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#### Americans on Energy and Climate Change Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: August 9-20, 2008 Margin of Error: +/- 2.9-3.4 %

Sample Size: 1174

#### [3/4 **SAMPLE**]

Q19a. As you may know, the US and other countries from around the world will be meeting next year to develop a new treaty to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions such as those caused by using oil and coal. Do you think the US should or should not be willing to commit to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions as part of such a treaty?

| Should             | 78% |
|--------------------|-----|
| McCain supporters  | 63  |
| Obama supporters   | 94  |
| Undecided          | 75  |
| Should not         | 19  |
| McCain supporters  | 34  |
| Obama supporters   | 5   |
| Undecided          | 17  |
| Refused/Don't know | 3   |

#### [3/4 **SAMPLE**]

Q19b. There is a controversy over whether the less-developed countries should also be expected to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Please tell me which of the following positions comes closest to yours.

| A. The more-developed countries produce far more greenhouse      |     |
|--|-----|
| gas emissions and have not begun to make meaningful reductions.  |     |
| So the less-developed countries should NOT be required to limit  |     |
| their emissions UNTIL the more-developed countries reduce theirs | 209 |
| McCain supporters  | 20  |
| Obama supporters   | 25  |
| Undecided  |     |
| B. The less-developed countries produce a substantial and        |     |
| growing amount of greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore they       |     |
| should be required to CUT their emissions                        | 26  |
| McCain supporters  | 34  |
| Ohama supportars   | 10  |

| Undecided  | 25 |
|--|----|
|  |    |
| C. Because the less-developed countries are poorer and produce |    |
| far lower emissions, they should not be required to cut back.  |    |
| But they should be required to MINIMIZE the increase of their  |    |
| emissions through greater energy efficiency                    | 45 |
| McCain supporters  | 42 |
| Obama supporters   | 49 |
| Undecided  | 45 |
|  |    |
| Refused/Don't know   | 9  |

Q19c. Some of the major less-developed countries say they will not limit their emissions until their economies are more developed and the developed countries first reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Do you think the US should:

| Accept their position, and proceed to reduce US emissions       |     |
|---|-----|
| together with other developed countries                         | 40% |
| McCain supporters   | 34  |
| Obama supporters  |     |
| Undecided   |     |
| Pressure the less-developed countries to limit their emissions, |     |
| but proceed to reduce US emissions together with other          |     |
| developed countries   | 45  |
| McCain supporters   | 51  |
| Obama supporters  |     |
| Undecided   |     |
| Refuse to reduce US emissions if less-developed countries       |     |
| do not agree to limit their emissions                           | 8   |
| McCain supporters   | 10  |
| Obama supporters  |     |
| Undecided   |     |
| Refused/Don't know  | 7   |

## [3/4 **SAMPLE**]

Q24-E1. I would like you to consider different ways to deal with the problem of energy. For each one please tell me if you think our country should emphasize it more, less, or the same as now.

## Q24a-E1a. Installing solar or wind energy systems

| Emph         | asize more   | 87% |
|--------------|--|-----|
| 1            | McCain supporters                                      |     |
|              | Obama supporters                                       |     |
|              | Undecided  | 83  |
| Emph         | asize less   | 5   |
| _            | McCain supporters                                      | 4   |
|              | Obama supporters                                       | 6   |
|              | Undecided  | 3   |
| Same         | as now   | 6   |
|              | McCain supporters                                      |     |
|              | Obama supporters                                       |     |
|              | Undecided  | 10  |
| Refuse       | ed/Don't know  | 3   |
| Q24b-E1b. M  | Iodifying buildings to make them more energy efficient |     |
| Emph         | asize more   | 83% |
| _            | McCain supporters                                      | 80  |
|              | Obama supporters                                       | 89  |
|              | Undecided  | 77  |
| Emph         | asize less   | 4   |
|              | McCain supporters                                      | 3   |
|              | Obama supporters                                       |     |
|              | Undecided  | 7   |
| Same         | as now   |     |
|              | McCain supporters                                      | 15  |
|              | Obama supporters                                       |     |
|              | Undecided  | 14  |
| Refuse       | ed/Don't know  | 2   |
| Q24c-E1c. Bı | uilding coal or oil-fired power plants                 |     |
| Emph         | asize more   | 25% |
| _            | McCain supporters                                      |     |
|              | Obama supporters                                       | 19  |
|              | Undecided  |     |
| Emph         | asize less   | 49  |

| McCain supporters                              | 41  |
|--|-----|
| Obama supporters                               | 57  |
| Undecided                                      |     |
| Same as now                                    | 22  |
| McCain supporters                              |     |
| _ <del>_</del> _                               |     |
| Obama supporters                               |     |
| Undecided                                      | 29  |
| Refused/Don't know                             | 4   |
| Q24d-E1d. Building nuclear energy power plants |     |
| Emphasize more                                 | 42% |
| McCain supporters                              |     |
| Obama supporters                               |     |
| Undecided                                      |     |
| Emphasize less                                 | 31  |
| McCain supporters                              |     |
| Obama supporters                               |     |
|  |     |
| Undecided                                      | 29  |
| Same as now                                    | 24  |
| McCain supporters                              | 22  |
| Obama supporters                               |     |
| Undecided                                      |     |
| Refused/Don't know                             | 3   |
|  |     |

