

Coastal Counties Poll Toplines



Methodology

Poll number: pr2215

Interview Dates: September 2-8, 2022

Sample Population: 2137 adults in coastal counties the United States.

Sample Selection: Scientific online poll - stratified sample of panel respondents.

Weighting Parameters: The sample was weighted based on the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) for Adults (18+) in coastal counties in the United States based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, census region, coastal region and Hispanic ethnicity.

This topline provides weighted percentages, as well as the unweighted N-size for the total sample. Due to the effects of weighting and rounding, figures may or may not add up to 100%. The standard deviation of the weights was: 0.7390965. The maximum weight was: 5.1927839. The minimum weight was: 0.1945824. 95% of the weights were between 0.2926615, 3.3980522.

Margin of Error: The 95% credibility interval for this survey is +/- 2.6%, which includes the square root of the design effect (DEFT): 1.2433857.

Q1x1...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Solar energy

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	61%	1,271
Somewhat favorable	28%	632
Somewhat unfavorable	4%	94
Very unfavorable	2%	53
Not sure	5%	87

Q1x2...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Wind energy [SPLIT SAMPLED]

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	53%	551
Somewhat favorable	34%	357
Somewhat unfavorable	5%	57
Very unfavorable	3%	41
Not sure	5%	48

Q1x3...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Offshore wind energy [SPLIT SAMPLED]

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	42%	435
Somewhat favorable	37%	408
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	73
Very unfavorable	4%	50
Not sure	11%	117

Q1x4...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Natural gas

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	27%	593
Somewhat favorable	43%	943
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	307
Very unfavorable	5%	101
Not sure	10%	193

Q1x5...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Oil

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	16%	373
Somewhat favorable	30%	664
Somewhat unfavorable	26%	540
Very unfavorable	19%	404
Not sure	9%	156

Q1x6...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Coal

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	10%	239
Somewhat favorable	23%	527
Somewhat unfavorable	25%	512
Very unfavorable	30%	637
Not sure	11%	222

Q1x7...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Nuclear energy

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	16%	374
Somewhat favorable	28%	611
Somewhat unfavorable	21%	454
Very unfavorable	20%	400
Not sure	15%	298

Q1x8...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Biofuels, such as ethanol produced from grasses and corn

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	25%	512
Somewhat favorable	41%	929
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	269
Very unfavorable	4%	83
Not sure	17%	344

Q1x9...Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following sources of energy? - Hydropower (the use of water and dams to generate electricity)

Response	Percent	N
Very favorable	50%	1,061
Somewhat favorable	36%	797
Somewhat unfavorable	5%	101
Very unfavorable	1%	22
Not sure	8%	156

Q2...Which of the following statements best represents your views about U.S. energy policy, even if none are exactly right?

Response	Percent	N
The United States should adopt an all-of-the-above energy strategy, in which we seek to maximize energy production from both renewable sources (such as wind and solar) and fossil fuels (such as oil and gas).	38%	839
The United States should focus on expanding production of oil and gas here at home, so we are not so dependent on other countries to meet our energy needs.	23%	522
The United States should transition to 100% clean energy sources (including wind and solar and other clean technologies) as fast as possible.	38%	776

Q3...Do you support or oppose requiring electric utility companies in the United States to generate 100% of their electricity from renewable sources, like wind and solar, by the year 2035?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	37%	775
Somewhat support	37%	738
Somewhat oppose	10%	226
Strongly oppose	8%	233
Not sure	8%	165

Q4...How much have you seen, read or heard about offshore wind energy in U.S. waters?

Response	Percent	N
A lot	8%	164
A little	31%	692
Not too much	30%	664
Nothing at all	25%	506
Not sure	5%	111

Q5...How reliable do you consider offshore wind energy?

Response	Percent	N
Very reliable	17%	385
Somewhat reliable	41%	841
Not too reliable	14%	304
Not at all reliable	4%	102
Not sure	24%	505

Q6...Generally speaking, do you support or oppose expanding offshore wind energy in U.S. waters?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	26%	560
Somewhat support	44%	914
Somewhat oppose	7%	169
Strongly oppose	4%	96
Not sure	19%	398

Q7...Do you support or oppose expanding offshore wind energy in U.S. waters near where you live?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	23%	523
Somewhat support	43%	890
Somewhat oppose	8%	177
Strongly oppose	6%	135
Not sure	19%	412

Q8...When it comes to offshore energy development, which of the following do you prefer?

