



Public Opinion Survey

National Survey

July 25th, 2010 – July 27th, 2010

Conducted by Voter / Consumer Research

for

The American Energy Alliance

Methodology

Voter / Consumer Research conducted a nationwide survey on behalf of the American Energy Alliance. A total of 1,005 registered voters were interviewed by telephone between 7/25/10 and 7/27/10. Voters were selected at random from a national sample. Controls were in place for regional and gender distribution, to ensure totals proportionate to the population. Households without a landline telephone connection were interviewed by cell phone. Eleven percent of interviews were conducted on cell phones.

All interviews were conducted via telephone with trained interviewers at Voter / Consumer Research's phone center in Houston, Texas. The margin of error on these findings is $\pm 3.1\%$.

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 N=1,005
 Margin of Error ± 3.1%

Hello, I am _____ with Voter / Consumer Research. We're a national survey research company doing a public opinion survey in your area. Could I please speak with the youngest (male / female) available now. This person must be registered to vote at this address.

Q01. Of the following list of issues facing the United States which are the most important to you?
 (RANDOMIZE, RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES)

1	Federal taxes	10
2	Federal government spending	29
3	Health care	29
4	The environment	10
5	The war in Afghanistan	21
6	Dependence on imported energy	8
7	Unemployment	35
8	Other (DNR)	2
9	None (DNR)	*
10	All (DNR)	7
11	Don't know (DNR)	1
12	Refused (DNR)	-

Q02. How much attention have you been paying to news of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico – would you say (READ, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Attention	88
Little / No Attention	12

1	A great deal of attention	45
2	A fair amount of attention	43
3	Fairly little attention	11
4	No attention at all	1
5	Don't know (DNR)	*
6	Refused (DNR)	-

Q03. Would you say the situation in the Gulf is getting better, getting worse, or not changing much?

1	Getting better	52
2	Getting worse	6
3	Not changing much	38
4	Don't know (DNR)	3
5	Refused (DNR)	1

Q04. Do you believe that the accident is more due to the behavior of a single company, BP, taking too many risks, or do you believe the accident reflects the behavior of the oil industry as a whole?

1	Due to behavior of a single company	38
2	Reflects behavior of the oil industry as a whole	49
3	Don't know (DNR)	11
4	Refused (DNR)	2

Q05. Do you believe Congress should pass additional legislation to deal with offshore drilling, or do you believe the federal government should do a better job of enforcing laws that are already in place?

- 1 Additional legislation is needed 16
- 2 Do a better job of enforcing existing laws 75
- 3 Don't know (DNR) 6
- 4 Refused (DNR) 2

For each of the following please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of their response to the Gulf oil crisis? ? (IF ANSWERED ASK:) And is that strongly approve / disapprove or just somewhat (approve / disapprove) (RANDOMIZE)

	Approve	Disapprove	Strong approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strong disapprove	Don't know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
Q06. BP	29	66	10	19	19	47	5	1
Q07. Other oil companies	34	40	12	23	20	20	23	2
Q08. The Obama Administration	42	53	21	20	17	36	5	*
Q09. Congress	29	60	6	23	22	38	10	1

Q10. 4 other oil companies, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Exxon, and Royal Dutch Shell have voluntarily committed \$1 Billion to create a rapid-response system to deal with deepwater oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico. First of all, were you aware of this or not aware?

- 1 Aware 25
- 2 Not aware 75
- 3 Don't know (DNR) *
- 4 Refused (DNR) -

Q11. In view of this do you have a more favorable impression of these companies, a more unfavorable impression, or does their creating this rapid response system not affect your view of these companies?

