

POLLING QUESTIONS

ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY

- We can have a healthy economy and a healthy environment. (73 to 18)
- We want our elected leaders in Washington to focus on increasing the energy supplies of the United States and lowering the costs of gasoline and electricity. (71 to 18)
- We believe in using United States domestic energy sources such as clean coal and oil, even if it means drilling off our coasts and in Alaska, as well as offering tax credits for American businesses that develop new energy sources. (69 to 18)
 - *SOURCE: The Platform of the American People, American Solutions, www.AmericanSolutions.com/Platform*

DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL

- To combat the rising cost of energy and reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources, we support the United States using more of its own domestic energy resources, including the oil and coal it already has here in the U.S. (81 to 16)
- Our current dependence on foreign oil threatens our national security by making us vulnerable to dangerous dictatorships. (78 to 18)
- Our current dependence on foreign oil threatens our economic prosperity by making us vulnerable to dangerous dictatorships. (78 to 19)
- We should build more oil refineries in America to lower the cost of gas and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. (77 to 19)
 - *SOURCE: The Platform of the American People, American Solutions, www.AmericanSolutions.com/Platform*

DRILLING

- With appropriate safeguards to protect the environment, we should drill for oil off America's coasts to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. (73 to 23)
 - *SOURCE: The Platform of the American People, American Solutions, www.AmericanSolutions.com/Platform*
- We believe we should open up additional areas for drilling (65 to 32).
- We believe we should drill in ANWR (57 to 38, June 2008, up from 48 to 45 in April 2006).
- We believe increasing production of oil will have a positive impact on gas prices (68 to 29).

- When asked which concerns the respondent more about opening up new areas for drilling, 60% of respondents reported that they were most concerned that it would encourage America to remain dependent on gasoline when we should be focusing on new technologies. (whereas 23% reported that they were most concerned about the risk of oil spills).
- We believe that opening additional areas for drilling here in the US is a critical step to achieving energy independence along with conservation and alternative energy. (61 to 34)
 - *SOURCE: David Winston presentation.*
- Given the high price of gas, would you favor or oppose allowing oil drilling in US (United States) coastal areas and wilderness areas that are currently protected by the federal government?
 - Strongly favor: 38%
 - Somewhat favor: 17%
 - Somewhat oppose: 13%
 - Strongly oppose: 25%
 - Don't know/refused: 6%
 - *SOURCE: Democracy Corps. Methodology. The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. June 22-25, 2008.*
- How about allowing oil drilling in US (United States) coastal and wilderness areas now off-limits to oil exploration? (57 Allow to 41 Do not allow)
 - *SOURCE: Gallup Organization, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. May 19-21, 2008. n=1,013.*

NUCLEAR

- We support building more nuclear power plants to cut carbon emissions. (65 to 28)
 - *SOURCE: The Platform of the American People, American Solutions, www.AmericanSolutions.com/Platform*
- Would you approve or disapprove of building more nuclear power plants to generate electricity? (57 Approve to 34 Disapprove)
 - *SOURCE: CBS News/ New York Times, July 7-14, 2008 n= 1,796. The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.*
- Do you believe nuclear power is a safe source of energy? (53 Yes to 34 No)
 - *SOURCE: Fox News, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. June 17-18, 2008 n= 900.*
- Would you be willing to have a nuclear power plant built within 20 miles of your home? (37 Yes to 55 No)
 - *SOURCE: Fox News, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. June 17-18, 2008 n= 900.*

- Which one of the following actions do you most support as a way of addressing the rise in energy and gas prices?.. Encourage the development of wind and solar power, open up protected areas in Alaska for oil and gas conserve energy, encourage off-shore exploration for oil and natural gas, encourage the construction of nuclear power facilities exploration, encourage American consumers to
 - Encourage the development of wind and solar power (27%)
 - Open up protected areas in Alaska for oil and gas exploration (24%)
 - Encourage American consumers to conserve energy (19%)
 - Encourage off-shore exploration for oil and natural gas (16%)
 - Encourage the construction of nuclear power facilities (10%)
 - *SOURCE: NBC News, Wall Street Journal, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, June 6-9, 2008 n=1,071.*

- We should definitely build more nuclear power plants in the future.
 - Strongly agree (29%)
 - Somewhat agree (30%)
 - Somewhat disagree (18%)
 - Strongly disagree (21%)
 - *SOURCE: Nuclear Energy Institute, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. April 10-13, 2008 n=1,000.*

- Do you associate nuclear energy a lot, a little, or not at all with:
 - Reliable electricity
 - A lot (55%)
 - A little (29%)
 - Not at all (13%)
 - Clean Air
 - A lot (48%)
 - A little (30%)
 - Not at all (19%)
 - Energy Security
 - A lot (44%)
 - A little (36%)
 - Not at all (17%)
 - Global climate change solution
 - A lot (30%)
 - A little (37%)
 - Not at all (27%)
 - *SOURCE: Nuclear Energy Institute, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. April 10-13, 2008 n=1,000.*

- Here are some ways that the federal government can help promote development of new carbon-free energy technologies, including solar, wind, and advanced-design nuclear energy.
 - Provide tax credits as an incentive to companies to build solar, wind, and advanced-design nuclear power plants
 - Strongly approve (37%)
 - Somewhat approve (41%)
 - Somewhat disapprove (9%)
 - Strongly disapprove (11%)
 - Provide guaranteed loans to companies that build solar, wind, and advanced-design nuclear power plants or other energy technology that reduces greenhouse gasses to jump-start investment in these critical energy facilities.
 - Strongly approve (37%)
 - Somewhat approve (41%)
 - Somewhat disapprove (11%)
 - Strongly disapprove (11%)
 - *SOURCE: Nuclear Energy Institute, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. April 10-13, 2008 n=1,000.*

