**2014 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

**WAVE 7 SEPTEMBER**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 3, 2014**

**TOTAL N=3154**

**WEB RESPONDENTS N=2811**

**MAIL RESPONDENTS N=343[[1]](#footnote-2)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

25 Satisfied

75 Dissatisfied

5 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Thinking about things in your state, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your state today?[[2]](#footnote-3)

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

38 Satisfied

61 Dissatisfied

\* No answer/Live in a different state

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 And thinking about the local community where you live, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community today?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

60 Satisfied

40 Dissatisfied

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

POL1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

**ASK IF APPROVE (POL1=1):**

POL1AGR. Do you approve very strongly, or not so strongly?

**ASK DISAPPROVE (POL1=2):**

POL1DIS. Do you disapprove very strongly, or not so strongly?

Sep 15-Oct 3 May 30-June 30

2014 2014

44 Approve 47

21 Very strongly *23*

23 Not so strongly *24*

\* No answer *\**

55 Disapprove 53

41 Very strongly *40*

15 Not so strongly *13*

0 No answer *0*

\* No answer \*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Thinking about the State Legislature in your state, do you approve or disapprove of the way the State Legislature is handling their job?[[3]](#footnote-4) *Program an answer choice of “Live in different state” that will appear only when a soft prompt is used.*

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

41 Approve

57 Disapprove

2 No answer/Live in a different state

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way your governor is handling their job?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

50 Approve

49 Disapprove

1 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT The congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

How much thought have you given to the coming November election?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,886]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

32 Quite a lot

41 Some

20 Only a little

8 None

0 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district?

Sep 15-Oct 3 May 30-June 30

2014 2014

12 Very closely 10

33 Fairly closely 37

35 Not too closely 35

20 Not at all closely 17

\* No answer \*

**ASK ALL:**

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

64 Yes

36 No

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs …

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

34 Most of the time

39 Some of the time

17 Only now and then

11 Hardly at all

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

35 Always

27 Nearly always

11 Part of the time

25 Seldom

1 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, who would you vote for? Response options: Republican Party’s candidate; Democratic Party’s candidate; Another party’s candidate; Not sure

**ASK IF ‘NOT SURE’ (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99):**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

CONGA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. House of Representatives? [[4]](#footnote-5) Response options: Lean to Republican Party’s candidate; Lean to Democratic Party’s candidate; Lean to another party’s candidate; Not sure

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,874]:**

Sep 15-Oct 3 May 30-June 30

2014 2014

42 Rep/Lean Rep 38

47 Dem/Lean Dem 42

5 Another/Lean to another 5

6 Not sure 14

\* No answer \*

**ASK ALL:**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

SEN. If the elections for the U.S. Senate were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Democratic Party’s candidate OR the Republican Party’s candidate for U.S. Senate in your state?[[5]](#footnote-6)

**ASK IF ANSWERED NOT SURE (SEN=4) OR IF NO RESPONSE TO SEN (SEN=99):**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS SEN]**

SENA. As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. Senate?[[6]](#footnote-7) *Program an answer choice of “Live in different state” that will appear only when a soft prompt is used.*

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS IN STATES WITH SENATE RACES [N=1,593]:**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

40 Rep/Lean Rep

45 Dem/Lean Dem

6 Another/Lean to another

9 Not sure

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

GOV. If the elections for Governor were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Democratic Party’s candidate OR the Republican Party’s candidate for Governor in your state?[[7]](#footnote-8)

**ASK IF ANSWERED NOT SURE (GOV=4) OR IF NO RESPONSE TO GOV (GOV=99):**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS GOV]**

GOVA. As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. Senate?[[8]](#footnote-9) *Program an answer choice of “Live in different state” that will appear only when a soft prompt is used.*

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS IN STATES WITH GUBERNATORIAL RACES [N=2,274]:**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

40 Rep/Lean Rep

45 Dem/Lean Dem

6 Another/Lean to another

8 Not sure

\* No answer

**ASK IF REP CANDIDATE IN CONG (CONG = 1 OR CONGA = 1) [N=921]:**

Q.7 Thinking again about the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives, do you think of your vote for Congress as more of a vote for the Republican Party or more of a vote against the Democratic Party?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

