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**SEPTEMBER 2010 POLITICAL-INDEPENDENTS SURVEY**

**FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

August 26, 2010

N= 3,500 adults 18+ (2,345 landline, 1,155 cell phone), English and Spanish

Field Period: August 25 – September 6, 2010

**LANDLINE INTRO:**

Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I’d like to ask a few questions of the **[RANDOMIZE**: “YOUNGEST MALE, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home” **AND** “YOUNGEST FEMALE, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home?”**]** **[IF NO MALE/FEMALE, ASK:** May I please speak with the YOUNGEST FEMALE/MALE, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home?] **GO TO MAIN INTERVIEW**

**CELL PHONE INTRO:**

Hello, I am \_\_\_ calling for Princeton Survey Research.  We are conducting a survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I know I am calling you on a cell phone. If you would like to be reimbursed for your cell phone minutes, we will pay all eligible respondents $5 for participating in this survey.

This is not a sales call.  **(IF R SAYS DRIVING/UNABLE TO TAKE CALL;** Thank you.We will try you another time…**)**.

**VOICE MAIL MESSAGE (LEAVE ONLY ONCE -- THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL):** I am calling for Princeton Survey Research. We are conducting a short national survey of cell phone users. This is NOT a sales call. We will try to reach you again.

**SCREENING INTERVIEW:**

S1. Are you under 18 years old, OR are you 18 or older?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | Under 18 |
| 2 | 18 or older |
| 9 | Don’t know/Refused |

**IF S1=2, CONTINUE WITH MAIN INTERVIEW**

**IF S1=1,9 THANK AND TERMINATE: This survey is limited to adults age 18 and over. I won’t take any more of your time…**

**READ TO ALL CELL PHONE**

**INTRODUCTION TO MAIN INTERVIEW:** This will only take about 20 minutes. If you are now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention, I need to call you back later. The first question is…

**INTERVIEWER:**

**IF R SAYS IT IS NOT A GOOD TIME, TRY TO ARRANGE A TIME TO CALL BACK. OFFER THE TOLL-FREE CALL-IN NUMBER THEY CAN USE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY BEFORE ENDING THE CONVERSATION.**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2/Q.2a**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today? *{June 24-27 weekly}* {QID:x931024-3}

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2/Q.2a**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]** *{8-10 Relig}* {QID:presapp}

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.2=1,2):**

Q.2a Do you **[**approve/disapprove**]** very strongly, or not so strongly? *{6-10}* {QID:presappstr}

1 Very strongly

2 Not so strongly

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House in Congress is handling his or her job? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job your own representative in Congress is doing? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]** *{9-06}* {QID:x930927-1a}

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 4-5**

**ASK ALL:**

The congressional elections will be coming up later this year …

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming November election . . . Quite a lot or only a little? *{8-10}* {QID:thought}

1 Quite a lot

2 Some **(VOL.)**

3 Only a little

4 None **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far? **[INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON’T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1 FOR REGIST AND REGICERT]** {QID:regist}

1 Yes, registered

2 No, not registered

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF REGISTERED (REGIST=1):**

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason? {QID:regicert}

1 Absolutely certain

2 Chance registration has lapsed

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district? *{11-06, 11-08}* {QID:precinct}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL FORM 1:**

Q.6F1 Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**? *{mod FOLGOV 1-07, 11-06, 10-06, 8-02, 9-98, 10-94, 7-94}* {QID:20100901q6f1}

1 Most of the time

2 Some of the time

3 Only now and then [OR]

4 Hardly at all

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL FORM 2:**

Q.7F2 Some people seem to follow what’s going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there’s an election or not. Others aren’t that interested. Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**? *{1-07, 11-06, 10-06, 8-02, 9-98, 10-94, 7-94}* {QID:folgov}

