

## National Survey

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region

N=		1070	100%
Northeast	1	227	21%
South	2	353	33%
Midwest	3	260	24%
West	4	230	21%

START

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on some political questions and issues of the day. {RANDOMIZE} Would you like to spend a few minutes to help us out?

N=		1070	100%
Continue	1	1070	100%

GEND

Record Gender

N=		1070	100%
Male	1	502	47%
Female	2	568	53%

S2. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, Unenrolled/Independent, something else or are you not registered to vote?

N=		1070	100%
Democrat	1	415	39%
Republican	2	365	34%
Unenrolled/Independent	3	239	22%
Other	4	51	5%
Not reg	5	0	0%

S3. How likely are you to vote in the general election for President--very likely, somewhat likely, 50-50 or not likely?

N=		1070	100%
Very likely	1	1011	94%
Somewhat likely	2	59	6%
50/50	3	0	0%
Not very likely	4	0	0%
Not at all likely	5	0	0%

S4. What is your age category?

N=		1070	100%
18-34 Yrs	1	126	12%
35-44 Yrs	3	156	15%
45-54 Yrs	4	227	21%
55-64 Yrs	5	249	23%
65-74 Yrs	6	188	18%
75+ yrs	7	112	10%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8	12	1%

S5. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

N=		1070	100%
White/Caucasian	1	825	77%
Black/African-American	2	85	8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	11	1%
Asian	4	15	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	5	6	1%
Hispanic/Latino	6	101	9%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7	12	1%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8	15	1%

S6. Are you employed full-time, part-time, retired, unemployed, or a full-time student?

N=		1070	100%
Full-time .....	1	439	41%
Part-time .....	2	147	14%
Retired .....	3	303	28%
Unemployed .....	4	90	8%
Student .....	5	28	3%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	6	63	6%

Q7. Do you feel the country is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

N=		1070	100%
Right direction .....	1	385	36%
Wrong track .....	2	576	54%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	109	10%

Q8. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

N=		1070	100%
Unemployment .....	1	140	13%
Economy in general .....	2	398	37%
Healthcare .....	3	67	6%
Political gridlock in Washington .....	4	234	22%
Federal budget .....	5	93	9%
Lack of money .....	6	42	4%
National security .....	7	23	2%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	8	73	7%

PRE9

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and local politics. For each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or generally unfavorable. If you are undecided or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that. First take Barack Obama.

N=		1070	100%
Continue .....	1	1070	100%

Q9. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	0	0%
Favorable .....	2	557	52%
Unfavorable .....	3	463	43%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	50	5%

Q10. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	12	1%
Favorable .....	2	410	38%
Unfavorable .....	3	471	44%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	177	17%

Q11. Is your opinion of Newt Gingrich generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	15	1%
Favorable .....	2	272	25%
Unfavorable .....	3	658	61%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	125	12%

Q12. Is your opinion of Ron Paul generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=		1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	53	5%
Favorable .....	2	301	28%
Unfavorable .....	3	461	43%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	255	24%

Q13. Is your opinion of Sarah Palin generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=	1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	5 0%
Favorable .....	2	327 31%
Unfavorable .....	3	640 60%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	98 9%

Q14. Is your opinion of Rick Santorum generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=	1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	42 4%
Favorable .....	2	349 33%
Unfavorable .....	3	494 46%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	185 17%

Q15. Is your opinion of Joe Biden generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=	1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	24 2%
Favorable .....	2	443 41%
Unfavorable .....	3	453 42%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	150 14%

Q16. Is your opinion of John Boehner (BAY-ner) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=	1070	100%
Never heard .....	1	162 15%
Favorable .....	2	226 21%
Unfavorable .....	3	388 36%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4	294 27%

PRE17  
The following are questions about national politicians and issues.

N=	1070	100%
Continue .....	1	1070 100%

Q17. IF THIS IS THE FIRST STATEMENT: If the General Election for United States President was held today and the candidates were... (READ 1-3)  
REST READ: Now how about if the race were between... (READ 1-3)  
for who will you vote or towards whom do you LEAN at this time?