52 For the Republican Party

29 Against the Democratic Party

19 The parties are not a factor

-- No answer

**ASK IF DEM CANDIDATE IN CONG (CONG = 2 OR CONGA = 2) [N=1038]:**

Q.8 Thinking again about the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives, do you think of your vote for Congress as more of a vote for the Democratic Party or more of a vote against the Republican Party?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

54 For the Democratic Party

30 Against the Republican Party

16 The parties are not a factor

-- No answer

**ASK IF ‘FOR THE REPUBLICANS’ in Q.7 (Q.7 = 1) [N=496]**

Q.9 What is the main reason you consider your vote a vote FOR the Republican Party?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

38 Conservative/shared values

17 Disagreement with Democrats and/or Obama

13 Fiscal policy/smaller government

7 Votes with party identification

5 Entitlement programs

5 Party control of Congress

4 Abortion policy

4 “Lesser of two evils”

4 Better at handling economy

2 Foreign policy/defense

1 The candidate (specific mention)

1 Gun control policy

1 Immigration policy

1 Health care policy

1 Same-sex marriage

1 Religious reasons

1 Fewer regulations

4 None

7 Other

5 Don’t know/Refused

*Figures add to more than 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK IF ‘AGAINST THE DEMOCRATS’ in Q7 (Q.7 = 2) [N=358]**

Q.10 What is the main reason you consider your vote a vote AGAINST the Democratic Party?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

26 Too liberal/Do not share values

14 Mismanagement of country

12 Fiscal policies/Government too big

7 Disagreement with Obama/other Democrats

7 Democrats are worse than Republicans

6 Frustration with entitlement programs

4 Health care

4 Immigration

3 Party control of Congress

3 Foreign policy/national security

2 Abortion

2 Economy

2 Religious reasons

2 Gun control

1 Corruption

1 IRS problems

\* None

11 Other

12 Don’t know/Refused

*Figures add to more than 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK IF ‘FOR THE DEMOCRATS in Q.8 (Q.8 = 1) [N=630]**

Q.11 What is the main reason you consider your vote a vote FOR the Democratic Party?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

45 Liberal/shared values

13 Support of middle class

13 Votes with party identification

8 Disagreement with Republicans

4 Stance on immigration

2 Fiscal policies

2 Stance on women's issues

1 Health care

1 “Lesser of two evils”

1 Environmental issues

1 Party control of Congress

3 None

10 Other

5 Don’t know/Refused

*Figures add to more than 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK IF ‘AGAINST THE REPUBLICANS’ in Q.8 (Q.8 = 2) [N=430]**

Q.12 What is the main reason you consider your vote a vote AGAINST the Republican Party?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

29 Lack of compromise/obstructionism

20 Favor the rich/Do not support middle class

20 Disagreement with Republican Party platform

9 Too conservative

6 Dislikes Democrats but dislikes Republicans more

4 Stance on women's issues

3 Frustration with Tea Party

2 Party control of Congress

1 The candidate

1 Environmental issues

1 Economic policies

1 Out of touch

5 None

12 Other

1 Don’t know/Refused

*Figures add to more than 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=3,086]:**

REGSTATUS Which of these statements best describes you?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

74 I am registered to vote in **[FILL R’S STATE from prior wave/from**

**typology for March wave]**

2 I am registered to vote in a different state **[SPECIFY / DROPDOWN LIST OF**

**50 STATES AND DC]**

15 I am not registered to vote

8 I am not sure if I’m registered to vote

\* No answer

**ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGSTATUS=1,2) [N=2,876]:**

UPDATE In the past 30 days, did you register to vote or update your voter registration?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

9 Yes, I registered to vote

7 Yes, I updated my registration

82 No, I am registered to vote and made no changes in the past 30 days

2 No answer

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTER IF STATE IS POST-PRIMARY AND NOT LA [N=2,841]:**

PRIMARY14 As you may know, primary elections take place in the months before general elections. Did you happen to vote in the primary election this year?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

53 NET Yes

*35 Yes, voted in person on Election Day*

*6 Yes, voted in person before Election Day*

*11 Yes, mailed in ballot*

47 No, did not vote this year

\* No answer

**ASK IF YES (PRIMARY14=1, 2, or 3) [N=1,571]:**

PRIM14PTY Primaries are often associated with a specific political party. Did you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or something else?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

45 Republican Primary

47 Democratic Primary

7 Something else

1 No answer

**ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=3,086]:**

PGENERAL How likely are you to vote in **[the general election] [IF LOUISIANA: the election]** this November?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