Response	Percent	N
Building more offshore wind farms	59%	1,242
Expanding offshore drilling for oil and gas	20%	487
Not sure	20%	408

Q9x1...Do you think expanding offshore wind in U.S. waters is good or bad for...? - The U.S. economy

Response	Percent	N
Very good	25%	548
Somewhat good	36%	765
Somewhat bad	8%	169
Very bad	7%	142
Makes no difference	7%	160
Not sure	17%	353

Q9x2...Do you think expanding offshore wind in U.S. waters is good or bad for...? - U.S. energy independence

Response	Percent	N
Very good	34%	724
Somewhat good	37%	790
Somewhat bad	7%	131
Very bad	5%	111
Makes no difference	5%	128
Not sure	13%	253

Q9x3...Do you think expanding offshore wind in U.S. waters is good or bad for...? - Energy bills paid by people and businesses in the United States

Response	Percent	N
Very good	24%	506
Somewhat good	36%	785
Somewhat bad	9%	183
Very bad	6%	120
Makes no difference	8%	178
Not sure	17%	365

Q9x4...Do you think expanding offshore wind in U.S. waters is good or bad for...? - Jobs in the United States

Response	Percent	N
Very good	25%	541
Somewhat good	39%	846
Somewhat bad	8%	166
Very bad	5%	95
Makes no difference	8%	185
Not sure	15%	304

Q9x5...Do you think expanding offshore wind in U.S. waters is good or bad for...? - Climate change

Response	Percent	N
Very good	33%	693
Somewhat good	26%	564
Somewhat bad	8%	159
Very bad	5%	108
Makes no difference	12%	291
Not sure	16%	322

Q9x6...Do you think expanding offshore wind in U.S. waters is good or bad for...? - Public health

Response	Percent	N
Very good	27%	580
Somewhat good	30%	649
Somewhat bad	8%	165
Very bad	3%	70
Makes no difference	13%	299
Not sure	18%	374

Q10x1...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Quality of life in your community

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	15%	328
Somewhat concerned	24%	507
Not too concerned	31%	667
Not at all concerned	21%	480
Not sure	8%	155

Q10x2...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Ocean views

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	15%	346
Somewhat concerned	25%	535
Not too concerned	33%	683
Not at all concerned	21%	442
Not sure	7%	131

Q10x3...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Birds

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	25%	517
Somewhat concerned	34%	768
Not too concerned	24%	515
Not at all concerned	10%	196
Not sure	7%	140

Q10x4...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Commercial fishing businesses [SPLIT SAMPLED]

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	16%	192
Somewhat concerned	33%	361
Not too concerned	27%	287
Not at all concerned	13%	130
Not sure	11%	107

Q10x5...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Recreational fishing [SPLIT SAMPLED]

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	16%	183
Somewhat concerned	28%	295
Not too concerned	29%	292
Not at all concerned	20%	222
Not sure	7%	68

Q10x6...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Tourism in nearby coastal communities

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	12%	273
Somewhat concerned	23%	507
Not too concerned	35%	744
Not at all concerned	22%	461
Not sure	8%	152

Q10x7...How concerned are you about the impacts of offshore wind projects on...? - Marine life such as whales

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	28%	594
Somewhat concerned	35%	765
Not too concerned	20%	421
Not at all concerned	9%	191
Not sure	8%	165

Q11...Thinking about the last beach or shoreline you visited, would you be more or less likely to visit that beach or shoreline in the future if an offshore wind project were built...? - Between 10 and 15 miles off the beach or shoreline

Response	Percent	N
Much more likely	12%	241
Somewhat more likely	19%	381
Somewhat less likely	13%	262
Much less likely	10%	211
It wouldn't make a difference	40%	892
I don't ever go to the beach or shoreline	7%	150

Q12...As you may know, the U.S. government has recently sold a number of leases to developers of offshore wind farms. These leases allow the developers to build offshore wind farms within designated tracts of U.S. waters. Do you support or oppose the U.S. government selling more leases to expand development of offshore wind farms?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	23%	491
Somewhat support	41%	886
Somewhat oppose	10%	213
Strongly oppose	7%	158
Not sure	19%	389

Q13...Do you support or oppose policies to speed up government permitting and approvals of offshore wind projects in U.S. waters?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	23%	482
Somewhat support	37%	787
Somewhat oppose	12%	273
Strongly oppose	9%	195
Not sure	20%	400

Q14...As you may know, President Biden recently announced a partnership between the U.S. government and state governments to build enough offshore wind farms to power 10 million homes. Do you support or oppose this plan?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	33%	679
Somewhat support	39%	826
Somewhat oppose	9%	189
Strongly oppose	6%	169
Not sure	13%	274

Q15...After learning more about the issue, do you generally support or oppose expanding offshore wind energy in U.S. waters?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	27%	571
Somewhat support	43%	921
Somewhat oppose	11%	219
Strongly oppose	7%	167
Not sure	13%	259

Q16...And again, do you support or oppose expanding offshore wind energy in U.S. waters near where you live?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	24%	533
Somewhat support	42%	887
Somewhat oppose	12%	260
Strongly oppose	10%	229
Not sure	11%	228

Sample Statistics (Weighted Frequencies)

Var1	Freq
Age18-24	11.5%
Age25-34	18.6%
Age35-44	16.5%
Age45-64	33.2%
Age65+	20.2%
Gender-Female	51.5%
Gender-Male	48.5%
Race-Black	12.3%
Race-Other	35.3%
Race-White	52.5%
Education-Advanced	12.7%
Education-Bachelors	20.7%
Education-LessThanBachelors	66.6%
party-ID: Democrat	41.4%
party-ID: Independent	28.9%
party-ID: Republican	21.9%
party-ID: Something else	7.8%
Hispanic-No	76%
Hispanic-Yes	24%