

Questionnaire for Discursive Participation Survey of the General Public

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm calling from the University of Connecticut. We are currently conducting a national survey to learn more about the extent to which Americans talk with each other about public issues. May I please speak to

Your participation is very important because only 1,000 people throughout the country have been randomly selected for this survey, and your views will represent many other people. There are no right or wrong answers; we are only interested in your opinions.

Q1. QDELIBSCREENER. Since the beginning of LAST YEAR—that is since January of 2002—have you attended a formal or informal meeting organized by yourself, by someone else you know personally, or by a religious, social, civic, governmental or political group to specifically discuss a local, national, or international issue—for example, neighborhood crime, housing, schools, social security, election reform, terrorism, global warming, or any other public issue that affects people?

- Yes SKIP TO Q4
- No..... SKIP TO Q2
- Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q2
- N.....

Q2. QDELIBSCREENER2. Since January 2002, have you been INVITED to attend a formal or informal meeting to specifically discuss a local, national, or international issue?

- Yes SKIP TO Q60
- No..... SKIP TO Q60
- Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q60
- Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q60
- N.....

Q3. QDELIBSCREENER2a. Why didn't you attend the meeting? Were you just not interested, or did you have another engagement, have to work, have to take care of a family member, or something else?

- Not interested..... SKIP TO Q60
- Had another engagement..... SKIP TO Q60
- Had to work..... SKIP TO Q60
- Had to take care of family member..... SKIP TO Q60
- No time/Busy SKIP TO Q60
- Disabled/Health Problem SKIP TO Q60
- Did not agree with agenda SKIP TO Q60
- Something else (PLEASE SPECIFY)..... SKIP TO Q60
- Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q60
- N.....

Q4. QDELIB1. Approximately how many such meetings have you participated in since January 1st of LAST year (2002)? (PROBE IF RESPONDENT SAYS DK/REF SAY: Just roughly how many? Just what you think? (ENTER 3 DIGIT NUMBER 1-997)

- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- 6 or more
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q5. QDELIB2. When was the last meeting you participated in to discuss a public issue? Was it within the last week, within the last month, within the last six months, or more than six months ago?

- Last week
- Last month
- Six months
- More than six months.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q6A. QDELIB3. Thinking about the LAST meeting you participated in, what public issue did you discuss? (ASK OPEN-ENDED)

- Town / Community Issues / Local Elections / Church Issues
- Economy and Budget / Economic Development / Fund-raising
- Schools and Education.....
- Child and Teen Issues
- City Council/Government Meeting.....
- Housing and Development / Land Use
- Environmental Issues
- Health Issues / Drugs / Smoking.....
- Race / Gender Issues
- Other Various National Issues / State Issues
- War / Terrorism / Iraq / Middle East / Peace
- Taxes
- Employment Issues
- Crime/Safety and Security / Domestic Violence
- OTHER
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

SKIP TO Q7
SKIP TO Q7

Q6B. QDELIB3. Is there anything else?

- Town / Community Issues / Local Elections / Church Issues
- Economy and Budget / Economic Development / Fund-raising

Schools and Education.....
 Child and Teen Issues
 City Council/Government Meeting.....
 Housing and Development / Land Use
 Environmental Issues
 Health Issues / Drugs / Smoking.....
 Race / Gender Issues.....
 Other Various National Issues / State Issues
 War / Terrorism / Iraq / Middle East / Peace
 Taxes.....
 Employment Issues
 Crime/Safety and Security / Domestic Violence
 OTHER
 NOTHING ELSE.....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 N.....

SKIP TO Q7
 SKIP TO Q7

Q6C. QDELIB3. Anything else?

Town / Community Issues / Local Elections / Church Issues
 Economy and Budget / Economic Development / Fund-raising
 Schools and Education.....
 Child and Teen Issues
 City Council/Government Meeting.....
 Housing and Development / Land Use
 Environmental Issues
 Health Issues / Drugs / Smoking.....
 Race / Gender Issues.....
 Other Various National Issues / State Issues
 War / Terrorism / Iraq / Middle East / Peace
 Taxes.....
 Crime/Safety and Security / Domestic Violence
 OTHER
 NOTHING ELSE.....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 N.....

SKIP TO Q7
 SKIP TO Q7

Q6D. QDELIB3. And is there anything else?

Town / Community Issues / Local Elections / Church Issues
 Economy and Budget / Economic Development / Fund-raising
 Schools and Education.....
 Housing and Development / Land Use
 Health Issues / Drugs / Smoking.....
 Other Various National Issues / State Issues
 War / Terrorism / Iraq / Middle East / Peace

Taxes
 Crime/Safety and Security / Domestic Violence
 OTHER
 NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO Q7
 N.....

Q7. QDELIB4. Still thinking about the last meeting you participated in to discuss a public issue, did you or someone you know personally such as a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker help to organize it?

Yes
 No.....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 N.....

Q8. QDELIB4a. Who helped organize the meeting? (ASK OPEN-ENDED)

Respondent.....
 Family Member.....
 Friend
 Neighbor
 Co-Worker / Employer
 Committee or Organization / Group / Association / Community
 City Council/Government Official or Agency / Political Group
 School/Teachers.....
 Church/Religious Group
 Police or Fire Department.....
 Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
 Don't know (vol.).....
 Refused (vol.).....
 N.....

Q9. QDELIB5. And was the last meeting you attended sponsored or organized by a religious, social, civic, governmental, political or other any organized group?

Yes
 No..... SKIP TO Q11
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q11
 N.....

Q10. QDELIB5a. Can you tell me what kind of organization or group that was? (ASK OPEN-ENDED AND CODE INTO CATEGORIES. ACCEPT UP TO FOUR RESPONSES)

MULTIPLE MENTIONS

Church or religious group
 Civic or community organization, association.....