58 Definitely will vote

18 Probably will vote

12 Probably will not vote

11 Definitely will not vote

1 No answer

**ASK IF DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE IN GENERAL (PGENERAL=1,2) [N=2,770]:**

PLAN2 Do you plan to cast your vote in **[the general election] [IF LOUISIANA: “the November election”]** before Election Day or on Election Day?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

29 Before Election Day

59 On Election Day

10 Not sure

1 No answer

**ASK IF LIKELY TO VOTE (PGENERAL=1,2** **AND REGSTATUS STATE NE WA, OR, CO) [N=2,588]:**

REQUEST Have you requested an absentee ballot for the upcoming election in November or not?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

11 Yes

87 No

1 No answer

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE EARLY (PLAN2=1) and REGSTATUS state is NOT WA, OR, CO**

**ASKED ON WEB ONLY [N=622]:**

EARLY1 Do you plan to vote in the **[general election] [LOUISIANA “November election”]** in person or will you mail in your ballot?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

41 Vote in person

54 Mail in ballot

5 Not sure

0 No answer

**ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=3,086]:**

CONTACT1 In the past 30 days, have you been personally contacted by any candidate, party, or other organization offering you information about an upcoming election?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

25 Yes

74 No

\* No answer

**ASK IF YES (CONTACT1=1) [N=1,133]:**

CONWHO Who contacted you with information about an election? Check all that apply. **[RANDOMIZE A-D, KEEPING E LAST]**

Yes, Not selected/

contacted No answer

1. A candidate running for office or his/her campaign

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 64 36

1. A political party

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 50 50

1. Politically oriented groups other than parties or candidates

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 41 59

1. A state or local election office, such as the Board of   
   Elections or the Secretary of State’s office

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 13 87

1. Other **[please specify]**

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 4 96

**ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=3,086]:**

SEARCH And in the past 30 days, have you searched for information about an upcoming election?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

21 Yes

79 No

1 No answer

**IF YES, SEARCHED (SEARCH=1) [N=809]:**

SEARCHWHAT Did you search for any of the following types of information?

**[RANDOMIZE A-G]** *[Check all that apply]*

Yes, Not selected/

searched No answer

1. Information about your voter registration status

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 10 90

1. The date of an upcoming election

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 22 78

**NO ITEM C**

1. The location of your polling place

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 17 83

1. A sample ballot

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 12 88

1. Any information about the rules or requirements

for voting

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 10 90

1. Information about a candidate or candidates in

an election

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 83 17

**IF YES TO ANY INFORMATION ABOUT RULES (SEARCHWHAT.F=1)**

SEARCHRULES Did the information about the rules or requirements for voting include any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE A- C]** *[Check all that apply]*

1. What type of identification you will need to vote
2. Who is eligible to participate in a primary election
3. How to cast a vote before Election Day, by absentee ballot or early voting

**NO QUESTION 13**

**ROTATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (Q.14) AND REPUBLICAN PARTY (Q.15) QUESTIONS.**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 In politics, people sometimes talk about liberal and conservative. Where would you place the **Democratic Party** on a scale from 0 to 10 where 10 means very liberal and 0 means very conservative? Please click below where you would place the Democratic Party on the scale below. **[RANDOM HALF VERY LIBERAL AT THE TOP AND VERY CONSERVATIVE AT THE BOTTOM, OTHER HALF SEES THE REVERSE, ALWAYS KEEPING 10 AT THE TOP AND 0 AT THE BOTTOM EACH TIME]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

22 10 (Very liberal)

9 9

16 8

14 7

10 6

15 5

5 4

3 3

2 2

1 1

3 0 (Very conservative)

2 No answer

**ROTATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (Q.14) AND REPUBLICAN PARTY (Q.15) QUESTIONS.**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 In politics, people sometimes talk about liberal and conservative. Where would you place the **Republican Party** on a scale from 0 to 10 where1 0 means very liberal and 0 means very conservative? Please click below where you would place the Republican Party on the scale below. **[RANDOM HALF VERY LIBERAL AT THE TOP AND VERY CONSERVATIVE AT THE BOTTOM, OTHER HALF SEES THE REVERSE, ALWAYS KEEPING 10 AT THE TOP AND 0 AT THE BOTTOM EACH TIME]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

