

Vital takes to the streets armed with questions about today's industry. The comments do not necessarily represent the opinions of POET, LLC.

Energy Policy

With the GOP primary in full swing and the general election on the horizon, we took the issue of energy policy to the streets, asking:

Q1: "How important is the issue of energy in making your election decisions?"

Q2: "Among the many issues surrounding energy – such as supply, cost, reliance on foreign sources, pollution, etc. – what do you find most important? Why?"



Name: Tim Main
Location: Wabash, Ind.

"Very honestly, energy doesn't weigh heavily at all on my election decisions. However I do see our reliance on foreign oil as a relatively high priority. I'd much rather we be developing our own resources here rather than depending on other countries. We need to get to the place we can take care of ourselves."



Name: Jennifer Burden
Location: Buffalo, Wyo.

Q1: "I want to elect a president who looks at both sides of the equation – one who knows why we need energy, but also knows what it does to the earth."

Q2: "I think balance is the most important issue surrounding energy. Energy development isn't necessarily confined to oil and gas. We need to continue to expand alternative energy sources. ... If we rely on energy sources other than oil and gas to run our homes, our cars, our businesses, then I think we've taken ourselves, humans, further out of the equation."

Name: Taylor Peterson
Location: Naperville, Ill.

Q1: "Energy is not too much my issue. It's more just getting the economy back and getting more jobs."

Q2: "Getting off foreign oil. Between Alaska and Colorado, we have a bigger oil field under there than any place in the Middle East. I don't see what the problem is with drilling down in one place. It doesn't make a lot of sense."

Name: Jeffery Mintz
Location: Rochester, Minn.

Q1: "It is of some importance. For me, I think our energy policy and foreign policy are intertwined, and I think our foreign policy is very important. We can't keep relying on a foreign policy that is often driven by foreign energy."

Q2: "Reliance on foreign sources. We tend to be feeding money over to people that tend to have a very different world view, and an incompatible world view, and I'm opposed to that. Alternative energy can, will, and must play a role in reducing our reliance on foreign sources."