- Business or business organization
- Labor union
- Government official or agency
- School or college.....
- Political candidate or party
- Social club or organization
- Sports club or organization
- Someone else (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....

Q11. QDELIB6. Still thinking about the last meeting you attended this year to discuss a public issue, please tell me where it was held. (ASK OPEN ENDED AND CODE INTO CATEGORIES. PROBE IF NECESSARY: "Did it occur in a school, a library, the offices or space of a community group, someone's home, or somewhere else?")

- Own home
- Someone else's home.....
- Church, synagogue or other place or worship
- Library.....
- School or college.....
- Government building or office.....
- Offices or space of a community or civic group.....
- Some other public building or community center.....
- Offices or space of a local business
- Restaurant
- Outdoors.....
- Hotel / Convention Center
- Some place else (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q12. QDELIB7. Approximately how many people attended this meeting? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "Just want your best guess?")

- Less than 20
- 20 to 39
- 40 to 99
- 100 or more
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q13. QDELIB8. Generally speaking, how many of the people at the last meeting you attended would you say you already knew or were acquainted with - All of the people, most of them, some of them, only a few of them or none of them? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?")

- All of them
- Most of them
- Some of them
- Only a few of them
- None of them.....
- N.....

Q14. Different meetings attract different mixes of people. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not diverse at all' and ten is 'very diverse,' how racially or ethnically diverse would you say the people at the last meeting you attended were? (PROBE: "What's your best sense?" By 'not diverse at all,' we mean everyone had exactly the same racial or ethnic characteristic, and by 'very diverse' we mean there was a fairly equal mix of all examples of that racial or ethnic characteristic.)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q15. QDELIB10. Using the same scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not diverse at all' and ten is 'very diverse,' how diverse were the people attending this meeting by income? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....

10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q16. QDELIB11. How diverse were the people attending this meeting by age (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?" Zero is 'not diverse at all' and ten is 'very diverse.')

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1.....
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6.....
7.....
8.....
9.....
10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q17. QDELIB12. How diverse were the people attending the meeting by gender? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?" Zero is 'not diverse at all' and ten is 'very diverse.')

0.....
1.....
2.....
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4.....
5.....
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7.....
8.....
9.....
10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q18. QDELIB13. And, using the same scale, how diverse were the points of view expressed during the meeting? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?" Zero is 'not diverse at all' and ten is 'very diverse.')

0.....
1.....
2.....
3.....

- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q19. QDELIB14. How did you find out about the last meeting you attended? (ASK OPEN-ENDED AND CODE INTO CATEGORIES. ACCEPT UP TO FOUR RESPONSES)

MULTIPLE MENTIONS

- Friend/Neighbor/Family member
- E-mail.....
- Mail.....
- Flyer/Poster/Leaflet/Memo.....
- Religious organization (Church).....
- Club or organization
- Work/School
- Newspaper.....
- Radio.....
- Television.....
- Internet.....
- Respondent helped organize it.....
- Regular meetings that respondent already attended.....
- Solicited phone call.....
- By word of mouth.....
- Other (SPECIFY).....
- Don't know (vol.).....

Q20. QDELIB15. Was there someone at the last meeting you attended who was responsible for leading or facilitating the discussion?

- Yes
- No..... **SKIP TO Q27**
- Don't know (vol.)..... **SKIP TO Q27**
- N.....

IQ21. QDELIB16. Discussion leaders often play different roles during the course of a meeting. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not often at all' and 10 is 'very often,' please tell me how often the leader or facilitator of the last meeting you attended played any of the following roles.

Q22. QDELIB16a. Trying to educate the meeting's participants about the issue being discussed in a neutral, balanced way. (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not often at all'

and 10 is 'very often,' how often did the leader or facilitator of the last meeting you attended play this role?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q23. QDELIB16b. Making sure that everyone's opinions were heard. (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not often at all' and ten is 'very often,' how often did the leader or facilitator of the last meeting you attended play this role?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q24. QDELIB16c. Attempting to convince people of a particular point of view. (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not often at all' and ten is 'very often,' how often did the leader or facilitator of the last meeting you attended play this role?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....

- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q25. QDELIB16d. Helping the group come to agreement on the issue. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten where zero is ‘not often at all’ and ten is ‘very often,’ how often did the leader or facilitator of the last meeting you attended play this role?”)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q26. QDELIB16e. Trying to convince people to do something about the issue. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten where zero is ‘not often at all’ and ten is ‘very often,’ how often did the leader or facilitator of the last meeting you attended play this role?”)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q27. QDELIB17. Was there any one else at the last meeting you attended whose role was to serve as a neutral expert on the issue being discussed and to help educate participants in other ways?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q28. QDELIB18. Did the meeting include any people whose roles were to formally advocate for or debate different points of view on the issue being discussed?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q29. QDELIB19. Were you given any reading materials before, during or after the last meeting you attended to help you better understand or think about the issue?

- Yes
- No..... SKIP TO IQ32
- Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO IQ32
- N.....

Q30. QDELIB19a. When were you given this material—before the meeting, during the meeting, or after the meeting?

- Before.....
- During
- After
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q31. QDELIB19b. Which of the following best describes this material? Would you say it was generally neutral and objective, generally balanced between different points of view, or generally biased in favor of a particular point of view?

- Neutral/Objective.....
- Balanced.....
- Biased.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

IQ32. QDELIB20. Meetings to discuss public issues serve different purposes. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not important at all' and ten is 'very important,' please tell me how important each of the following goals were to the last meeting you attended this year.

Q32. QDELIB20a. To teach people about the issue in a neutral, factual way. (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not important at all' and ten is 'very important,' how important was this goal to the last meeting you attended this year?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q33. QDELIB20b. To allow people to air differences of opinion and discuss different points of view. (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not important at all' and ten is 'very important,' how important was this goal to the last meeting you attended this year?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q34. QDELIB20c. To allow people to come to agreement about the importance of the issue being discussed, its causes, and/or how it might be addressed. (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not important at all' and ten is 'very important,' how important was this goal to the last meeting you attended this year?")

