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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 1-15, 2021 with a random sample of –1,010—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**For results based on the sample of –561—national adults who are employed full- or part-time, or unemployed and looking for work, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  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 Dynata. 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 2019 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2019 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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7. 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>
2021 Mar 1-15	37	36	18	9	*
2020 Mar 2-13	22	32	29	16	*
2019 Mar 1-10	28	29	25	18	*
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

Now turning to the subject of energy,

16. 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>
2021 Mar 1-15	32	51	15	1
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

17. Do you think that the United States is or is not likely to face a critical energy shortage during the next five years?

	<u>Yes, is</u>	<u>No, is not</u>	<u>Already facing one (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	53	46	*	1
2016 Mar 2-6	31	66	1	2
2012 Mar 8-11	50	46	1	2
2011 Mar 3-6	61	36	1	2
2010 Mar 4-7	45	51	*	3
2008 Mar 6-9	62	34	1	2
2007 Mar 11-14	53	44	*	3
2006 Mar 13-16	56	39	1	4
2005 Mar 7-10	52	45	*	3
2004 Mar 8-11	49	47	1	3
2003 Mar 3-5	56	40	1	3
2002 Mar 4-7	48	49	1	2
2001 Mar 5-7	60	36	1	3
1978 Nov 10-13	45	41	4	10

27. Do you think that, as a country, the United States should put more emphasis, less emphasis, or about the same emphasis as it does now on producing domestic energy from each of the following sources— [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2021 Mar 1-15 (sorted by "more emphasis")</i>	<b>More emphasis</b>	<b>Less emphasis</b>	<b>Same emphasis</b>
Solar power	73	10	17
Wind	66	16	18
Natural gas	49	19	33
Nuclear power	39	28	32
Oil	38	39	22
Coal	23	48	28

**FULL RESULTS AND TRENDS:**

**A. Coal**

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	23	48	28	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	22	50	25	2
2015 Mar 5-8	28	43	27	2
2013 Mar 7-10	31	41	25	3

**B. Oil**

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	38	39	22	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	28	43	29	*
2015 Mar 5-8	41	30	27	1
2013 Mar 7-10	46	32	21	1

**C. Natural gas**

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	49	19	33	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	46	19	33	1
2015 Mar 5-8	55	12	32	2
2013 Mar 7-10	65	10	24	2

^ Asked of a half sample

## Q.27 (EMPHASIS ON U.S. ENERGY SOURCES) CONTINUED

### D. Wind

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	66	16	18	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	70	11	18	1
2015 Mar 5-8	70	14	14	1
2013 Mar 7-10	71	12	16	1

### E. Solar power

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	73	10	17	*
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	80	7	12	1
2015 Mar 5-8	79	9	12	1
2013 Mar 7-10	76	10	12	2

### F. Nuclear power

	<u>More emphasis</u>	<u>Less emphasis</u>	<u>Same as now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Mar 1-15	39	28	32	1
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	32	35	31	2
2015 Mar 5-8	35	33	28	4
2013 Mar 7-10	37	32	28	3

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**QN7H: Problems Facing Country - Energy BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
A great deal		372	173	199	236	134	85	113	170	102	109	161	115	144	103	184	104	73
		37%	35%	39%	36%	40%	32%	35%	41%	28%	38%	44%	46%	35%	32%	49%	28%	30%
A fair amount		361	168	193	244	115	104	117	138	126	104	131	77	142	133	109	146	96
		36%	34%	38%	37%	34%	40%	36%	33%	35%	36%	36%	31%	34%	41%	29%	39%	40%
Only a Little		181	109	72	128	44	43	60	75	84	46	49	44	72	60	53	80	46
		18%	22%	14%	19%	13%	16%	18%	18%	24%	16%	13%	18%	17%	19%	14%	21%	19%
Not at all		95	45	50	50	45	29	35	30	44	26	25	13	55	25	28	40	26
		9%	9%	10%	8%	13%	11%	11%	7%	12%	9%	7%	5%	13%	8%	7%	11%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)		2	2	-	2	-	2	-	0	2	-	-	-	2	0	-	1	1
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	1%	-	0%	1%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%

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**QN16: Seriousness of Energy Situation BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
Very serious		325	136	188	215	108	91	103	130	109	99	117	90	121	109	133	106	82
		32%	27%	37%	33%	32%	35%	32%	31%	30%	35%	32%	36%	29%	34%	36%	28%	34%
Fairly serious		516	253	263	351	156	146	166	198	187	147	179	118	217	167	168	193	141
		51%	51%	51%	53%	46%	56%	51%	48%	52%	52%	49%	47%	52%	52%	45%	52%	58%
Not at all serious		155	104	51	84	70	25	51	76	59	35	61	39	73	36	68	69	12
		15%	21%	10%	13%	21%	10%	16%	18%	16%	12%	17%	16%	18%	11%	18%	19%	5%
(DK)/(Refused)		15	3	12	11	4	1	5	9	3	4	8	2	4	9	5	4	6
		1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%

