



“What America is Thinking on Energy Issues” Election Night Poll 2014

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Respondents: 827 Election Day Voters
Method: Telephone
Sampling Error: +/- 4% at 95% confidence

Q1 As you prepared to vote today, how important to you was the issue of the nation's economy?

	Total
Base	827
IMPORTANT (NET)	96%
Very important	76%
Somewhat important	20%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	4%
Not very important	3%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	*

Q2 How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	827
IMPORTANT (NET)	86%
Very important	64%
Somewhat important	22%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	12%
Not very important	8%
Not at all important	4%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Q3 Do you support or oppose [ROTATE] increased production of oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	827
SUPPORT (NET)	83%
Strongly support	61%
Somewhat support	22%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	12%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	7%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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

	Total
Base	827
Yes	32%
No	57%
Don't know/Refused	11%

Q5 Looking ahead to the Presidential election in 2016, if a candidate supports producing more oil and natural gas from here in the U.S., would you be more or less likely to support that candidate?

	Total
Base	827
MORE LIKELY (NET)	66%
Much more likely	40%
Somewhat more likely	26%
Neither more or less likely	8%
LESS LIKELY (NET)	14%
Somewhat less likely	8%
Much less likely	6%
Don't know/Refused	12%

Q6 Do you support or oppose [ROTATE] offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?

	Total
Base	827
SUPPORT (NET)	70%
Strongly support	37%
Somewhat support	33%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	22%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	13%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Q7 Now, I am going to read you a series of statements, for each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following:

Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could lead to more American jobs.

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	90%
Strongly agree	64%
Somewhat agree	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	*
DISAGREE (NET)	9%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help stimulate the economy.

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	86%
Strongly agree	62%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	13%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help strengthen America's energy security.

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	86%
Strongly agree	60%
Somewhat agree	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	11%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help strengthen America’s national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	77%
Strongly agree	51%
Somewhat agree	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	19%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	10%
Don’t know/Refused	3%

Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help lower energy costs for American consumers.

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	85%
Strongly agree	58%
Somewhat agree	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	12%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don’t know/Refused	3%

Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help America become more of an energy power in the world, and enable us to assist our allies in Europe and elsewhere who need energy resources.

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	77%
Strongly agree	47%
Somewhat agree	30%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	19%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don’t know/Refused	3%

Q8 As you may know, some in Congress are considering 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	827
SUPPORT (NET)	25%
Strongly support	9%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	57%
Somewhat oppose	23%
Strongly oppose	34%
Don't know/Refused	14%

Q9 Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:
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	827
AGREE (NET)	65%
Strongly agree	43%
Somewhat agree	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	31%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	19%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q10 Do you agree or disagree that federal government regulations could drive up the cost of gasoline for consumers?

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	78%
Strongly agree	54%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	16%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q11 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 for damages caused by higher ethanol fuel blends. Given that situation, how concerned are you about government requirements that would increase the amount of ethanol in gasoline?

	Total
Base	827
CONCERNED (NET)	79%
Very concerned	55%
Somewhat concerned	24%
NOT CONCERNED (NET)	16%
Not very concerned	7%
Not at all concerned	9%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q12 Over 40% of U.S. corn production is currently used to produce ethanol for gasoline. This significantly diverts corn away from the global food supply. Given that, do you agree or disagree that using even more corn for ethanol production could increase consumer prices here in the U.S. and increase hunger among the world's poor?

	Total
Base	827
AGREE (NET)	62%
Strongly agree	44%
Somewhat agree	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	2%
DISAGREE (NET)	29%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	14%
Don't know/Refused	7%

Q13 Do you support or oppose [ROTATE] increased development of the country's energy infrastructure?

	Total
Base	827
SUPPORT (NET)	83%
Strongly support	50%
Somewhat support	33%
Neither support nor oppose	1%
OPPOSE (NET)	7%
Somewhat oppose	4%
Strongly oppose	3%
Don't know/Refused	9%

Q14 Canada has over 170 Billion barrels of oil underground. A pipeline – the Keystone XL pipeline – has been proposed to help bring more oil from Canada, North Dakota and neighboring states to American refineries for processing into gasoline, diesel fuel and other products. Do you support or oppose [ROTATE] the building of the Keystone XL pipeline?

	Total
Base	827
SUPPORT (NET)	72%
Strongly support	52%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	19%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	13%
Don't know/Refused	6%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	827
Male	48%
Female	52%

Age

	Total
Base	827
18 – 24	3%
25 - 34	4%
35 - 49	26%
50 - 64	36%
65+	30%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Education

	Total
Base	827
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	31%
Less than high school	4%
High school graduate	27%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	53%
Some college	24%
Associate's degree	7%
College graduate	22%
Post-graduate	13%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	827
White	79%
Black or African American	13%
Hispanic	7%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race	3%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Political Party

	Total
Base	827
REPUBLICAN (NET)	29%
Strong Republican	21%
Not-so-strong Republican	8%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	27%
Lean Republican	14%
Lean Democrat	7%
Do not lean either way	4%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	30%
Strong Democrat	21%
Not-so-strong Democrat	9%
Other	9%
Not sure	1%
Decline to answer	4%

Ideology

	Total
Base	827
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	64%
Very conservative	31%
Somewhat conservative	33%
Neither	4%
LIBERAL (NET)	27%
Somewhat liberal	17%
Very liberal	10%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	827
Rural	42%
Urban	19%
Suburban	35%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Household Income

	Total
Base	827
Less than \$5,000	1%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	4%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	3%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	4%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	3%
\$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	8%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	7%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	5%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	6%
\$100,000 or more	21%
Don't know/Refused	21%