

Table 1
Is U.S. Energy Policy Regarding Oil and Gas Development
Headed in the Right Direction or Wrong Direction?

	Right Direction		Wrong Direction		Don't Know/Refused	
	N	PctN	N	PctN	N	PctN
Overall	121	30.25	184	46.00	95	23.75
East	54	24.00	114	50.67	57	25.33
West	67	38.29	70	40.00	38	21.71
Male	60	30.30	101	51.01	37	18.69
Female	61	30.20	83	41.09	58	28.71
Age						
Under 35	24	30.00	33	41.25	23	28.75
35 to 54	50	29.41	80	47.06	40	23.53
55 or Older	46	31.29	69	46.94	32	21.77
Refused	1	33.33	2	66.67	.	.

Table 2
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
The oil industry is important to North Dakota's economy	399	8.19
The United States needs to decrease its reliance on foreign oil as an energy source	400	8.19
The United States should increase its use of renewable energy including ethanol and bio-diesel	396	8.13
We should reduce our consumption of oil by using energy more efficiently	400	8.03
North Dakota should promote ways to increase its domestic oil and natural gas	399	7.81
Oil and natural gas prices will become more expensive in the next ten years	394	7.77
The United States should increase our domestic production of oil and natural gas	398	7.47
The oil and gas industry provides thousands of good paying jobs in North Dakota	388	6.86
Federal and state taxes are too high on gasoline, propane, fuel oil and natural gas	396	6.69
Government regulations on the oil industry are helping to drive up prices	379	6.64
The oil industry helps make possible America's high standard of living	395	6.10
Oil and gas companies are environmentally responsible	396	5.92
Using oil has a negative impact on the environment	395	5.49
Oil prices are high because the United States uses too much of the world's oil supply	387	5.46
Oil companies charge a fair price	390	3.65

Table 3
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
The Oil Industry is Important to North Dakota's Economy
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	399	8.19
East	225	8.05
West	174	8.36
Male	197	8.14
Female	202	8.23
Age		
Under 35	79	7.96
35 to 54	170	8.06
55 or Older	147	8.48
Refused	3	6.33

Table 4
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
The United States Needs to Decrease its Reliance on Foreign Oil as an Energy Source
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	400	8.19
East	225	8.16
West	175	8.23
Male	198	8.19
Female	202	8.20
Age		
Under 35	80	7.94
35 to 54	170	8.21
55 or Older	147	8.31
Refused	3	8.67

Table 5
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
The United States Should Increase its Use of
Renewable Energy Including Ethanol and Bio-Diesel
 (1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	396	8.13
East	223	8.25
West	173	7.97
Male	197	8.16
Female	199	8.10
Age		
Under 35	80	8.26
35 to 54	169	8.14
55 or Older	144	8.05
Refused	3	7.33

Table 6
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
We Should Reduce Our Consumption of Oil by Using Energy More Efficiently
 (1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	400	8.03
East	225	8.04
West	175	8.02
Male	198	7.96
Female	202	8.10
Age		
Under 35	80	7.96
35 to 54	170	8.01
55 or Older	147	8.10
Refused	3	7.67

Table 7
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
North Dakota Should Promote Ways to Increase its Domestic Oil and Natural Gas
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	399	7.81
East	224	7.78
West	175	7.86
Male	198	7.77
Female	201	7.86
Age		
Under 35	80	7.44
35 to 54	170	7.77
55 or Older	146	8.08
Refused	3	7.33

Table 8
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Oil and Natural Gas Prices will Become More Expensive in the Next Ten Years
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	394	7.77
East	224	7.61
West	170	7.98
Male	196	7.82
Female	198	7.72
Age		
Under 35	80	7.96
35 to 54	170	7.81
55 or Older	141	7.62
Refused	3	7.33

Table 9
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
The United States Should Increase Our Domestic Production of Oil and Natural Gas
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	398	7.47
East	223	7.35
West	175	7.62
Male	198	7.43
Female	200	7.50
Age		
Under 35	80	6.96
35 to 54	169	7.60
55 or Older	146	7.60
Refused	3	7.00

