

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
NOVEMBER 2012 POST-ELECTION SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
November 8-11, 2012
N=1,206 Voters

ASK ALL:

Q.1 A lot of people have been telling us they didn't get a chance to vote in this presidential election. How about you... did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

Nov 8-11

2012

100

Yes, voted - **CONTINUE WITH INTERVIEW; SKIP TO Q.2**No, did not vote - **GO TO Q.1b**Don't remember - **THANK RESPONDENT AND END**Refused - **THANK RESPONDENT AND END****ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

Nov 8-11

2012

43

Satisfied

53

Dissatisfied

4

Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

Nov

2008

20

Nov

2004

51

Nov

2000

46

Nov

1996

51

42

7

7

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Now, thinking about the recent election...

Q.3 Did you happen to vote for **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OBAMA AND ROMNEY FIRST AND RANDOMIZE JOHNSON AND STEIN LAST WHERE APPLICABLE]** for president?
[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: Do not need to read entire list if respondent indicates for whom he or she voted]

Nov 8-11

2012¹

47

Mitt Romney

51

Barack Obama

1

Gary Johnson ²

*

Jill Stein

1

Other candidate/Don't know/Can't remember/Refused **(VOL.)**

¹ The survey was weighted to approximately reflect the margin of the election results.

² Johnson and Stein were only asked of respondents who live in a state where that candidate was on the ballot.

ASK IF RESPONDENT CHOSE ROMNEY (Q.3=1):

Q.4 Would you say that your vote was more a vote FOR Mitt Romney or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

ASK IF RESPONDENT CHOSE OBAMA (Q.3=2):

Q.5 Would you say that your vote was more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

BASED ON ALL VOTERS [N=1206]:

Nov 8-11

2012

47	<u>Romney Supporters</u>
28	Pro-Romney
18	Anti-Obama
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
51	<u>Obama Supporters</u>
40	Pro-Obama
9	Anti-Romney
1	Don't know /Refused (VOL.)
2	Other/ Don't know /Can't Remember/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.6 What one word best describes your reaction to Barack Obama winning the presidential election this year? Just the one word that best describes your reaction. **[OPEN-END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE ONCE ONLY WITH "JUST THE FIRST REACTION YOU HAD" IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW" INITIALLY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION.]**

Obama voters

Nov 8-11

2012

134	Relief/Relieved
106	Happy/Happiness
41	Excited
39	Satisfied
26	Elated
24	Pleased
23	Glad
21	Great
19	Good
16	Ecstatic
14	Thrilled
9	Expected
9	Hope/Hopeful
9	Yes/Yeah
8	Grateful
8	Surprised
7	Delighted
6	Thank God
6	Wonderful
5	Hooray
4	Fantastic
4	Overjoyed
4	Unsurprised

[N=623]**Romney voters**

Nov 8-11

2012

182	Disappointed/Disappointment
35	Disgusted
14	Shocked
12	Surprised
11	Fear
11	Sad
10	Depressed
10	Devastated
9	Unhappy
9	Upset
7	Expected
7	Horrible/Horrified
7	Unsurprised
6	Disaster/Disastrous
6	Dissatisfied
6	Dismay/Dismayed
6	Sick/Sickening
5	Angry
5	Frustrated
5	OK
4	Concerned
4	Discouraged
4	Hope/Hopeful
4	Resigned
4	Terrible

[N=514]

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

Q.6 TREND FOR COMPARISON....**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1)**

What one word best describes your reaction to Barack Obama winning the presidential election this year? Just the one word that best describes your reaction. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE ONLY IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW".]

Obama voters

Nov 2008	
87	Happy
71	Hope/Hopeful
53	Excited
46	Ecstatic
44	Elated
44	Relieved
35	Great
32	Change
30	Pleased
27	Satisfied
21	Good
20	Historic
19	Thrilled
13	Surprised
10	Glad
10	Joy
9	Amazed
8	Proud
7	Awesome
7	Fantastic
7	Optimistic
6	Delighted
6	Hallelujah
6	Jubilant
6	Thankful
5	Exhilarated
5	OK
5	Shocked
5	Wonderful
5	Wow
4	Excellent
4	Not surprised