N=	1070	100%
Democrat Barack Obama .....	1	503 47%
Republican Mitt Romney .....	2	401 37%
Third party candidate .....	3	80 7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	79 7%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	5	7 1%

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REST READ: Now how about if the race were between... (READ 1-3)  
for who will you vote or towards whom do you LEAN at this time?

N=	1070	100%
Democrat Barack Obama .....	1	520 49%
Republican Rick Santorum .....	2	371 35%
Third party candidate .....	3	75 7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	93 9%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	5	11 1%

Q19. IF THIS IS THE FIRST STATEMENT: If the General Election for United States President was held today and the candidates were... (READ 1-3)  
REST READ: Now how about if the race were between... (READ 1-3)  
for who will you vote or towards whom do you LEAN at this time?

N=	1070	100%
Democrat Barack Obama .....	1	536 50%
Republican Newt Gingrich .....	2	331 31%
Third party candidate .....	3	116 11%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	80 7%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	5	7 1%

Q20. IF THIS IS THE FIRST STATEMENT: If the General Election for United States President was held today and the candidates were... (READ 1-3)  
 REST READ: Now how about if the race were between... (READ 1-3)  
 for who will you vote or towards whom do you LEAN at this time?

N=		1070	100%
Democrat Barack Obama	1	522	49%
Republican Ron Paul	2	299	28%
Third party candidate	3	131	12%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4	108	10%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5	10	1%

Q21. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

N=		1070	100%
Approve	1	496	46%
Disapprove	2	484	45%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	90	8%

Q22. Has President Obama stayed true to his campaign promises?

N=		1070	100%
Yes	1	440	41%
No	2	547	51%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	83	8%

Q23. Has the recent Republican Primary made you more likely or less likely to support the Republican candidate in the general election?

N=		1070	100%
More likely	1	315	29%
Less likely	2	465	43%
No difference	3	228	21%
Undecided/no opinion (DO NOT READ)	4	62	6%

Q24. Thinking about the current presidential primary process for electing party nominees, would you support a national primary election held on one day as opposed to the current, state-based process that takes over six months?

N=		1070	100%
Yes	1	583	54%
No	2	370	35%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	117	11%

Q25. In the 2008 presidential election did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain or did you not vote?

N=		1070	100%
Obama	1	504	47%
McCain	2	436	41%
Other	3	27	3%
Did not vote	4	77	7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	26	2%

Q26. Regardless of who you personally support for president this year, who do you expect our next president will be?

N=		1070	100%
Barack Obama	1	550	51%
Mitt Romney	2	300	28%
Rick Santorum	3	50	5%
Someone else	4	40	4%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	5	130	12%

Q27. Do you believe citizens should be required to show a photo ID before voting?

N=		1070	100%
Yes	1	784	73%
No	2	257	24%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	29	3%

Q28. Do you believe the use of contraception is a religious, economic, family or women's health issue?

N=		1070	100%
Religious .....	1	144	13%
Economic .....	2	36	3%
Family .....	3	178	17%
Women's Health .....	4	587	55%
Don't know/No opinion .....	5	125	12%

Now, we'd like to ask some questions about the economy, money and taxes.

Q29. Is the recession over in the United States?

N=		1070	100%
Yes .....	1	146	14%
No .....	2	885	83%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	39	4%

Q30. It is estimated that each person in the United States would have to pay just over forty-six thousand dollars to completely pay off the national debt. Knowing this, how much more in federal taxes would you be willing to pay if you knew that all the money would go only towards paying off the national debt?

N=		1070	100%
Less than \$500 .....	01	51	5%
\$500-\$1,999 .....	02	34	3%
\$2,000-\$4,999 .....	03	28	3%
\$5,000-\$14,999 .....	04	47	4%
\$15,000+ .....	05	32	3%
1-10% .....	10	74	7%
Other .....	00	14	1%
None/Nothing .....	96	510	48%
Don't know .....	98	280	26%

Q31. Thinking about taxes, would you favor an across-the-board income tax increase or just an increase on just those making over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year?

N=		1070	100%
Across the board .....	1	259	24%
Only on \$250,000 and above .....	2	582	54%
Neither .....	3	171	16%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	58	5%

Q32. Do you think that reducing the national debt will directly contribute to improving the economy?

