

Truck Safety Coalition and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
Omnibus Questions
August 2014
FINAL

	Total N= 1016	Dem 388	Ind /DK 273	Rep 321
Sex				
Men	48	40	54	54
Women	52	60	46	46
Region				
New England	6	5	7	6
Mid Atlantic	12	14	14	10
East North Central	17	15	20	15
West North Central	7	6	7	10
South Atlantic.....	20	24	15	18
East South Central	6	4	4	10
West South Central	8	8	9	8
Mountain	8	7	9	8
Pacific	16	17	15	15

1. **SSA:** As you may know, some people believe driver fatigue is a major problem in the trucking industry. This issue recently received national attention when a truck driver fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into comedian Tracy Morgan’s touring bus. The collision killed one person and injured several others. Currently, Congress is debating legislation that would raise the number of hours a semi-truck driver is allowed to work in a week from 70 to 82 hours. That is more than twice the normal 40 hour work week for most people. **[WITH TRACY]**

Do you favor or oppose Congress changing the law and raising the number of hours a semi-truck driver is allowed to work in a week from 70 to 82 hours?

[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK]: Is that STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor.....	9	9	9	9
Somewhat favor.....	9	6	8	13
Somewhat oppose.....	17	15	14	23
Strongly oppose.....	61	67	64	52
Unsure/don’t know.....	3	3	5	3
Favor.....	18	15	17	22
Oppose	79	82	78	75

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Strongly favor.....	8	5	12	8
Somewhat favor.....	8	7	8	10
Somewhat oppose.....	19	23	10	21
Strongly oppose.....	61	64	66	56
Unsure/don't know.....	4	1	4	4
Favor.....	16	12	20	18
Oppose.....	80	87	76	77

3. If Congress changes the law and raises the number of hours a truck driver is allowed to work from 70 to 82 hours, would that make you feel much less safe, somewhat less safe, somewhat more safe, or much more safe?

Much less safe.....	39	45	36	33
Somewhat less safe.....	42	40	36	48
Somewhat more safe.....	9	8	14	8
Much more safe.....	4	6	2	3
Unsure/don't know.....	7	1	12	8
Less safe.....	80	85	72	81
More safe.....	13	14	16	12

Party Identification

Strong Democrat.....	26	69	0	0
Independent - lean Democrat.....	12	31	0	0
Democrat.....	38	100	0	0
Independent.....	21	0	78	0
Republican.....	32	0	0	100
Independent - lean Republican.....	10	0	0	32
Strong Republican.....	22	0	0	68
Other party.....	3	0	0	0
Don't know/refused.....	6	0	22	0

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Age				
18 - 24.....	13	14	16	8
25 - 29.....	6	6	8	3
30 - 34.....	6	5	5	7
35 - 39.....	7	6	9	6
40 - 44.....	7	5	3	11
45 - 49.....	10	11	6	12
50 - 54.....	8	8	5	9
55 - 59.....	9	12	6	9
60 - 64.....	11	11	17	8
65 - 69.....	7	7	6	9
70 - 74.....	7	6	5	9
75 & over	8	8	8	9
(Not ascertained)	2	1	5	1
Head of household				
Yes.....	86	89	80	90
No	13	11	16	10
Refused/nr	1	0	3	0
Employment status				
Employed full time	42	42	38	46
Employed part time.....	7	8	7	7
Self-employed.....	6	7	4	7
Retired	27	25	30	28
Not currently employed.....	8	8	9	5
Student	6	7	6	3
Homemaker	3	3	2	5
Refused/nr	1	1	3	0
Marital status				
Married.....	53	49	47	66
Living as married	5	5	6	4
Single.....	22	27	25	13
Divorced.....	9	9	9	8
Separated	2	2	3	1
Widowed.....	7	8	6	7
(Don't know).....	2	1	4	1
Own or rent dwelling				
Own	69	66	63	79
Rent	27	29	30	19
Refused/nr	4	5	6	2

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Size of household				
One	22	28	21	16
Two	33	30	36	35
Three	15	15	10	18
Four	14	12	13	16
Five	8	8	6	9
Six	3	4	3	2
Seven.....	1	1	1	0
Eight.....	1	0	3	0
Nine	0	0	0	0
Ten.....	0	0	1	0
Refused/nr	0	0	0	0
Education				
1-11th grade	5	4	6	4
High School Graduate	20	20	27	15
Some college	21	19	25	18
College graduate	31	29	24	40
Post-graduate school.....	22	27	14	22
(Don't know).....	2	1	3	1
Children under 18				
Yes.....	31	29	29	33
No	69	71	71	67
Household income				
Under \$25k	16	16	20	10
\$25-30k.....	7	9	6	5
\$30-35k.....	5	5	5	4
\$35-40k.....	4	3	2	5
\$40-50k.....	8	8	7	7
\$50-60k.....	6	8	6	6
\$60-75k.....	8	9	7	8
\$75-100k.....	11	11	7	13
\$100-125k.....	8	9	6	9
\$125k or more.....	12	11	8	18
Refused/nr	16	11	26	15
Race				
White.....	72	63	71	87
Black	10	18	6	2
Hispanic	10	13	10	6
Asian	2	2	3	1
Other	3	3	3	2
Refused/NR	3	1	7	3