

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Over the past month or so, how closely did you follow news about the 2008 presidential race? Did you follow the race very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

Very closely	61
Somewhat closely	26
Not too closely	7
Not closely at all.....	5
Don't Know.....	0.3
Refused	0.4

2. What do you think is the number one most important thing that the new President, and new Congress should address when they convene in Washington D.C. in January? [OPEN-ENDED PRE-CODE TO LIST]

Create more jobs / unemployment.....	5
Fix the economy (generic)	62
Address Wall street / Banking crisis.....	0.4
Gas prices / energy prices	1
Housing / mortgages	1
Health care	5
War in Iraq	6
War in Afghanistan / War on terror / bin laden.....	1
Immigration reform.....	6
Education reform / schools.....	1.5
Corruption in government / honesty	0.6
Global warming / environment	0
Race relations.....	0.3
International relations / foreign policy / image of US....	0.7
Address Taxes.....	0.4
Something else.....	6
Don't know	3
Refused	0.1

3. Now that Barack Obama has been elected President, and the Democrats have a majority in the Congress, how effective do you think they will be at addressing this issue?

Very effective	51
Somewhat effective.....	31
Not Very effective	9
No effect at all.....	4
Don't know	4
Refused	0.5

4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Republican.....	17
Democrat.....	61
Independent.....	14
Other party.....	3
Don't know	2
Refused	2

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4a. [IF Q4 = 1 OR 2] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [INSERT ANSWER TO Q3] or not so strong?

Strong partisan.....	70
Not so strong partisan.....	29
Don't know	1
Refused	0

4b. [IF Q4 = 3 – 99] If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Republican.....	20
Democrat.....	44
Neither.....	17
Other party.....	5
Don't know	7
Refused	7

5. [A lot of people we talk to were interested in the election, but did not actually go out and vote because they were too busy, or could not make it in time. If we checked the official voter statistics here in [STATE], would it say that you voted in the Presidential election, or did you not get around to voting this year?

Yes, I voted.....	92
No, I did not vote.....	8
Don't know	0
Refused	0

6A. [IF Q5=2] And what would you say is the main reason that you didn't vote in the Presidential election? Was it because [ROTATE: you just didn't care that much; you forgot it was election day; nobody called or asked you to vote; you didn't really like any of the candidates; you didn't think your vote would make a difference]

Didn't care that much	10
Forgot it was election day.....	10
Nobody called or asked you to vote	3
Didn't really like the candidates.....	9
Didn't think my vote would make difference	2
Other [SPECIFY]	61
Don't know	4
Refused	2

6B. [IF Q5=1] There are a lot of different ways to vote today. For the presidential election, did you vote early, vote absentee or by mail ballot, or did you vote in the polls on election day?

Voted early	24
Voted by absentee / mail ballot.....	16
Voted at polls on election day.....	59
Other [SPECIFY]	0
Don't know	0
Refused	0

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7. [IF Q5=1] In the 2008 election for President, did you vote for [READ AND ROTATE] _Republican John McCain OR _Democrat Barack Obama] or some other candidate?

McCain	25
Obama	72
Someone else	3
Can't remember/don't know	0
(Refused)	0

8. How much difference do you think the votes of [ANS TO S3], make in deciding the course of this country? Is it very much, a good deal, a little, or no difference?

Very much	52
A good deal	32
A little	10
No difference	4
Don't Know.....	3
Refused.....	1

9. People give us a lot of different reasons why they personally were motivated to vote. Thinking about your decision to vote this year, what was the main reason you decided to vote in the presidential election?

[OPEN ENDED] _____

10. Okay, now I am going to read you a list of different types of people that may or may have talked to you about the election. For each one, please tell me if they contacted you about this election and encouraged you to get out and vote

[ROTATE ORDER]

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A. Your friends or people at work.....	41	57	88	99
B. Your parents or older family members.....	29	70	88	99
C. Your children or younger family members.....	37	62	88	99
D. Someone from the Obama campaign.....	36	63	88	99
E. Someone from the McCain campaign.....	23	77	88	99
F. A Latino organization or group.....	19	80	88	99
G. Union or work-related group.....	16	82	88	99
H. Public service announcement on TV.....	57	43	88	99

11. Thinking about immigration and border security, some argue that we should only focus on border security and enforcement, while others argue that border security and enforcement can only be effective if we deal with the undocumented immigrants who are already here. Do you think we should focus first and foremost on border security, should we focus first on the immigrants already here, or an approach that combines both strategies at the same time?