1 Most of the time

2 Some of the time

3 Only now and then

4 Hardly at all

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**NO QUESTIONS 8-9**

**ASK ALL:**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... **[READ]**? *{6-10}* {QID:oftvote}

1 Always

2 Nearly always

3 Part of the time [OR]

4 Seldom

5 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Never vote

6 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other response

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don't know/Refused

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.10 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: “**the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”**]** for Congress in your district? *{8-10 Relig}* {QID:qidx931205-9\_9b}

1 Republican Party’s candidate

2 Democratic Party’s candidate

3 Other **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF ANSWERED OTHER OR DON’T KNOW (Q.10=3,9):**

Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.10; IF NECESSARY: “**for U.S. Congress in your district”**]**? *{8-10 Relig}* {QID:qidx931205-9\_9b}

1 Republican Party’s candidate

2 Democratic Party’s candidate

3 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November, or not? *{8-10 Relig, 9-06}* {QID:planto1}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

*{11-08, 11-06, 9-06, 10-02, 10-98, 10-94}* {QID:scale10}

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rating

11 Don't know

**NO QUESTIONS 11-12**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.13 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not? *{6-10, 9-06}* {QID:x941105-16}

1 Yes

2 No

3 Representative is not running or has lost in primary **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.14 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not? *{6-10, 9-06}* {QID:x941105-17}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 15**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.16 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not? *{6-10, 9-06}* {QID:x980802-8}

1 Yes, will be a factor

2 No, will not

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote FOR Barack Obama, as a vote AGAINST Barack Obama, or isn’t Barack Obama much of a factor in your vote? *{6-10, 9-06}* {QID:x941105-15}

1 For Obama

2 Against Obama

3 Obama not much of a factor

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 18-25**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject …

Q.26 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[ITEM]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

a. The Republican Party *{July 1-5 weekly}* {QID:x930524-17i}

b. The Democratic Party *{July 1-5 weekly}* {QID:x930524-17h}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very favorable

2 Mostly favorable

3 Mostly unfavorable

4 Very unfavorable

5 Never heard of **(VOL.)**

8 Can't rate **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 And how about **[INSERT FIRST NAME]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[NAME]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

a. Barack Obama *{June 10-13 weekly}* {QID:qid19593}

**NO ITEMS b or c**

d. George W. Bush *{4-09}* {QID:qid19586}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very favorable

2 Mostly favorable

3 Mostly unfavorable

4 Very unfavorable

5 Never heard of **(VOL.)**

8 Can't rate **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.28 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

*{April 1-5 omni}* {QID:x000214-47}

1 Basically content

2 Frustrated

3 Angry

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.29 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time? *{April 1-5 omni}* {QID:x961031-18}

1 Just about always

2 Most of the time

3 Only some of the time

4 Never **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.30 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]** *{DO NOT TREND!!}*

a. Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient [OR]

Government often does a better job than people give it credit for *{12-08, 10-08, 9-06}* {QID:x941024-14a}

b. As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want [OR]

This country can't solve many of its important problems *{12-08, 10-08, 12-04}* {QID:x990909-38t}

c. Most elected officials care what people like me think [OR]

Most elected officials don't care what people like me think *{12-04}* {QID:x940702-21p}

d. Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they’re willing to work hard [OR]

Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people *{3-06}* {QID:x990909-18k}

e. Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents [OR]

Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care *{7-10}* {QID:x960615e}

f. Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites [OR]

Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites

*{11-09}* {QID:qid20091103q10}

g. Business corporations make too much profit [OR]

Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit *{12-08, 10-08, 1-08}* {QID:x941024-14n}

h. I like elected officials who make compromises with people they disagree with [OR]

I like elected officials who stick to their positions *{new}* {QID:20100901q30h}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Statement #1

2 Statement #2

3 Neither/both equally **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.31 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services? *{April 1-5 omni, 2-10, 10-09; 3-09}* {QID:qid18942}

1 Smaller government, fewer services

2 Bigger government, more services

3 Depends **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.32 Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can’t be too careful in dealing with people? *{mod in 3-10, 1-10, 9-07 PIAL, SDT 11-06, 10-06 P-P Turnout}* {QID:x961031-17}