McCain voters

Nov 8-11 2008	
139	Disappointed
30	Not surprised
27	Expected
21	Surprised
18	Hope/Hopeful
18	Scared
15	Fear/Fearful
11	Historic
10	Satisfied
10	Shocked
9	Concerned
8	Fine
7	Disgusted
7	OK
6	Terrified
6	Worried
5	Apprehensive
5	Good luck
5	Happy
4	Afraid
4	Disbelief
4	Dismay
4	Good
4	Indifferent
4	Nervous
4	Not happy
4	Sad

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

NO QUESTIONS 7-8

ASK FORM 1 WHO VOTED (Q.1=1) [N=572]:

Q.9F1 What one issue mattered most to you in deciding how you voted for president? [OPEN END: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; PROBE FOR CLARITY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]

Nov <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
35	Economy/Jobs	38	14
11	Health care/Obamacare	4	3
5	Debt/Deficit	--	--
4	Abortion	4	3
4	Taxes	6	1
3	Women's issues/rights	--	--
3	Social Security/Medicare	--	--
3	Honesty/Integrity/Trust	1	5
3	Direction of the country	1	3
3	Helping middle class/Regular people	1	--
2	Chance to finish job/Continuity	--	--
2	Foreign policy	2	2
2	Social issues	--	--
2	Government spending	--	--
2	Immigration	--	--
1	Gay marriage/Marriage	--	--
1	Education	1	1
1	Moral values	2	9
1	Supreme Court	1	1
1	Other Obama (Kerry in 04)	2	4
1	Energy/Energy prices	--	--
14	Other	n/a	n/a
6	Don't know/Nothing/Everything	8	5

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK FORM 2 WHO VOTED (Q.1=1) [N=634]:

Q.10F2 Which of these best describes your opinion: [READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]?

	The economy <u>is recovering</u>	The economy is not yet recovering <u>but will recover soon</u>	It will be a long time before the <u>economy recovers</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 8-11, 2012	32	18	47	3

NO QUESTION 11

ASK IF CHOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.3 (Q.3=1-5):

Q.12 When did you make up your mind definitely to vote for [IF Q.3=1: "Mitt Romney;" IF Q.3=2 "Barack Obama;" IF Q.3=3: "Gary Johnson;" IF Q.3=4: "Jill Stein," IF Q.3=5: "The candidate of your choice"]? [OPEN END. DO NOT READ PRECODES. INTERVIEWER: GET TIME AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE]

BASED ON ALL VOTERS:

Nov 8-11 2012		Nov 2004	Nov 2000	Nov 1996	Nov 1992	Nov 1988
4	On Election Day	4	5	6	9	6
1	On Monday (day before the election)	1	2	3	4	3
1	Over the last weekend	1	2	2	4	2
2	In the last week	3	5	6	8	4
11	Debate period (NET)	12	20	3	13	20
10	<i>During or just after the Presidential debates</i>	11	17	--	12	--
1	<i>After the Vice Presidential debate</i>	1	3	--	1	--
9	In September, before debates/after the Conventions	6	9	12	6	16
10	Convention period (NET)	7	7	8	12	15
9	<i>During or after the Republican Convention</i>	1	4	--	--	--
1	<i>During or after the Democratic Convention</i>	6	3	--	--	--
16	This year, before the summer, during or just after the primaries	23	21	13	18	19
41	Before 2012	38	20	39	12	9
0	Other	0	--	*	8	--
4	Don't know/Refused	2	3	2	1	2
1	Don't remember who voted for	4	6	6	5	4

NO QUESTIONS 13-17**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.18 Now that the campaign is over, how satisfied were you with the choice of presidential candidates? Would you say that you were [READ IN ORDER]? [IF RESPONDENT HAS DIFFICULTY, PROBE ONCE WITH: Just overall, how satisfied were you with the choice of candidates in this election?]

Nov 8-11 2012		Nov 2008	Nov 2004	Nov 2000	Nov 1996	Nov 1992	Nov 1988
37	Very satisfied	39	33	24	18	24	26
33	Fairly satisfied	28	33	44	33	37	36
16	Not very satisfied	17	16	18	24	21	20
12	Not at all satisfied	14	16	9	22	16	17
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	5	3	2	1

NO QUESTION 19**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.20 During this campaign, did you feel you learned enough about the candidates and the issues to make an informed choice between Romney and Obama, OR did you find it difficult to choose because you felt you did not learn enough from the campaign?

