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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 1-8, 2018 with a random sample of **–1,041—**adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **–490—**national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **–551—**national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is **±5** 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

10. Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in terms of protecting the environment?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	9	62	28	1
2017 Mar 1-5	11	59	26	3
2016 Mar 2-6	12	57	29	2
2015 Mar 5-8	16	48	34	1
2014 Mar 6-9	17	48	34	1
2013 Mar 7-10	16	47	35	2
2012 Mar 8-11	17	51	30	2
2011 Mar 3-6	16	49	33	2
2010 Mar 4-7	15	46	35	4
2006 Mar 13-16 ^	4	62	33	1
2005 Mar 7-10 ^	5	58	34	3
2004 Mar 8-11 ^	5	55	37	3
2003 Mar 3-5 ^	7	51	37	5
2001 Mar 5-7 †	11	55	31	3
2000 Apr 3-9	10	58	30	2
1992 Jan 5-Mar 31	4	68	26	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† Asked in rotation with "U.S. corporations" and "The American people."

15. With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree –
 [ROTATED: protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth (or) economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent]?

	<u>Environment</u>	<u>Economic growth</u>	<u>Equal priority (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	57	35	4	4
2017 Mar 1-5	56	35	5	4
2016 Mar 2-6	56	37	4	3
2015 Mar 5-8	46	42	6	5
2014 Mar 6-9	50	41	4	5
2013 Mar 7-10	43	48	4	5
2012 Mar 8-11	41	49	6	4
2011 Mar 3-6	36	54	6	4
2010 May 24-25	50	43	4	3
2010 Mar 4-7	38	53	4	5
2009 Mar 5-8	42	51	5	3
2008 Mar 6-9	49	42	5	3
2007 Mar 11-14	55	37	4	4
2006 Mar 13-16	52	37	6	4
2005 Mar 7-10	53	36	7	4
2004 Mar 8-11	49	44	4	3
2003 Mar 3-5	47	42	7	4
2002 Mar 4-7	54	36	5	5
2001 Mar 5-7	57	33	6	4
2000 Apr 3-9	67	28	2	3
2000 Jan 13-16	70	23	--	7
1999 Apr 13-14	67	28	--	5
1999 Mar 12-14	65	30	--	5
1998 Apr 17-19	68	24	--	8
1997 Jul 25-27	66	27	--	7
1995 Apr 17-19	62	32	--	6
1992 Jan 5-Mar 31	58	26	8	8
1991 Apr 11-14	71	20	--	9
1990 Apr 5-8	71	19	--	10
1984 Sep 28-Oct 1	61	28	--	11

17. 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]?

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(sorted by "favor")

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Spending more government money on developing solar and wind power	76	23
Setting higher emissions and pollution standards for business and industry	74	25
More strongly enforcing federal environmental regulations	73	26
Imposing mandatory controls on carbon dioxide emissions/other greenhouse gases	67	31
Setting higher emissions standards for automobiles	66	33
Setting stricter standards on the use of techniques to extract natural gas from the earth, including "fracking"	58	38
Passing a carbon tax to encourage reductions in carbon dioxide emissions	53	45
Expanding the use of nuclear energy	45	51
Opening up land owned by the federal government for oil exploration	43	55
Spending government money to support the coal industry	32	66

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>
2018 Mar 1-8	45	51	4
2017 Mar 1-5	46	50	4
2014 Mar 6-9	47	51	2
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>
2018 Mar 1-8	43	55	2
2017 Mar 1-5	46	53	1
2014 Mar 6-9	58	41	1
2012 Mar 8-11	65	34	2

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C. More strongly enforcing federal environmental regulations

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	73	26	1
2017 Mar 1-5	69	28	3
2014 Mar 6-9	64	34	2
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 emissions standards for automobiles

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	66	33	1
2014 Mar 6-9	62	35	3
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

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

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	74	25	1
2017 Mar 1-5	67	31	3
2014 Mar 6-9	65	35	1
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

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

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	67	31	2
2014 Mar 6-9	63	35	3
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. Setting stricter standards on the use of techniques to extract natural gas from the earth, including “fracking”

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	58	38	4
2014 Mar 6-9	58	37	4

H. Passing a carbon tax to encourage reductions in carbon dioxide emissions

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	53	45	2

I. Spending government money to support the coal industry

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	32	66	2

J. Spending more government money on developing solar and wind power

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	76	23	1
2017 Mar 1-5	72	26	2
2014 Mar 6-9	67	32	1
2012 Mar 8-11	69	30	1
2007 Mar 11-14	81	17	1
2006 Mar 13-16	77	21	2
2002 Mar 4-7	76	22	2
2001 Mar 5-7	79	19	2