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Sample Criteria	
Samvar	**XDIST** **XPARTY7** **1=Strong Republican** **2=Not Strong Republican** **3=Leans Republican** **4=Undecided/Independent/Other** **5=Leans Democrat** **6=Not Strong Democrat** **7=Strong Democrat** **9=MISSING DATA** **XPARTY3** **1=Republican** **2=Other** **3=Democrat** **9=MISSING DATA**
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[“Statements” THAT ARE NOT IN ALL CAPS SHOULD BE SEEN ON THE SAME PAGE AS QUESTION ASKED]
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[INTRO]
In this survey, we'd like your opinions about some current issues. There is no right or wrong answer, so please answer the questions based on your knowledge or impressions. If you do not know the answer to a question, you can simply skip it and go on to the next question.

[SP]

Q1. Did you get a chance to vote in recent election held on November 2 or were you unable to vote?

1 Did get a chance to vote
2 Were unable to vote

[Q1=1 (voted)]
Q2a. For the race for the seat for the US House of Representatives, please select whether you

1 Voted for the Republican
2 Voted for the Democrat
3 Voted for the candidate of another party

[Q1=2 (Did not find time) or Q1=-1]
Q2b.Thinking about the race for the seat for the US House of Representatives, please select whether you preferred:

1 The Republican Candidate
2 The Democratic Candidate
3 Another candidate

[Q1=1 (voted)]
Q3a. If there was a US Senate election in your state, please select whether you voted for:

1 The Republican candidate
2 The Democrat candidate
3 The candidate of another party

4 There was no Senate election in my state

[Q1=2 (Did not find time) or Q1=-1**]**
Q3b. If there was a US Senate election in your state, please select whether you preferred:

1 The Republican candidate
2 The Democratic candidate
3 Another candidate:
4 There was no Senate election in my state

Q4. Thinking back to the 2008 election for your member of Congress in the US House of Representatives, please select whether you:

1 Voted for the Republican
2 Voted for the Democrat
3 Voted for the candidate of another party
4 Did not find time to vote

[Q4=1, 2, or 3 or Q4=-1]
Q5. Thinking back to the 2008 election for President please select whether you:

1 Voted for Barack Obama
2 Voted for John McCain
3 Voted for some other candidate

[Influences on voting]

[GRID]
[Randomize presentation of Q7a-Q7i]
Q7.
[Q1=1 (voted)]
STATEMENT: Here are some things that some people say they thought about in deciding how to vote in the recent Congressional elections. Please select how important each of these things were for you in deciding how to vote. Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with zero meaning you thought it was not important at all and 10 meaning you thought it was extremely important.

[Q1=2 (Did not find time) or Q1=-1**]**
STATEMENT: Here are some things that some people say they have been thinking about in assessing Congressional candidates these days. Please select how important each of these things are for you. Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with zero meaning you think it is not important at all and 10 meaning you think it is extremely important.

[Not important at all   Extremely important]
[0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10]

Q7a. The government bailout of banks and financial institutions, also known as TARP
Q7b. The package of Congressional legislation designed to stimulate the economy, also known as the stimulus bill.
Q7c. The bailout program for Chrysler and General Motors
Q7d. The healthcare reform act passed by Congress
Q7e. The proposed cap and trade bill designed to address climate change
Q7f. The state of the economy
Q7g. The unemployment rate
Q7h. The size of the budget deficit
Q7i. Large bonuses paid to executives by banks that received government bailouts
Q7j. The amount of federal income taxes you pay
Q7k. The possibility that large amounts of foreign money was being used by the US Chamber of Commerce to influence the election
Q7l. The war in Afghanistan

Q8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has been handling the situation in Afghanistan?

1 Approve
2 Disapprove

Q8b. What is your impression of what the Obama administration has done in regard to the number of US troops in Afghanistan?

