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Region

N=			1070	100%
Northeast	1	(1/ 60)	227	21%
South	2		353	33%
Midwest	3		261	24%
West	4		229	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. Would you be willing to spend eight minutes answering some questions? {QUOTA}

N=			1070	100%
Continue	1	(1/ 62)	1070	100%

GEND

Record Gender

N=			1070	100%
Male	1	(1/ 63)	504	47%
Female	2		566	53%

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

{If their state doesn't register by party: "When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?"}

N=			1070	100%
Democrat	1	(1/ 64)	416	39%
Republican	2		364	34%
Unenrolled/Independent	3		233	22%
Other	4		57	5%
Not reg	5		0	0%

S3. How likely are you to vote in the 2012 Presidential Election?

N=			1070	100%
Very likely	1	(1/ 67)	1029	96%
Somewhat likely	2		41	4%
50/50	3		0	0%
Not very likely	4		0	0%
Not at all likely	5		0	0%

S5. What is your age category?

N=			1070	100%
18-34 Yrs	1	(1/ 70)	151	14%
35-44 Yrs	2		153	14%
45-54 Yrs	3		185	17%
55-64 Yrs	4		270	25%
65-74 Yrs	5		194	18%
75+ yrs	6		110	10%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	7		7	1%

S6. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

N=			1070	100%
White/Caucasian	1	(1/ 71)	813	76%
Black/African-American	2		94	9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3		14	1%
Asian	4		10	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	5		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		82	8%
Other (DO NOT READ)	7		32	3%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8		25	2%

PRE1

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and national 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	(1/ 72)	1070	100%

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Q1. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 73)	0	0%
Favorable	2		551	51%
Unfavorable	3		454	42%
Heard of/Undecided	4		65	6%
Q2. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 74)	62	6%
Favorable	2		419	39%
Unfavorable	3		340	32%
Heard of/Undecided	4		249	23%
Q3. Is your opinion of Mitch Daniels generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 75)	493	46%
Favorable	2		105	10%
Unfavorable	3		155	14%
Heard of/Undecided	4		317	30%
Q4. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 76)	2	0%
Favorable	2		628	59%
Unfavorable	3		355	33%
Heard of/Undecided	4		85	8%
Q5. Is your opinion of Tim Pawlenty generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 77)	406	38%
Favorable	2		194	18%
Unfavorable	3		172	16%
Heard of/Undecided	4		298	28%
Q6. Is your opinion of Newt Gingrich generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 78)	35	3%
Favorable	2		311	29%
Unfavorable	3		530	50%
Heard of/Undecided	4		194	18%
Q7. Is your opinion of Michele Bachmann generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 79)	317	30%
Favorable	2		219	20%
Unfavorable	3		301	28%
Heard of/Undecided	4		233	22%
Q8. Is your opinion of Donald Trump generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 80)	2	0%
Favorable	2		190	18%
Unfavorable	3		747	70%
Heard of/Undecided	4		131	12%
Q9. Is your opinion of Ron Paul generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 81)	179	17%
Favorable	2		262	24%
Unfavorable	3		360	34%
Heard of/Undecided	4		269	25%
Q10. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee generally favorable or generally unfavorable?				
N=			1070	100%
Never heard	1	(1/ 82)	56	5%
Favorable	2		440	41%
Unfavorable	3		326	30%
Heard of/Undecided	4		248	23%

