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  2 No

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  1 NorthEast
  2 NorthCentral
  3 South
  4 West

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  1 NorthEast
  2 NorthCentral
  3 South
  4 West
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labels =
  1 Alabama
  2 Alaska
  3 Arizona
  4 Arkansas
  5 California
  6 Colorado
  7 Connecticut
  8 Delaware
  9 District of Columbia
 10 Florida
 11 Georgia
 12 Hawaii
 13 Idaho
 14 Illinois
 15 Indiana
 16 Iowa
 17 Kansas
 18 Kentucky
 19 Louisiana
 20 Maine
 21 Maryland
 22 Massachusetts
 23 Michigan
 24 Minnesota
 25 Mississippi
 26 Missouri
 27 Montana
 28 Nebraska
 29 Nevada
 30 New Hampshire
 31 New Jersey
 32 New Mexico
 33 New York
 34 North Carolina
 35 North Dakota
 36 Ohio
 37 Oklahoma
 38 Oregon
 39 Pennsylvania
 40 Rhode Island
 41 South Carolina
 42 South Dakota
43 Tennessee
44 Texas
45 Utah
46 Vermont
47 Virginia
48 Washington
49 West Virginia
50 Wisconsin
51 Wyoming

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  record = 1
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  label = flip
  record = 1
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  width = 1
  labels =
    1
    2

* name = tzc
  label = Time Zone Codes
  record = 1
  column = 223
  width = 1
  labels =
    1 Eastern
    2 Central
    3 Mountain
    4 Pacific
    5 Bering
    6 Hawaii

* name = btch
  label = replicate
  record = 1
  column = 220
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* name = intn
label = Interviewer ID Number
record = 1
column = 23
width = 3
labels =
    1
    999
*
name = sint
label = Interviewer's Sex
record = 1
column = 26
width = 1
labels =
    1 Male
    2 Female
    9 DK/NA
*
name = rint
label = Interviewer's Race
record = 1
column = 27
width = 1
labels =
    1 Caucasian
    2 African-American
    3 Hispanic
    4 Other
    9 DK/NA
*
name = fdia
label = First Dial Result
record = 1
column = 87
width = 1
labels =
    1 Someone answers speaking English
    2 No answer
    3 Busy
    4 Temporarily not in service
    5 Business or other non-residence i.e. computer line
    6 Spanish speaking
    7 Other language (Specify)
    8 Other problem (Specify)
    9 Mechanical answering machine
    0 Not in service - Disconnected - Nonworking -
*
name = sex
label = Respondent's Sex
record = 1
column = 22
width = 1
labels =
    1 Male
2 Female
*
name = kapp
label = Was Ever Appointment
record = 1
column = 80
width = 1
labels =
    1 Yes
    2 No
*
name = reg
label = Registered
record = 1
column = 156
width = 1
labels =
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 DK/NA
text =
Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?
*
name = q1
label = Attention 08 Campaign
record = 1
column = 31
width = 1
labels =
    1 A lot
    2 Some
    3 Not much
    4 No attention so far
    9 DK/NA
text =
How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 Presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?
*
name = q2
label = Opinion Obama
record = 1
column = 32
width = 1
labels =
    1 Favorable
    2 Not favorable
    3 Undecided
    4 Haven't heard enough
    5 Refused
Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama yet to have an opinion?

*  
name = q3  
label = Opinion McCain  
record = 1  
column = 33  
width = 1  
labels =  
1 Favorable  
2 Not favorable  
3 Undecided  
4 Haven't heard enough  
5 Refused

text =  
Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

*  
name = q4  
label = Likely Voter  
record = 1  
column = 35  
width = 1  
labels =  
1 Definitely vote  
2 Probably vote  
3 Probably not vote  
4 Definitely not vote  
5 Already Voted  
9 DK/NA

text =  
How likely is it that you will vote in the 2008 election for President this November -- would you say you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote in the election for President?

*  
name = q5  
label = Obama/Biden or McCain/Palin  
record = 1  
column = 34  
width = 1  
labels =  
1 Obama/Biden  
2 McCain/Palin  
3 Other (Vol.)  
4 Won't vote (Vol.)
If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, the Democrats, and John McCain for President and Sarah Palin (PAY-lin) for Vice President, the Republicans, would you vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden or John McCain and Sarah Palin?

