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    5 Bering
    6 Hawaii

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1 Male
2 Female
9 DK/NA

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label = Interviewer's Race
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1 Caucasian
2 African-American
3 Hispanic
4 Other
9 DK/NA

* name = fdia
label = First Dial Result
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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
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Male
2 Female

* name = kapp
label = Was Ever Appointment
record = 1
column = 80
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?

How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 Presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

Do you favor or oppose Barack Obama for President?
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  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
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  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
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
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Obama/Biden
  2 McCain/Palin
  3 Other (Vol.)
  4 Won't vote (Vol.)
  5 Depends (Vol.)/Undecided
  6 Refused
  9 DK/NA
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, 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
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Obama
  2 McCain
  3 Won't vote (Vol.)
  4 Other
  9 DK/NA
text =
  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
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Mind made up
  2 Too early to say for sure
  9 DK/NA
text =
  (NOT ASKED IF ALREADY VOTED IN q4)
Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

*
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?

(ASKED IF SELECTED Obama OR McCain 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)?
3 Too old  
4 Won't finish term  
5 Can't deliver on promises  
6 Can't win  
7 Don't like VP/Biden/Palin  
8 Change positions on issues  
9 His race  
10 Risky  
11 Need more info  
12 Judgement/temperament  
13 Weak/not tough enough  
14 Can't handle attacks  
15 Foreign policy/nat'l security  
16 Bad campaign strategy  
17 Reverend Wright  
18 Not seen as patriotic  
19 Elitist/arrogant  
20 Funny name  
21 Seen as Muslim  
22 No military  
23 Not Hillary Clinton  
24 Policies too vague  
25 Like George W. Bush  
26 Michelle Obama  
27 Cindy McCain  
28 More of the same  
29 Too liberal  
30 Economic policy  
31 Not a good speaker  
32 Media bias  
33 Support for Iraq War  
34 Too conservative  
35 Debate performance  
36 Bill Ayers  
37 Past associations  
38 Not sure about him  
39 Age  
51 Economy  
96 Everything  
97 Nothing  
98 Other  
99 DK/NA  

(text =

(ASKED IF SELECTED Obama OR McCain IN q5)
What is your biggest concern, if any, about (Obama/McCain) as a candidate for President?)

*  
name = q11  
label = 4-part horse race  
record = 1  
column = 42  
width = 1  
mdl = 0
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 = q12  
label = Feel re Obama  
record = 1  
column = 43  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Excited  
2 Optimistic, not excited  
3 Concerned, not scared  
4 Scared  
9 Don't know/No answer  

If Barack Obama is elected as President, what best describes your feelings about what he will do in office 1. excited, 2. optimistic, but not excited, 3. concerned, but not scared, or 4. scared?

*  
name = q13  
label = Feel re McCain  
record = 1  
column = 44  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
1 Excited  
2 Optimistic, not excited
3 Concerned, not scared
4 Scared
9 Don't know/No answer

text =
If John McCain is elected as President, what best describes your feelings about what he will do in office 1. excited, 2. optimistic, but not excited, 3. concerned, but not scared, or 4. scared?

*
name = q14
label = Rep or Dem Congressman
record = 1
column = 45
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 = q15
label = Most Important Issue
record = 1
column = 46
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 = q18
  label = GWBush Job Approval
  record = 1
  column = 49
  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 = q19
  label = Right direction/Wrong track
  record = 1
  column = 50
  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 = q20
  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
  text = How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?
Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

* 

Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Joe Biden yet to have an opinion?

* 

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

Which party currently has more members in the U.S. House of representatives--the Republicans or the Democrats?

Do you think Barack Obama does or does not understand the needs and problems of people like yourself?
Do you think Barack Obama shares the values most Americans try to live by, or doesn't he?

* name = q32
  label = Obama Prepared
  record = 1
  column = 63
  width = 1
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
  labels =
    1 Has prepared
    2 Has not prepared
    9 DK/NA
  text =
    Do you think Barack Obama has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?

* name = q33
  label = Obama crisis
  record = 1
  column = 64
  width = 1
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
  labels =
    1 Confidence
    2 Uneasy
    9 DK/NA
  text =
    Do you have confidence in Barack Obama's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis or are you uneasy about his approach?