1 Most people can be trusted

2 Can’t be too careful

3 Other/Depends **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties for a moment…

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.33 AND Q.34**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase… **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

a. Can better manage the federal government *{6-10}* {QID:x930502-16c}

b. Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs *{6-10}* {QID:x930502-16d}

**NO ITEM c**

d. Is more concerned with the needs of people like me *{6-10}* {QID:x940727-45g}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

3 Both equally **(VOL.)**

4 Neither **(VOL.)**

9 Dont know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.33 AND Q.34**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

a. Improving the job situation *{4-10}* {QID:x980329-18a}

b. Reducing the federal budget deficit *{May 20-23 weekly}* {QID:qidx990613-14ff1}

c. Dealing with health care *{mod, tfc to “Reforming the U.S. health care system}* {QID:qid20100901q34e}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

3 Both equally **(VOL.)**

4 Neither **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 35-37**

**ASK ALL:**

Now, I’d like your views on some issues …

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.38-Q.40**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE;** (one)better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements**]** OR should BOTH be given equal priority? *{7-10}* {QID:qid20100701q11}

1 Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws

2 Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements

3 Should BOTH be given equal priority

4 None of these **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.38-Q.40**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership? *{4-09}* {QID:x990516-19}

1 Protect the right of Americans to own guns

2 Control gun ownership

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.38-Q.40**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? *{7-10 in list}* {QID:x010318-5b}

1 Strongly favor

2 Favor

3 Oppose

4 Strongly oppose

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 41-43**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.44 Since taking office, have Barack Obama’s economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far? *{June 3-6 weekly}* {QID:qid20090301q30}

1 Better

2 Worse

3 No effect so far

8 Too soon/early to tell **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in March? *{July 8-11 weekly}* {QID:qid20100401q11}

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.46 AND Q.47**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Afghanistan…

Q.46 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan? *{mod 11-09 APW, back to original wording}* {QID:x061210-44f2}

1 Right decision

2 Wrong decision

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.46 AND Q.47**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Iraq…

Q.47 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iraq? *{mod changed “against” to “in” 1-09}* {QID:x030327-prc4-prc4a}

1 Right decision

2 Wrong decision

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 48-52**

**RANDOMIZE Q.53/Q.54 IN BLOCK WITH Q.55**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about the nation’s economy…

Q.53 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today… as excellent, good, only fair, or poor? *{June 3-6 weekly}* {QID:x040425-C1}

1 Excellent

2 Good

3 Only fair

4 Poor

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.53/Q.54 IN BLOCK WITH Q.55**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.54 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**? *{June 3-6 weekly}* {QID:qid20100301q20}

1 The economy is now recovering [OR]

2 The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon [OR]

3 It will be a long time before the economy recovers

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**RANDOMIZE Q.53/Q.54 IN BLOCK WITH Q.55**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.55 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially? *{June 3-6 weekly}* {QID:x931205-14}

1 Excellent shape

2 Good shape

3 Only fair shape

4 Poor shape

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{June 3-6 weekly}* {QID:qid20100301q24}

1 Problems in the financial and housing markets

2 The federal budget deficit

3 Rising prices [OR]

4 The job situation

7 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other

8 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** None / not worried about any

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**NO QUESTIONS 57-64**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? {QID:party}

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 No preference **(VOL.)**

5 Other party **(VOL.)**

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):**

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG **[Republican/Democrat]** or NOT a strong **[Republican/Democrat]**? *{11-09 race, 4-09 values}* {QID:partystr}

1 Strong

2 Not strong

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party? {QID:partyln}

1 Republican

2 Democrat

9 Other/Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.65/Q.66 AND Q.67/Q.68 IN BLOCKS**

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1):**

Q.65 Has there ever been a time when you have thought of yourself as a DEMOCRAT, or not? *{Aug 5-8 weekly, mod filter, show trend only for non-partisan RVs}* {QID:qid15991}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.65/Q.66 AND Q.67/Q.68 IN BLOCKS**

