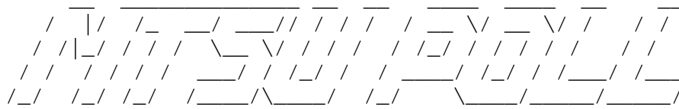


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Question HELLO1

TURN THE PHONE ON AND DIAL "9," THEN "1," THEN THE NUMBER IN THE UPPER  
LEFT CORNER OF THE SCREEN. REMEMBER: ALL CALLS ARE LOGGED AND CHECKED!

IF YOU SEE ### AT THE START OF THE NUMBER, THE NUMBER IS A LOCAL CALL,  
AND THERE IS NO NEED TO DIAL AN AREA CODE. JUST DIAL "9," THEN THE  
SEVEN-DIGIT NUMBER.

[IF A PERSON ANSWERS, QUICKLY PRESS 1]

[OTHERWISE, HANG UP, THEN PRESS 2]

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_, a college student calling from Middle Tennessee State  
University. We recently started an interview with \_\_\_\_\_. I'd like to resume  
the interview if this is a good time. [HIT 1 TO RESUME, CTRL-END TO STOP]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (HELLO1 = 2) SKIPTO BYENOW2

Question HELLO2

Hello, this is \_\_, a student calling from Middle Tennessee  
State University. We're conducting a statewide survey on  
several important issues ...

... To keep things random, may I please speak with the  
\*youngest male\* age 18 or older who is at home right now?

[WHO, IF ANYONE, FITS THE DESCRIPTION?]

- 1 Person you're talking to
- 2 Someone else there [ASK: "May I please speak with him?"]
- 3 Nobody there fits the description

[IF THE CONVERSATION ENDS HERE, press and hold the "Ctrl"  
key, then press "End" to exit the questionnaire.]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (HELLO2 = 1) SKIPTO PERMISSN  
IF (HELLO2 = 2) SKIPTO YUNGMALE  
IF (HELLO2 = 3) SKIPTO HELLO3

Question HELLO3

In that case, may I please speak with the \*oldest female\* age  
18 or older who is at home right now?

[WHO FITS THE DESCRIPTION?]

1 Person you're talking to  
2 Someone else there [ASK: "May I please speak with her?"]

[IF THE CONVERSATION ENDS HERE, press and hold the "Ctrl"  
key, then press "End" to exit the questionnaire.]

[YOU ALSO MAY USE 'ESC' TO RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (HELLO3 = 1) SKIPTO PERMISSN  
IF (HELLO3 = 2) SKIPTO OLDFEMAL

Question YUNGMALE

Hello, this is \_\_, a student calling from Middle Tennessee  
State University. We're conducting a statewide survey on  
several important issues.

To keep things random, I'd like to speak to the youngest  
male age 18 or older who is at home right now. Is that you,  
or is that someone else?

1 Yes, person matches description  
2 No, someone else ==> [ASK: "May I speak to him, please?"  
AND REASK THE QUESTION]

[IF THE CONVERSATION ENDS HERE, press and hold the "Ctrl"  
key, then press "End" to exit the questionnaire.]

[YOU ALSO MAY USE 'ESC" TO RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (YUNGMALE = 1) SKIPTO PERMISSN

Question OLDFEMAL

Hello, this is \_\_, a student calling from Middle Tennessee  
State University. We're conducting a statewide survey on  
several important issues.

To keep things random, I'd like to speak to the \*oldest  
female\* age 18 or older who is at home right now. Is that  
you, or is that someone else?

1 Yes, person matches description  
2 No, someone else ==> [ASK: "May I speak to her, please?"  
AND REASK THE QUESTION]

[IF THE CONVERSATION ENDS HERE, press and hold the "Ctrl"  
key, then press "End" to exit the questionnaire.]

[YOU ALSO MAY USE 'ESC" TO RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (OLDFEMAL = 1) SKIPTO PERMISSN

Question PERMISSN

Thanks. It sounds like you're the one I'd like to talk to.