- 0.....

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q35. QDELIB20d. To give people an opportunity to decide on concrete actions to take to address the issue. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten where zero is ‘not important at all’ and ten is ‘very important,’ how important was this goal to the last meeting you attended this year?”)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q36. QDELIB21. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is “not often at all” and ten is “very often,” how often would you say you personally participated in the discussion during the last meeting you attended?

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....

9.....
10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q37. QDELIB22. What about others at the meeting? Using the same scale, zero is “not often at all” and ten is “very often,” how often would you say most other people participated in the discussion?

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1.....
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10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

IQ38. QDELIB23. People participate in meetings for different reasons. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is “not important at all” and ten is “very important,” please tell me how important each of the following reasons were to your decision to participate in the last meeting you attended.

Q38. QDELIB23a: I felt it was my duty as a citizen or member of the community.(IF NECESSARY: “Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last meeting to discuss an issue.” 0 = Not important at all / 10 = Very important.)

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10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q39. QDELIB23b: The issue under discussion directly affected me and my family.(IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last meeting to discuss an issue. 0 = Not important at all / 10 = Very important.)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q40. QDELIB23c: The issue under discussion directly affected other people who live in my community. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last meeting to discuss an issue. 0 = Not important at all / 10 = Very important.)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q42. QDELIB23e: The issue being discussed just sounded interesting to me. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last meeting to discuss an issue. 0 = Not important at all /10 = Very important.)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....

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7.....
8.....
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10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q43. QDELIB23f: It was a chance to meet or talk to other people who share my interests. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last meeting to discuss an issue. 0 = Not important at all / 10 = Very important.)

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1.....
2.....
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7.....
8.....
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10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q44. QDELIB23g: Because I was personally asked by someone to participate. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last meeting to discuss an issue. 0 = Not important at all / 10 = Very important.)

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1.....
2.....
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4.....
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7.....
8.....
9.....
10.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q45. QDELIB23h. Are there any other reasons why you participated in your last meeting to discuss a public issue? (IF YES, ASK: "What were they?" AND RECORD VERBATIM)

- No.....
- Interested/Curious about the issue
- Was asked or required to participate.....
- The issue affects family or career
- The issue affects children.....
- To voice his/her concerns
- To socialize
- Sense of civic duty / responsibility
- Other
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

IQ46. QDELIB24. Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about your experiences in the last meeting you attended this year. I am going to read you a list of words or statements. On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is "not often at all" and ten is "very often," please tell me how often you felt the following ways during the last meeting you attended.

Q46. QDELIB24a. Enthusiastic (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not often at all' and ten is 'very often,' how often did you feel this way during the meeting?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

<!COMP: OK TO LEAVE NUMBERING AS IS; AU SAYS NO QUESTIONS ARE MISSING AND RENUM. IS NOT ESSENTIAL. (SEE FINAL QUERIES MEMO RESP. TO ITEMS 13-23. !>

Q49. QDELIB24d. Anxious (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten where zero is 'not often at all' and ten is 'very often,' how often did you feel this way during the meeting?")

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....

- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q50. QDELIB24e. Angry (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten where zero is ‘not often at all’ and ten is ‘very often,’ how often did you feel this way during the meeting?”)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q54. QDELIB24i. More understanding of different points of view. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten where zero is ‘not often at all’ and ten is ‘very often,’ how often did you feel this way during the meeting?”)

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q. QDELIB25. Was any decision made at the last meeting you attended regarding what specifically should be done to address the issue that was being discussed?

- Yes
- No..... SKIP TO Q57
- Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q57
- N.....

Q56. QDELIB25a. Did you agree with this decision?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q56A. QDELIB25B. Did the majority of the other participants agree with the decision, or did the majority of them disagree?

- Majority agreed.....
- Majority disagreed
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q57. QDELIB26. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is "not likely at all" and ten is "very likely," please tell me how likely you are to attend another meeting to discuss a public issue in the next six months.

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q58. QDELIB27. People sometimes follow up their participation in public meetings with other kinds of activities intended to address the problem that was discussed. Have you engaged in any charitable, civic or political activities AS A DIRECT RESULT of the last meeting you attended about a public issue?

Yes
 No..... SKIP TO Q60
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q60
 N.....

Q59. QDELIB27a. What activity or activities did you do? (ASK OPEN-ENDED AND CODE INTO CATEGORIES. PROBE FOR "ANYTHING ELSE?" ACCEPT UP TO FOUR RESPONSES.)

MULTIPLE MENTIONS

Contacted or visited a candidate for office or public official
 Wrote, called or e-mailed a newspaper, magazine, or television news show
 Called in to a radio or television talk show..... .
 Signed an e-mail or written petition about a political or social issue
 Refused to buy something because of conditions under which it was made .
 Refused to buy something because you dislike the conduct of the company that produces it
 Purchased a certain product or service because you like the conduct of the company that produces it
 Walked, ran, or bicycled for a charitable cause
 Voted in an election for local, state or national office
 Volunteered or participated in some kind of community service
 Joined a political or civic organization
 Discussed public issues with others.....
 Followed public affairs more closely in the media.....
 Gave money to a charitable or political cause
 Volunteered to work for a political candidate or party
 Tried to persuade someone about your view on a public issue.....
 Tried to persuade someone else about whom to vote for.....
 Fund-raising
 Distribute information.....
 Protest/Rally.....
 Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
 Don't know (vol.).....
 Refused (vol.).....

Q60. QINTERNETSCREENERa. Do you currently use the World Wide Web, e-mail, or some other feature of the Internet from home, work, somewhere else, or do you not currently use the Internet?

Yes
 No..... SKIP TO Q115
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q115
 N.....

