

PRC MERGE FILE CODEBOOK

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Year/Month/Day of Survey (SURVEY)

yyyymmdd

This variable uniquely identifies each study in the merged dataset.

USE THIS VARIABLE TO SELECT PERIODS WITHIN THE SURVEY

FOR EXAMPLE "select if survey>20010911" to select surveys since 9/11/01 (use end date)

Survey Recode (Year)

yyyy

Divides merged dataset into distinct years, 1997-2003.

FIPS State Code (STATE)

Five Digit FIPS Code (FIPS)

MSA City Codes (MSA)

Respondent Area Code (AREA)

Respondent Identification (RID)

Completion Date of Interview (DATE)

mmddyy

DO NOT USE THIS VARIABLE TO SELECT PERIODS. THE NUMERICAL VALUES ARE NOT SEQUENTIAL SINCE MONTH COMES FIRST.

WEIGHT

WTDAT2

weight based on date 2 split

FORM

1	Form 1
2	Form 2

USRNUM

Census Region (CREGION) Labeled 'QMARKET' in SRBI datasets.

1	East
2	Midwest
3	South

4 West

Community Type (USR) *string variable*

U Urban
S Suburban
R Rural

Congressional District (CONGDIST) {Oct-96}

Sex (SEX)

1 Male
2 Female

Age (AGE)

'xx' 'xx' years
99 DK/Refused

Year of Birth (YOB) – Equals Survey year minus age.

Sociological Cohort (COHORT6) – Basic birth cohort groups. – see value labels.

1 Dead < 1913
2 Greatest 1913-1927
3 Silent 1928-1945
4 Boomer 1946-1964
5 Gen X 1965-1976
6 Gen Y 1977-

5 Periods 1997-2003 (PERIOD)

1 1997-1998
2 Presidential campaign period
3 Post election--pre 9/11
4 Post 9/11 period
5 Iraq war period

Marital (MARITAL)

0	Missing/not asked
1	Married
2	Divorced
3	Separated
4	Widowed
5	Never Married
6	Living with a partner
9	DK/Refused

Education (EDUC)

1	None
2	High School, incomplete
3	High School graduate
4	Business, Technical, Trade
5	Some College
6	College graduate
7	Post-graduate
9	DK/Refused

Race (RACE)

1	White
2	Black
3	Asian
4	Other/Mixed
9	DK/Refused

Hispanic (HISP)

1	Yes
2	No
9	DK/Refused

Employment (EMPLOY)

0	Missing/not asked
1	Full-time
2	Part-time
3	Not employed
9	DK/Refused

Employment of Spouse (EMPLOYSP)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time
- 3 Not employed
- 9 DK/Refused

Children Under 18 At Home (PARENT)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Veteran Status (VETERAN)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Yes, Respondent
- 2 Yes, Spouse
- 3 Yes, both
- 4 Yes, R still active
- 5 Yes, S still active
- 6 Yes, B still active
- 7 No
- 9 DK/Refused

Religion (RELIG)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Protestant
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Mormon
- 5 Orthodox Church
- 6 Islam/Muslim
- 7 Other
- 8 No religion/atheist
- 9 DK/Refused

Evangelical Self-Identification (BORN)

- 1 Question not asked on survey
- 0 Missing data due to skip pattern from RELIG (Jewish, Muslim, No religion)
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Dk/Refused

Attend Church Services (ATTEND)

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- 9 DK/Ref

Making it More Difficult for A Woman to Get an Abortion (ABORTION)

- 1 Strongly Favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly Oppose
- 9 DK/Ref (Vol)

Income (INCOME)

- 1 Less than \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000-\$19,999
- 3 \$20,000-\$29,999
- 4 \$30,000-\$39,999
- 5 \$40,000-\$49,999
- 6 \$50,000-\$74,999
- 7 \$75,000-\$99,999
- 8 \$100,000-\$149,999
- 9 \$150,000+
- 99 DK/Refused