If you'll let me interview you, we'll keep your answers  
confidential. Of course, you don't have to answer any  
question you don't want to, and you can stop at any time.  
Also, if you don't have an opinion on an issue, just tell me  
and we'll go to the next questions. May I begin?

1 YES (GO TO FIRST QUESTION)  
2 NO (STOP INTERVIEW)

3 PERSON WANTS TO BE CALLED BACK LATER  
4 NOT A HOME PHONE (BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, PAY PHONE, ETC.)

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
QAL BYENOW2  
IF (PERMISSN = 2) SKIPTO BYENOW2  
IF (PERMISSN = 3) SKIPTO CALLBACK  
IF (PERMISSN = 4) SKIPTO BYENOW2  
IF (QXSPLIT = 1) SKIPTO MAINSTAT  
IF (QXSPLIT = 2) SKIPTO MAINNAT

Question BYENOW2

[PRESS ANY KEY TO END THE INTERVIEW, THEN CLICK ON THE  
PHRASE THAT DESCRIBES WHAT HAPPENED. IF THE PERSON WANTS TO  
BE CALLED BACK SOME OTHER TIME, CHOOSE 'PLEASE CALL BACK  
LATER']

[IF YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO END THE INTERVIEW, PRESS "ESC"  
TO BACK UP]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
CTRLEND

Question CALLBACK

[PRESS ANY KEY, CHOOSE "CALL BACK," THEN TRY TO GET THE  
FIRST NAME OF THE PERSON WE NEED TO TALK TO AS WELL AS A  
GOOD TIME TO CALL BACK]

[IF YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO END THE INTERVIEW, PRESS "ESC"  
TO BACK UP]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
CTRLEND

Question MAINSTAT

First, tell me in your own words: What do you think is the  
number one problem confronting the state of Tennessee at  
this time?

[CHOOSE ONE OF THE GENERAL CATEGORIES BELOW IF THE PERSON'S  
ANSWER SEEMS TO FIT THERE. OTHERWISE, CHOOSE "OTHER," TYPE  
IN A SUMMARY OF THE PERSON'S ANSWER, THEN CLICK "OK."]

- 1 Health insurance/health services
- 2 Education
- 3 Economy
- 4 Crime
- 5 Taxes
- 6 Government corruption
- 7 Readiness for an emergency or natural disaster
- 8 Government waste/inefficiency
- 9 Other
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (MAINSTAT = 9) SKIPTO OTHPROB1  
SKIPTO TENGOING

Question OTHPROB1

[TYPE A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE PERSON'S ANSWER]

[THEN PRESS 'ENTER' TO CONTINUE]

[IF NO ANSWER, TYPE 'NO ANSWER.']

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TENGOING

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in Tennessee at this time?

1 Satisfied  
2 Dissatisfied  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TENNECON

How would you rate economic conditions in Tennessee today - as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
SKIPTO APGOV

Question MAINNAT

First, tell me in your own words: What do you think is the number one problem confronting the United States at this time?

[CHOOSE ONE OF THE GENERAL CATEGORIES BELOW IF THE PERSON'S ANSWER SEEMS TO FIT THERE. OTHERWISE, CHOOSE "OTHER," TYPE IN A SUMMARY OF THE PERSON'S ANSWER, THEN CLICK "OK."]

- 1 War in Iraq and/or Afghanistan
- 2 Economy/jobs
- 3 Gas/heating oil crisis
- 4 The president
- 5 Terrorism
- 6 Moral values/family values
- 7 Poverty/homelessness
- 8 Education
- 9 Other:
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (MAINNAT = 9) SKIPTO OTHPROB2  
SKIPTO NATGOING

Question OTHPROB2

[TYPE A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE PERSON'S ANSWER]

[THEN PRESS 'ENTER' TO CONTINUE]

[IF NO ANSWER, TYPE 'NO ANSWER.']

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question NATGOING

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time?

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question NATECON

How would you rate economic conditions in the United States today - as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question APGOV

Now, some quick questions about governmental leaders.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Haslam [HAZ-lum] is handling his job as governor?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question APLEG

Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Tennessee State Legislature is doing?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question APPREZ

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

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- x Don't know/not applicable
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question VOTEPREZ

Looking ahead to the next election, if the 2012 election for president were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate, and his Republican opponent, would you vote for Obama or the Republican?

