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	Education				Ideology			Party			Southern Illinois				Employed			
	Total	No College	Some College	College Plus	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative	Dem	Ind	Rep	Born SO IL	Other IL	Other State	Other Country	Full-Time	Part Time	Retired	Not Employed
Base	401	127 (A)	154 (B)	117 (C)	88 (D)	92 (E)	194 (F)	164 (G)	54 (H)	159 (I)	268 (J)	45 (K)	81 (L)	5 (M)	109 (N)	32 (O)	210 (P)	40 (Q)
A lot	173 43.14%	44 34.65% C	67 43.51%	62 52.99% A	45 51.14% e	30 32.61% d	85 43.81%	71 43.29%	21 38.89%	74 46.54%	107 39.93%	21 46.67%	42 51.85%	3 60.00%	51 46.79%	11 34.38%	94 44.76%	14 35.00%
Some	139 34.66%	38 29.92%	54 35.06%	47 40.17%	27 30.68%	41 44.57%	67 34.54%	56 34.15%	19 35.19%	54 33.96%	99 36.94%	17 37.78%	22 27.16%	1 20.00%	43 39.45%	12 37.50%	65 30.95%	14 35.00%
Not much	47 11.72%	21 16.54% C	17 11.04%	7 5.98% A	8 9.09%	13 14.13%	21 10.82%	22 13.41%	7 12.96%	13 8.18%	33 12.31%	5 11.11%	7 8.64%	1 20.00%	11 10.09%	2 6.25%	29 13.81%	4 10.00%
Nothing so far	27 6.73%	12 9.45% C	14 9.09% C	1 0.85% AB	7 7.95%	6 6.52%	10 5.15%	10 6.10%	7 12.96%	10 6.29%	19 7.09%	2 4.44%	6 7.41%	0 0.00%	3 2.75% OQ	7 21.88% NP	9 4.29% OQ	8 20.00% NP
(OTHER/DON'T KNOW)	15 3.74%	12 9.45% BC	2 1.30% A	0 0.00% A	1 1.14%	2 2.17%	11 5.67%	5 3.05%	0 0.00%	8 5.03%	10 3.73%	0 0.00%	4 4.94%	0 0.00%	1 0.92% p	0 0.00%	13 6.19% n	0 0.00%
Mean	1.81	2.01	1.86	1.55	1.74	1.94	1.76	1.82	2.00	1.73	1.86	1.73	1.70	1.60	1.69	2.16	1.76	2.15

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	Born Again			Age				Race		Income			Union Household		Military Household	
	Total	Yes	No	35 and Under	36-50	51-64	65+	White	Non-White	<\$50k	\$50k - \$100k	\$100k+	Yes	No	Yes	No
Base	401	165 (A)	177 (B)	31 (C)	46 (D)	121 (E)	181 (F)	367 (G)	23 (H)	203 (I)	94 (J)	40 (K)	112 (L)	284 (M)	173 (N)	226 (O)
A lot	173 43.14%	64 38.79%	81 45.76%	7 22.58% E	18 39.13%	65 53.72% Cf	74 40.88% e	162 44.14%	8 34.78%	87 42.86% k	40 42.55% k	25 62.50% ij	40 35.71%	131 46.13%	64 36.99% o	109 48.23% n
Some	139 34.66%	65 39.39%	58 32.77%	13 41.94%	18 39.13%	47 38.84%	57 31.49%	129 35.15%	7 30.43%	65 32.02% j	43 45.74% i	13 32.50%	51 45.54% M	87 30.63% L	58 33.53%	81 35.84%
Not much	47 11.72%	21 12.73%	20 11.30%	4 12.90%	6 13.04% e	5 4.13% dF	28 15.47% E	42 11.44%	3 13.04%	26 12.81% k	8 8.51%	0 0.00% i	14 12.50%	33 11.62%	26 15.03%	20 8.85%
Nothing so far	27 6.73%	6 3.64%	14 7.91%	7 22.58% EF	4 8.70%	3 2.48% C	10 5.52% C	21 5.72%	4 17.39%	18 8.87% j	2 2.13% i	2 5.00%	5 4.46%	22 7.75%	15 8.67%	12 5.31%
(OTHER/DON'T KNOW)	15 3.74%	9 5.45%	4 2.26%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1 0.83% f	12 6.63% e	13 3.54%	1 4.35%	7 3.45%	1 1.06%	0 0.00%	2 1.79%	11 3.87%	10 5.78% o	4 1.77% n
Mean	1.81	1.80	1.81	2.35	1.91	1.55	1.85	1.78	2.14	1.87	1.70	1.48	1.85	1.80	1.95	1.71

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Table 35:26. As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?