* 
name = q6
label = Lean Obama or McCain
record = 1
column = 36
width = 1
labels =
1 Obama
2 McCain
3 Won't vote (Vol.)
4 Other
9 DK/NA
	ext = Well as of today, do you lean more toward Barack Obama and Joe Biden or more toward John McCain and Sarah Palin?

* 
name = q7
label = Mind Made Up
record = 1
column = 37
width = 1
labels =
1 Mind made up
2 Too early to say for sure
9 DK/NA
	ext = (Ask if decided in q5)
Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

* 
name = q8
label = Voted 2008
record = 1
column = 38
width = 1
labels =
1 Obama/Biden
2 McCain/Palin
3 Other (Vol.)
9 Don't know/No answer
	ext = In the 2008 Presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, the Democrats, or John McCain for President and Sarah Palin (PAY-lin) for Vice
President, the Republicans?

*  
name =  q9  
label =  Feel re candidates  
record =  1  
column =  39  
width =  1  
md1 =  0  
md2 =  0  
labels =  
1 Enthusiastic  
2 With reservations  
3 Party nominee  
4 Dislike other candidate  
9 DK/NA  
text =  
(Ask if selected McCain or Obama in q5)  
How would you describe your feelings about (Obama/McCain) as the (Democratic/Republican) nominee -- would you say you enthusiastically support him; support him but have reservations about him; support him only because he is the party nominee; or support him because you dislike (McCain/Obama)?

*  
name =  q10  
label =  4-part horse race  
record =  1  
column =  40  
width =  1  
md1 =  0  
md2 =  0  
labels =  
1 Obama/Biden  
2 McCain/Palin  
3 Barr/Root  
4 Nader/Gonzalez  
5 Other (Vol.)  
6 Won't vote (vol.)  
7 Depends (vol)/Undecided  
8 Refused  
text =  
If the 2008 Presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice-President, the Democrats, John McCain for President and Sarah Palin for Vice-President, the Republicans, Bob Barr for President and Wayne Allyn Root for Vice-President, the Libertarians, and Ralph Nader for President and Matt Gonzalez for Vice President, would you vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden, John McCain and Sarah Palin, Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn Root, or
Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzalez?

*  
name = q11  
label = Rep or Dem Congressman  
record = 1  
column = 41  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Republican  
2 Democratic  
3 Other (Vol.)  
4 Won't vote (Vol.)  
5 Depends (Vol.)  
9 DK/NA  
text = If the 2008 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

*  
name = q12  
label = Most Important Issue  
record = 1  
column = 42  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Terrorism and national security  
2 The economy and jobs  
3 Health care  
4 The war in Iraq  
5 Gas prices and energy policy  
6 Illegal immigration  
7 Something else  
9 DK/NA  
text = In deciding who you would like to see elected President this year, which one of the following issues will be most important to you - 1. Terrorism and national security, 2. the economy and jobs, 3. health care, 4. the war in Iraq, 5. gas prices and energy policy, 6. illegal immigration, or 7. something else?

*  
name = q16  
label = GWBush Job Approval  
record = 1  
column = 46  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Approve
    2 Disapprove
    9 DK/NA

text =
    Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

*  
name =   q17
label =  Right direction/Wrong track
record = 1
column = 47
width =  1
md1 =  0
md2 =  0
labels =
    1 Right direction
    2 Wrong track
    9 DK/NA

text =
    Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

*  
name =   q18
label =  GWBush Economy
record = 1
column = 48
width =  1
md1 =  0
md2 =  0
labels =
    1 Approve
    2 Disapprove
    9 DK/NA

text =
    Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

*  
name =   q19
label =  Congress Job Approval
record = 1
column = 49
width =  1
md1 =  0
md2 =  0
labels =
    1 Approve
    2 Disapprove
**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?**

*name = q20
label = Own Congressman Job Approval
record = 1
column = 50
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Approve
2 Disapprove
9 DK/NA

**How about the representative in Congress from your district?**
**Do you approve or disapprove of the way your representative is handling his or her job?**

*name = q21
label = Rate Nat'l economy
record = 1
column = 51
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Very good
2 Fairly good
3 Fairly bad
4 Very bad
9 DK/NA

**How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?**

*name = q22
label = Changing Nat'l Economy
record = 1
column = 52
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Better
2 Worse
Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

In general, is your opinion of the Republican party favorable or not favorable?
In general, is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable or not favorable?

