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## GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: ENVIRONMENT

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 3-16, 2025, with a random sample of –1,002— 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 -- 502 -- national adults in Form A and the sample of –500-- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three prior Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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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>
2025 Mar 3-16	35	36	20	8	1
2024 Mar 1-20	37	32	21	9	1
2023 Mar 1-23	41	32	19	8	1
2022 Mar 1-18	47	30	17	5	*
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

17. 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]?

	<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>
2025 Mar 3-16	39	56	3	1	1
2023 Mar 1-23 ^	35	59	4	2	*
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

On a different topic,

18. Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity for the U.S.?

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Some- what favor</u>	<u>Some- what oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total Favor</u>	<u>Total Oppose</u>
2025 Mar 3-16	29	32	20	15	4	61	35
2023 Mar 1-23	25	30	22	22	2	55	44
2022 Mar 1-18	21	30	20	27	2	51	47
2019 Mar 1-10 ^	17	32	28	21	3	49	49
2016 Mar 2-6	19	25	24	30	2	44	54
2015 Mar 5-8	18	33	19	24	6	51	43
2013 Mar 7-10	21	32	20	23	4	53	43
2012 Mar 8-11 ^	23	34	16	24	2	57	40
2011 Mar 3-6	27	30	20	18	6	57	38
2010 Mar 4-7	28	34	17	16	4	62	33
2009 Mar 5-8 ^	27	32	23	14	4	59	37
2007 Mar 11-14 ^	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
2006 Mar 13-16 ^	22	34	19	19	7	56	38
2005 Mar 7-10 ^	17	37	22	21	3	54	43
2004 Mar 8-11 ^	19	37	20	19	5	56	39
2001 Mar 5-7 ^	20	26	28	20	6	46	48
1994 Feb 7-14 †	21	36	20	17	6	57	37

^ Asked of a half sample

† U.S. Council for Energy Awareness/Gallup poll

On another subject,

Q.41/42 SPLIT SAMPLED

41. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you think the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska should or should not be opened up for oil exploration?

**BASED ON -502—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Mar 3-16 ^	35	61	4
2011 Mar 3-6 ^	49	45	6
2008 Mar 6-9	43	52	6
2005 Mar 7-10	42	53	5
2002 Mar 18-20	35	56	9

^ Asked of a half sample

42. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you favor or oppose increasing offshore drilling for oil and gas in U.S. coastal areas?

**BASED ON -500—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>National Adults</b>			
2025 Mar 3-16 ^	50	46	4
2011 Mar 3-6 ^	60	37	3
2010 May 24-25	50	46	4

^ Asked of a half sample

43. Do you favor or oppose hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” as a means of increasing the production of natural gas and oil in the U.S.?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Mar 3-16	45	48	7
2017 Mar 1-5	35	53	12
2016 Mar 2-6	36	51	13
2015 Mar 5-8	40	40	19

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**QN8H: Availability and affordability of energy BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D. Independent	Democrat	Household Income			
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less			Replica n	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
A great deal	35%	35%	35%	31%	45%	37%	44%	29%	31%	37%	40%	33%	36%	38%	36%	37%	34%
A fair amount	36%	32%	41%	39%	30%	28%	32%	44%	39%	39%	31%	40%	31%	40%	32%	37%	39%
Only a little	20%	22%	18%	22%	17%	22%	18%	20%	23%	18%	18%	18%	23%	17%	22%	21%	19%
Not at all	8%	10%	4%	8%	8%	14%	6%	5%	6%	6%	10%	8%	10%	4%	10%	5%	7%
(Don't know)/(Refused)	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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**QN17: Approach to solving nation's energy problems BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D. Independent	Democrat	Household Income			
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less			Replica n	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Emphasize production of more oil, gas and coal supplies	39%	45%	32%	44%	26%	26%	38%	46%	34%	43%	40%	79%	32%	7%	34%	42%	39%
Emphasize the development of alternative energy, such as wind and solar power	56%	49%	63%	51%	68%	70%	58%	48%	61%	53%	53%	17%	61%	92%	62%	54%	56%
Both equally (VOL)	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Neither/other (VOL)	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-	4%	1%	1%	0%	2%	-	0%

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**QN18: Use of nuclear energy BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D. Independent	Democrat	Household Income			
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less			Replica n	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Strongly favor	29%	41%	16%	32%	23%	34%	30%	26%	31%	31%	26%	41%	31%	14%	24%	33%	35%
Somewhat favor	32%	31%	35%	37%	25%	30%	32%	35%	37%	30%	29%	33%	33%	32%	27%	30%	41%
Somewhat oppose	20%	16%	23%	20%	20%	22%	18%	19%	17%	20%	21%	16%	18%	27%	22%	23%	13%
Strongly oppose	15%	11%	19%	9%	26%	12%	16%	16%	11%	14%	19%	7%	14%	23%	23%	11%	9%
(DK)/(Refused)	4%	2%	6%	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	1%

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**QN41: Arctic national wildlife open for oil exploration BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Yes, should	35%	46%	21%	37%	27%	24%	34%	39%	29%	41%	35%	63%	36%	6%	29%	40%	34%
No, should not	61%	52%	72%	60%	66%	72%	63%	57%	66%	57%	60%	30%	60%	92%	68%	57%	63%
(DK)/(Refused)	4%	2%	7%	3%	7%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	5%	6%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%

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**QN42: Increasing offshore drilling in U.S. coastal areas BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Favor	50%	57%	43%	52%	44%	36%	51%	59%	46%	53%	50%	85%	43%	17%	49%	56%	49%
Oppose	46%	41%	52%	45%	49%	64%	42%	37%	51%	40%	46%	13%	52%	79%	45%	42%	50%
(DK)/(Refused)	4%	2%	6%	3%	7%	7%	7%	4%	3%	7%	3%	2%	5%	4%	6%	2%	1%

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**QN43: Favor/oppose hydraulic fracturing BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Favor	45%	53%	37%	47%	40%	39%	42%	51%	41%	44%	50%	81%	40%	15%	43%	44%	47%
Oppose	48%	41%	56%	48%	50%	54%	50%	45%	55%	49%	41%	19%	49%	79%	49%	49%	51%
(DK)/(Refused)	7%	5%	8%	5%	10%	8%	8%	4%	4%	7%	9%	1%	11%	6%	8%	7%	2%

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