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* name = Q1
text = Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
* name = Q2
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 = Q3
text = Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
* name = Q6
text = How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?
* name = Q7
text = Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?
* name = Q8
text = How much longer do you think the current recession will last --- six months, a year, two years or more than two years?
* name = Q9
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?
* name = Q11
text = How serious a problem would you say the H1N1 or swine flu is? Would you say it is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious of a problem, or not a problem at all?
* name = Q12
text = How concerned are you that you or a member of your household will get the H1N1 or swine flu -- are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?
* name = Q14
text =
Do you have confidence that Barack Obama will nominate good justices to the Supreme Court, or are you uneasy about who he will choose?

* name = Q16
text = Everybody experiences stress at times. How often does not having enough money contribute to stress in your life--would you say very often, somewhat often, not too often, or not at all?

* name = Q17
text = Do you think the future of the next generation of Americans will be better, worse, or about the same as life today?

* name = Q18
text = Would you be willing or not willing to pay more in taxes in order to increase government spending on programs for children?

* name = Q19
text = Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

* name = Q20
text = Does your child or do your children attend a public school, a private school, or a religious school, or are your children not old enough to attend school?

* name = Q21
text = How likely do you think it is that your children will have better opportunities to succeed financially than you have had--very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

* name = Q22
text = How serious a problem is it for the United States that many American children do not have health insurance--very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

* name = Q23
text = Do you think the federal government should or should not use taxpayer money to do the following: See to it that day care and after-school care is available to all children whose families can't afford it?

* name = Q24
text = [Do you think the federal government should or should not use taxpayer money to do the following:] See to it that health care is available for all children whose families can't afford it?

* name = Q25
[Do you think the federal government should or should not use taxpayer money to do the following:] See to it that meals in schools are available for all children whose families can't afford it?
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name = Q26  
text =
[Do you think the federal government should or should not use taxpayer money to do the following:] See to it that dental care is available for all children whose families can't afford it?
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name = Q27  
text =
Has the current recession had an effect on you and your family in any way?
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name = Q28  
text =
Overall, how much has the current recession affected you and your family -- a lot, some, or only a little?
*  
name = Q29  
text =
What would you say is the MAIN way you and your family have been directly affected by the economic recession?
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name = Q30  
text =
Overall, has the current recession had an effect on most of the people who live in your community in any way?
*  
name = Q32  
text =
Overall, has the current recession had an effect on your children's lives today in any way?
*  
name = Q33  
text =
How much has the current recession affected your children's lives today -- a lot, some, or only a little?
*  
name = Q34  
text =
How much has the current recession affected your plans for your children's future -- a lot, some, or only a little?
*  
name = Q35  
text =
When you think about how your current financial situation affects your children, what, if anything, concerns you the most?
*  
name = Q36  
text =
In the past six months, have you noticed any changes in your children's behavior that you think might be the result of economic or financial changes in your household, or not?

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name = Q37  
text =  
What changes in behavior have you noticed?

*  
name = Q38  
text =  
Have you discussed the economic problems in the country, that is, the recession, with your children, haven't you got around to doing that yet, or don't you think you should be discussing issues like this with your children?

*  
name = Q39  
text =  
Have you discussed your family's own financial situation with your children, haven't you got around to doing that yet, or don't you think you should be discussing issues like this with your children?

*  
name = Q40  
text =  
In the last six months, have you ever had to tell your children that you may not have the money available for some of the things you used to, or not?

*  
name = Q41  
text =  
How did your children react when you told them? Were they upset by it, or have they not reacted to it? [ASK IF UPSET:] Were your children very or somewhat upset?

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name = Q44  
text =  
In the last six months, has the amount of your total household income increased, decreased, or has the amount stayed about the same?

*  
name = Q45  
text =  
Are you currently employed either full-time or part-time, or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all? [IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK:] Are you currently retired, or not?

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name = Q46  
text =  
Have you or has anyone in your household lost a job in the last six months?

*  
name = Q47  
text =  
Was the person who lost his or her job in the last six months one of the main sources of income for your household?
And 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 at all concerned?

Now I'd like to read you some items. Thinking back over the past six months, please tell me if it has become easier for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, harder for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, or hasn't there been much of a difference. Food and groceries?

[In the last six months, has it become easier for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, harder for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, or hasn't there been much of a difference.] Utilities such as gas and electric bills?