* 
name =   q28
label =  Opinion Biden
record = 1
column = 58
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Favorable
2 Not favorable
3 Undecided
4 Haven't heard enough
5 Refused

text =
(Non-registered respondents go to q66)
Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Joe Biden yet to have an opinion?

* 
name =   q29
label =  Opinion Palin
record = 1
column = 59
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Favorable
2 Not favorable
3 Undecided
4 Haven't heard enough
5 Refused

text =
Is your opinion of Sarah Palin favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Sarah Palin yet to have an opinion?

* 
name =   q30
label =  08 Campaign vs Past Campaigns
record = 1
column = 60
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 More positive
Compared to past presidential campaigns, do you think the campaign this year has been more positive, more negative, or about the same as past campaigns?

*  
* name = q33  
* label = Obama Presidential Personality  
* record = 1  
* column = 63  
* width = 1  
* md1 = 0  
* md2 = 0  
* labels =  
  1 Yes  
  2 No  
  9 DK/NA  
* text =  
  Do you think Barack Obama has the right kind of temperament and personality to be a good president, or not?

*  
* name = q34  
* label = Obama Understands Needs  
* record = 1  
* column = 64  
* width = 1  
* md1 = 0  
* md2 = 0  
* labels =  
  1 Yes  
  2 No  
  9 DK/NA  
* text =  
  Do you think Barack Obama does or does not understand the needs and problems of people like yourself?

*  
* name = q35  
* label = Obama Prepared  
* record = 1  
* column = 65  
* width = 1  
* md1 = 0  
* md2 = 0  
* labels =  
  1 Has prepared  
  2 Has not prepared  
  9 DK/NA
Do you think Barack Obama has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?

* 
name = q36
label = Obama economy
record = 1
column = 66
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 Very confident
   2 Somewhat confident
   3 Not too confident
   4 Not at all confident
   9 DK/NA

How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about the economy -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

* 
name = q37
label = Obama Health Care
record = 1
column = 67
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 Very confident
   2 Somewhat confident
   3 Not too confident
   4 Not at all confident
   9 DK/NA

How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about health care -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

* 
name = q38
label = Obama economy crisis
record = 1
column = 68
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 Very confident
   2 Somewhat confident
   3 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident
9 DK/NA

text =
How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right
decisions about the current economic crisis -- are you very confident,
somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

* name = q39
label = Obama Raise Taxes
record = 1
column = 69
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Would
2 Would not
9 DK/NA

text =
If he were elected President, do you think Barack Obama
would raise taxes on people like yourself, or wouldn't he do that?

* name = q40
label = Obama Religion
record = 1
column = 70
width = 2
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Protestant
2 Catholic
3 Jewish
4 Other
5 None
10 Muslim
11 Baptist
12 United Church of Christ
13 Methodist
14 Episcopalian
98 Other
99 DK/NA

text =
Do you know what Barack Obama's religion is?
IF YES, ASK: What religion is he?

* name = q43
label = McCain Presidential Personality
record = 1
column = 74
Do you think John McCain has the right kind of temperament and personality to be a good president, or not?

*  
name = q44  
label = McCain Understands Needs  
record = 1  
column = 75  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Yes  
  2 No  
  9 DK/NA  
text =  
    Do you think John McCain does or does not understand the needs and problems of people like yourself?

*  
name = q45  
label = McCain Prepared  
record = 1  
column = 76  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Has prepared  
  2 Has not prepared  
  9 DK/NA  
text =  
    Do you think John McCain has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?

