

Poll: Business Owners Unhappy With Washington

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Is the federal government shortchanging small business?

Most business owners responding to a recent poll think so, according to [1] [American Management Services](#), a business-turnaround firm.

Most poll respondents (72%) believe the federal government is focusing on keeping Wall Street and big firms afloat.

[2] The poll, conducted by Suffolk University, surveyed 400 small-business owners across the U.S. by phone, drawing its sample from a Dun & Bradstreet Corp. database.

Most survey respondents (86%) say the federal government is doing "nothing" or "little" to help small firms combat high gas prices, tightening credit and a generally sluggish economy. More than 75% say this summer's economic stimulus checks did nothing to help their business.



When it comes to presidential politics, the poll shows small-business owners favoring Sen. John McCain over Sen. Barack Obama by a margin of 38% to 21%, with 32% undecided. But the majority (80%) say they didn't even know where the candidates stand on the issue of small businesses.

Readers, do you agree with these findings? What should the federal government be doing for small business owners?

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