1 Increased them
2 Decreased them
3 Kept them the same

[Perceptions of the Economy]

Q9. As you know, the American economy had a major downturn starting in the fall of 2008. Do you think that now the American economy is:

1 Still getting worse
2 Starting to recover

Q10. Do you think that the unemployment rate in your state is

1 Higher than the rate in the country as a whole
2 Lower than the rate in the country as a whole
3 About the same as in the country as a whole

[Taxes]

Q11. Since January 2009 have your Federal income taxes:

1 Gone up a lot
2 Gone up a little
3 Stayed the same
4 Gone down a little
5 Gone down a lot

[Bank bailout]

Q12. Do you think the government bailout of banks and financial institutions, also known as TARP was:

1 Necessary
2 Not necessary

Q13. Is it your impression that the government bailout of banks and financial institutions, also known as TARP, was passed and signed into law under:

1 President George W. Bush
2 President Barack Obama

[Randomly present both Q14a and Q14b on the same screen, include statement below]
Statement: When Congress voted on the bailout for banks and financial institutions in 2008, please select how you think the Democrats and Republicans voted.

Q14a. Choose one:

1 Democrats mostly favored it
2 Democrats mostly opposed it
3 Democrats were divided

Q14b. Choose one
1 Republican mostly favored it
2 Republicans mostly opposed it
3 Republicans were divided

Q15. How do you think economists viewed the TARP bank bailout:

1 More thought it was necessary
2 More thought it was not necessary
3 Views were evenly divided

Q16. Is it your impression that the money used to bail out the banks and financial institutions:

1 Was given to them
2 Is a loan they are supposed to repay

[IF Q16=2 "SUPPOSED TO REPAY"OR Q16=-1]
Q16a. How much do you think has been repaid so far?:

1 None
2 Some, but less than half
3 About half
4 More than half
5 Nearly all

[IF Q16=2 "SUPPOSED TO REPAY" OR Q16=-1]
Q17. How likely do you think it is that all of the money will eventually be repaid?

1 Not at all likely
2 Not very likely
3 Somewhat likely
4 Very likely

[Stimulus bill]

Q18. As you may know, in 2009, Congress passed a package of legislation to stimulate
the economy, also known as the stimulus bill. Do you think this stimulus legislation was
a good idea or a bad idea?

1 Good idea
2 Bad idea

[Flip order for half]
Q19. Is it YOUR impression that the stimulus legislation:

1 Caused job losses
2 Saved or created a few jobs
3 Saved or created several million jobs

Q20. Is it YOUR impression that the stimulus legislation

1 Included some tax cuts
2 Did not include any tax cuts

Q21. What is your impression of how ECONOMISTS viewed the idea of stimulating the
economy in this way?

1 More thought it was a good idea

2 More thought it was a bad idea
3 Views were evenly divided

Q22. Is it your impression that most ECONOMISTS who have studied it estimate that the stimulus legislation:

1 Caused job losses
2 Saved or created a few jobs
3 Saved or created several million jobs

[Deficit]

[DISPLAY]
As you may know, there are currently some debates about the federal budget. One of these debates is about whether it is better to try to cut the deficit now, or to cut it in a few years when the economy has recovered.

Q24-B106. Do you think cutting government spending to lower the budget deficit should:

1 Start now
2 Start when the unemployment rate is lower
3 Not be considered a priority

Q25-B107. As you may know, Congress has funded a program to promote jobs—for instance, by investing projects to build and repair highways and bridges, upgrade technology, and retrain the workforce. Do you think that such programs should be:

1 stopped now
2 continued until the unemployment rate gets lower

Q26. Given the way the economy is right now, is it your impression that

1 More economists think the US government should cut back spending because it is critical to reduce the deficit now

2 More economists think the US government should not cut back spending now because this will slow the recovery of the economy and increase unemployment

3 Economists are evenly divided what the government should do now

Q27-B111. As you may know, when the government spends money, at first it loses that revenue. However, this generally creates more jobs and other economic activity, which

then generates government revenue. Do you think that the amount of revenue generated by government spending is:

1 A small portion of the revenue that was lost at first
2 More than half of the revenue that was lost at first
3 The full amount that was lost at first

[Bonuses]

Q28. As you may know, large bonuses were paid to executives by banks that received government bailouts. How did you feel about this?