*  
name = q46  
label = McCain economy  
record = 1  
column = 77  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Very confident
2 Somewhat confident
3 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident
9 DK/NA

text =
   How confident are you in John McCain 's ability to make the right
decisions about the economy -- are you very confident, somewhat
certain,
   not too confident, or not at all confident?
*
name = q47
label = McCain Health Care
record = 1
column = 78
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 Very confident
   2 Somewhat confident
   3 Not too confident
   4 Not at all confident
   9 DK/NA

text =
   How confident are you in John McCain 's ability to make the right
decisions about health care -- are you very confident, somewhat
certain,
   not too confident, or not at all confident?
*
name = q48
label = McCain Economic Crisis
record = 1
column = 79
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 Very confident
   2 Somewhat confident
   3 Not too confident
   4 Not at all confident
   9 DK/NA

text =
   How confident are you in John McCain 's ability to make the right
decisions about the current economic crisis -- are you very confident, somewhat
certain, not too confident, or not at all confident?
*
name = q49
label = McCain Raise Taxes
record = 1
column = 90
If he were elected President, do you think John McCain would raise taxes on people like yourself, or wouldn't he do that?

* 
name = q50 
label = McCain Religion 
record = 1 
column = 91 
width = 2 
md1 = 0 
md2 = 0 
labels = 
  1 Protestant 
  2 Catholic 
  3 Jewish 
  4 Other 
  5 None 
  10 Muslim 
  11 Baptist 
  12 United Church of Christ 
  13 Methodist 
  14 Episcopalian 
  98 Other 
  99 DK/NA 

text = 
  Do you know what John McCain's religion is? 
  IF YES, ASK: What religion is he?

* 
name = q53 
label = McCain Continue GWB Economy 
record = 1 
column = 95 
width = 1 
md1 = 0 
md2 = 0 
labels = 
  1 Continue Bush policies 
  2 Not continue Bush policies 
  9 Don't know/No answer 

text = 
  If John McCain were elected president, do you think he would generally continue George W. Bush's economic policies, or not?

*
Has your opinion of Barack Obama changed over the past couple of weeks, or hasn't it changed? If changed, ask: Has it changed for the better or for the worse?

What is the main reason your opinion of Barack Obama has
Has your opinion of John McCain changed over the past couple of weeks, or hasn't it changed? IF CHANGED, ASK: Has it changed for the better or for the worse?

* name = q56
label = McCain Opinion Changed
record = 1
column = 99
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Changed for the better
2 Changed for the worse
3 Not changed
9 DK/NA
text =

* name = q57
label = Why McCain Opinion Change
record = 1
column = 100
width = 2
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Debate performance
2 Economic policy
3 Keating Five
4 Taxes
5 Iraq
6 Health care
7 Sarah Palin
8 Attacks on opponent
9 Handling attacks
10 Prepared/Experience/Knowledge
11 Not prepared/Inexperienced
12 Fresh ideas
13 No fresh ideas
14 Bring change
15 More of the same
16 Foreign policy
17 Energy policy
18 Calm/steady
19 Erratic/unsteady
20 Passionate
21 Suspension of campaign
22 Seems angry
96 Everything
97 Nothing
What is the main reason your opinion of John McCain has changed over the past couple of weeks?

*  
name = q58  
label = Obama Explain/Attack  
record = 1  
column = 102  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Explaining  
2 Attacking  
9 Don't know/No answer

What do you think Barack Obama has been spending more time doing in his campaign -- explaining what he would do as president or attacking John McCain?

*  
name = q59  
label = McCain Explain/Attack  
record = 1  
column = 103  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Explaining  
2 Attacking  
9 Don't know/No answer

What do you think John McCain has been spending more time doing in his campaign -- explaining what he would do as president or attacking Barack Obama?

*  
name = q60  
label = Bother Obama Background  
record = 1  
column = 104  
width = 2  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Rev Jeremiah Wright  
2 Bill Ayers/Weathermen  
3 Tony Rezko
Regardless of how you intend to vote, is there anything about Barack Obama's background or past associations that bothers you, or not? IF YES, ASK: What bothers you?

