Region:

(N=1,000) n %
Northeast-------------------------------- 207 20.70
South---------------------------------------- 353 35.30
Midwest-------------------------------------- 235 23.50
West----------------------------------------- 205 20.50

Hello, my name is __________ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University/USA Today and I would like to get your opinions on some issues of the day. Would you like to spend seven minutes to help us out? (ASK FOR YOUNGEST IN HOUSEHOLD)

QUOTA GENDER, ANCESTRY, & AGE… SCREEN.

1. Gender

(N=1,000) n %
Male------------------------------------------ 478 47.80
Female---------------------------------------- 522 52.20

2. Are you currently registered to vote?

(N=1,000) n %
Yes------------------------------------------- 923 92.30
No------------------------------------------- 66 6.60
Refused-------------------------------------- 11 1.10

3. How likely are you to vote in the election for President in 2016 --very likely, somewhat likely, 50-50 or not likely?

(N=1,000) n %
Very likely -----------------------------------864 86.40
Somewhat likely --------------------------------35 3.50
50-50------------------------------------------ 45 4.50
Not likely------------------------------------ 35 3.50
Undecided------------------------------------- 21 2.10

4. Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent? (IF INDEPENDENT, “Which party do you lean toward/feel closest to”)

(N=1,000) n %
Democrat-------------------------------------- 312 31.20
Lean Democrat--------------------------------- 83 8.30
Republican----------------------------------- 266 26.60
Lean Republican------------------------------- 53 5.30
Unenrolled/Independent---------------------- 245 24.50
Other---------------------------------------- 25 2.50
Refused-------------------------------------- 16 1.60
5. What is your age category?
(N=1,000) n %
18-24 Years ------------------------------------------ 100 10.00
25-34 Years ------------------------------------------ 210 21.00
35-49 Years ------------------------------------------ 220 22.00
50-64 Years ------------------------------------------ 285 28.50
65-74 Years ------------------------------------------ 95  9.50
75+ ----------------------------------------------- 71  7.10
Refused (DO NOT READ) ------------------------------- 19  1.90

6. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?
(N=1,000) n %
White/Caucasian -------------------------------------- 696 69.60
Black/African-American ----------------------------- 121 12.10
American Indian / Alaska Native ---------------------- 12  1.20
Asian ----------------------------------------------- 22  2.20
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander -------------  5  0.50
Hispanic/Latino --------------------------------------- 129 12.90
Other -----------------------------------------------  7  0.70
Don’t know ------------------------------------------  8  0.80

7. Do you feel the country is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?
(N=1,000) n %
Right Direction -------------------------------------- 362 36.20
Wrong Track ----------------------------------------- 530 53.00
Undecided ------------------------------------------ 108 10.80

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
(N=1,000) n %
Approve -------------------------------------------- 457 45.70
Disapprove ------------------------------------------ 477 47.70
Undecided ------------------------------------------  66  6.60

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
(N=1,000) n %
Approve -------------------------------------------- 476 47.60
Disapprove ------------------------------------------ 468 46.80
Undecided ------------------------------------------  56  5.60

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?
(N=1,000) n %
Approve -------------------------------------------- 139 13.90
Disapprove ------------------------------------------ 746 74.60
Undecided ------------------------------------------ 115 11.50

11. How would you rate economic conditions in the country today – excellent, good, fair, or poor?
(N=1,000) n %
Excellent ------------------------------------------ 17  1.70
Good --------------------------------------------- 245 24.50
Fair --------------------------------------------- 459 45.90
Poor --------------------------------------------- 267 26.70
Undecided ------------------------------------------  12  1.20
12. Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

(N=1,000)      n   %
Better-----------------------------547   54.70
Worse-----------------------------319   31.90
Same-----------------------------  87    8.70
Undecided------------------------  47    4.70

13. On Tuesday, President Obama gave his State of the Union address. Just your best guess, how many of the proposals that President Obama made in his speech will be passed by Congress this year — more than half, some, only a few, or none?