- 1 Obama
- 2 The Republican
- 3 Neither (IF VOLUNTEERED BY INTERVIEWEE)
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question OBAMCOOP

In your view, is Barack Obama doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not?

- 1 Yes, doing enough
- 2 No, not doing enough
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question REPCOOP

In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with Barack Obama, or not?"

- 1 Yes, doing enough
- 2 No, not doing enough
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TPAPPROV

Is your opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about the Tea Party movement yet to have an opinion?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Not favorable
- 3 Undecided
- 4 Haven't heard enough
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TPMEMBER

Right now, do you consider yourself a member of the Tea Party movement, or not?

- 1 Yes, consider self a member
- 2 No, do not consider self a member
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question BUDINTRO

Thinking now about some important issues in Tennessee ...

The state is facing a budget shortfall of over a billion dollars. I'm going to read some proposed ways of dealing with the shortfall. For each way, please tell me whether you would strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall. If you don't know how you would feel about the approach, just say so.

Ready? Here's the first one ...

[PLEASE PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CUTTCARE

How about cutting the budget for TennCare, Tennessee's medical care program for the poor, disabled and uninsurable?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall ... or don't you know?]

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CUTK12

How about cutting the budget for kindergarten through 12th grade education in Tennessee?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall ... or don't you know?"]

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CUTHIRED

How about cutting the budget for public colleges and universities in Tennessee?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall ... or don't you know?"]

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CUTCORR

How about cutting the budget for prisons and correctional facilities in Tennessee?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall ... or don't you know?]

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CUTKIDS

How about cutting the budget for children's services in Tennessee?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall ... or don't you know?]

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question UPTAXES

How about raising taxes in Tennessee?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose that approach to dealing with the shortfall ... or don't you know?]

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question BUDGBAL

Do you think a realistic look at the state's budget would show that balancing the budget requires cutting important state services, raising state taxes, both, or neither ... or aren't you sure?

1 Cutting important services  
2 Raising state taxes  
3 Both  
4 Neither  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TAXINTRO

Thinking now about taxes in Tennessee ...

[PLEASE PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (TAXSPLIT = 2) SKIPTO TNTAXES2  
SKIPTO TNTAXES1

Question TNTAXES1

Which of the following two statements about taxes in  
Tennessee comes closest to your view ...

[READ] "Tennessee should amend its constitution to forbid  
the state from ever introducing a tax on personal income."

[READ] "Tennessee should introduce a tax on personal income  
to lower sales taxes and eliminate taxes on groceries."

- 1 Amend constitution to forbid income tax
- 2 Lower sales taxes by introducing an income tax
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
SKIPTO TNTXCUT

Question TNTAXES2

Which of the following two statements about taxes in Tennessee comes closest to your view ...

[READ] "Tennessee should introduce a tax on personal income to lower sales taxes and eliminate taxes on groceries.

[READ] "Tennessee should amend its constitution to forbid the state from ever introducing a tax on personal income."

- 1 Lower sales taxes by introducing an income tax
- 2 Amend constitution to forbid income tax
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TNTXCUT

Do you consider it realistic or unrealistic to expect a cut in state taxes this year?

- 1 Realistic
- 2 Unrealistic
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EVQUAL

How would you rate the overall quality of the environment in Tennessee today -- as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair
- 4 Poor
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EVLAWS

Do you think Tennessee's current environmental laws are overprotective of the environment, underprotective of the environment, or about right?

- 1 Overprotective
- 2 Underprotective
- 3 About right
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EVVSECON

With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree?

"Protection of the environment should be given priority over economic growth," or "Economic growth should be given priority over the environment."

- 1 Environment should get priority
- 2 Economic growth should get priority
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EDUNIONS

Thinking now about teachers in Tennessee ...

Would you favor or oppose eliminating the ability of teacher unions in Tennessee to negotiate with local boards of education about teacher salaries, benefits and other employment issues ... or aren't you sure?

