

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 at all?

(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.

{ROTATE 15-18}

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}

(N=395)	n	%
"Joe Biden" -----	17	4.33
"Hillary Clinton" -----	200	50.89
"Andrew Cuomo" -----	2	0.51
"John Kerry" -----	1	0.25
"Barack Obama" -----	2	0.51
"Deval Patrick" -----	1	0.25
"Bernie Sanders" -----	2	0.51
"Elizabeth Warren" -----	19	4.83
"Jim Webb" -----	1	0.25
"Oprah Winfrey" -----	1	0.25
Undecided -----	121	30.79
Refused-----	14	3.56
Other -----	7	1.78
General comments-----	5	1.27
A Woman-----	2	0.51

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?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Two parties – Democrat and Republican are good enough -----	356	35.60
A Third party is necessary -----	321	32.10
Multiple parties are necessary -----	234	23.40
Undecided -----	89	8.90

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?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Same party -----	274	27.40
No difference -----	361	36.10
Different parties-----	261	26.10
Undecided -----	104	10.40

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very liberal-----	71	7.10
Liberal-----	189	18.90
Moderate -----	362	36.20
Conservative -----	225	22.50
Very Conservative -----	105	10.50
Other -----	14	1.40
Don't know -----	34	3.40

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)

(N=415)	n	%
1-----	1	0.24
2-----	6	1.45
3-----	16	3.86
4-----	17	4.10
5-----	44	10.60
6-----	34	8.19
7-----	41	9.88
8-----	80	19.28
9-----	57	13.73
10-----	119	28.67

(1-10 where 10 is great personality or had a great personal story to tell during interview) – summarize

(N=415)	n	%
1-----	8	1.93
2-----	16	3.86
3-----	15	3.61
4-----	11	2.65
5-----	42	10.12
6-----	39	9.40
7-----	67	16.14
8-----	52	12.53
9-----	48	11.57
10-----	117	28.19