* name = q34
  label = Obama Commander-in-Chief
  record = 1
  column = 65
  width = 1
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
Regardless of how you intend to vote, how likely do you think it is that Barack Obama would be an effective commander-in-chief of the nation's military -- would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

* name = q35
label = Obama Political Philosophy
record = 1
column = 66
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Liberal
  2 Moderate
  3 Conservative
  9 DK/NA
text =
  Do you think of Barack Obama as more of a liberal, moderate, or a conservative?

* name = q36
label = Obama Appointments
record = 1
column = 67
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 A lot
  2 Some
  3 A little
  4 None at all
  9 DK/NA
text =
  How much confidence do you have in Barack Obama's ability to appoint qualified people to jobs in his Administration -- a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

* name = q38
label = McCain Understands Needs
Do you think John McCain does or does not understand the needs and problems of people like yourself?

* name = q39
label = McCain Shares Values

do you think John McCain shares the values most Americans try to live by, or doesn't he?

* name = q40
label = McCain Prepared

do you think John McCain has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?

* name = q41
label = McCain crisis

do you think John McCain has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?
Do you have confidence in John McCain's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis or are you uneasy about his approach?

Regardless of how you intend to vote, how likely do you think it is that John McCain would be an effective commander-in-chief of the nation's military -- would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

Do you think of John McCain as more of a liberal, moderate, or a conservative?
How much confidence do you have in John McCain's ability to appoint qualified people to jobs in his Administration -- a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

Thinking about the amount of information you have received about the candidates over the course of the presidential campaign, would you say you have received enough information to make an informed decision about who to support as president, or not?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?
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 = q52
label = Obama re Economy
record = 1
column = 93
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Better
  2 Worse
  3 No effect
  9 DK/NA

text = (NON-REGISTERED RESPONDENTS GO TO q85)
If Barack Obama is elected president do you think his policies would make the economy better, make the economy worse or wouldn't his policies have any effect on the economy?

* 
name = q53
label = Obama re Iraq
record = 1
column = 146
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Greater involvement
  2 Less involvement
  3 No effect
  9 DK/NA

text = If Barack Obama is elected president, do you think his policies will lead to greater U.S. military involvement in Iraq, less U.S. military involvement in Iraq or won't his policies have any effect on
U.S. military involvement in Iraq?

*  
name = q54  
label = Obama re Health Care  
record = 1  
column = 94  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
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labels = 
1 More people covered  
2 Fewer people covered  
3 No effect  
9 DK/NA  
text =  
If Barack Obama is elected president, do you think his policies would result in more people having health care coverage, fewer people having health care coverage or wouldn't his policies have any effect on health care coverage?

*  
name = q55  
label = Obama re Bipartisanship  
record = 1  
column = 95  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels = 
1 Will be able  
2 Will not  
9 Don't know/No answer  
text =  
If Barack Obama is elected president, do you think he will be able to work with members of both parties in order to get things done, or will he not be able to?

*  
name = q57  
label = Obama re Individual Taxes  
record = 1  
column = 97  
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 = q58  
label = Obama re Business Taxes  
record = 1  
column = 98  
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 big business, or wouldn't he do that?

*  
name = q59  
label = Obama re DC Politics  
record = 1  
column = 99  
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 bring about real change in the way things are done in Washington, or wouldn't he do that?

*  
name = q61  
label = McCain re Economy  
record = 1  
column = 101  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Better  
  2 Worse  
  3 No effect  
  9 DK/NA  
text =  
  If John McCain is elected president do you think his policies
would make the economy better, make the economy worse or wouldn't his policies have any effect on the economy?

*  
name = q62  
label = McCain re Iraq  
record = 1  
column = 102  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Greater involvement  
  2 Less involvement  
  3 No effect  
  9 DK/NA  
text =  
  If John McCain is elected president, do you think his policies will lead to greater U.S. military involvement in Iraq, less U.S. military involvement in Iraq or won't his policies have any effect on U.S. military involvement in Iraq?

*  
name = q63  
label = McCain re Health Care  
record = 1  
column = 103  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 More people covered  
  2 Fewer people covered  
  3 No effect  
  9 DK/NA  
text =  
  If John McCain is elected president, do you think his policies would result in more people having health care coverage, fewer people having health care coverage or wouldn't his policies have any effect on health care coverage?

*  
name = q64  
label = McCain re Bipartisanship  
record = 1  
column = 104  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Will be able
If John McCain is elected president, do you think he will be able to work with members of both parties in order to get things done, or will he not be able to?

