Recontact 2012 Pre-Election Questionnaire

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RETROSPECTIVE EXPLANATION FOR 2008 OUTCOME: ALL

[TEXT BOX]
RE1 As you probably remember, Barack Obama won the last presidential election over John McCain. Thinking back, why do you think more people voted for Barack Obama than John McCain?

ENTER TEXT_____

[TEXT BOX, IF RE1=SKIP]
RE2 IF NO TEXT ENTERED: Before going on to the next question, please type in a few thoughts about why you think Obama won the last presidential election.

MANDATORY PROBE FOR ALL:
[TEXT BOX]
RE3 Are there any [IF TEXT IN RE1 OR RE2: other] reasons you can think of for why more people voted for Obama than for McCain?

LIKELIHOOD OF WINNING 2012:
[SP]
EX2A Regardless of who you might vote for, who do you think is most likely to win the election for president this November? [Barack Obama, the Democrat, or Mitt Romney, the Republican]? [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES]

[ORDER LISTED BELOW SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ABOVE]
Barack Obama
Mitt Romney
Don't know

IF EX2A SKIPPED, SHOW PROMPT:
Please just give us your best guess. Who do you think is most likely to win the election for president?
Barack Obama
Mitt Romney
Don't know

[SP]
EX2B1 Do you think **[ENTER CHOICE FROM]** will beat **[ENTER CHOICE FROM]** by a lot or by just a little?

1 By a lot

2 By just a little

PROSPECTIVE EXPLANATION FOR 2012 OUTCOME

[TEXT BOX, IF OPINION ON LIKELY WINNER (EX2A=1 OR 2)]

RE4 Why do you think more people will end up voting for [PERCEIVED LEADER] than [PERCEIVED LOSER]?

ENTER TEXT_____

[TEXT BOX, IF NO TEXT ENTERED IN RE4]
RE5 Before going on to the next question, please type in a few thoughts about why you think [PERCEIVED LEADER] will win the upcoming presidential election.

MANDATORY PROBE FOR ALL:
[TEXT BOX]
RE6 Are there any [IF TEXT IN FIRST QUESTION: other] reasons you can think of that more people will vote for [PERCEIVED LEADER] than [PERCEIVED LOSER]?

[MP]
ME1 From which of the following sources have you heard anything about the presidential campaign?

1 Television news programs (morning or evening)
2 Newspapers, either online or print versions
3 Television talk shows, public affairs or news analysis programs
4 Internet sites, chat rooms or blogs
5 Radio news or radio talk shows
6 News magazines
7 Have not heard anything about the presidential campaign **[SP]**

TV BRANCH PART 1:

[IF ME1 IN 1, 3, MP]
ME2A Which of the following programs do you watch regularly on television? Please check any that you watch at least once a month.

Any local news program (Fox, Eyewitness, Action news, etc.)
ABC World News with Diane Sawyer
Today Show
NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

Huckabee
Good Morning America
Person of Interest
CBS This Morning

CNN Newsroom
Jimmy Kimmel Live
America This Morning
The Daily Show with Jon Stewart
America's Newsroom
None of the Above **[SP]**

DOV: RAN_NRL3
1 "SHOW OBAMA FIRST"
2 "SHOW ROMNEY FIRST"
[THERMOMETER, SP, PROMPT]RANDOMIZE ORDER IN WHICH THESE TWO THERMOMETERS ARE ASKED:
NRL3A BE SURE TO INCLUDE SAME THERMOMETER VISUAL AS IN 2008

Please rate [IF RAN_NRL3=1, SHOW "Barack Obama", IF RAN_NRL3=2, SHOW "Mitt Romney"] on a thermometer that runs from 0 to 100 degrees. Rating above 50 means that you feel favorable and warm toward him, and rating below 50 means that you feel unfavorable and cool.

