

REPORT



What America Is Thinking on Energy Issues

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Respondents: 1,000 Registered Voters

Method: Telephone

Sample: Random Digit Dial

Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of registered voters in the United States

Margin of Error: +/- 3% at 95% confidence

SCREENER

S1 Are you currently registered to vote?

	Total
Base	1000
Yes	100%
No	-
Don't know	-

S2 Did you vote in the last (2012) Presidential election?

	Total
Base	1000
Yes	92%
No	8%
Don't know	0%
Decline to answer	0%

QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1. In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	Total
Base	1000
Right direction	31%
Wrong track	58%
Not sure	11%

Q2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as President?

	Total
Base	1000
Approve	48%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	5%

Q3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	Total
Base	1000
Approve	14%
Disapprove	78%
Not sure	8%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? And is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?

Q4. Increasing energy taxes, like taxes on oil and natural gas companies, hurts everyone because those tax increases could drive up energy costs for consumers.

	Total
Base	1000
AGREE (NET)	69%
Strongly Agree	48%
Somewhat Agree	21%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	2%
DISAGREE (NET)	27%
Somewhat Disagree	10%
Strongly Disagree	17%
Don't Know/Refuse	3%

Q5. Increasing energy taxes, like taxes on oil and natural gas companies, could kill jobs and negatively impact the economy?

	Total
Base	1000
AGREE (NET)	57%
Strongly Agree	36%
Somewhat Agree	21%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3%
DISAGREE (NET)	36%
Somewhat Disagree	15%
Strongly Disagree	21%
Don't Know/Refuse	5%

Q6. Now is not the time for politicians in Washington to raise energy taxes. They should solve the country's budget issues without hurting consumers and taxpayers.

	Total
Base	1000
AGREE (NET)	74%
Strongly Agree	56%
Somewhat Agree	18%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	1%
DISAGREE (NET)	21%
Somewhat Disagree	9%
Strongly Disagree	12%
Don't Know/Refuse	4%

Q7. Raising taxes only on America's oil and natural gas industry, or just on a handful of companies, as some politicians in Washington have recommended, would be bad tax policy, as well as unfair and discriminatory.

	Total
Base	1000
AGREE (NET)	63%
Strongly Agree	38%
Somewhat Agree	25%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	2%
DISAGREE (NET)	30%
Somewhat Disagree	12%
Strongly Disagree	18%
Don't Know/Refuse	6%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

	Total
Base	1000
Male	46%
Female	54%

Age

	Total
Base	1000
18 - 24	6%
25 - 34	11%
35 - 49	28%
50 - 64	28%
65+	24%
Refused	3%

Education

	Total
Base	1000
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	35%
Less than high school	6%
High school graduate	29%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	52%
Some college	24%
Associates	7%
College graduate	21%
Post-graduate	11%
Refused	2%

Party

	Total
Base	1000
REPUBLICAN (NET)	27%
Strong Republican	16%
Not-so-strong Republican	10%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	29%
Lean Republican	9%
Lean Democrat	10%
Do Not Lean Either Way	8%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	34%
Strong Democrat	23%
Not-so-strong Democrat	11%
Other	8%

Ideology

	Total
Base	1000
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	55%
Very Conservative	23%
Somewhat Conservative	32%
Neither	6%
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
Somewhat Liberal	19%
Very Liberal	13%
Don't know/Refused	7%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	1000
White	70%
Hispanic	7%
Black or African American	11%
Mixed Race	4%
Native American or Alaskan Native	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Some other race	2%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Which of the following best describes where you live?

	Total
Base	1000
Rural	39%
Urban	16%
Suburban	42%

Income

	Total
Base	1000
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	4%
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	4%
\$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	4%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	7%
\$100,000 or more	20%
Refused	21%