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**OCTOBER 2011 KNOWLEDGE SURVEY**

**FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

September 29, 2011

**ASK ALL**

Q.1 Do you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...?

1 Most of the time

2 Some of the time

3 Only now and then

4 Hardly at all

**ASK ALL**

Just in general…

Q.2 How much do you enjoy keeping up with the news…?

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Not much

4 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 The next few questions are about stories that have been in the news. Please tell me how closely you happened to follow each news story…? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

b. News about candidates for the 2012 presidential elections

c. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy

d. The current situation and events in Afghanistan

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not too closely

4 Not at all closely

**ASK ALL**

The next several questions are about some people and things that have been in the news. Please answer as best you can. If you don’t know the answer to a question, just move on to the next.

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 Which one is the current Secretary of State? **[RANDOMIZE][FOUR PICTURES]**

**1 Hillary Clinton**

2 Bill Richardson

3 Joe Biden

4 Condoleezza Rice

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 What position does this person hold? **[RANDOMIZE] [PICTURE OF BEN BERNANKE]**

**1 Chairman of the Federal Reserve**

2 Commissioner of the National Football League

3 Secretary of Education

4 CBS Evening News Anchor

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Who is this? **[RANDOMIZE] [PICTURE OF SOTOMAYOR]**

**1 Sonia Sotomayor**

2 Maria Bartiromo

3 Soledad O’Brien

4 Elena Kagan

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 Who is this? **[RANDOMIZE] [PICTURE OF GADHAFI]**

**1 Moammar Gadhafi**

2 Hamid Karzai

3 Nicolas Sarkozy

4 Silvio Berlusconi

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7 Which one is a co-founder of Apple? **[RANDOMIZE][FOUR PICTURES]**

**1 Steve Jobs**

2 Bill Gates

3 Mark Zuckerberg

4 Meg Whitman

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 Which of these symbols is associated with Islam? **[RANDOMIZE][FOUR SYMBOLS]**

**1 Crescent and star**

2 Cross

3 Star of David

4 Hindu symbol

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9 Which political party does this symbol represent…? **[RANDOMIZE] [PICTURE OF ELEPHANT]**

**1 Republican Party**

2 Democratic Party

3 Green Party

4 Libertarian Party

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 What Middle Eastern country is highlighted on this map…? **[RANDOMIZE] [ISRAEL HIGHLIGHTED ON REGIONAL MAP]**

**1 Israel**

2 Saudi Arabia

3 Egypt

4 Turkey

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.11 Which country is Brazil? **[MAP WITH FOUR COUNTRIES NUMBERED]**

**1 Brazil**

2 Chile

3 Venezuela

4 Ecuador

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 Thinking about Congress, do Republicans currently have a majority in…? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

1 **The House of Representatives**

2 The Senate

3 Both the House and Senate

4 Neither the House nor the Senate

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is John Roberts. Is he generally considered a …? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Liberal

2 Moderate

3 Conservative

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Is the national unemployment rate as reported by the government currently closer to…? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

1 5%

**2 9%**

3 15%

4 21%

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Who is the Prime Minister of Great Britain…? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**1 David Cameron**

2 Angela Merkel

3 Tony Hayward

4 Richard Branson

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 Do Pakistan and Afghanistan share a border, or not? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

**1 Yes, they do**

2 No, they do not

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Since the start of military action in Afghanistan, about how many U.S. military personnel have been killed? Around …? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

1 180

**2 1,800**

3 18,000

4 180,000

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Is the Dow Jones Industrial Average currently closer to …? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

1 3,000

2 6,000

**3 11,000**

4 16,000

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 Who is the current Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**1 John Boehner**

2 Nancy Pelosi

3 Newt Gingrich

4 Mitch McConnell

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.20 What European country is facing severe debt problems and possible default…? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**1 Greece**

2 Germany

3 Great Britain

4 Switzerland

**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 3-21**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Is the percentage of Americans in poverty as reported by the government currently closer to…? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

1 1%

2 5%

**3 15%**

4 30%

**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 How do you get most of your news about national and international issues? **[RANDOMIZE**]? Please select up to 2 choices

1 Television

2 Newspapers

3 Radio

4 Magazines

5 The internet

**IF TELEVISION (1) IN Q.22A:**

Q.23 On television, do you get most of your news about national and international issues from …? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 7 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES**

1 Local news programming

2 ABC Network news

3 CBS Network news

4 NBC Network news

5 CNN Cable news

6 MSNBC Cable news

7 The Fox News Cable Channel

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

**ASK IF INDEP (PARTY=3) OR NO RESPONSE GIVEN TO PARTY:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

1 Republican

2 Democrat