CLEAN COAL

- We believe that if research indicates we could build clean coal plants in the United States with no carbon emissions, it would be important to build such plants as rapidly as possible. (71 to 8)
- We believe the United States should increase its use of coal because it is a domestically available energy source, is less expensive than imported foreign oil, and new technologies have dramatically reduced emissions from burning coal, as well as making it much less harmful to the environment. (64 to 33)
 - *SOURCE: The Platform of the American People, American Solutions, www.AmericanSolutions.com/Platform*

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- The cost of solar and wind power is now becoming increasingly competitive with other energy sources. If you could tell your power company or utility where to get the power to run your house, what would you say?
 - Use wind, solar, and other clean-energy technologies (62%)
 - Use coal-generated power (12%)
 - Use nuclear power (3%)
 - You have no preference (22%)
 - *SOURCE: Civil Society Institute, Citizens Lead for Energy Action Now. The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. June 12-15, 2008 n=1,005.*
- Would you favor or oppose the government increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology? (81% Favor to 14% Oppose)

- *SOURCE: Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. February 20-24, 2008 n=1,508.*

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

- We should give tax credits to homeowners and builders who incorporate alternative energy systems in their homes, like solar, wind, and geothermal energy. (90 to 8)
 - *SOURCE: The Platform of the American People, American Solutions, www.AmericanSolutions.com/Platform*
- When asked which of the following item gives respondents the most difficult, 44% of Americans identified gas prices (whereas 21% identified health care and insurance, 13% identified taxes and 11% identified food prices.)
- When asked which of the following is more likely to solve our current problems, 29% identified technology improvements (whereas 24% identified changes in consumer behavior, 23% identified government action, and 20% identified new production of oil and gas).
- When asked what are the top two ways to reduce gas prices, 36% suggested we should produce more fuel efficient cars, 36% suggested we should put pressure on oil companies, 35% suggested we should invest heavily on alternative sources, 31% identified explore for additional sources, 16% suggested we should increase access to public transportation, and 14% suggested we should reduce driving.
 - *SOURCE: David Winston presentation.*
- A sound energy policy is central to solving some of the most urgent problems facing our country. An energy policy that promotes clean power would encourage innovation, create new jobs, and make for a stronger economy. It also allows the US to disentangle itself from unstable and hostile regions of the world while also reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Strongly agree (46%)
 - Somewhat agree (37%)
 - Somewhat disagree (8%)
 - Strongly disagree (5%)
 - *SOURCE: Civil Society Institute, February 7-10, 2008 n=1006.*

CAP AND TRADE

- Thinking about the Congressional proposal for Cap and Trade, how much are you willing to pay for gasoline in the near term (with more increases to come later) on top of increases that would occur anyway—in an effort to reduce U.S. Greenhouse gas emissions?

▪ Nothing more-	65%
▪ Up to 5% more-	13%
▪ Up to 6% more-	5%
▪ Up to 13% more-	13%
▪ Up to 29% more-	3%
▪ Up to 50% more-	3%

RACE

“Nothing More”

▪ WHITE-	64%
▪ BLACK -	72%
▪ HISPANIC-	72%
▪ OTHER-	61%

PARTY

“Nothing More”

▪ TOTAL GOP-	71%
▪ TOTAL DEM -	61%
▪ IND-	65%

- *SOURCE: Wilson Research Strategies, May 13-15, 2008, n=800.*

- Thinking about the Congressional proposal for Cap and Trade, how much are you willing to pay in the near term (with more to come later)—on top of price increases that would occur for other reasons—for your home electricity?

▪ Nothing more-	71%
▪ Up to 5% more-	16%
▪ Up to 6% more-	5%
▪ Up to 13% more-	3%
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Thinking now about the energy situation, please tell me if you favor or oppose the following ways to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil and make the United States more energy independent. [RANDOMIZE]

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't Know)
Increasing drilling for oil in the United States immediately	75%	20	5
Democrats	66%	28	6
Republicans	88%	10	2
Independents	77%	18	6
17-18 Jun 08	76%	20	4
Increasing offshore drilling in U.S. coastal areas	71%	23	6
Democrats	60%	33	7
Republicans	85%	10	5
Independents	73%	21	6
Drilling for oil in a small area of the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge	56%	38	6
Democrats	45%	47	7
Republicans	70%	26	4
Independents	59%	36	5
17-18 Jun 08	53%	43	4
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	48%	47	5
16-17 Apr 02	50%	40	10
Reducing the speed limit on Interstate highways to 55 miles per hour	43%	52	5
Democrats	46%	48	5
Republicans	37%	58	4
Independents	46%	49	5
Rationing gasoline and oil	28%	64	8
Democrats	35%	55	10
Republicans	24%	70	6
Independents	25%	66	8
17-18 Jun 08	30%	63	7
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	27%	67	5
16-17 Apr 02	25%	65	10
26-27 Feb 02	34%	55	11
Increasing the federal tax on gasoline	14%	82	4
Democrats	16%	79	5
Republicans	11%	87	2
Independents	18%	78	4
17-18 Jun 08	13%	83	4
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	21%	74	4

SOURCE: Fox News Polls, July 22-23, 2008, n=900,
<http://www.foxnews.com/projects/pdf/FoxPoll.pdf>