REPORT



What America Is Thinking on Energy Issues

June 2019

Ohio

Interviewing: June 7 - 12, 2019

Respondents: 801 Ohio Registered Votes

Method: Telephone

Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of registered voters in Ohio.

Sampling Error: +/- 3.4% at 95% confidence

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the work the Ohio General Assembly has done this year in Columbus?

	Total	Party ID		
	IUlai	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
Approve	27%	46%	24%	19%
Disapprove	25%	13%	38%	27%
Don't know	48%	41%	38%	53%

House Bill 6 is a bill in the Ohio General Assembly that is entitled the "Ohio Clean Air Program". If the program becomes law, it will be funded through a monthly fee that will be charged to all utility customers in the state, adding up to nearly \$200 Million every year. How familiar are you with House Bill 6?

	Total	Party ID		
	Total	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
FAMILIAR (NET)	22%	24%	25%	21%
Very familiar	3%	4%	4%	3%
Somewhat familiar	19%	20%	21%	18%
NOT FAMILIAR (NET)	76%	76%	72%	79%
Not very familiar	23%	20%	26%	27%
Not at all familiar	53%	56%	46%	52%
Don't know	1%	*	3%	*

Q3 It is projected that most of the \$200 Million every year will go to nuclear power plants owned by a corporation named FirstEnergy Solutions. Do you support or oppose charging Ohio utility customers a monthly fee to give FirstEnergy Solutions most of the \$200 Million from this program every year?

	Total	Party ID		
	Total	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
SUPPORT (NET)	19%	18%	17%	21%
Strongly support	5%	5%	5%	5%
Somewhat support	14%	13%	12%	16%
OPPOSE (NET)	70%	73%	73%	67%
Somewhat oppose	21%	24%	24%	17%
Strongly oppose	49%	49%	49%	50%
Don't know	12%	9%	10%	12%

As you may know, some groups oppose House Bill 6 because they believe it will saddle all Ohioans with a new, unfair and unnecessary annual \$200 Million nuclear bailout tax. They are particularly worried about those Ohioans who are senior citizens or living on fixed incomes. Do you agree or disagree that imposing a monthly fee on all utility customers in the state could hurt people and families living on fixed incomes?

	Total		Party ID	
	Total	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
AGREE (NET)	82%	89%	81%	82%
Strongly agree	58%	68%	59%	52%
Somewhat agree	24%	21%	22%	30%
DISAGREE (NET)	12%	8%	13%	14%
Somewhat disagree	5%	2%	7%	6%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	6%	8%
Don't know	5%	3%	5%	3%

Q5 Some groups also oppose House Bill 6 because they believe it creates new costs for manufacturing plants here in Ohio, and those new costs could hurt manufacturers – large and small – across the state. Do you agree or disagree that imposing a monthly fee on all utility customers could hurt the state's manufacturing sector and impact jobs in the state?

	Total		Party ID	
	iotai	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
AGREE (NET)	62%	68%	68%	55%
Strongly agree	31%	36%	33%	26%
Somewhat agree	31%	32%	35%	29%
DISAGREE (NET)	26%	27%	24%	31%
Somewhat disagree	14%	13%	16%	15%
Strongly disagree	12%	14%	8%	16%
Don't know	11%	6%	8%	15%

Q6 House Bill 6 may also allow money collected from Ohio utility customers to be used to bailout a coal plant over in Indiana. Do you support or oppose allowing money collected from utility customers in Ohio to help bailout a plant over in Indiana?

	Total		Party ID	
	iotai	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
SUPPORT (NET)	10%	11%	8%	11%
Strongly support	3%	5%	2%	3%
Somewhat support	7%	6%	6%	8%
OPPOSE (NET)	82%	83%	84%	86%
Somewhat oppose	19%	22%	17%	17%
Strongly oppose	63%	61%	67%	69%
Don't know	7%	5%	9%	3%

Q7 Some groups believe that before the state legislature decides whether or not to subsidize FirstEnergy Solution's nuclear plants, the legislature should require the company to open its financial records for review. Do you agree or disagree that the state legislature should require the company to open its financial records for review?

	Total Party ID			
	iotai	GOP	Ind	Dem
Base	801	209	200	303
AGREE (NET)	88%	83%	89%	91%
Strongly agree	75%	68%	77%	80%
Somewhat agree	13%	15%	12%	11%
DISAGREE (NET)	9%	15%	6%	8%
Somewhat disagree	4%	7%	3%	4%
Strongly disagree	5%	8%	3%	4%
Don't know	3%	2%	5%	1%

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Gender

	Total
Base	801
Male	49%
Female	51%

Political Party

	Total
Base	801
REPUBLICAN (NET)	28%
Strong Republican	18%
Not-so-strong Republican	9%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	24%
Lean Republican	7%
Lean Democrat	10%
Do not lean either way	6%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	36%
Strong Democrat	25%
Not-so-strong Democrat	9%
Other	9%
Not sure	2%
Decline to answer	1%

Ideology

	Total
Base	801
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	47%
Very conservative	20%
Somewhat conservative	27%
Neither	5%
LIBERAL (NET)	45%
Somewhat liberal	28%
Very liberal	17%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Age

	Total
Base	801
18 – 34	27%
35 – 64	48%
65+	19%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Education

	Total
Base	801
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	34%
Less than high school	4%
High school graduate	30%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	
Some college	23%
Associate's degree	8%
College graduate	22%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't know/Refused	*

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	801
White	79%
Black or African American	12%
Hispanic	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	*
Some other race	5%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Household Income

	Total
Base	801
Less than \$5,000	2%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	2%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	4%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	3%
\$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	5%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	8%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	5%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	8%
\$100,000 or more	28%
Don't know/Refused	17%