

REPORT

What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues
Energy Platform 2016

Presented by: Harris Poll

Interviewing: May 10 – 15, 2016
Respondents: 1,001 Registered Voters
Method: Telephone
Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of registered voters nationwide.
Sampling Error: +/- 3% at 95% confidence

Q1 As you think about the upcoming election, how important to you is the health of the nation's economy?

	Total
Base	1,001
Important [NET]	96%
Very important	86%
Somewhat important	10%
Not important [NET]	3%
Not very important	2%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q2 As you think about the upcoming election, how important to you is the issue of creating jobs here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	1,001
Important [NET]	97%
Very important	85%
Somewhat important	12%
Not important [NET]	3%
Not very important	2%
Not at all important	1%
Don't know/Refused	1%

Q3 According to government and international data, the United States is leading the top 20 economies in the world in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy. As you may know, greenhouse gases contribute to climate change. How important is it to you that the U.S. is doing better than all of the other major economies in Europe and elsewhere when it comes to reducing greenhouse gases?

	Total
Base	1,001
Important [NET]	77%
Very important	51%
Somewhat important	26%
Not important [NET]	20%
Not very important	10%
Not at all important	10%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q4 As you may know, the increased use of natural gas in generating electricity has played a key role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Do you support or oppose the role natural gas is playing in reducing U.S. greenhouse gases?

	Total
Base	1,001
Support [NET]	70%
Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	34%
Oppose [NET]	16%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	8%
Don't know/Refused	13%

Q5 As you may know, today's advanced gasoline and diesel motor fuels are helping cars and trucks run cleaner, more efficiently and longer. How important to you is the fact that U.S. transportation fuels are helping reduce air pollution?

	Total
Base	1,001
Important [NET]	88%
Very important	59%
Somewhat important	29%
Not important [NET]	9%
Not very important	6%
Not at all important	3%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Q6 Do you support or oppose increased production of oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	1,001
Support [NET]	77%
Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	24%
Oppose [NET]	18%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	8%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Q7 Looking ahead to future elections, if a candidate supports producing more oil and natural gas from here in the U.S., would you be more or less likely to support that candidate?

	Total
Base	1,001
More Likely [NET]	69%
Much more likely	35%
Somewhat more likely	34%
Less Likely [NET]	18%
Somewhat less likely	11%
Much less likely	7%
Don't know/Refused	12%

Now, I am going to read you a series of statements. For each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement.

Q8 Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could lead to more American jobs.

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	85%
Strongly agree	59%
Somewhat agree	26%
Disagree [NET]	13%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	6%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Q9 Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help stimulate the economy.

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	81%
Strongly agree	52%
Somewhat agree	29%
Disagree [NET]	15%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q10 Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help lower energy costs for American consumers

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	80%
Strongly agree	49%
Somewhat agree	31%
Disagree [NET]	17%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q11 Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help strengthen America's energy security.

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	84%
Strongly agree	55%
Somewhat agree	29%
Disagree [NET]	12%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	5%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q12 Agree/Disagree: Increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources could help America become more of an energy power in the world, and enable us to assist our allies in Europe and elsewhere who need energy resources.

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	75%
Strongly agree	40%
Somewhat agree	35%
Disagree [NET]	22%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	10%
Don't know/Refused	4%

Q13 As you may know, some in Congress are considering making changes to the Federal tax laws. Would you support or oppose higher taxes that could decrease investment in energy production and reduce energy development here in the U.S.?

	Total
Base	1,001
Support [NET]	25%
Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	15%
Oppose [NET]	64%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	43%
Don't know/Refused	12%

Q14 Do you agree or disagree that federal government regulations could contribute to increased costs for gasoline to consumers?

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	73%
Strongly agree	46%
Somewhat agree	27%
Disagree [NET]	22%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	11%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Q15 As you may know, much of the gasoline in the U.S. market currently contains up to a 10% ethanol blend. Most auto manufacturers have said they will not cover vehicle damage caused by higher ethanol fuel blends. Given that situation, how concerned are you about government requirements that would increase the amount of ethanol in gasoline?

	Total
Base	1,001
Concerned [NET]	77%
Very concerned	50%
Somewhat concerned	27%
Not Concerned [NET]	20%
Not very concerned	10%
Not at all concerned	10%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Q16 Over 40% of U.S. corn production is currently used to produce ethanol for gasoline. This significantly diverts corn away from the global food supply. Given that, do you agree or disagree that using even more corn for ethanol production could increase consumer prices here in the U.S. and increase hunger among the world's poor?

	Total
Base	1,001
Agree [NET]	59%
Strongly agree	36%
Somewhat agree	23%
Disagree [NET]	35%
Somewhat disagree	16%
Strongly disagree	19%
Don't know/Refused	7%

Q17 Do you support or oppose increased development of the country's energy infrastructure?

	Total
Base	1,001
Support [NET]	82%
Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	29%
Oppose [NET]	11%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	5%
Don't know/Refused	7%

Q18 Do you support or oppose legislation that could increase the cost of domestic oil and natural gas operations and thus potentially drive up energy costs to American consumers?

	Total
Base	1,001
Support [NET]	23%
Strongly support	9%
Somewhat support	14%
Oppose [NET]	71%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	50%
Don't know/Refused	6%

Q19 Some people believe that the U.S. should establish a national energy policy that ensures a secure supply of abundant, affordable and available energy for the American people in an environmentally responsible manner. Would you support or oppose such an energy policy?

	Total
Base	1,001
Support [NET]	73%
Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	27%
Oppose [NET]	20%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	9%
Don't know/Refused	8%

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Gender

	Total
Base	1,001
Male	47%
Female	53%

Political Party

	Total
Base	1,001
REPUBLICAN (NET)	31%
Strong Republican	19%
Not-so-strong Republican	11%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	24%
Lean Republican	10%
Lean Democrat	6%
Do not lean either way	6%
DEMOCRAT (NET)	31%
Strong Democrat	21%
Not-so-strong Democrat	9%
Other	9%
Not sure	2%
Decline to answer	3%

Ideology

	Total
Base	1,001
CONSERVATIVE (NET)	55%
Very conservative	26%
Somewhat conservative	29%
Neither	5%
LIBERAL (NET)	32%
Somewhat liberal	20%
Very liberal	12%
Don't know/Refused	8%

Age

	Total
Base	1,001
18 – 34	11%
35 – 64	56%
65+	31%
Don't know/Refused	3%

Education

	Total
Base	1,001
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS (NET)	34%
Less than high school	4%
High school graduate	30%
ATTENDED COLLEGE OR COLLEGE DEGREE (NET)	52%
Some college	22%
Associate's degree	8%
College graduate	22%
Post-graduate	12%
Don't know/Refused	2%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total
Base	1,001
White	71%
Black or African American	12%
Hispanic	8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1%
Some other race	2%
Don't know/Refused	5%

Household Income

	Total
Base	1,001
Less than \$5,000	2%
\$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	4%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	3%
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	5%
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	5%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	5%
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	6%
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	9%
\$75,000 but less than \$80,000	5%
\$80,000 but less than \$100,000	6%
\$100,000 or more	21%
Don't know/Refused	21%