



## By The Numbers: The More Americans Learn About LCFS, Cap-And-Trade, The More They Oppose Them

**Gallup editor-in-chief:** “Right now, Americans are more concerned about the economy than the environment. The politician who says, 'I'm going to cripple jobs and shut down factories' would be in trouble in this economy.”<sup>1</sup>

<b>87</b>	<p><b>87 percent</b> believe Minnesota’s oil supply should come from North America, as opposed to unstable, foreign regimes.</p> <p><b>MN Chamber Poll on LCFS, Cap-and-Trade:</b> 87 percent believe Minnesota’s oil supply should come from North America (such as Canada). 72 percent are concerned about Minnesota depending on Middle Eastern nations for its oil supply. ... 61 percent believe a [low-carbon fuel] standard should not be passed. 51 percent would be less likely to support a standard if it affects the ethanol industry. (<a href="#">3/09</a>)</p>
<b>25</b>	<p><b>For the first time in 25 years of Gallup polling,</b> more Americans care about economic growth than government-led action on environment.</p> <p><b>Las Vegas Review-Journal:</b> Another recent Gallup study found that, for the first time in 25 years of polling, more Americans care about economic growth than the environment. ... That reverses results from 2008, when 49 percent of respondents said the environment was paramount and 42 percent said economic growth came first. In 1985, the poll's first year, 61 percent placed a bigger priority on the environment, while 28 percent ranked economic growth highest. (<a href="#">8/9/09</a>)</p>
<b>58</b>	<p><b>58 percent</b> of Americans unwilling to pay more for energy to ‘combat’ global warming.</p> <p><b>National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)/ Lauer Johnson Research (LJR):</b> In one of the most compelling findings of the survey, 58% of respondents say they are unwilling to pay any more than they currently pay for electricity to combat climate change. (<a href="#">4/20/09</a>)</p>
<b>56</b>	<p><b>56 percent</b> of Americans oppose paying more in taxes, higher energy costs to artificially prop-up renewable energies.</p> <p><b>Rasmussen:</b> Fifty-six percent (56%) of Americans say they are not willing to pay more in taxes and utility costs to generate cleaner energy and fight global warming. (<a href="#">7/1/09</a>)</p>
<b>51</b>	<p><b>51 percent</b> of Americans oppose carbon credit trading and energy mandates called for under LCFS, cap-and-trade.</p> <p><b>CNN/Opinion Research Corporation:</b> A proposal called 'cap and trade' would allow the federal government to limit the emissions from industrial facilities such as power plants and factories that some people believe cause global warming. Companies that exceed the limit could avoid fines or higher taxes by paying money to other companies that produced fewer emissions than allowed. Would you favor or oppose this? (<a href="#">4/26/09</a>)</p>

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Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports the thoughtful utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic and global energy security and stable prices for consumers.

<sup>1</sup> Jennifer Robison, “Political climate for energy policies cools,” *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, [8/9/09](#).