Don't know who person is
Don't know enough about him

[THERMOMETER, SP, PROMPT]
NRL3B BE SURE TO INCLUDE SAME THERMOMETER VISUAL AS IN 2008

The next person is: [IF RAN_NRL3=1, SHOW "Mitt Romney", IF RAN_NRL3=2, SHOW "Barack Obama"]

Where on that thermometer would you rate [IF RAN_NRL3=1, SHOW "Mitt Romney", IF RAN_NRL3=2, SHOW "Barack Obama"]?

Don't know who person is
Don't know enough about him

[ASK Q7 – Q11FOR ALL]

Q7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...

Republican 1
Democrat 2
Independent 3
Another party, please specify: _____ 4
No preference 5

PROMPT ONCE.

[SP, IF Q7= 1]

Q8. Would you call yourself a...

Strong Republican 1
Not very strong Republican 2

[SP, IF Q7 = 2]

Q9. Would you call yourself a...

Strong Democrat 1
Not very strong Democrat 2

[SP, IF Q7= 3, 4, 5, OR REFUSED]

Q10. Do you think of yourself as closer to the...

Republican Party 1
Democratic Party 2

[SP]

Q11. In general, do you think of yourself as…

Extremely liberal 1
Liberal 2
Slightly liberal 3
Moderate, middle of the road 4
Slightly conservative 5
Conservative 6
Extremely conservative 7

[GRID, SP]

PCK2 Using this scale that ranges from extremely liberal to extremely conservative, where would you place each of these candidates on this scale? Just click the box at the far right if you don't know enough about the person to rate him.

Extremely liberal
Liberal
Slightly liberal
Moderate, middle of the road
Slightly conservative
Conservative
Extremely conservative
Don't Know

Barack Obama
Mitt Romney

[IF ME1 IN 1, 3, MP]

ME2B Below are some additional television programs. Which of these do you watch regularly? Please check any that you watch at least once a month.

Dancing with the Stars
60 Minutes
The Late Show with David Letterman
The O'Reilly Factor
ABC News: Nightline
The Talk
The Ellen DeGeneres Show
Face The Nation
Frontline
Hannity
Chris Matthews Show
American Idol
The Rachel Maddow Show
None of the Above **[SP]**

VP: CANDIDATE VOTE PREFERENCES

VP5. Candidate Preference

[RANDOMLY SHOW TEXT1 OR TEXT2]

DOV: RAN_VP5
1 "SHOW ROMNEY FIRST"
2 "SHOW OBAMA FIRST"

TEXT1
If the presidential election were held today between Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republicans, against Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats, who would you vote for?

TEXT2
If the presidential election were held today between Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats, against Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republicans, who would you vote for?

ROTATE CANDIDATES.

1 Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republicans
2 Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats
3 Other **[specify]**
4 Don't know

[ASK IF VP5=1]
[SP]
VP3b. Will you definitely vote for Mitt Romney for president, or is there a chance you could change your mind?

If you think there is a chance you might change your mind, would you say there is a good chance you'll change your mind or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

1 Definitely vote for Romney
2 Good chance I will change my mind
3 Pretty unlikely I will change my mind

[ASK IF VP5=2]
[SP]
VP3c. Will you definitely vote for Barack Obama for president, or is there a chance you could change your mind?

If you think there is a chance you might change your mind, would you say there is a good chance you'll change your mind or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

1 Definitely vote for Obama
2 Good chance I will change my mind
3 Pretty unlikely I will change my mind

Economic Perceptions

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ECO3 AND ECO1

DOV: RAN_ECO
1 "ECO3 SHOW FIRST"
2 "ECO1 SHOW FIRST"

[SP]
ECO3 We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you and your family living here are better off, worse off, or just about the same financially as you were a year ago?

1 A lot better off
2 A little better off
3 A little worse off
4 A lot worse off
5 Just about the same

[SP]
ECO1 Thinking about the economy in the country as a whole, would you say that over the past year the nation's economy has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

1 Gotten a lot better
2 Gotten a little better
3 Gotten a little worse
4 Gotten a lot worse
5 Stayed about the same

TV BRANCH of ME, PART 2:

[IF ME1 IN 1, 3, MP]

ME4A Below are some additional television programs. Which of these do you watch regularly? Please check any that you watch at least once a month.