*  
name = q61  
label = Obama/Ayers  
record = 1  
column = 106  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
lables =
    1 A lot  
    2 Some  
    3 Not much  
    4 Nothing at all  
    9 DK/NA

text =
How much have you heard or read about the allegation by the McCain campaign that Barack Obama was associated with Bill Ayers, a former member of the radical domestic group called the Weathermen -- a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

*  
name = q62  
label = Bother McCain Background  
record = 1  
column = 107  
width = 2  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
lables =
    1 Keating Five  
    2 Prisoner in Viet Nam  
    3 Age/too old  
    4 Health/cancer  
    5 Religious Right/Pastor Hagee
6 Not loyal Republican
7 First Marriage
8 Infidelity
9 McCain/Feingold
11 Don't know enough about him
12 Too much like GW Bush
96 Everything
97 Nothing
98 Other
99 DK/NA

text =

Regardless of how you intend to vote, is there anything about
John McCain's background or past associations that bothers you,
or not?
IF YES, ASK: What bothers you?

*

name = q63
label = McCain/Keating 5
record = 1
column = 109
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 A lot
   2 Some
   3 Not much
   4 Nothing at all
   9 DK/NA

text =

How much have you heard or read about John McCain's
involvement as one of the five senators known as the Keating Five
in the savings and loan controversy in the late 1980s and early 1990s
-- a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

*

name = q64
label = Obama Policies/Racism
record = 1
column = 110
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
   1 Favor whites over blacks
   2 Favor blacks over whites
   3 Treat both the same
   9 DK/NA

text =

If Barack Obama is elected President, do you think the policies
of his administration would favor whites over blacks, favor blacks
over whites, or would they treat both groups the same?
If John McCain is elected President, do you think the policies of his administration would favor whites over blacks, favor blacks over whites, or would they treat both groups the same?

How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican
party or the Democratic party is more likely to improve the health care system?

* 
name = q68
label = Party Decide Iraq
record = 1
column = 114
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Republican party
  2 Democratic party
  3 Both (Vol.)
  4 Neither (Vol.)
  9 DK/NA
text = Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party is more likely to make the right decisions about the war in Iraq?

* 
name = q69
label = Party Ensure Economy
record = 1
column = 115
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Republican party
  2 Democratic party
  3 Both (Vol.)
  4 Neither (Vol.)
  9 DK/NA
text = Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party is more likely to ensure a strong economy?

* 
name = q70
label = Gov't Fund Bailout
record = 1
column = 116
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Approve
    2 Disapprove
    3 Depends (Vol.)
    9 DK/NA
text =
    Do you approve or disapprove of the federal government providing money to financial institutions to avoid a financial crisis?

* name = q71
label = Gov't Help Mortgagees
record = 1
column = 117
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Should
    2 Should not
    9 DK/NA
text =
    Do you think the federal government should provide financial help to homeowners who are having trouble repaying their mortgages because their rates went up or shouldn't the federal government do this?

* name = q72
label = Signed Bailout Plan
record = 1
column = 118
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Approve
    2 Disapprove
    9 DK/NA
text =
    Do you approve or disapprove of the economic bailout plan that was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President?

* name = q73
label = Bailout Plan Effect
record = 1
column = 119
width = 1
md1 = 0
From what you know, do you think the economic bailout plan passed by Congress in an effort to lessen the current economic crisis will make things better, make things worse, or will it have no impact?

Who do you think will benefit from the government money used in the plan -- mostly just a few big investors and people who work on Wall Street, or homeowners and people throughout the country as well?

Which candidate do you think did the best job, or won, Tuesday night's presidential debate -- Barack Obama or John McCain?
How likely is it that you will watch the presidential debate on television on Wednesday October 15th -- very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely?

*  
  name = q80  
  label = Likely Win 15 Oct Debate  
  record = 1  

Who do you think will win the next presidential debate -- Barack Obama or John McCain?

*  
  name = q81  
  label = Watch 7 Oct Debate  
  record = 1

Did you watch or listen to the presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain on Tuesday, October 7th?

*  
  name = q82  
  label = firstvote
Which best describes you? 1. This fall's Presidential election will be the first time you have ever voted, OR 2. You voted for the first time ever earlier in 2008; OR 3. You have voted in elections before 2008?

Do you currently rent your home, or are you buying it with a mortgage, or is it entirely paid for?

How concerned are you about not being able to pay your mortgage -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned?
name = q86
label = Job loss in household
record = 1
column = 134
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 DK/NA
text =
    In the last twelve months, has any adult in your household been out
    of work and actively looking for a job?

