

Public Affairs Profile Variables

Q#	Item Stem	Value	Label
Q1	Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?	1	Most people can be trusted
		2	You can't be too careful in dealing with people
Q2	How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington, DC to do what is right?	1	Just about always
		2	Most of the time
		3	Only some of the time
		4	Almost never
Q3	How much of the time do you think you can trust the media to report the news fairly?	1	Just about always
		2	Most of the time
		3	Only some of the time
		4	Almost never
Q4	How much influence does the average citizen have on politics?	1	None
		2	A little
		3	Some
		4	Quite a bit
		5	A great deal
Q5	How good is your understanding of the important political issues facing our country?	1	Not at all
		2	A little
		3	Somewhat
		4	Very
		5	Extremely
Q6	Some people don't pay much attention to politics generally. From day to day, when there isn't any big election campaign going on, would you say you are...?	1	Not interested at all
		2	Not very interested
		3	Somewhat interested
		4	Very interested
		5	Extremely interested
Q7	Do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by Joe Biden?	1	Yes
		77	Don't know
Q7a	Please specify: [Phone version, if necessary: Well, what's your best guess?]		

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Q8	Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not? Is it...?	1	The president
		2	The Congress
		3	The Supreme Court
		77	Don't Know
Q9	How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a presidential veto?	1	Valid response
		77	Don't Know
Q9a	Please specify: [Phone version, if necessary: Well, what's your best guess?]		
Q10	Do you happen to know which party has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington, DC?	1	Yes
		77	Don't Know
Q10a	Please specify: [Phone version, if necessary: Which one?]		
Q11	Would you say that one of the parties is more conservative than the other at the national level? Which part is more conservative?	1	Yes
		2	No
		77	Don't Know
Q11a	Please specify: [Phone version, if necessary: Which party is more conservative?]		
Q12	[Attended a political protest or rally] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?	1	Yes
	[Contacted a government official] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?	2	No
	[Volunteered or worked for a Presidential campaign] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Volunteered or worked for another political candidate, issue, or cause] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Given money to a Presidential campaign] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Given money to another political candidate, issue, or cause] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Worked with others in your community to solve a problem] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Served on a community board] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		

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	[Written a "letter to the editor"] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Commented about politics on a message board or Internet site] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
	[Held a publicly elected office] People may be involved in civic and political activities. In the past 12 months have you...?		
Q14	In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have the time. Which of the following best describes what you did in the elections that were held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012?	1	Definitely did not vote in the elections
		2	Definitely voted in person at a polling place on Election Day
		3	Definitely voted in person at a polling place before Election Day
		4	Definitely voted by mailing in a ballot to elections officials before the election
		5	Definitely voted some other way
		6	Not completely sure whether you voted or not
Q15	Did you vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden with the Democrats or Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan for the Republicans?	1	Obama/Biden - Democrats
		2	Romney/Ryan - Republicans
		3	Another candidate
		4	Did not vote for president
Q15a	Another candidate [Specify]		
D3	Do you actively participate in the Tea Party (Taxed Enough Already) Movement?	1	Yes
		2	No
D5	What is your religious preference? Is it...?	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)

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		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	Nothing in particular
		12	Just Christian
		13	Unitarian (Universalist)
D5a	Some other religion - please specify:		
		1	Never
		2	Less than once per year
		3	About once or twice a year
		4	Several times a year
D4	How often do you attend religious services?	5	About once a month
		6	2-3 times a month
		7	Nearly every week
		8	Every week
		9	Several times a week
D6	Would you say you have been 'born again' or have had a 'born again' experience, that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?	1	Yes
		2	No
D7	To what extent do you consider yourself a religious person? Are you...?	1	Very religious
		2	Moderately religious
		3	Slightly religious
		4	Not religious at all
D8	To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual person? Are you...?	1	Very spiritual
		2	Moderately spiritual
		3	Slightly spiritual
		4	Not spiritual at all