

# REPORT

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues  
North Carolina

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**Interviewing:** January 22 – February 1, 2016  
**Respondents:** 664 Registered Voters  
**Method:** Telephone  
**Weighting:** Results are weighted to be representative of North Carolina registered voters.  
**Sampling Error:** +/- 3.8% 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	664
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>67%</b>
Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	23%
<b>OPPOSE (NET)</b>	<b>22%</b>
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	8%
Don't know/Refused	11%

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

	Total
Base	664
<b>IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>82%</b>
Very important	57%
Somewhat important	25%
<b>NOT IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>16%</b>
Not very important	8%
Not at all important	8%
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	664
<b>IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>86%</b>
Very important	57%
Somewhat important	29%
<b>NOT IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>9%</b>
Not very important	4%
Not at all important	5%
Don't know/Refused	4%

**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	664
Yes	38%
No	51%
Don't know/Refused	11%

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

	Total
Base	664
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>88%</b>
Strongly agree	68%
Somewhat agree	20%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>10%</b>
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

	Total
Base	664
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>82%</b>
Strongly agree	54%
Somewhat agree	28%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>16%</b>
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

	Total
Base	664
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>84%</b>
Strongly agree	58%
Somewhat agree	26%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>13%</b>
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	8%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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

	Total
Base	664
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>82%</b>
Strongly agree	54%
Somewhat agree	28%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>15%</b>
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	3%

- 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	664
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Strongly agree	50%
Somewhat agree	25%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>20%</b>
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don’t know/Refused	5%

- 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	664
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>77%</b>
Strongly agree	44%
Somewhat agree	33%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>15%</b>
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don’t know/Refused	8%

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

	Total
Base	664
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>64%</b>
Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	29%
<b>OPPOSE (NET)</b>	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	17%
Don’t know/Refused	6%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Gender

	Total
Base	664
Male	43%
Female	57%

### Political Party

	Total
Base	664
<b>REPUBLICAN (NET)</b>	25%
Strong Republican	18%
Not-so-strong Republican	6%
<b>INDEPENDENT (NET)</b>	27%
Lean Republican	11%
Lean Democrat	7%
Do not lean either way	6%
<b>DEMOCRAT (NET)</b>	35%
Strong Democrat	25%
Not-so-strong Democrat	9%
Other	9%
Not sure	2%
Decline to answer	2%

### Ideology

	Total
Base	664
<b>CONSERVATIVE (NET)</b>	<b>59%</b>
Very conservative	27%
Somewhat conservative	32%
Neither	5%
<b>LIBERAL (NET)</b>	<b>28%</b>
Somewhat liberal	18%
Very liberal	10%
Don't know/Refused	7%

### Age

	Total
Base	664
18 – 34	9%
35 – 64	56%
65+	35%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Education

	Total
Base	664
<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)</b>	<b>39%</b>
Less than high school	6%
High school graduate	33%
<b>ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)</b>	<b>48%</b>
Some college	21%
Associate's degree	12%
College graduate	15%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	664
White	68%
Black or African American	22%
Hispanic	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	*
Some other race	2%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Household Income

	Total
Base	664
Less than \$5,000	5%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	3%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	6%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	4%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	8%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	4%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	4%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	6%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	9%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	5%
\$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	20%