Table 10
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
The Oil and Gas Industry Provides Thousands of Good Paying Jobs in North Dakota
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	388	6.86
East	215	6.45
West	173	7.38
Male	192	7.05
Female	196	6.68
Age		
Under 35	78	6.77
35 to 54	164	6.68
55 or Older	143	7.14
Refused	3	6.00

Table 11
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Federal and State Taxes are Too High on Gasoline, Propane, Fuel Oil and Natural Gas
 (1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	396	6.69
East	223	6.66
West	173	6.72
Male	198	6.44
Female	198	6.93
Age		
Under 35	79	6.56
35 to 54	169	6.70
55 or Older	145	6.73
Refused	3	7.33

Table 12
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Government Regulations on the Oil Industry are Helping to Drive Up Prices
 (1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	379	6.64
East	218	6.64
West	161	6.64
Male	188	6.72
Female	191	6.55
Age		
Under 35	77	6.35
35 to 54	162	6.85
55 or Older	137	6.58
Refused	3	5.00

Table 13
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
The Oil Industry Helps Make Possible America's High Standard of Living
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	395	6.10
East	222	6.01
West	173	6.20
Male	197	5.98
Female	198	6.21
Age		
Under 35	80	5.90
35 to 54	168	5.92
55 or Older	144	6.44
Refused	3	4.67

Table 14
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Oil and Gas Companies are Environmentally Responsible
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	396	5.92
East	222	5.71
West	174	6.19
Male	196	6.11
Female	200	5.74
Age		
Under 35	80	5.08
35 to 54	169	5.90
55 or Older	144	6.42
Refused	3	6.00

Table 15
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Using Oil has a Negative Impact on the Environment
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	395	5.49
East	224	5.74
West	171	5.16
Male	196	5.14
Female	199	5.83
Age		
Under 35	79	5.76
35 to 54	169	5.32
55 or Older	144	5.54
Refused	3	5.67

Table 16
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Oil Prices are High Because the U.S. Uses Too Much of the World's Oil Supply
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	387	5.46
East	220	5.39
West	167	5.54
Male	194	5.34
Female	193	5.58
Age		
Under 35	78	5.65
35 to 54	166	5.25
55 or Older	140	5.58
Refused	3	6.00

Table 17
Mean Rating: Level of Agreement
Oil Companies Charge a Fair Price
(1=Strongly Disagree, 9=Strongly Agree)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	390	3.65
East	221	3.62
West	169	3.69
Male	193	3.54
Female	197	3.75
Age		
Under 35	80	3.33
35 to 54	168	3.61
55 or Older	139	3.86
Refused	3	4.67

Table 18
Should Oil and Gas Companies be Taxed Even if They Don't Make a Profit?

	Yes		No		Don't Know/ Refused	
	N	PctN	N	PctN	N	PctN
Overall	230	57.50	141	35.25	29	7.25
East	131	58.22	78	34.67	16	7.11
West	99	56.57	63	36.00	13	7.43
Male	104	52.53	87	43.94	7	3.54
Female	126	62.38	54	26.73	22	10.89
Age						
Under 35	52	65.00	25	31.25	3	3.75
35 to 54	104	61.18	55	32.35	11	6.47
55 or Older	72	48.98	61	41.50	14	9.52
Refused	2	66.67	.	.	1	33.33

Table 19
Would You Support Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes to Increase Oil Production in North Dakota?

	Yes		No		Don't Know/ Refused	
	N	PctN	N	PctN	N	PctN
Overall	271	67.75	87	21.75	42	10.50
East	148	65.78	53	23.56	24	10.67
West	123	70.29	34	19.43	18	10.29
Male	131	66.16	48	24.24	19	9.60
Female	140	69.31	39	19.31	23	11.39
Age						
Under 35	52	65.00	17	21.25	11	13.75
35 to 54	115	67.65	41	24.12	14	8.24
55 or Older	101	68.71	29	19.73	17	11.56
Refused	3	100.0

