

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

GULF OF MEXICO OIL SPILL

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 14-15, 2010, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of $\pm 1,074$ —adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, cell phone only status, cell phone mostly status and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

Question(s) were asked of a random half-sample on two nights' of the Gallup Daily tracking survey.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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1. Turning back to Barack Obama, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has handled the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Aug 14-15	44	48	8
2010 Jun 19-20 ^	44	48	9
2010 Jun 5-6 ^	40	46	13

^ WORDING: Turning back to Barack Obama, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

2. Next, do you approve or disapprove of the way the oil company BP has handled the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Aug 14-15	31	64	6
2010 Jun 19-20 ^	16	76	8

^ WORDING: Next, do you approve or disapprove of the way the oil company BP is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

3. From what you know and have read, is the extent of damage caused by the oil spill– [ROTATED: worse than you thought it would be, about what you thought it would be, (or is the damage) not as bad as you thought it would be]?

	Worse than you <u>thought</u>	About what you <u>thought it would be</u>	Not as bad as <u>you thought</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Aug 14-15	44	29	22	5

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4. As you may know, as a result of the oil spill, the federal government banned most offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico through November. Do you think the federal government should lift the ban and allow offshore drilling to resume or should it keep the ban on most offshore drilling in place through November?

BASED ON – 554—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM C; ± 5 PCT PTS

	<u>Should lift ban</u>	<u>Should keep ban in place</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Aug 14-15	47	46	7

5. In the future, do you think BP should or should not be allowed to drill for oil in the same area of the Gulf of Mexico in which the oil spill occurred?

BASED ON – 520—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM D; ± 5 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes, should be allowed to drill</u>	<u>No, should not be</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Aug 14-15	49	46	5