Q61. QINTERNETSCREENERb. How many hours a day on average do you use the World Wide Web, e-mail, or some other feature of the Internet from home, work, or somewhere else?

Less than 1 hour
 1 to less than 4 hours.....

- 4 to less than 7 hours.....
- 7 to less than 14 hours.....
- 14 to less than 21 hours.....
- 21 or more hours.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q62. QNETDELIBSCREENER. Just thinking about the time since the beginning of last year—that is since January 2002—have you participated in any INTERNET chat rooms, message boards, or other online discussion groups organized to SPECIFICALLY discuss a local, national, or international issue?

- Yes
- No..... SKIP TO Q106
- N.....

Q63. QNETDELIB1. Approximately how many such Internet chat rooms, message boards, or other online discussion groups have you participated in since January 1st of LAST year (2002)? (PROBE IF DK/REF: Just roughly how many? Just what you think? RECORD NUMBER1-997)

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 10.....
- 12.....
- 13.....
- 15.....
- 20.....
- 30.....
- 45.....
- 50.....
- 70.....
- 99.....
- 100.....
- 500.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q64. QNETDELIB2. When was the last Internet chat room, message board, or other online discussion group that you participated in to specifically discuss a public issue? Was it within the last week, within the last month, within the last six months, or more than six months ago?

Last week
Last month
Six months
More than six months.....
N.....

Q65A. QNETDELIB3. Thinking about the LAST Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group that you participated in, what public issue did you discuss? (ASK OPEN-ENDED)

War/Terrorism/Iraq/Peace.....
Government/Politics in general.....
Community/Local Issues
Health Issues
Human Rights
Education Issues.....
Other
Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q66
N.....

Q65B. QNETDELIB3. Is there anything else?

War/Terrorism/Iraq/Peace.....
Government/Politics in general.....
Community/Local Issues
Health Issues
Human Rights
Other
NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO Q66
N.....

Q65C. QNETDELIB3. Anything else?

War/Terrorism/Iraq/Peace.....
Government/Politics in general.....
Health Issues
Other
NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO Q66
N.....

Q65D. QNETDELIB3. And anything else?

Other
NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO Q66
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Q66. QNETDELIB4. How many of the participants in the last Internet chat room message board, or online discussion group you were part of would you say you already knew or were acquainted with—All of the participants, most of them, some of them, or none of them? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: “What is your best sense?”)

- All of them
- Most of them
- Some of them
- None of them.....
- N.....

Q67. When participating in Internet chat rooms, message boards, or online discussion groups, it can sometimes be difficult to get a sense about the people with whom you are talking. Still thinking about the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you were part of, and using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is “not diverse at all” and ten is “very diverse,” please tell me how diverse you think other participants were on each of the following characteristics.

Q68. QNETDELIB5a. How racially or ethnically diverse were the people in the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you were part of? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: “What is your best sense?” IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW MEANING OF DIVERSE, SAY “By ‘not diverse at all,’ we mean everyone had exactly the same racial or ethnic characteristic, and by ‘very diverse,’ we mean that there was a fairly equal mix of all examples of that racial or ethnic characteristics.”)

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- Don’t know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q69. QNETDELIB5b. How diverse were the people in the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you were part of by income? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: “What is your best sense?” Zero is “not diverse at all” and ten is “very diverse.”)

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Q70. QNETDELIB5c. How diverse were the people by age? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?" Zero is "not diverse at all" and ten is "very diverse.")

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Q71. QNETDELIB5d. How diverse were the people participating in this online discussion by gender? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?" Zero is "not diverse at all" and ten is "very diverse.")

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Q72. QNETDELIB5e. And, using the same scale, how diverse were the points of view expressed during the online discussion? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?" Zero is "not diverse at all" and ten is "very diverse.")

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q73. QNETDELIB6. To the best of your knowledge, were other people participating in this session mainly from your local community, from your state, from all over the country or from all over the world? (PROBE IF UNCERTAIN: "What is your best sense?")

- Local community
- State.....
- Nation.....
- World
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q74. QNETDELIB7. How did you find out about the last Internet chat room, message board, or other online discussion group you participated in? (ASK OPEN-ENDED AND CODE INTO CATEGORIES. ACCEPT UP TO FOUR RESPONSES.)

MULTIPLE MENTIONS

- Friend/Neighbor/Family member
- E-mail.....
- Club or organization
- Work/School
- Web site/Internet Site.....
- Web search or look-up
- Surfing/Browsing.....
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know (vol.).....

Q75. QNETDELIB8. Was there someone participating in this last Internet chat room, message board, or other online discussion group who was officially responsible for leading or moderating the discussion?

Yes
No.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q76. QNETDELIB9. Were you sent any material before, during or after the last online discussion group you participated in to help you better understand or think about the issue?

Yes
No..... SKIP TO IQ79
N.....

Q77. QNETDELIB9a. When were you given this material—before your participation in the online discussion group, during your participation, or after participation?

Before.....
During
After
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q78. QNETDELIB9b. Which of the following best describes this material? Would you say it was generally neutral and objective, generally balanced between different points of view, or generally biased in favor of a particular point of view?

Neutral/Objective.....
Balanced.....
Biased.....
N.....

IQ79. QNETDELIB10. Internet chat rooms, message boards, or online discussion groups designed to discuss public issues serve different purposes. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is “not important at all” and ten is “very important,” please tell me how important each of the following goals were to the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you attended.

Q79. QNETDELIB10a. To teach people about the issue in a neutral, factual way. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is ‘not important at all’ and ten is ‘very important,’ how important was this goal to the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you attended?”)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q80. QNETDELIB10b. To allow people to air differences of opinion and discuss different points of view. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is ‘not important at all’ and ten is ‘very important,’ how important was this goal to the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you attended?”)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q81. QNETDELIB10c. To allow people to come to agreement about the importance of the issue being discussed, its causes, and/or how it might be addressed. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is ‘not important at all’ and ten is ‘very important,’ how important was this goal to the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you attended?”)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q82. QNETDELIB10d. To give people the opportunity to decide on concrete actions to take to address the issue. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is ‘not important at all’ and ten is ‘very important,’ how important was this goal to the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you attended?”)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q83. QNETDELIB11. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is “very little” and ten is “a great deal,” how much would you say you personally participated in the discussion occurring in the last Internet chat room, message board, or online discussion group you participated in during the past year.

