

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
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FINAL TOPLINE¹
N= 1,012

ASK ALL:

On another topic

PEW1 Right now, how would you rate each of the following priorities for America's energy policies? First, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think [ITEM] should be a top priority for America's energy policies, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?**

- a. Reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources

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48	Top priority
32	Important but lower priority
10	Not too important
6	Should not be done
4	No answer

- b. Creating jobs within the energy sector

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49	Top priority
36	Important but lower priority
7	Not too important
3	Should not be done
5	No answer

- c. Protecting the environment from the effects of energy development and use

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53	Top priority
33	Important but lower priority
8	Not too important
3	Should not be done
3	No answer

- d. Keeping consumer energy prices low

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49	Top priority
39	Important but lower priority
6	Not too important
3	Should not be done
1	No answer

¹ No answer responses include those who volunteered don't know.

PEW1 CONTINUED...

- e. Increasing reliance on renewable energy sources
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| 52 | Top priority |
| 32 | Important but lower priority |
| 9 | Not too important |
| 3 | Should not be done |
| 4 | No answer |

ASK ALL:

- PEW2 Which of these statements come closest to your own view about the MOST EFFECTIVE WAY to increase reliance on renewable energy sources, even if neither is exactly right?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

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| 54 | Government regulations are necessary to encourage businesses and consumers to rely more on renewable energy sources |
| | The private marketplace will ensure that businesses and consumers rely more on renewable energy sources, even without government regulations |
| 38 | regulations |
| 8 | No answer |

ASK ALL:

- PEW3 As you think about energy sources, do you think of the use of each of the following energy sources is very effective in minimizing air pollution, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not at all effective in minimizing air pollution? First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Is the use of [ITEM] very effective in minimizing air pollution, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not at all effective?]**

- a. Natural gas
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| 30 | Very effective in minimizing air pollution |
| 42 | Somewhat effective |
| 15 | Not too effective |
| 9 | Not at all effective in minimizing air pollution |
| 5 | No answer |

PEW3 CONTINUED...

- b. Coal
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 12 Very effective in minimizing air pollution
 22 Somewhat effective
 24 Not too effective
 36 Not at all effective in minimizing air pollution
 6 No answer
- c. Solar power
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 68 Very effective in minimizing air pollution
 20 Somewhat effective
 4 Not too effective
 5 Not at all effective in minimizing air pollution
 3 No answer
- d. Wind power
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 63 Very effective in minimizing air pollution
 21 Somewhat effective
 7 Not too effective
 7 Not at all effective in minimizing air pollution
 2 No answer
- e. Nuclear power
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 28 Very effective in minimizing air pollution
 27 Somewhat effective
 17 Not too effective
 18 Not at all effective in minimizing air pollution
 10 No answer
- f. Oil
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 17 Very effective in minimizing air pollution
 24 Somewhat effective
 26 Not too effective
 27 Not at all effective in minimizing air pollution
 6 No answer

ASK ALL:

PEW4

Do you think it is possible to cut back on environmental regulations and still effectively protect air and water quality in the U.S. or do you think it's not possible to do this with fewer regulations?

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49	Yes, possible to cut back on environmental regulations and still effectively protect air and water quality
47	No, not possible to do this with fewer regulations
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

PEW5

Do you think the Trump Administration is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect the environment?

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5	Too much
54	Too little
30	About the right amount
11	No answer

ASK ALL:

Z-11PARTY

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...? **[READ; ROTATE OPTIONS 1-2]** NOTE: If respondent gives answer such as: "conservative, liberal, vote for best man" Probe: Would that be Republican, Democrat or Independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,8,9):

Z-11PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

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23	A Republican
29	A Democrat
38	An Independent
2	Other party (VOL.)
8	No answer (VOL.)
11	Lean Republican
14	Lean Democrat
22	Refused to lean

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Generally speaking, would you describe your political views as ...? [**READ LIST; ROTATE
OPTIONS 1-5/5-1**]

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14	Very conservative
22	Somewhat conservative
30	Moderate
16	Somewhat liberal
11	Very liberal
7	No answer