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**QN17: Critical Energy Shortage Next 5yrs BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
Yes, is		531	227	304	355	168	149	167	212	160	162	209	146	204	166	233	160	123
		53%	46%	59%	54%	50%	57%	51%	51%	45%	57%	57%	59%	49%	52%	62%	43%	51%
No, is not		467	264	203	297	167	112	156	194	193	120	151	102	206	150	139	210	111
		46%	53%	40%	45%	49%	43%	48%	47%	54%	42%	41%	41%	50%	47%	37%	56%	46%
Already facing one (vol.)		1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-
(DK)/(Refused)		11	5	6	8	3	2	3	6	5	1	5	0	5	5	1	2	8
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%

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**QN27A: Domestic Energy Production - Coal BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
More emphasis		236	124	112	154	82	47	93	96	56	71	109	100	88	43	151	52	29
		23%	25%	22%	23%	24%	18%	28%	23%	16%	25%	30%	40%	21%	13%	40%	14%	12%
Less emphasis		486	230	255	315	165	149	147	183	228	130	125	47	205	225	76	217	183
		48%	46%	50%	48%	49%	57%	45%	44%	64%	46%	34%	19%	49%	70%	20%	58%	76%
Same as now		287	142	146	190	90	66	86	133	74	84	129	101	122	53	146	102	30
		28%	29%	28%	29%	27%	25%	26%	32%	21%	29%	35%	41%	29%	17%	39%	28%	12%
(DK)/(Refused)		1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-



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**QN27B: Domestic Energy Production - Oil BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
More emphasis		387	200	187	268	116	68	124	191	103	126	158	175	143	58	240	99	39
		38%	40%	37%	41%	34%	26%	38%	46%	29%	44%	43%	70%	34%	18%	64%	27%	16%
Less emphasis		394	177	217	252	138	148	126	117	183	98	112	20	160	203	43	174	171
		39%	36%	42%	38%	41%	57%	39%	28%	51%	35%	31%	8%	38%	63%	12%	47%	71%
Same as now		225	118	107	136	84	46	77	100	72	58	92	53	113	57	89	99	31
		22%	24%	21%	21%	25%	18%	24%	24%	20%	21%	25%	21%	27%	18%	24%	27%	13%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	1	3	4	-	-	-	4	-	2	2	1	-	3	2	-	2
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	1%

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**QN27C: Domestic Energy Production - Natural Gas BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
More emphasis		490	267	224	324	161	88	166	231	149	150	192	172	200	106	248	155	76
		49%	54%	44%	49%	48%	33%	51%	56%	41%	53%	53%	69%	48%	33%	66%	42%	31%
Less emphasis		187	83	103	126	61	76	59	51	91	47	49	7	79	98	24	66	93
		19%	17%	20%	19%	18%	29%	18%	12%	25%	16%	13%	3%	19%	30%	6%	18%	38%
Same as now		329	145	183	206	116	99	99	128	117	86	124	69	134	116	101	147	73
		33%	29%	36%	31%	34%	38%	30%	31%	33%	30%	34%	28%	32%	36%	27%	40%	30%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	1	3	4	-	-	1	2	1	2	-	-	2	1	1	3	-
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	-

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**QN27D: Domestic Energy Production - Wind BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
More emphasis		662	303	359	405	245	194	221	238	259	168	233	104	266	276	169	273	206
		66%	61%	70%	61%	73%	74%	68%	58%	72%	59%	64%	42%	64%	86%	45%	73%	85%
Less emphasis		164	92	72	137	27	24	57	83	50	52	62	80	70	10	119	34	7
		16%	19%	14%	21%	8%	9%	17%	20%	14%	18%	17%	32%	17%	3%	32%	9%	3%
Same as now		182	102	81	117	66	44	48	90	50	62	70	65	78	34	86	65	27
		18%	21%	16%	18%	19%	17%	15%	22%	14%	22%	19%	26%	19%	10%	23%	17%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)		2	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%

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**QN27E: Domestic Energy Production - Solar Power BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
More emphasis		738	352	386	474	253	205	242	283	278	201	256	138	292	288	202	298	220
		73%	71%	75%	72%	75%	78%	74%	69%	78%	71%	70%	56%	70%	89%	54%	80%	91%
Less emphasis		101	53	47	84	17	9	26	65	25	26	50	56	38	6	85	13	2
		10%	11%	9%	13%	5%	3%	8%	16%	7%	9%	14%	23%	9%	2%	23%	4%	1%
Same as now		170	91	80	102	67	49	58	64	54	57	59	54	84	28	86	60	20
		17%	18%	16%	15%	20%	19%	18%	15%	15%	20%	16%	22%	20%	9%	23%	16%	8%
(DK)/(Refused)		1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
		0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-

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**QN27F: Domestic Energy Production - Nuclear Power BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1010	576	434	762	237	186	279	536	473	317	217	281	403	304	405	365	221
	Weighted n	1010	496	513	660	338	262	326	413	358	284	365	249	415	321	374	371	242
More emphasis		394	235	159	279	110	104	119	165	147	106	140	113	169	100	188	120	80
		39%	47%	31%	42%	33%	40%	36%	40%	41%	37%	38%	45%	41%	31%	50%	32%	33%
Less emphasis		282	110	171	171	109	82	90	108	100	79	103	47	111	119	63	122	85
		28%	22%	33%	26%	32%	31%	28%	26%	28%	28%	28%	19%	27%	37%	17%	33%	35%
Same as now		326	149	177	204	117	76	115	135	110	98	118	89	131	100	120	128	75
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