

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey, and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I won't ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with **[ASK FOR NAME ON LIST]**?

**DO NOT ACCEPT SUBSTITUTES.  
IF NOT AVAILABLE, SCHEDULE CALLBACK OR TERMINATE.  
REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY.**

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**Gender of respondent**

Men .....	48	48	48	48
Women.....	52	52	52	52

**State**

Kentucky .....	21	100	0	0
Tennessee .....	29	0	0	41
Virginia .....	42	0	0	59
West Virginia.....	8	0	100	0

1. Many people will not get the chance to vote in the 2012 election for President, Congress and other offices. How about you? Are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

almost certain.....	90	90	90	89
probably .....	10	10	10	11
50-50 .....				<b>TERMINATE</b>
probably not .....				<b>TERMINATE</b>
definitely not .....				<b>TERMINATE</b>
(don't know).....				<b>TERMINATE</b>

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Now I'd like to ask you about some organizations and issues. For each, please tell me whether you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression. If you have heard of the organization and issue but do not know enough to have an impression [5] or if you haven't heard of the organization and issue [6], just say so, and we will move on.

Have you heard of [READ NAME]? [REPEAT PROMPT AFTER EVERY THIRD ITEM] Do you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

**RANDOMIZE LIST**

2. \_Barack Obama

Very favorable .....	24	18	19	26
Somewhat favorable .....	18	24	17	17
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14	16	12	14
Very unfavorable .....	36	36	44	35
No opinion .....	8	6	8	8
Never heard .....	0	0	0	0
FAVORABLE.....	42	42	36	43
UNFAVORABLE .....	50	52	56	49

3. \_Strip mining

Very favorable .....	11	15	21	8
Somewhat favorable .....	16	20	23	14
Somewhat unfavorable .....	15	15	19	15
Very unfavorable .....	26	21	21	28
No opinion .....	23	21	16	25
Never heard .....	9	8	0	10
FAVORABLE.....	26	35	44	22
UNFAVORABLE .....	41	36	40	43

4. [T] \_Non-profit environmental organizations

Very favorable .....	20	18	18	21
Somewhat favorable .....	29	36	26	27
Somewhat unfavorable .....	10	9	13	10
Very unfavorable .....	10	10	11	9
No opinion .....	24	19	25	25
Never heard .....	7	7	7	7
FAVORABLE.....	49	55	44	48
UNFAVORABLE .....	20	19	24	19

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**SPLIT SAMPLE A**

5. [T]\_Mountaintop removal coal mining

Very favorable .....	10	18	15	7
Somewhat favorable .....	10	14	16	9
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14	11	15	15
Very unfavorable .....	25	22	30	26
No opinion .....	20	21	16	21
Never heard .....	20	14	8	23
FAVORABLE.....	20	32	31	16
UNFAVORABLE .....	39	33	45	40

6. [T]\_Mining companies

Very favorable .....	18	26	31	14
Somewhat favorable .....	30	29	36	30
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14	17	12	13
Very unfavorable .....	10	7	10	11
No opinion .....	22	17	9	25
Never heard .....	6	4	1	7
FAVORABLE.....	48	55	67	44
UNFAVORABLE .....	24	24	23	24

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

7. [T]\_Coal mining

Very favorable .....	28	35	59	22
Somewhat favorable .....	33	38	28	33
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14	12	7	15
Very unfavorable .....	7	5	3	8
No opinion .....	16	9	3	19
Never heard .....	2	1	0	2
FAVORABLE.....	61	73	87	55
UNFAVORABLE .....	21	17	10	23

8. \_Coal companies

Very favorable .....	20	28	34	16
Somewhat favorable .....	27	31	37	25
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16	15	9	17
Very unfavorable .....	10	7	11	11
No opinion .....	22	16	9	25
Never heard .....	5	3	0	6
FAVORABLE.....	47	59	71	41
UNFAVORABLE .....	26	22	20	28

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9. Overall, do you think the quality of the environment in the United States has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Gotten better .....	17	14	20	17
Stayed about the same .....	37	40	34	37
Gotten worse .....	43	43	44	43
unsure /don't know .....	3	3	2	3

10. [T] As you may know, coal companies in [STATE] mine coal from mountains through a process called mountaintop removal mining. Do you favor or oppose mountaintop removal mining or are you undecided?

