

Poll shows Americans favor energy reliance, ANWR drilling

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n = 1,000 Adult Americans Over 18 Years of Age

Field Dates: September 7-10, 2001

Field Dates: September 15-17, 2001

Field Dates: September 21-26, 2001

Margin of Error: ± 3.1 percentage points at a 95% confidence level

I would now like to ask you a few questions about energy.....

1. To begin, do you favor or oppose increasing our domestic supplies of traditional energy sources such as oil, natural gas, coal and nuclear? Is that strongly (FAVOR/OPPOSE) or somewhat (FAVOR/OPPOSE)?

9/7 – 9/10	9/15 – 9/17	
72%	71%	TOTAL FAVOR
43%	39%	Strongly Favor
29%	31%	Somewhat Favor
25%	27%	TOTAL OPPOSE
12%	16%	Somewhat Oppose
13%	11%	Strongly Oppose
3%	3%	Don't Know/Refused

- 2A. As you may or may not know, the United States Congress is currently debating enacting a comprehensive national energy plan for the country. I'd like to read you a list of some of the issues that people say are important reasons for developing a comprehensive national energy plan. After I read the entire list, please tell me which one you feel is the most important reason. [RANDOMIZE]

July 01	9/15 – 9/17	9/21 – 9/26	
19%	38%	28%	Protecting our national security
50%	33%	41%	Ensuring a stable supply of energy for future generations of Americans
21%	18%	17%	Maintaining Americans' quality of life
8%	10%	13%	Supporting U.S. economic growth

2B Of the remaining reasons, which would you say is the next most important for developing a comprehensive national energy plan?

July 01	9/15 – 9/17	9/21 – 9/26	
30%	34%	29%	Ensuring a stable supply of energy for future generations of Americans
22%	23%	30%	Supporting U.S. economic growth
16%	21%	17%	Protecting our national security
32%	21%	23%	Maintaining Americans' quality of life

As you may or may not know, the US Congress is presently debating whether or not to allow oil and natural gas production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, also know as ANWR. I am going to read you some statements regarding the ANWR. After I read each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

1. Increasing our dependence on foreign oil will make the Saddam Hussein's of the world more powerful and America more vulnerable. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Is that (Strongly Agree / Disagree) or Somewhat (Agree / Disagree)?

March 01	9/15 – 9/17	
73%	70%	TOTAL AGREE
56%	50%	Strongly Agree
17%	19%	Somewhat Agree
24%	29%	TOTAL DISAGREE
9%	14%	Somewhat Disagree
14%	15%	Strongly Disagree
3%	1%	Don't Know/Refused

2. Environmentalists say we should preserve America's last pristine wilderness in Alaska *even if it limits* our national security. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Is that (Strongly Agree / Disagree) or Somewhat (Agree / Disagree)?

March 01	9/15 – 9/17	
28%	34%	TOTAL AGREE
15%	16%	Strongly Agree
12%	18%	Somewhat Agree
69%	64%	TOTAL DISAGREE
27%	28%	Somewhat Disagree
42%	36%	Strongly Disagree
1%	1%	Don't Know/Refused

3. Next, thinking about all the positives and negatives of the production of oil and natural gas in ANWR, do you think the positives outweigh the negatives or do you think the negatives outweigh the positives?

March 01 #1	March 01 #2	July 01	9/15 – 9/17	9/21 – 9/26	
42%	56%	39%	61%	55%	Positives outweigh negatives
44%	34%	53%	31%	38%	Negatives outweigh positives

3a. Specifically, why do you feel the positives outweigh the negatives? (RECORD VERBATIM)

9/15 –

9/17

51%	INDEPENDENCE (NET)
29%	Reduce Dependency On Foreign Energy Supplies
25%	Use Our Own Resources
12%	National Security
26%	ENVIRONMENTAL (NET)
16%	Drill Without Harm To The Environment
5%	People Are More Important Than Wildlife/Environment
4%	Protect The Environment
8%	SUPPLY AND DEMAND (NET)
6%	Keep Pace With Demand
1%	Alternative Fuels
1%	Avoiding Shortages
3%	FINANCIAL (NET)
2%	Reduce Prices
2%	Economical Stability
13%	OTHER (NET)
8%	General Positive
1%	Provides Jobs
3%	Other
20%	Don't Know/Refused