

VOTERS SUPPORT U.S. OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT



Voters from across the country overwhelmingly support U.S. oil and natural gas development.

BACKGROUND:

A nationwide poll of 890 voters, who had actually voted in the 2016 general election, was conducted by telephone on election night, November 8, 2016, by Harris Poll:

- » 80 percent of actual voters support increased production of oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S. Within political parties, 94 percent of Republicans, 71 percent of Democrats and 76 percent of Independents support increased production.
- » Voters agree that increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could:
 - » lead to more American jobs – 86 percent of voters agree
 - » stimulate the economy – 87 percent of voters agree
 - » help lower energy costs for American consumers – 82 percent agree
 - » strengthen America's energy security – 85 percent agree
 - » 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 – 74 percent agree
- » 77 percent of voters oppose legislation that could increase the cost of domestic oil and natural gas operations and thus potentially drive up energy costs to American consumers. 86 percent of Republicans, 68 percent of Democrats and 78 percent of Independents oppose such legislation.
- » 77 percent of voters support establishing a national energy policy that ensures a secure supply of abundant, affordable and available energy for the American people in an environmentally responsible manner. 76 percent of Republicans, 79 percent of Democrats and 79 percent of Independents support such a national energy policy.