N=		1070	100%
Yes .....	1	698	65%
No .....	2	295	28%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	77	7%

Q33

Q33. Do you agree or disagree that making changes or cuts to entitlement programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are necessary to reduce the national debt?

N=		1070	100%
Agree .....	1	326	30%
Disagree .....	2	689	64%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	55	5%

Q34. Do you believe that the Social Security and Medicare programs will be available to you in your retirement?

N=		767	100%
Yes .....	1	366	48%
No .....	2	345	45%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	56	7%

Now, we'd like to ask some questions regarding healthcare reform.

Q35. Do you think that the near-universal health care bill passed in Washington in 2009 should be repealed, modified or left alone?

N=		1070	100%
Repealed .....	1	365	34%
Modified .....	2	346	32%
Left alone .....	3	243	23%
Undecided .....	4	116	11%

Q36. In your opinion, was the primary goal of the national healthcare reform law, enacted in March 2010, to reduce the cost of healthcare or to expand coverage for the uninsured?

N=		1070	100%
Control costs .....	1	86	8%
Expand coverage .....	2	569	53%
Both .....	3	207	19%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	208	19%

Q37. Do you think the goal of health care reform in the United States should be to control the costs of health care, to expand coverage or to do both?

N=		1070	100%
Control costs .....	1	140	13%
Expand coverage .....	2	65	6%
Both .....	3	747	70%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	118	11%

Q38. Do you think you are better or worse off as a result of the national healthcare reform law, enacted in March 2010?

N=		1070	100%
Better off .....	1	219	20%
Worse off .....	2	353	33%
No difference .....	3	428	40%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	70	7%

Q39. To help save healthcare costs, do you believe that chronically-ill, mentally-able seniors should be able to end their own lives?

N=		1070	100%
Yes .....	1	489	46%
No .....	2	474	44%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	107	10%

The next few questions are about energy policy and gas prices.

Q40. If the price of regular gas were to increase to \$4.50/gallon by October will you vote Democrat, Republican or Independent for President in the General Election?

N=		1070	100%
Democrat .....	1	382	36%
Republican .....	2	396	37%
Independent .....	3	64	6%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4	228	21%

Q41. How much influence do you think the President has on gas prices - a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

N=		1070	100%
A lot .....	1	268	25%
Some .....	2	294	27%
A little .....	3	286	27%
None at all .....	4	200	19%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	5	22	2%

Q42. Should the United States explore options to increase its domestic oil production, even if that includes more offshore drilling?

N=		1070	100%
Yes .....	1	832	78%
No .....	2	199	19%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	39	4%

Q43. Should the federal government eliminate tax breaks and subsidies for oil companies?

N=		1070	100%
Yes	1	641	60%
No	2	324	30%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	105	10%

Q44. Can federal money spent helping to develop alternative energy technology significantly contribute to creating jobs and fixing the economy?

N=		1070	100%
Yes	1	723	68%
No	2	286	27%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3	61	6%

The next two questions are about foreign policy issues.

Q45. Overall, which country do you feel poses the greatest threat to the United States?

N=		1070	100%
Iran	01	389	36%
Afghanistan	02	87	8%
Syria	03	19	2%
Egypt	04	0	0%
China	05	290	27%
North Korea	06	95	9%
Greece	07	4	0%
Mexico	08	30	3%
Other	09	71	7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	10	85	8%

Q46. If Iran and Israel were to engage in military conflict, what do you think the United States should do?

N=		1070	100%
Fully support Israel military	1	340	32%
Work with the United Nations and European Union to secure peace	2	366	34%
Engage in peace talks with Israel and Iran	3	187	17%
Do nothing	4	136	13%
Don't know/No opinion (DO NOT READ)	5	41	4%

Q47. What TV news or commentary source do you trust the most?

N=		1070	100%
CNN	1	180	17%
MSNBC	2	82	8%
FOX NEWS	3	304	28%
ABC	4	77	7%
NBC	5	108	10%
CBS	6	66	6%
C-SPAN	7	26	2%
Comedy Central	8	27	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	9	200	19%

Q48. What political reporter or analyst would you say that you trust the most?

