

Gender	Women	50%	Area	Glenwood Springs	27%
	Men	50%		Rifle	21%
				Carbondale/Gypsum	16%
Age	18-34	26%		New Castle/Silt	23%
	35-49	27%		Parachute/De Beque	14%
	50-64	31%	Party	Democrat	24%
	65+	16%		Unaffiliated/Other	43%
				Republican	33%

### GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO (N=405)

Good evening. May I speak with [name from file only]? My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from the public opinion research firm R.F.C., Inc., regarding issues in Garfield County. This is not a sales call of any kind and is for research purposes only. This survey is 11 questions and should only take about five minutes. I'll begin by asking...

For each of the following individuals or groups, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing. The first one is...

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK) Do you Approve/Disapprove strongly, or just somewhat?

		<b>STRONGLY APPROVE</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT APPROVE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>STRONG DISAPPROVE</b>
1	The Garfield County Board of County Commissioners	16%	37%	21%	13%	13%
		<b>53%</b>			<b>26%</b>	
(Randomize order after hearing Q1)						
2	Commissioner Tom Jankovsky	15%	26%	35%	12%	12%
		<b>41%</b>			<b>24%</b>	
3	Commissioner John Martin	18%	29%	27%	12%	14%
		<b>47%</b>			<b>26%</b>	
4	Commissioner Mike Samson	23%	23%	33%	13%	8%
		<b>49%</b>			<b>19%</b>	

For each of the following actions taken by the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the action. Here is the first... (Randomize)

(After reading each question, ask) Having heard this, would you say you agree or disagree with the action taken by the County Commissioners?

		AGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW
5	<p>Garfield County Commissioners held a meeting closed to the public earlier this year in Utah.</p> <p>Critics say the County Commissioners gave oil shale lobbyists special access and unfairly shut out the public. The commissioners also violated open meeting laws by failing to provide proper notice. Critics say the commissioners worked with industry lobbyists to form an official position on oil shale, which would impact local residents.</p> <p>Commissioners say that the meeting was not improper since no decisions were made, it was purely informational and, included county commissioners from Utah as well, and that they followed the law and ethics requirements because they did not conduct any public business at the meeting.</p>	42%	46%	12%
6	<p>Garfield County Commissioners fired the county oil and gas industry liaison.</p> <p>Critics claimed it was a purely political decision because her supervisor had given her a "95 percent glowing" job review but oil and gas industry lobbyists complained about her for standing-up for local residents.</p> <p>Others say the county's decision to fire the oil and gas industry liaison was not political, but the county is in a tough spot because they can't talk about individual reasons for the firing, due to county policies.</p>	31%	43%	26%
7	<p>Garfield County spent twenty thousand dollars to hire a consulting firm from Texas to influence the federal government's approach in addressing development impacts to land and water resources critical for the greater sage grouse.</p> <p>Critics claim the county failed to represent constituents by using taxpayer money to hire a highly partisan, out-of-state consulting firm that has also received funding from a highly controversial corporate lobbying group.</p> <p>Commissioners say they wanted to figure out what's best for the sage grouse and also for constituents so they hired this firm because they have valuable expertise helping guide local governments in federal land use policies. The consulting firm says it is not a corporate lobbying group.</p>	27%	51%	21%

- 8 While all sides agree that the oil and gas industry is a significant part of the economy in Garfield County, some people disagree about how much influence oil and gas companies should have on the county commission. Please tell me which of the following two statements you agree with more. (Rotate statements below)

Some/other people say the oil and gas industry and its lobbyists have too much influence over the county commission, as shown by their closed door meetings with lobbyists, firing of the county oil and gas liaison, and spending twenty-thousand dollars of taxpayer money on a highly partisan, out-of-state consulting firm.

Some/other people say that the oil and gas industry is so important to the local economy, the Garfield County Commissioners need to do everything possible to clear obstacles so that the oil and gas industry is able to succeed and expand, and the commissioners have also shown their independence by agreeing to an oil and gas air quality study with Colorado State University and referring an open space measure to the ballot.

Which do you agree with more?

45% (Too much influence)

46% (Oil and gas is important/Commission shown independence)

10% (DK)