*
name = q87
label = Concern Job Loss
record = 1
column = 135
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Very concerned
    2 Somewhat concerned
    3 Not at all concerned
    9 DK/NA
text =
    How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or
    someone else in your household might be out of work and looking
    for a job -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned
    at all?

*
name = q88
label = Income vs Bills
record = 1
column = 136
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
    1 Can save and buy extras
    2 Just enough to pay bills and obligations
    3 Not enough to pay bills etc.
    9 DK/NA
text =
    Think about your household income, would you say that it is more
    than enough so that you can save money or buy some extras, just enough
    to meet your bills and obligations, or is it not enough to meet your
    bills and obligations?

*
Have you been contacted on behalf of either Presidential candidate over the past couple of weeks -- whether it was by a letter, by e-mail, by telephone, or in person by a campaign worker? IF YES, ASK: For which candidate?

* name = q90
label = Vote Method
record = 1
column = 86
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Mail/absentee ballot - already returned
  2 Mail/absentee - planning to vote
  3 Precinct voter
  4 Early voter - already voted (vol.)
  5 Early voter - planning to vote (vol.)
  9 DK/NA

text =
  (Non-registered respondents go to q92)
  (If answered 'Already voted' in q4 go to q91)
  If you do vote in the November 4th election, will you vote by mail or by turning in an absentee ballot, OR will you vote at your precinct polling place ON Election Day. OR will you vote at an early voting location BEFORE Election Day?
  IF ABSENTEE, ASK: As of today, have you already returned your absentee ballot or are you still planning to vote absentee?

* name = q91
label = Early Vote Method
record = 1
column = 164
width = 1
When you voted, did you vote by mail or by turning in an absentee ballot, OR did you vote at an early voting location?

What year was the most recent election of any kind you voted in?

What year was the last time you registered to vote?
How long have you lived at the address where you live now less than one year, one to two years, three to four years, or 5 years or longer?

These last few questions are for background only. Did you vote in the 2004 presidential election, did something prevent you from voting, or did you choose not to vote? IF VOTED, ASK: Did you vote for John Kerry, George W. Bush, or Ralph Nader?

* Obama
* Clinton
* Someone else
* Republican primary
Did you vote in a Democratic primary or caucus this year, OR in a Republican Primary or caucus, or didn't you vote in a primary or caucus at all this year?
IF VOTED IN A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OR CAUCUS, ASK: Did you vote for Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, or someone else?

* name = q92
label = Class
record = 1
column = 165
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Upper
2 Upper-middle
3 Middle
4 Working
5 Lower
9 DK/NA

text =
These last few questions are for background only.
If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class,
which would you say you belong in -- upper class, upper-middle class,
middle class, working class, or lower class?

*
name = kids
label = Parent
record = 1
column = 230
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Yes
2 No
9 DK/NA

text =
These last few questions are for background only.
Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

* name = q93
label = Religious Attendance
record = 1
Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

What is your religious preference today?
Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican party or to the Democratic party?
How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

* name = age
label = actual age
record = 1
column = 232
width = 2
labels =
  1 Liberal
  2 Moderate
  3 Conservative
  9 DK/NA

text = How old are you?

* name = agea
label = age group
record = 1
column = 234
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Between 18 and 29
  2 Between 30 and 44
  3 Between 45 and 64
  4 Over 64
  9 Refused

text = Are you between 18 and 29, 30 and 44, 45 and 64, or are you over 64?

* name = educ
label = education
record = 1
column = 231
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Not a High School grad
  2 High School grad
3 Some college (trade or business)
4 College grad
5 Post grad work or degree (Masters, MBA, JD, MD, Ph
9 Refused

text =
What was the last grade in school you completed?

* name = hisp
label = hispanic
record = 1
column = 236
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Hispanic
  2 Not hispanic
  9 Don't know/ No answer

text =
Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

* name = race
label = race
record = 1
column = 235
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 White or Caucasian
  2 Black or African-American
  3 Asian
  4 Other(Specify)
  9 Refused

text =
Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

* name = incn
label = NYTimes Income
record = 1
column = 155
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Under $15,000
  2 $15,000 - $30,000
  3 $30,000 - $50,000
  4 $50,000-$75,000
  5 $75,000-$100,000
  6 Over $100,000
9 Won't specify/Refused

Was it under $15,000, between $15,000 and $30,000, or between $30,000 and $50,000?