Home Ownership (OWNRENT)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 3 Other Arrangement
- 9 DK/Refused

Labor Union Affiliation (LABOR)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Yes, Respondent
- 2 Yes, Spouse is
- 3 Yes, Both are
- 4 Neither are
- 9 DK/Ref

City Size (CITYSIZE)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Large City
- 2 Suburb
- 3 Small City or Town
- 4 Rural
- 9 DK/Ref

Presidential Approval (PRESAPP)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 DK

Presidential Approval in Economy (PRESECON)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 DK

Presidential Approval in Iraq (PRESIRAQ)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 DK

Presidential Approval in Terrorist Threats (PRESTERR)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 DK

GOP Congress Approval (CONGAPP)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 DK

Democratic Congress Approval (DEMAPP)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 DK

Party Identification -- *Straight* (PARTY)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 No Preference
- 5 Other
- 9 DK

Party Identification -- *Lean* (PARTYLN)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Lean Republican
- 2 Lean Democrat
- 9 Other/DK

Party Identification in 4 categories-(PARTY4)

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Other/No Preference/DK/Ref

Swing Voter votes (SWING)

- 1 Not registered
- 1 Certain Republican
- 2 Certain Democrat
- 3 Certain 3rd party
- 4 Favor Republican
- 5 Favor Democrat
- 6 Favor 3rd party candidate
- 7 Pure undecided

Voter Registration -- *Straight* (REGIST)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Not Sure

Voter Registration -- *Certain* (REGICERT)

- 1 Missing, Question not asked on survey
- 0 Missing, not asked because not registered, DK in REGIST.
- 1 Yes, Certain
- 2 Not Certain
- 9 DK/Ref

2004 Presidential Vote (PVOTE04)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Bush
- 2 Kerry
- 3 Other
- 4 Voted, don't remember for whom
- 5 Did not vote
- 8 Can't remember if voted
- 9 DK/Ref

2000 Presidential Vote (PVOTE00)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Gore
- 2 Bush
- 3 Nader
- 4 Buchanan
- 5 Other (VOL)
- 6 Voted, don't remember for whom
- 7 Didn't Vote/Too Young
- 8 Can't Remember if Voted
- 9 DK/Refused

1996 Presidential Vote (PVOTE96)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Clinton
- 2 Dole
- 3 Perot
- 4 Voted, don't remember for whom
- 5 Didn't Vote/Too Young
- 6 Other Candidate
- 8 Don't Remember if Voted
- 9 DK/Refused

NOTE: There may be some miscodes in values 5 thru 8 of the PVOTE96 variable. We have been unable to track down certain survey-to-survey variations in response categories.

1992 Presidential Vote (PVOTE92)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Bush
- 2 Clinton
- 3 Perot
- 4 Voted, don't remember for whom
- 5 Did not vote
- 9 Don't remember if voted

1988 Presidential Vote (PVOTE88)

- 1 Bush
- 2 Dukakis
- 3 Other
- 4 Voted, don't remember for whom
- 5 Did not vote
- 9 Can't remember if voted

2000 House Vote (HVOTE00)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other/Independent candidate
- 4 Didn't vote for Congress
- 9 DK/Refused

1998 House Vote (HVOTE98)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other/Independent candidate
- 4 Didn't vote for Congress
- 9 DK/Refused

1996 House Vote (HVOTE96)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other/Independent candidate
- 4 Didn't vote for Congress
- 9 DK/Refused

1994 House Vote (HVOTE94)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other/Independent candidate
- 4 Didn't vote for Congress
- 5 Voted but don't remember for whom (7/96 religion)
- 9 DK/Refused

Dem-Rep Average 1992-2000 Presidential Vote Margin (MARGIN1)

Presidential Cote By County 1992-2000

- 1 Strong Democrat County
- 2 Weak Democrat County
- 3 Weak GOP county
- 4 Strong GOP county

Online User (ONLINE)

- 1 Missing/not asked on survey
- 0 Missing (Not a computer user)
- 1 Yes, online
- 2 No, not online
- 9 DK/Refused

NOTE: In Nov 98 (19981119), July 01 (20010722) and April 03 (20030407) the ONLINE question is asked without a filter from computer use. These should be excluded from trend analyses.

