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605 Registered Voters in Montana
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Montana Voter Survey

Hello, may I speak with *[FIRST NAME ONLY]* please?

[IF NOT AVAILABLE:] May I please speak with YOUNGEST person in the household who is registered to vote?

My name is _____. First, I'm not selling anything or asking for money. I'm from Harstad Research, the national public opinion research firm. We are doing a survey in your area, and would like to ask your opinion on some interesting topics. *[ONLY If R asks:]* Your name was selected purely at random from a list of registered voters, and this survey is being conducted for research purposes only.

SCREENER

Are you registered to vote in Montana?

	Montana Statewide <i>[n=605]</i>
Yes.....	100%
No	—
Refused/DK/NS	—

Sex *[Do Not Ask]*

	Montana Statewide <i>[n=605]</i>
Male	48%
Female.....	52%

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Now I would like to ask you a question about the Clean Water Act.

The Clean Water Act is the primary federal law to limit water pollution. *[Rotate order of statements]*

Some / Other people say that the Clean Water Act which was originally passed in the 1970's has always protected ALL bodies of water from pollution, and not just those defined as navigable. And the Clean Water Act should protect all streams, headwaters, waterways, and bodies of water from pollution that could contaminate drinking water, foul wildlife habitats, or make rivers, lakes and streams unusable for fishing and swimming.

Others / Some people say the Supreme Court recently ruled that the Clean Water Act only protects navigable waterways. And the Clean Water Act should NOT apply to all bodies of water, such as headwaters or other waterways that are not defined as navigable, because this would amount to over-regulation by the federal government on private property owners, businesses or developers.

Which one of these statements comes closer to your opinion? *[n=605]*

	Montana Statewide <i>[n=605]</i>
The Clean Water Act should protect all streams, headwaters, waterways, and bodies of water from pollution	60%
The Clean Water Act should NOT apply to all bodies of water.	31%
Depends / Both / Neither <i>[Do not read]</i>	6%
DK/NS <i>[Do not read]</i>	4%

Now I would like to switch topics.

Hydraulic fracturing – also known as fracking – involves the injection of water, sand and chemicals into oil and gas wells in order to release the oil and gas that is trapped inside.

Some members of Congress are considering a new federal law called the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act which would regulate fracking under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and it would require anyone using hydraulic fracking to disclose the chemicals they are using in the fracking process.

Do you favor or oppose this new federal law called the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act? *[If favor or oppose ask:]* Is that strongly, or not so strongly?

	Montana Statewide <i>[n=605]</i>
Favor.....	68%
Oppose	18%
Favor – Strongly	54%
Favor – Not strongly	14%
Oppose – Not strongly.....	5%
Oppose – Strongly.....	13%
DK/NS.....	14%

Our last few questions are about you and your family and are for statistical purposes only.

May I ask how old you are?

	Montana Statewide [n=605]
18 to 24 years	8%
25 to 29 years	7%
30 to 34 years	7%
35 to 39 years	7%
40 to 44 years	8%
45 to 49 years	10%
50 to 54 years	11%
55 to 59 years	13%
60 to 64 years	9%
65 to 69 years	10%
70 years or over.....	11%
Refused/DK/NS	*%

Which of the following best describes the place where you live – a large city, suburb near a large city, a small city, a town, a rural area, or on a farm or ranch? *[Read list if necessary]*

	Montana Statewide [n=605]
Large city	5%
Suburb near a large city	2%
Small city	31%
Town	21%
Rural area	29%
Farm or ranch	10%
Refused/DK/NS	1%

For each of the following descriptions I read, please tell me if this applies to you personally or to someone in your household. Someone who *[Read each item and ask:]* — does that apply to you, someone in your household, or not? *[Do not randomize] [Single response only, if applies to respondent and someone else in household then please record under ‘applies to respondent’]*

	Total HH	Applies Respondent	Applies Household	Does Not Apply	DK/NS
a. Is an environmentalist or conservationist					
Montana Statewide [n=605]	40	32%	8%	58%	2%
b. Is a fisher or hunter					
Montana Statewide [n=605]	72	52%	20%	27%	1%
c. Works in farming or ranching					
Montana Statewide [n=605]	23	17%	6%	76%	2%

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

[If Democrat, ask:] Would you call yourself a strong Democrat, or a not very strong Democrat?

[If Republican, ask:] Would you call yourself a strong Republican, or a not very strong Republican?

[If Independent, ask:] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent?

	Montana Statewide <i>[n=605]</i>
Democrat	33%
Independent.....	23%
Republican.....	36%
Strong Democrat	16%
Not strong Democrat	6%
Independent/lean Democrat	10%
Strictly Independent.....	20%
Independent/lean Republican.....	11%
Not strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	16%
Other party	8%
DK/NS/Refused	4%

Thank you for taking our survey, your answers have been extremely helpful.

Methodology

The Montana Voter Survey was conducted by Harstad Strategic Research, Inc. the national public opinion research firm in Boulder, Colorado. The results of this survey are based upon 605 random telephone interviews among registered voters in Montana, using a voter list. The random sample of 605 has a worst-case 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 4.0% about any one reported percentage. Interviews were conducted from August 3-5, 2009.