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

IQ84. QNETDELIB12. People participate in Internet chat rooms, message boards, and other online discussion groups for different reasons. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is “not important at all” and ten is “very important,” please tell me how important each of the following reasons were to your decision to participate in the last online discussion group you visited.

Q84. QNETDELIB12a: I felt it was my duty as a citizen or member of the community. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q85. QNETDELIB12b: The issue under discussion directly affected me and my family. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q86. QNETDELIB12c: The issue under discussion directly affected other people who live in my community. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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Don't know (vol.).....
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Q87. QNETDELIB12d: I knew the people or was a member of the organization or group that called the meeting and felt it was my responsibility to participate. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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Don't know (vol.).....
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Q88. QNETDELIB12e: The issue being discussed just sounded interesting to me. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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Don't know (vol.).....
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Q89. QNETDELIB12f: It was a chance to meet or talk to other people who share my interests. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q90. QNETDELIB12g: Because I was personally asked by someone to participate. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in your decision to participate in your last online discussion group to discuss an issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 1.....
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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q91. QNETDELIB12h. Are there any other reasons why you participated in your last online discussion group to discuss a public issue? (IF YES, ASK: "What were they?" AND RECORD VERBATIM.)

- No.....
- Become more informed.....
- Personal Interest / Voice Opinion.....
- Curiosity.....
- Other
- N.....

IQ92. QNETDELIB13. Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about your experiences in the last Internet chat room, message board, or other online discussion group you participated in this year. I am going to read you a list of words or statements. On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is "not often at all" and ten is "very often," please tell me how often you felt the following ways during the last online discussion group you participated in.

Q92. QNETDELIB13a. Enthusiastic (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not often at all' and ten is 'very often,' how often did you feel this way during the last online discussion group you participated in?")

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q95. QNETDELIB13d. Anxious (IF NECESSARY: "On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not often at all' and ten is 'very often,' how often did you feel this way during the last online discussion group you participated in?")

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- 1.....
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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q96. QNETDELIB13e. Angry (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is ‘not often at all’ and ten is ‘very often,’ how often did you feel this way during the last online discussion group you participated in?”)

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q100. QNETDELIB13i. More understanding of different points of view. (IF NECESSARY: “On a scale from zero to ten, where zero is ‘not often at all’ and ten is ‘very often,’ how often did you feel this way during the last online discussion group you participated in?”)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q101. QNETDELIB14. Was any decision made at the last Internet chat room, message board, or other online discussion group you attended regarding what specifically should be done to address the issue that was being discussed?

- Yes
- No.....
- N.....

SKIP TO Q103

Q102. QNETDELIB14a. Did you agree with this decision?

Yes
No.....
N.....

Q102a. QNETDELIB14b. Did the majority of the other participants agree with the decision, or did the majority of them disagree?

Majority agreed.....
Majority disagreed.....
N.....

Q103. QDELIB15. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not likely at all' and ten is 'very likely,' please tell me how likely you are to participate in another Internet chat room, message board, or other online discussion group to discuss a public issue in the next six months.

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Q104. QNETDELIB16. People sometimes follow up their participation in Internet chat rooms, message boards, or other online discussion groups with other kinds of activities intended to address the problem that was discussed. Have you engaged in any charitable, civic or political activities as a DIRECT RESULT of the last chat room, message board, or other online discussion group you attended about a public issue?

Yes
No..... SKIP TO Q106
N.....

Q105. QNETDELIB16a. What activity or activities did you do? (ASK OPEN-ENDED. USE CODE LIST BELOW. PROBE FOR "ANYTHING ELSE?" ACCEPT UP TO FOUR RESPONSES.)

MULTIPLE MENTIONS

- Contacted or visited a candidate for office or public official at any level of government
- Wrote, called or e-mailed a newspaper, magazine or television news show to express your opinion on an issue.....
- Signed an e-mail or written petition about a political or social issue

- Voted in an election for local, state or national office
- Volunteered or participated in some kind of community service
- Discussed public issues with others.....
- Followed public affairs more closely in the media.....
- Volunteered to work for a political candidate or party
- Tried to persuade someone about your view on a public issue.....
- Distributed information.....
- Protest/Rally.....
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Q106. QNETTALKSCREENER. How often do you use e-mail or instant messaging to talk INFORMALLY with people you know about public issues that are local, national, or international concerns. Would you say you do this every day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, or less often than this.

- Every day
- A few times a week.....
- Once a week.....
- A few times a month.....
- Less often..... SKIP TO Q115
- Never (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q115
- Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q115
- Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q115
- N.....

Q107. QNETTALK1. When was the last time you talked informally with someone via e-mail or instant messaging about a public issue? Was it today, this week, this month, or longer ago than this?

- Today
- This week.....
- This month
- Longer
- Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q115
- Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q115
- N.....

Q108. QNETTALK2. Who did you e-mail or instant message with?

- Friend/Neighbor
- Spouse
- Other family member
- Co-worker/fellow student/client
- All of the above (friend, spouse, other family member, etc)
- Fellow community (organization) member
- Politician or elected official
- Experts / Activists

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q109A. QNETTALK3. And what was the specific issue you e-mailed or instant messaged about? (ASK OPEN-ENDED.)

War / Terrorism / Iraq
Economy (including oil prices).....
Education
Politics and Government (including current President).....
World Issues and Affairs
Other various Domestic Public Policy Issues / Current Events
Taxes
Health and Nutrition
Jobs / Employment.....
Local / State Public Issues
Other
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

SKIP TO IQ110
SKIP TO IQ110

Q109B. QNETTALK3. Is there anything else?