**IF FAVOR/OPOSE:** Do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) mountaintop removal mining or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) this practice?

Strongly favor .....	11	21	19	8
Somewhat favor .....	13	14	15	12
Somewhat oppose .....	11	11	11	11
Strongly oppose .....	27	19	32	29
(don't know).....	38	35	24	41
FAVOR .....	24	35	34	20
OPOSE .....	38	30	42	40

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

11. [T] Overall, do you think the quality of the environment in your state has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Gotten better.....	19	21	24	17
Stayed about the same .....	55	61	52	54
Gotten worse.....	22	15	21	24
(don't know).....	4	3	2	4

12. [T] As you may know, coal companies in [STATE] mine coal from mountains through a process called mountaintop removal mining where the top of a mountain is removed to extract the coal and waste is disposed in nearby valleys and streams. Do you favor or oppose mountaintop removal mining or are you undecided?

**IF FAVOR/OPOSE:** Do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) mountaintop removal mining or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) this practice?

Strongly favor.....	10	13	15	8
Somewhat favor .....	10	12	14	9
Somewhat oppose .....	16	15	9	17
Strongly oppose .....	42	42	45	41
(don't know).....	23	18	17	25
FAVOR .....	20	25	29	17
OPOSE .....	57	57	54	58

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**RESUME ASKING ALL**

13. [T] Now for a slightly different question. Suppose a bill was introduced in the state legislature to ban mountaintop removal mining. Would you favor or oppose this bill or aren't you sure?

[IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE:] Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or not strongly (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	29	27	33	30
Not strongly favor .....	12	12	7	12
Not strongly oppose .....	11	9	12	11
Strongly oppose .....	17	22	25	14
Don't know/Not sure.....	32	30	23	33
FAVOR .....	41	39	40	42
OPPOSE .....	27	30	37	25

**SPLIT SAMPLE A**

14. And would you favor or oppose fully enforcing the Clean Water Act to safeguard streams, rivers, and lakes in [STATE] from mountaintop removal coal mining, or aren't you sure?

[IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE:] Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or not strongly (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	59	59	56	60
Not strongly favor .....	15	17	17	14
Not strongly oppose .....	4	5	3	3
Strongly oppose .....	5	3	2	5
Don't know/Not sure.....	18	16	22	18
FAVOR .....	74	76	73	74
OPPOSE .....	8	8	5	9

15. [T] Suppose an elected official was in favor of weakening environmental regulations on mountaintop removal mining? Would that make you more or less likely to support that elected official, or wouldn't it make any difference?

[IF MORE OR LESS LIKELY:] Is that MUCH more, SOMEWHAT more, SOMEWHAT less, or MUCH less likely to support that elected official?

Much more likely.....	9	7	8	10
Somewhat more likely .....	6	7	5	5
Somewhat less likely.....	18	19	20	17
Much less likely .....	30	27	36	31
No difference.....	37	40	31	36
MORE LIKELY .....	15	14	13	16
LESS LIKELY .....	48	46	56	48

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**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

16. And would you favor or oppose increasing protections in the Clean Water Act to safeguard streams, rivers, and lakes in **STATE** from mountaintop removal coal mining, or aren't you sure?

**[IF FAVOR/ OPPOSE:]** Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or not strongly (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	64	58	63	65
Not strongly favor .....	15	16	12	15
Not strongly oppose .....	4	4	5	5
Strongly oppose .....	4	5	5	4
Don't know/Not sure.....	13	17	16	11
 FAVOR.....	 78	 74	 75	 80
OPPOSE .....	9	9	10	8

17. Suppose an elected official was in favor of strengthening environmental regulations on mountaintop removal mining? Would that make you more or less likely to support that elected official, or wouldn't it make any difference?

**[IF MORE OR LESS LIKELY:]** Is that MUCH more, SOMEWHAT more, SOMEWHAT less, or MUCH less likely to support that elected official?

