



To: American Energy Alliance
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We recently completed a series of research in five states (Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Montana and North Carolina) on the subject of EPA regulations, interviewing 500 registered voters in each state.

Voters in all five states want the Obama administration to focus on improving the economy and job creation; the economy was clearly the top priority across the five states.

Which of the following should be the top priority for the Obama administration right now? (CHOOSE TWO)

Combined choices	AR	CO	IA	MT	NC
Improving the economy and job creation	45	46	45	43	49
Obamacare, including both fixing or replacing the law	31	21	28	25	27
Immigration reform	31	28	25	29	25
Getting our debt and deficit spending under control	28	32	33	35	31
Foreign challenges, like what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan	16	19	18	22	16
Addressing gay marriage and abortion	11	7	4	5	5
Regulations that get us away from coal and toward different energy sources	7	17	13	16	11

Across the five states, when voters were asked about the proposed EPA regulations, there was initially an openness to the emission reduction rule.

Last month in June, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed regulations that will require a 30% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose this proposed regulation? (IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK: Would that be STRONGLY support/oppose or SOMEWHAT support/oppose)?

Before hearing the statements	AR	CO	IA	MT	NC
Strongly support	30	37	33	29	29
Somewhat support	30	20	30	28	31

Somewhat oppose	13	10	11	14	14
Strongly oppose	20	27	20	24	17
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	57	64	57	59
TOTAL OPPOSE	32	36	31	38	32

Voters were read a series of statements in support and in opposition to the proposed regulation. While there were a few minor variations, the three statements that generally caused the most concern in the five states were economic in nature:

- *The Obama administration gets to choose what level of reduction each state is supposed to achieve.*
- *If this regulation goes into effect, many say that it will cause energy use and production, along with the jobs they support, to go to countries with lower environmental standards, like China and India, which would end up hurting the environment.*
- *According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, it is estimated that there will be 224,000 fewer jobs every year until 2030.*

After hearing the statements, openness to the regulation dropped dramatically across the five states, with support not exceeding 44% in any state.

Given the arguments you just heard about the regulations, would you say that you support or oppose the regulation? (IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK: Would that be STRONGLY support/oppose or SOMEWHAT support/oppose)?

After hearing the statements	AR	CO	IA	MT	NC
Strongly support	17	27	21	20	24
Somewhat support	23	17	23	20	20
Somewhat oppose	21	15	19	16	21
Strongly oppose	34	35	29	39	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	39	44	44	40	44
TOTAL OPPOSE	55	50	48	55	48

Methodology

Five state surveys: AR, CO, IA, NC and MT

July 16-21

500 registered voters in AR, CO, IA, NC; 503 registered voters in Montana; 2503 total

Margin of error +/- 4.4 per state