ALSO to analyze Online vs. Not Online, be sure to include codes 0,2,9 as "Not Online".

Satisfaction With State of Nation (SATISFY)

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 9 DK/Refused

Age Recode (AGE2)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 18-29
- 2 30-49
- 3 50-64
- 4 65+
- 9 DK/Refused

Education Recode (EDUC2)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Less than High School
- 2 High School Grad
- 3 Some College
- 4 College Graduate
- 9 DK/Refused

Income Recode (INCOME2)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Under \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000-\$29,999
- 3 \$30,000-\$49,999
- 4 \$50,000-\$74,999
- 5 \$75,000 and higher
- 9 DK/Refused

Income Recode 1992 (INCOME92)

- 1 Less than \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000-\$14,999
- 3 \$15,000-\$19,999
- 4 \$20,000-\$29,999
- 5 \$30,000-\$49,999
- 6 \$50,000+
- 9 DK/Ref

Party Identification Recode -- *Summary* (PARTYSUM)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Republican/Lean Republican
- 2 Democratic/Lean Democratic
- 3 Independent
- 9 Refused to Lean

Worried Soon Be Another Terrorist Attack (ATTACK)

- 1 Very worried
- 2 Somewhat worried
- 3 Not too worried
- 4 Not at all worried
- 9 DK/Ref

Followed News on Iraq Debate (IRAQNII)

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Very Closely
- 2 Fairly Closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely
- 9 DK/Refused

Thought About Use of Military Force in Iraq (IRAQTHNK) *This is a pre-war question.*

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 A Great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Only a little
- 4 None at all
- 9 DK/Refused

Favor or Oppose Military Force in Iraq (IRAQ) *This is a pre-war question.*

- 0 Missing/ not asked
- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 9 DK/Refused

Favor or Oppose Military Force Contingent on Allies (IRAQALLY) *a pre-war question.*

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Attack only if allies agree
- 2 Attack even if allies won't join
- 9 DK/Refused

Right/Wrong decision to use force in Iraq (IRAQRGT) *This is a post-war question.*

- 0 Missing/not asked
- 1 Right decision
- 2 Wrong decision
- 9 DK/Refused

How well is US military effort in Iraq going? (IRAQWELL) *This is a post-war question.*

- 0 Missing/Not asked
- 1 Very well
- 2 Fairly well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well
- 9 DK/Refused

Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible? (IRAQKEEP)
This is a post-war question.

- 0 Missing/Not asked
- 1 Keep troops in Iraq
- 2 Bring troops home
- 9 DK/Refused

FAVORABILITY ITEMS -- People and Organizations

Variables: BUSH (George W. Bush)
CHENEY (Dick Cheney)
CLINTON (Bill Clinton)
KERRY (John Kerry) **8 can't rate 9 Refused
LAURA (Laura Bush)
HILLARY (Hillary Clinton)
GINGRICH (Newt Gingrich)
GORE (Al Gore)
CONGRESS (Congress)
DEMPTY (Democratic Party)
REPPTY (Republican Party)
MCCAIN (John McCain)
OBAMA (Barack Obama)
DOLE & PEROT ADDED IN 1996

0 Missing/not asked
1 Very favorable
2 Mostly favorable
3 Mostly unfavorable
4 Very unfavorable
5 (Vol) Never heard of
9 (Vol) Can't rate

News Interest in Election (NIICAMP)

1 Very closely
2 Fairly closely
3 Not too closely
4 Not at all closely
9 DK/Refused

Red/Blue States-(STATEV3)

1 Democratic states
2 Republican states
3 Swing states

Personal Ideology Rating (IDEO)

