



A Renewable America Survey  
600 Registered Voters in Ohio  
November 18-24, 2015  
With Oversample to 150 RV in OH-12 (weighted to comprise appropriate proportion of the overall sample)

My name is \_\_\_ and I'm calling on behalf of Echelon Research, a national public opinion research firm. We are conducting a confidential national research survey on policy issues and we would like to invite you to participate. This survey should take no more than eight minutes to complete.

First, are you currently a registered voter? (IF YES, CONTINUE. IF NO, ASK IF ANOTHER REGISTERED VOTER IS AVAILABLE; TERMINATE IF NONE IS AVAILABLE, RESTART IF NEW RESPONDENT IS PUT ON THE LINE)

What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53%
3. Refused (DNR)	

Which range includes your age?

1. 18-29	12%
2. 30-39	14%
3. 40-49	17%
4. 50-64	37%
5. 65+	19%
6. Unsure (DNR)	*
7. Refused (DNR)	1%

1) Would you say you have an overall favorable or unfavorable impression of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar? (If favorable or unfavorable, follow with: Would you say you are STRONGLY FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE or only SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE)

1. Strongly favorable	46%
2. Somewhat favorable	29%
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	7%
4. Somewhat unfavorable	8%
5. Strongly unfavorable	5%
6. Unsure (DNR)	5%

2) Would you say you agree or disagree with the following statement: We should accelerate the growth of renewable energy so American innovation can create economic growth and jobs at home.

1. Strongly agree	61%
2. Somewhat agree	26%
3. Neither agree nor disagree	2%
4. Somewhat disagree	5%
5. Strongly disagree	5%
6. Unsure	2%

3) Do you believe that jobs would be created in Ohio if there was an increase in renewable energy sources, or not really? (ROTATE)

1. Yes, jobs would be created	61%
2. No, not really	29%
3. Unsure (DNR)	10%

Currently, the federal government offers tax credits for producing and investing in renewable energy, in order to help increase their development and affordability. Congress is currently debating whether or not to keep the tax incentives in place.

4) In general, would you support or oppose continuing to provide tax incentives for renewable energy?

1. Strongly support	43%
2. Somewhat support	32%
3. Neither support nor oppose	2%
4. Somewhat oppose	7%
5. Strongly oppose	13%

6. Unsure	3%
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5) Some people say that we should continue providing tax incentives that help make renewable energy like wind and solar cheaper and encourage investment in developing renewable energy sources. Other people say that we have other affordable energy sources like natural gas and coal, so we should not provide tax incentives for renewable energy. Which do you agree with more?

1. We should continue providing tax incentives for renewable energy	70%
2. We should stop providing tax incentives for renewable energy	22%
3. Unsure/Refused (DNR)	8%

6) If a leader in your state supported continuing tax credits for renewable energy producers, would you be more or less favorable toward them or would it not matter? (If more or less favorable, follow with: Would you say you are STRONGLY MORE/LESS FAVORABLE or only SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS FAVORABLE)

1. Strongly more favorable	21%
2. Somewhat more favorable	23%
3. Neither more nor less favorable	41%
4. Somewhat less favorable	7%
5. Strongly less favorable	6%
6. Unsure	2%

I want to read you a few things that people have said about renewable energy and hear if you agree or disagree with each statement.  
(RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q7-10)

7) We should have a stable and predictable tax policy, because it makes it easier for the renewable energy industry to plan its investments and continue driving down costs.

1. Strongly agree	41%
2. Somewhat agree	35%
3. Neither agree nor disagree	7%
4. Somewhat disagree	7%
5. Strongly disagree	6%
6. Unsure	4%

8) If we do not continue current tax incentives for renewable energy, the industry will lose significant momentum that has created jobs and important infrastructure.

1. Strongly agree	34%
2. Somewhat agree	33%
3. Neither agree nor disagree	7%
4. Somewhat disagree	13%
5. Strongly disagree	10%
6. Unsure	3%

9) We shouldn't give special treatment to renewable energy.

1. Strongly agree	14%
2. Somewhat agree	18%
3. Neither agree nor disagree	5%
4. Somewhat disagree	29%
5. Strongly disagree	31%
6. Unsure	2%

10) We should continue to encourage renewable energy development so that the United States can move toward energy independence.

1. Strongly agree	61%
2. Somewhat agree	25%
3. Neither agree nor disagree	3%
4. Somewhat disagree	5%
5. Strongly disagree	5%
6. Unsure	1%

11) Renewable energy is beneficial to the United States economy and our environment, and encouraging private investment in this industry should be a priority.

1. Strongly agree	46%
2. Somewhat agree	33%
3. Neither agree nor disagree	3%
4. Somewhat disagree	8%
5. Strongly disagree	8%
6. Unsure	2%

## SECTION V: Wrap-up/Demographics

Thank you. The remaining few questions are just for demographic purposes.

12) Regardless of who you plan to vote for, would you say you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

1. Republican	32%
2. Democrat	35%
3. Independent	29%
4. Something else	2%
5. Unsure/Refused (DNR)	2%

13) Which range includes your annual household income?

1. Under \$30,000 per year	20%
2. \$30,000-\$49,999 per year	19%
3. \$50,000-\$74,999 per year	23%
4. \$75,000-\$125,000 per year	20%
5. Over \$125,000 per year	9%
6. Unsure/Refused	10%

14) What is your current employment status? (ROTATE)

1. Employed full-time	44%
2. Employed part-time	9%
3. Freelance, contract or temporary work	2%
4. Unemployed and looking for work	3%
5. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	6%
6. Retired	27%
7. Something else	8%
8. Unsure/Refused	1%

15) How would you describe your race or ethnicity? You may choose more than one. (ROTATE)

1. Black	14%
2. White	79%
3. Hispanic or Latino	4%
4. Asian	1%
5. Native American	*
6. Something else	1%
7. Unsure/Refused	1%

16) Regardless of who you plan to vote for, would you say you consider yourself conservative, moderate, or liberal? (IF CONSERVATIVE OR LIBERAL: "Would that be 'very' conservative/liberal or 'somewhat' conservative/liberal?")

1. Very conservative	17%
2. Somewhat conservative	24%
3. Moderate	37%
4. Somewhat liberal	12%
5. Very liberal	8%
6. Unsure/Refused	3%

17) Are you the parent or guardian of a child who is currently a dependent?

1. Yes	33%
2. No	66%
3. Unsure	1%

18) Which of the following best describes your current marital status?

1. Married	58%
2. Single/never married	23%
3. Divorced	10%
4. Separated	1%
5. Widowed	8%
6. Unsure/Refused	1%

19) What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. Have not completed high school	2%
2. High school	26%
3. Some college	21%
4. Associate's degree	12%
5. Bachelor's degree	22%
6. Graduate degree	16%
7. Unsure/Refused	1%