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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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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8. Next, I'm going to read a list of problems facing the country. For each one, please tell me if you personally worry about this problem a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all? First, how much do you personally worry about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

**H. The availability and affordability of energy**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	25	34	28	12	1
2017 Mar 1-5	27	32	30	11	*
2016 Mar 2-6	27	34	25	13	*
2015 Mar 5-8	28	35	25	12	1
2014 Mar 6-9 ^	37	30	24	9	*
2013 Mar 7-10 ^	35	32	27	7	*
2012 Mar 8-11 ^	48	31	15	6	*
2011 Mar 3-6	46	33	14	7	*
2010 Mar 4-7	38	37	18	6	*
2008 Mar 6-9	47	35	13	4	1
2007 Mar 11-14	43	34	17	6	*
2006 Mar 13-16	48	35	12	5	*
2005 Mar 7-10	39	26	26	8	1
2004 Mar 8-11	35	28	25	11	1
2003 Mar 24-25	27	36	25	11	1
2002 Mar 4-7	32	30	29	9	*
2001 Mar 5-7	46	31	16	6	1

^ Asked of a half sample

Next,

16. With which one of these statements about the environment and energy production do you most agree – [ROTATED: protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of limiting the amount of energy supplies -- such as oil, gas and coal -- which the United States produces (or) development of U.S. energy supplies -- such as oil, gas and coal -- should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent]?

	<u>Environ- ment</u>	<u>Develop- ment of U.S. energy supplies</u>	<u>Both/ equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither/ other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	59	34	3	2	2
2017 Mar 1-5	59	34	2	*	4
2016 Mar 2-6	59	34	2	1	3
2015 Mar 5-8	49	39	4	2	5
2014 Mar 6-9	51	40	4	2	3
2013 Mar 7-10	45	46	3	3	3
2012 Mar 8-11	44	47	3	2	4
2011 Mar 3-6	41	50	4	1	4
2010 May 24-25	55	39	3	1	2
2010 Mar 4-7	43	50	2	2	3
2009 Mar 5-8	47	46	3	1	3
2008 Mar 6-9	50	41	4	2	3
2007 Mar 11-14	58	34	3	2	3
2006 Mar 13-16	49	42	4	2	3
2005 Mar 7-10	52	39	4	2	3
2004 Mar 8-11	48	44	3	1	4
2003 Mar 3-5	49	40	5	2	4
2002 Mar 4-7	52	40	3	2	3
2001 Mar 5-7	52	36	6	2	4

Now turning to the subject of energy,

19. How serious would you say the energy situation is in the United States--very serious, fairly serious, or not at all serious?

	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Fairly serious</u>	<u>Not at all serious</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8	25	51	22	2
2017 Mar 1-5	23	51	23	3
2016 Mar 2-6	28	48	23	2
2015 Mar 5-8	28	50	20	1
2014 Mar 6-9	32	50	16	2
2013 Mar 7-10	36	51	10	2
2012 Mar 8-11	42	49	7	2
2011 Mar 3-6	45	47	7	2
2010 Mar 4-7	33	54	11	1
2009 Mar 5-8	42	51	5	1
2008 Mar 6-9	46	49	5	1
2007 Mar 11-14	37	55	7	1
2006 Mar 13-16	41	51	7	1
2005 Mar 7-10	31	56	10	3
2004 Mar 8-11	29	57	12	2
2003 Mar 3-5	28	59	11	2
2002 Mar 4-7	22	63	12	3
2001 Jun 28-Jul 1	47	43	8	2
2001 May 7-9	58	36	4	2
2001 Mar 5-7	31	59	9	1
1991 Feb 7-10	40	44	14	2
1990 Sep 27-30	32	46	19	3
1990 Sep 10-11	28	48	21	3
1990 Aug 9-12	28	45	23	4
1979 Aug 3-6	47	35	16	3
1979 Jun 1-4	37	36	24	3
1979 Apr 27-May 4	44	36	16	4
1979 Feb 23-26	43	42	13	2
1978 Mar 31-Apr 3	41	39	15	5
1977 Nov 18-21	40	42	14	4
1977 Sep 30-Oct 3	40	40	16	4
1977 Aug 5-8	38	43	13	6
1977 Jun 3-6	40	42	13	5
1977 Apr 29-May 2	44	40	11	5
1977 Apr 1-4	41	39	16	4

Q.20/21 SPLIT SAMPLED

20. *(Asked of a half sample)* Which of the following approaches to solving the nation’s energy problems do you think the U.S. should follow right now – [ROTATED: emphasize production of more oil, gas and coal supplies (or) emphasize more conservation by consumers of existing energy supplies]?

**BASED ON –490—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

	<u>Emphasize production</u>	<u>Emphasize conservation</u>	<u>Both/ equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither/ other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8 ^	32	63	2	1	2
2017 Mar 1-5 ^	31	61	2	1	5
2016 Mar 2-6 ^	30	60	5	2	3
2014 Mar 6-9 ^	34	57	3	2	4
2013 Mar 7-10 ^	36	51	6	1	6
2012 Mar 8-11 ^	40	51	7	*	2
2011 Mar 3-6 ^	41	48	6	1	3
2010 Mar 4-7	36	52	6	3	2
2008 Mar 6-9	29	61	5	3	2
2007 Mar 11-14	26	64	5	1	3
2006 Mar 13-16	35	55	6	1	2
2005 Mar 7-10	28	61	7	2	2
2004 Mar 8-11	31	59	6	2	2
2003 Mar 3-5	29	60	7	2	2
2002 Mar 4-7	30	60	6	2	2
2001 May 7-9	35	47	14	2	2
2001 Mar 5-7	33	56	8	1	2

^ Asked of a half sample

21. *(Asked of a half sample)* Which of the following approaches to solving the nation’s energy problems do you think the U.S. should follow right now – [ROTATED: emphasize production of more oil, gas and coal supplies (or) emphasize the development of alternative energy such as wind and solar power]?

**BASED ON –551—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

	<u>Emphasize production of oil, gas</u>	<u>Emphasize alternative energy</u>	<u>Both/ equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither/ other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Mar 1-8 ^	21	73	3	1	3
2017 Mar 1-5 ^	23	71	4	1	1
2016 Mar 2-6 ^	21	73	3	1	2
2014 Mar 6-9 ^	32	64	3	1	*
2013 Mar 7-10 ^	31	59	7	1	2
2012 Mar 8-11 ^	34	59	5	1	1
2011 Mar 3-6 ^	26	66	6	1	1

^ Asked of a half sample