

FINAL

1000 voters – landline
200 voters – cell phone

NATIONWIDE

November 2008

	TOTAL	55+
Unweighted n size:	1200	370
Weighted n size	1000	338
Gender of respondent		
Male.....	47	42
Female	53	58
Region		
New England.....	7	9
Middle Atlantic.....	15	15
East North Central.....	17	17
West North Central.....	7	6
South Atlantic.....	19	19
East South Central.....	5	4
West South Central.....	8	9
Mountain	7	7
Pacific.....	15	14

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions concerning the problems facing our state and local communities. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) 18 years or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently?

Qa-Qc: CELL SAMPLE ONLY; Qd: LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY

ASK CELL SAMPLE:

a) First, to confirm, have I reached you on your cell phone?

Yes 100
 No..... **TERMINATE**
 (Don't know) **TERMINATE**

b) For your safety, are you currently driving?

Yes **(SET TIME TO CALL BACK)**
 No..... 97 98
 (Don't know) 3 2

c) Is the cell phone your only phone or do you also have a regular telephone at home?

Cell is only phone..... 51 47
 Has regular phone at home 49 53
 (Don't know/refused) **TERMINATE**

ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY:

d) Do you happen to have a cell phone or not?

Yes	75	65
No.....	25	35
(Don't know/refused)	TERMINATE	

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET]**

(SUNDAY AND MONDAY INTERVIEWS: Q2-Q6)

2. Often things come up and people are not able to vote. Thinking ahead to Tuesday's elections, how likely are you to vote? Are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

IF CALLER SAYS THEY ALREADY VOTED PROBE: Did you vote absentee or did you vote earlier in-person?

Almost certain	(GO TO Q3)	78	76
Earlier in person	(GO TO Q5)	15	13
Earlier absentee	(GO TO Q5)	7	11
Probably vote	TERMINATE		
About 50-50	TERMINATE		
Probably not vote	TERMINATE		
Definitely not vote.....	TERMINATE		

[IF Q2=1]

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3. Let's turn to the election for United States President. In the race for President will you support: **[ROTATE]:** _Republican John McCain, _Democrat Barack **[Ba-ROCK]**Obama OR _Independent Ralph Nader **[NAY-der]**?

(IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE OR SHE VOTED/WILL VOTE, SAY:) This survey is being done for research purposes only. Your willingness to discuss your vote is really important for assuring the accuracy of our research, and we promise that we will always maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your responses.

Republican McCain	44	46
Democrat Obama.....	53	50
Independent Nader	1	0
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Will not vote for President).....	0	0
(Refused/undecided).....	2	3

And, still thinking about the 2008 elections...

4. If the election for CONGRESS were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for [ROTATE]: _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

(If “undecided,” ask: and which party’s candidate do you lean toward at this time?)

Republican	39	43
Lean Republican	4	2
Lean Democratic	7	7
Democratic	48	46
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Will not vote for Congress)	0	0
(Undecided).....	2	1
Republican	43	45
Democratic	55	53

[IF Q2= 2 OR 3]

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5. In the election for U.S. President, did you vote for the Republican John McCain, the Democrat, Barack Obama, independent Ralph Nader or someone else?

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John McCain	41	47
Barack Obama	57	51
Ralph Nader	1	1
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Presidential race).....	0	0
(Refused)	1	1

6. In the election for Congress, did you vote for the [ROTATE]: _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

Republican	41	48
Democratic	56	50
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Congressional race).....	2	2
(Refused)	1	1

(TUESDAY INTERVIEWS: Q7-9)

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7. Many people did not get a chance to vote in this election for U.S. Congress and other offices. How about you? Were you able to vote Tuesday, or did you vote earlier in this election before Tuesday, or like many people, did you not get a chance to vote?

FOLLOW-UP: Did you vote in person, by mail, or by absentee ballot?

Yes, voted on Election Day in person	67	51
Yes, voted on Election Day by mail/absentee ballot.....	6	12
Yes, voted early in person	20	27
Yes, voted early by mail/absentee ballot	7	11
No, did not vote	TERMINATE	
(Not sure)	TERMINATE	

8. In the election for U.S. President, did you vote for the Republican John McCain, the Democrat, Barack **[Ba-ROCK]** Obama, independent Ralph Nader **[NAY-der]** or someone else?

