

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling from National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey, and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I won't ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with **[ASK FOR NAME ON LIST]**?

**DO NOT ACCEPT SUBSTITUTES.
IF NOT AVAILABLE, SCHEDULE CALLBACK OR TERMINATE.
REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY.**

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Gender of respondent

Men	48	48	48	48
Women	52	52	52	52

State

Kentucky	21	100	0	0
Tennessee	29	0	0	41
Virginia	42	0	0	59
West Virginia	8	0	100	0

1. Many people will not get the chance to vote in the 2012 election for President, Congress and other offices. How about you? Are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

almost certain.....	90	90	90	89
probably	10	10	10	11
50-50				TERMINATE
probably not				TERMINATE
definitely not				TERMINATE
(don't know).....				TERMINATE

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Now I'd like to ask you about some organizations and issues. For each, please tell me whether you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression. If you have heard of the organization and issue but do not know enough to have an impression [5] or if you haven't heard of the organization and issue [6], just say so, and we will move on.

Have you heard of [READ NAME]? [REPEAT PROMPT AFTER EVERY THIRD ITEM] Do you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

RANDOMIZE LIST

2. _Barack Obama

Very favorable	24	18	19	26
Somewhat favorable	18	24	17	17
Somewhat unfavorable	14	16	12	14
Very unfavorable	36	36	44	35
No opinion	8	6	8	8
Never heard	0	0	0	0
FAVORABLE.....	42	42	36	43
UNFAVORABLE	50	52	56	49

3. _Strip mining

Very favorable	11	15	21	8
Somewhat favorable	16	20	23	14
Somewhat unfavorable	15	15	19	15
Very unfavorable	26	21	21	28
No opinion	23	21	16	25
Never heard	9	8	0	10
FAVORABLE.....	26	35	44	22
UNFAVORABLE	41	36	40	43

4. [T] _Non-profit environmental organizations

Very favorable	20	18	18	21
Somewhat favorable	29	36	26	27
Somewhat unfavorable	10	9	13	10
Very unfavorable	10	10	11	9
No opinion	24	19	25	25
Never heard	7	7	7	7
FAVORABLE.....	49	55	44	48
UNFAVORABLE	20	19	24	19

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SPLIT SAMPLE A

5. [T] _Mountaintop removal coal mining

Very favorable	10	18	15	7
Somewhat favorable	10	14	16	9
Somewhat unfavorable	14	11	15	15
Very unfavorable	25	22	30	26
No opinion	20	21	16	21
Never heard	20	14	8	23
FAVORABLE.....	20	32	31	16
UNFAVORABLE	39	33	45	40

6. [T] _Mining companies

Very favorable	18	26	31	14
Somewhat favorable	30	29	36	30
Somewhat unfavorable	14	17	12	13
Very unfavorable	10	7	10	11
No opinion	22	17	9	25
Never heard	6	4	1	7
FAVORABLE.....	48	55	67	44
UNFAVORABLE	24	24	23	24

END SPLIT SAMPLE A

SPLIT SAMPLE B

7. [T] _Coal mining

Very favorable	28	35	59	22
Somewhat favorable	33	38	28	33
Somewhat unfavorable	14	12	7	15
Very unfavorable	7	5	3	8
No opinion	16	9	3	19
Never heard	2	1	0	2
FAVORABLE.....	61	73	87	55
UNFAVORABLE	21	17	10	23

8. _Coal companies

Very favorable	20	28	34	16
Somewhat favorable	27	31	37	25
Somewhat unfavorable	16	15	9	17
Very unfavorable	10	7	11	11
No opinion	22	16	9	25
Never heard	5	3	0	6
FAVORABLE.....	47	59	71	41
UNFAVORABLE	26	22	20	28

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9. Overall, do you think the quality of the environment in the United States has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Gotten better	17	14	20	17
Stayed about the same	37	40	34	37
Gotten worse.....	43	43	44	43
unsure /don't know.....	3	3	2	3

10. [T] As you may know, coal companies in [STATE] mine coal from mountains through a process called mountaintop removal mining. Do you favor or oppose mountaintop removal mining or are you undecided?

IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) mountaintop removal mining or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) this practice?

Strongly favor	11	21	19	8
Somewhat favor	13	14	15	12
Somewhat oppose	11	11	11	11
Strongly oppose	27	19	32	29
(don't know).....	38	35	24	41
FAVOR	24	35	34	20
OPPOSE	38	30	42	40

END SPLIT SAMPLE A

SPLIT SAMPLE B

11. [T] Overall, do you think the quality of the environment in your state has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Gotten better.....	19	21	24	17
Stayed about the same	55	61	52	54
Gotten worse.....	22	15	21	24
(don't know).....	4	3	2	4

12. [T] As you may know, coal companies in [STATE] mine coal from mountains through a process called mountaintop removal mining where the top of a mountain is removed to extract the coal and waste is disposed in nearby valleys and streams. Do you favor or oppose mountaintop removal mining or are you undecided?

IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) mountaintop removal mining or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) this practice?

Strongly favor.....	10	13	15	8
Somewhat favor	10	12	14	9
Somewhat oppose	16	15	9	17
Strongly oppose	42	42	45	41
(don't know).....	23	18	17	25
FAVOR	20	25	29	17
OPPOSE	57	57	54	58

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13. [T] Now for a slightly different question. Suppose a bill was introduced in the state legislature to ban mountaintop removal mining. Would you favor or oppose this bill or aren't you sure?

[IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE:] Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or not strongly (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	29	27	33	30
Not strongly favor	12	12	7	12
Not strongly oppose	11	9	12	11
Strongly oppose	17	22	25	14
Don't know/Not sure.....	32	30	23	33
FAVOR	41	39	40	42
OPPOSE	27	30	37	25

SPLIT SAMPLE A

14. And would you favor or oppose fully enforcing the Clean Water Act to safeguard streams, rivers, and lakes in [STATE] from mountaintop removal coal mining, or aren't you sure?

[IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE:] Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or not strongly (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	59	59	56	60
Not strongly favor	15	17	17	14
Not strongly oppose	4	5	3	3
Strongly oppose	5	3	2	5
Don't know/Not sure.....	18	16	22	18
FAVOR	74	76	73	74
OPPOSE	8	8	5	9

15. [T] Suppose an elected official was in favor of weakening environmental regulations on mountaintop removal mining? Would that make you more or less likely to support that elected official, or wouldn't it make any difference?

[IF MORE OR LESS LIKELY:] Is that MUCH more, SOMEWHAT more, SOMEWHAT less, or MUCH less likely to support that elected official?

Much more likely.....	9	7	8	10
Somewhat more likely	6	7	5	5
Somewhat less likely.....	18	19	20	17
Much less likely	30	27	36	31
No difference.....	37	40	31	36
MORE LIKELY	15	14	13	16
LESS LIKELY	48	46	56	48

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SPLIT SAMPLE B

16. And would you favor or oppose increasing protections in the Clean Water Act to safeguard streams, rivers, and lakes in **STATE** from mountaintop removal coal mining, or aren't you sure?

[IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE:] Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or not strongly (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	64	58	63	65
Not strongly favor	15	16	12	15
Not strongly oppose	4	4	5	5
Strongly oppose	4	5	5	4
Don't know/Not sure.....	13	17	16	11
 FAVOR	 78	 74	 75	 80
OPPOSE	9	9	10	8

17. Suppose an elected official was in favor of strengthening environmental regulations on mountaintop removal mining? Would that make you more or less likely to support that elected official, or wouldn't it make any difference?

[IF MORE OR LESS LIKELY:] Is that MUCH more, SOMEWHAT more, SOMEWHAT less, or MUCH less likely to support that elected official?

Much more likely.....	26	23	24	27
Somewhat more likely	22	24	15	22
Somewhat less likely.....	8	5	12	8
Much less likely	7	8	12	6
No difference.....	38	40	37	38
 MORE LIKELY	 48	 47	 39	 49
LESS LIKELY	14	14	24	13

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18. [T] And which of the following statements comes closer to your own point of view?

Environmental protections are often good for the economy	40	36	32	43
Environmental protections are often bad for the economy	25	31	34	23
Environmental protections often have little or no impact on the economy.....	20	22	19	20
(NONE OF THE ABOVE).....	3	1	5	4
(UNSURE).....	11	9	10	11

19. Now, I would like to read you two statements about mountaintop removal mining... [ROTATE]

_(Some/Other) people say that coal is an important part of America's economy and national security, and killing jobs is the wrong thing to do in this recession. Nearly half of all electricity produced in the U.S. is from coal, and increasing coal mining and using the most efficient methods frees America from our dependence on foreign oil, keeps energy costs low, grows jobs and the local economy.

_(Some/Other) believe mountaintop removal is bad for the economy and the environment and is causing ongoing harm to nearby communities, including increasing the number of birth defects and other serious health conditions. Mountaintop removal replaces workers with machines and explosives. It has filled nearly 2,000 miles of Appalachian streams with billions of tons of mining waste, killing wildlife and destroying forests.

Sometimes over the course of a survey like this people change their minds. Do you favor or oppose mountaintop removal mining or are you unsure?

IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) mountaintop removal mining or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) this practice?

Strongly favor	14	20	22	12
Somewhat favor	12	15	16	11
Somewhat oppose	17	11	10	19
Strongly oppose	34	33	35	34
unsure /don't know	23	21	17	25
FAVOR	27	35	38	23
OPPOSE	50	44	45	53

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Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

20. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK]: Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT ASK]: Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

strong Republican	22	24	20	22
not-so-strong Republican	6	7	6	6
independent - lean Republican	7	6	6	7
REPUBLICAN	35	37	32	35
independent	27	17	22	30
DEMOCRAT	33	41	41	30
independent - lean Democratic	5	4	5	6
not-so-strong Democrat	6	11	13	3
strong Democrat	22	26	23	21
(don't know/other)	5	5	5	5

21. Overall, would you say you support the political movement known as the Tea Party, you oppose the Tea Party movement, or that you neither support nor oppose it?

Support	26	24	26	26
Oppose	29	25	31	30
Neither	36	43	33	34
(Don't know/refused)	10	8	10	10

22. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? **DO NOT READ.**

1 - 11th grade	4	5	3	3
high school graduate	25	28	30	24
non-college post H.S.	2	4	3	2
some college	25	25	29	25
college graduate.....	28	23	21	30
post-graduate school.....	14	14	13	15
(don't know)	1	1	1	2

23. And, in the last two years, have you or any member of your immediate family gone either hunting or fishing at least once? **(IF YES, ASK: "AND IS THAT JUST HUNTING, JUST FISHING, OR BOTH?")**

Yes, hunting	3	3	6	3
Yes, fishing.....	19	22	16	19
Yes, both	30	36	45	27
No.....	46	39	33	49
(don't know).....	2	0	1	3

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Age from file

18-24	9	9	8	9
25-29	7	7	7	7
30-35	7	8	5	7
35-39	9	9	9	9
40-45	8	9	7	8
45-49	12	12	12	12
50-55	9	9	8	10
55-59	11	8	13	12
60-65	11	13	12	10
65-69	5	5	6	5
70-75	4	3	5	4
75 & over	8	8	8	8
(DK/Ref)	0	0	0	0

That completes our survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant evening!