



**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/AOL POL:
GAS PRICES STUDY
CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

PARTY AFFILIATION

1a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.1a, Q.1b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.1a, Q.1c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.1a, Q.1d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 1b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- 1c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- 1d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Republican	15
Moderately Republican.....	23
Definitely Independent/neither	11
Moderately Democrat	29
Strongly Democrat.....	20
Refused/not sure	2
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Total Republican	39
Total Democrat	49

GAS PRICES

1. Do you think George W. Bush is or is not handling the nation's energy problems effectively?

Is	31
Is not	62
Not sure.....	7

2. How much do higher prices for gasoline, natural gas and home heating oil affect you personally?

A lot.....	55
Some.....	33
Not much	8
Not at all	4
Not sure.....	-
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Total A Lot/Some	88
Total Not Much/Not at All.....	12

3. Over the next six months, do you expect that increases in the price of gasoline will cause financial hardship for you or your family, or not? **(IF YES, ASK:)** Do you expect that will be a serious hardship, or not serious?

	<u>4/18- 20/05</u>	<u>7/6- 9/04</u>
Will Cause Financial Hardship.....	51	54
- Serious hardship.....	30	30
- Not a serious hardship.....	20	23
- Not sure how serious	1	1
Will Not Cause Financial Hardship.....	48	46
Not sure	1	-

4. As a result of recent increases in energy prices, would you say you have or have not done each of the following?

	<u>Have Done</u>	<u>Have Not Done</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Reduced the amount of driving you do	58	41	1
Turned down the heat or air conditioning in your home.....	60	40	-
Thought seriously about purchasing a more fuel-efficient vehicle.....	41	58	1
Changed your vacation plans to stay closer to home.....	41	58	1
Cut back on other expenses.....	57	43	-

5. Which ONE of the following would you say deserves the most blame for higher energy prices?

Oil companies that want to make too much profit.....	29
Foreign countries that dominate oil reserves.....	24
Politicians	23
Environmentalists who want to limit oil exploration	8
People who drive gas-guzzling vehicles.....	6
(NOT READ) Other	1
(NOT READ) No one is to blame/not a problem.....	1
(NOT READ) All equally	6
Not sure.....	2

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

18-34	31
35-49	29
50-64	23
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	53
- Part time.....	10
Not employed	15
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure	-

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	24
Some college but did not finish.....	22
Completed a two year college degree	14
Completed a four year college degree.....	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	12
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	59
No.....	41
Refused/not sure	-

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	19
2	32
3	18
4	18
5	8
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	40
Under 6.....	23
6-12	20
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	59
Refused/not sure	1

D7a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D7b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D7a.)

D7b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	1
Refused	-

D8. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	9
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	15

REGION:

Northeast.....	19
Midwest.....	23
South.....	36
West.....	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	34
Suburban.....	46
Rural.....	20

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female.....	52