NCIS
America Live with Megyn Kelly
Meet The Press
MSNBC Live
The Voice
Special Report with Bret Baier
Rock Center with Brian Williams
CBS Sunday Morning
The Ed Show
20/20
Tavis Smiley
The Fox Report with Shepard Smith
CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley
None of the Above **[SP]**

[IF ME1 IN 1, 3, MP]

ME4b Here is the last list of television programs. Please check any that you watch at least once a month.

The Mentalist
This Week with George Stephanopoulos
Dateline NBC
The Insider
The View
The Big Bang Theory
On The Record with Greta Van Susteren
The Colbert Report
The Five
Anderson Cooper 360
Saturday Night Live
The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson
Key and Peele
None of the Above [SP]

[SLIDING SCALE; SP, RANGE 0-100, DO NOT SHOW RANGE][ASK ALL]
JUST MAKE SURE THEY DO IT THE SAME WAY AS THEY DID IT ON THE 2008 SURVEY, ESP IN TERMS OF WHERE THE SLIDER STARTS, ETC
DETH0. Next are some questions about various groups in our society. Below are left-right scales on which you can rate characteristics of people in different groups.

- For the first item below, the far left side of the scale means that you think most of the people in that group are "hard working."
- Placing the slider on the far right side means that you think most of the people in that group are "lazy."
- The middle means that you think the people in this group are not particularly towards one end or the other.

Where would you rate physicians in general on this scale?

Hard working		Lazy

CREATE DATA-ONLY RANDOM VARIABLE DET.
[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DETH1, DETH2.]

SAMVAR: XDETH

1. **"SHOW DETH1 FIRST"**
2. **"SHOW DETH2 FIRST"**

IF XDETH=1, SHOW DETH1 FIRST, THEN SHOW DETH2 AFTER RE13.
IF XDETH=2, SHOW DETH2 FIRST, THEN SHOW DETH1 AFTER RE13.

ONE SET HERE, NEXT SET AFTER "PERCEIVED POLARIZATION" SECTION.

[SLIDING SCALES; SP, RANGES 0-100, DO NOT SHOW RANGES ; SHOW ALL SCALES ON THE SAME SCREEN]

[ASK DETH1 ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES WHITES (INCLUDING HISPANICS/LATINOS), IF PPETHM=1, 4]
DETH1. Where would you rate whites in general on these scales?

Hard working																						Lazy

Intelligent																				Unintelligent

Trustworthy																				Untrustworthy

THIS SECOND SERIES (WHICHEVER IS RANDOMLY ASSIGNED) GOES AFTER THE POLARIZATION SECTION

[SLIDING SCALES; SP, RANGES 0-100, DO NOT SHOW RANGES ; SHOW SCALES ON THE SAME SCREEN]
[ASK IF NON-BLACKS (PPETHM NE 2)]

DETH2. Where would you rate blacks in general on these scales?

Hard working																					Lazy

Intelligent																					Unintelligent

Trustworthy																					Untrustworthy

[SALIENCE AMONG ECONOMIC ISSUES]

[SP, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS IN LIST]

RE7. Which of the following economic issues is most important for the federal government to address?

International trade
Social programs
Foreign aid
Unemployment
Inflation
Budget deficit
Outsourcing
Interest rates

Taxes

[SP, KEEP THE ORDER IN RE7, LIST MINUS ITEM PICKED IN RE7]
RE8. Which of these issues is second most important for the federal government to address?

[SP, KEEP THE ORDER IN RE7, LIST MINUS 2 ITEMS PICKED IN RE7 AND RE8]
RE9. Of the remaining issues, which is most important for the federal government to address?

[SP]
POS7. Do you favor or oppose the federal government in Washington negotiating more free trade agreements like NAFTA?

1 Strongly favor
2 Somewhat favor
3 Somewhat oppose
4 Strongly oppose

[MP]

POS7A. Which presidential candidate's views are most like your own when it comes to trade agreements? You can pick more than one candidate if you like, or "Don't know enough to say" if you don't feel you know enough about them yet.