War / Terrorism / Iraq
Economy (including oil prices).....
Politics and Government (including current President).....
World Issues and Affairs
Other various Domestic Public Policy Issues / Current Events
Local / State Public Issues
Other
NOTHING ELSE.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

SKIP TO IQ110
SKIP TO IQ110
SKIP TO IQ110

RECODE Q109C. QNETTALK3. Anything else?

War / Terrorism / Iraq
World Issues and Affairs
Other various Domestic Public Policy Issues / Current Events
Local / State Public Issues
Other
NOTHING ELSE.....
N.....

SKIP TO IQ110

RECODE Q109D. QNETTALK3. And anything else?

- Other various Domestic Public Policy Issues / Current Events
- Jobs / Employment.....
- Local / State Public Issues
- NOTHING ELSE..... **SKIP TO IQ110**
- N.....

IQ110. QNETTALK4. People send electronic messages about public issues for different reasons. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not important at all' and ten is 'very important,' please tell me how important each of the following reasons were to having your last Internet conversation about a public issue.

Q110. QNETTALK 5a. The issue I was discussing directly affected me and my family. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last Internet conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q111. QNETTALK 5b. The issue under discussion directly affected other people who live in my community. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last Internet conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 9.....

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Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q112. QNETTALK 5c. The issue being discussed was just interesting to me. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last Internet conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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Q113. QNETTALK 5d. The person I was e-mailing or instant messaging with brought up the topic, and I felt forced to have a discussion. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last Internet conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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Don't know (vol.).....
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Q114. QNETTALK 5e. Are there any other reasons why you got involved in an Internet conversation about a public issue? ? (IF YES, ASK: "What were they?" AND RECORD VERBATIM.)

No.....
Communication/Exchange of Ideas

Personal Education/Stay Informed
 Importance and Timeliness of the Issue.....
 Interest/Personal Feelings or Concerns.....
 Professional/Job Related.....
 Friends/Family
 Other
 Don't know (vol.).....
 N.....

Q115. QTALKSCREENER. How often do you have informal face-to-face or phone conversations or exchanges with people you know about public issues that are local, national, or international concerns? I'm talking about exchanges or conversations of any length. Would you say you do this every day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, or less often than this.

Every day
 A few times a week.....
 Once a week.....
 A few times a month.....
 Less often SKIP TO Q125
 Never (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q125
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q125
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q125
 N.....

Q116. QTALK 1. Still thinking about these informal face-to-face or phone conversations about public issues that are local, national or international concerns, how often have they been in-depth conversations lasting more than five minutes or so? Would you say most, some, not many, or none of your conversations about public issues have lasted five minutes or more?

Most
 Some
 Not many.....
 None of them.....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 N.....

Q117. QTALK2. When was the last time you talked informally with someone either face-to-face or over the phone about a public issue? Was it today, this week, this month or longer ago than this?

Today
 This week
 This month
 Longer.....
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q125
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q125
 N.....

Q118. QTALK3. Whom did you talk with?

- Friend
- Spouse
- Other family member
- Co-worker/fellow student/employer
- A combination of friend, spouse, family member, co-worker,
- Politician/Elected Official
- Neighbor/Community Member
- Client/Customer/Business Associate / Professional
- Teacher/Professor
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know (vol.)
- Refused (vol.)
- N

Q119A. QTALK4. And what was the specific public issue that you talked about? (ASK OPEN-ENDED)

- War / Terrorism / Iraq / US Foreign Policy
- Economy / Employment / Gas Prices / Stock Prices
- Education / Education Budgets and Financing
- Politics / Government / President
- Various State and Local Issues
- Environmental Issues / Agriculture
- National Budget and Taxes / Social Security
- Health Care
- Child Safety / Elizabeth Smart
- Crime / Law Enforcement / Public Safety
- Elections
- Race / Racism / Intolerance
- Housing
- Other
- Don't know (vol.)
- Refused (vol.)
- N

SKIP TO IQ120

SKIP TO IQ120

Q119B. QTALK4. Is there anything else?

- War / Terrorism / Iraq / U.S. Foreign Policy
- Economy / Employment / Gas Prices / Stock Prices
- Education / Education Budgets and Financing
- Politics / Government / President
- Various State and Local Issues
- Environmental Issues / Agriculture
- National Budget and Taxes / Social Security

Health Care
 Child Safety / Elizabeth Smart.....
 Crime / Law Enforcement / Public Safety
 Elections.....
 Race / Racism / Intolerance
 Other
 NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO IQ120
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO IQ120
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO IQ120
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Q119C. QTALK4. Anything else?

War / Terrorism / Iraq / U.S. Foreign Policy
 Economy / Employment / Gas Prices / Stock Prices
 Education / Education Budgets and Financing
 Politics / Government / President
 Various State and Local Issues
 Environmental Issues / Agriculture
 National Budget and Taxes / Social Security
 Health Care
 Child Safety / Elizabeth Smart.....
 Crime / Law Enforcement / Public Safety
 Elections.....
 Other
 NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO IQ120
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO IQ120
 N.....

Q119D. QTALK4. And anything else?

War / Terrorism / Iraq / US Foreign Policy
 Economy / Employment / Gas Prices / Stock Prices
 Education / Education Budgets and Financing
 Politics / Government / President
 Various State and Local Issues
 Health Care
 Elections.....
 Other
 NOTHING ELSE..... SKIP TO IQ120
 N.....

IQ120. QTALK5. People get together and talk about public issues for different reasons. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero is 'not important at all' and ten is 'very important,' please tell me how important each of the following reasons were to having your last conversation about a public issue.

