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**SEPTEMBER 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY**

**FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

September 12, 2012

N=3,000+ interviews of adults 18+ (English and Spanish)

N=1,500 PSRA, N=1,500 Abt/SRBI

Pretest: Tuesday Sept. 11th, 2012

**LANDLINE INTRO FOR RDD SAMPLE:**

Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_ calling for **[**Princeton Survey Research Associates/SRBI Survey Research**]**. We are conducting a **[RANDOMIZE:** “telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country” **AND** “study about some important issues today and would like to include your household”**]** . 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 FOR RDD SAMPLE:**

Hello, I am \_\_\_ calling for [Princeton Survey Research/SRBI Survey Research]. We are conducting a **[RANDOMIZE:** “survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country” **AND** “study about some important issues today and would like to include you”**]**. 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/SRBI Survey Research]. We are conducting a **[ASSIGN BASED ON RANDOMIZATION ABOVE:** “national survey of cell phone users” AND “study about some important issues today and would like to include you”**]**. This is NOT a sales call.

**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:** 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.**

**[PROGRAMMER NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION RANDOMIZATION VARIABLES IN THE ALL CONTACTS FILES. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RUN RESPONSE RATES SEPARATELY FOR EACH VERSION OF THE INTRODUCTION FOR THE LANDLINE AND CELL FRAMES SEPARATELY.]**

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

1 Quite a lot

2 Some **(VOL.)**

3 Little

4 None **(VOL.)**

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

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2012 presidential election… very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not too closely

4 Not at all closely

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

**ASK ALL:**

REG Which of these statements best describes you? **[READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON’T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]**

1 Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address [OR]

2 Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed [OR]

3 Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address

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

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

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

1 Yes

2 No

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

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

STATEREG Are you registered to vote in **[INSERT STATE FROM SAMPLE]**, or in another state? **[IF ANOTHER STATE:** And what state is that?**]**

Code responses using two-digit state FIPS code

99 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

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

FOLGOV Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**?

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

**NO QUESTIONS 1-4**

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

Q.5 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

1 for the Republican ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan [OR]

2 for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden

3 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Gary Johnson/Libertarian Party

4 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Jill Stein/Green Party

5 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other candidate

8 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Refused

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5=3-9):**

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]**?

1 Romney and Ryan, the Republicans [OR]

2 Obama and Biden, the Democrats

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

8 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Refused

**ASK IF CHOSE ROMNEY OR OBAMA (Q.5=1,2):**

Q.5b Do you support **[INSERT LAST NAME OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.5; DO NOT READ VP CHOICE]** strongly or only moderately?

1 Strongly

2 Only moderately

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

**ASK IF CHOSE ROMNEY (Q.5=1 OR Q.5a=1):**

Q.5c Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Mitt Romney or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

1 For Romney

2 Against Obama

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF CHOSE OBAMA (Q.5=2 OR Q.5a=2):**

Q.5d Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

1 For Obama

2 Against Romney

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 6**

**ASK IF DID NOT CHOOSE ROMNEY IN Q.5 OR Q.5a (Q.5=2 OR Q.5a=2,3,8,9):**

Q.7 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Mitt Romney in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

1 Chance might vote for him

2 Decided not to vote for him

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

**ASK IF DID NOT CHOOSE OBAMA IN Q.5 OR Q.5a (Q.5=1 OR Q.5a=1,3,8,9):**

Q.8 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Barack Obama in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

1 Chance might vote for him

2 Decided not to vote for him

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

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) WHO CHOOSE OBAMA OR ROMNEY (Q.5=1,2 OR Q.5a=1,2):**

Q.9F2 What is the main reason why you would like to see **[CHOICE FROM Q.5/Q.5a LAST NAME ONLY; DO NOT READ VP CHOICE]** win the presidential election **[OPEN END.]**?