- 1 More favorable 46
- 2 More unfavorable 6
- 3 Does not affect my view 42
- 4 Don't know (DNR) 5
- 5 Refused (DNR) *

Q12. When it comes to dealing with offshore drilling, which of the following are the most important to you (READ ONCE, ROTATE, RECORD TOP 3)

- 1 Protection of the environment 46
- 2 Dependence on imported oil 26
- 3 Consumer prices for oil and gas 17
- 4 Impact on the economy and jobs 32
- 5 Global warming 7
- 6 Cleanup costs 10
- 7 Other (DNR) 1
- 8 None (DNR) *
- 9 All (DNR) 2
- 10 Don't know (DNR) 1
- 11 Refused (DNR) *

Here are some specific proposals being discussed in Congress. Please tell me for each of the following whether you favor or oppose that proposal. (PROMPT:) And do you strongly or just somewhat (favor / oppose)? (RANDOMIZE)

	Favor	Oppose	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
Q13. Banning all offshore drilling in the US	26	71	15	11	21	50	3	*
Q14. Banning offshore drilling in deep waters	34	60	20	14	24	37	5	*
Q15. Increasing taxes on American oil companies	47	50	30	17	16	34	3	*
Q16. Government funding to develop renewable energy technologies	77	20	58	20	8	12	2	*
Q17. Passing a so-called cap and trade mechanism to reduce the consumption of carbon based energy	48	38	26	22	10	28	14	1
Q18. Increase production of oil and gas here in the US	77	20	58	20	10	9	3	*
Q19. Improve oversight and enforcement of existing laws	88	8	70	18	4	4	4	*

Q20. One proposal deals with taxes on oil and gas companies. Right now, American companies that produce oil and gas overseas are taxed just once on the income they earn abroad. Some people have proposed that American companies should be taxed twice – once by foreign governments and once by the US government. This tax would only apply to American owned companies not to foreign oil and gas companies. From this description, do you favor or oppose this proposal? . (PROMPT:) And do you strongly or just somewhat (favor / oppose)?

Favor	18
Oppose	77
1 Strongly favor	9
2 Somewhat favor	9
3 Somewhat oppose	22
4 Strongly oppose	55
5 Don't know (DNR)	5
6 Refused (DNR)	*

Here is what supporters of this proposal say. Please tell me for each of these whether you agree or disagree. (PROMPT:) And do you strongly or just somewhat (agree / disagree)? (RANDOMIZE)

	Agree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
Q21. This law is needed to close a giant tax loophole for the oil industry	53	37	31	22	16	20	10	*

Q22.	The oil industry gets a tax break that consumers pay for; consumers pay a 4 billion dollar Big Oil Welfare Tax	27	59	16	12	19	40	13	1
Q23.	Tax breaks for the oil industry amount to billions of dollars in subsidies for wildly profitable oil companies	45	47	28	17	17	30	7	1
Q24.	Instead giving tax breaks to oil companies we should move away from oil towards a clean energy economy	76	22	56	20	8	14	2	*

Here is what opponents of this proposal say. Again please tell me whether you agree or disagree. (PROMPT:) And do you strongly or just somewhat (agree / disagree)? (RANDOMIZE)

	Agree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
Q25. (VERSION A:) It makes no sense to increase taxes on American owned oil companies, while creating a tax advantage for foreign owned companies like BP.	81	16	61	20	8	9	3	*
Q26. (VERSION B:) It makes no sense to increase taxes on American owned oil companies, while creating a tax advantage for companies owned by foreign governments like China and Venezuela	76	19	60	16	9	10	5	*
Q27. Giving foreign companies a tax advantage over US companies will work out to be a taxpayer funded bailout for BP	51	39	28	23	17	21	10	1
Q28. American oil companies mostly compete against huge oil companies owned by foreign governments; it makes no sense to hurt American oil companies by making them pay a tax that doesn't apply to their foreign competitors	76	20	55	21	10	10	4	1
Q29. People and local communities who depend on the oil industry for their jobs are already hurting, this will make unemployment across the country even worse	72	25	54	18	14	12	3	*
Q30. (VERSION A;) It makes no sense for the federal government to bail out some industries like the auto industry and banking and deliberately hurt other industries like the oil industry	63	34	43	20	13	21	4	*