0 Missing/Not asked
1 Very conservative
2 Conservative
3 Moderate
4 Liberal
5 Very liberal
9 DK/Refused

How often respondent votes (OFTVOTE)

- 1 Always
- 2 Nearly always
- 3 Part of the time
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never (Vol)
- 6 Other (Vol)
- 9 DK/Refused

Thought about presidential/congressional election (THOUGHT)

- 0 Missing/Not asked
- 1 Quite a lot
- 2 Some (Vol)
- 3 Only a little
- 4 None (Vol)
- 9 Can't say

Likely Voter Index (LVS)

NOTE: This variable is available from June to November of 2000. In our analyses of likely voters in that period, we projected a 50% of GP turnout rate, and selected the top 50% of scores on the LVS for analysis. On a typical survey, that would mean creating a weight variable that was equal to 1*WEIGHT for respondents in LVS category 5, and some decimal* WEIGHT for LVS category 4, and 0*WEIGHT for respondents in LVS categories zero thru 3. Keep in mind that in the Nov pre-election survey LVS ranges from 0-7.

This variable is also available from Sept-Nov of 1996.

***LVS1 and LVS2 variables also in dataset**

2000 Voting intentions (HEAT2 / HEAT4 AND DETAILS)

HEAT2 From Sept 1998 through July 2000, the trial-heat question was a straight matchup between Gore and Bush.

HEAT2A *Initial question:* "Suppose the 2000 election were being held TODAY and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat and George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?" **[NO ROTATION OF NAMES] [IN JUNE AND JULY, THIS QUESTION FOLLOWED HEAT4 AS FOLLOWS:** "Suppose there were only two major candidates for president and you had to choose between..."

(Jan-Mar 1996)

2000 ELECTION

1 Republican

1996 ELECTION

1 Republican

2	Democrat	2	Democrat
3	Other candidate	3	Other candidate
9	Undecided/Refused	9	Undecided/Refused

HEAT2B *Leaner question:* “As of today, do you lean more to...”

- 1 Lean Republican
- 2 Lean Democrat
- 3 Lean Other
- 9 Undecided/Refused

HEAT2C *Strength question:* “Do you support _____ strongly, or only moderately?”

- 1 Strongly
- 2 Moderately
- 9 Can’t say

HEAT2 Recoded as follows:

- 1 Republican/Lean Republican
- 2 Democrat/Lean Democrat
- 9 Other/DK

HEAT4 Starting in June 2000, the trial-heat question added Nader and Buchanan as options. (HEAT2 and HEAT4 are both asked on the June and July 2000 surveys).

ROTATION NOTE: In early-Oct, mid-Oct, late-Oct and Nov election surveys, the order of Bush/Gore is rotated. On Form 1, Gore precedes Bush, on Form 2, Bush precedes Gore. There is no rotation of Nader & Buchanan (Nader is 3rd from Sept thru Nov, Buchanan is 3rd from June thru July). In June, July, and Sept there is no rotation of Bush/Gore.

HEAT4A *Initial question:* “Suppose the 2000 election were being held TODAY, WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE Democratic ticket of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Green Party ticket headed by Ralph Nader, or for the Reform Party ticket headed by Pad Buchanan?”

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 3rd Party
- 4 4th Party
- 8 Other candidate (Vol)
- 9 Don’t know/Refused

HEAT4B *Leaner question:* “As of today, do you lean more to...”

- 1 Lean Republican
- 2 Lean Democrat
- 3 Lean 3rd Party
- 4 Lean 4th Party
- 8 Lean other
- 9 Don’t know/Ref

HEAT4C *Strength question:* “Do you support _____ strongly, or only moderately?”

