

Interview Schedule March 20, 2012

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**Interviewing:** March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Respondents:** 1,009 Registered Voters

Method: Telephone

Sample: Random Digit Dial

Weighting: Results are weighted to be representative of registered voters across the United States

Margin of Error: +/- 3% at 95% confidence

## **SURVEY QUESTIONS**

Q1. In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

1009	Base
31%	Right direction
62%	Wrong track
7%	Don't Know/Refused

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

1009	Base
46%	APPROVE (NET)
24%	Strongly Approve
22%	Somewhat Approve
3%	Neither Approve nor Disapprove
49%	DISAPPROVE (NET)
10%	Somewhat Disapprove
39%	Strongly Disapprove
2%	Don't Know/Refuse

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job U.S. Congress is doing?

1009	Base
17%	APPROVE (NET)
3%	Strongly Approve
14%	Somewhat Approve
2%	Neither Approve nor Disapprove
78%	DISAPPROVE (NET)
24%	Somewhat Disapprove
55%	Strongly Disapprove
2%	Don't Know/Refuse

Q4. Thinking now about some issues that are in the news right now...
I would like to read a list of issues, and for each one, using a ten point scale, with ten being VERY IMPORTANT and one being NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL, please tell me how important each is to you.

#### **SUMMARY OF MEANS**

1009	Base
9.2	Getting the economy moving
	again
9.1	Creating jobs
8.5	Allowing America to be more
	energy independent by
	producing more domestic energy
8.4	Improving education
8.2	Lowering the price of gasoline
8.1	Making health care more
	affordable

## Improving education

1009	Base
73%	IMPORTANT (NET)
53%	10
7%	9
13%	8
23%	NEUTRAL (NET)
8%	7
6%	6
7%	5
1%	4
4%	NOT IMPORTANT (NET)
1%	3
1%	2
2%	1
*	Don't Know/Refuse
8.4	Mean

# Creating jobs

1009	Base
87%	IMPORTANT (NET)
66%	10
12%	9
9%	8
10%	NEUTRAL (NET)
6%	7
2%	6
2%	5
*	4
2%	NOT IMPORTANT (NET)
*	3
*	2
2%	1
1%	Don't Know/Refuse
9.1	Mean

## Getting the economy moving again

1009	Base
90%	IMPORTANT (NET)
68%	10
9%	9
12%	8
9%	NEUTRAL (NET)
4%	7
2%	6
3%	5
*	4
1%	NOT IMPORTANT (NET)
1%	3
*	2
*	1
*	Don't Know/Refuse
9.2	Mean

Making health care more affordable

1009	Base
67%	IMPORTANT (NET)
49%	10
6%	9
12%	8
26%	NEUTRAL (NET)
9%	7
6%	6
8%	5
3%	4
6%	NOT IMPORTANT (NET)
2%	3
1%	2
3%	1
1%	Don't Know/Refuse
8.1	Mean

Allowing America to be more energy independent by producing more domestic energy

1009	Base
75%	IMPORTANT (NET)
49%	10
9%	9
17%	8
21%	NEUTRAL (NET)
9%	7
4%	6
6%	5
1%	4
3%	NOT IMPORTANT (NET)
1%	3
1%	2
1%	1
1%	Don't Know/Refuse
8.5	Mean

# Lowering the price of gasoline

1009	Base
70%	IMPORTANT (NET)
53%	10
6%	9
11%	8
24%	NEUTRAL (NET)
7%	7
4%	6
10%	5
3%	4
6%	NOT IMPORTANT (NET)
2%	3
2%	2
2%	1
*	Don't Know/Refuse
8.2	Mean

## Q5. Do you support or oppose an "all of the above" energy strategy?

1009	Base
49%	SUPPORT (NET)
25%	Strongly Support
24%	Somewhat Support
2%	Neither Support nor Oppose
16%	OPPOSE (NET)
8%	Somewhat Oppose
8%	Strongly Oppose
33%	NEVER HEAR OF/DON'T KNOW (NET)
16%	Never heard of
17%	Don't Know/Refuse

# Q6. Do you support or oppose increased access to domestic oil and natural gas resources?

1009	Base
73%	SUPPORT (NET)
51%	Strongly Support
23%	Somewhat Support
3%	Neither Support nor Oppose
22%	OPPOSE (NET)
11%	Somewhat Oppose
10%	Strongly Oppose
2%	Don't Know/Refuse

Q7. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

#### **SUMMARY OF AGREE**

1009	Base
90%	Increased access to oil and natural gas resources here in North America would lead to more
	American jobs.
84%	Expanding access to domestic oil and natural gas resources will help increase the country's
	energy security because we will be able to rely more on North America's resources.
81%	Expanding access to North America's oil and natural gas resources could reduce the cost to
	consumers for items such as gasoline, diesel fuel, home heating oil and natural gas.
75%	When the federal government expands access to domestic sources of oil and natural gas, they
	increase the amount of revenue the government treasury receives because these additional
	oil and natural gas supplies generate lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of
	government revenue.
64%	Some in Washington are delaying the development of domestic oil and natural gas resources,
	and these delays may mean an even tighter supply of oil in the future, potentially hurting the
	economy and leading to higher energy costs for consumers

Expanding access to domestic oil and natural gas resources will help increase the country's energy security because we will be able to rely on North America's resources.