[In the last six months, has it become easier for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, harder for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, or hasn't there been much of a difference.] Medical bills for you and your family?

[In the last six months, has it become easier for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, harder for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, or hasn't there been much of a difference.] Housing costs, such as your rent or mortgage?

[In the last six months, has it become easier for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, harder for you to pay for each of the following because of the recession, or hasn't there been much of a difference.] Your children's school fees and tuition?

Now, looking ahead over the next year, please tell me if you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about being able to pay for each of the following? Food and groceries?

[Looking ahead over the next year, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about being able to pay for...] Utilities such as gas and electric bills?
[Looking ahead over the next year, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about being able to pay for...]

Medical bills for you and your family?
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[Looking ahead over the next year, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about being able to pay for...]

Housing costs such as your rent or mortgage?
*

[Looking ahead over the next year, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned about being able to pay for...]

Your children's school fees and tuition?
*

Looking to the future, how concerned are you about being able to afford your children's college tuition--very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned?
*

Do you currently have some form of health insurance or health care coverage, or not?
*

In the last six months, has the amount of money you contribute to help pay for your health plan or the amount of your co-payment for a doctor's visit increased, decreased, or stayed the same?
*

Did you have health insurance coverage before, but lost it in the last six months?
*

Do all of your children currently have some form of health insurance or health care coverage, or not?
*

Did any of your children have health insurance coverage before, but lost it in the last six months?
*

Do all of your children currently have some form of health insurance or health care coverage, or not?
*
In the last six months, have you applied for S-CHIP, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or Medicaid for any of your children for the first time because of financial concerns?

* name = Q72
text =

In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession. Delayed or not taken any of your children to the doctor for a routine medical or well-child visit?

* name = Q73
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Delayed or not taken any of your children to a specialist for a specific medical problem?

* name = Q74
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Reduced or not purchased medications for any of your children?

* name = Q75
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Delayed or not taken any of your children for a dental visit for maintenance or a check-up?

* name = Q76
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Started to use school meal programs?

* name = Q77
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Started to cut back on any extra-curricular activities such as after-school programs or activities, after-school tutoring, or test preparation?

* name = Q78
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Rely on your family, friends, and neighbors more for food or financial assistance?

* name = Q79
text =

[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Started using food stamps, a community food pantry or a food bank?

* name = Q80
text =
[In the last six months, please tell me whether you have done any of the following because of the recession.] Started receiving food, clothing, or other assistance from a church or religious group?

* name = Q81
  text = In the last six months, have you made any changes to the kinds of food your children eat at home because of the recession? [IF YES, ASK:] Would you describe these changes as major changes or minor changes?

* name = Q82
  text = What changes have you made?

* name = Q83
  text = Have you already or do you expect to change your vacation plans this summer because of the recession?

* name = Q84
  text = As a result of what has happened to the economy lately, have you postponed making a major purchase, seriously considered doing so, or not seriously considered doing so?

* name = Q87
  text = Do you or does someone in your household receive child support or alimony payments?

* name = Q88
  text = In the past six months, have those payments increased, decreased or stayed the same?

* name = Q89
  text = How much has a reduction in child support or alimony payments contributed to the decrease in your total household income? Is it a major factor, a minor factor, or not at all a factor?

* name = Q90
  text = Has any aspect of the recession -- either financial difficulties in your household or things going on outside of your household -- caused you to spend more time with your children, less time with your children, or has the amount of time you spend with your children not changed?

* name = Q91
  text = Just for statistical purposes, we'd like to know if any of your children are in the following age ranges... Are any of your children under the age of 1?
Are any of your children between the ages of 1 and 4? *

Are any of your children between the ages of 5 and 10? *

Are any of your children between the ages of 11 and 14? *

Are any of your children between the ages of 15 and 18? *

In total, how many children under the age of 18 for whom you are the parent or guardian are living in this household? *

How many adults living in this household are directly responsible for caring or providing financially for the children? *

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? *

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? *

Did you vote in the 2008 presidential election, did something prevent you from voting, or did you choose not to vote? [IF VOTED, ASK:] Did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else? *

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?

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

How old are you?

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

What was the last grade in school you completed?

Did you complete the degree?

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

Are you White, Black, Asian, or some other race?

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

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

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

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.

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

Would you be willing to have a reporter call you back to discuss some of these issues?