



Poll Finds Americans Lack Trust in the Oil and Gas Industry

Topline findings

Very few Americans (29%) trust oil and gas companies to **operate responsibly**.

Only 15% of Americans trust oil and gas companies to **be accurate in telling you how much pollution they cause**.

- A majority of Americans (51%) outright do not trust oil and gas companies to be accurate in telling you how much pollution they cause.
- This is also true across party lines, with a majority of Democrats and Independents not trusting oil and gas companies to be accurate in telling you how much pollution they cause —and a plurality of Republicans not trusting.
- For every single demographic group, “not trust” is higher than “trust.” This is especially true for 18-24 year olds, Hispanics, and college graduates.

Data Tables

When thinking about the oil and gas industry, do you trust, not trust, or are you unsure that oil and gas companies operate responsibly?

	Trust	Not Trust	Unsure
All Adults	29%	37%	34%
<i>Democrats</i>	25%	41%	34%
<i>Independents</i>	25%	39%	36%
<i>Republicans</i>	39%	28%	33%

When thinking about the oil and gas industry, do you trust, not trust, or are you unsure that oil and gas companies will be accurate in telling you how much pollution they cause?

	Trust	Not Trust	Unsure
All Adults	15%	51%	34%
<i>Democrats</i>	13%	54%	33%
<i>Independents</i>	12%	52%	36%
<i>Republicans</i>	24%	43%	33%

*Poll conducted by KRC Research for Environmental Defense Fund
Nationally Representative Sample of 1,015 U.S. Adults
Conducted December 28-30, 2015
Margin of Error +/- 3.5%*