N=		1070	100%
"Anderson Cooper"	01	38	4%
"Bill O'Reilly"	02	70	7%
"Brian Williams"	03	48	4%
"Diane Sawyer"	04	56	5%
"George Stephanopoulos"	05	24	2%
"Jon Stewart"	06	22	2%
"Rachel Maddow"	07	26	2%
"Rush Limbaugh"	08	27	3%
"Sean Hannity"	09	28	3%
"Wolf Blitzer"	10	22	2%
"Charles Krauthammer"	11	16	1%
"Glenn Beck"	12	11	1%
"Brit Hume"	13	19	2%
"Chris Matthews"	14	12	1%
"Bob Schieffer"	15	6	1%

"Charlie Rose".....	16	4	0%
"David Gregory".....	17	6	1%
"Ed Schultz".....	18	5	0%
"Jim Lehrer".....	19	7	1%
"Bret Baier".....	20	6	1%
"Lawrence O'Donnell" .....	21	5	0%
"Scott Pelley".....	22	5	0%
"Christiane Amanpour".....	23	3	0%
"Cokie Roberts".....	24	3	0%
"David Brooks".....	25	5	0%
"Greta Van Susteren".....	26	3	0%
"John Stossel".....	27	3	0%
"Katie Couric".....	28	4	0%
"Lou Dobbs".....	29	3	0%
"Paul Krugman".....	30	3	0%
"Piers Morgan".....	31	3	0%
"Shepard Smith".....	32	3	0%
"Tom Brokaw".....	33	3	0%
Name or Description of Person .....	00	80	7%
None .....	96	269	25%
Undecided .....	98	262	24%

Q49. Thinking about Major League Baseball, do you think that off-the-field illegal activity should prohibit a player from being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame?

N=		1070	100%
Yes .....	1	589	55%
No .....	2	320	30%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	161	15%

Q50. Major League Baseball recently outlawed performance enhancing drugs which could prohibit players from being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Do you believe these players should be prohibited from being inducted because of the recent rule change, despite the fact that the rule was not enforced during their careers?

N=		1070	100%
Yes/Prohibit from Hall of Fame .....	1	418	39%
No/Don't prohibit from hall of Fame .....	2	528	49%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3	124	12%

Q51. Do you think that satire TV shows like Saturday Night Live have a positive or negative effect on political elections?

N=		1070	100%
Positive .....	1	321	30%
Negative .....	2	299	28%
No difference .....	3	312	29%
Don't know/No Opinion (DO NOT READ) .....	4	138	13%

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THE FINAL 5 QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

N=		1070	100%
Continue .....	1	1070	100%

Q52. What is your annual household income?

N=		1070	100%
Under \$60,000 per year .....	1	454	42%
Under \$100,000 per year .....	2	272	25%
Under \$140,000 per year .....	3	136	13%
Over \$140,000 per year .....	4	100	9%
Refused .....	5	108	10%

Q53. Would you describe your household finances as excellent, good, fair or poor?

N=		1070	100%
Excellent .....	1	210	20%
Good .....	2	415	39%
Fair .....	3	311	29%
Poor .....	4	104	10%
Undecided .....	5	30	3%



Q54. Do you consider yourself poor, working class, middle class, or wealthy?

N=		1070	100%
Poor .....	1	85	8%
Working class .....	2	328	31%
Middle class .....	3	582	54%
Wealthy .....	4	35	3%
Undecided .....	5	40	4%

Q55. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

N=		1070	100%
High school diploma or GED .....	1	376	35%
Associates or Bachelors degree .....	2	402	38%
Masters Degree or higher .....	3	242	23%
Did not complete high school or GED .....	4	26	2%
Undecided .....	5	24	2%

Q56. What is your primary source for political news and information?

N=		1070	100%
Political Blogs .....	1	40	4%
Newspapers and Magazines (online or in print) ..	2	233	22%
Social Media Websites like Twitter and Facebook	3	50	5%
Television and Cable News Networks .....	4	607	57%
Friends and Family .....	5	21	2%
Radio .....	6	93	9%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	7	26	2%

LIST

N=		1070	100%
Landline .....	1	808	76%
Cell only.....	2	262	24%