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## What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues

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## Methodology

- Background/Objectives: Evaluate opinion among registered voters regarding thoughts on increased access to oil and natural gas resources.
- Audience: 1,016 registered voters
- Methodology: Telephone interviews
- Interview Dates: August 9th $-12^{\text {th }} 2012$


## Voters voice strong support for increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources.

> Do you support or oppose increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources?


## Increased access to ONG resources by Party and Age

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BASE: All Respondents (Total N=1,016; GOP N=339, Independent N=248, Democrat N=323; 18-34 N=187, 35-54 N=366, 55+ N=452)
Q2 Do you support or oppose increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources?

## Voters agree that increased access to domestic resources could lead to more American jobs.

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## Statement Agreement by Party and Age

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## Agreement is high that accessing more domestic oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.

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Accessing more oil and natural gas here in the U.S. could help lower energy costs for American consumers.
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## Voters agree that increases in energy taxes could drive up energy

## costs.

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INTERACTIVE

## Support for development of the Keystone XL Pipeline is high.

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## Energy issues loom large for voters when thinking about the election.

As you look ahead to the election in November, how important to you is the issue of America's energy security and producing more oil and natural gas here at home?


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## ONG Importance to Election by Party and Age

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## Voters feel that Washington is on the wrong track regarding US energy policy.

Regarding U.S. energy policy, do you think Washington is currently on the right track or is it currently on the wrong track?


## Washington Energy Policy by Party and Age

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## Demographic Profile

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| Gender | Male | $47 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Female | $53 \%$ |
| Age | $18-24$ | $6 \%$ |
|  | $25-34$ | $12 \%$ |
|  | $35-49$ | $28 \%$ |
|  | $50-64$ | $29 \%$ |
|  | $65+$ | $23 \%$ |
| Education | High school graduate or less | $37 \%$ |
|  | Some college/Assoc | $31 \%$ |
|  | College graduate | $21 \%$ |
|  | Post graduate | $11 \%$ |
| Income | Under \$25,000 | $16 \%$ |
|  | $\$ 25,000-\$ 49,999$ | $20 \%$ |
|  | $\$ 50,000-\$ 74,999$ | $16 \%$ |
|  | $\$ 75,000+$ | $32 \%$ |


| Party | Republican | $33 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Strong Republican | $24 \%$ |
|  | Not so strong Republican | $9 \%$ |
|  | Democrat | $32 \%$ |
|  | Strong Democrat | $20 \%$ |
|  | Not so strong Democrat | $11 \%$ |
|  | Independent | $24 \%$ |
|  | Lean Republican | $9 \%$ |
|  | Lean Democrat | $8 \%$ |
| Ideology | Conservative (NET) | $6 \%$ |
|  | Liberal (NET) | $58 \%$ |
|  | Neither | $32 \%$ |