Much more likely.....	26	23	24	27
Somewhat more likely .....	22	24	15	22
Somewhat less likely.....	8	5	12	8
Much less likely .....	7	8	12	6
No difference.....	38	40	37	38
 MORE LIKELY .....	 48	 47	 39	 49
LESS LIKELY .....	14	14	24	13

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18. [T] And which of the following statements comes closer to your own point of view?

Environmental protections are often good for the economy ....	40	36	32	43
Environmental protections are often bad for the economy .....	25	31	34	23
Environmental protections often have little or no impact on the economy.....	20	22	19	20
(NONE OF THE ABOVE).....	3	1	5	4
(UNSURE).....	11	9	10	11

19. Now, I would like to read you two statements about mountaintop removal mining... [ROTATE]

\_(Some/Other) people say that coal is an important part of America's economy and national security, and killing jobs is the wrong thing to do in this recession. Nearly half of all electricity produced in the U.S. is from coal, and increasing coal mining and using the most efficient methods frees America from our dependence on foreign oil, keeps energy costs low, grows jobs and the local economy.

\_(Some/Other) believe mountaintop removal is bad for the economy and the environment and is causing ongoing harm to nearby communities, including increasing the number of birth defects and other serious health conditions. Mountaintop removal replaces workers with machines and explosives. It has filled nearly 2,000 miles of Appalachian streams with billions of tons of mining waste, killing wildlife and destroying forests.

Sometimes over the course of a survey like this people change their minds. Do you favor or oppose mountaintop removal mining or are you unsure?

**IF FAVOR/OPPOSE:** Do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) mountaintop removal mining or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) this practice?

Strongly favor .....	14	20	22	12
Somewhat favor .....	12	15	16	11
Somewhat oppose .....	17	11	10	19
Strongly oppose .....	34	33	35	34
unsure /don't know .....	23	21	17	25
FAVOR .....	27	35	38	23
OPPOSE .....	50	44	45	53

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*Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.*

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

**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK]:** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

**[IF INDEPENDENT ASK]:** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

strong Republican .....	22	24	20	22
not-so-strong Republican .....	6	7	6	6
independent - lean Republican .....	7	6	6	7
REPUBLICAN .....	35	37	32	35
independent .....	27	17	22	30
DEMOCRAT .....	33	41	41	30
independent - lean Democratic .....	5	4	5	6
not-so-strong Democrat .....	6	11	13	3
strong Democrat .....	22	26	23	21
(don't know/other) .....	5	5	5	5

21. Overall, would you say you support the political movement known as the Tea Party, you oppose the Tea Party movement, or that you neither support nor oppose it?

Support .....	26	24	26	26
Oppose .....	29	25	31	30
Neither .....	36	43	33	34
(Don't know/refused) .....	10	8	10	10

22. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? **DO NOT READ.**

1 - 11th grade .....	4	5	3	3
high school graduate .....	25	28	30	24
non-college post H.S. ....	2	4	3	2
some college .....	25	25	29	25
college graduate.....	28	23	21	30
post-graduate school.....	14	14	13	15
(don't know) .....	1	1	1	2

23. And, in the last two years, have you or any member of your immediate family gone either hunting or fishing at least once? **(IF YES, ASK: "AND IS THAT JUST HUNTING, JUST FISHING, OR BOTH?")**

Yes, hunting .....	3	3	6	3
Yes, fishing.....	19	22	16	19
Yes, both .....	30	36	45	27
No.....	46	39	33	49
(don't know).....	2	0	1	3



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Age from file

18-24 .....	9	9	8	9
25-29 .....	7	7	7	7
30-35 .....	7	8	5	7
35-39 .....	9	9	9	9
40-45 .....	8	9	7	8
45-49 .....	12	12	12	12
50-55 .....	9	9	8	10
55-59 .....	11	8	13	12
60-65 .....	11	13	12	10
65-69 .....	5	5	6	5
70-75 .....	4	3	5	4
75 & over .....	8	8	8	8
(DK/Ref) .....	0	0	0	0

***That completes our survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant evening!***