(N=1,000)      n   %
More than half---------------------45    4.50
Some-------------------------------160   16.00
Only a few------------------------454   45.40
None-------------------------------217   21.70
Undecided------------------------ 124   12.40

14. In his speech, President Obama mentioned several areas in which the nation’s economy has improved during the past year. How much credit do you think he deserves for those improvements — a great deal, a moderate amount, only a little or none?

(N=1,000)      n   %
A great deal-----------------------209   20.90
A moderate amount----------------304   30.40
Only a little----------------------252   25.20
None at all-----------------------196   19.60
Undecided------------------------  39    3.90

Now I’m going to ask you how improvements in the nation’s economy have impacted four different groups.

15. Do you think improvements in the nation’s economy during the past year have helped poor people a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

(N=1,000)      n   %
A great deal-----------------------  75    7.50
A fair amount---------------------223   22.30
Only a little----------------------387   38.70
Not at all------------------------274   27.40
Undecided------------------------  41    4.10

16. Do you think improvements in the nation’s economy during the past year have helped rich people a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

(N=1,000)      n   %
A great deal-----------------------425   42.50
A fair amount---------------------232   23.20
Only a little---------------------140   14.00
Not at all------------------------117   11.70
Undecided------------------------  86    8.60
17. Do you think improvements in the nation's economy during the past year have helped working-class people a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

(N=1,000) | n | %
---|---|---
A great deal | 56 | 5.60
A fair amount | 265 | 26.50
Only a little | 396 | 39.60
Not at all | 254 | 25.40
Undecided | 29 | 2.90

18. Do you think improvements in the nation's economy during the past year have helped middle-class people a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

(N=1,000) | n | %
---|---|---
A great deal | 51 | 5.10
A fair amount | 282 | 28.20
Only a little | 387 | 38.70
Not at all | 251 | 25.10
Undecided | 29 | 2.90

19. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about the nation’s economy – (ROTATE) Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

(N=1,000) | n | %
---|---|---
Congress | 405 | 40.50
Barack Obama | 413 | 41.30
Neither | 129 | 12.90
Both | 13 | 1.30
Undecided | 40 | 4.00

(ROTATE Q20-22)

20. How much can the government do to improve economic conditions overall – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, nothing?

(N=1,000) | n | %
---|---|---
A great deal | 368 | 36.80
A fair amount | 386 | 38.60
Not much | 174 | 17.40
Nothing | 52 | 5.20
Undecided | 20 | 2.00

21. How much can the government do to improve economic conditions for you personally – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, nothing?

(N=1,000) | n | %
---|---|---
A great deal | 210 | 21.00
A fair amount | 340 | 34.00
Not much | 291 | 29.10
Nothing | 136 | 13.60
Undecided | 23 | 2.30

22. How much can the government do to decrease the gap between the rich and everyone else in the country – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, nothing?

(N=1,000) | n | %
---|---|---
A great deal | 298 | 29.80
A fair amount | 257 | 25.70
Not much | 249 | 24.90
Nothing | 144 | 14.40
Undecided | 52 | 5.20
Republicans won control of the U.S. Senate in the election this past November so I have two questions about how the Senate should approach the President and how the President should approach the Senate:

(ROTATE Q23-24)

23. In his new position as Senate Majority Leader, what do you think Mitch McConnell should do in his dealings with President Obama. Should he compromise some of his party’s positions in order to get things done, or should he stick to his party’s positions even if it means not getting as much done?

(N=1,000) n %
Compromise his party’s positions to get things done----------- 718 71.80
Stick to his party’s positions, even if not as much gets done----- 202 20.20
Undecided ------------------------------------------ 80 8.00

24. What do you think President Obama should do in his dealings with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell: Should he compromise some of his party’s positions in order to get things done, or should he stick to his party’s positions even if it means not getting as much done?

