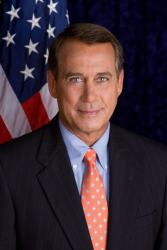
**Political Knowledge**

* **Randomize picture/text for Boehner/Alito/Bernanke**
* **Probe Don’t Know responses with: If you were forced to pick a response, which one would you pick?**

Next are some questions to help us see how much information about politics gets out to the public. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if you come across a question that you don’t know the answer to, simply mark ‘don’t know’ and move on to the next question.

* What job or political office does John Boehner currently hold?/ What job or office does the person shown in the picture currently hold?



* + U.S. Secretary of Defense
  + Vice President of the United States
  + Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
  + Chief Justice of the United States
  + None of these
  + Don’t know
* What job or political office does Stephen Breyer currently hold? What job or office does the person shown in the picture currently hold?



* + Governor of South Dakota
  + U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
  + U.S. Senate Minority Leader
  + Chairman of the Republican National Committee
  + United States Supreme Court Justice
  + None of these
  + Don’t know
* What job or political office does Ben Bernanke currently hold? What job or office does the person shown in the picture currently hold?



* + Treasury Secretary
  + Chairman of the Federal Reserve
  + Secretary of Homeland Security
  + Chairman of the National Economic Council
  + None of these
  + Don’t know

**Open-ended**

* What job or office does the person in the picture currently hold?



* Who is the current secretary of defense?
* Who is the President of Iran?

**Partisan Knowledge**

**Partisan Retrospection**

**[ROTATE ORDER FOR THE 3 RESPONSE CHOICES]**

* Since 2010 midterm elections, [**randomize: when Republicans regained control of the U.S. Congress/when Democrats retained control of the Senate**], has the unemployment rate gone up, down, or remained the same, or couldn’t you say?

How about the federal budget deficit? Since the 2010 midterm elections has it gone up, gone down, or remained the same, or couldn’t you say?

* Since January 2009, has the rate of violent crime increased, stayed the same, declined, or couldn’t you say?
* Since January 2009 [**randomly include/exclude:** **when Barack Obama was elected president**], has the sale of guns increased, decreased, or stayed the same, or couldn’t you say?
* Since January 2009, have the number of deportations of illegal immigrants increased, decreased, or remained the same, or couldn’t you say?
* Since January 2009, has your federal income tax rate declined, stayed the same, increased, or couldn’t you say?

(DECLINED FOR 97% OF HOUSEHOLDS)

* Between January, 2001 and November, 2008, [**randomly include/exclude:** **when George W. Bush was the president**], the federal deficit

or

Between January, 2001 and November, 2006, [**randomly include/exclude:** **when George W. Bush was the president and Republicans controlled the U.S. House of Representatives**], the federal deficit

* + Increased in size
  + Remained about the same
  + Decreased in size
  + Couldn’t say
* Between 1995 and 2000, [**randomize:** **when Bill Clinton was the president /when Republicans controlled the U.S. House of Representatives**], the federal deficit
  + Increased in size
  + Remained about the same
  + Decreased in size
  + Couldn’t say
* Between 1981 and 1988, [**randomize:** **when Ronald Reagan was the president /when Democrats controlled the U.S. House of Representatives**], the federal deficit
  + Increased in size
  + Remained about the same
  + Decreased in size
  + Couldn’t say
* What is your impression of what the Obama administration has done in regard to the number of US troops in Afghanistan—increased them, decreased them, or kept them the same?

**Candidate Personality Partisan Facts**

* What is Barack Obama's religion? Possibly randomize open-ended with a closed-ended version.
* What is Mitt Romney’s religion?
* Where was Barack Obama born?
* Do you think that Senator John Kerry lied about his actions during the Vietnam war in order to receive medals from the U.S. Army? Yes, No, or Couldn’t you say?
* Did Michele Bachmann recently briefly adopt citizenship of another country? – True, False, Not Sure?
* In addition to U.S., Michele Bachmann briefly became a citizen of –
  + No other country
  + Switzerland
  + Australia
  + Canada
  + Germany
  + Couldn’t say

**Partisan Group facts**

* A large majority of Republicans believe that Obama is a Muslim, and was not born in the U.S. – Yes, No, Not Sure

**Policy Relevant Facts**

* Do you think that the Troubled Asset Relief Program (or TARP) was initiated under President Barack Obama or under President George W. Bush? – Barack Obama, George W. Bush, or Couldn’t you say?

or

* Do you think that the bailout program for Chrysler and General Motors occurred under President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, both the presidents, or couldn’t you say?
* Is it your impression that the bailout program for Chrysler and General Motors occurred under President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, or both presidents?
* Under the immigration law passed by Arizona in 2010, law enforcement officials …?
  1. Do not have to read illegal immigrants their rights when arresting them
  2. Can ask people they suspect of being illegal immigrants for their papers only when stopping them for other reasons.
  3. Can impound vehicles of illegal immigrants
  4. Can ask anyone they suspect of being an illegal immigrant for their papers
  5. Can escort illegal immigrants back across the border
  6. Couldn’t Say
* Under which president was the law that used to forbid bank holding companies from owning other financial companies (the ‘Glass-Steagall Act’) repealed?

1. Jimmy Carter
2. Ronald Reagan
3. George H.W. Bush
4. Bill Clinton
5. George W. Bush
6. Couldn’t say

* Which of the following Republican politicians has at one time or another publicly supported an individual mandate for universal healthcare?
  + Newt Gingrich
  + Paul Ryan
  + Rick Santorum
  + Michele Bachmann
  + Herman Cain
  + Couldn’t say

**Randomize a/b/c/d –**

1. Here are some statements about the 2010 health care bill passed by the Congress. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means definitely false, 10 means definitely true, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how definitely true or false would you that each statement is? The healthcare bill… (Please enter a number between 0 and 10.)
   * Allows a government panel to make decisions about end‐of‐life care for people on Medicare
   * Replaces Medicare with a “public option”
   * Limits future increases in payments to Medicare providers
   * Cuts benefits to existing Medicare patients
   * Requires all businesses, even the smallest ones, to provide health insurance for their employees

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1. Which of the following statements are definitely false?
2. **Arrange the statements based on how likely you think they are correct.** Place the statement you think is most likely to be correct in the first spot. Next, of the remaining statements, place the statement you think is most likely to be correct on the second spot. So on and so forth.
3. The 2010 health care bill passed by the Congress …?

* Allows a government panel to make decisions about end‐of‐life care for people on Medicare
* Replaces Medicare with a “public option”
* Limits future increases in payments to Medicare providers
* Cuts benefits to existing Medicare patients
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* Couldn't say