Q120. QTALK 5a. The issue I was discussing directly affected me and my family.(IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q121. QTALK 5b. The issue under discussion directly affected other people who live in my community. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q122. QTALK5c. The issue being discussed was just interesting to me. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q123. QTALK5d. The person I was talking to brought up the topic, and I felt forced to have a discussion. (IF NECESSARY: Please tell me how important this reason was in having your last conversation about a public issue. Zero = Not important at all; ten = Very important.)

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- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
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- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q124. QTALK 5e. Are there any other reasons why you got involved in a discussion about a public issue? (IF YES, ASK: "What were they?" AND RECORD VERBATIM.)

- No.....
- Had an interest or concern / It affected me or my family
- Knowledge / I was asked / Because of my position.....
- Communication/Exchange of ideas / Express my opinion
- Want to be active / make a difference / to be involved.....
- People handling situation don't know what they are doing.....
- Current Issues / Compelled by media
- War related.....
- I brought it up.....
- To pass the time
- Other
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q125. POLTRUST1. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government to do what's right—just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

Just about always
Most of the time
Only some of the time
Never
Don't know (vol.)
Refused (vol.)
N.....

Q126. POLTRUST2. Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

Pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves.....
It is run for the benefit of all the people.....
Don't know (vol.)
Refused (vol.)
N.....

IQ127. POLEFF. Next, I am going to read you several statements about government officials. For each one tell me whether you agree or disagree with it.

Q127. POLEFF1a. I don't think public officials care much about what people like me think. (PROBE: "Do you strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?")

Strongly Agree
Somewhat Agree
Somewhat Disagree
Strongly Disagree.....
Don't know (vol.)
Refused (vol.)
N.....

Q128. POLEFF1b. People like me don't have any say about what the government does. (PROBE: "Do you strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?")

Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know (vol.)
Refused (vol.)
N.....

Q129. POLEFF1c. Sometimes politics and the government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on. (PROBE: "Do you strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?")

Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q130. INTERPERSONALTRUST1. Do you think most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance, or would they try to be fair?

Try to take advantage of you
Try to be fair
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q131. INTERPERSONALTRUST2. Would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they mostly are just looking out for themselves?

People try to be helpful
People are looking out for themselves
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q132. INTERPERSONALTRUST3. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Most people can be trusted
Can't be too careful in dealing with people
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q133. TOLERANCE1. Some people believe that because of 9/11 we should take away from radical Islamic Fundamentalist groups the freedom of speech and the right to organize. Others believe that the Bill of Rights guarantees these rights to all groups, including radical Islamic Fundamentalists. Which is closer to your view?

Take away
Protect
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q. TOLERANCE2. Some people believe that because of hate crimes we need to take away from radical racists groups like the Ku Klux Klan the freedom of speech and the right to organize. Others believe that the Bill of Rights guarantees these rights to all groups, including the Klan. Which is closer to your view?

- Take Away
- Protect
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q135. POLINTEREST. On a scale of zero to ten, with zero being “a total lack of interest” and 10 being “a great deal of interest,” how interested are you in politics?

- 0.....
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- N.....

Q136. POLATTENTION. How much attention would you say you pay to politics and government—a lot, a fair amount, not much, none at all?

- A lot
- Fair amount
- Not much.....
- None at all.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q137. POLBEHAVE1. Did you vote in the 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George Bush?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q138. POLBEHAVE2. And did you vote in the congressional elections that occurred in November 2002?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

IQ139. POLBEHAVE3. People are active in their community and express their beliefs in many ways. I will now list some activities that people sometimes take part to stay active and to express their beliefs. For each, please tell me if you have done it in the last year—that is since January of 2002.

Q139. POLBEHAVE3a. Contacted or visited a candidate for office or public official at any level of government to express your opinion?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q140. POLBEHAVE3b. Wrote, called or e-mailed a newspaper, magazine or television news show to express your opinion on an issue?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q142. POLBEHAVE3d. Signed an e-mail or written petition about a political or social issue?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

Q143. POLBEHAVE3e. Refused to buy something because of conditions under which the product is made, or because you dislike the conduct of the company that produces it?

- Yes
- No.....
- Don't know (vol.).....

Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q147. POLBEHAVE3i. Volunteered or participated in some kind of community service?

Yes
No.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q150. POLBEHAVE3l. Worked informally with others to solve a problem in the community where you live?

Yes
No.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q151. POLBEHAVE3m. Volunteered to work for a political candidate or party?

Yes
No.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

Q152. POLBEHAVE3n. Tried to persuade someone about your view on a public issue?

Yes
No.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

Q153. POLBEHAVE3o. Tried to persuade someone else about whom to vote for in a local, state or national election?

Yes
No.....
Don't know (vol.).....
N.....

IQ154. POLKNOW. Next we have a few questions about the government in Washington.

Q154a. Many people don't know the answers to these questions, so if there are some you don't know just tell me and we'll go on. (FORM A)

N.....

Q154b. Many people don't know the answers to these questions. If you don't know please give us your best guess. (FORM B)

N.....

Q155. POLKNOW1. What job or political office is now held by Dick Cheney?

Vice President

Response other than Vice President.....

Don't know (vol.).....

Refused (vol.).....

N.....

Q156. POLKNOW2. Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not? Is it the president, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

The president.....

The Congress

The Supreme Court

Don't know (vol.).....

Refused (vol.).....

N.....

Q157. POLKNOW3. How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a presidential veto?

Two-thirds of both houses

Response other than two-thirds of both houses

Don't know (vol.).....

Refused (vol.).....

N.....

Q158. POLKNOW4. Which party has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington?

Republican Party

Response other than Republican Party

Don't know (vol.).....

Refused (vol.).....

N.....

Q159. POLKNOW5. Would you say that one of the parties is more conservative than the other at the national level?

Yes
 No..... SKIP TO Q160
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q160
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q160
 N.....

Q159a. Which party is more conservative?

Republican Party
 Response other than Republican Party
 Don't know (vol.).....
 Refused (vol.).....
 N.....