- 1 Strongly
- 2 Only moderately
- 9 Don’t know/Refused

HEAT4 Recoded as follows:

- 1 Republican/Lean Republican
- 2 Democrat/Lean Democrat
- 3 3rd Party/Lean 3rd party
- 4 4th Party/Lean 4th party
- 9 Don’t know/Other

HEAT3 1996 Election includes Perot on list

HEAT3A *Initial question:* “Suppose the 1996 election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Bill Clinton, the Democrat; Bob Dole, the Republican, and Ross Perot, an independent. Who would you vote for?”

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 3rd Party
- 4 Other (Vol.)
- 9 DK/Refused

HEAT3B *Leaner question:* “As of today, do you lean more to...”

- 1 Republican/Lean Republican
- 2 Democrat/Lean Democrat
- 3 3rd Party/Lean 3rd party
- 4 Other (Vol)
- 9 DK/Refused

HEAT3C *Strength question: “Do you support _____ strongly, or only moderately?”*

- 0 Other/Undecided
- 1 Strongly
- 2 Moderately
- 9 Can’t say

HEAT3 Recoded as follows:

- 1 Republican/Lean Republican
- 2 Democrat/Lean Democrat
- 3 3rd Party/Lean 3rd party
- 9 Other/DK

ATTEMPT Call attempt

CHEAT Congressional trial heat-Combined

- 1 Republican/Lean Republican
- 2 Democrat/Lean Democrat
- 3 Other/Lean other
- 9 DK/No lean

CHEATA Congressional trial heat - Initial question
If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other (Vol)
- 9 DK/Ref (Vol)

CHEATB Congressional trial heat - Leaner follow up
As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

- 1 Lean Republican
- 2 Lean Democrat
- 9 DK/Ref

CHANCED IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE GORE IN Q.8, ASK: “Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Al Gore in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?”

- 0 Preference for (Democrat)
- 1 Chance might vote for (Democrat)
- 2 Decided not to vote for (Democrat)
- 9 Can’t say

CHANCER IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE BUSH IN Q.8, ASK: “Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for George W. Bush in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?”

- 0 Preference for (Republican)
- 1 Chance might vote for (Republican)
- 2 Decided not to vote for (Republican)
- 9 Can’t say

CHANCE3 IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE PEROT IN Q.8 ASK: “Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Ross Perot in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?”

- 0 Preference for (Independent)
- 1 Chance might vote for (Independent)
- 2 Decided not to vote for (Independent)
- 9 Can’t say

PLANTO1 Do you, yourself, plan to vote in the election this November?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK/Ref

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote?

- 0 Don’t plan to vote
- 1 Absolutely certain
- 2 Fairly certain
- 3 Not certain
- 9 DK/Ref

POP 2000 Census Population

POP 18 2000 Census 18+ Population

FOLGOV Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time...

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only now and then
- 4 Hardly at all
- 5 DK/Ref (Vol)

SCALE10 Next, I'd like you to rate your chances of voting in the election this November on a scale of 10 to 1. If 10 represents a person who DEFINITELY will vote and 1 represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

PRECINCT Do you know where people vote in your precinct?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK/Ref

Weight (WEIGHT)

Use this weight for analysis. This weight is standardized across all surveys with a mean of 1.00 for each survey.

RVMARK Dummy Variable for Election surveys in which all non-weight demographics (all but sex, age, educ, hisp, race) are based on RVs only.
IF YOU ARE CONDUCTING ANY DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS BASED ON THE TOTAL POPULATION, YOU WANT TO SELECT IF RVMARK=0 TO EXCLUDE SURVEYS THAT ARE RV ONLY. (UNLESS YOU ARE LOOKING ONLY AT AGE, SEX, RACE, HISP, EDUC, REGION, WHICH ARE ASKED OF ALL EVEN IN THE RV-ONLY SURVEYS.

- 0 Full sample, based on total.
- 1 Rvs only, all demos except sex, age, educ, hisp, race based on RVs only
- 2 Rvs only, including all demographics

RLMARK Dummy Variable for Omnibus surveys in which the RELIG and RACE variables may not be trendable, due to differences in question phrasing by our omnibus contractor.