1 Response offered (RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 10**

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

Just in general…

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... **[READ]**

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 (REG=1):**

WHERE Do you happen to know where people in your area go to vote? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF R EXPLAINS VOTING PROCEDURES OR SAYS WHERE SPECIFICALLY THEY GO TO VOTE CODE AS ‘YES’ (1). IF R EXPLAINS A ‘NO’ OR ‘DK’ ANSWER WITH WORDS FROM 3 OR 4, CODE AS 3 OR 4.]**

1 Yes

2 No

3 Vote absentee or by mail **(VOL.)**

4 Vote early at a central polling place or election office **(VOL.)**

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

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

PLANTO1 Do you plan to vote in the election this November?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLANTO1=1):**

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

1 Absolutely certain

2 Fairly certain

3 Not certain

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

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

Q.11     Are you confident that you have the identification you might need to be allowed to vote in

your state, or not?

1          Yes

2          No

3          Do not need any identification to vote **(VOL.)**

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

**NO QUESTIONS 12-14**

**ASK ALL FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.15F2 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

1 Barack Obama [OR]

2 Mitt Romney

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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

Q.16F1 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2012 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

1 Really matters who wins the 2012 presidential election

2 Things will pretty much be the same regardless of who is elected president

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

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

Q.17 In making your decision about who to vote for this fall, will the issue of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** How important will the issue of **[ITEM]** be to you in making your decision about who to vote for this fall?**]** **[INTERVIEWER: PLEASE RE-READ RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY TO REMIND RESPONDENTS OF OPTIONS. IF RESPONDENT VOICES THEIR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO AN ISSUE, CLARIFY: “this question is not about your position on each issue, just how important each issue will be to your vote.”]**

**ASK FORM 1 ITEMS a-f**

a.F1 Jobs

b.F1 Health care

c.F1 Abortion

d.F1 Foreign policy

e.F1Taxes

f.F1 The federal budget deficit

**ASK FORM 2 ITEMS g-l**

g.F2 The economy

h.F2 Energy

i.F2 Medicare

j.F2 Education

k.F2 Terrorism

l.F2 Immigration

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not too important

4 Not at all important

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

**NO QUESTIONS 18-20**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** Just in general, is your overall opinion of **[ITEM]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

a. The Democratic Party

b. The Republican Party

**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.22 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME, RANDOMIZE a-b, FOLLOWED BY cF1-fF2, FOLLOWED BY gF2-hF2; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** Just in general, is your overall opinion of **[NAME]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

a. Barack Obama

b. Mitt Romney

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

c.F1 Joe Biden

d.F1 Paul Ryan

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

e.F2 Michelle Obama

f.F2 Ann Romney

g.F2 Bill Clinton

h.F2 George W. Bush

**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 FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.23 And as I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES:** Mitt Romney or Barack Obama**]**. **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] –** does this better describe **[READ IN SAME ORDER:** Romney or Obama**]**? What about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY:** “Would you say this better describes **[READ IN SAME ORDER:** Romney or Obama**]**?

a.F2 Would use good judgment in a crisis

b.F2 Can get things done

c.F2 Willing to take a stand, even if it’s unpopular

d.F2 Shares my values

e.F2 Connects well with ordinary Americans

f.F2 Honest and truthful

g.F2 A strong leader

h.F2 Takes consistent positions on issues

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Mitt Romney

2 Barack Obama

3 Neither **(VOL.)**

4 Both equally **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.24 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES:** Mitt Romney or Barack Obama**]** do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]?** And who do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN ROMENY OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE:** “If you had to choose between **(READ IN SAME ORDER:** Romney or Obama**)]**?