- 1 Favor

2 Oppose  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (TENROT = 1) SKIPTO TENURE1  
IF (TENROT = 2) SKIPTO TENURE2

Question TENURE1

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view about teacher tenure?

"Tenure protects good teachers from being fired without just cause."

... or ...

"Tenure makes it hard to get rid of bad teachers."

1 Tenure protects good teachers  
2 Tenure makes getting rid of bad teachers hard  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
SKIPTO IMIGPROB

Question TENURE2

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view about teacher tenure?

"Tenure makes it hard to get rid of bad teachers."

... or ...

"Tenure protects good teachers from being fired without just cause."

- 1 Tenure makes getting rid of bad teachers hard
- 2 Tenure protects good teachers
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question IMIGPROB

How serious of a problem do you think the issue of ILLEGAL immigration is for Tennessee right now? Very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

- 1 Very serious
- 2 Somewhat serious
- 3 Not too serious
- 4 Not at all serious
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question AZLAW1

Still thinking about ILLEGAL immigration ...

As you may know, Arizona has recently passed a new immigration law. This law requires police making a stop, detention or arrest to attempt to determine the person's immigration status if police suspect the person is not lawfully present in the country. Do you think this part of the law goes too far in dealing with the issue of ILLEGAL immigration, doesn't go far enough, or is about right?

- 1 Goes too far
- 2 Doesn't go far enough
- 3 About right
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question AZLAW2

Arizona's new law also requires people to produce documents proving their immigration status if asked by police. Do you think this part of the law goes too far in dealing with the issue of ILLEGAL immigration, doesn't go far enough, or is about right?

- 1 Goes too far
- 2 Doesn't go far enough
- 3 About right
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (WINESPLT = 1) SKIPTO SELWINE1  
IF (WINESPLT = 2) SKIPTO SELWINE2

Question SELWINE1

Do you favor or oppose letting grocery stores in Tennessee sell wine if they are located in places that allow the sale of alcoholic beverages - or aren't you sure?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- Don't know/not sure
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
SKIPTO Mustran

Question SELWINE2

Do you favor or oppose letting grocery, convenience and other stores that sell food in Tennessee sell wine if they are located in places that allow the sale of alcoholic beverages - or aren't you sure?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- Don't know/not sure
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question Mustran

Now we would like to ask you a few questions about the Muslim community in the United States. Please listen to each statement closely and tell us how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Do you strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree, agree, or strongly agree?

Here's the first one ...

[PLEASE PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question MUSLIB1

Local communities should be able to prohibit the building of mosques if they do not want them. [IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Do you strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree, agree, or strongly agree?"]

- 1 Strongly Disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4 Agree
- 5 Strongly Agree
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question MUSLIB2

Muslims in the United States should have the same religious rights and liberties as all other Americans. [IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Do you strongly disagree, disagree, neither agree nor disagree, agree, or strongly agree?"]

- 1 Strongly Disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4 Agree
- 5 Strongly Agree
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question MOSQNEAR

If a Muslim group proposed building an Islamic community center and place of worship near where you live, would you strongly support such a building, support it, oppose it, strongly oppose it, or neither support nor oppose such a building?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question MOSQNY

There has been news lately about plans for a Muslim community center and place of worship in New York City, near the site of the former World Trade Center. Do you yourself strongly support those plans, support them, oppose them, strongly oppose them, or neither support nor oppose those plans?

- 1 Strongly support

- 2 Support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question MOSQMURF

There has been news lately about plans for a Muslim community center and place of worship in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Do you yourself strongly support those plans, support them, oppose them, strongly oppose them, or neither support nor oppose those plans?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question HCREPEAL

Thinking now about a few national issues ...

Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law that was passed last year, or should they let it stand?

- 1 Repeal
- 2 Let stand

- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question GUNLAWS

In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

- 1 More strict
- 2 Less strict
- 3 Kept as they are now
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question HICAP

Would you support or oppose a law requiring a nationwide ban on high-capacity ammunition clips, meaning those containing more than 10 bullets?

