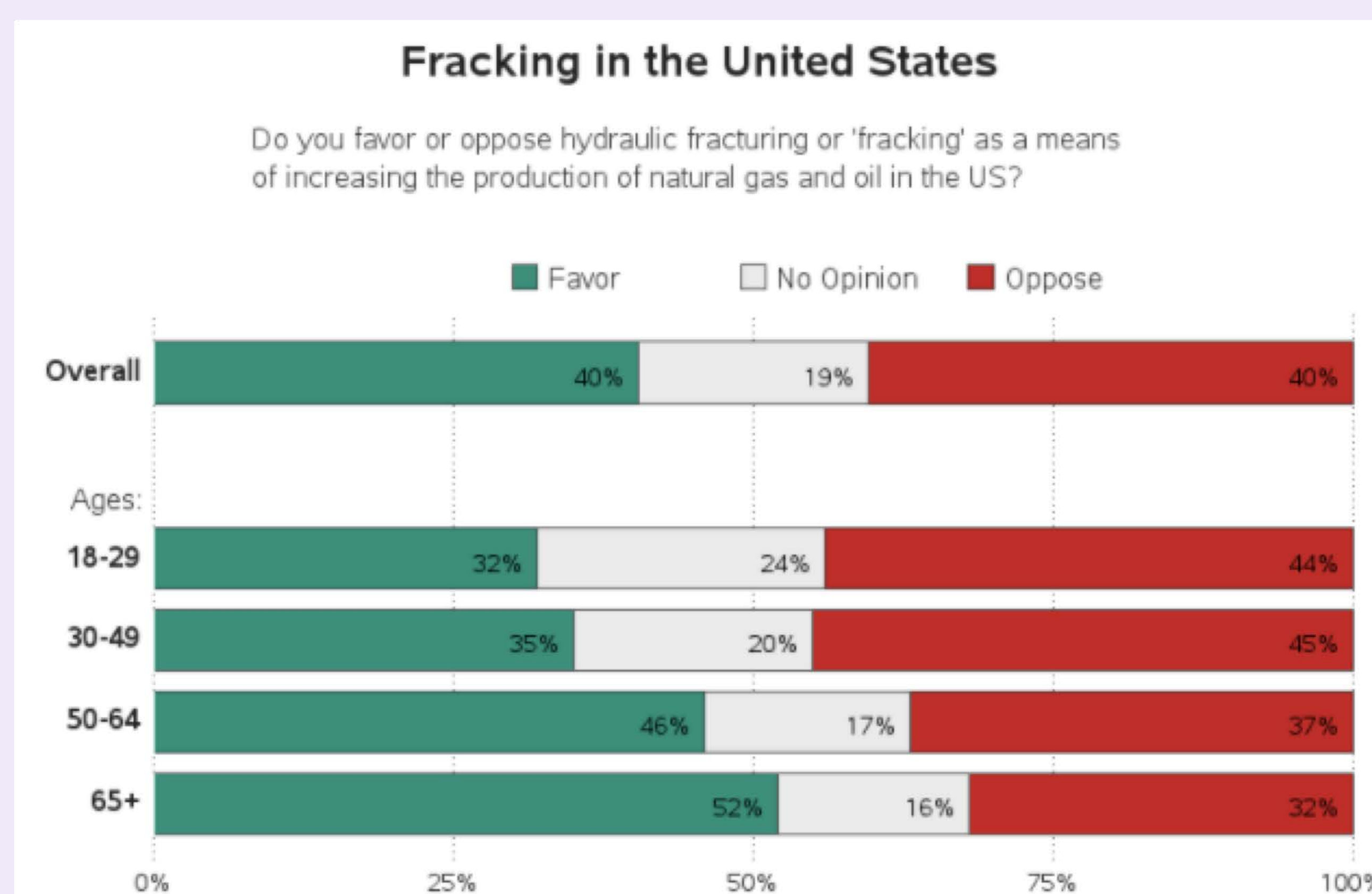


Figure 1 – Opinions on Fracking in the US



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