**ASK IF EVER THOUGHT OF SELF AS DEMOCRAT (Q.65=1):**

Q.66 What about in the past five years, have you thought of yourself as a Democrat in the past five years, or not? *{Aug 5-8 weekly, mod filter, show trend only for non- partisan RVs}* {QID:qid201008wkly8pew6a}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.65/Q.66 AND Q.67/Q.68 IN BLOCKS**

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1):**

Q.67 Has there ever been a time when you have thought of yourself as a REPUBLICAN, or not? *{Aug 5-8 weekly, mod filter, show trend only for non- partisan RVs}* {QID:qid15992}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.65/Q.66 AND Q.67/Q.68 IN BLOCKS**

**ASK IF EVER THOUGHT OF SELF AS REPUBLICAN (Q.67=1):**

Q.68 What about in the past five years, have you thought of yourself as a Republican in the past five years, or not? *{Aug 5-8 weekly, mod filter, show trend only for non- partisan RVs}* {QID:qid201008wkly8pew7a}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1):**

Q.69

**IF INDEPENDENT (PARTY=3):**

Here are some reasons other people have told us why they think of themselves as independents in politics. For each one please tell me whether this is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you think of yourself as an independent.First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you think of yourself as an independent? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you think of yourself as an independent? *{new}*

**IF NO PREFERENCE/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=4,5,9):**

Here are some reasons other people have told us why they don’t think of themselves as a Republican or a Democrat. For each one please tell me whether this is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you don’t think of yourself as a Republican or a Democrat.First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you don’t think of yourself as a Republican or a Democrat? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you don’t think of yourself as a Republican or a Democrat?*{new}*

a. I don’t trust either political party *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q69a}

b. I agree with the Republican Party on some issues and the Democratic Party on other issues *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q69b}

c. I don’t think there is much difference between the parties *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q69c}

**NO ITEM d**

e. Politics isn’t that important to me *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q69e}

f. Both parties care more about special interests than about average Americans *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q69f}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1):**

Q.70 Does the **[RANDOMIZE:** the REPUBLICAN Party OR the DEMOCRATIC Party **BUT KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]** come closer to your views on **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** Does the (the REPUBLICAN Party OR the DEMOCRATIC Party) come closer to your views on **[ITEM]**? *{new}*

a. Social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q70a}

b. Economic issues *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q70b}

c. Foreign policy and national security *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q70c}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

3 Both equally **(VOL.)**

4 Neither **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.71 When you were growing up, did your parents usually vote for **[RANDOMIZE:** Republicans or Democrats**]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS BOTH, ASK:** Is that because your parents voted differently or because they voted for both Republicans and Democrats?**;** **IF RESPONDENT SAYS PARENTS VOTED DIFFERENTLY, ASK:** How did the parent you felt closer to usually vote?**]** *{11-99 values – mod probe and added randomization}* {QID:x971117-20}

1 Republicans

2 Democrats

3 Both/Split ticket **(VOL.)**

4 Didn’t vote/Not eligible **(VOL.)**

5 Other response **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.72 When you were growing up, how much did your family talk about government and politics at home **[READ]**? *{new}* {QID:qid20100901q72}

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Just some [OR]

4 Very little

5 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** None

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**NO QUESTIONS 73-83**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.84 How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year? Have you heard … **[READ]** *{8-10, mod filter RVs}* {QID:qid20100302q87}

1 A lot

2 A little [OR]

3 Nothing at all

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.84=1,2):**

Q.85 From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don’t you have an opinion either way? *{8-10}* {QID:qid20100302q88}