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- Don't know

r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question OFTTALK

Some people talk about politics a lot. Others almost never do, and still others are somewhere in between. In the past week, how many days did you talk to someone about politics?

- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven
- 8 None
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (OFTTALK = "x") SKIPTO TALKINIT  
IF (OFTTALK = "r") SKIPTO TALKINIT  
IF (OFTTALK < 8) SKIPTO TALKDEM  
SKIPTO TALKINIT

Question TALKDEM

In the past week, how many days did you talk to a Democrat about politics

- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three

- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven
- 8 None
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TALKREP

In the past week, how many days did you talk to a Republican about politics?

- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven
- 8 None
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TALKDIS

In the past week, how often did you disagree with someone while talking politics? Frequently, occasionally, seldom, rarely, or never?

- 1 Frequently

- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TALKAGR

In the past week, how often did you agree with someone while talking politics? Frequently, occasionally, seldom, rarely, or never?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TALKINIT

In general, how often do you initiate political discussions? Frequently, occasionally, seldom, rarely, or never?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally

- 3 Seldom
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (TALKINIT < 5) SKIPTO INITAGR  
SKIPTO PPINTRO

Question INITAGR

In general, how often do you initiate a political discussion when you know your discussion partner *\*agrees\** with you? Frequently, occasionally, seldom, rarely, or never?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question INITDIS

In general, how likely are you to initiate a political discussion when you know your discussion partner *\*disagrees\** with you? Frequently, occasionally, seldom, rarely, or never?

- 1 Frequently

- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question PPINTRO

Now, please tell me whether you have used any of these forms of expression in the last five years. Have you ...

[PLEASE PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EDLETTER

[Have you ...] Written a letter to a newspaper, magazine or television news program?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CALLEDIN

[Have you ...] Called in to a radio or television talk show?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

1 Yes  
2 No  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CONTCAND

[Have you ...] Written a letter to, phoned or otherwise contacted a candidate for public office or an elected official?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

1 Yes  
2 No  
x Don't know

r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question GOTOMEET

[Have you ...] Attended a public meeting of an organization interested in public affairs?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

1 Yes  
2 No  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TALKMEET

[Have you ...] Spoken out at a public meeting of an organization interested in public affairs?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

1 Yes  
2 No  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question PROTEST

[Have you ...] Taken part in a public demonstration or march?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question WORKCAMP

[Have you ...] Worked in a political campaign?

[IF NECESSARY, ADD: "Have you done that in the last five years?"]

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question VEEP

Now, here are a few questions about the government in Washington. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if there are some you don't know, just tell me, and we'll go on.

First, do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by Joe Biden [BYE-den]?

- 1 Vice president
- 2 Any incorrect answer
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question JDREVIEW

Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not ... is it the president, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

- 1 Supreme Court
- 2 Any incorrect answer
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TWOTHRDS

How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a presidential veto?

- 1 Two-thirds
- 2 Any incorrect answer
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question HOUSMAJ

Do you happen to know which party currently has the most members in the U.S. House of Representatives?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Any incorrect answer
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CONPARTY

Would you say that one of the parties is more conservative than the other on a national level? (IF YES, READ: "Which party is more conservative?")

- 1 Republican
- 2 No, both parties are equally conservative
- 3 Any incorrect answer besides "No"
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question NPDAYS

Now, just some questions to help us analyze the poll's results ...

Out of the past seven days - between today and this time last week - how many days did you read or look at a daily newspaper?

- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven
- 8 None
- Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question TVNDAYS

Out of the past seven days - between today and this time last week - how many days did you watch a television newscast?

- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven
- 8 None
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question NETWORKS

Which one, if any, of the following national television news broadcast and cable news networks do you watch most often? Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, ABC, NBC, or CBS?

- 1 Fox News
- 2 CNN
- 3 MSNBC
- 4 ABC
- 5 NBC
- 6 CBS
- 7 All (if volunteered)
- 8 None (if volunteered)
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question LIBCON

Many people feel that their political views are too complex to describe with a single label. But if you had to choose one of the following categories, how would you describe your political orientation? Are you far left, liberal, middle of the road, conservative, or far right?