Nov 8-11 2012		Nov 2008	Nov 2004	Nov 2000	Nov 1996	Nov 1992	Nov 1988
87	Learned enough to make an informed choice	85	86	83	75	77	59
11	Did not learn enough from the campaign	14	13	15	23	20	39
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	2	2	3	2

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.21 How helpful were the presidential debates to you in deciding which candidate to vote for? Would you say they were **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Nov 8-11 2012		Nov 2008	Nov 2004	Nov 2000	Nov 1996	Nov 1992	Nov 1988
29	Very helpful	28	24	25	13	31	13
37	Somewhat helpful	39	38	37	28	39	35
14	Not too helpful	17	14	14	23	11	24
17	Not at all helpful	14	19	16	25	13	25
3	Did not watch the debates (VOL.)	2	4	7	10	5	3
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	1	1	1	*

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.22 Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, or Fail to describe the quality of their work. Looking back over the campaign, what grade would you give to each of the following groups for the way they conducted themselves in the campaign? First... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS; ITEM h FULL FORM]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: What grade—A, B, C, D, or Fail would you give to [ITEM] for the way they/he conducted themselves/himself in the campaign?]**

	A	B	C	D	E	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=572]:						
a.F1 The campaign consultants						
Nov 8-11, 2012	11	23	27	10	6	22
November, 2008	12	27	29	7	6	19
November, 2004	7	31	29	9	5	19
November, 2000	5	26	29	8	5	27
November, 1996	4	18	33	11	8	26
November, 1992	7	26	31	7	4	25
November, 1988	5	20	37	14	8	16
b.F1 The Republican Party						
Nov 8-11, 2012	9	29	29	15	15	3
November, 2008	5	23	38	19	14	1
November, 2004	17	33	24	12	12	2
November, 2000	10	35	31	10	9	5
November, 1996	4	23	39	18	13	3
November, 1992	4	25	34	18	15	4
November, 1988	11	34	31	12	10	2
c.F1 The Democratic Party						
Nov 8-11, 2012	20	34	18	12	15	1
November, 2008	26	43	17	6	7	1
November, 2004	9	28	37	16	9	1
November, 2000	14	33	30	11	8	4
November, 1996	12	36	29	11	9	3
November, 1992	18	40	26	6	6	4
November, 1988	7	26	45	13	7	2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=634]:

d.F2 The pollsters						
Nov 8-11, 2012	16	27	27	10	9	11
November, 2008	20	31	23	6	8	12
November, 2004	16	26	33	9	8	8
November, 2000	7	22	28	15	14	14
November, 1996	11	23	29	11	10	16
November, 1992	15	31	27	9	6	12
November, 1988	13	29	29	12	11	6

Q.22 CONTINUED...

		A	B	C	D	E	(VOL.) DK/Ref
e.F2	The press						
	Nov 8-11, 2012	8	23	29	12	26	2
	November, 2008	9	25	26	15	24	1
	November, 2004	8	24	32	19	16	1
	November, 2000	6	22	31	18	20	3
	November, 1996	6	22	33	19	18	2
	November, 1992	11	25	29	16	15	4
	November, 1988	8	22	33	19	16	2
f.F2	Barack Obama						
	Nov 8-11, 2012	25	32	16	8	18	1
	November, 2008	45	30	14	5	5	1
	November, 2004 <i>Kerry</i>	15	31	25	13	14	2
	November, 2000 <i>Gore</i>	17	36	25	10	10	2
	November, 1996 <i>Clinton</i>	20	37	22	8	11	2
	November, 1992 <i>Clinton</i>	26	38	21	7	5	3
	November, 1988 <i>Dukakis</i>	9	29	40	13	7	1
g.F2	Mitt Romney						
	Nov 8-11, 2012	13	31	23	15	17	1
	November, 2008 <i>McCain</i>	10	30	35	14	10	1
	November, 2004 <i>Bush</i>	22	34	22	10	11	1
	November, 2000 <i>Bush</i>	15	37	27	10	9	2
	November, 1996 <i>Dole</i>	7	26	34	20	12	1
	November, 1992 <i>Bush, Sr</i>	4	26	33	18	16	3
	November, 1988 <i>Bush, Sr</i>	15	34	26	13	11	1