1 Strongly agree

2 Agree

3 Disagree

4 Strongly disagree

5 No opinion either way

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 86-99**

**ASK ALL:**

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only. {QID:sex}

SEX **[ENTER RESPONDENT'S SEX:]**

1 Male

2 Female

**ASK ALL:**

AGE What is your age? {QID:age}

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

97 97 or older

99 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

EDUC What is the last grade or class that you completed in school? **[DO NOT READ]** {QID:educ}

1 None, or grade 1-8

2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)

3 High school graduate (Grade 12 or GED certificate)

4 Technical, trade, or vocational school AFTER high school

5 Some college, associate degree, no 4-year degree

6 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)

7 Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college

(e.g., toward a master's Degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK RANDOM ONE HALF-SAMPLE HISP3, OTHER HALF-SAMPLE HISP4**

**[NOTE: DO NOT SPLIT BY FORM]:**

HISP3 Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin **[PAUSE]** or not? {QID:hisp3}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK RANDOM ONE HALF-SAMPLE HISP3, OTHER HALF-SAMPLE HISP4**

**[NOTE: DO NOT SPLIT BY FORM]:**

HISP4 Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban? {QID:hisp4}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

RACE1 Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. **[READ LIST. RECORD UP TO FOUR RESPONSES IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]** {QID:race1}

1 White

2 Black or African-American

3 Asian or Asian-American [OR]

4 Some other race

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don't know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

MARITAL Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **[IF R SAYS “SINGLE,” PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE]** {QID:marital1}

1 Married

2 Living with a partner

3 Divorced

4 Separated

5 Widowed

6 Never been married

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed? *{4-10}* {QID:employ}

1 Full-time

2 Part-time

3 Not employed

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.100 Over the past 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household has been without a job and looking for work, or not? *{3-10}* {QID:x041216-50d}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

HH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO THINK OF THIS HOUSEHOLD AS THEIR PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE TEMPORARILY AWAY ON BUSINESS, VACATION, IN A HOSPITAL, OR AWAY AT SCHOOL**. **THIS INCLUDES INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS.** {QID:hh1}

**ENTER NUMBER (RANGE 1-50)**

99 Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HH (HH1=2-50):**

HH2 How many of these are children under the age of 18? {QID:hh2}

**ENTER NUMBER (RANGE 0-50)**

99 Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular? {QID:relig}

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

1. Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)

2 Roman Catholic (Catholic)

3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)

4 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

5 Jewish (Judaism)

6 Muslim (Islam)

7 Buddhist

8 Hindu

9 Atheist (do not believe in God)

10 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

11 Something else **(SPECIFY:\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

12 Nothing in particular

13 Christian **(VOL.)**

14 Unitarian (Universalist) **(VOL.)**

99 Don't Know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REF (RELIG=11, 99):**

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not? **[IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)]** {QID:chr}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1):**

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not? {QID:born}

1 Yes, would

2 No, would not

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never? {QID:attend}

1 More than once a week

2 Once a week

3 Once or twice a month

4 A few times a year

5 Seldom

6 Never

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

INCOME Last year, that is in 2009, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ]** {QID:income}

1 Less than $10,000

2 10 to under $20,000

3 20 to under $30,000

4 30 to under $40,000

5 40 to under $50,000

6 50 to under $75,000

7 75 to under $100,000

8 100 to under $150,000 [OR]

9 $150,000 or more

10 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don't know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]** {QID:ideo}

1 Very conservative

2 Conservative

3 Moderate

4 Liberal [OR]

5 Very liberal

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don't know/Refused

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

PVOTE08A In the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? *{1-10}* {QID:pvote8A}

1 Voted

2 Did not vote (includes too young to vote)

8 Don't remember if voted **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF VOTED (PVOTE08A=1):**

PVOTE08B Did you vote for Obama, McCain or someone else? *{1-10}* {QID: pvote08B}

1 Obama

2 McCain

3 Other candidate

4 Don’t remember which candidate **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF HISPANIC (HISP3=1 or HISP4=1):**

BIRTH\_HISP Were you born on the island of Puerto Rico, in the United States, or in another country? {QID:birth\_hisp}