- 1 Far left
- 2 Liberal
- 3 Middle of the road
- 4 Conservative
- 5 Far right
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question PARTYID

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something else
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (PARTYID = 1) SKIPTO STRONREP  
IF (PARTYID = 2) SKIPTO STRONDEM  
IF (PARTYID = 3) SKIPTO INDLEAN  
SKIPTO REGVOTE

Question STRONREP

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

1 Strong Republican  
2 Not very strong Republican  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
SKIPTO REGVOTE

Question STRONDEM

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

1 Strong Democrat  
2 Not very strong Democrat  
x Don't know  
r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
SKIPTO REGVOTE

Question INDLEAN

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party,  
the Democratic Party, or neither?

- 1 Closer to Republicans
- 2 Closer to Democrats
- 3 Neither
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question REGVOTE

Are you registered to vote in the precinct or township where  
you live?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Plan to register
- 4 Not a citizen
- Don't know
- Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question WHOVOTE4

Lots of things can keep people from voting, even if they want to. Thinking back to the November 2008 presidential race, did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, someone else, or did you not vote?

- 1 Obama
- 2 McCain
- 3 Someone else
- 4 Didn't vote
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question OFTCHRCH

Lots of things can keep people from attending religious services, even if they want to. How often do you attend services at a place of worship - never, seldom, about once a month, almost every week, or at least once a week?

- 1 Never
- 2 Seldom
- 3 About once a month
- 4 Almost every week
- 5 At lease once a week
- x Don't know/no opinion (volunteered)
- r Refused/not applicable (volunteered)

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (OFTCHRCH = 3) SKIPTO FAITH  
IF (OFTCHRCH = 4) SKIPTO FAITH  
IF (OFTCHRCH = 5) SKIPTO FAITH  
SKIPTO EDUC

Question FAITH

What type or denomination or religious service do you attend?

[BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE.]

1 AME Zion	15 Lutheran - Evangelical
2 Assemblies of God	16 Lutheran - Missouri Synod
3 Baptist (no type specified)	17 Methodist, United
4 Baptist, Black	18 Nazarene
5 Baptist, Free Will	19 Presbyterian (USA)
6 Baptist, Southern	20 Presbyterian Church In Amer.
7 Catholic	21 Presbyterian, Cumberland
8 Christian Churches & Churches of Christ	22 Seventh Day Adventist
9 Church of God	-----
10 Churches of Christ	23 Jewish
11 Disciples of Christ	24 Muslim
12 Episcopal	25 Other
13 Independent, Non-Charismatic	26 Don't know
14 Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)	27 Refused

[TYPE ANSWER HERE:        THEN PRESS "ENTER" TO CONTINUE.]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question EDUC

Almost done. What is the last grade in school you completed?  
(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1 Never went to school  
2 Elementary school (1-8)  
3 Some high school (9-11)  
4 High school graduate (12)  
5 Some trade school  
6 Some college  
7 College graduate  
8 Some graduate study  
9 Master's degree  
10 Doctor's degree  
27 Don't know  
33 Refused

(TYPE ANSWER HERE:        )

(THEN PRESS 'ENTER' TO CONTINUE)

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question YEARBORN

What year were you born?

(TYPE ANSWER HERE: 19 )

(IF PERSON REFUSES, TYPE IN A SINGLE ZERO)

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question COUNTY

Which county do you live in?