Border security first.....	17
Deal with immigrants first.....	24
Do both together.....	49
Something else / other option.....	5
Don't know.....	4
Refused.....	0.5

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12. With all the different issues the new Congress and new President must address, how important do you think it is that they should address immigration reform within their first year?

Extremely important.....	40
Very important.....	27
Somewhat important.....	19
Not too important.....	8
Not at all important.....	3
Don't know.....	2
Refused.....	0

13. Thinking about current circumstances and our chances of success, which of the following comes closest to your feelings about the war in Iraq? [ROTATE OPTIONS]

The current policy is working and should be continued.....	10
I favor the war but favor an even larger commitment of US forces.....	7
I think the time has come to begin reducing US forces in Iraq.....	31
I favor immediate withdrawal of US forces from Iraq.....	48
Don't know.....	2
Refused.....	1

14. When it comes to health care, do you think the Federal government should ensure that all people have health insurance, even if it means raising taxes, or do you think we should continue with the current health care system?

Universal health care.....	59
Continue current system.....	21
Something else / other option.....	16
Don't know.....	3
Refused.....	0.9

15. Which political party do you think has more concern for the Latino community? Is it [ROTATE: The Democratic Party, the Republican Party] or is there no difference?

Democratic.....	61
Republican.....	8
There is no difference	27
Don't know	3
Refused	0

16. When you watch television, do you watch Spanish-language stations more often, English-language stations more often, or do you watch both equally?

If Spanish, ask "Would you say you only watch in Spanish, or you mostly watch in Spanish?"

If English ask, "Would you say you only watch in English, or you mostly watch in English?"

If both equally ask, "Do you probably watch more in Spanish or in English, or is it exactly equal?"

Do not watch TV.....	1
Only Spanish.....	9
Mostly Spanish	6
More Spanish than English	6
Both exactly equal.....	36
More English than Spanish	12
Mostly English.....	15
Only English.....	14
Don't know	0.5
Refused	0.5

17. How about when you listen to the radio? [If necessary: “do you listen to English-language radio stations, Spanish-language stations, or do you listen to ?”]

If Spanish, ask “Would you say you only listen in Spanish, or you mostly listen in Spanish?”

If English ask, “Would you say you only listen in English, or you mostly listen in English?”

If both equally ask, “Do you probably listen more in Spanish or in English, or is it exactly equal?”

Do not listen to radio	8
Only Spanish.....	13
Mostly Spanish	7
More Spanish than English	6
Both exactly equal.....	28
More English than Spanish	8
Mostly English.....	11
Only English.....	16
Don't know	1
Refused	1

18. Just thinking about news and information about the recent 2008 election, which one source would you say you got most of your information from? Was it from [ROTATE: Television, Radio, Newspapers and Magazines, Internet]? [ALLOW ONLY ONE RESPONSE – Follow up if necessary: “If you had to pick one source...”]

Television	59
Radio	7
Newspapers and Magazines	10
Internet	10
Multiple sources, no single source.....	12
None of these / Other.....	0
Don't know	0.6
Refused	0.3

19. There are a lot of different sources of news and information. When it comes to news and information about the election, which source do you trust the most to deliver the best information? [ROTATE: Spanish language news or English language news?]

Spanish language news	27
English language news	48
Both languages equal.....	20
Neither of these sources	2
Don't know	1
Refused	0.7

[ROTATE ORDER 20/21]

20. With Barack Obama being elected President, do you think things in America will get better; things will get worse, or pretty much stay the same, over the next four years?

Better.....	71
Worse	10
Stay about the same	12
Don't know	7
Refused	1

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21. Thinking about the situation of Latinos here in America? With Barack Obama being elected President, do you think things in America will get better; things will get worse, or pretty much stay the same for Latinos, over the next four years?

Better.....	69
Worse	7
Stay about the same	17
Don't know	87
Refused	1

22. [IF Q5=1] In 2004, the media reported that some voters encountered problems at the polls, while other voters had a very smooth experience. I'm going to read you a list of potential issues voters encountered at the polling place. For each one, please tell me if you yourself encountered any of these, or know of somebody who did while voting this year?

