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**America's WETLAND Foundation
National Poll
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Methodology

A national survey of 1,132 voters was conducted by Jim Kitchens of the Kitchens Group from Maitland, FL. on August 10-14, 2011. The sample was balanced according to known demographic factors. The margin of error for the survey is $\pm 2.9\%$.

STANDARD VOTER SCREEN

1. Have you heard of the term "America's Wetland" used to refer to a specific area of wetlands in the state of Louisiana? (1) yes (2) no (3) unsure

(1) 64% (2) 36%

2. When you hear the term "America's Energy Coast", what area of the United States do you think of?

- (1) East Coast
- (2) West Coast
- (3) Gulf Coast
- (4) none of these
- (5) don't know

(1) 15% (2) 12% (3) 40% (4) 04% (5) 29%



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3. Is it reasonable to expect we can drill for oil in the Gulf of Mexico and protect the environment of the Gulf Coast? Would you say this is (1) definitely possible, (2) probably possible, (3) probably not possible or (4) definitely not possible? (5) unsure

(1) 30% (2) 43% (3) 20% (4) 07%

4. Do you think the federal government should (1) definitely be responsible for protecting coastal areas that supply energy to the U.S., (2) probably should be responsible, (3) probably should not be responsible, or (4) definitely should not be responsible for protecting coastal area that supply energy to the U.S.? (5) unsure

(1) 67% (2) 23% (3) 06% (4) 04%

5. In 1927, the Federal Government built embankments, called levees, along the Mississippi River. These levees cut off the fresh water and sediment that nourished and built Louisiana's coastal wetlands. Since then, Louisiana has lost an area of land as large as the state of Delaware. Over the last several years, the Gulf coast has been battered by a variety of natural and man-made disasters. Hurricanes and storm surges have torn up the fragile Gulf Coastline and the impact from the recent BP oil spill continues to threaten a fragile ecosystem. There are a number of bills in Congress that would reduce funding coming from oil and gas revenues for the restoration of the Gulf Coast.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The Gulf coast is vital to the nation's economy and domestic energy security and we should invest additional funds to help restore the area.

- (1) strongly agree
- (2) somewhat agree
- (3) somewhat disagree
- (4) strongly disagree

(1) 51% (2) 40% (3) 06% (4) 03%



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6. Each year, because of levees along the Mississippi River, nutrients and sediments from the river flow into the Gulf of Mexico. This results in a massive hypoxic dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico off of the place where the Mississippi River flows into the Gulf. This dead zone threatens marine life. In 2010, the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico covered 8,400 square miles or an area the size of New Jersey.

Additionally, ship navigation on the Mississippi River that supplies commodities and goods to the nation is also compromised as the Delta and its wetlands are destroyed due to coastal erosion.

Having read this information, do you believe that. . .

Most Americans understand that the Mississippi River system, from headwaters to the river's mouth, is vulnerable? (1) yes (2) no

(1) 50% (2) 50%

It is the responsibility of the federal government to restore and maintain the environmental health of the Mississippi River? (1) yes (2) no

(1) 84% (2) 16%

7. Should the 31 states along the Mississippi River and tributaries establish cooperative policies and methods to ensure that the entire Mississippi River system is healthy in terms of its water quality and water supply? (1) yes (2) no

(1) 97% (2) 03%



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8. From the headwaters of the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, the entire Mississippi River and the other rivers and streams that flow into it support a number of industries, activities, and natural benefits. Below is a list of those items. Please indicate if you think each one is (1) very important, (2) somewhat important, (3) not too important, or (4) a not important at all for us to maintain or protect.

- Fresh water
(1) 92% (2) 07% (3) 01% (4) 00%
- Wildlife habitat for migratory birds
(1) 70% (2) 26% (3) 04% (4) 00%
- Areas for domestic energy development
(1) 52% (2) 40% (3) 07% (4) 01%
- Clean waters and natural habitats in the Delta, the wetlands, and the Gulf of Mexico
(1) 83% (2) 15% (3) 02% (4) 00%
- Commercial navigation, ports and shipping
(1) 53% (2) 39% (3) 07% (4) 01%
- Natural flood protection
(1) 75% (2) 22% (3) 03% (4) 00%
- Agriculture
(1) 75% (2) 23% (3) 02% (4) 00%
- Tourism
(1) 41% (2) 38% (3) 18% (4) 03%
- Outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing
(1) 45% (2) 38% (3) 14% (4) 03%



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9. There is a growing dialogue about the impact of green house gasses on the environment. Science tells us that using wetlands like we do forests to reduce carbon in the air could provide multiple opportunities: carbon credits could achieve coastal restoration in areas of severe land losses; carbon could be recycled and reused. Determining such a beneficial use of carbon through incentives and public/private partnerships to finance coastal restoration is being considered.

Knowing this, do you believe:

(1) Using wetlands to capture and store carbon dioxide is a worthwhile endeavor.
or

(2) Climate change is not really a significant problem, so efforts to capture carbon are not really a worthwhile endeavor, whether or not it could restore the ecosystem.

(1) 78% (2) 22%

FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES

10. Which of the following age categories are you in?

(1) 18-34 (2) 35-49 (3) 50-64 (4) 65 or older (5) refused

1) 10% (2) 24% (3) 30% (4) 24% (5) 12%

11. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself (1) a strong Republican, (2) a borderline Republican, (3) a borderline Democrat, (4) a strong Democrat, (5) an independent, or (6) do you identify with another political party other than the Democrats or Republicans, such as the Reform Party or the Green Party? (7) unsure/refused

(1) 17% (2) 13% (3) 17% (4) 22% (5) 30%
(6) 01%



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12. How would you describe the community where you live - (1) a big city, (2) the suburbs, (3) a mid-size city, (4) a small town, or (5) a rural area? (6) refused

(1) 18% (2) 32% (3) 17% (4) 16% (5) 17%

13. Just for statistical purposes, could you tell me which of the following best describes your total family income: (1) less than \$50,000, (2) between \$50,000 and \$75,000, (3) between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or (4) more than \$100,000? (5) unsure/refused

(1) 55% (2) 22% (3) 13% (4) 10%

14. The media often describes people as African American, Hispanic, white, or Asian American. Which of these best describes you?

(1)	White	81%
(2)	African American	09%
(3)	Hispanic	05%
(4)	Asian American	03%
(5)	Other	02%

15. Are you (1) male 41% or (2) female 59%