5 10 (Very liberal)

1 9

3 8

5 7

6 6

14 5

8 4

13 3

15 2

10 1

20 0 (Very conservative)

2 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 Where would you place **yourself** on this same scale from 0 to 10? **[RANDOM HALF VERY LIBERAL AT THE TOP AND VERY CONSERVATIVE AT THE BOTTOM, OTHER HALF SEES THE REVERSE, ALWAYS KEEPING 10 AT THE TOP AND 0 AT THE BOTTOM EACH TIME]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

8 10 (Very liberal)

13 8-9

18 6-7

20 5

15 3-4

14 1-2

11 0 (Very conservative)

2 No answer

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (F\_MARITAL\_TYPOLOGY=1, 2) [N=1,969]:**

Q.17 Where would you place **your spouse or partner** on this same scale from 0 to 10? **[RANDOM HALF VERY LIBERAL AT THE TOP AND VERY CONSERVATIVE AT THE BOTTOM, OTHER HALF SEES THE REVERSE, ALWAYS KEEPING 10 AT THE TOP AND 0 AT THE BOTTOM EACH TIME]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

7 10 (Very liberal)

10 8-9

17 6-7

20 5

19 3-4

16 1-2

22 0 (Very conservative)

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

E3 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

43 Full-time

16 Part-time

40 Not employed

1 No answer

**ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2)**

E4 And how many jobs do you currently work?

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=3,134]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

47 One

10 Two

\* Three or more

41 Not employed/No answer

**ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2) [N=1923]:**

Q.18 Overall, how satisfied are you with your current job(s)?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

31 Very satisfied

53 Mostly satisfied

11 Mostly dissatisfied

4 Very dissatisfied

\* No answer

**ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2) [N=1,923]:**

Q.19 If you lost your job, how long would it be before you exhausted your savings?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

30 I have no savings

36 Less than 6 months

15 6 months to 12 months

19 More than 12 months

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FINANCE The next part of the interview asks questions about your financial situation and how you are getting along these days. Everything you tell us will be kept completely confidential, and you can decline to answer any question that you are not comfortable answering.

Do you have any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, KEEPING OPTIONS F, G, AND H AT THE BOTTOM]** *[Check all that apply]*

Yes, Did not Skipped all

selected select item items[[9]](#footnote-10)

1. A savings account

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 62 37 2

1. A checking account

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 81 18 2

1. A credit card

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 62 38 2

1. An IRA, 401K or a similar kind of retirement account

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 40 58 2

1. A pension plan

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 23 77 2

1. Another kind of retirement savings or investment

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 18 82 2

1. Another kind of non-retirement savings or investment

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 15 85 2

**ASK IF HAVE A CREDIT CARD (FINANCEc=1) [N=2,388]:**

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: ROTATE CARRY BALANCE/PAY OFF CARD IN STEM AND RESPONSE OPTIONS, KEEPING ORDER CONSISTENT]**

CARD Do you generally carry a balance on any of your credit cards, or do you generally pay off your balances in full each month?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

45 Generally carry balance

55 Generally pay off balances in full each month

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

DEBT Do you have any of the following types of loans or debt? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, KEEPING OPTIONS F AT THE BOTTOM]** *[Check all that apply]*

Yes, Did not Skipped all

selected select item items[[10]](#footnote-11)

1. Credit card debt

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 37 62 2

1. Car loan

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 30 68 2

1. Student loans

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 21 78 2

1. A mortgage or a home loan

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 35 64 2

1. Other outstanding debts or loans

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 18 80 2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.20 Have you or anyone in your household received any of the following government services and benefits in the past twelve months? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, KEEPING NONE AT THE BOTTOM]** *[Check all that apply]*

Yes, Did not Skipped all

selected select item items[[11]](#footnote-12)

1. Food assistance, such as SNAP benefits

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 16 83 1

1. Medicaid benefits

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 19 80 1

1. Unemployment benefits

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 4 95 1

1. Welfare benefits

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 2 97 1

1. Housing vouchers or housing assistance

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 4 95 1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 How would you describe your household’s financial situation?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

25 Live comfortably

36 Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras

24 Just meet your basic expenses

14 Don’t even have enough to meet basic expenses

1 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 In the past year, have any of the following happened to you?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-K]** *[Check all that apply]*