Q31. (VERSION B:) It makes no sense for the federal government to spend billions of dollars bailing out big Wall Street banks, and at the same time to deliberately hurt the American oil industry in its competition against foreign companies	73	23	47	27	10	12	4	1
Q32. This is a cynical attempt by politicians to use the tragedy in the Gulf to squeeze more money out of the oil industry, instead of dealing with the real problem which is that Washington spends too much	63	33	48	15	13	21	3	*
Q33. By increasing taxes on the oil industry it will be more difficult to come up with the money needed to invest in new energy alternatives	45	51	27	18	20	30	4	1
Q34. When taxes on the oil industry go up, inevitably they'll be passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices at the pump	82	17	68	14	5	12	1	*

Q35. Having heard more about what its supporters and opponents have to say, do you favor or do you oppose taxing US energy companies twice on their foreign income? (PROMPT) And do you strongly or just somewhat (favor / oppose)?

Favor	25
Oppose	69
1 Strongly favor	13
2 Somewhat favor	12
3 Somewhat oppose	25
4 Strongly oppose	44
5 Don't know (DNR)	6
6 Refused (DNR)	1

Q36. Which of the following ranges includes your age? Just stop me when I get to the right one (READ CHOICES 1 - 6)

1 18 – 24	6
2 25 – 34	11
3 35 – 44	13
4 45 – 54	24
5 55 – 64	27
6 65 & over	20
7 Don't know (DNR)	*
8 Refused (DNR)	*

Q37.	What is the highest level of school you have completed? (READ, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)	
1	Grade school or less	1
2	Some high school	3
3	High School Graduate	22
4	Vocational / Technical School	5
5	Some college / 2 yrs or less	16
6	Some college / more than 2 yrs	13
7	Graduated college	25
8	Post-graduate degree	15
9	Don't know (DNR)	-
10	Refused (DNR)	*
Q38.	In the last general election in which you voted, which of the following best describes how you voted for state and local offices like Governor and Senator? (READ, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)	
1	Straight Democratic	17
2	Mostly Democratic	18
3	A few more Democrats than Republicans	7
4	About equally for both parties	14
5	A few more Republicans than Democrats	7
6	Mostly Republican	18
7	Straight Republican	12
8	Have not voted before	3
9	Don't know (DNR)	3
10	Refused (DNR)	3
Q39.	On political issues, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?	
1	Liberal	18
2	Moderate	36
3	Conservative	40
4	Don't know (DNR)	5
5	Refused (DNR)	2
Q40.	In the last twelve months have you attended a tea party rally or townhall meeting, or not?	
1	Yes	10
2	No	90
3	Don't know (DNR)	*
4	Refused (DNR)	*
Q41.	Which of the following income groups includes your TOTAL FAMILY INCOME last year, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category	
1	Under \$10,000	5
2	\$10,000 to \$20,000	8
3	\$20,000 to \$30,000	11
4	\$30,000 to \$40,000	9
5	\$40,000 to \$50,000	10
6	\$50,000 to \$75,000	16
7	\$75,000 to \$100,000	14
8	\$100,000 and over	17
9	Don't know (DNR)	2
10	Refused (DNR)	8

Q42.	Are you, yourself of Hispanic or Latino descent -- for instance Mexican American or Cuban or Puerto Rican, or not	
1	Yes	7
2	No	92
3	Don't know (DNR)	*
4	Refused (DNR)	1
Q43.	(IF > 1:) Is your racial or ethnic background (RANDOMIZE) white, black, asian, American indian or something else?	
1	White	81
2	Black	9
3	Asian	1
4	American Indian	3
5	Other	4
6	Don't know (DNR)	1
7	Refused (DNR)	2
Q44.	Sex (BY OBSERVATION)	
1	Male	47
2	Female	53