a.F1 Improving the job situation

b.F1 Dealing with Medicare

c.F1 Reducing the federal budget deficit

d.F1 Representing your views about abortion

e.F1 Making wise decisions about foreign policy

f.F1 Dealing with taxes

g.F1 Dealing with health care

h.F1 Dealing with problems in the Middle East

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Mitt Romney

2 Barack Obama

3 Neither **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.25F1 AND Q.27F1**

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.25 Please tell me whether you think each of the following describes Barack Obama. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of Barack Obama as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of Obamaas **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

a.F1 Decisive

b.F1 Inspiring

c.F1 Hard to like

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes, describes Barack Obama

2 No

9 Don’t Know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.26F2 AND Q.28F2**

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.26 Does Barack Obamamake you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Obama make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]**or not?

a.F2 Hopeful

b.F2 Proud

c.F2 Angry

d.F2 Disappointed

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes, Obama makes you feel this way

2 No

9 Don’t Know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.25F1 AND Q.27F1**

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.27 Please tell me whether you think each of the following describes Mitt Romney. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of Mitt Romney as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of Romneyas **[NEXT ITEM]** or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON’T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON’T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]**

a.F1 Decisive

b.F1 Inspiring

c.F1 Hard to like

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes, describes Mitt Romney

2 No

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.26F2 AND Q.28F2**

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.28 Does Mitt Romney make you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Romney make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

a.F2 Hopeful

b.F2 Proud

c.F2 Angry

d.F2 Worried

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes, Romney makes you feel this way

2 No

9 Don’t Know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.29F2 AND Q.30F2ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.29F2 In general, do you think Barack Obama’s positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:

1 Too liberal

2 Not liberal enough [OR]

3 About right

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

**RANDOMIZE Q.29F2 AND Q.30F2ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.30F2 In general, do you think Mitt Romney’s positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:

1 Too conservative

2 Not conservative enough [OR]

3 About right

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

**NO QUESTION 31**

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK ALL:**  
Thinking about the nation’s economy…

Q.32 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today… as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 Excellent

2 Good

3 Only fair

4 Poor

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

Q.33F1 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

1 Better

2 Worse

3 Same

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

Q.34F2 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

1 The economy is 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 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.35F1 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?

1 Excellent shape

2 Good shape

3 Only fair shape

4 Poor shape

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

Q.36F1 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

1 Improve a lot

2 Improve some

3 Get a little worse

4 Get a lot worse

5 Stay the same **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

Q.37F2 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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 **(SPECIFY)**

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

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to fixing the economy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount, not too much, or no confidence at all?

a. Barack Obama

b. Mitt Romney

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 A great deal of confidence

2 A fair amount

3 Not too much

4 No confidence at all

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

On a different subject…

Q.39F1 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

1 Government should do more to solve problems [OR]

2 Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals

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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

Q.40F2 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

1 Smaller government, fewer services

2 Bigger government, more services

3 Depends **(VOL.)**

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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

Q.41F1 In your view, what is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit? Should we mostly focus on **[RANDOMIZE:** Cutting major programs / Increasing taxes**]** mostly focus on **[**increasing taxes / cutting major programs**]** or should we do a combination of both?

1 Cutting major programs

2 Increasing taxes

3 Combination of both

4 Deficit is not a priority/Don’t focus on deficit **(VOL.)**

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

**NO QUESTION 42**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

On a different subject…

Q.43F2 As far as you know, does your state require voters to present photo identification to be allowed to vote on Election Day, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

3 My state is vote by mail **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

Q.44F2 Do you think voters should or should not be required to show an official photo identification before they are allowed to vote on Election Day?

1 Should

2 Should not

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 45**

**ASK IF UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF ROMNEY (Q.22b=3,4) AND NOT TOO MUCH OR NO CONFIDENCE IN OBAMA TO FIX THE ECONOMY (Q.38a=3,4):**

Q.46 Just one more question about the candidates. Which worries you more - **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 That Barack Obama may not be able to make progress on the economy [OR]

2 That Mitt Romney may not be trustworthy

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

4 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Neither

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

**NO QUESTION 47-48**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 Here is a series of statements on some different topics. The first one is … **[READ ITEM; RANDOMIZE.]** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree. Next..*.* **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE].** **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION:** Repeat answer choices as necessary. If respondent indicates only that they agree or disagree, probe “Do you completely (dis)agree or mostly (dis)agree?]