*  
name =  q66  
label =  McCain re Individual Taxes  
record =  1  
column = 106  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Would  
  2 Would not  
  9 DK/NA  

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

*  
name =  q67  
label =  McCain re Business Taxes  
record =  1  
column = 107  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Would  
  2 Would not  
  9 DK/NA  

text =  
If he were elected President, do you think John McCain would raise taxes on big business, or wouldn't he do that?

*  
name =  q68  
label =  McCain re DC Politics  
record =  1  
column = 108  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Would  
  2 Would not  
  9 DK/NA
If he were elected President, do you think John McCain would bring about real change in the way things are done in Washington, or wouldn't he do that?

*  
name = q70  
label = McCain Continue GWB Policies  
record = 1  
column = 110  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Continue Bush policies  
  2 Not continue Bush policies  
  3 Some/not others (vol)  
  9 Don't know/No answer

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

*  
name = q72  
label = VP Choice Affect Vote  
record = 1  
column = 112  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 VP choices have influence  
  2 Vote on presidential candidates  
  9 Don't know/No answer

Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion?  
1. The Presidential candidates' choices for Vice President will have a great deal of influence on my vote. OR 2. I will vote based mostly on the presidential candidates, not on whom they choose for Vice President.

*  
name = q73  
label = Biden Prepared for VP  
record = 1  
column = 113  
width = 1  
md1 = 0  
md2 = 0  
labels =  
  1 Is prepared  
  2 Is not prepared
Do you think Joe Biden is prepared for the job of Vice President, or isn't he?

* 
name = q74
label = Palin Prepared for VP
record = 1
column = 114
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Is prepared
  2 Is not prepared
  9 DK/NA

Do you think Sarah Palin is prepared for the job of Vice President, or isn't she?

* 
name = q77
label = Importance McCain Win
record = 1
column = 117
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Extremely important
  2 Very important
  3 Somewhat important
  4 Not that important at all
  9 DK/NA

How important is it to you personally that John McCain wins the 2008 election for president -- is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important or not that important at all?

* 
name = q78
label = Importance Obama Win
record = 1
column = 118
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Extremely important
2 Very important
3 Somewhat important
4 Not that important at all
9 DK/NA

text =

   (ASKED IF SELECTED Obama IN q5)
   How important is it to you personally that Barack Obama
   wins the 2008 election for president -- is it extremely important,
   very important, somewhat important or not that important at all?

* name =   q79
label =  Seen Obama TV Ads
record = 1
column = 119
width =  1
md1 =    0
md2 =    0
labels =
         1 Yes
         2 No
         9 Don't know/No answer

text =

   Have you seen any commercials on television for Barack Obama?

* name =   q80
label =  Obama TV Ads Explain/Attack
record = 1
column = 120
width =  1
md1 =    0
md2 =    0
labels =
         1 Explain
         2 Attack
         3 Both (Vol.)
         9 Don't know/No answer

text =

   Did most of Barack Obama's television commercials that
   you saw explain what Barack Obama stands for, or did most of
   the commercials attack John McCain?

* name =   q81
label =  Seen McCain TV Ads
record = 1
column = 121
width =  1
md1 =    0
md2 =    0
Have you seen any commercials on television for John McCain?

Did most of John McCain's television commercials that you saw explain what John McCain stands for, or did most of the commercials attack Barack Obama?

In general, who do you think has a better chance of getting ahead in today's society -- white people, black people, or do white people and black people have about an equal chance of getting ahead?
labels =
  1 Would
  2 Would not
  9 DK/NA

text =
  Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential
candidate who is black, or not?

* name = q87
label = Iraq Right Thing
record = 1
column = 127
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Did the right thing
  2 Should have stayed out
  9 DK/NA
text =
  Looking back, do you think the United States did the right
thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S.
have stayed out?

* name = q88
label = Efforts in Iraq going well
record = 1
column = 145
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Very well
  2 Somewhat well
  3 Somewhat badly
  4 Very badly
  9 DK/NA
text =
  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?

* name = q89
label = Concern Job Loss
record = 1
column = 225
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
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 = q90
label = Family Finance vs 4 Yrs Ago
record = 1
column = 131
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Better off
  2 Worse off
  3 About the same
  9 DK/NA

text =
Is your family financially better off today than it was four years ago, worse off financially, or is it about the same as it was four years ago?

* 
name = q93
label = Personal 2008 Vote
record = 1
column = 134
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 First time voter
  2 Voted earlier in 2008
  3 Voted before
  9 DK/NA

text =
(NON-REGISTERED RESPONDENTS GO TO q98)
Which best describes you? 1. November 4th will be the first time you vote, or 2. You voted for the first time earlier in 2008 or 3. You have voted in elections before 2008.