Not selected/

Yes No answer

1. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for

yourself or your family

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 29 71

1. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 21 79

1. Been laid off or lost your job

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 11 89

1. Had trouble paying your bills

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 39 61

1. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten

a better job

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 29 71

1. Took out a payday or other short term loan

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 8 92

1. Borrowed money from friends or family

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 33 67

1. Declared personal bankruptcy

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 2 98

1. Gotten food from a food bank or food pantry

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 14 86

1. Taken a vacation

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 43 57

1. Loaned money to family and friends

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 41 59

## ASK ALL:

Q.23 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

83 Covered by health insurance

17 Not covered by health insurance

1 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

DISAB1 Does a health problem, disability, or handicap CURRENTLY keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

24 Yes

76 No

\* No answer

**ASK IF YES (DISAB1=1):**

DISAB2 Please indicate which of the following problems, disabilities or handicaps you are experiencing.*[Check all that apply]*

**BASED ON DISABLED [N=634]:**

Yes, Did not Skipped all

selected select item items[[12]](#footnote-13)

1. I am deaf or have serious difficulty hearing

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 7 93 \*

1. I am blind or have serious difficulty seeing even

with glasses

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 4 96 \*

1. Because of a physical, mental or emotional condition,

I have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering

or making decisions

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 32 68 \*

1. I have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 47 53 \*

1. I have difficulty dressing or bathing

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 9 91 \*

1. Because of a physical, mental or emotional condition,

I have difficulty doing errands alone

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 21 79 \*

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (F\_REG\_TYPOLOGY=1):**

Q.24 Now, here are different ways that people can get involved in the election campaigns. In the past 12 months have you:

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,745]:**

Yes, Not selected/

selected No answer

1. Volunteered your time to help one of the candidates

or campaigns

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 5 95

1. Contributed money to any of the candidates or campaigns

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 11 89

**Q.24 CONTINUED…**

Yes, Not selected/

selected No answer

1. Attended a campaign event

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 7 93

1. Visited a candidate’s website or followed a candidate

through email, Facebook or Twitter

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 23 77

**ASK IF HAVE CONTRIBUTED MONEY THIS ELECTION (Q.24\_b=1)**

Q.25 Would you say your contributions added up to more than $100 or less than that?

**ASK IF MORE THAN $100 (Q.25=1)**

Q.26 And did they add up to more than $250 or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=3,154]**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

3 More than $100

1 More than $250

2 Less than $250

\* Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

5 Less than $100

\* Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

91Haven’t donated

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (F\_REG\_TYPOLOGY=1):**

PVOTE12A In the 2012 presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,886]:**

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

88 Voted

*46* *Obama*

*38 Romney*

*4 Other candidate*

*1 DK/Ref*

10 Did not vote

2 Too young to vote

\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

SCALE10 Please rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 1 to 10.

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

52 10 (Definitely will vote)

7 9

6 8

4 7

3 6

4 5

3 4

3 3

3 2

15 1 (Definitely will not vote)

1 No answer

**The next questions are about your background.**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,756]:**

Q.27 Do you consider yourself to be mixed race; that is belonging to more than one racial group?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

12 Mixed race

86 Not mixed race

2 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.28 In thinking about their background, people often will describe which racial or ethnic groups best describe them. Imagine if we used a 10 point system where points are allocated to whichever racial or ethnic groups we think accurately describe a person.

For example, if you think of someone as half-white and half-Asian, you might allocate 5 points to each. Or if you think of someone as mostly black but with some Hispanic heritage, you might allocate 8 or 9 points for African American and 1 or 2 points for Latino

Now think of your own background in racial and ethnic terms. How would you describe your race and ethnicity using this 10-point system?[[13]](#footnote-14)

0 1-3 4-6 7-9 10

1. White

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 21 5 5 9 60

1. Black or African American

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 85 2 2 3 7

1. Asian or Asian American

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 93 2 2 \* 3

1. Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 84 4 3 2 7

1. Native American/American Indian/

Alaska Native

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 88 9 2 \* 1

1. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific

Islander

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 97 2 1 \* \*

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,397]:**

Q.29 Do you consider yourself to be mixed race; that is belonging to more than one racial group?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

12 Mixed race

88 Not mixed race

\* No answer

**ROTATE MOTHER AND FATHER (Q.30 and Q.31)**

**ASK IF MIXED RACE (Q.27=1 OR Q.29=1) [N=289]:**

Q.30 Thinking about your mother. Is your mother of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, or not?