ASK ALL:

h.	The voters						
	Nov 8-11, 2012	23	27	22	10	13	6
	November, 2008	33	31	18	6	8	4
	November, 2004	30	30	20	7	8	5
	November, 2000	22	31	25	7	4	11
	November, 1996	12	27	29	13	10	9
	November, 1992	32	29	20	5	5	9
	November, 1988	18	31	28	10	7	6

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.23 How helpful were the campaign commercials to you in deciding which candidate to vote for? Would you say they were **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Nov 8-11 2012		Nov 2008 ³	Nov 2004	Nov 2000	Nov 1996	Nov 1992
9	Very helpful	9	6	6	4	10
15	Somewhat helpful	23	19	23	21	28
18	Not too helpful	26	22	24	27	28
54	Not at all helpful	40	48	42	46	31
3	Didn't see any (VOL.)	2	4	--	--	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	5	2	3

³ In 2008 and earlier, question asked about "candidates' commercials."

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.24 Compared with past presidential elections, would you say there was more discussion of issues in this campaign or less discussion of issues?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
38	More	57	47	46	25	59
51	Less	34	42	36	65	34
6	Same (VOL.)	6	7	13	6	4
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	5	4	3

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.25 Compared with past presidential elections, would you say there was MORE mudslinging or negative campaigning or LESS mudslinging or negative campaigning?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
68	More	54	72	34	49	68
19	Less	27	14	46	36	16
11	Same (VOL.)	16	12	16	12	14
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	2	4	3	2

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.26 How did you get most of your news about the presidential election campaign? From **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ONE ADDITIONAL "Was there a second source you used frequently?"]**

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
67	Television	68	76	70	72	82
27	Newspapers	33	46	39	60	57
20	Radio	16	22	15	19	12
3	Magazines	3	6	4	11	9
47	Internet	36	21	11	3	--
3	Other (VOL.)	2	2	1	4	6
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	*	1	1

ASK IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q26:

Q.26a On television, did you get most of your campaign news from **[READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 7 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]**

BASED ON ALL VOTERS:

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
23	The Fox News Cable Channel	22	21
18	CNN Cable news	21	15
9	MSNBC Cable news	9	6
11	Local news programming	10	12
8	ABC Network news	7	11
7	NBC Network news	8	13
6	CBS Network news	6	9
2	Other (VOL.)	3	2
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	5

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1) EXCEPT THOSE WHO ANSWERED '5' INTERNET IN Q.26:

Q.26b Did you happen to get any news or information about the 2012 elections online on a computer, tablet, cell phone or other device, or not?

BASED ON ALL VOTERS:

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u> ⁴	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>
20	Yes	20	20	19	7
33	No	44	59	70	90
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	0	*	*
47	Answered 'Internet' in Q.26	36	21	11	3
67	<i>NET: Got news online</i>	56	41	30	10

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.27 How much influence do you think news organizations had on the outcome of this year's presidential election... too much, too little or about the right amount?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
48	Too much	46	43	53	47	46
6	Too little	3	7	4	4	2
42	About the right amount	48	45	39	46	49
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	5	4	3	3

RANDOMIZE Q.28 AND Q.29**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.28 Would you say the press has been fair or unfair in the way it has covered Barack Obama's election campaign?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	<i>Kerry</i> Nov <u>2004</u>	<i>Gore</i> Nov <u>2000</u>	<i>Clinton</i> Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
60	Fair	67	65	71	73	77
36	Unfair	30	31	24	24	19
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	5	3	4

RANDOMIZE Q.28 AND Q.29**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.29 Would you say the press has been fair or unfair in the way it has covered Mitt Romney's election campaign?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		<i>McCain</i> Nov <u>2008</u>	<i>Bush</i> Nov <u>2004</u>	<i>Dole</i> Nov <u>2000</u>	<i>Bush, Sr.</i> Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
54	Fair	53	56	65	65	61
43	Unfair	44	40	30	32	35
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	5	3	4

⁴ In 2008 and earlier, question read "Did you happen to get any or information about the 2008 elections from the internet, or not?"

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Generally...

