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## **ELECTION ISSUES 2008**

### **OIL**

48% of Americans say lower gas prices are the key to an economic recovery. They are indeed.

60% of Americans are in favor of offshore drilling and exploratory drilling on land which America owns and controls.

So says the Rasmussen poll, reliable, fair and accurate.

President Bush has issued a presidential proclamation lifting the ban on exploratory drilling for oil at home. Mr. Bush has finally gotten the message that Americans are worried about gasoline prices and he intends to do something about it. With six months to go in his administration, better late than never.

**THE U.S. CONGRESS DISAGREES!** The Democratic congress will not allow that drilling to happen. The congress is especially concerned with protecting the Alaskan National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR) and the outer continental shelf against such drilling. No matter how much potential oil could be found, or how safe the new drilling possibilities are, the Democrats say no.

In fact, the Democrat leader of the Senate Harry Reid has been quoted as saying that coal and oil are making Americans "sick" and that fossil-fueled global warming is ruining our country and ruining our world. 52% of those polled by Rasmussen disagree with Reid and, with an AMERICA-FIRST mentality, want this vital exploration to occur.

Ironically, many geologists think that America has the natural resources to become ENERGY-INDEPENDENT. We have in the words of one the ability "to become the Saudi Arabia of coal and the Saudi Arabia of oil." But all moratoriums, all bans must be lifted so that we as Americans can go to work and get what is rightfully ours for our usage and even that of the world.

Get this, and get it clearly. America has two trillion barrels of oil in shale. We can get that much oil from the unbelievable supply of shale in our country doing little or no ecological harm to the environment.

Get this. America has 90 billion barrels of offshore oil that we have identified, and there may be much more.

Get this. At ANWR, the Alaska National Wildlife Reserve, there are at least 10 billion barrels of oil and perhaps much more, and there is even well more than that throughout the entire state of Alaska both onshore and off.

None of that oil, whether from shale, offshore drilling or ANWR can be retrieved for the benefit of America under our present laws and the absurd and irrational bans now in place. President Bush and virtually all Republicans, and even some Democrats (but not enough) want this drilling to occur. The Democrats in the Senate and the house, well in the majority, do not.

Senator Obama, a strong liberal Democrat, is against any and all drilling, of any kind, anywhere, no matter the reason. Do you agree?

Senator McCain, a centrist Republican we are told, has yet to make it clear precisely what his position is, although he favors generally an America-First policy on energy and energy independence, but without defining a specific plan for such. McCain needs to make his position clear, perfectly clear so that Americans will understand what our policies will be should he be elected.

Senator Obama is opposed not only to drilling for oil, but he is very much opposed to nuclear power and opposed to the mining of coal for energy purposes. Senator Obama favors wind, solar and ethanol sources of energy as the long term answers to energy problems. Most experts however believe that, no matter how ideal and desirable such energy sources may be, they would at full capacity never meet more than 10% of America's energy needs! Experts do believe that we should explore the possibilities for these new energy sources but never as a substitute for fossil fuels, including oil, shale and coal.

It is not just oil, whether used for gasoline and automobiles, heating fuel or otherwise, but the totality of the energy problem. We Americans consume enormous quantities of energy in many ways from many sources. With our lifestyles, we will never be truly independent of fossil fuels, which will be the major source of energy for America for decades to come. We run the risk of an incredible dependence upon foreign oil and other energy supplies if we do not in a proactive way protect our interests, develop our own resources and assure the priorities and lifestyles which the American people obviously want.

In election 2008, the vote for Obama is a vote against oil, coal and nuclear exploration and development. The end result will obviously be far higher prices, an economy in turmoil and living in or at the constant risk of recession.

A vote for McCain is a vote for energy independence, fossil fuel development, nuclear power development and far less dependence upon foreign oil and energy resources.

**What do you believe? What is your point of view? In light of the issues framed above, for whom will you vote?**

**We the Crawford Broadcasting Company urge you to vote the issues and not the person, the party or the platform. Vote for what you think is RIGHT!**