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**PUBLIC PERSPECTIVES ON CONTINENTAL ENERGY 2001  
PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

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**ISSUES SECTION**

1. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important that the federal government address (ITEM) issues in the next 12 months?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT*

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Very Important</u>	<u>Not At All Important</u>	<u>DK/NS</u>
Security .....	82	14	2	-	1
Economic .....	69	26	4	-	1
Energy .....	69	26	3	1	1
Health care.....	66	26	6	2	-
Environment and pollution.....	55	36	6	3	-

10. Have you read seen or heard anything about the Bush Administration's National Energy Policy?

Yes .....	45
No .....	54
DK/NS.....	2

**(Q.12 ASKED ONLY IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES" IN Q.10.)**

12. And do you support or oppose the implementation of the National Energy Policy? Is that strongly or somewhat?

Strongly support.....	22
Somewhat support.....	38
Somewhat oppose .....	14
Strongly oppose.....	12
DK/NS.....	15

<b>MESSAGING</b>
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28. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE*

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>DK/NS</u>
<b>(ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE)</b>					
Decreasing our dependence on foreign oil and gas is important to our national security.....	49	37	7	5	2
<b>(ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE)</b>					
Increasing domestic production of oil and gas is important to our national security .....	38	40	10	8	4
New technologies have made it possible to explore for oil and gas in environmentally friendly ways.....	29	46	12	5	8
The introduction of a national energy policy will help to boost energy conservation efforts .....	18	54	15	6	8
Passing a national energy policy will improve the economy and put people back to work.....	19	45	21	7	9

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**CITIZENS FOR REAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS STUDY**

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1. One of the issues being debated in Congress is the Energy Bill, to set new national policies on issues related to energy, oil exploration, development of alternative fuels, and prices. Does the current situation with the economy, the war on terrorism and other issues in the U.S. make the energy policy bill a much higher priority, a somewhat higher priority, somewhat lower priority or much lower priority compared to other action Congress might take these days?

Much higher priority .....	31
Somewhat higher priority .....	41
Somewhat lower priority .....	20
Much lower priority.....	5
Not sure .....	3

2. I will read you some statements people make in support of President Bush’s energy policy bill, and for each one I read, tell me if that is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing reason for passing President Bush’s energy policy bill.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY CONVINCING*

	<u>Very Convincing</u>	<u>Somewhat Convincing</u>	<u>Not Too Convincing</u>	<u>Not At All Convincing</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Supporters of the bill say it will cut U.S. dependence on foreign oil by expanding domestic oil production in the U.S. American armed forces depend on oil from Iraq, for example, and terrorists threaten oil delivery from other foreign countries. That is a national security issue that needs to be fixed by passing the energy bill .....	36	38	14	11	1
Supporters of the bill say that we have to carefully find and develop new energy sources in the U.S., including a wilderness area in Alaska called ANWR. Exploration in ANWR will mean three-quarters of a million jobs to America, people who live in Alaska believe it would be environmentally acceptable, and over 75 percent of Alaskans favor oil exploration in ANWR ....	33	34	15	16	2
In his Thursday night address to the nation, President Bush said, “I made some proposals to stimulate economic growth which will create new jobs, and make America less dependent on foreign oil. And I ask Congress to work hard and put a stimulus plan into law to help the American people.” Congress should pass the President’s plan .....	31	42	14	12	1

Q.2 (cont.)	<u>Very Convincing</u>	<u>Somewhat Convincing</u>	<u>Not Too Convincing</u>	<u>Not At All Convincing</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
President Bush's energy bill will stimulate the economy by reducing energy prices and creating hundreds of thousands of jobs.....	29	36	21	13	1
Senate supporters of the bill say that it would create about 750,000 jobs and generate more than \$3 billion dollars for the Federal government in lease sales from oil companies. Overall, the bill would give the U.S. economy a \$300 billion dollar cash infusion.....	26	41	21	11	2
President Bush's energy bill will bring competition and innovation to electric energy service for businesses and consumers.....	21	43	20	12	3