Q.30 Are you happy or unhappy that Barack Obama was reelected president?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		<i>Bush Clinton</i>		
		Nov <u>2008</u> ⁵	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>
52	Happy	58	53	53
45	Unhappy	35	43	42
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	4	5

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):Q.31 Thinking ahead to the next four years, which is more likely to happen? Do you think... **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		<i>Obama Bush Clinton</i>		
		<u>1ST</u> Nov <u>2008</u> ⁶	<u>2nd</u> Nov <u>2004</u>	<u>2nd</u> Nov <u>1996</u>
56	Barack Obama will have a SUCCESSFUL second term	67	61	58
37	Barack Obama will have an UNSUCCESSFUL second term	22	29	37
*	Neither (VOL.)	1	1	1
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	9	4

RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.32 Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nov 8-11, 2012	(VOL.)		
	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	52	42	6

RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.33 Are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic Party maintained control of the U.S. Senate ?

Nov 8-11, 2012	(VOL.)		
	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	56	40	4

Q.32 AND Q.33 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	(VOL.)		
	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Among Voters			
November, 2008 ("Dems maintained control of Congress")	53	41	6
November, 2004 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	51	44	5
November, 2000 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	48	39	13
November, 1996 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	65	27	8
Among Registered Voters			
Nov 4-7, 2010 ("Reps won the House of Representatives")	50	34	16
November, 2006 ("Dems won control of Congress")	61	25	14
December, 2002 ("Reps won control of Senate")	49	37	14
November, 1998 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	48	33	19
December, 1994 ("Reps won control of Congress")	58	32	10

⁵ In 2008, question read "...Barack Obama was elected president?"⁶ In 2008, question asked whether Obama would have successful/unsuccessful "first term." In 1996, the question was worded: "Thinking Ahead to the year 2000, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen" and was asked as part of a series.

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.34 Does Barack Obama make you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Obama make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Hopeful			
	Nov 8-11, 2012	54	45	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs)	50	48	2
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 (RVs)	43	55	2
	Mar 10-14, 2010 (RVs)	52	46	2
	November, 2008	69	29	2
	March, 2008 ⁷ (RVs)	54	43	3
b.	Proud			
	Nov 8-11, 2012	53	45	2
	Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs)	51	45	3
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 (RVs)	45	52	3
	Mar 10-14, 2010 (RVs)	48	48	4
	November, 2008	65	32	3
	March, 2008 (RVs)	42	53	5
c.	Angry			
	Nov 8-11, 2012	21	78	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs)	31	68	1
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 (RVs)	31	68	1
	Mar 10-14, 2010 (RVs)	31	67	2
	November, 2008	9	91	*
	March, 2008 (RVs)	26	71	3
e.	Uneasy			
	Nov 8-11, 2012	41	58	1
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 (RVs)	42	56	1
	November, 2008	35	64	1
	March, 2008 (RVs)	38	60	2

NO QUESTIONS 35-39**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Thinking again about voting...

Q.40 Did you vote ON Election Day or BEFORE Election DAY?

ASK IF VOTED BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.40=2):

Q.41 Did you vote in person or did you mail your ballot in?

<u>Nov 8-11</u> <u>2012</u>		<u>Nov</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>2002</u>
63	On Election Day	66	80	80	85
37	Before Election Day	34	20	20	15
19	Voted in person	19	n/a	n/a	n/a
17	Mailed in ballot	14	n/a	n/a	n/a
*	Other way/DK/Ref (VOL.)	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	*

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For all March 2008 trends, the question was worded "Has Barack Obama ever made you feel [INSERT ITEM] or not?"

ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.41=1) OR ON ELECTION DAY (Q.40=1):

Q.42 Did you have to wait in line to vote, or not?

