

REPORT

What America Is Thinking About Energy Issues
Virginia

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Presented by: Harris Poll

Interviewing: January 22 – February 1, 2016
Respondents: 630 Registered Voters
Method: Telephone
Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of Virginia registered voters.
Sampling Error: +/- 3.9% at 95% confidence

Q1 Do you support or oppose increased production of domestic oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	630
SUPPORT (NET)	73%
Strongly support	41%
Somewhat support	32%
OPPOSE (NET)	18%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	8%
Don't know/Refused	9%

Q2 How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?

	Total
Base	630
IMPORTANT (NET)	87%
Very important	53%
Somewhat important	34%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	11%
Not very important	7%
Not at all important	4%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Q3 How important is energy when it comes to the issues the federal government should be focusing on?

	Total
Base	630
IMPORTANT (NET)	90%
Very important	61%
Somewhat important	29%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	4%
Not very important	3%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Q4 Do you think the federal government does enough to encourage the development of oil and natural gas resources right here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	630
Yes	29%
No	57%
Don't know/Refused	14%

Q5. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

	Total
Base	630
AGREE (NET)	88%
Strongly agree	67%
Somewhat agree	21%
DISAGREE (NET)	10%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q6. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

	Total
Base	630
AGREE (NET)	82%
Strongly agree	58%
Somewhat agree	24%
DISAGREE (NET)	14%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q7. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.

	Total
Base	630
AGREE (NET)	84%
Strongly agree	58%
Somewhat agree	26%
DISAGREE (NET)	11%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q8. Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.

	Total
Base	630
AGREE (NET)	83%
Strongly agree	54%
Somewhat agree	29%
DISAGREE (NET)	12%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	4%

- Q9.** Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

	Total
Base	630
AGREE (NET)	79%
Strongly agree	52%
Somewhat agree	27%
DISAGREE (NET)	14%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know/Refused	7%

- Q10.** Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could benefit federal and state budgets through lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of revenue.

	Total
Base	630
AGREE (NET)	79%
Strongly agree	42%
Somewhat agree	37%
DISAGREE (NET)	15%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	7%

- Q11.** Do you support or oppose offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?

	Total
Base	630
SUPPORT (NET)	65%
Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	32%
OPPOSE (NET)	28%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	17%
Don't know/Refused	7%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	630
Male	41%
Female	59%

Political Party

	Total
Base	630
REPUBLICAN (NET)	31%
Strong Republican	22%
Not-so-strong Republican	9%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	24%
Lean Republican	8%
Lean Democrat	7%
Do not lean either way	7%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	28%
Strong Democrat	19%
Not-so-strong Democrat	7%
Other	9%
Not sure	2%
Decline to answer	7%

Ideology

	Total
Base	630
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	53%
Very conservative	22%
Somewhat conservative	31%
Neither	4%
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
Somewhat liberal	21%
Very liberal	11%
Don't know/Refused	11%

Age

	Total
Base	630
18 – 34	9%
35 – 64	56%
65+	32%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Education

	Total
Base	630
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	37%
Less than high school	6%
High school graduate	31%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	46%
Some college	17%
Associate's degree	8%
College graduate	21%
Post-graduate	15%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	630
White	74%
Black or African American	13%
Hispanic	3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	*
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Some other race	2%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Household Income

	Total
Base	630
Less than \$5,000	2%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	2%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	5%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	3%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	2%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	3%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	3%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	7%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	6%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	3%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	7%
\$100,000 or more	26%
Don't know/Refused	25%