	Yes	No	DK	RF
A. Did not receive assistance in Spanish	15	82	2	1
B. Name was not listed on the roster at polling place	17	80	2	1
C. Voting machines were not working properly	13	83	3	1
D. Poll workers were rude, or not very helpful	9	88	3	1
E. Had to wait in line very long time	18	79	2	1
F. Voters told they did not have proper identification	7	89	3	1
G. Had trouble finding the exact polling place	9	89	2	1

23. [IF STATE=CA & Q5=1] Here in California, Proposition 11 was called the "Redistricting Initiative." It changes authority for establishing state office boundaries from elected representatives to an independent commission. In thinking about how you voted on Tuesday, November 4th did you vote in favor of Prop 11 or against Prop 11?

Yes, in favor.....	35
No, against	30
Don't know	32
Refused	3

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. [Hispanics/Latinos] have their roots in many different countries in Latin America. To what country do you or your family trace your ancestry? [OPEN-ENDED WITH LIST OF ALL COUNTRIES]

* = less than 1%

Argentina	*
Bolivia	*
Chile	*
Colombia	3
Costa Rica.....	*
Cuba	5
Dominican Republic.....	4
Ecuador	2
El Salvador	2
Guatemala	1
Honduras.....	*
Mexico	53
Nicaragua.....	*
Panama	*
Paraguay.....	*
Peru	*
Puerto Rico	11
Spain.....	4
Uruguay	*
Venezuela	*
United States / America	3
Other country	3
None	1
Don't know.....	2
Refused	2

D2. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

United States.....	53
Another country.....	39
Puerto Rico	7
Don't know	0
Refused	1

D3. [IF D2=1]. How about your parents, were they born in the United States, in Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Both parents born in United States.....	51
Both parents born another country.	26
Both parents born in Puerto Rico.....	6
1 parent born in U.S. / 1 born abroad	16
Don't know	1
Refused	0

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D4. [IF D3=1]. How about your grandparents? How many were born in the United States ?

all 4 born in U.S.	39
3 born in U.S.....	6
2 born in U.S.....	15
1 born in U.S.....	8
None were born in U.S.....	25
Don't know	8
Refused	0

D5. How many total people over the age of 18 live in your household? Mean = 2.7

D6. What is the highest level of education you completed? Again, just stop me when I read the correct category.

Grades 1 – 8.....	14
Some High School	11
High School graduate	20
Some College/Technical School	28
College graduate	20
Post-graduate education.....	5
Don't know	0
Refused	2

D7. When it comes to religion, do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, other Christian, or something else?

Catholic.....	61
Protestant	5
Christian	21
Atheist or agnostic	0
Other.....	1
None	7
(DON'T READ) Don't know	0
(DON'T READ) Refused	2

D8. Are you or is anyone in your household a veteran of the U.S. armed forces or currently serving on active duty in the U.S. military or in the National Guard? [IF NEEDED, PROBE: Is that you or someone else? Is that currently serving or a veteran]?

Yes, I am currently serving in the military or in the National Guard ...	4
Yes, I am veteran of the U.S. armed forces ...	6
Yes, someone in my household is currently serving in the military or National Guard ...	6
Yes, someone in my household is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces ...	8
YES, BOTH (MEANING MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) ...	1
No ...	72
Don't know	1
Refused	1

D9. Do you currently own or rent your home?

Own.....	65
Rent	29
Something else.....	3
Don't know	0
Refused	2

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D10. Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

Yes...	57
No...	42
Don't know...	1
Refused...	0

D11. How long have you lived here in the state of [INSERT STATE NAME]?

Mean = 33.8 years

V1. In what year were you born?

18 – 30	16
31 – 50	28
51 – 64	33
65 and over	23

D12. And finally, what was your total combined household income in 2007 before taxes. This question is completely confidential and just used to help classify the responses. Just stop me when I read the correct category.

Less than \$20,000.....	20
\$20,000 to \$39,999.....	20
\$40,000 to \$59,999.....	12
\$60,000 to \$79,999.....	8
\$80,000 to \$99,999.....	7
\$100,000 to \$150,000.....	7
More than \$150,000.....	2
Don't know.....	12
Refused.....	11

D13. [DO NOT ASK] Gender

Male.....	47
Female.....	53