* 
name = q94
label = Confidence Vote Count
record = 1
How much confidence do you have that the votes for president will be counted properly this November -- a lot, some, not much, or no confidence at all?

* 
name = q95 
label = Prevented from Voting 
record = 1 
column = 136 
width = 1 
md1 = 0 
md2 = 0 
labels = 
1 Very concerned
2 Somewhat concerned
3 Not very concerned
4 Not at all concerned

text = How concerned are you that you will encounter problems that might prevent you from voting or prevent your vote from being counted accurately -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

* 
name = q96 
label = Voting Method 
record = 1 
column = 152 
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 = 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 = nam  
label = Respondent's First Name  
record = 1  
column = 157  
width = 8  
type = character  
*  
name = q97  
label = Early Vote Method  
record = 1  
column = 164  
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  
5 Early voter - planning to vote (vol.)  
9 DK/NA  
text = When you voted, did you vote by mail or by turning in an absentee ballot, OR did you vote at an early voting location?

*  
name = votl  
label = Most recent vote  
record = 1  
column = 81  
width = 2  
labels =  
0 Never  
1 2008  
2 2007  
3 2006  
4 2005  
5 2004  
6 2003  
7 2002  
8 2001-1997  
12 Before 1997  
99 DK/NA  
text = 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?

* Kerry
2 Bush
3 Nader
4 Voted, won't say for whom (Vol.)
5 Didn't vote
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?

* name = prim
label = Primary/Caucus Vote
record = 1
column = 157
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Obama
2 Clinton
3 Someone else
4 Republican primary
5 Didn't vote
6 Never vote (Vol.)
9 Don't know/No answer

text = 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 = q98
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 =  q99  
label =  Served in Military  
record =  1  
column =  224  
width =  1  
md1 =  0  
md2 =  0  
labels =  
  1 Yes  
  2 No  
  9 DK/NA  

text =  
Have you yourself ever served in the U.S. armed forces, or in the U.S. reserves?

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

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

* 
name =  q100  
label =  Religious Attendance  
record =  1  
column =  153  
width =  1  
md1 =  0  
md2 =  0  
labels =  
  1 Every week  
  2 Almost every week  
  3 Once or twice a month  
  4 A few times a year  
  5 Never  
  9 DK/NA  

text =  
Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?
* name = evan
  label = Evangelical/Born Again
  record = 1
  column = 154
  width = 1
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
  labels =
    1 Yes
    2 No
    9 DK/NA
  text =
    Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

* name = reli
  label = Religion
  record = 1
  column = 150
  width = 1
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
  labels =
    1 Protestant (Please specify denomination)
    2 Catholic
    3 Jewish
    4 Other (Specify)
    5 None
    9 Don't know/ No answer
  text =
    What is your religious preference today?

* name = marr
  label = Marital Status
  record = 1
  column = 88
  width = 1
  md1 = 0
  md2 = 0
  labels =
    1 Married
    2 Widowed
    3 Divorced
    4 Separated
    5 Never been married
    9 DK/NA
  text =
    Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?
name = prty
label = Party ID
record = 1
column = 147
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Republican
2 Democrat
3 Independent
9 Don't know/No answer

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

name = ptyl
label = Party Lean
record = 1
column = 148
width = 1
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Republican
2 Democrat
9 Don't know/No answer

text =
Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican party or to the Democratic party?

name = pphl
label = political philosophy
record = 1
column = 149
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
1 Liberal
2 Moderate
3 Conservative
9 DK/NA

text =
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
**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:**  
How old are you?  

**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, PhD)  
9. Refused  

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

**Name:** hisp  
**Label:** hispanic  
**Record:** 1  
**Column:** 236  
**Width:** 1  
**MD1:** 0  
**MD2:** 0  
**Labels:**  

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18 Actual age between 18 and 98 (or over)  
98 Actual age between 18 and 98 (or over)  
99 Refused  

**Text:**  
How old are you?
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

text = 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 2007 UNDER or OVER $30,000?  
Was it under or over $15,000?  

*  
name = q101  
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 = q102  
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 = q103  
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
column = 240
width = 1
md1 = 0
md2 = 0
labels =
  1 Willing, talkative
  2 Willing, Not talkative
  3 Not willing

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

* 
name = web
label = Callback for Web
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, talkative
2 Willing, not talkative
3 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