Q160. IDEOLOGY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
 (PROBE: If conservative or liberal, ask, "and would that be strong or not so strong?")

Strong liberal.....
 Not so strong liberal.....
 Moderate
 Not so strong conservative.....
 Strong conservative.....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 Refused (vol.).....
 N.....

Q161. PARTYID. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent,
 or something else?

Democrat.....
 Republican
 Independent.....
 Libertarian.....
 Green Party
 No political party affiliation.....
 Not registered.....
 Depends on the Issue (Bipartisan)
 Vote for the person, not party
 Something else (PLEASE SPECIFY).....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 Refused (vol.).....
 N.....

Q162. ORGMEMBERSHIP. Are you currently a member of any organization-for example, unions or
 professional associations, fraternal groups, recreational organizations, political issue organizations,
 community or school groups, or religious organizations?

Yes
 No..... SKIP TO ID1
 Don't Know (vol.)..... SKIP TO ID1
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO ID1
 N.....

Q163. ORGMEMBERSHIPb. Approximately how many such groups do you currently belong to?
 (RECORD NUMBER 1-97)

1.....
 2.....
 3.....
 4.....
 5.....
 6.....
 7.....
 8.....
 9.....
 10.....
 12.....
 15.....
 20.....
 38.....
 63.....
 Don't know (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q164
 Refused (vol.)..... SKIP TO Q164
 N.....

Q163a. Are you active in THIS GROUP/ANY OF THESE GROUPS—that is, do you regularly participate in meetings, events or other activities? (IF one group, say “this group”; if more than one group say “any of these groups.”)

Yes
 No.....
 Don't know
 N.....

Q164. ORGMEMBERSHIPc. Do any of the groups you are a member of ever take stands on local, state, or national public issues or on candidates for elected office?

Yes
 No.....
 Don't know (vol.).....
 Refused (vol.).....
 N.....

ID1. I just have a few more questions for classification purposes only.

D1. What year were you born? (ENTER FOUR-DIGIT YEAR.)

- Less than 30
- 30 to 50
- 50 or more
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

RECODE D2. What racial or ethnic group or groups best describes you? (READ TOP SEVEN CHOICES.)

- African American.....
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White.....
- Multi-racial
- Or some other group (SPECIFY).....
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

D3. About how much was your TOTAL FAMILY INCOME last year before taxes? Was it. . . .

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to less than \$15,000.....
- \$15,000 to less than \$20,000.....
- \$20,000 to less than \$30,000.....
- \$30,000 to less than \$50,000.....
- \$50,000 to less than \$75,000.....
- \$75,000 to less than \$100,000.....
- \$100,000 or more
- Don't know (vol.).....
- Refused (vol.).....
- N.....

D4. How long have you lived in the town where you reside? (ENTER TWO DIGITS; RECORD YEARS IN WHOLE NUMBERS. ROUND UP IF ONE-HALF OR MORE.)

- Less than 5
- 5 to 10
- 11 to 20

21 to 40
41 or more
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D5. Are you . . .

Married.....
Single
Divorced.....
Widowed.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D6. What is the highest grade of school, or year of college, you have completed and gotten credit for?
(READ CHOICES 1-6)

Grade school or less (0-8).....
Some high school (9-11)
High school (12)
Some college (1-3 years).....
College graduate (4 years)
Postgraduate (Masters or Doctorate)
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

RECODE D7. Is your religious preference Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

Catholic
Protestant.....
Jewish.....
Christian.....
Hindu.....
Islamic/Muslim
Buddhist
Agnostic/Atheist
Nondenominational.....
None / Not Religious
Something Else (PLEASE SPECIFY).....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D8. Besides weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? (READ CHOICES 1-7.)

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Once every few months
- A few times a year
- Never
- Don't know (vol.)
- Refused (vol.)
- N

D9. How many hours on average do you spend watching TV every day? (READ CHOICES 1-5.)

- None/zero
- Less than 1 hour
- 1 to less than 3 hours
- 3 to less than 5 hours
- 5 or more hours
- Don't know (vol.)
- Refused (vol.)
- N

D10. How many hours on average do you spend reading the newspaper or magazines every day? (READ CHOICES 1-5.)

- None/zero
- Less than 1 hour
- 1 to less than 3 hours
- 3 to less than 5 hours
- 5 or more hours
- Don't know (vol.)
- Refused (vol.)
- N

D11. How many hours on average do you spend listening to the radio every day? (READ CHOICES 1-5.)

- None/zero
- Less than 1 hour
- 1 to Less than 3 hours
- 3 to Less than 5 hours
- 5 or More hours
- Don't know (vol.)

Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D13. How many phone numbers do you have in your household that are connected to phones that can be answered by a person, NOT INCLUDING cell phones?

1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....
5.....
6.....
7 or more.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D14. How many adults live in this household who are eighteen years old or older?

1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....
5.....
6.....
7 or more.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D15. How many children live in this household who are seventeen years old or younger?

0.....
1.....
2.....
3.....
4.....
5.....
6.....
7 or more.....
Don't know (vol.).....
Refused (vol.).....
N.....

D15a. Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, retired, temporarily laid-off, or are you not employed?

Employed full-time	
Employed part-time	
Retired.....	SKIP TO D16A
Temporarily laid off.....	SKIP TO D16A
Not employed.....	SKIP TO D16A
Don't know (vol.).....	SKIP TO D16A
Refused (vol.).....	SKIP TO D16A
N.....	

D16a. Thank you so much for talking with me. You have been very helpful. Would you mind if we contacted you in the future to learn more about your views?

We MAY contact in the future.....	
We may NOT contact in the future.....	SKIP TO D18
Don't know (vol.).....	SKIP TO D18
Refused (vol.).....	SKIP TO D18
N.....	

D18. Gender (DO NOT ASK.)

Male
Female.....
N.....