

REPORT

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues

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North Carolina – Offshore Drilling

Presented by: Harris Poll

Interviewing: January 15-18, 2015

Respondents: 605 Registered Voters

Method: Telephone

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

Sampling Error: +/- 4% at 95% confidence

MAIN SURVEY

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

	Total
Base	605
SUPPORT (NET)	72%
Strongly support	49%
Somewhat support	23%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	14%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	9%
Don't know/Refused	10%

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

	Total
Base	605
IMPORTANT (NET)	91%
Very important	64%
Somewhat important	27%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	7%
Not very important	4%
Not at all important	3%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

	Total
Base	605
IMPORTANT (NET)	91%
Very important	66%
Somewhat important	25%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	5%
Not very important	4%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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	605
Yes	28%
No	61%
Not sure	5%
Don't know/Refused	5%

For each of the following statements (Q5-Q10), please indicate if you agree or disagree:

Q5. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.

	Total
Base	605
AGREE (NET)	85%
Strongly agree	65%
Somewhat agree	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
DISAGREE (NET)	14%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Q6. 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	605
AGREE (NET)	79%
Strongly agree	56%
Somewhat agree	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
DISAGREE (NET)	16%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Q7. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

	Total
Base	605
AGREE (NET)	90%
Strongly agree	72%
Somewhat agree	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
DISAGREE (NET)	9%
Somewhat disagree	2%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know/Refused	1%

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

	Total
Base	605
AGREE (NET)	86%
Strongly agree	63%
Somewhat agree	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
DISAGREE (NET)	11%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	8%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q9. Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

	Total
Base	605
AGREE (NET)	88%
Strongly agree	67%
Somewhat agree	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
DISAGREE (NET)	10%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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	605
AGREE (NET)	80%
Strongly agree	48%
Somewhat agree	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	12%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know/Refused	7%

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

	Total
Base	605
SUPPORT (NET)	71%
Strongly support	43%
Somewhat support	28%
Neither support nor oppose	2%
OPPOSE (NET)	21%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	13%
Don't know/Refused	7%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	605
Male	48%
Female	52%

Age

	Total
Base	605
18 – 24	1%
25 - 34	7%
35 - 49	27%
50 - 64	33%
65+	29%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Education

	Total
Base	605
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	36%
Less than high school	6%
High school graduate	30%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	51%
Some college	22%
Associate's degree	10%
College graduate	19%
Post-graduate	11%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	605
White	68%
Black or African American	22%
Hispanic	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	2%
Some other race	1%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Political Party

	Total
Base	605
REPUBLICAN (NET)	26%
Strong Republican	19%
Not-so-strong Republican	7%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	26%
Lean Republican	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Do not lean either way	6%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	35%
Strong Democrat	25%
Not-so-strong Democrat	8%
Other	8%
Not sure	1%
Decline to answer	4%

Ideology

	Total
Base	605
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	62%
Very conservative	24%
Somewhat conservative	38%
Neither	4%
LIBERAL (NET)	28%
Somewhat liberal	20%
Very liberal	8%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	605
Rural	48%
Urban	10%
Suburban	37%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Household Income

	Total
Base	605
Less than \$5,000	3%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	3%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	3%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	7%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	5%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	4%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	7%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	8%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	6%
\$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	22%