

REPORT

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues

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South Carolina – Offshore Drilling

Presented by: Harris Poll

Interviewing: January 13-15, 2015
Respondents: 604 Registered Voters
Method: Telephone
Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of South Carolina registered voters.
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	604
SUPPORT (NET)	75%
Strongly support	50%
Somewhat support	25%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	12%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	7%
Don't know/Refused	10%

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

	Total
Base	604
IMPORTANT (NET)	91%
Very important	66%
Somewhat important	25%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	6%
Not very important	3%
Not at all important	3%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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

	Total
Base	604
IMPORTANT (NET)	89%
Very important	63%
Somewhat important	26%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	7%
Not very important	4%
Not at all important	3%
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	604
Yes	31%
No	59%
Not sure	4%
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	604
AGREE (NET)	88%
Strongly agree	69%
Somewhat agree	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	0%
DISAGREE (NET)	8%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know/Refused	4%

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	604
AGREE (NET)	79%
Strongly agree	61%
Somewhat agree	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	2%
DISAGREE (NET)	15%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	10%
Don't know/Refused	4%

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

	Total
Base	604
AGREE (NET)	91%
Strongly agree	76%
Somewhat agree	15%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	7%
Somewhat disagree	2%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%

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

	Total
Base	604
AGREE (NET)	82%
Strongly agree	63%
Somewhat agree	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	14%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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

	Total
Base	604
AGREE (NET)	90%
Strongly agree	67%
Somewhat agree	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	8%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know/Refused	1%

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	604
AGREE (NET)	82%
Strongly agree	48%
Somewhat agree	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	11%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	6%

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

	Total
Base	604
SUPPORT (NET)	71%
Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	33%
Neither support nor oppose	3%
OPPOSE (NET)	21%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	12%
Don't know/Refused	5%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	604
Male	48%
Female	52%

Age

	Total
Base	604
18 – 24	4%
25 - 34	5%
35 - 49	25%
50 - 64	33%
65+	29%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Education

	Total
Base	604
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	36%
Less than high school	4%
High school graduate	32%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	49%
Some college	22%
Associate's degree	7%
College graduate	20%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	604
White	63%
Black or African American	25%
Hispanic	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%
Some other race	2%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Political Party

	Total
Base	604
REPUBLICAN (NET)	32%
Strong Republican	20%
Not-so-strong Republican	12%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	21%
Lean Republican	7%
Lean Democrat	5%
Do not lean either way	5%
Unsure	4%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	29%
Strong Democrat	23%
Not-so-strong Democrat	6%
Other	11%
Not sure	2%
Decline to answer	4%

Ideology

	Total
Base	604
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	59%
Very conservative	28%
Somewhat conservative	31%
Neither	5%
LIBERAL (NET)	24%
Somewhat liberal	18%
Very liberal	7%
Don't know/Refused	12%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	604
Rural	44%
Urban	13%
Suburban	36%
Don't know/Refused	7%

Household Income

	Total
Base	604
Less than \$5,000	3%
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	2%
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	5%
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	3%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	5%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	5%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	3%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	6%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	8%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	7%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	3%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	7%
\$100,000 or more	15%
Don't know/Refused	24%