(N=1,000) n %
Compromise his party’s positions to get things done----------- 764 76.40
Stick to his party’s positions, even if not as much gets done----- 160 16.00
Undecided ------------------------------------------ 76 7.60

25. {FOR 4.3 & 4.4} Earlier you said you think of yourself as a Republican/lean Republican. Who do you want the Republican party to nominate as its candidate for President in 2016? {OPEN-END}

(N=319) n %
"Michele Bachmann" ------------------------------- 1 0.33
"Jeb Bush" ---------------------------------------- 38 12.50
"Herman Cain" ------------------------------------- 2 0.66
"Ben Carson" -------------------------------------- 18 5.92
"Chris Christie" ----------------------------------- 6 1.97
"Ted Cruz" --------------------------------------- 9 2.96
"Mike Huckabee" ---------------------------------- 5 1.64
"Bobby Jindal" ------------------------------------ 1 0.33
"John Kasich" ------------------------------------- 1 0.33
"Sarah Palin" ------------------------------------- 4 1.25
"Rand Paul" -------------------------------------- 6 2.00
"Rick Perry" -------------------------------------- 2 0.66
"Condoleezza Rice" -------------------------------- 3 0.99
"Mitt Romney" ------------------------------------- 50 16.45
"Marco Rubio" ------------------------------------- 9 2.96
"Rick Santorum" ----------------------------------- 1 0.33
"Donald Trump" ------------------------------------ 1 0.33
"Scott Walker" ------------------------------------- 3 0.99
Undecided ------------------------------------------- 136 44.75
Refused -------------------------------------------- 9 2.96
Other --------------------------------------------- 6 1.97
Someone new --------------------------------------- 4 1.25
General comments ---------------------------------- 4 1.25
26. {FOR 4.1 & 4.2} Earlier you said you think of yourself as a Democrat/lean Democrat. Who do you want the Democratic party to nominate as its candidate for President in 2016? (OPEN-END) 

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27. Do the two major parties – Democrat & Republican - do a good job of representing Americans’ political views, or do you think a third party or multiple parties is necessary? 

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28. Do you think it is better for the country to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, does it make no difference either way, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by the other? 

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29. How would you describe your own political viewpoint – very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, very conservative? {ROTATE .1-.5 ASCENDING TO DESCENDING} 

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30. What TV news or commentary source do you trust the most? (RANDOMIZE)
   (N=1,000) n %
   CNN ------------------------------------------- 134 13.40
   MSNBC ---------------------------------------- 74  7.40
   FOX NEWS -------------------------------------- 266 26.60
   ABC ------------------------------------------- 81  8.10
   NBC ------------------------------------------- 94  9.40
   CBS ------------------------------------------- 87  8.70
   C-SPAN ---------------------------------------- 18  1.80
   COMEDY CENTRAL -------------------------------- 60  6.00
   UNDECIDED ------------------------------------- 186 18.60

THE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

31. What is your annual household income?
   (N=1,000) n %
   Under $20,000 per year -------------------------- 124 12.40
   Under $50,000 per year -------------------------- 242 24.20
   Under $75,000 per year -------------------------- 174 17.40
   Under $100,000 per year ------------------------- 134 13.40
   Under $140,000 per year ------------------------- 98  9.80
   Over $140,000 per year -------------------------- 88  8.80
   Undecided --------------------------------------- 140 14.00

32. Do you personally - or jointly with a spouse – have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or mutual fund – yes or no?
   (N=1,000) n %
   Yes--------------------------------------------- 559 55.90
   No---------------------------------------------- 401 40.10
   Undecided---------------------------------------  40  4.00

33. How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important?
   (N=1,000) n %
   Very important ---------------------------------- 594 59.40
   Somewhat important ----------------------------- 213 21.30
   Not very important -----------------------------  88  8.80
   Not at all important -----------------------------  95  9.50
   Undecided--------------------------------------- 2 0.20
   Refused-----------------------------------------  8 0.80

34. Are you willing to be interviewed by a USA Today reporter for an upcoming article, please give me your name and verify best phone number?
   (N=1,000) n %
   Yes--------------------------------------------- 415 41.50
   No---------------------------------------------  585 58.50

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]
Respondents willing to be interviewed info for USA TODAY

(Callers, please rate respondents willing to be interviewed on 2 scales:
(1-10 where 10 is most informed/articulate and 1 is not informed and wouldn’t interview well)

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