2008 Post-Election Questionnaire
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Q. 1 What province or territory do you live in?
Newfoundland
Prince Edward Island
Nova Scotia
New Brunswick
Quebec
Ontario
Manitoba
Saskatchewan
Alberta
British Columbia
Northwest Territories
Nunavut Territory
Yukon Territory
Outside of Canada

Q. 2 What is your gender?
Male
Female

Q. 3 What is your year of birth?

Q. 4 Whenever there is an election, some people decide that they have *good reasons not to vote*, other people want to vote but are unable to, and some people vote. Thinking of the *federal election* on *October 14th*, which of the following statements best describes you?

I do not vote in federal elections
I usually vote but decided not to vote this time
I really wanted to vote but just wasn't able to
I think I voted, but I'm not sure
I am *absolutely certain* that I voted
Don't know

Q. 5 [IF 'I THINK I VOTED' OR 'I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT I VOTED' Q. 4] Which party did you vote for?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other party
Don't know [GO TO Q. 10]

Q. 6 When did you decide that you were going to vote [PARTY NAMED IN Q. 5]?
Before the election campaign began
Early in the campaign, during September
Late in the campaign, in October
On Election Day

Don't know

Q. 7 When you were making up your mind how to vote, did you really prefer another party but decide against it because you thought it had no chance of winning?
Yes
No
Don't know

Q. 8 [IF 'YES' AT Q. 7] Which party did you really prefer?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other party
Don't know

Q. 9 [IF 'I DO NOT VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS', 'I USUALLY VOTED BUT DECIDED NOT TO VOTE THIS TIME', 'I REALLY WANTED TO VOTE BUT JUST WASN''T ABLE TO' OR 'DON'T KNOW' AT Q. 4] If you had voted, which party would you have voted for?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other party
Don't know

[ASK EVERYONE]
Q. 10 During the election campaign, the party leaders debated on television. Did you watch any of the party leader debates or listen to them on the radio?
Yes, I saw or heard one or more of the leader debates
No, I did not see or hear any of the leader debates
Don't know

Q. 11 [IF 'YES' AT Q. 10] In your opinion, which leader did *best* in the debates?
Stéphane Dion
Stephen Harper
Jack Layton
Gilles Duceppe
Elizabeth May
Don't know

Q. 12 [IF 'YES AT Q. 10] And, in your opinion, which leader did *worst* in the debates?
Stéphane Dion
Stephen Harper
Jack Layton
Gilles Duceppe
Elizabeth May
Don't know

Q. 13 In your opinion, what was the most important issue in the federal election?

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Q. 14 Which party is closest to you on this issue?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
None, No party closest
Don't know

[IF 'I THINK I VOTED' OR 'I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT I VOTED' AT Q. 4]
Q. 15 In deciding how you would vote in the October 14th federal election, which was the most important to you -- the party leaders, the candidates in your local constituency, or the parties taken as a whole?
Party leaders
Local candidates
Parties as a whole
Don't know

[ASK EVERYONE]
Q. 16 During the election campaign, how much did you hear or read about the Liberal Party's proposed Green Shift program?
Little or nothing
Few things
Fair amount
Great deal

Q. 17 Do you favour or oppose the Green Shift program?
Strongly favour
Favour
Neither favour nor oppose
Oppose
Strongly oppose
Don't know

Q. 18 Which of the federal party leaders do you think would do the best job managing Canada's economy?
[Answer Block: Rotate]
Stéphane Dion
Gilles Duceppe
Stephen Harper
Jack Layton

Elizabeth May
[End Block]
None of them would do a good job
Don't know

Q. 19 Which, if any, of the following words describe your feelings about Canada's general economic situation? (Please tick up to FOUR)[MULTICODE**]**
[Answer Block: Rotate]
Angry
Happy
Disgusted
Hopeful
Uneasy
Confident
Afraid
Proud
[End Block]
No feelings
Don't know

Q. 20 During the election campaign, were you contacted in person, by telephone, by internet, or by mail by any of the political parties or their candidates?
Yes, I was contacted
No, I was not contacted
Don't know

Q. 21 Which parties or candidates contacted you? Please indicate *all* of the parties and candidates that contacted you.
Conservative Party or Conservative Candidates
Green Party or Green Candidates
Liberal Party or Liberal Candidates
NDP or NDP Candidates
Bloc Québécois or Bloc Québécois Candidates
Other Parties or Candidates
Don't know

Q. 22 Canadian military forces are currently engaged in fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan. Do you think Canadian troops should:
Stay in Afghanistan as long as it takes to defeat the Taliban
Pull out of Afghanistan no later than 2011 regardless of whether the Taliban is defeated
Pull out of Afghanistan immediately
Don't know

Q. 23 Some people think that it is better for a governing party to have a majority of seats in Parliament, while others feel that it is better when a governing party has a minority of seats in Parliament. Which do you feel is better?
Majority government better
Minority government better
Don't know

Q. 24 [IF 'MAJORITY GOVERNMENT' AT Q. 23] Did the issue of getting a majority government have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you voted in the federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing
Don't know
Did not vote

Q. 25 [IF 'MINORITY GOVERNMENT' AT Q. 23] Did the issue of getting a minority government have a great deal, something, or nothing to do with how you voted in the federal election?
A great deal
Something
Nothing
Don't know
Did not vote

[ROTATE Q. 26 - Q. 30]
Q. 26 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Stéphane Dion, the Liberal leader?