1 Anderson	20 Decatur	39 Henderson	58 Marion	77 Sequatchie
2 Bedford	21 DeKalb	40 Henry	59 Marshall	78 Sevier
3 Benton	22 Dickson	41 Hickman	60 Maury	79 Shelby
4 Bledsoe	23 Dyer	42 Houston	61 Meigs	80 Smith
5 Blount	24 Fayette	43 Humphreys	62 Monroe	81 Stewart
6 Bradley	25 Fentress	44 Jackson	63 Montgomery	82 Sullivan
7 Campbell	26 Franklin	45 Jefferson	64 Moore	83 Sumner
8 Cannon	27 Gibson	46 Johnson	65 Morgan	84 Tipton
9 Carroll	28 Giles	47 Knox	66 Obion	85 Trousdale
10 Carter	29 Grainger	48 Lake	67 Overton	86 Unicoi
11 Cheatham	30 Greene	49 Lauderdale	68 Perry	87 Union
12 Chester	31 Grundy	50 Lawrence	69 Pickett	88 Van Buren
13 Claiborne	32 Hamblen	51 Lewis	70 Polk	89 Warren
14 Clay	33 Hamilton	52 Lincoln	71 Putnam	90 Washington
15 Cocke	34 Hancock	53 Loudon	72 Rhea	91 Wayne
16 Coffee	35 Hardeman	54 McMinn	73 Roane	92 Weakley
17 Crockett	36 Hardin	55 McNairy	74 Robertson	93 White
18 Cumberland	37 Hawkins	56 Macon	75 Rutherford	94 Williamson

19 Davidson |38 Haywood |57 Madison |76 Scott |95 Wilson

[TYPE ANSWER HERE: THEN PRESS "ENTER" TO CONTINUE. ENTER 99 IF NO ANSWER]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question RACE

Do you consider yourself white, black or African-American,  
Asian, Native-American ... or some other race or races?

- 1 White
- 2 Black or African-American
- 3 Asian or Pacific Islander
- 4 Native American or Alaskan Native
- 5 Other
- x Don't know
- r Refused

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question INCOME

I'm going to read some income categories. I'd like you to  
stop me when I read the category that best describes your  
total household income for last year. Was it ... (READ  
CATEGORIES)

- 1 10,000 or less
- 2 10,001 to 15,000
- 3 15,001 to 20,000
- 4 20,001 to 25,000
- 5 25,001 to 30,000
- 6 30,001 to 35,000
- 7 35,001 to 40,000
- 8 40,001 to 45,000
- 9 45,001 to 50,000
- 10 50,001 to 75,000
- 11 75,001 to 99,999
- 12 100,000 or more
- 27 Refused
- 33 Don't know

[TYPE ANSWER HERE: THEN PRESS "ENTER" TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question GENDER

That's the end of the interview. I really appreciate your time. Goodbye.

NOTE: POLL RESULTS WILL BE AT MTSUSURVEYGROUP.ORG

(HANG UP, THEN, WITHOUT ASKING, RECORD WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE RESPONDENT'S GENDER)

- 1 (DO NOT READ) MALE
- 2 (DO NOT READ) FEMALE

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question INTTRAN

GREAT! YOU'RE ALL DONE WITH THIS INTERVIEW. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE THANK THE PERSON YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO, AND HANG UP.

THEN HIT ANY KEY TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF.

[PLEASE PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE]

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question INTGEN

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

- 1 (DO NOT READ) MALE
- 2 (DO NOT READ) FEMALE

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question INTRACE

DO NOT READ: DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF WHITE, BLACK OR  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN, ASIAN, NATIVE-AMERICAN ... OR SOME OTHER  
RACE OR RACES?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- 3 ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 4 NATIVE AMERICAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
- 5 OTHER
- x DON'T KNOW
- r REFUSED

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question CALLERID

PLEASE TYPE IN YOUR "M" NUMBER, THEN PRESS 'ENTER' TO  
FINISH. THIS JUST PROVIDES A BACKUP RECORD OF YOUR  
PARTICIPATION IN THE POLL.

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
IF (IDCNT < 1) SKIPTO IDCHECK  
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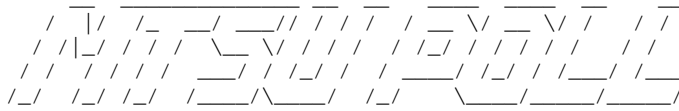
Question IDCHECK

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FORGOT TO ENTER YOUR M NUMBER. HIT THE  
"ESC" KEY TO BACK UP AND TRY AGAIN.

IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND FOR HELP.

Logic Instructions (flow only):

Question DONE



[ALL FINISHED. PLEASE PRESS ANY KEY.]

Logic Instructions (flow only):  
ENDQUEST