Barack Obama
Mitt Romney

[SP] No difference among candidates on this issue
[SP] Don't know enough to say

[MP]
POS7B. Are there any presidential candidates whose views on trade agreements are UNACCEPTABLE to you? Again, you can pick more than one candidate if you like, or "Don't know enough to say" if you don't feel you know enough about them yet.

Barack Obama
Mitt Romney

[SP] No difference among candidates on this issue
[SP] Don't know enough to say

Randomize order of next two items [SOC1 AND PER1]**:**
TRADE SOCIOTROPIC
[SP]
SOC1. Thinking about the increasing amount of trade between the U.S. and other countries, do

you think this has helped the United States economy, hurt the United States economy, or has it not affected the U.S. economy?
Helped the economy a lot..... 1
Helped the economy a little 2
Hurt the economy a little..... 3
Hurt the economy a lot 4
Not affected the economy either way 5

TRADE PERSONAL (PROSPECTIVE/RETROSPECTIVE)
[SP]
PER1. Think about the increasing amount of trade between the United States and other countries. Do you think this has helped you and your family financially, hurt you and your family financially, or has it not affected your family's financial situation?
Helped my family a lot financially..... 1
Helped my family a little financially 2
Hurt my family a lot financially 3
Hurt my family a little financially 4
Has not affected my family financially..... 5

PERCEIVED POLARIZATION

[SP]
RE10. How politically divided are Americans these days?
Not at all divided
Somewhat divided
Very divided
Extremely divided

[SP]
RE11. How much agreement is there between the policies that Republican and Democratic voters want these days?

A great deal of agreement
Some agreement
Very little agreement
No agreement at all

[SP]
RE12. Some people say the American public is extremely polarized politically these days, while others think this is not really true. Which statement best describes your view of the American public?

Americans are extremely polarized
Americans are somewhat polarized
Americans are not very polarized
American are not at all polarized

[SP]

RE13. More and more Americans have extreme views these days.

Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree

[INSERT PART 2 of ETHNOCENTRISM HERE, BASED ON RANDOMIZED ORDER]

NEWPAPER BRANCH

[GRID, TEXT, IF ME1 = 2]

ME3 What newspaper or newspapers do you read regularly, whether online or in print? Please list their complete names as well as you can, along with the city where they are published.

Newspaper: City of publication (if available)

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[IF RESPONDENT TYPES IN SOMETHING FOR NEWSPAPER, PLEASE PROMPT IF THEY DO NOT TYPE IN SOMETHING FOR CITY OF PUBLICATION AS WELL].

OUTSOURCING
[7-POINT SCALE, WITH DON'T KNOW, DON'T SHOW THE NUMBER]
NEWOUT2. To save money, some American companies have been outsourcing, that is, hiring workers in other countries to replace workers in the U.S. who would be paid higher wages. An example of this is people who take customer service telephone calls.

To what extent do you think the government should encourage or discourage outsourcing or should they stay out of this matter?

1-Strongly encourage outsourcing
4-Stay out of this matter [mark center point with this]
7-Strongly discourage outsourcing

[SP] DON'T KNOW

Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

Where would you place Barack Obama on this scale?

How about Mitt Romney? Where would you place him on this scale?

[SP, SHOWN ON THE NEXT SCREEN]

NEWOUT3. How important is it to you that the federal government do what you think is best on the issue of outsourcing?

Extremely important
Very important
Somewhat important
Not important at all

Randomize order of next two items (OSO1 AND OPER1**):**

OUTSOURCING SOCIOTROPIC (1)

[SP]

OSO1. Overall, do you think outsourcing has generally been good for the American economy, bad for the economy, or has it not affected the American economy either way?

Very good for the economy 1
Somewhat good for the economy 2
Somewhat bad for the economy 3
Very bad for the economy 4
Hasn't affected the economy either way..... 5

OUTSOURCING PERSONAL

[SP]

OPER1. Have you or has anyone in your family been positively or negatively affected by outsourcing?