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Q11. Is your opinion of Sarah Palin generally favorable or generally unfavorable?					
N= 1070 100%					
Never heard	1	(1/ 83)	5	0%	
Favorable	2		327	31%	
Unfavorable	3		618	58%	
Heard of/Undecided	4		120	11%	
Q12. Is your opinion of Rick Santorum generally favorable or generally unfavorable?					
N= 1070 100%					
Never heard	1	(1/ 84)	418	39%	
Favorable	2		158	15%	
Unfavorable	3		220	21%	
Heard of/Undecided	4		274	26%	
Q13. Is your opinion of Joe Biden generally favorable or generally unfavorable?					
N= 1070 100%					
Never heard	1	(1/ 85)	22	2%	
Favorable	2		474	44%	
Unfavorable	3		434	41%	
Heard of/Undecided	4		140	13%	
Q14. Is your opinion of John Boehner (BAY-ner) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?					
N= 1070 100%					
Never heard	1	(1/ 86)	216	20%	
Favorable	2		281	26%	
Unfavorable	3		324	30%	
Heard of/Undecided	4		249	23%	
Q15. Is your opinion of Harry Reid generally favorable or generally unfavorable?					
N= 1070 100%					
Never heard	1	(1/ 87)	200	19%	
Favorable	2		191	18%	
Unfavorable	3		428	40%	
Heard of/Undecided	4		251	23%	
Q16. The following are questions about national politicians and issues					
Q16. Do you feel the country is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?					
N= 1070 100%					
Right direction	1	(1/ 88)	353	33%	
Wrong track	2		615	57%	
Undecided	3		102	10%	
Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?					
N= 1070 100%					
Approve	1	(1/ 89)	500	47%	
Disapprove	2		480	45%	
Undecided	3		90	8%	
Q18. Do you feel that Barack Obama deserves to be re-elected or is it time to give someone else a chance?					
N= 1070 100%					
Deserve reelect	1	(1/ 90)	462	43%	
Someone else	2		518	48%	
Undecided	3		90	8%	
Q19. Has President Obama stayed true to his campaign promises?					
N= 1070 100%					
Yes	1	(1/ 91)	449	42%	
No	2		509	48%	
Undecided	3		112	10%	
Q20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?					
N= 1070 100%					
Approve	1	(1/ 92)	133	12%	
Disapprove	2		770	72%	
Undecided	3		167	16%	
Q21. Earlier you said that you were registered as a<S2 >. Does your state allow you to take a Republican Primary ballot?					
N= 706 100%					
Yes	1	(1/ 93)	293	42%	
No	2		228	32%	
Not sure	3		185	26%	

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Q22. How likely are you to vote in your state's Republican Primary for President of the United States?

Table with 5 rows showing response categories: Very likely, Somewhat likely, 50/50, Not very likely, Not at all likely. Includes counts and percentages.

Q23. If the Republican Primary for President were held today and the candidates were (READ LIST), for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

Table with 16 rows listing candidates: Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Buddy Roemer, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Donald Trump, Undecided. Includes counts and percentages.

Q23A {CALLBACKS TO HUCKABEE AND TRUMP VOTERS}

Q23A. Now that <Q23> has withdrawn from the race, who will you vote for in the Republican Primary?

READ LIST

Table with 16 rows listing candidates: Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Buddy Roemer, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Donald Trump, Undecided. Includes counts and percentages.

CONSOLIDATED Q23 AND 23A

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Q24. How satisfied are you with the Republican field of candidates? Generally satisfied or generally dissatisfied?

Table with 3 rows showing response categories: Satisfied, Dissatisfied, Undecided. Includes counts and percentages.

Q25. If the General Election for President were held today and the candidates

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were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=			1070	100%
Obama	1	(1/102)	491	46%
Romney	2		457	43%
Other (DO NOT READ)	3		8	1%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		112	10%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		2	0%

Q26. How about Barack Obama and Mike Huckabee? {REMOVED DUE TO WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE}

Q27 How about Barack Obama and Tim Pawlenty?

N=			1070	100%
Obama	1	(1/104)	508	47%
Pawlenty	2		329	31%
Other (DO NOT READ)	3		34	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		193	18%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		6	1%

Q28. How about Barack Obama and Michele Bachmann?

N=			1070	100%
Obama	1	(1/105)	536	50%
Bachmann	2		320	30%
Other (DO NOT READ)	3		28	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		173	16%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		13	1%

Q29. How about Barack Obama and Newt Gingrich?

N=			1070	100%
Obama	1	(1/106)	554	52%
Gingrich	2		402	38%
Other (DO NOT READ)	3		19	2%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		91	9%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		4	0%

Q30. How about Barack Obama and Donald Trump? {REMOVED DUE TO WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE}

Q31. How about Barack Obama and Mitch Daniels?

N=			1070	100%
Obama	1	(1/108)	513	48%
Daniels	2		320	30%
Other (DO NOT READ)	3		28	3%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		203	19%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5		6	1%

Q32. Regardless of whom you personally support, who do you expect our next president will be?

N=			1070	100%
Barack Obama	1	(1/109)	493	46%
One of the Republican candidates	2		399	37%
Undecided	3		178	17%

Q33. In the 2008 Presidential Election did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, someone else or did you not vote?

N=			1070	100%
Obama	1	(1/110)	519	49%
McCain	2		463	43%
Someone else	3		40	4%
Did not vote	4		37	3%
Undecided	5		11	1%

Q34. Several states are currently considering laws that would require citizens show a photo ID before voting. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?

