

## Results of “Offshore Winds” Survey

The ethnicity, gender, and home location variables are complicated, but overall, it appears that only 1-2 in 10 people interviewed genuinely believe offshore winds come from the land, and could point N, NE, or E as a source; and about 6-8 of every 10 (depending on how data were recorded by lab students) believe offshore winds come from the ocean. See the [“compasses” of responses](#) in the “Dr. Renfrew’s Geography Blogs.”

Did you see the recent remake of “A Thomas Crown Affair”? At the end, when he gives the illusion of returning the stolen painting, many men in bowler hats walk in all directions in the museum (to confuse detectives watching security cameras).

Ever since I started this study to try to convince weathercasters to listen to how people think, not just to screen-focused meteorologists, I keep thinking, “bowler hats,” and “they’re going in all directions.”

Offshore wind energy will be like that, harvesting “winds blowing in all directions;” so in our generation and beyond, “offshore winds” may soon mean, “winds blowing over the ocean,” not to or from.