



APRIL 2009 FLORIDA POLL RESULTS

625 registered voters interviewed statewide April 15-16, 2009 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. Margin of error is plus or minus 4%.

QUESTION: How important do you feel it is for the United States to tap new oil resources in order to reduce dependency on foreign oil? Do you feel it would be very important to our national interest, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
VERY IMP	66%	67%	65%	55%	80%	61%
SW IMP	19%	22%	16%	26%	13%	20%
NOT TOO IMP	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	6%
NOT AT ALL	7%	4%	10%	10%	3%	6%
NOT SURE	4%	2%	6%	5%	1%	7%

QUESTION: Do you generally support or oppose drilling for oil in the waters off of the coast of Florida?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
SUPPORT	59%	65%	53%	46%	75%	56%
OPPOSE	28%	26%	30%	35%	20%	27%
UNDECIDED	13%	9%	17%	19%	4%	17%

QUESTION: If drilling for oil off of Florida's coast provided significant funds for the state government to pay for public education, expanded healthcare, protecting Florida's environment and natural resources, improved roads and bridges and other state programs, would you support or oppose it?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
SUPPORT	79%	79%	79%	74%	86%	76%
OPPOSE	16%	18%	14%	20%	10%	19%
UNDECIDED	5%	3%	7%	6%	4%	5%

QUESTION: If drilling for oil off of Florida's coast generated thousands of new jobs in the state and helped to significantly stimulate Florida's economy, would you support or oppose it?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
SUPPORT	83%	85%	81%	81%	87%	83%
OPPOSE	13%	12%	14%	16%	8%	14%
UNDECIDED	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%

QUESTION: Given the State's current budget problems, which one of the following options would you most support? (ORDER ROTATED)

- Make additional cuts to schools, universities, health care and programs to assist the elderly and disabled
- Raise state taxes and fees.
- Allow exploratory oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico to generate new state revenue.

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
CUT SPENDING	9%	11%	7%	8%	10%	11%
RAISE TAXES	18%	17%	19%	29%	9%	10%
DRILL OFFSHORE	57%	57%	57%	45%	69%	59%
OTHER/DK	16%	15%	17%	18%	12%	20%

QUESTION: If allowing drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida's coast generated billions of dollars a year for the State, which one of the following would you most like to see done with the money? (ORDER ROTATED)

- Increase funding for public education
- Expand land preservation, such as the Florida Forever program
- Expand research into alternative energy sources
- Expand access to health care
- Cut state taxes

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
EDUCATION	30%	28%	32%	29%	32%	29%
HEALTHCARE	23%	19%	27%	35%	10%	24%
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY	18%	19%	17%	23%	10%	21%
CUT TAXES	14%	20%	8%	3%	29%	7%
LAND PRESERVATION	4%	4%	4%	1%	6%	5%
OTHER/DK	11%	10%	12%	9%	13%	14%

QUESTION: Now, I would like to know if any of the following information influences your views on oil drilling. Would you be more likely to support allowing offshore oil exploration off Florida's coast:

- If you were convinced it was environmentally safe?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
YES	88%	88%	88%	86%	90%	86%
NO	7%	10%	4%	9%	5%	9%
NOT SURE	5%	2%	8%	5%	5%	5%

- If it was not visible from shore?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
YES	64%	65%	63%	56%	74%	61%
NO	22%	22%	22%	28%	14%	26%
NOT SURE	14%	13%	15%	16%	12%	13%

- If it raised enough money to significantly improve Florida's quality of life and reduced the burden on taxpayers?

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>IND</u>
YES	80%	81%	79%	75%	87%	79%
NO	14%	11%	17%	16%	12%	14%
NOT SURE	6%	8%	4%	9%	1%	7%

QUESTION: If Cuba and China launch offshore oil drilling operations 45 miles off of Florida's coast, how important do you feel it would be for the United States to also drill for a share of that resource for our own national needs? Do you feel it would be very important to our national interest, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

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VERY IMP	62%	69%	55%	50%	77%	61%
SW IMP	20%	13%	27%	27%	14%	18%
NOT TOO IMP	5%	5%	5%	8%	1%	5%
NOT AT ALL	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%	7%
NOT SURE	7%	8%	6%	9%	3%	9%

DEMOGRAPHICS :

PARTY REGISTRATION:

Democrat	260 (42%)
Republican	238 (38%)
Independent or Other	127 (20%)

AGE:	18-34	106 (17%)
	35-49	159 (25%)
	50-64	163 (26%)
	65+	194 (31%)
	Refused	3 (1%)

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	447 (72%)
Black/African American	90 (14%)
Hispanic or Cuban	73 (12%)
Other/Refused	15 (2%)

SEX:	Male	303 (48%)
	Female	322 (52%)

REGION:	North Florida	120 (19%)
	Central Florida	130 (21%)
	Tampa Bay	115 (18%)
	Southwest Florida	70 (11%)
	Southeast Florida	190 (30%)