1009	Base
84%	AGREE (NET)
61%	Strongly Agree
23%	Somewhat Agree
*	Neither Agree nor Disagree
14%	DISAGREE (NET)
7%	Somewhat Disagree
8%	Strongly Disagree
1%	Don't Know/Refuse

Expanding access to North America's oil and natural gas resources could reduce the cost to consumers for items such as gasoline, diesel fuel, home heating oil and natural gas.

Base
AGREE (NET)
Strongly Agree
Somewhat Agree
Neither Agree nor Disagree
DISAGREE (NET)
Somewhat Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't Know/Refuse

Increased access to oil and natural gas resources here in North America would lead to more American jobs.

1009	Base
90%	AGREE (NET)
68%	Strongly Agree
22%	Somewhat Agree
*	Neither Agree nor Disagree
9%	DISAGREE (NET)
5%	Somewhat Disagree
3%	Strongly Disagree
1%	Don't Know/Refuse

When the federal government expands access to domestic sources of oil and natural gas, they increase the amount of revenue the government treasury receives because these additional oil and natural gas supplies generate lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of government revenue.

1009	Base
75%	AGREE (NET)
40%	Strongly Agree
36%	Somewhat Agree
1%	Neither Agree nor Disagree
19%	DISAGREE (NET)
10%	Somewhat Disagree
9%	Strongly Disagree
5%	Don't Know/Refuse

Some in Washington are delaying the development of domestic oil and natural gas resources, and these delays may mean an even tighter supply of oil in the future, potentially hurting the economy and leading to higher energy costs for consumers.

1009	Base
64%	AGREE (NET)
45%	Strongly Agree
20%	Somewhat Agree
*	Neither Agree nor Disagree
32%	DISAGREE (NET)
12%	Somewhat Disagree
20%	Strongly Disagree
3%	Don't Know/Refuse

Q8. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Increasing energy taxes could increase consumer costs on a wide variety of products and services, including higher gasoline prices.

1009	Base
76%	AGREE (NET)
51%	Strongly Agree
24%	Somewhat Agree
*	Neither Agree nor Disagree
21%	DISAGREE (NET)
9%	Somewhat Disagree
12%	Strongly Disagree
2%	Don't Know/Refuse

Q9. The Congressional Research Service, an agency within the Library of Congress that provides bipartisan analysis to Congress, conducted an in-depth study that concluded that the Administration's efforts to increase taxes on the U.S. oil and natural gas industry may have the effect of decreasing exploration, development and production here in America, while increasing consumer prices and increasing the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

Now, after hearing that information, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Increasing energy taxes could increase consumer costs on a wide variety of products and services, including higher gasoline prices.

1009	Base
70%	AGREE (NET)
45%	Strongly Agree
26%	Somewhat Agree
1%	Neither Agree nor Disagree
23%	DISAGREE (NET)
11%	Somewhat Disagree
11%	Strongly Disagree
5%	Don't Know/Refuse

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

#### Gender

1009	Base
47%	Male
53%	Female
-	Don't Know/Refuse

## Age

1009	Base
2%	18 - 20
3%	21 – 24
5%	25 – 29
7%	30 – 34
9%	35 – 39
10%	40 – 44
10%	45 – 49
9%	50 – 54
10%	55 – 59
10%	60 – 64
9%	65 - 69
6%	70 – 74
8%	75 and older
2%	Don't Know/Refuse

## Party

1009	Base
31%	REPUBLICAN (NET)
19%	Strong Republican
12%	Not-so-strong Republican
25%	INDEPENDENT (NET)
9%	Lean Republican
8%	Lean Democrat
8%	Do Not Lean Either Way
29%	DEMOCRAT (NET)
19%	Strong Democrat
10%	Not-so-strong Democrat
11%	Other
4%	Don't Know/Refuse

# Ideology

1009	Base
56%	CONSERVATIVE (NET)
24%	Very Conservative
32%	Somewhat Conservative
8%	Neither
32%	LIBERAL (NET)
22%	Somewhat Liberal
10%	Very Liberal
4%	Don't Know/Refuse

#### Income

1009	Base
2%	Under \$5,000
2%	\$5,000 but less than \$10,000
4%	\$10,000 but less than \$15,000
4%	\$15,000 but less than \$20,000
4%	\$20,000 but less than \$25,000
5%	\$25,000 but less than \$30,000
4%	\$30,000 but less than \$35,000
4%	\$35,000 but less than \$40,000
7%	\$40,000 but less than \$50,000
9%	\$50,000 but less than \$60,000
6%	\$60,000 but less than \$75,000
4%	\$75,000 but less than \$80,000
7%	\$80,000 but less than \$100,000
20%	\$100,000 or more
18%	Don't Know/Refuse

#### Education

1009	Base
5%	Less than High School
26%	High School Graduate
31%	Some College
6%	Technical/Vocational
21%	College Graduate
11%	Post-Graduate
1%	Don't Know/Refuse

# What is your race?

1009	Base
75%	White or Caucasian
11%	Black or African-American
6%	Hispanic
1%	American Indian or Alaskan Native
1%	Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese,
	Filipino, Japanese, Korean,
	Vietnamese)
*	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific
	Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian or
	Chamorro)
1%	Other ethnic origin
4%	Don't Know/Refuse