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605 Registered Voters in Montana  
August 3-5, 2009

### 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.

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Are you registered to vote in Montana?

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

Sex *[Do Not Ask]*

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

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As Congress debates a new energy policy, some legislators are proposing an amendment that strengthens protections for private property owners who own the surface of their land, but do not own the rights to the oil and gas located underneath their land.

This amendment would notify landowners before the government leases the oil and gas out from underneath them. It would require oil and gas companies to negotiate with private property owners to find the least intrusive ways to develop oil and gas located underneath the property owner's land -- and it would require oil and gas companies to fairly compensate the landowner for damages to their land.

Do you favor or oppose this amendment that strengthens protections for private property owners from the effects of oil and gas drilling? *[If favor or oppose ask:]* Is that strongly, or not so strongly? *[n=605]*

	<b>Montana Statewide</b> <i>[n=605]</i>
Favor.....	84%
Oppose .....	10%
Favor – Strongly .....	73%
Favor – Not strongly .....	11%
Oppose – Not strongly.....	3%
Oppose – Strongly.....	7%
DK/NS.....	7%

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

May I ask how old you are?

	<b>Montana Statewide</b> [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]*

	<b>Montana Statewide</b> [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’]*

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

	<b>Montana Statewide</b> <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.