ASK IF YES, WAITED IN LINE (Q.42=1)

Q.43 How long did you wait to vote? [OPEN END]

	Yes, <u>waited</u>	<15 <u>mins</u>	15-29 <u>mins</u>	30-59 <u>mins</u>	1-2 <u>hrs</u>	2+ <u>hrs</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	No, <u>didn't wait</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 8-11, 2012									
All in person voters	38	14	8	9	6	2	0	62	0
Early voters	43	15	7	10	7	4	0	57	0
Election day voters	37	13	8	9	5	1	0	63	0
November, 2008⁸									
All in person voters	36	11	8	7	6	4	*	64	*
Early voters	48	12	15	8	8	5	0	52	0
Election day voters	33	11	5	7	6	4	*	67	*
November, 2006⁹									
Election day voters	28	14	7	3	2	1	1	72	0
November, 2004									
Election day voters	42	13	11	10	6	2	0	58	0

ASK IF VOTED BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.40=2):

Q.44 Why did you decide to vote early instead of voting on Election Day? [OPEN END. ACCEPT UP TO THREE REASONS; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES]

BASED ON THOSE WHO VOTED EARLY [N=491]:

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>
40	(NET) MORE CONVENIENT	48
22	Avoid lines/Crowds	31
8	Convenient	11
7	Easy/Easier	5
2	Because I could/It was an option	2
2	Didn't want to be rushed	2
1	Weather	1
35	(NET) UNABLE/DIFFICULT TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY	32
12	Out of town/Not home on election day	11
12	Working on election day (includes volunteer work or school)	9
4	Other busy/Not available on election day	5
3	Health/handicap/Illness	4
2	Caring for someone on election day	2
2	Hard to get to polling place (includes no transportation or too far)	2
2	Age	2
8	Get it done/Over with	5
5	Already made up my mind/Knew who I was voting for	5
4	Always how I do it	4
4	To make sure I voted	3
3	No other option in state/No choice	5
2	Make sure my vote was counted	3
4	Other	7
*	No reason	*
0	Don't know/No answer	0

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

⁸ In 2008 and earlier, question read "Did you have to wait in line at your polling place, or not?"
⁹ In 2006 and 2004, only asked of election day voters.

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.45 [IF Q.42=1 READ: Other than waiting in line...] Did you have any problems or difficulties voting this year, or not? [IF YES, PROBE FOR SPECIFICATION ONCE WITH "What problems or difficulties did you have?" RECORD UP TO THREE MENTIONS]

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
3	Yes	3	4	4
97	No	97	96	96
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	*	*

NO QUESTION 46**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.47 Overall, how well do you think the voting process was managed in the area where you live? [READ IN ORDER]

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>	
73	Very well
20	Fairly well
4	Not too well
2	Not at all well
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 48-50**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.51 Before the election, were you contacted over the phone by any candidates, campaigns or other groups urging you to vote in a particular way?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>
53	Yes	53	55	42
47	No	46	44	58
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	*

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.52 Did anyone from a campaign or other group contact you IN PERSON – such as by coming to your door – to urge you to vote in a particular way in the election?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
16	Yes	15	14
84	No	85	86
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.53 Did anyone from a campaign or other group contact you BY EMAIL or TEXT MESSAGE to urge you to vote in a particular way in the election?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u> ¹⁰	Nov <u>2004</u>
25	Yes	24	14
74	No/No e-mail/text message	74	85
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1

¹⁰ In 2008 and earlier, question only asked about email, not text messages.

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.54 Did anyone from a campaign or other group use Facebook, Twitter, or another social network to urge you to vote in a particular way in the election?

Nov 8-11

2012

17	Yes
82	No/Don't use social networks
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 55**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

Q.56 Did you, yourself, volunteer any of your time to help one of the presidential election campaigns, or not?

Nov 8-11

2012

8	Yes
92	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Nov

2008

7

93

*

Nov

2006¹¹

9

91

*

Nov

2004

9

91

*

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.57 Did you, yourself, contribute money to a campaign in support of one of the presidential candidates this year, or not?

Nov 8-11

2012

17	Yes
83	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Nov

2008

17

83

*

Nov

2006¹²

12

87

1

Nov

2004

15

84

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NO QUESTIONS 58-60**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1)**

Q.61 Were you contacted by any religious organizations about the election campaign, or not?

Nov 8-11

2012

8	Yes
91	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RVs

Nov 4-7

2010

6

93

2

¹¹ In 2006, question asked "...to help one of the election campaigns this fall or not?"

¹² In 2006, question asked "...in support of a candidate in the elections this fall, or not?"