N=			1070	100%
Agree	1	(1/111)	828	77%
Disagree	2		193	18%
Undecided	3		49	5%

Q35. Is the economy improving or getting worse?

N=			1070	100%
Improving	1	(1/112)	442	41%
Getting worse	2		489	46%
Undecided	3		139	13%

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Q36. Over the next five years, do you expect the federal government will make the decisions necessary to bring the budget under control?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/113)	427	40%
No	2		471	44%
Undecided	3		172	16%

Q37. Will reducing the national debt directly contribute to improving the economy?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/114)	723	68%
No	2		215	20%
Undecided	3		132	12%

Q38. Do you agree or disagree that raising taxes should be an option for helping to reduce the national debt?

N=			1070	100%
Agree	1	(1/115)	440	41%
Disagree	2		564	53%
Undecided	3		66	6%

Q39. It is estimated that each person in the United States would have to pay just over \$46,000 each to pay off the national debt. Knowing this, how much more in taxes would you personally be willing to pay if you knew that the extra money would go ONLY towards paying off the national debt?

N=			1070	100%
Less than \$500	01	(1/116)	77	7%
\$500-\$1,999	02		77	7%
\$2,000-\$4,999	03		36	3%
\$5,000-\$14,999	04		45	4%
\$15,000+	05		29	3%
Verbatim	97		0	0%
None	96		504	47%
Don't know	98		286	27%
Refused	99		16	1%

Q40. 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	(1/118)	387	36%
Disagree	2		616	58%
Undecided	3		67	6%

Q41. Do you think that the near-universal health care bill passed by Congress in 2010 should be repealed, modified or left alone?

N=			1070	100%
Repealed	1	(1/119)	358	33%
Modified	2		395	37%
Left alone	3		221	21%
Undecided	4		96	9%

Q42. Is health care being rationed right now?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/120)	413	39%
No	2		382	36%
Undecided	3		275	26%

Q43. To help save health care costs, do you believe mentally-able seniors should be able to end their own lives?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/121)	375	35%
No	2		566	53%
Undecided	3		129	12%

Q44. Should the United States explore options to increase its domestic oil production, even if that includes more offshore drilling?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/122)	742	69%
No	2		216	20%
Undecided	3		112	10%

Q45. Should the federal government eliminate tax breaks and subsidies for oil companies?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/123)	682	64%
No	2		288	27%
Undecided	3		100	9%

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Q46. Can federal money spent helping to develop alternative energy technology and creating green-collar jobs significantly contribute to fixing the economy?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/124)	637	60%
No	2		306	29%
Undecided	3		127	12%

Q47. Currently, cable and telephone companies are not allowed to load certain sites for you faster than others - from big corporate home pages to small personal websites, all sources of data are treated equally. Should cable and telephone companies be allowed to offer faster speeds to websites that are willing to pay more, or should the government mandate that all websites on the internet be treated equally?

N=			1070	100%
Offer faster speeds	1	(1/125)	257	24%
Mandate equal treatment	2		595	56%
Undecided	3		218	20%

Q48. Do you believe that everyone should get a college education?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/126)	519	49%
No	2		505	47%
Undecided	3		46	4%

Q49. Does it matter to you that Osama Bin Laden was unarmed when he was killed?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/127)	90	8%
No	2		933	87%
Undecided	3		47	4%

Q50. Was killing Osama Bin Laden a political assassination?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/128)	311	29%
No	2		614	57%
Undecided	3		145	14%

Q51. Is it OK to use enhanced interrogation techniques or some forms of torture on suspected terrorists if they might have information that helps keep America safe?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/129)	610	57%
No	2		332	31%
Undecided	3		128	12%

Q52. Not long after 9/11, Congress passed The Patriot Act, a law designed to strengthen domestic security and broaden the powers of law-enforcement agencies with regards to identifying and stopping terrorists. Some people say this law is necessary to keep us safe, others say that it gives the government too much power and invades privacy - which comes closest to your view?

N=			1070	100%
Necessary	1	(1/130)	623	58%
Too much power	2		336	31%
Undecided	3		111	10%

Q53. Do you think there will be a terrorist attack on U.S. soil in the next year?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/131)	541	51%
No	2		363	34%
Undecided	3		166	16%

Q54. Generally, which do you think is a better value - foreign cars or American made cars?

N=			1070	100%
Foreign	1	(1/132)	363	34%
American	2		539	50%
Undecided	3		168	16%

Q55. Do you think a woman will be elected president in 2012 or 2016?