1 Puerto Rico

2 U.S.

3 Another country

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF HISPANIC (HISP3=1 or HISP4=1) AND IF BORN IN U.S. (BIRTH\_HISP=2):**

MOTHER\_HISP Was your mother born on the island of Puerto Rico, in the United States, or in another country? {QID*:*mother\_hisp}

1 Puerto Rico

2 U.S.

3 Another country

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF HISPANIC (HISP3=1 or HISP4=1) AND IF BORN IN U.S. (BIRTH\_HISP=2):**

FATHER\_HISP Was your father born on the island of Puerto Rico, in the United States, or in another country? {QID*:*father\_hisp}

1 Puerto Rico

2 U.S.

3 Another country

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL LANDLINE SAMPLE:**

L1. Now thinking about your telephone use… Do you have a working cell phone? {QID:l1}

1 Yes, have cell phone

2 No, do not

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF NO CELL PHONE AND MULTI-PERSON HOUSEHOLD (L1=2,9 AND HH1>1):**

L1a. Does anyone in your household have a working cell phone? {QID:l1a}

1 Yes, someone in household has cell phone

2 No

1. Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL CELL PHONE SAMPLE:**

C1. Now thinking about your telephone use… Is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone? {QID:c1}

1 Yes home telephone

2 No, home telephone

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF DUAL AND SINGLE-PERSON HOUSEHOLD ((L1=1 OR C1=1) AND HH1=1):**

LC2. Of all the telephone calls that you receive, do you get **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3—KEEP 2 ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE]**? {QID:lc2}

1 All or almost all calls on a cell phone

2 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone

3 All or almost all calls on a regular home phone

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF DUAL AND MULTI-PERSON HOUSEHOLD ((L1=1 OR L1a=1 OR C1=1) AND HH1>1):**

LC3. Now thinking about all the people in your household, including yourself, of all the telephone calls that your household receives, are **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3—KEEP 2 ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE]**? {QID:lc3}

1 All or almost all calls on a cell phone

2 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone

3 All or almost all calls on a regular home phone

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

ZIPCODE What is your zipcode? {QID:zipcode}

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter Zipcode

9 Don’t know/Refused

**END OF INTERVIEW**

**ASK CELL PHONE SAMPLE:**

MONEY2 That’s the end of the interview. If you would like to be reimbursed for your cell phone minutes, we can send you $5. I will need your full name and a mailing address where we can send you the money? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE:** If R does not want to give full name, explain we only need it so we can send the $5 to them personally.**]** {QID:money\_alt}

1 **[ENTER FULL NAME] – INTERVIEWER: PLEASE VERIFY SPELLING**

2 **[ENTER MAILING ADDRESS]**

3 **[City]**

4 **[State]**

5 **CONFIRM ZIP from above**

9 **(VOL.)** Respondent does not want the money

**ASK RANDOM THIRD IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1):**

CONTACT At a later date, news reporters may want to talk further with people who took part in this survey. Would you be willing to talk to a reporter about the survey topics at a convenient time? {QID:contact}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF YES (CONTACT=1):**

NAME So that a reporter might reach you more easily, can you tell me your first name? {QID:name}

1 Gave name **(SPECIFY)**

2 Declined to be contacted at this point

**ASK ALL:**

Thank you very much for your time. This survey is being conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, which will be issuing a report on the results of this survey on their website, peoplepress *dot* ORG, in the coming weeks.

**THANK YOU** again for you help! Have a nice day/evening.

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND HONEST INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEWER GENDER:

ISEX {QID:isex}

1 Male

2 Female

INTERVIEWER RACE:

IHISP1 Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background? {QID:ihisp1}

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

IRACE1 Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply.

**[READ LIST. RECORD UP TO FOUR RESPONSES IN ORDER MENTIONED]** {QID:irace1}

1 White

2 Black or African-American

3 Asian or Asian-American

4 Or some other race

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don't know/Refused

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