

REPORT

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues
South Carolina

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Presented by: Harris Poll

Interviewing: January 22-31, 2016
Respondents: 600 Registered Voters
Method: Telephone
Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of South Carolina registered voters.
Sampling Error: +/- 4% at 95% confidence

Q1 Do you support or oppose increased production of domestic oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	600
SUPPORT (NET)	81%
Strongly support	50%
Somewhat support	31%
OPPOSE (NET)	14%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	6%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Q2 How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?

	Total
Base	600
IMPORTANT (NET)	89%
Very important	60%
Somewhat important	29%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	10%
Not very important	8%
Not at all important	2%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q3 How important is energy when it comes to the issues the federal government should be focusing on?

	Total
Base	600
IMPORTANT (NET)	91%
Very important	59%
Somewhat important	32%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	8%
Not very important	4%
Not at all important	4%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

	Total
Base	600
Yes	32%
No	62%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Q5. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

	Total
Base	600
AGREE (NET)	92%
Strongly agree	73%
Somewhat agree	19%
DISAGREE (NET)	7%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q6. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

	Total
Base	600
AGREE (NET)	92%
Strongly agree	63%
Somewhat agree	29%
DISAGREE (NET)	7%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	3%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q7. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.

	Total
Base	600
AGREE (NET)	90%
Strongly agree	69%
Somewhat agree	21%
DISAGREE (NET)	9%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q8. Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.

	Total
Base	600
AGREE (NET)	86%
Strongly agree	67%
Somewhat agree	19%
DISAGREE (NET)	13%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	2%

- Q9.** Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America’s national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

	Total
Base	600
AGREE (NET)	84%
Strongly agree	57%
Somewhat agree	27%
DISAGREE (NET)	12%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don’t know/Refused	3%

- Q10.** Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could benefit federal and state budgets through lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of revenue.

	Total
Base	600
AGREE (NET)	84%
Strongly agree	49%
Somewhat agree	35%
DISAGREE (NET)	10%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don’t know/Refused	5%

- Q11.** Do you support or oppose offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?

	Total
Base	600
SUPPORT (NET)	67%
Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	31%
OPPOSE (NET)	28%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	15%
Don’t know/Refused	5%

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Gender

	Total
Base	600
Male	48%
Female	52%

Political Party

	Total
Base	600
REPUBLICAN (NET)	37%
Strong Republican	26%
Not-so-strong Republican	10%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	25%
Lean Republican	13%
Lean Democrat	6%
Do not lean either way	5%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	27%
Strong Democrat	22%
Not-so-strong Democrat	5%
Other	8%
Not sure	1%
Decline to answer	2%

Ideology

	Total
Base	600
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	68%
Very conservative	34%
Somewhat conservative	34%
Neither	3%
LIBERAL (NET)	25%
Somewhat liberal	17%
Very liberal	8%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Age

	Total
Base	600
18 – 34	12%
35 – 64	54%
65+	34%
Don't know/Refused	*

Education

	Total
Base	600
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	41%
Less than high school	6%
High school graduate	35%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	47%
Some college	19%
Associate's degree	10%
College graduate	18%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't know/Refused	-

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	600
White	71%
Black or African American	22%
Hispanic	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Some other race	2%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Household Income

	Total
Base	600
Less than \$5,000	4%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	3%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	4%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	6%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	5%
\$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	6%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	10%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	8%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	4%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	6%
\$100,000 or more	15%
Don't know/Refused	17%