

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: ENVIRONMENT

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 8-11, 2012 with a random sample of **-1,024—adults**, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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**.

For results based on the sample of **-521—national adults in Form A** and **-503—national adults in Form B**, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5 percentage points**.

For results based on the sample of **-457—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents**, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±6 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 sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. 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, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 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.

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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14. Next, I am going to read some specific proposals. For each one, please say whether you generally favor or oppose it. How about ...[RANDOM ORDER]?

***2012 Mar 8-11***  
***(sorted by "favor")***

	Favor	Oppose
Setting higher emissions and pollution standards for business and industry	70	29
Spending more government money on developing solar and wind power	69	30
Spending government money to develop alternate sources of fuel for automobiles	66	33
Imposing mandatory controls on carbon dioxide emissions/other greenhouse gases	65	33
Opening up land owned by the federal government for oil exploration	65	34
More strongly enforcing federal environmental regulations	64	33
Setting higher auto emissions standards for automobiles	62	37
Expanding the use of nuclear energy	52	44

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## Q.14 (ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY PROPOSALS) CONTINUED

### FULL TRENDS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS

NOTE: 2001-2007 WORDING: Next, I am going to read some specific environmental proposals. For each one, please say whether you generally favor or oppose it. How about...[RANDOM ORDER]?

#### **A. Expanding the use of nuclear energy**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	52	44	4
2007 Mar 11-14	50	46	4
2006 Mar 13-16	55	40	5
2003 Mar 3-5	43	51	6
2002 Mar 4-7	45	51	4
2001 Mar 5-7	44	51	5

#### **B. Opening up land owned by the federal government for oil exploration**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	65	34	2

#### **C. More strongly enforcing federal environmental regulations**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	64	33	2
2007 Mar 11-14	82	15	3
2006 Mar 13-16	79	20	2
2003 Mar 3-5	75	21	4
2002 Mar 4-7	78	19	3
2001 Mar 5-7	77	20	3

#### **D. Setting higher auto emissions standards for automobiles**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	62	37	1
2007 Mar 11-14	79	18	2
2006 Mar 13-16	73	25	2
2003 Mar 3-5	73	24	3
2002 Mar 4-7	72	26	2
2001 Mar 5-7	75	23	2

**Q.14 (ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY PROPOSALS) CONTINUED**

**E. Setting higher emissions and pollution standards for business and industry**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	70	29	1
2007 Mar 11-14	84	15	1
2006 Mar 13-16	77	22	1
2003 Mar 3-5	80	19	1
2002 Mar 4-7	83	16	1
2001 Mar 5-7	81	17	2

**F. Imposing mandatory controls on carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	65	33	3
2007 Mar 11-14	79	19	2
2006 Mar 13-16	75	23	3
2003 Mar 3-5	75	22	3

**G. Spending more government money on developing solar and wind power**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	69	30	1
2007 Mar 11-14	81	17	1
2006 Mar 13-16	77	21	2
2001 Mar 5-7	79	19	2

**H. Spending government money to develop alternate sources of fuel for automobiles**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	66	33	1
2007 Mar 11-14	86	12	1
2006 Mar 13-16	85	14	1