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John McCain	49	57
Barack Obama	50	41
Ralph Nader	0	1
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Presidential race).....	0	0
(Refused)	1	1

9. In the election for Congress, did you vote for the **[ROTATE]:** _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

Republican	49	58
Democratic	50	41
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Congressional race).....	1	0
(Refused)	1	1

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3/5/8.COMBINED PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

John McCain	45	50
Barack Obama	53	48
Ralph Nader	1	0
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Presidential race).....	0	0
(Refused)	1	2

4/6/9.COMBINED CONGRESSIONAL VOTE

Republican	45	49
Democratic	53	49
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Congressional race).....	1	0
(Refused)	1	1

Q10: ASK IF Q3/Q5/Q8= 1,2,3,4

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10. In the 2008 Presidential election, what were the main reasons you voted for that candidate?

Don't like/trust other candidate	13	17
Like his economic policies	13	8
For change	11	10
Like his policies generally	11	12
Ideological concerns/ party loyalty	9	11
Experience	7	10
Like his foreign policy/ the war in Iraq.....	5	3
Poor Republican leadership for last 8 years.....	4	2
Taxes	4	3
Like his stance on health care	4	3
Personal characteristics.....	3	5
Like his stance on social issues like abortion	3	3
For the middle class.....	2	3
Vision for country	2	2
Ethnicity	0	0
Unfamiliar with other candidate	0	0
Other	2	2
Don't know	6	5

RESUME ASKING ALL

11. I am going to read you a list of issues that may have come up during the election. Please tell me which one of these was most important to you in deciding who to vote for. [SELECT ONE ONLY]

READ AND RANDOMIZE

The economy and jobs	50	46
Terrorism and national security	9	12
Moral values.....	7	6
Taxes	6	6
The situation in Iraq	5	6
Health care.....	5	6
Education	4	1
Social Security and retirement security	3	6
The national debt	2	2
Medicare and prescription drugs	1	2
Gasoline and home heating costs	1	2
Immigration	1	1
(other)	3	3
(don't know).....	1	2

12. Thinking back on the different elections in which you have been eligible to vote in the past few years, would you say that you have voted in all of these elections, most of them, about half of them, or fewer than half of these elections, or have you never voted before?

Voted in all of them	65	75
Voted in most of them	20	17
Voted in about half of them	5	4
Voted in fewer than half of them	3	2
Never voted before.....	4	2
(Just registered)	0	0
(First time voting)	2	1
(Don't know)	0	0

13. How long ago did you decide for whom to vote for in these elections – in the last few days before the election, in the last week, in the past month, one to three months ago, or more than 3 months ago?

In the last few days	6	6
In the last week	5	3
In the past month	12	12
One to three months ago	24	24
More than three months ago.....	50	52
(Don't know)	2	2

14. Were you more or less enthusiastic about this year's election compared to elections in the past or was there no difference to you? **(If MORE/LESS enthusiastic ask: Is that much more/less or somewhat more/less?)**

Much more enthusiastic	53	51
Somewhat more enthusiastic.....	15	16
Somewhat less enthusiastic.....	6	6
Much less enthusiastic	9	11
No difference	17	16
(Don't know)	1	0
More enthusiastic	68	67
Less enthusiastic.....	15	17

NCPERS QUESTIONS Q15-Q19

Now, for something a little different...

15. Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of public servants such as police officers, firefighters, teachers and nurses?

Very favorable	69	76
Somewhat favorable	23	17
Somewhat unfavorable	4	4
Very unfavorable	2	1
(Don't know)	2	2
Favorable	93	93
Unfavorable	6	4

16. Do you have any family members who are employed as public servants?

Yes	41	38
No	57	61
(Don't know)	1	2

17. Which form of retirement plan do you think would provide a more secure retirement for you: a traditional defined benefit pension plan, which guarantees a steady stream of benefits each month, or a 401(k)-style account, which allows individuals to manage their own retirement savings?

[IF RETIREMENT PLAN:] Would you say you support that type of retirement plan strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, for which type of plan do you lean?