ASK IF CONTACTED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (Q.61=1):

Q.61a When you were contacted by these religious organizations, were you urged to vote for **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

BASED ON ALL WHO VOTED [N=1,206]:

Nov 8-11	
<u>2012</u>	
8	Yes
5	Republican candidates
*	Democratic candidates
*	Other candidates or issues (VOL.)
*	Both (VOL.)
2	Urged to vote, but not for any particular candidate (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
91	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH-AND VOTED IN THE ELECTION (ATTEND=1-3 IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW AND Q.1=1):

Q.62 Was information on political parties or candidates for the recent election made available in your place of worship, or not?

BASED ON VOTERS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH [N=659]:

Nov 8-11		<i>RVs</i>					
<u>2012</u>		Nov 4-7	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov
13	Yes	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>
84	No	16	15	25	27	14	28
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	81	82	72	71	83	69
		3	3	3	2	3	3

ASK IF ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH AND VOTED IN THE ELECTION (ATTEND=1-3 IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW AND Q.1=1):

Q.63 Was information on any state or local ballot initiatives or constitutional amendments made available in your place of worship, or not?

BASED ON VOTERS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH [N=659]:

Nov 8-11		<i>RVs</i>		
<u>2012</u>		Nov 4-7	Nov	Nov
6	Yes	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2004</u>
89	No	13	13	19
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	84	85	80
		3	2	1

**ASK IF ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH AND VOTED IN THE ELECTION
(ATTEND=1-3 IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW AND Q.1=1):**

Q.64 And did the clergy at your place of worship urge you to vote a particular way in the recent election, or not?

ASK IF YES (Q.64=1):

Q.65 Were you urged to vote for **[READ AND RANDOMIZE:]**

**BASED ON VOTERS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH
[N=659]:**

Nov 8-11

2012

5	Yes
3	Republican candidates
*	Democratic candidates
*	Other candidates or issues (VOL.)
0	Both (VOL.)
2	Urged to vote, but not for any particular candidate (VOL.)
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
93	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK IF ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH AND VOTED IN THE ELECTION
(ATTEND=1-3 IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW AND Q.1=1):**

Q.64 And did the clergy at your place of worship urge you to vote a particular way in the recent election, or not?

ASK IF YES IN Q.64 (Q.64=1):

Q.66 Were you urged to vote in a particular way in the PRESIDENTIAL race, a Congressional race, a state race a local race or on specific ballot issues? **[ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

**BASED ON VOTERS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH
[N=659]:**

Nov 8-11

2012

5	Yes
3	Presidential
2	Ballot issues
1	Congressional
1	State
1	Local
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
93	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 67

ASK FORM 1 WHO VOTED (Q.1=1 AND FORM=1) [N=572]:Q.68F1 Next year, should the Republican leaders in Washington... **[READ]**

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		GP Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u> ¹³	GP Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	GP Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u> ¹⁴
67	Try as best they can to work with Barack Obama to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters?	58	61	55	66
	[OR]				
26	Should they stand up to Barack Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	35	33	38	28
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	6	8	6

GENERAL PUBLIC TREND FOR COMPARISON:*This year should the Democratic leaders in Washington... [READ]*

	Jan <u>2007</u> ¹⁵	Nov <u>2006</u>
Try as best they can to work with George W. Bush to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	52	54
[OR]		
Should they stand up to George W. Bush on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	43	36
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	11

ASK FORM 2 WHO VOTED (Q.1=1 AND FORM=2) [N=634]:Q.69F2 Next year, should Barack Obama... **[READ]**

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		GP Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u> ¹⁶	GP Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	GP Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>
72	Try as best he can to work with Republican leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	59	65	62
	[OR]			
21	Should he stand up to the Republicans on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	28	28	27
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13	7	11

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Now thinking about election night...

Q.70 Did you happen to follow election returns on Tuesday night, or not?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>
78	Yes	82	84	88
21	No	18	16	12
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	0

¹³ In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."¹⁴ November 2008 question was rotated and figures are based only on those who received the question first in the rotation.¹⁵ In January 2007 and November 2006 the question was rotated. Figures are based only on those who received this question first in the rotation.¹⁶ In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Now thinking about election night...

Q.70 Did you happen to follow election returns on Tuesday night, or not?

ASK IF FOLLOWED RETURNS (Q.70=1):

Q.70a Did you follow the election returns on television, or not?

