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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.

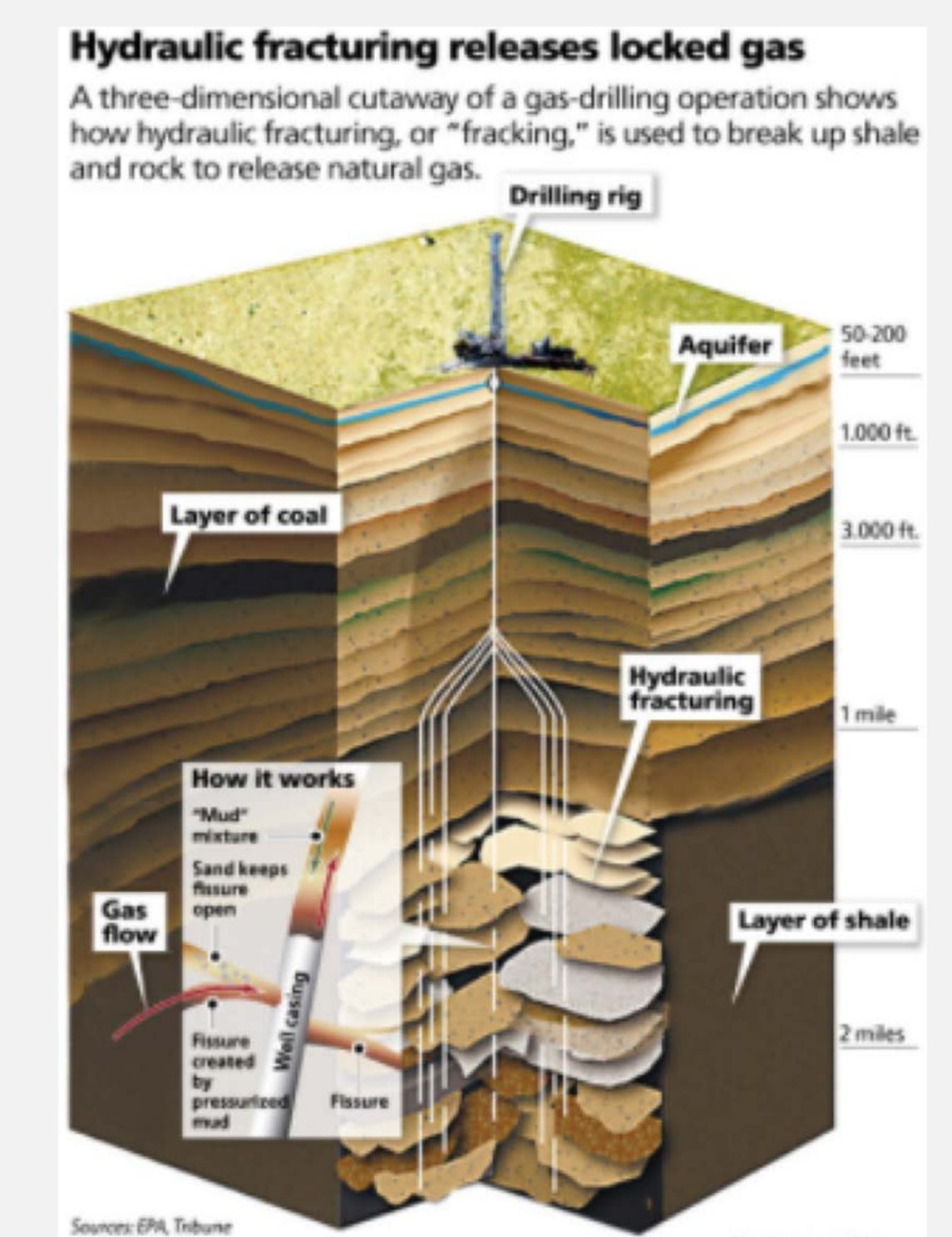
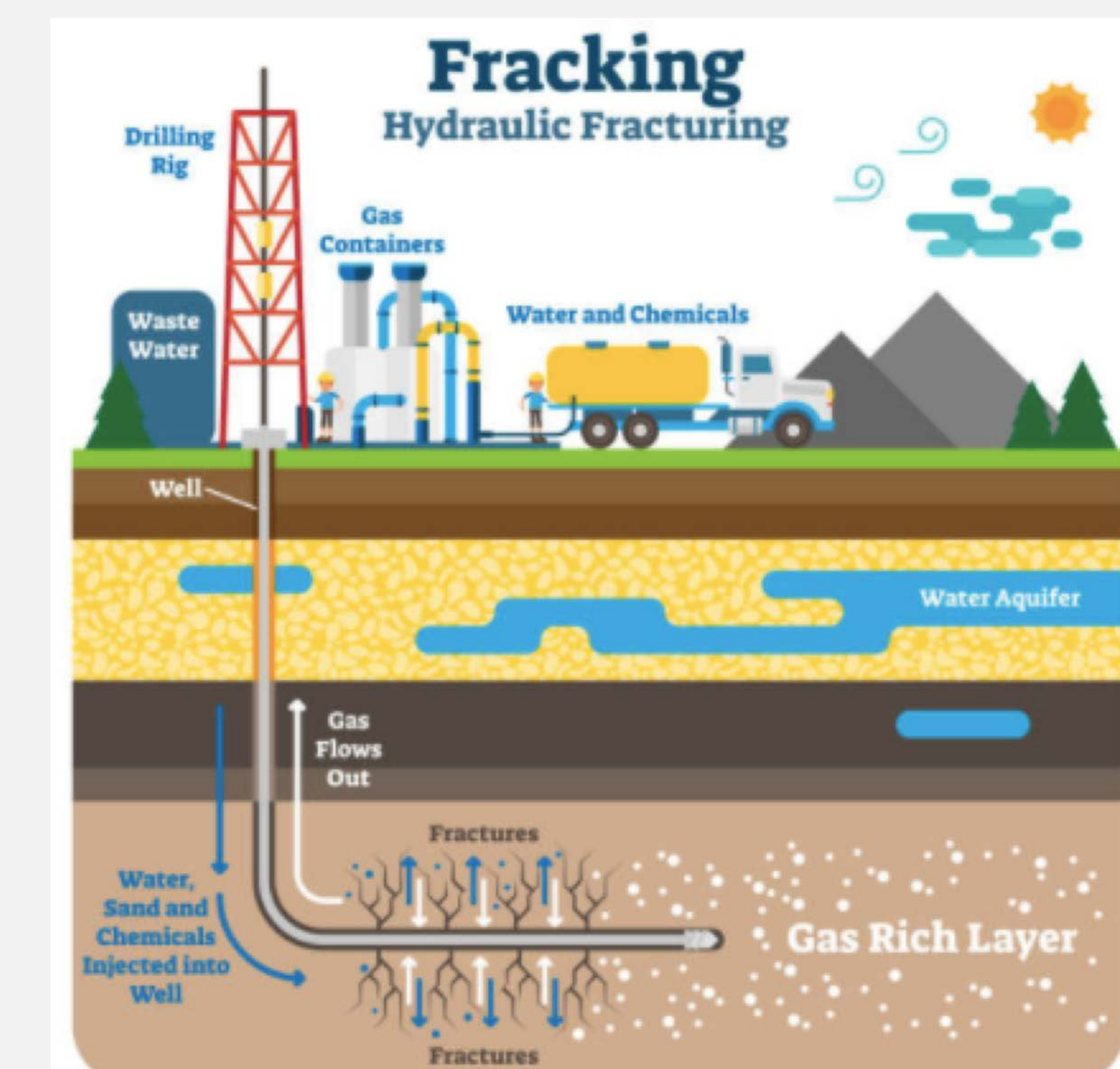
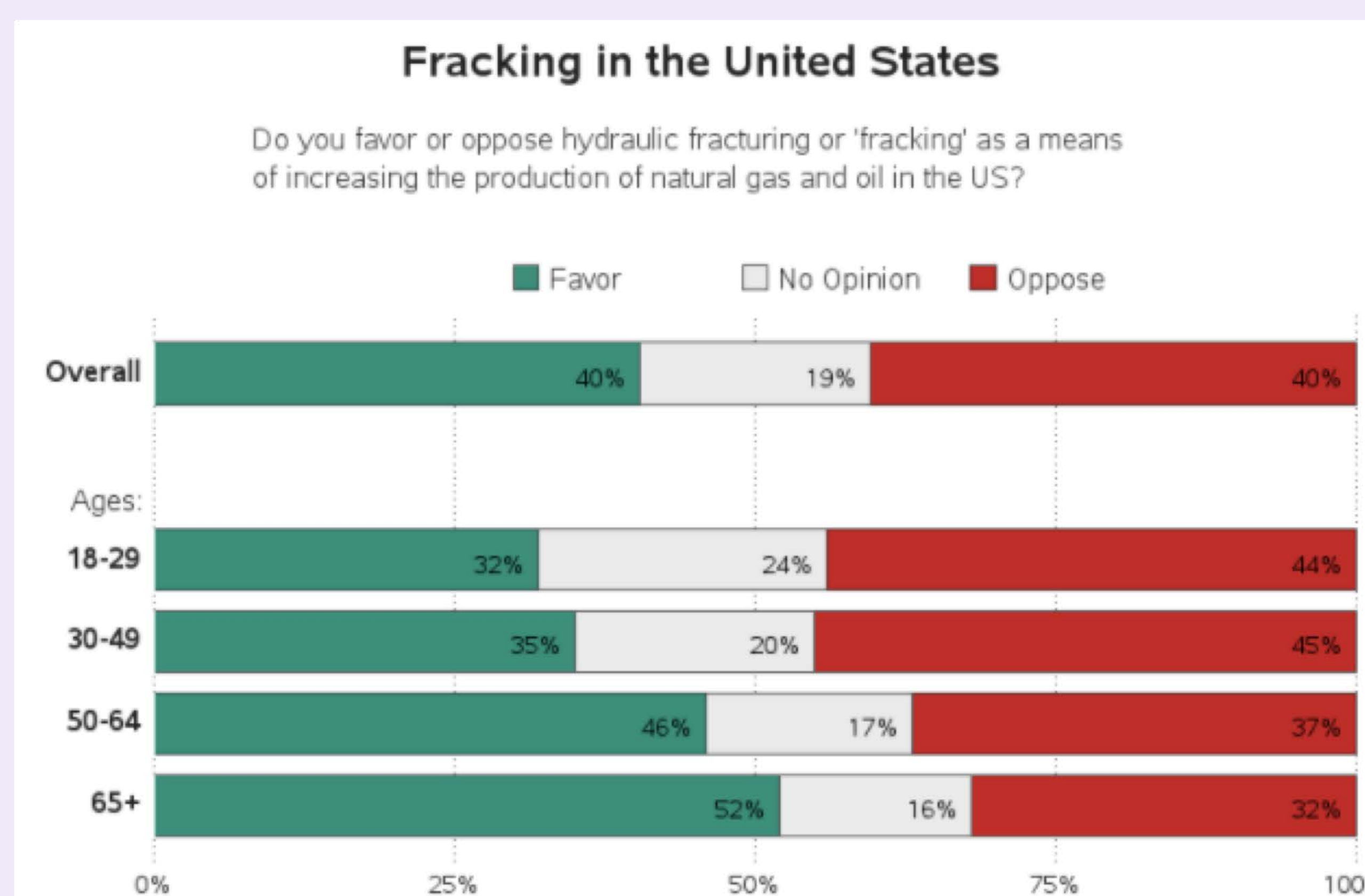


Figure 1 – Opinions on Fracking in the US



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