

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues

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Respondents: 2,801 Registered Voters
Method: Telephone
Sample: Random digital dial
Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of registered voters
Sampling Error: +/-2% at the 95% confidence level

Q1. How important to you is the issue of the nation's economy?

	Total
Base	2,801
IMPORTANT [NET]	97%
Very important	86%
Somewhat important	11%
NOT IMPORTANT [NET]	2%
Not very important	1%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	0%

Q2. How important to you is the issue of creating jobs here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	2,801
IMPORTANT [NET]	98%
Very important	87%
Somewhat important	11%
NOT IMPORTANT [NET]	1%
Not very important	1%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know	0%

Q3. How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	2,801
IMPORTANT [NET]	85%
Very important	56%
Somewhat important	29%
NOT IMPORTANT [NET]	14%
Not very important	9%
Not at all important	5%
Don't know	1%

Q4. Do you support or oppose increased production of oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	2,801
SUPPORT [NET]	79%
Strongly support	50%
Somewhat support	29%
OPPOSE [NET]	17%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	7%
Don't know	5%

Q5. 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	2,801
Yes	36%
No	53%
Don't Know	11%

Q6. Looking ahead to next year's elections, 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	2,801
MORE LIKELY [NET]	71%
Much more likely	36%
Somewhat more likely	35%
LESS LIKELY [NET]	17%
Somewhat less likely	9%
Much less likely	8%
Don't know	12%

Q7. Do you support or oppose offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?

	Total
Base	2,801
SUPPORT [NET]	64%
Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	32%
OPPOSE [NET]	28%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	15%
Don't know	8%

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

Q8. Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could lead to more American jobs.

	Total
Base	2,801
AGREE [NET]	86%
Strongly agree	55%
Somewhat agree	31%
DISAGREE [NET]	11%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know	2%

Q9. Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help stimulate the economy.

	Total
Base	2,801
AGREE [NET]	84%
Strongly agree	53%
Somewhat agree	31%
DISAGREE [NET]	14%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know	2%

Q10. Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help strengthen America’s energy security.

	Total
Base	2,801
AGREE [NET]	85%
Strongly agree	59%
Somewhat agree	26%
DISAGREE [NET]	13%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don’t know	2%

Q11. Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help lower energy costs for American consumers.

	Total
Base	2,801
AGREE [NET]	78%
Strongly agree	50%
Somewhat agree	28%
DISAGREE [NET]	18%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don’t know	4%

Q12. Agree/Disagree: 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	2,801
AGREE [NET]	72%
Strongly agree	40%
Somewhat agree	32%
DISAGREE [NET]	24%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don’t know	4%

Q13. As you may know, some in Congress are considering making changes to the Federal tax laws. Would you support or oppose higher taxes that could decrease investment in energy production and reduce energy development here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	2,801
OPPOSE [NET]	66%
Strongly oppose	43%
Somewhat oppose	23%
SUPPORT [NET]	25%
Somewhat support	14%
Strongly support	11%
Don't know	8%

Q14. 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 affect supply or increase energy costs for consumers.

	Total
Base	2,801
AGREE [NET]	61%
Strongly agree	38%
Somewhat agree	23%
DISAGREE [NET]	33%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	19%
Don't know	6%

Q15. Do you agree or disagree that federal government regulations could contribute to increased costs for gasoline to consumers?

	Total
Base	2,801
AGREE [NET]	75%
Strongly agree	46%
Somewhat agree	29%
DISAGREE [NET]	19%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	10%
Don't know	6%

Q16. As you may know, much of the gasoline in the U.S. market currently contains up to a 10% ethanol blend. Most auto manufacturers have said they will not cover vehicle damage 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	2,801
CONCERNED [NET]	72%
Very concerned	45%
Somewhat concerned	27%
NOT CONCERNED[NET]	22%
Not very concerned	12%
Not at all concerned	10%
Don't know	4%

Q17. 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	2,801
AGREE [NET]	62%
Strongly agree	37%
Somewhat agree	25%
DISAGREE [NET]	32%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly agree	18%
Don't know	5%

Q18. Do you support or oppose increased development of the country's energy infrastructure?

	Total
Base	2,801
SUPPORT [NET]	80%
Strongly support	49%
Somewhat support	31%
OPPOSE [NET]	12%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	5%
Don't know	9%

Q19. Do you support or oppose exporting a portion of our domestic natural gas and oil to America’s allies to assist them with their energy needs?

	Total
Base	2,801
SUPPORT [NET]	61%
Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	36%
OPPOSE [NET]	35%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	20%
Don’t know	4%

Q20. Do you support or oppose legislation that could increase the cost of domestic oil and natural gas operations and thus potentially drive up energy costs to American consumers?

	Total
Base	2,801
OPPOSE [NET]	74%
Strongly oppose	52%
Somewhat oppose	22%
SUPPORT [NET]	20%
Somewhat support	13%
Strongly support	7%
Don’t know	7%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	2,801
Male	49%
Female	51%

Party

	Total
Base	2,801
REPUBLICAN (NET)	29%
Strong Republican	18%
Not-so-strong Republican	11%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	25%
Lean Republican	8%
Lean Democrat	9%
Do not lean either way	6%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	31%
Strong Democrat	20%
Not-so-strong Democrat	11%
Other	9%
Not sure	1%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Ideology

	Total
Base	2,801
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	55%
Very Conservative	24%
Somewhat Conservative	31%
Neither	5%
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
Somewhat Liberal	22%
Very Liberal	10%
Don't know/Refused	8%

Age

	Total
Base	2,801
18 - 24	3%
25 - 34	7%
35 - 49	24%
50 - 64	31%
65+	31%
Refused	3%

Education

	Total
Base	2,801
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	32%
Less than high school	5%
High school graduate	27%
ATTENDED COLLEGE (NET)	53%
Some college	22%
Associate's degree	9%
College graduate	22%
Post-graduate	13%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	2,801
White	70%
Black or African American	11%
Hispanic	8%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2%
Some other race	3%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Income

	Total
Base	2,801
Less than \$5,000	2%
\$5,000 - \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 - \$15,000	3%
\$15,000 - \$20,000	3%
\$20,000 - \$25,000	4%
\$25,000 - \$30,000	4%
\$30,000 - \$35,000	3%
\$35,000 - \$40,000	4%
\$40,000 - \$50,000	7%
\$50,000 - \$60,000	8%
\$60,000 - \$75,000	7%
\$75,000 - \$80,000	4%
\$80,000 - \$100,000	7%
\$100,000 or more	21%
Don't know/Refused	22%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	2,801
Rural	36%
Urban	17%
Suburban	41%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union?

	Total
Base	2,801
Yes	15%
No	82%
Don't know/Refused	2%