



Taxes & Tax Reform

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**Interviewing:** September 25 – 30, 2013

**Respondents:** 1,001 Registered Voters

**Method:** Telephone

**Sample:** Random Digit Dial

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

**Sampling Error:** +/- 3% at 95% confidence

**SCREENER**

S1 Are you currently registered to vote?

	Total
Base	1001
Yes	100%

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

	Total
Base	1001
Yes	93%
No	7%
Don't know	*
Decline to answer	*

**QUESTIONNAIRE- BASIC MEASUREMENTS**

Q1. In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	Total
Base	1001
Right Direction	25%
Wrong Track	64%
Don't know/Refused	12%

Q2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as President?

	Total
Base	1001
Approve	45%
Disapprove	50%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Q3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	Total
Base	1001
Approve	12%
Disapprove	80%
Don't know/Refused	8%

Q4. How important to you is the issue of developing more domestic energy here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	1001
<b>IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>91%</b>
Very Important	65%
Somewhat Important	26%
<b>NOT IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>5%</b>
Not Very Important	3%
Not at all important	2%
Don't Know/Refuse	4%

Q5. Do you support or oppose increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources?

	Total
Base	1001
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>73%</b>
Strongly Support	43%
Somewhat Support	30%
Neither Support nor Oppose	3%
<b>OPPOSE (NET)</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	9%
Strongly Oppose	8%
Don't Know/Refuse	7%

Now, I am going to read you a series of statements, for each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree.

Q6. Increasing energy taxes, like taxes on oil and natural gas companies, could negatively impact the country's job market and hurt the economy.

	Total
Base	1001
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>56%</b>
Strongly Agree	36%
Somewhat Agree	20%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>39%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	18%
Strongly Disagree	21%
Don't Know/Refuse	4%

Q7. Increasing energy taxes, like taxes on oil and natural gas companies, hurts everyone because those tax increases could drive up energy costs for consumers.

	Total
Base	1001
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>69%</b>
Strongly Agree	50%
Somewhat Agree	19%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>25%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	11%
Strongly Disagree	14%
Don't Know/Refuse	4%

Q8. As you may know, some in Congress are considering tax reform and making changes to the Federal tax laws. Would you support or oppose changes that could decrease investment in energy production and reduce energy development here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	1001
<b>OPPOSE (NET)</b>	<b>56%</b>
Strongly Oppose	34%
Somewhat Oppose	22%
Neither Support nor Oppose	3%
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>30%</b>
Somewhat Support	19%
Strongly Support	11%
Don't Know/Refuse	12%

Again, I am going to read you a statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree.

Q9. Now is not the time for politicians in Washington to raise energy taxes. They should solve the country's budget issues without hurting consumers and taxpayers.

	Total
Base	1001
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>81%</b>
Strongly Agree	65%
Somewhat Agree	16%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>16%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	6%
Strongly Disagree	10%
Don't Know/Refuse	3%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Gender

	Total
Base	1001
Male	47%
Female	53%

### Age

	Total
Base	1001
18 - 24	5%
25 - 34	9%
35 - 49	25%
50 - 64	32%
65+	27%
Don't know / Refuse	1%

### Education

	Total
Base	1001
<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)</b>	<b>34%</b>
Less than high school	5%
High school graduate	29%
<b>ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)</b>	<b>53%</b>
Some college	22%
Associate's degree	9%
College graduate	22%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't know / Refuse	1%

### Party

	Total
Base	1001
<b>REPUBLICAN (NET)</b>	<b>27%</b>
Strong Republican	18%
Not-so-strong Republican	8%
<b>INDEPENDENT (NET)</b>	<b>24%</b>
Lean Republican	9%
Lean Democrat	9%
<b>DEMOCRAT (NET)</b>	<b>36%</b>
Strong Democrat	21%
Not-so-strong Democrat	14%
Other	10%
Not sure	1%
Refused	3%

Ideology

	Total
Base	1001
<b>CONSERVATIVE (NET)</b>	
Very Conservative	25%
Somewhat Conservative	34%
Neither	6%
<b>LIBERAL (NET)</b>	
Somewhat Liberal	19%
Very Liberal	10%
Don't know / Refuse	6%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	1001
White	71%
Hispanic	9%
Black or African American	11%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2%
Mixed Race	2%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Some other race	1%
Decline to Answer	4%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	1001
Rural	37%
Urban	18%
Suburban	42%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Income

	Total
Base	1001
Less than \$5,000	1%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	3%
\$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	5%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	3%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	6%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	8%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	6%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	4%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	7%
\$100,000 or more	20%
Don't know / Refuse	21%