1. We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country
2. I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other
3. The best way to ensure peace is through military strength
4. The growing number of newcomers from other countries are a threat to traditional American customs and values

e. It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves

f. Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Completely agree

2 Mostly agree

3 Mostly disagree

4 Completely disagree

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

**ASK ALL:**

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

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

1 Male

2 Female

**ASK ALL:**

AGE What is your age?

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

97 97 or older

99 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

EDUC What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? **[DO NOT READ] [INTERVIEWER NOTE:** Enter code 3-HS grad if R completed training that did NOT count toward a degree**]**

1 Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)

2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)

3 High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)

4 Some college, no degree (includes community college)

5 Two year associate degree from a college or university

6 Four year college or university degree/Bachelor’s degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)

7 Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree

8 Postgraduate or professional degree, including master’s, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)

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

**[MAKE FULL NOTE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWERS:** Enter code 3-HS graduate” if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)**]**

**ASK ALL:**

HISP Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

1 Yes

2 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

RACE Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. White, Black or African American, Asian or Asian American or some other race. **[RECORD UP TO FOUR IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]** **[IF R VOLS MIXED BIRACIAL, PROBE ONCE:** What race or races is that?**]**

1 White (e.g., Caucasian, European, Irish, Italian, Arab, Middle Eastern)

2 Black or African-American (e.g., Negro, Kenyan, Nigerian, Haitian)

3 Asian or Asian-American (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese or other Asian origin groups)

4 Some other race **(SPECIFY\_\_\_\_ IF NEEDED:** What race or races is that?**)**

5 Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native **(VOL.)**

6 Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian **(VOL.)**

7 Hispanic/Latino **(VOL.)** (e.g., Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban)

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

9 Refused (e.g., non-race answers like American, Human, purple) **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF HISPANIC (HISP=1 OR RACE=7):**

BIRTH\_HISP Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

1 U.S.

2 Puerto Rico

3 Another country

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

**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]**

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:**

PARENT Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**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?

**[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)]**

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?

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?

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 2011, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ]**

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:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 No preference **(VOL.)**

5 Other party **(VOL.)**

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?

1 Republican

2 Democrat

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

**ASK ALL:**

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**

1 Very conservative

2 Conservative

3 Moderate

4 Liberal [OR]

5 Very liberal

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

**ASK ALL:**

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don’t you have an opinion either way?

1 Agree

2 Disagree

3 No opinion either way

8 Haven’t heard of **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

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 Voted

2 Did not vote (includes too young to vote)

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

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

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

PVOTE08B Did you vote for Obama, McCain or someone else?

1 Obama

2 McCain

3 Other candidate

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

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2008 (PLANTO1=1 AND PVOTE08=2,8,9):**

FIRST Will the election this November be the FIRST time that you have voted, or have you voted before?

1 FIRST time voting

2 Voted before

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=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?

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

11 Don't know

**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY2 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, retired or are you not employed for pay?

1 Employed full-time

2 Employed part-time

3 Retired

4 Not employed for pay

5 Have own business/self-employed **(VOL.)**

6 Disabled **(VOL.)**

7 Student **(VOL.)**

8 Other **(VOL.)**

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

**ASK ALL:**

LABOR2 Are **[IF MARITAL=2-9:** you**/IF MARITAL=1:** you or is your spouse**]** a member of a labor union?

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.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter number 1-7

8 8 or more

9 Don’t know/Refused

**ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HH (HH1>1):**

HH3 How many, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter number 1-7

8 8 or more

9 Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL LANDLINE SAMPLE:**

L1. Now thinking about your telephone use… Do you have a working cell phone?

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?

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?

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]**?

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]**?

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?

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.**]**

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 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 your help! Have a nice day/evening.

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

INTERVIEWER GENDER:

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?

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]**

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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