N=			1070	100%
Yes	1	(1/133)	549	51%
No	2		386	36%
Undecided	3		135	13%

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Q56. With the lack of progress towards a resolution of the NFL work stoppage, who do you blame - the owners or the players?

N=			1070	100%
The owners	1	(1/134)	338	32%
The players	2		199	19%
Not an NFL fan	3		210	20%
Undecided	4		323	30%

Q57. If the NFL work stoppage means that games will be missed, when the NFL returns will you watch with...

N=			1070	100%
More enthusiasm than the 2010 season	1	(1/135)	19	2%
The same amount of enthusiasm as the 2010 season	2		363	34%
Less enthusiasm than the 2010 season	3		192	18%
Will you stop watching the NFL altogether	4		67	6%
Not an NFL fan (DO NOT READ)	5		368	34%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	6		61	6%

Q58. What political news source do you trust the most? RANDOMIZE 1-7. ONE ANSWER ONLY

N=			1070	100%
CNN	1	(1/136)	194	18%
MSNBC	2		79	7%
FOX News	3		304	28%
ABC	4		59	6%
NBC	5		104	10%
CBS	6		61	6%
C-SPAN	7		34	3%
Other (DO NOT READ)	8		102	10%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	9		133	12%

Q59. What political reporter would you say that you trust the most? {OPEN ENDED}

N=			1070	100%
Wolf Blitzer (CNN)	01	(1/137)	33	3%
Anderson Cooper (CNN)	02		69	6%
Fareed Zakaria (CNN)	03		7	1%
John King (CNN)	04		3	0%
Howard Kurtz (CNN)	05		6	1%
Candy Crowley (CNN)	06		10	1%
Bill O'Reilly (FOX)	07		95	9%
Shepard Smith (FOX)	08		14	1%
Sean Hannity (FOX)	09		41	4%
Mike Huckabee (FOX)	10		48	4%
Megyn Kelly (FOX)	11		24	2%
Rachael Maddow (MSNBC)	12		25	2%
Chris Matthews (MSNBC)	13		33	3%
Elliot Spitzer (CNN)	14		2	0%
Ed Schultz (MSNBC)	15		8	1%
Campbell Brown (CNN)	16		5	0%
Keith Olbermann (CURRENT)	17		3	0%
Joe Scarborough (MSNBC)	18		5	0%
David Gregory (NBC)	19		2	0%
Brian Williams (NBC)	20		46	4%
Tom Brokaw (NBC)	21		34	3%
George Stephanopoulos (ABC)	22		7	1%
Christiane Amanpour (ABC)	23		11	1%
Diane Sawyer (ABC)	24		29	3%
Katie Couric (CBS)	25		31	3%
Bob Schieffer (CBS)	26		10	1%
Jon Stewart (COM)	27		7	1%
Glenn Beck (FOX)	28		10	1%
Other	97		61	6%
None	98		165	15%
Don't know	99		226	21%

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

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Q60. What is your primary source for political news and information?

N=			1070	100%
Independent Political Blogs	01	(1/139)	8	1%
Social media websites like Twitter and Facebook	02		15	1%
Smart phone apps	03		5	0%
Daily newspaper - print editions	04		135	13%
Magazines - print editions	05		18	2%
Online news websites	06		157	15%
Television and Cable News Networks.....	07		611	57%
Friends and Family	08		20	2%
Radio	09		78	7%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	10		23	2%

Q61. What is your annual household income?

N=			1070	100%
Under \$60,000 per year	1	(1/141)	448	42%
Under \$100,000 per year	2		288	27%
Under \$150,000 per year	3		119	11%
Over \$150,000 per year	4		92	9%
Refused	5		123	11%

Q62. Would you describe your household finances as excellent, good, fair or poor?

N=			1070	100%
Excellent	1	(1/142)	215	20%
Good	2		410	38%
Fair	3		303	28%
Poor	4		104	10%
Undecided	5		38	4%

Q63. Do you consider yourself poor, working class, middle class, or wealthy?

N=			1070	100%
Poor	1	(1/143)	99	9%
Working class	2		273	26%
Middle class	3		625	58%
Wealthy	4		24	2%
Undecided	5		49	5%

Q64. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

N=			1070	100%
High school diploma or GED	1	(1/144)	319	30%
Associates or Bachelors degree	2		487	46%
Masters Degree or higher	3		224	21%
Did not complete high school or GED	4		24	2%
Undecided	5		16	1%