Q. 27 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Stephen Harper, the Conservative leader?

Q. 28 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Jack Layton, the NDP leader?

Q. 29 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Gilles Duceppe, the Bloc Québécois leader?

Q. 30 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means *strongly dislike* and 10 means *strongly like*, how do you feel about Elizabeth May, the Green Party leader?

[ROTATE Q. 31 - Q. 33]
Q. 31 Please indicate if you agree or disagree: It takes too much time and effort to be active in politics.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

Q. 32 Please indicate if you agree or disagree: I would be *seriously* neglecting my duty as a citizen if I didn't vote.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree

Don't know

Q. 33 Most of my family and friends think that voting is a waste of time.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

Q. 34 Generally speaking, are you very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not interested at all in politics?
Very interested
Somewhat interested
Not very interested
Not interested at all
Don't know

[ROTATE Q. 35 - 39]
Q. 35 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* Liberal Party?

Q.36 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the *federal* Conservative Party?

Q. 37 Using a scale that runs from 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like , how do you feel about the *federal* NDP?

Q. 38 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Bloc Québécois?

Q. 39 Using a scale that runs form 0 to 10, where 0 means strongly dislike and 10 means strongly like, how do you feel about the Green Party?

Q. 40 Please indicate if you agree or disagree: I would feel very guilty if I didn't vote in a general election.
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Don't know

NOTE: FOR Q. 41x AND Q. 41y, 'MARTIMER IF RESIDENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND, NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK OR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND; 'QUEBECKER' IF RESIDENT OF QUEBEC; 'ONTARIAN' IF RESIDENT OF ONTARIO; 'WESTERNER' IF RESIDENT OF MANITOBA OR SASKATCHEWAN; 'ALBERTAN' IF RESIDENT OF 'ALBERTA'; 'BRITISH COLUMBIAN' IF RESIDENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA]
[ASK Q. 41x FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE ONE]
Q. 41x Do you generally think of yourself as a Canadian, a [Maritimer, Quebecker, Ontarian, Westerner, Albertan, British Columbian], or what?

Maritimer
Quebecker
Ontarian
Westerner
Albertan
British Columbian
Canadian
Don't know

[ASK Q. 41y FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE TWO]
Q. 41y Do you generally think of yourself as a [Maritimer, Quebecker, Ontarian, Westerner, Albertan, British Columbian], a Canadian, or what?
Maritimer
Quebecker
Ontarian
Westerner
Albertan
British Columbian
Canadian
Don't know

Q. 42 On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means *no influence* and 10 means a *great deal of influence*, how much influence do you think that people like yourself have on politics?
0. No influence
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10. Great deal of influence
88. Don't know

Q. 43 Thinking about *federal* politics, do you *usually* think of yourself as a Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Bloc Québécois, or what?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Independent
None
Don't know

Q. 44 [IF RESPONDENT NAMES A PARTY IN Q. 43, ASK] How strongly do you feel about the [PARTY NAMED] party? Would you say, very strongly, fairly strongly, or not very strongly?

Very strongly
Fairly strongly
Not very strongly
Don't know

Q. 45 [IF 'INDEPENDENT', 'NONE', OR 'DON'T KNOW' Q. 43] Do you generally think of yourself as being a little *closer* to one of the *federal* parties than to the others?
Yes
No
Don't know

Q. 46 [IF 'YES' TO Q. 45] Which party is that?
Liberal
Conservative
NDP
Bloc Québécois
Green Party
Other Party
Don't know

Q. 47 Since you have been eligible to vote in *federal elections*, that is, elections for the national parliament in Ottawa, have you:
Voted in every federal election
Voted in most federal elections
Voted in some federal elections
Not voted in federal elections
Don't know

Q. 48 Who would you like to see win the American presidential election this November?
John McCain
Barack Obama
Another Candidate
Don't know

Q. 49 Which of the following people or groups do you think is ***most responsible*** for the current problems facing Canada's economy.

[Answer Block: Rotate]
Stephen Harper
George W. Bush
The Federal Conservative Party
The Republican Party in the U.S. Congress
Canadian banks
American banks
People who took out big mortgages
Oil Companies
[End Answer Block]
It's nobody's fault - it just happened
Don't Know

Q. 50 So that we can classify your answers with others in your area, can you please tell me your postal code?

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