IF YOU ARE CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN RELIGION OR RACE, WE RECOMMEND SELECTING IF RLMARK=0 TO EXCLUDE THESE POTENTIAL OUTLIERS. IF YOU ARE USING RELIGION AS AN INDEPENDENT VARIABLE/ANALYSIS POINT, THIS STEP IS NOT NECESSARY, AS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF UNDUE MISMEASUREMENT.

- 0 Relig Q-note variation in early years
- 1 Omnibus survey, race and religion variable phrased slightly differently.
Muslim/Other different-not trendable
- 2 Religion survey format recoded-caution with trends

REELECT Looking ahead, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected president in 2004 or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?

- 1 Bush reelected
- 2 Prefer Democrat
- 9 Not sure (Vol)

ENVIRO Which comes closer to your view [**READ IN ORDER**]?

- 1 Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy, [OR]
- 2 Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost
- 3 Neither/Both equally (**VOL.**)
- 9 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

YOURFINANCE How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

- 1 Excellent shape
- 2 Good shape
- 3 Only fair shape
- 4 Poor shape
- 9 Don't know/Refused

GAYMAR Do you favor or oppose allowing gays to marry

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 favor
- 3 oppose
- 4 strongly oppose
- 9 Don't Know/Refused

IRAQTIME Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

- 1 Should set a timetable
- 2 Should not set a timetable
- 3 Should get out now
- 9 Don't Know/Refused

THOUGHTPRES How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 None at all
- 9 DK/Ref (**VOL.**)

RELIG2 (RPS Religions question)

What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

- 1 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic (Catholic)
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
- 4 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
- 5 Jewish (Judaism)
- 6 Muslim (Islam)
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist (do not believe in God)
- 10 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
- 11 Something else (**VOL -- SPECIFY**)
- 12 Nothing in particular
- 13 Christian (**VOL.**)
- 14 Unitarian (Universalist) (**VOL.**)
- 99 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

ECON How would you rate the economic conditions in this country today... as?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- 9 DK/Refused (**VOL.**)

ECON.NEXT.YR

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Better |
| 2 | Worse |
| 3 | Same |
| 9 | DK/Refused (VOL.) |

FAMILY.FINANCE

Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Improve a lot |
| 2 | Improve some |
| 3 | Get a little worse |
| 4 | Get a lot worse |
| 5 | Stay the same (VOL.) |
| 9 | DK/Refused (VOL.) |

HAVENOTS1

Do you think of America as divided into haves and have-nots or don't you think of America that way?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Yes, divided into "haves" and "have-nots" |
| 2 | No |
| 9 | DK/Refused (VOL.) |

HAVENOTS2

If you had to choose, which of these groups are you in, the haves or the have-nots?

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Haves |
| 2 | Have-nots |
| 3 | Neither |
| 9 | DK/Refused (VOL.) |

DENSITY

Recoded population density

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 1 | Lowest |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |

5 Highest

FCALL

Date of first call attempt
YMMDD

INTSEX

Interviewer sex

1 Male
2 Female

INTHISP

Interviewer race

1 Yes
2 No
9 DK/Refused (**VOL.**)

INTRACE

Interviewer race

1 White
2 Black
3 Hispanic
4 Asian

2008 Presidential Vote (PVOTE08)

0 Missing/not asked
1 Obama
2 McCain
3 Other
4 Voted, don't remember for whom
5 Did not vote
8 Can't remember if voted
9 DK/Ref

SAMPLE

Landline or cell sample

1 Landline
2 Cell

PHONEUSE

Telephone status and usage

0

1 Landline

2 Dual- all or almost all calls on home phone

3 Dual- some calls on cell phone, some on home phone

4 Dual- all or almost all calls on cell phone

5 Dual- unknown usage

6 Cell phone only

7 Landline, unknown cell

8 Cell, unknown landline

ZIPCODE

Respondent's self-reports zipcode