Pension – strong	37	48
Pension – not-so-strong	5	5
undecided – lean Pension	3	3
401K – strong	34	25
401K – not-so-strong	6	5
undecided – lean 401K	2	1
Undecided	10	10
(Don't know/refused)	3	3
Pension	45	56
401K	42	31

18. In light of recent turmoil in the financial markets, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat unconcerned, or very unconcerned that you will have enough money when you retire?

Very concerned	51	48
Somewhat concerned	31	31
Somewhat unconcerned	8	9
Very unconcerned	9	12
(Don't know)	1	2
Concerned.....	82	78
Unconcerned.....	16	20

19. When you retire, do you think your economic standard of living will be better or worse, or will it be about the same as it is now?

Better	25	16
Worse	27	28
The same	41	52
(Don't know)	7	4

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Thank you. The few remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

20. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:] Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Democrat	39	37
Not so strong Democrat	5	4
Indep. leans Democrat	6	5
Democrat.....	49	47
Independent	11	12
Republican	39	40
Indep. leans Republican.....	6	5
Not so strong Republican.....	6	6
Strong Republican.....	27	29
(dk/na/other)	1	1

21. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

Very liberal	14	13
Somewhat liberal.....	15	13
Liberal.....	29	26
Moderate	27	24
Conservative	40	46
Somewhat conservative	17	16
Very conservative.....	23	30
(Don't know)	3	3
(Refused)	1	1

22. Thinking back to the Presidential election in 2004, when the candidates for President were **ROTATE:** _Republican George W. Bush, _Democrat John Kerry, and _Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, for whom did you vote?

Bush	44	51
Kerry.....	40	38
Nader.....	2	2
(Other candidate)	1	2
(Ineligible/too young to vote).....	6	0
(Don't know)	6	7

23. What is your age? I am going to read you some age categories. Please stop me when we get to your category:

18-24 years	8	0
25-29	10	0
30-34	7	0
35-39	8	0
40-44	13	0
45-49	7	0
50-54	10	0
55-59	9	25
60-64	9	27
65-69	5	14
70-74	5	14
Over 75	7	20
(Refused)	2	0

24. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th grade	4	8
High school graduate	21	25
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech)	3	5
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree)	25	24
College graduate	30	22
Post-graduate school	15	15
(Don't know)	1	1

25. Are you married, unmarried with partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married	63	63
Unmarried with partner	2	0
Single	19	7
Separated	1	0
Divorced	8	12
Widowed	6	16
(Don't know)	1	1

26. Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

Yes	[GO TO Q27]	35	6
No	[GO TO Q28]	65	93
(Don't know)	[GO TO Q28]	1	1

Q27: ASK IF Q26=1

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27. Do your children attend public school, private school, or parochial or religious school?

Public school	69	47
Private school	10	22
Parochial or religious school	5	6
(Attend more than one type)	3	0
(Don't know)	2	13
(None – child too young)	12	12

RESUME ASKING ALL

28. Do you have any grandchildren?

Yes	36	75
No	61	25
(Don't know)	3	0

29. Do you have a paid job, half-time or more, outside your home or would you say that your work is mainly at home?

Employed	64	38
At home	30	50
(Don't know)	6	11

30. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a teachers' union or a labor union?

Yes - teachers	8	6
Yes - labor	10	6
Yes – both	2	3
All YES	20	15
Neither	78	82
(Don't know)	3	3

31. What is your religion?

DO NOT READ

Protestant (include Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, United Church of Christ).....	26	33
Methodist.....	4	5
Baptist	14	15
Evangelical (include Church of God, Pentecostal, 7th Day Adventist)	2	2
Non-traditional (include Christian Science, Jehovah's Witness).....	3	0
Catholic	23	22
Jewish [GO TO Q33]	3	4
Mormon, Church of Latter Day Saints [LDS]	1	1
(Other)..... [GO TO Q33]	7	4
(None) [GO TO Q33]	10	8
(Don't know) [GO TO Q33]	6	5

Q32: ASK IF Q31=1-6, or 8

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32. Do you think of yourself as a born again Christian or don't you think of yourself that way?

Born-again/evangelical.....	37	38
Not born-again	46	46
(Don't know/refused)	17	17

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33. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	74	81
Black / African American	13	12
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.)	8	5
Asian	2	1
Native American.....	0	0
(Other).....	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	2	1