Table 20
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in North Dakota's
Oil and Gas Taxes to Increase Oil Production in North Dakota
(1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Increased oil production would increase the number of good energy jobs in North Dakota	398	7.55
Increasing North Dakota oil production would reduce our dependence on foreign energy	397	7.23
The oil and natural gas industry generates billions in economic activity in North Dakota each year	374	6.57
Increased North Dakota oil and gas production would reduce our nation's trade deficit	385	6.03
Increased North Dakota oil production would lower gas prices	392	5.96
North Dakota has the third highest oil production taxes in the country	351	5.89
Taxes paid by North Dakota's oil and gas producers help reduce local property taxes	364	5.02

Table 21
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
Increased Oil Production Would Increase the
Number of Good Energy Jobs in North Dakota
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	398	7.55
East	224	7.43
West	174	7.70
Male	197	7.52
Female	201	7.57
Age		
Under 35	80	7.35
35 to 54	169	7.46
55 or Older	146	7.76
Refused	3	7.33

Table 22
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
Increasing North Dakota Oil Production Would
Reduce Our Dependence on Foreign Energy
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	397	7.23
East	222	7.14
West	175	7.34
Male	198	7.03
Female	199	7.43
Age		
Under 35	80	6.94
35 to 54	167	7.06
55 or Older	147	7.58
Refused	3	7.33

Table 23
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
The Oil and Natural Gas Industry Generates Billions
in Economic Activity in North Dakota Each Year
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	374	6.57
East	211	6.41
West	163	6.77
Male	189	6.64
Female	185	6.49
Age		
Under 35	78	6.29
35 to 54	158	6.58
55 or Older	135	6.74
Refused	3	5.00

Table 24
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
Increased North Dakota Oil and Gas Production
Would Reduce Our Nation's Trade Deficit
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	385	6.03
East	219	5.87
West	166	6.23
Male	195	5.89
Female	190	6.17
Age		
Under 35	79	5.82
35 to 54	163	5.99
55 or Older	140	6.21
Refused	3	4.67

Table 25
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
Increased North Dakota Oil Production Would Lower Gas Prices
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	392	5.96
East	222	5.84
West	170	6.12
Male	198	5.53
Female	194	6.41
Age		
Under 35	80	6.38
35 to 54	167	5.65
55 or Older	142	6.12
Refused	3	4.67

Table 26
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
North Dakota has the Third Highest Oil Production Taxes in the Country
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	351	5.89
East	201	5.57
West	150	6.33
Male	175	5.82
Female	176	5.96
Age		
Under 35	75	5.72
35 to 54	150	5.93
55 or Older	123	5.98
Refused	3	5.00

Table 27
Mean Rating: Importance in Support for Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes
Taxes Paid by North Dakota's Oil and Gas
Producers Help Reduce Local Property Taxes
 (1=Not at all Important, 9=Very Important)

	N	Mean Rating
Overall	364	5.02
East	206	4.90
West	158	5.19
Male	184	4.83
Female	180	5.22
Age		
Under 35	78	5.38
35 to 54	156	5.19
55 or Older	127	4.59
Refused	3	5.67

Table 28
Knowing What You Now Know About the Oil and Gas Industry in North Dakota, Would You Support Changes in Oil and Gas Taxes to Increase Oil Production in North Dakota?

	Yes		No		Don't Know/ Refused	
	N	PctN	N	PctN	N	PctN
Overall	275	68.75	82	20.50	43	10.75
East	150	66.67	51	22.67	24	10.67
West	125	71.43	31	17.71	19	10.86
Male	130	65.66	50	25.25	18	9.09
Female	145	71.78	32	15.84	25	12.38
Age						
Under 35	57	71.25	17	21.25	6	7.50
35 to 54	114	67.06	37	21.76	19	11.18
55 or Older	102	69.39	28	19.05	17	11.56
Refused	2	66.67	.	.	1	33.33

Table 29
Sample Demographics

	N	PctN
Overall	400	100.0
East	225	56.25
West	175	43.75
Male	198	49.50
Female	202	50.50
Age		
Under 35	80	20.00
35 to 54	170	42.50
55 or Older	147	36.75
Refused	3	0.75