

The Energy Problem

Choices for an Uncertain Future

Now that you've had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?					
a. Americans' excessive use of oil and other fossil fuels is a major cause of global warming.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Dependence on oil from the Middle East poses a threat to our national security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is one, and only one, way to solve the U.S. energy problem—conservation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Growing competition for oil from countries like China and India makes it more important than ever to drill for more oil and natural gas in the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The benefits of nuclear energy, which produces no harmful emissions, far outweigh the risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The world is getting dangerously close to running out of oil.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions?					
a. The government should set much stricter gas mileage standards for cars and trucks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. America should make much more use of coal, which we have in great abundance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. We should establish substantial tax credits for zero-emission vehicles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. We should drill for the large deposits of oil and natural gas that exist in many parts of the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. We should greatly increase government investment in alternative, renewable sources of energy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. We should significantly raise gasoline taxes to encourage people to drive less.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- | | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Not sure |
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| 3. Do you favor or oppose the statements listed below? | | | | | |
| a. We must reduce our dependence on oil from unfriendly or unstable countries EVEN IF that means drilling for oil in offshore sites and other environmentally sensitive areas in the United States. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. We must develop alternative energy sources and mandate their use EVEN IF that means higher prices for new cars and homes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. We must use less energy EVEN IF this means a less comfortable way of life that includes driving less, turning down our thermostats, and using less water. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum?

- Yes No

If yes, how?

5. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before?

- Yes No

6. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?

7. How many National Issues Forums have you attended, including this one?

- 1-3 4-6 7 or more Not sure

8. Are you male or female? Male Female

9. How old are you?

- 17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

10. Are you:

- African American Asian American Hispanic Native American White/Caucasian
 Other (please specify) _____

11. Where do you live?

- Rural Small town Large city Suburb

Please give this form to the forum leader, or mail it to National Issues Forums Research, 100 Commons Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459-2777.