Nov 8-11, 2012			Nov 2008		Nov 2004	
Followed	All		Followed	All	Followed	All
<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>		<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>	<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>
92	72	Yes	96	79	97	81
7	6	No	4	3	3	3
*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	0	0	0
--	22	<i>Did not follow returns election night</i>	--	18	--	16

[N=959] [N=1,206]

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Now thinking about election night...

Q.70 Did you happen to follow election returns on Tuesday night, or not?

ASK IF FOLLOWED RETURNS (Q.70=1):

Q.70b Did you follow the election returns online on a computer, tablet, cell phone or other device, or not?

ASK IF FOLLOWED RETURNS ONLINE (Q70b=1):

Q.70c Did you follow the election returns on Facebook, Twitter or another social network, or not?

Nov 8-11, 2012			Nov 2008 ¹⁷		Nov 2004	
Followed	All		Followed	All	Followed	All
<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>		<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>	<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>
34	26	Yes, followed online	23	19	19	16
8	6	Followed on a social network				
26	20	Did not follow on a social network				
*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)				
66	52	No, did not follow online	77	63	81	68
0	0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	0	*	*
--	22	<i>Did not follow returns election night</i>	--	18	--	16

[N=959] [N=1,206]

ASK IF FOLLOWED RETURNS (Q.70=1):

Q.71 Did you follow the election returns with friends or just with your family or by yourself?

Nov 8-11, 2012			Nov 2008	
Followed	All		Followed	All
<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>		<u>returns</u>	<u>voters</u>
11	9	With friends	13	10
84	66	Just with family/By yourself	81	67
5	4	Both (VOL.)	6	5
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	*
--	22	<i>Did not follow returns election night</i>	--	18

[N=959] [N=1,206]

¹⁷

In 2008 and earlier, question read " Did you follow election returns on the Internet or not?"

ASK IF FOLLOWED RETURNS (Q.70=1):

Q.72 Do you think news organizations did an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job on election night?

BASED ON THOSE WHO FOLLOWED RETURNS [N=959]:

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
21	Excellent	28	17
46	Good	48	52
25	Only fair	20	22
6	Poor	3	8
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

NO QUESTIONS 73-75**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

In the election...

Q.76 How confident are you that your vote was accurately counted? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Based on Registered Voters Prior to an Election			
					Mid- Oct <u>2008</u> ¹⁸	Early Nov <u>2006</u>	Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Mid- Oct <u>2004</u>
68	Very confident	73	70	68	57	57	58	62
22	Somewhat confident	22	23	24	31	28	29	26
5	Not too confident	3	3	4	6	8	9	7
3	Not at all confident	2	2	3	4	4	3	4
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	2	1	2	3	1	1

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.77 How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>
31	Very confident	43	39	48
44	Somewhat confident	41	46	37
15	Not too confident	10	7	7
6	Not at all confident	5	3	7
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	5	1

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.78 Do you know anyone who tried to vote in this election, but was not able to vote?

ASK IF KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD NOT VOTE (Q.78=1) [N=84]:

Q.79 "Why was that person/Why were those people not able to vote?" **[OPEN END. RECORD UP TO THREE MENTIONS, IN ORDER. PROBE FOR CLARITY, BUT NOT FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. DO NOT READ PRECODES]**¹⁹

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>	
9	Yes
91	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁸ In Mid-October 2008, Early November 2006, Early October 2006, and Mid-October 2004 the question was worded "How confident are you that your vote will be accurately counted in the upcoming election?"

¹⁹ Q.79 Open-end results not show because of small sample size [N=84].

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):

Q.80 Thinking about the coming year, do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		RVs		RVs
		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>
31	Get better	22	37	29
14	Get worse	28	18	21
52	Stay about the same	48	42	45
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	5

NO QUESTIONS 81-84**ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

ASK IF INDEP/OTHER/NO PREF/DK/REF (PARTY=3-9):

PARTYLN As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Nov 8-11, 2012	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
				No <u>preference</u>	Other <u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
	31	35	32	*	*	1	14	14

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.85 Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING VOTERS [N=505]:

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		GP	
		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>
57	Conservative	56	60
35	Moderate	38	35
3	No change (VOL.)	2	1
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2)

Q.86 Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction?

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING VOTERS [N=627]:

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>		GP	
		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>
33	Liberal	34	33
57	Moderate	54	57
4	No change (VOL.)	3	2
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	8