

# REPORT

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues

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Virginia – Offshore Drilling

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**Interviewing:** January 13-15, 2015

**Respondents:** 624 Registered Voters

**Method:** Telephone

**Weighting:** Results are weighted to be representative of Virginia registered voters.

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

<b>MAIN SURVEY</b>
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Q1 Do you support or oppose increased production of domestic oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	624
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>74%</b>
Strongly support	54%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support nor oppose	4%
<b>OPPOSE (NET)</b>	<b>12%</b>
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	6%
Don't know/Refused	9%

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

	Total
Base	624
<b>IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>86%</b>
Very important	62%
Somewhat important	24%
<b>NOT IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>12%</b>
Not very important	7%
Not at all important	5%
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	624
<b>IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>89%</b>
Very important	62%
Somewhat important	27%
<b>NOT IMPORTANT (NET)</b>	<b>7%</b>
Not very important	3%
Not at all important	4%
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	624
Yes	30%
No	58%
Not sure	6%
Don't know/Refused	6%

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	624
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>87%</b>
Strongly agree	64%
Somewhat agree	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>11%</b>
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	5%
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	624
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>80%</b>
Strongly agree	55%
Somewhat agree	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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

	Total
Base	624
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>89%</b>
Strongly agree	65%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	-
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>10%</b>
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

	Total
Base	624
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>85%</b>
Strongly agree	59%
Somewhat agree	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>12%</b>
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

	Total
Base	624
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>88%</b>
Strongly agree	59%
Somewhat agree	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>9%</b>
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	5%
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	624
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>81%</b>
Strongly agree	48%
Somewhat agree	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>10%</b>
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	8%

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

	Total
Base	624
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>65%</b>
Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	29%
Neither support nor oppose	2%
<b>OPPOSE (NET)</b>	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	17%
Don't know/Refused	4%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Gender

	Total
Base	624
Male	47%
Female	53%

### Age

	Total
Base	624
18 – 24	2%
25 - 34	10%
35 - 49	29%
50 - 64	32%
65+	24%
Don't know/Refused	3%

### Education

	Total
Base	624
<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)</b>	<b>30%</b>
Less than high school	4%
High school graduate	26%
<b>ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)</b>	<b>54%</b>
Some college	22%
Associate's degree	7%
College graduate	25%
Post-graduate	16%
Don't know/Refused	2%

### Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	624
White	72%
Black or African American	17%
Hispanic	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	2%
Some other race	1%
Don't know/Refused	5%

### Political Party

	Total
Base	624
<b>REPUBLICAN (NET)</b>	<b>28%</b>
Strong Republican	18%
Not-so-strong Republican	9%
Unsure	1%
<b>INDEPENDENT (NET)</b>	<b>27%</b>
Lean Republican	11%
Lean Democrat	5%
Do not lean either way	8%
Unsure	3%
<b>DEMOCRAT (NET)</b>	<b>27%</b>
Strong Democrat	21%
Not-so-strong Democrat	5%
Unsure	1%
Other	12%
Not sure	1%
Decline to answer	3%

### Ideology

	Total
Base	624
<b>CONSERVATIVE (NET)</b>	<b>58%</b>
Very conservative	25%
Somewhat conservative	33%
Neither	7%
<b>LIBERAL (NET)</b>	<b>30%</b>
Somewhat liberal	22%
Very liberal	8%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	624
Rural	38%
Urban	12%
Suburban	46%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Household Income

	Total
Base	624
Less than \$5,000	1%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	3%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	2%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	3%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	1%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	4%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	3%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	4%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	6%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	7%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	5%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	8%
\$100,000 or more	26%
Don't know/Refused	24%