## [3/4 **SAMPLE**]

Q25-E2. Do you favor or oppose the government doing each of the following:

Q25a-E2a. Requiring utilities to use more alternative energy, such as wind and solar, even if this increases the cost of energy in the short run

| Favor             | 66% |
|-------------------|-----|
| McCain supporters | 60  |
| Obama supporters  | 75  |
| Undecided         | 59  |
|                   |     |
| Oppose            | 28  |
| McCain supporters |     |
| Obama supporters  | 19  |
| Undecided         | 28  |
|                   |     |

| Refused/Don't know  | 6                            |
|---|------------------------------|
| Q25b-E2c. Requiring businesses to use energy more efficiently, exproducts more expensive  | ven if this might make some  |
| Favor   | 61%                          |
| McCain supporters   |                              |
| Obama supporters  |                              |
| Undecided   |                              |
| Oppose  | 34                           |
| McCain supporters   | 42                           |
| Obama supporters  | 24                           |
| Undecided   | 36                           |
| Refused/Don't know  | 5                            |
| Q25c-E2c. Having an extra charge for the purchase of models of a NOT energy efficient   | appliances and cars that are |
| Favor   | 43%                          |
| McCain supporters   | 39                           |
| Obama supporters  |                              |
| Undecided   | 31                           |
| Oppose  | 52                           |
| McCain supporters   | 58                           |
| Obama supporters  | 44                           |
| Undecided   | 57                           |
| Refused/Don't know  | 5                            |
| [3/4 SAMPLE] Q26-E3. As you may know, there is some controversy about the pshift to alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar. Which This would cost so much money that it would hurt the economy. | view is closer to yours?     |
| McCain supporters   |                              |
| Obama supporters  |                              |
| Ondecided   | 1 <i>J</i>                   |
| With the rising cost of energy, it would save money in the  | =                            |
| McCain supporters   | /3                           |

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| Obama supporters   | 83 |
|--------------------|----|
| Undecided          |    |
|                    |    |
| Refused/Don't know | 3  |

## **DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:**

| [FUI | L  | SAMPLE] |  |
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Q5a. If the upcoming election for president were held today, for whom would you vote:

|      | John McCain459   | 6 |
|------|--|---|
|      | Barack Obama44   |   |
|      | Refused/Don't know10   |   |
| D1.  | Age  |   |
|      | 18-29229   | % |
|      | 30-3916  |   |
|      | 40-4919  |   |
|      | 50-5920  |   |
|      | 60+23  |   |
| D2.  | Education level (categorical)                                |   |
|      | Less than High School119                                     | % |
|      | High School Graduate32                                       |   |
|      | Some College   |   |
|      | Bachelor's degree or higher32                                |   |
| D3.  | What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself: |   |
|      | Christian789   | % |
|      | Jewish2  |   |
|      | Muslim*  |   |
|      | Buddhist*  |   |
|      | Hindu1   |   |
|      | Some other religion6   |   |
|      | No religious preference/atheist12                            |   |
|      | Refused/Don't know2  |   |
| [IF' | 'CHRISTIAN" at D2]   |   |
|      |  |   |

D3a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born– again' or evangelical?

| Yes                | 26%* |
|--------------------|------|
| No                 | 38   |
| No opinion         | 14   |
| 1                  |      |
| Refused/Don't know | *    |

\* Percent of total.

## D7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

| Republican      | 28% |
|-----------------|-----|
| Lean Republican | 9   |
| Neither         | 20  |
| Lean Democrat   | 10  |
| Democrat        | 33  |
|                 |     |

#### Gender

| Male   | 48% |
|--------|-----|
| Female | .52 |

#### Race/Ethnicity

| White, Non-Hispanic    | 69% |
|------------------------|-----|
| Black, Non-Hispanic    |     |
| Other, Non-Hispanic    | 5   |
| Hispanic               |     |
| 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic | 1   |

#### Region

| Northeast | 19% |
|-----------|-----|
| Midwest   | 22  |
| South     | 37  |
| West      | 23  |

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The US poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, and ethnicity. For more information about the methodology, please go to: <a href="https://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp">www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp</a>.