No, not affected by outsourcing 1
Yes, positively affected by outsourcing 2
Yes, negatively affected by outsourcing 3

[SPATIAL VOTING MEASURES: THESE ARE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE MEASURES OF CANDIDATE-RESPONDENT ISSUE AGREEMENT, PERCEIVED POLARIZATION of candidates on issues, and SALIENCE OF ISSUES. Three domestic issues and three international; split these up so they do not occur all together in a row]

AUSTERITY

RE14. Some people think the government should provide fewer services in order to reduce government spending. Other people feel it is important for the government to provide many more services even if it means an increase in spending. Of course, some other people have opinions somewhere in between.

[7-POINT SCALE, WITH DON'T KNOW, DON'T SHOW THE NUMBER]

Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

[SP] DON'T KNOW

1- Government should provide fewer services; reduce spending a lot
4- Keep things as they are
7- Government should provide more services; increase spending a lot

Where would you place Barack Obama on this scale?

How about Mitt Romney? Where would you place him on this scale?

[SP, NEXT SCREEN]
RE15. How important is it to you that the federal government do what you think is best on the issue of spending and services?

Extremely important
Very important
Somewhat important
Not important at all

TRADE

RE16.Some people think that the United States should have more trade agreements with other countries. Others believe that the U.S. should have fewer trade agreements. Of course, some other people have opinions somewhere in between.

[7-POINT SCALE, WITH DON'T KNOW, DON'T SHOW THE NUMBER]
1-Government should have more free trade agreements
4-Keep things the same as they are now
7-Government should have fewer free trade agreements

[SP] DON'T KNOW

Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

Where would you place Barack Obama on this scale?

How about Mitt Romney? Where would you place him on this scale?

[SP, NEXT SCREEN]

RE17.How important is it to you that the federal government do what you think is best on the issue of free trade?

Extremely important
Very important
Somewhat important
Not important at all

MORE ELECTORAL PROCESS ITEMS:

[SP]

CP3. How confident are you that the votes across the country are accurately counted on Election Day?

1 Very confident
2 Somewhat confident
3 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident

[SP]

EP1. How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what the people think: a good deal, some, or not much?

1 A good deal
2 Some
3 Not much

[SP]

EP3. In general, do you think the best candidates win the elections or is it just the candidates who raise the most money that get elected, or something in between?

1 Best candidates win
2 Candidates who raise the most money win
3 Something in between

[SP]

EP4. In some countries, people believe their elections are conducted fairly. In other countries, people believe that their elections are conducted unfairly. Do you believe presidential elections in the United States are generally …

1 Very fair
2 Somewhat fair
3 Neither fair nor unfair
4 Somewhat unfair
5 Very unfair

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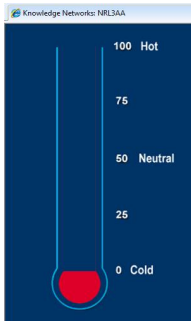
[ASK ALL]
[SP]
3. Thinking about the news media, as far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

a. A great deal
b. Only some
c. Hardly any

[VERTICAL THERMOMETER APPEARED IN SNO 12038, WITH LABELS AS BELOW]
[PROMPT IF SKIP WITH "Moving forward to the next question now will record you as a respondent who "refused" to answer this question. If you meant to answer "0", please enter the number in the text box.**"]**

4. We'd like you to rate on a scale from 0 to 100 how favorable you feel towards the news media**.** Zero means very unfavorable, and 100 means very favorable. Fifty means you do not feel favorable or unfavorable. How would you rate the news media on this scale? You may use any number from 0 to 100.
[Answers will allow respondents to enter any numeral from 0-100.]



[SP]
5. How much of the time do you think you can trust the news media to report the news fairly? Just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or almost never?

a. Just about always
b. Most of the time
c. Only some of the time
d. Almost never

[SP]
6. Is your overall opinion of the news media very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

a. Very favorable
b. Mostly favorable
c. Mostly unfavorable
d. Very unfavorable

[SP]
7. In general, do you think the news media get the facts straight, or do you think that their stories and reports are often inaccurate?

a. Get the facts straight
b. Stories and reports are often inaccurate

HEALTH CARE
[7-POINT SCALE, WITH DON'T KNOW, DON'T SHOW THE NUMBER]
RE18.Some people think the health care reform law should be kept as it is. Others want to repeal the entire health care law. Still others are somewhere in between.