1 Approved strongly
2 Approved somewhat
3 Disapproved somewhat
4 Disapproved strongly

Q29. As you may know, the Obama administration made efforts to limit the payment of these large bonuses to bank executives. In this effort do you think the Obama administration:

1 Should not have done this
2 Did a satisfactory job
3 Should have done more to limit the bonuses, and could have
3 Wanted to do more, but was legally constrained from doing so

[Auto bailouts]

Q30. Do you think that the government bailout of Chrysler and General Motors was a good idea or a bad idea?

1 good idea
2 bad idea

Q31. Is it your impression that the bailout program for Chrysler and General Motors occurred under:

1 President George W. Bush
2 President Barack Obama
3 Both presidents

Q32. Is it your impression that in the bailout for Chrysler and General Motors:

1 the money was given to them to keep
2 if they get back on their feet, the government will get some or all of its money back.

[Q32=2 (govt. might get its money get back) or Q32=-1]
Q32a. Do you think that, in the end, the government will recover:

1 None of the money
2 A little of the money
3 Most of the money
4 All of the money

[Cap and Trade]

Q34A. There is a system called "cap and trade" that is meant to reduce the emissions that cause climate change. Just based on what you know, do you favor or oppose the US adopting the cap and trade system?

1 Favor
2 Oppose

Q33. Do you think that MOST SCIENTISTS believe that:

1 Climate change is occurring
2 Climate change is not occurring
3 Views are evenly divided

[Foreign Money]

Q33A: As you may know, during the election campaign, some people said that the US Chamber of Commerce was spending large amounts of money it had raised from foreign sources to support Republican candidates and attack Democratic candidates. Is it your impression that:

1 This was proven to be true
2 This was not proven to be true

[Birth Issue]

Q35. As you may know, some people have suggested that President Obama was not born in the United States. Do you think:

1 Obama was not born in the US
2 Obama was born in the US
3 It is not clear whether Obama was born in the US or not

[Healthcare]

Q36. As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

1 generally favorable
2 generally unfavorable

Q37. What effect do you think the health reform law will have on the federal budget deficit over the next ten years? Do you think it:

1 Will increase the federal budget deficit
2 Will not increase the federal budget deficit

Q38. Is it your impression that among ECONOMISTS who have estimated the effect of the health reform law on the federal budget deficit over the next ten years:

1 More think it will increase the deficit
2 More think it will not increase the deficit
3 Views are evenly divided

Q39-B143: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

1 Strongly approve
2 Somewhat approve
3 Somewhat disapprove
4 Strongly disapprove

Q40-GA2. Generally speaking, would you say that this country is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

1 Run by a few big interests
2 Run for the benefit of the people

[Assessment of Election]

Q41. In the election that just took place on November 2nd how often did you encounter information that seemed misleading or false?

1 Never
2 Rarely
3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

[Q41=2, 3 or 4]
Q42: Do you think that the level of misleading or false information was:

1 Higher than usual
2 Lower than usual
3 The same as usual

Q43-GA1. How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in Washington to do what is right?

1 Just about always
2 Most of the time
3 Some of the time
4 Never

[Number box allowing up to two decimal places; range 0..100]
Q44. Just based on what you know, please tell me your hunch about what percentage of the federal budget goes to foreign aid. You can answer in fractions of percentage points as well as whole percentage points.

[Number box allowing up to two decimal places; range 0..100]
Q45. What do you think would be an appropriate percentage of the federal budget to go to foreign aid, if any?

DEMOGRAPHICS

[SP]

D1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

1 Republican
2 Independent
3 Democrat
4 Other
5 No preference

[SP]
[ASK IF D1 =2 OR 4 OR 5 OR REFUSED]

D1a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

1 Republican Party
2 Democratic Party
3 Neither

[SP]
D2. How sympathetic are you to the Tea Party movement?

1 Very sympathetic
2 Somewhat sympathetic
3 Somewhat unsympathetic
4 Very unsympathetic

[SP - GRID]
[Randomly present each news source listed below]

D3. Please select how often you get news and opinion from the following sources.

Almost every day	About 2-3 times a week	About once a week	Rarely	Never

D3a. Newspapers and news magazines (in print or online)
D3b. Public broadcasting (NPR or PBS)
D3c. Network TV news broadcasts
D3d. CNN
D3e. Blogs
D3f. Fox News
D3g. MSNBC