

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

20 May 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone May 18-19, 2010, in the evenings.
 The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points.
 Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.
 Democrats n=348, ± 5 ; Republicans n=319, ± 5.5 ; Independents n=178, ± 7

Questions 1-24 released separately.

25. Do you favor or oppose increasing offshore drilling for oil and gas in U.S. coastal areas?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	54%	38	8
Democrats	42%	51	7
Republicans	68%	25	7
Independents	49%	40	10
4-5 May 10	60%	33	7
6-7 Apr 10 (n=444, ± 5)	70%	22	8
11-12 Aug 09*	72%	24	4
22-23 Jul 08*	71%	23	6

**Wording: Thinking now about the energy situation, please tell me if you favor or oppose the following ways to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil and make the United States more energy independent. [RANDOMIZE]*

Increasing offshore drilling in U.S. coastal areas

26. Do you approve or disapprove of how the Obama administration is dealing with the oil spill in the gulf coast?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	44%	36	20
Democrats	55%	28	17
Republicans	40%	42	18
Independents	33%	40	26
4-5 May 10	50%	29	21

27. All in all, which disaster do you think will cause more damage -- Hurricane Katrina or the oil spill in the Gulf Coast?

	Hurricane Katrina	Gulf Coast oil spill	(Both equally)	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	36%	50	6	9
Democrats	31%	56	6	7
Republicans	43%	43	4	10
Independents	34%	50	7	9

28. Do you think the oil spill will help or hurt the nation's economy, or will it not make much of a difference?

	Help	Hurt	No difference	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	2%	69	26	3
Democrats	1%	70	24	4
Republicans	2%	63	33	2
Independents	2%	73	22	3

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican (Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
18-19 May 10	39%	35	20	3
4-5 May 10	41%	37	18	2
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4