



Interviews with 824 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on April 9-10, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, APRIL 19 AT 6 AM

31. 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>Apr. 9-10 2011</u>	<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	45%	26%	27%	52%	46%	48%
Mildly favor	24%	23%	30%	22%	23%	25%
Mildly oppose	15%	17%	16%	11%	12%	15%
Strongly oppose	16%	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

Now here are a few questions about the major oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico last year.

39. Based on what you have read or heard, do you think the Gulf of Mexico has or has not completely recovered from the effect of last year's oil spill?

Apr. 9-10
2011

Yes, has recovered	11%
No, not recovered	87%
No opinion	2%

39. Based on what you have read or heard, do you think the Gulf of Mexico has or has not completely recovered from the effect of last year's oil spill?
40. (IF NO, NOT RECOVERED) Do you think the Gulf of Mexico will ever completely recover from the effects of the oil spill

QUESTIONS 39 AND 40 COMBINED

Apr. 9-10
2011

Yes, has recovered (from Question 39)	11%
Will completely recover	51%
Will never completely recover	36%
No opinion	3%

**FOR COMPARISON:
CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION POLL**

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

June 16, 2010

Yes, will recover	51%
No, will not recover	49%
No opinion	*

41. How confident are you that the federal government can prevent another oil spill as big as the one in the Gulf of Mexico -- very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

Apr. 9-10 May 21-23
2011 2010

Very confident	7%	7%
Somewhat confident	34%	30%
Not very confident	29%	31%
Not confident at all	28%	31%
No opinion	1%	1%

Question 31

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?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Strongly favor	45%	50%	39%	51%	29%
Mildly favor	24%	23%	26%	24%	27%
Mildly oppose	15%	11%	19%	14%	18%
Strongly oppose	16%	16%	16%	11%	25%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Strongly favor	45%	N/A	44%	50%	51%	40%	51%
Mildly favor	24%	N/A	20%	19%	33%	24%	25%
Mildly oppose	15%	N/A	22%	12%	6%	20%	10%
Strongly oppose	16%	N/A	13%	19%	9%	16%	15%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Strongly favor	45%	46%	42%	48%	42%
Mildly favor	24%	25%	24%	25%	24%
Mildly oppose	15%	16%	17%	12%	18%
Strongly oppose	16%	13%	17%	15%	15%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly favor	45%	28%	45%	67%	32%	32%	66%
Mildly favor	24%	28%	25%	19%	17%	31%	22%
Mildly oppose	15%	17%	18%	7%	20%	20%	7%
Strongly oppose	16%	26%	12%	7%	31%	17%	5%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Strongly favor	45%	36%	44%	56%	37%	40%	44%	51%
Mildly favor	24%	22%	30%	23%	24%	25%	26%	23%
Mildly oppose	15%	22%	11%	11%	19%	17%	16%	13%
Strongly oppose	16%	20%	14%	11%	20%	19%	14%	14%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Strongly favor	45%	70%	42%	19%
Mildly favor	24%	16%	27%	31%
Mildly oppose	15%	11%	13%	24%
Strongly oppose	16%	4%	18%	26%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 39

Based on what you have read or heard, do you think the Gulf of Mexico has or has not completely recovered from the effect of last year's oil spill?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Yes, has recovered	11%	15%	8%	12%	10%
No, not recovered	87%	83%	91%	86%	90%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Yes, has recovered	11%	N/A	9%	8%	17%	11%	12%
No, not recovered	87%	N/A	91%	89%	80%	89%	85%
No opinion	2%	N/A	*	3%	3%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, has recovered	11%	11%	10%	11%	12%
No, not recovered	87%	88%	88%	87%	88%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, has recovered	11%	6%	14%	15%	7%	9%	16%
No, not recovered	87%	93%	85%	83%	93%	89%	81%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	*	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, has recovered	11%	14%	12%	7%	14%	9%	15%	8%
No, not recovered	87%	85%	85%	91%	85%	90%	85%	89%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, has recovered	11%	17%	11%	4%
No, not recovered	87%	81%	88%	95%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 39/40

Q39. Based on what you have read or heard, do you think the Gulf of Mexico has or has not completely recovered from the effect of last year's oil spill?

Q40. Do you think the Gulf of Mexico will ever completely recover from the effects of the oil spill?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Yes, has recovered	11%	15%	8%	12%	10%
Will recover	51%	53%	49%	53%	46%
Will not recover	36%	30%	40%	31%	44%
No Opinion	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Yes, has recovered	11%	N/A	9%	8%	17%	11%	12%
Will recover	51%	N/A	56%	46%	45%	56%	46%
Will not recover	36%	N/A	34%	42%	30%	32%	37%
No Opinion	3%	N/A	1%	4%	8%	1%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, has recovered	11%	11%	10%	11%	12%
Will recover	51%	48%	54%	46%	56%
Will not recover	36%	37%	34%	39%	31%
No Opinion	3%	4%	2%	5%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, has recovered	11%	6%	14%	15%	7%	9%	16%
Will recover	51%	46%	55%	50%	55%	52%	47%
Will not recover	36%	44%	30%	32%	37%	37%	32%
No Opinion	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, has recovered	11%	14%	12%	7%	14%	9%	15%	8%
Will recover	51%	47%	51%	53%	50%	50%	53%	49%
Will not recover	36%	36%	32%	37%	34%	39%	31%	37%
No Opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, has recovered	11%	17%	11%	4%
Will recover	51%	49%	56%	49%
Will not recover	36%	31%	31%	44%
No Opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0

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Question 41

How confident are you that the federal government can prevent another oil spill as big as the one in the Gulf of Mexico -- very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very confident	7%	8%	6%	8%	6%
Somewhat confident	34%	28%	39%	33%	38%
Not very confident	29%	28%	31%	31%	24%
Not confident at all	28%	34%	23%	26%	32%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0

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Somewhat confident	34%	N/A	31%	30%	35%	36%	32%
Not very confident	29%	N/A	30%	27%	32%	30%	28%
Not confident at all	28%	N/A	27%	34%	26%	25%	31%
No opinion	1%	N/A	3%	2%	*	1%	1%
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Somewhat confident	34%	36%	37%	36%	33%
Not very confident	29%	25%	32%	25%	32%
Not confident at all	28%	29%	24%	28%	28%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

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Very confident	7%	8%	5%	10%	9%	3%	11%
Somewhat confident	34%	33%	34%	35%	28%	37%	35%
Not very confident	29%	32%	31%	22%	34%	30%	25%
Not confident at all	28%	25%	29%	31%	28%	30%	27%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

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Somewhat confident	34%	26%	30%	35%	43%	26%	40%	33%
Not very confident	29%	35%	35%	23%	28%	38%	25%	26%
Not confident at all	28%	33%	23%	32%	22%	30%	26%	28%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

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Somewhat confident	34%	30%	42%	30%
Not very confident	29%	25%	29%	34%
Not confident at all	28%	31%	24%	30%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0

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