



Renewable Fuels Standard

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Respondents: 1,034 Registered Voters

Method: Telephone

Sample: Random Digit Dial

Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of registered voters in the United States

Margin of Error: +/- 3% at 95% confidence

SCREENER

S1 Are you currently registered to vote?

	Total
Base	1,034
Yes	100%

S2 Did you vote in the last (2012) Presidential election?

	Total
Base	1,034
Yes	87%
No	13%

QUESTIONNAIRE- BASIC MEASUREMENTS

Q3 Do you agree or disagree that federal government regulations could drive up the cost of gasoline for consumers?

And is that strongly or somewhat [AGREE/ DISAGREE]?

	Total
Base	1,034
AGREE (NET)	66%
Strongly Agree	46%
Somewhat Agree	20%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4%
DISAGREE (NET)	19%
Somewhat Disagree	8%
Strongly Disagree	11%
Don't Know/Refuse	11%

Q4 As you may know, the U.S. Congress passed a law in 2007 called the Renewable Fuels Standard that requires millions of gallons of ethanol to be blended into U.S. gasoline. Do you agree or disagree that blending corn-based ethanol into gasoline could increase costs for consumers?

And is that strongly or somewhat [AGREE/ DISAGREE]?

	Total
Base	1,034
AGREE (NET)	50%
Strongly Agree	33%
Somewhat Agree	17%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4%
DISAGREE (NET)	28%
Somewhat Disagree	15%
Strongly Disagree	13%
Don't Know/Refuse	19%

Q5 As you may know, much of the gasoline in the U.S. market currently contains a 10% ethanol blend. However, a recent study found that higher percentage blends of ethanol - above the 10% level - can cause severe damage to car engines and fuel system components in millions of vehicles on the road today. Most auto manufacturers do not warranty their vehicles if the car's owner fuels up with a 15% ethanol blend. Given that situation, how concerned are you about putting a 15% ethanol blend into a vehicle?

	Total
Base	1,034
Concerned (NET)	77%
Very concerned	56%
Somewhat concerned	21%
Not Concerned (NET)	18%
Not very concerned	9%
Not at all concerned	9%
Don't know/Refuse	5%

Q6 Over 40% of U.S. corn production is currently used to produce ethanol for gasoline. This greatly reduces the portion of the corn crop that is available for food, food products or animal feed. Given that, do you agree or disagree that using even more corn for ethanol production could increase consumer prices for groceries?

And is that strongly or somewhat [AGREE/ DISAGREE]?

	Total
Base	1,034
AGREE (NET)	69%
Strongly Agree	50%
Somewhat Agree	19%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	2%
DISAGREE (NET)	24%
Somewhat Disagree	10%
Strongly Disagree	14%
Don't Know/Refuse	6%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	1,034
Male	48%
Female	52%

Age

	Total
Base	1,034
18 - 24	7%
25 - 34	12%
35 - 49	25%
50 - 64	28%
65+	24%
Don't Know/Refuse	4%

Education

	Total
Base	1,034
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	33%
Less than high school	5%
High school graduate	28%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	54%
Some college	23%
Associate's degree	9%
College graduate	22%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't Know/Refuse	1%

Party

	Total
Base	1,034
REPUBLICAN (NET)	28%
Strong Republican	18%
Not-so-strong Republican	9%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	21%
Lean Republican	7%
Lean Democrat	7%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	33%
Strong Democrat	21%
Not-so-strong Democrat	10%
Other	12%
Not sure	2%
Refused	4%

Ideology

	Total
Base	1034
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	53%
Very Conservative	24%
Somewhat Conservative	29%
Neither	6%
LIBERAL (NET)	31%
Somewhat Liberal	21%
Very Liberal	10%
Don't Know/Refuse	10%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	1,034
White	68%
Hispanic	9%
Black or African American	12%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	2%
Mixed Race	2%
Some other race	2%
Decline to Answer	5%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	1,034
Rural	37%
Urban	14%
Suburban	44%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Income

	Total
Base	1034
Less than \$5,000	2%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	3%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	3%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	4%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	4%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	4%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	5%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	7%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	7%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	3%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	8%
\$100,000 or more	20%
Don't Know/Refuse	24%