1-The health care reform law should be kept as it is
4-Only parts of the health care reform law should be kept
7-The entire health care law should be repealed
[SP] DON'T KNOW
Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

Where would you place Barack Obama on this scale?

How about Mitt Romney? Where would you place him on this scale?

[SP, NEXT SCREEN]
RE19. How important is it to you that the federal government do what you think is best on the issue of health care?

Extremely important
Very important
Somewhat important
Not important at all

PERCEIVED POWER OF MEDIA: GRID ITEMS-
[SP, GRID]
RE20. How much influence do you think each of the following has on who gets elected president?

[ACROSS TOP]
One of the greatest influences
A great deal of influence
Some influence
Very little influence
No influence at all

The news media in general
Political advertisements

Talk shows
Newspapers
Political news on the internet

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CHINA
[7-POINT SCALE, WITH DON'T KNOW, DON'T SHOW THE NUMBER]
RE21. There are different views about China. Some people see China as more of an opportunity for new markets and economic investment, while others see it as a threat to our jobs and security. Still others are somewhere in between. Which view is closer to your own?

1-China is a terrific opportunity for new markets and investment
4-[LEAVE BLANK]
7-China is strictly a threat to US jobs and security.
[SP] DON'T KNOW

Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

Where would you place Barack Obama on this scale?

How about Mitt Romney? Where would you place him on this scale?

[SP, NEXT SCREEN]
RE22. How important is it to you that the federal government do what you think is best on the issue of policies with China?

Extremely important
Very important
Somewhat important
Not important at all

IMMIGRATION

DOV: RAN_RE23

1 "SHOW A FIRST"

2 "SHOW B FIRST"

[7-POINT SCALE, WITH DON'T KNOW, DON'T SHOW THE NUMBER, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS A VERSUS B]

RE23. On immigration, some people argue that U.S. policy should focus on [A: returning illegal immigrants to their native countries/ B: creating a pathway to U.S. citizenship for illegal immigrants.] Other people argue that U.S. policy should focus on [A: creating a pathway to U.S. citizenship for illegal immigrants/B: returning illegal immigrants to their native countries]. Still others are somewhere in between.

1-Return illegal immigrants to their native countries [Create a pathway to U.S. citizenship for illegal immigrants]
4-[LEAVE BLANK]
7-Create a pathway to U.S. citizenship for illegal immigrants [Return illegal immigrants to their native countries]

[SP] DON'T KNOW

Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

Where would you place Barack Obama on this scale?

How about Mitt Romney? Where would you place him on this scale?

[KEEP ORDER OF OPTIONS CONSISTENT WITH ABOVE]
Left side: A: return illegal immigrants to their native countries/ B: create a pathway to U.S. citizenship
Right side: A: create a pathway to U.S. citizenship/B: return illegal immigrants to their native countries].

FF: FEAR OF FAVORITISM:

[GRID, SP]
FFB Please tell us to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Black elected officials are more likely to…

Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

Favor blacks for government jobs over white applicants.
Support government spending that favors blacks.
Support policies that could cost whites jobs.
Give special favors to the black community.

[SP]
FFBa. Thinking about the statements you just read, would it be good or bad if black elected officials favored blacks?

1 Very good
2 Somewhat good
3 Somewhat bad
4 Very bad

Perceptions of Race Relations

[ON ONE OR 2 SCREENS, SAME AS 2008; ASK ALL]

[SP]
PRR1. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, very bad, or neither good or bad?

