National Poll Toplines

Methodology

Poll number: pr2404

Interview Dates: June 10th, 2024

Sample Population: 2033 registered voters in 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 Voting and Registration Supplement to the Current Population Survey for registered voters in the United States based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, census 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: 0.2144976. The maximum weight was: 1.5794234. The minimum weight was: 0.4561204. 95% of the weights were between 0.5439746, 1.3290662.

Margin of Error: The 95% credibility interval for this survey is +/- 2.3%, which includes the square root of the design effect (DEFT): 1.0227349.

Q1…How much have you seen, read, or heard about methane gas?

Response	Percent	N
A lot	6%	115
Some	26%	512
A little	35%	722
Nothing at all	33%	684

Q2…Based just on what you know, how much of a problem do you think carbon dioxide is for the climate?

Response	Percent	N
Don't know	9%	180
Major problem	55%	1,117
Minor problem	28%	560
Not a problem	9%	176

Q3…Based just on what you know, how much of a problem do you think methane gas is for the climate?

Response	Percent	N
Don't know	26%	533
Major problem	38%	764
Minor problem	26%	525
Not a problem	10%	211

Q4x1…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Heating and cooking

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	88%	1,803
Selected	12%	230

Q4x2…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Oil and gas extraction

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	84%	1,699
Selected	16%	334

Q4x3…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Fossil fuels

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	82%	1,670
Selected	18%	363

Q4x4…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Greenhouse gas

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	71%	1,445
Selected	29%	588

Q4x5…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Clean burning fuel

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	88%	1,785
Selected	12%	248

Q4x6…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Air pollution

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	69%	1,397
Selected	31%	636

Q4x7…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Landfills

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	67%	1,373
Selected	33%	654

Q4x8…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Cows and other livestock

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	56%	1,126
Selected	44%	907

Q4x9…Which of the following phrases do you most associate with methane gas? Please choose two.- Energy security

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	95%	1,851
Selected	5%	106

Q5…As you may know, methane and carbon dioxide are both gasses that trap heat and warm the earth's climate when released into the atmosphere. If you had to guess, if the same amount of these two gasses was released into the atmosphere, which one would trap more heat over the next 20 years?

Response	Percent	N
Carbon dioxide would trap more heat	20%	401
Methane gas would trap more heat	31%	620
They would trap the same amount of heat	23%	474
Not sure	26%	538

Q6…If you had to guess, would you say that methane emissions in the United States have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same over the last decade?

Response	Percent	N
Increased	56%	1,144
Stayed about the same	23%	462
Decreased	9%	179
Not sure	12%	248

Q7…From the list below, who do you think is most responsible for the climate pollution caused by methane emissions?

Response	Percent	N
Individual citizens	16%	319
Private companies	56%	1,152
The U.S. government	28%	562

Q8x1…If you had to guess, how much do you think each of the following economic sectors contributes to methane emissions in the United States? - Agriculture (Cows and other livestock)

Response	Percent	N
A lot	35%	717
Some	38%	776
A little	19%	386
Not sure	8%	154

Q8x2…If you had to guess, how much do you think each of the following economic sectors contributes to methane emissions in the United States? - Energy (Oil and gas)

Response	Percent	N
A lot	36%	725
Some	41%	829
A little	14%	289
Not sure	9%	190

Q8x3…If you had to guess, how much do you think each of the following economic sectors contributes to methane emissions in the United States? - Waste (Landfills and wastewater facilities)

Response	Percent	N
A lot	46%	937
Some	40%	794
A little	9%	184
Not sure	6%	118

Q9x1…As you may know, the economic sectors that contribute most to U.S. methane emissions are agriculture, energy, and waste. For each one, how much do you support or oppose government action to reduce methane emissions from that sector? - Agriculture (Cows and other livestock)

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support action to reduce methane emissions	34%	698
Somewhat support action to reduce methane emissions	33%	670
Somewhat oppose action to reduce methane emissions	14%	297
Strongly oppose action to reduce methane emissions	11%	222
Not sure	7%	146

Q9x2…As you may know, the economic sectors that contribute most to U.S. methane emissions are agriculture, energy, and waste. For each one, how much do you support or oppose government action to reduce methane emissions from that sector? - Energy (Oil and gas)

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support action to reduce methane emissions	42%	856
Somewhat support action to reduce methane emissions	33%	665
Somewhat oppose action to reduce methane emissions	12%	247
Strongly oppose action to reduce methane emissions	7%	138
Not sure	6%	127

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Response	Percent	N
Strongly support action to reduce methane emissions	49%	987
Somewhat support action to reduce methane emissions	32%	653
Somewhat oppose action to reduce methane emissions	9%	193
Strongly oppose action to reduce methane emissions	5%	94
Not sure	5%	106

Q10…Would you be more likely or less likely to support political candidates who favor policies to reduce methane emissions?