	Education				Ideology			Party			Southern Illinois				Employed			
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Base	401	127 (A)	154 (B)	117 (C)	88 (D)	92 (E)	194 (F)	164 (G)	54 (H)	159 (I)	268 (J)	45 (K)	81 (L)	5 (M)	109 (N)	32 (O)	210 (P)	40 (Q)
Very safe	27 6.73%	8 6.30%	12 7.79%	7 5.98%	4 4.55%	2 2.17% f	21 10.82% e	3 1.83% hI	4 7.41% g	18 11.32% G	20 7.46%	2 4.44%	5 6.17%	0 0.00%	10 9.17%	1 3.13%	15 7.14%	1 2.50%
Somewhat safe	138 34.41%	41 32.28%	55 35.71%	41 35.04%	18 20.45% eF	31 33.70% d	81 41.75% D	42 25.61% I	20 37.04%	68 42.77% G	92 34.33%	16 35.56%	29 35.80%	1 20.00%	33 30.28%	14 43.75%	72 34.29%	13 32.50%
Not very safe	87 21.70%	29 22.83%	24 15.58% c	33 28.21% b	27 30.68% f	19 20.65%	37 19.07% d	46 28.05%	8 14.81%	30 18.87%	61 22.76%	11 24.44%	14 17.28%	0 0.00%	27 24.77%	9 28.13%	39 18.57%	10 25.00%
Not at all safe	95 23.69%	23 18.11%	43 27.92%	29 24.79%	31 35.23% F	23 25.00%	32 16.49% D	54 32.93% I	13 24.07%	24 15.09% G	57 21.27%	14 31.11%	21 25.93%	3 60.00%	29 26.61%	5 15.63%	52 24.76%	8 20.00%
(OTHER/DON'T KNOW)	54 13.47%	26 20.47% C	20 12.99%	7 5.98% A	8 9.09%	17 18.48%	23 11.86%	19 11.59%	9 16.67%	19 11.95%	38 14.18%	2 4.44%	12 14.81%	1 20.00%	10 9.17%	3 9.38%	32 15.24%	8 20.00%
Mean	2.72	2.66	2.73	2.76	3.06	2.84	2.47	3.04	2.67	2.43	2.67	2.86	2.74	3.50	2.76	2.62	2.72	2.78

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Table 35b: 26. As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?

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Somewhat safe	138 34.41%	66 40.00%	58 32.77%	11 35.48%	16 34.78%	43 35.54%	61 33.70%	125 34.06%	8 34.78%	71 34.98%	31 32.98%	13 32.50%	38 33.93%	98 34.51%	63 36.42%	75 33.19%
Not very safe	87 21.70%	43 26.06%	34 19.21%	8 25.81%	11 23.91%	23 19.01%	39 21.55%	81 22.07%	5 21.74%	37 18.23% j	29 30.85% i	11 27.50%	27 24.11%	60 21.13%	38 21.97%	49 21.68%
Not at all safe	95 23.69%	25 15.15% B	47 26.55% A	8 25.81%	10 21.74%	37 30.58% f	37 20.44% e	91 24.80%	3 13.04%	57 28.08%	19 20.21%	9 22.50%	30 26.79%	64 22.54%	34 19.65%	61 26.99%
(OTHER/DON'T KNOW)	54 13.47%	22 13.33%	23 12.99%	4 12.90%	5 10.87%	10 8.26% f	31 17.13% e	45 12.26%	5 21.74%	25 12.32%	9 9.57%	2 5.00%	13 11.61%	39 13.73%	27 15.61%	25 11.06%
Mean	2.72	2.59	2.73	2.89	2.66	2.80	2.67	2.74	2.50	2.78	2.72	2.63	2.84	2.67	2.65	2.77

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Table 36:27. Some people say the state should encourage hydraulic fracturing because of the economic benefits, while others say the state should not encourage hydraulic fracturing because of potential environmental impact. Which comes closer to your view?

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Should encourage for economic benefits	136 33.92%	35 27.56%	58 37.66%	42 35.90%	23 26.14% F	26 28.26% f	82 42.27% De	37 22.56% I	17 31.48%	72 45.28% G	89 33.21%	15 33.33%	30 37.04%	1 20.00%	39 35.78%	11 34.38%	67 31.90%	15 37.50%
Should not encourage because of environmental impact	210 52.37%	65 51.18%	73 47.40% c	71 60.68% b	57 64.77% F	55 59.78% F	82 42.27% DE	107 65.24% hI	26 48.15% g	67 42.14% G	141 52.61%	25 55.56%	41 50.62%	2 40.00%	58 53.21%	16 50.00%	110 52.38%	20 50.00%
(OTHER/DON'T KNOW)	55 13.72%	27 21.26% C	23 14.94% C	4 3.42% AB	8 9.09%	11 11.96%	30 15.46%	20 12.20%	11 20.37%	20 12.58%	38 14.18%	5 11.11%	10 12.35%	2 40.00%	12 11.01%	5 15.63%	33 15.71%	5 12.50%

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Should encourage for economic benefits	136 33.92%	63 38.18%	57 32.20%	10 32.26%	17 36.96%	43 35.54%	57 31.49%	123 33.51%	8 34.78%	67 33.00%	33 35.11%	15 37.50%	37 33.04%	98 34.51%	60 34.68%	76 33.63%
Should not encourage because of environmental impact	210 52.37%	79 47.88%	96 54.24%	17 54.84%	24 52.17%	68 56.20%	93 51.38%	197 53.68%	10 43.48%	111 54.68%	51 54.26%	22 55.00%	64 57.14%	144 50.70%	78 45.09%	131 57.96%
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