Sep 15-Oct 3

2014

30 Hispanic

68 Not Hispanic

2 No answer

**ROTATE MOTHER AND FATHER (Q.30 and Q.31)**

**ASK IF MIXED RACE (Q.27 =1 OR Q.29=1) [N=287]:**

Q.31 Thinking about your father. Is your father of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, or not?

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34 Hispanic

65 Not Hispanic

\* No answer

**ASK IF HISPANIC [N=255]:**

Q.32 Thinking now about your grandparents, are any of them not Hispanic, or are they all of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

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29 Yes, at least one non-Hispanic

67 All are Hispanic

3 No answer

**ASK IF NO OR DK/REF TO HISPANIC (F\_HISP\_TYPOLOGY = 2, 9) [N=2,895]:**

Q.33 Thinking about your grandparents, are any of them Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin, or are they all non-Hispanic?

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5 Yes, at least one is Hispanic

81 All are not Hispanic

15 No answer

**On a different subject…**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36Thinking about different issues in this country today, how involved do you want to be in influencing policy or policy makers in the following areas? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-D]**

I want to I want to be I do not

be very somewhat want to be No

involved involved involved answer

1. Environmental or energy issues facing

your community

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1. Medical treatment issues for people with

serious illnesses

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 27 45 28 1

1. Issues related to gun rights and gun control (for mail version only: Gun control issues)

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**Q.36 CONTINUED…**

I want to I want to be I do not

be very somewhat want to be No

involved involved involved answer

1. Web error stated: Local city or (county) government services
2. Mail: Local city or county government services

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 20 50 30 1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 Regardless of whether or not you think these skills are good to have, which ones do you think are MOST IMPORTANT for children to get ahead in the world today?*[Check all that apply.]* **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS A TO J, WITH NONE OF THE ABOVE ALWAYS LAST]**

Yes, Did not No answer

selected select item[[14]](#footnote-15) to set[[15]](#footnote-16)

1. Art skills

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1. Music skills

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 24 76 \*

1. Athletic skills

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 25 74 \*

1. Math skills

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1. Science skills

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1. Writing skills

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 75 24 \*

1. Teamwork skills

Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 77 23 \*

1. Reading skills

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1. Logic skills

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1. Communication skills

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1. Question wording in this topline is that from the web version of the survey unless otherwise noted. Question wording and format was adapted for the paper questionnaire delivered by mail; this questionnaire is available on request. All questions asked in both modes unless noted. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. In web version, respondent’s state name was shown instead of “your state.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. In web version, respondent’s state name was shown instead of “your state” and state legislature type (e.g., state legislature, general assembly, general court, legislative assembly) was shown instead of “State Legislature.” [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Question wording on mail mode questionnaire asked POL5 only as follows: “If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [FORM1/FORM2: “the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”] for Congress in your district? [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. In web version, question was asked “If the elections for the U.S. Senate in [RSTATE] were being held TODAY, who would you vote for?” where respondent’s state name was shown in place of [RSTATE]. Response options were customized based on respondent’s state; the candidate’s name and political affiliation were shown in addition to “Another candidate” and “Not sure.” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Question wording on mail mode questionnaire asked SEN only as follows: “If the elections for U.S. Senate were being held TODAY, would you vote for [FORM1/FORM2: “the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”] for U.S. Senate in your state? [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. In web version, question was asked “If the elections for Governor in [RSTATE] were being held TODAY, who would you vote for?” where respondent’s state name was shown in place of [RSTATE]. Response options were customized based on respondent’s state; the candidate’s name and political affiliation were shown in addition to “Another candidate” and “Not sure.” [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Question wording on mail mode questionnaire asked GOV only as follows: “If the elections for Governor were being held TODAY, would you vote for [FORM1/FORM2: “the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”] for U.S. Senate in your state? [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Respondents were given an explicit response option to indicate that they were not skipping the question entirely, but rather that they intentionally did not select any of the prior options. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. See footnote 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. See footnote 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. See footnote 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. Results show all respondents except for the 13% who refused to answer. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
14. Figures in this column include 2% who selected “none of the above.” [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
15. Less than 1% skipped the set of questions and thus did not select the none of the above option nor did they select any other item provided. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)