Response	Percent	N
Much more likely to support	29%	584
Somewhat more likely to support	30%	605
Neither more or less likely to support	30%	621
Somewhat more likely to oppose	5%	110
Much more likely to oppose	5%	113

Q11x1…Government efforts to reduce U.S. methane emissions tend to focus on oil and gas companies because their emissions are generally easier to cut than those from agriculture or waste. Do you support or oppose the following approaches to reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas industry? - Government policies that require oil and gas companies to reduce their methane emissions and penalize those that do not meet government standards

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	39%	789
Somewhat support	34%	696
Somewhat oppose	12%	251
Strongly oppose	8%	173
Not sure	6%	124

Q11x2…Government efforts to reduce U.S. methane emissions tend to focus on oil and gas companies because their emissions are generally easier to cut than those from agriculture or waste. Do you support or oppose the following approaches to reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas industry? - Government policies that encourage oil and gas companies to reduce methane emissions through tax incentives and funding to help them meet government standards

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	32%	656
Somewhat support	42%	850
Somewhat oppose	14%	275
Strongly oppose	6%	133
Not sure	6%	119

Q12…Leaks from oil wells are a major source of methane emissions. Do you support or oppose requiring oil and gas companies to seal methane leaks at their active wells?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	54%	1,101
Somewhat support	28%	569
Somewhat oppose	7%	140
Strongly oppose	4%	83
Not sure	7%	140

Q13…Old wells that no longer produce much oil are responsible for about half of the methane emitted from all U.S. well sites. Some oil and gas companies argue that it costs too much to seal methane leaks at these low-producing wells. Do you support or oppose requiring oil and gas companies to seal methane leaks from all oil wells, including those that produce little or no oil?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	51%	1,043
Somewhat support	31%	619
Somewhat oppose	7%	150
Strongly oppose	3%	63
Not sure	8%	158

Q14…As you may know, gas flaring is the practice of burning off excess natural gas at oil wells. Oil companies often flare because it is cheaper to burn the extra gas than to build the infrastructure needed to capture and transport it. Yet flaring releases substantial amounts of methane and other pollutants. Do you support or oppose government policies to phase out routine gas flaring?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	38%	772
Somewhat support	32%	652
Somewhat oppose	13%	256
Strongly oppose	6%	114
Not sure	12%	239

Q15…Today, methane emissions are tracked through self-reported data from oil and gas companies. Yet other organizations have started using new monitoring technologies like satellites that show up to 3 times as much methane leakage from oil and gas wells. Would you support or oppose using data from these new technologies to enforce government methane emissions rules?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	43%	869
Somewhat support	35%	721
Somewhat oppose	10%	192
Strongly oppose	4%	77
Not sure	9%	174

Q16…Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion, even if neither one is exactly right?

Response	Percent	N
The U.S. doesn't need stronger methane regulations because more rules will drive up energy prices and put small oil and gas producers out of business. What's more, American oil and gas producers are already among the cleanest in the world.	26%	534
The U.S. needs stronger methane regulations to keep our families healthy and help avoid the worst effects of climate change. Oil and gas companies can easily afford to make the needed changes using existing technology, but they won't make these changes on their own.	74%	1,499

approveBiden…Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	19%	387
Somewhat approve	26%	516
Somewhat disapprove	15%	313
Strongly disapprove	38%	780
Not sure	2%	37

rdwt…Generally speaking, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say that things are headed off on the wrong track?

Response	Percent	N
Right direction	28%	561
Wrong track	63%	1,293
Not sure	9%	179

Sample Statistics (Weighted Frequencies)

Var1	Freq
Age18-34	24.3%
Age35-54	32.2%
Age55+	43.5%
Gender-Female	52.2%
Gender-Male	47.8%
Race-Black	13%
Race-Other	8.1%
Race-White	78.9%
Education-Advanced	15.1%
Education-Bachelors	25%
Education-LessThanBachelors	59.8%
party-ID: Democrat	48.3%
party-ID: Independent	11.2%
party-ID: Republican	40.5%
Hispanic-No	88.3%
Hispanic-Yes	11.7%
Region-Midwest	21.6%
Region-Northeast	17.5%
Region-South	38%
Region-West	23%