* 
name = inca 
label = income 
record = 1 
column = 237 
width = 1 
labels = 
    1 Under $15,000 
    2 $15,000-$30,000 
    3 $30,000-$50,000 
    4 $50,000-$75,000 
    5 Over $75,000 
    9 Won't specify/Refused 

text = 
    Was your total family income in the year 2008 UNDER or OVER $30,000?
    Was it under or over $15,000?

* 
name = q94 
label = Home Phone Service 
record = 1 
column = 162 
width = 1 
md1 = 0 
md2 = 0 
labels = 
    1 Both regular and cell 
    2 Regular only 
    3 Cell only 
    9 DK/NA 

text = 
    What type of telephone service is there in your home that you could use or be reached on? Is there both regular land line and cell phone service, or only regular land line service, or only cell phone service?

* 
name = q95 
label = Completed Cell Phone 
record = 1 
column = 163 
width = 1 
labels = 
    1 Yes, cell phone 
    2 No 
    9 DK/NA 

text =
Have we been talking on a cell phone, that is, a phone you can use outside your neighborhood?

* name = q96
  label = ZIP code
  record = 1
  column = 167
  width = 5
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
  labels =
    00000
    99999

  text = Just for statistical purposes, what is the zip code where you now live?

* name = nph
  label = other phones?
  record = 1
  column = 238
  width = 1
  labels =
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 Don't know/No answer

  text = Are there any other telephone numbers in your home that I could have dialed and reached you on I don't mean extensions, but different telephone numbers?
  IF NECESSARY, SAY: We need to know how hard or easy it is to reach people.

* name = nph0
  label = number other phones
  record = 1
  column = 239
  width = 1
  labels =
    1 Number between 1 and 7
    7 Number between 1 and 7
    8 8 or more numbers
    9 Refused

  text = Now I dialed you at (PHONE NUMBER), how many other numbers are there in your home?

* name = nm
  label = Callback
  record = 1
Would you be willing to have a reporter call you back to discuss some of these issues?

* name = web
label = Callback for Web
record = 1

column = 161
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Willing, talkative
  2 Willing, not talkative
  3 Not willing

text =
  Would you be willing to speak with a reporter on camera for use on The New York Times website?

* name = blog
label = Participate NYT Blog
record = 1

column = 160
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Willing
  2 Not willing

text =
  Would you be interested in being part of a periodic on-line discussion of politics for The New York Times website?

* name = dyof
label = Day of Survey
record = 1

column = 29
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 First
2  Second
3  Third
4  Fourth
5  Fifth
6  Sixth
7  Seventh
8  Eighth
9  Ninth
0  Tenth

text =
*
name = days
label = Day of Week
record = 1
column = 21
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1  Sunday
2  Monday
3  Tuesday
4  Wednesday
5  Thursday
6  Friday
7  Saturday

text =
*
name = fcll
label = Number of Dialings
record = 1
column = 89
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1
9

text =
*
name = orst
label = State Cell Number Issued
record = 1
column = 128
width = 2
labels =
1  Alabama
2  Alaska
3  Arizona
4  Arkansas
5  California
6 Colorado
7 Connecticut
8 Delaware
9 District of Columbia
10 Florida
11 Georgia
12 Hawaii
13 Idaho
14 Illinois
15 Indiana
16 Iowa
17 Kansas
18 Kentucky
19 Louisiana
20 Maine
21 Maryland
22 Massachusetts
23 Michigan
24 Minnesota
25 Mississippi
26 Missouri
27 Montana
28 Nebraska
29 Nevada
30 New Hampshire
31 New Jersey
32 New Mexico
33 New York
34 North Carolina
35 North Dakota
36 Ohio
37 Oklahoma
38 Oregon
39 Pennsylvania
40 Rhode Island
41 South Carolina
42 South Dakota
43 Tennessee
44 Texas
45 Utah
46 Vermont
47 Virginia
48 Washington
49 West Virginia
50 Wisconsin
51 Wyoming