1 Very good
2 Fairly good
3 Fairly bad
4 Very bad
5 Neither good or bad

[SP]
PRR2. Over the course of the past 10 years, do you feel that race relations have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

1 Gotten a lot better
2 Gotten a little better
3 Gotten a little worse
4 Gotten a lot worse
5 Stayed about the same

[SP]
PRR3. Looking ahead 10 years from today, do you feel that race relations will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

1 Get a lot better
2 Get a little better
3 Get a little worse
4 Get a lot worse
5 Stay about the same

GOVERNMENT HELP TO BLACKS

[7 POINT SCALE]
RE23_2. Now we would like to ask about a separate topic. Some people feel that the government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of blacks. (Suppose these people are at one end of a scale, at point 1.) Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help blacks because they should help themselves. (Suppose these people are at the other end, at point 7.) And, of course, some other people have opinions somewhere in between, at points 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.
Where would you place YOURSELF on this scale?

1 Government should help blacks
2
3
4
5
6
7 Blacks should help themselves
[Use radio buttons with ends marked as above]

[SP] DON'T KNOW

RANDOMLY ORDER PART I AND PART II, I.E., HALF GET PART 1 THEN PART 2, THE OTHER HALF PART 2 THEN PART 1.

DOV: RAN_PART

1 "SHOW PART 1 FIRST, THEN SHOW PART 2 AFTER DETH3"

2 " SHOW PART 2 FIRST, THEN SHOW PART 1 AFTER DETH3"

PART I: (half get this first; half after DETH3)

Screen A: **POLITICAL SYSTEM LEGITIMACY**
[SP, GRID]
RE24. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: (Show Strongly agree/Somewhat agree/Neither agree nor disagree/Somewhat disagree/Strongly disagree scale for each)

I would rather live under our system of government than any other that I can think of.

Our system of government is in need of some serious changes.

Whatever its faults may be, our form of government is best for representing the interests of the country's citizens.

At present I feel very critical of our political system.

PART 2: (half get this first; half after DETH3)
Screen B: **ELECTION LEGITIMACY**
[SP, GRID]
RE25. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: (Show Strongly agree/Somewhat agree/Neither agree nor disagree/Somewhat disagree/Strongly disagree scale for each)

It seems that whoever people vote for, things go on pretty much the same.

Elections work well to help select the best political leaders.

Certain individuals or groups have so much influence over the way things run that the interests of the majority are often ignored.

People should be allowed to vote even if they cannot do so intelligently.

There must be a better way to elect political leaders than the way elections work in our country.

[ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE NON-LATINO, WHETHER BLACK OR WHITE].

DETH3. Where would you rate hispanics or latinos in general on these scales?

Hard working																					Lazy

Intelligent																					Unintelligent

Trustworthy																					Untrustworthy

Patriotic																					Unpatriotic

INSERT SCREEN A OR SCREEN B HERE; WHICHEVER WAS NOT SHOWN ABOVE IN THE RANDOMIZED TWO LEGITIMACY SCREENS.

FACE-to-FACE CONTACT

[RANDOMIZE THESE BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS SO RESPONDENTS ARE ASKED BOTH QUESTIONS ABOUT ONE GROUP FIRST]
DOV: RAN_BLOCK
1 "SHOW RE26 AND RE27 first"
2 "SHOW RE28 AND RE29 first".

[SP, IF NON-HISPANICS (PPETHM NE 4)]
RE26. In your day-to-day life, how frequently do you see Hispanics or Latinos in your community?

1) Never or almost never
2) Less than once a month
3) 1-3 times each month
4) At least once a week
5) Every day

[SP, IF NON-HISPANICS (PPETHM NE 4)]
RE27. In your day-to-day life, how frequently do you have conversations with Hispanics or Latinos?

1) Never or almost never
2) Less than once a month

3) 1-3 times each month
4) At least once a week
5) Every day

[SP, IF NON-BLACKS (PPETHM NE 2)]
RE28. In your day-to-day life, how frequently do you see blacks or African Americans in your community?

1) Never or almost never
2) Less than once a month
3) 1-3 times each month
4) At least once a week
5) Every day

[SP, IF NON-BLACKS (PPETHM NE 2)]
RE29. In your day-to-day life, how frequently do you have conversations with blacks or African Americans?

1) Never or almost never
2) Less than once a month
3) 1-3 times each month
4) At least once a week
5) Every day