



Interviews with 534 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on June 16, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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15. How do you feel about increased drilling for oil and natural gas offshore in U.S. waters -- do you strongly favor, mildly favor, mildly oppose or strongly oppose increased offshore drilling?

	<u>June 16 2010</u>	<u>May 21-23 2010*</u>	<u>Aug. 29-31 2008*</u>	<u>July 27-29 2008</u>	<u>Jun. 26-29 2008</u>
Strongly favor	26%	27%	52%	46%	48%
Mildly favor	23%	30%	22%	23%	25%
Mildly oppose	17%	16%	11%	12%	15%
Strongly oppose	34%	25%	13%	18%	12%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	*	1%

*Asked of half sample

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	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Mildly favor</u>	<u>Mildly oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1983 Aug 12-15	37	33	10	12	8

19. Do you think the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico will directly affect you and your family, indirectly affect you and your family, or not affect you and your family at all?

	<u>June 16 2010</u>	<u>May 21-23 2010</u>
Direct effect	42%	31%
Indirect effect	47%	53%
No effect	11%	16%
No opinion	*	*

20. If you had to choose, would you say that the situation in the Gulf of Mexico is under control or is still out of control?

	June 16 <u>2010</u>
Under control	7%
Out of control	92%
Mixed/both (vol.)	1%
No opinion	*

21. And thinking about how things are going in the Gulf of Mexico, would you say that the situation is getting better, that it has stabilized but is not getting better, or that it is getting worse?

	June 16 <u>2010</u>
Better	14%
Stabilized	38%
Worse	48%
No opinion	*

22. Do you think the Gulf of Mexico will ever completely recover from the effects of the oil spill?

	June 16 <u>2010</u>
Yes, will recover	51%
No, will not recover	49%
No opinion	*

FOR COMPARISON

Do you think the city of New Orleans will ever completely recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina, or not?

		Aug. 6-8 <u>2007*</u>	Aug. 18-20 <u>2006</u>	Sept. 5-6 <u>2005*</u>
Yes, will recover		44%	39%	42%
No, will not recover	55%	60%	56%	
No opinion		2%	1%	2%

*2005 trend from CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll.

25. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of each of the following actions by the federal government: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Suspending all new drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico and other offshore sites for six months June 16, 2010	58%	41%	*
Filing criminal charges against employees and executives at BP June 16, 2010	53%	46%	1%
Changing the law so there is no limit to the amount of money BP must pay June 16, 2010	63%	36%	1%
Increasing the amount of federal regulation of the oil industry in this country June 16, 2010	68%	31%	1%

31. Based on what you have read or heard, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's proposals to develop alternative sources of energy and reduce the amount of oil and other fossil fuels that are produced and used in this country?

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Favor	72%
Oppose	25%
No opinion	4%

32. Do you think that proposals to develop alternative sources of energy and reduce the amount of oil and other fossil fuels that are produced and used in this country, would increase or decrease the number of jobs in the United States?

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Increase	69%
Decrease	27%
No change (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

33. Do you think that proposals to develop alternative sources of energy and reduce the amount of oil and other fossil fuels that are produced and used in this country, would make life better or worse for the next generation of Americans?

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Better	79%
Worse	19%
No change (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%