Region:

(N=1,000)	n	%
Northeast	207	20.70
South	336	33.60
Midwest	242	24.20
West	215	21.50

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University/USA Today and I would like to get your opinions on some issues of the day. Would you like to spend seven minutes to help us out? {ASK FOR YOUNGEST IN HOUSEHOLD}

Q.1   Gender

(N=1,000)	n	%
Male	479	47.90
Female	521	52.10

Q.2   How likely are you to vote in the general election for President in 2016 --very likely, somewhat likely, 50-50 or not likely?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very likely	972	97.20
Somewhat likely	28	2.80

Q.3   Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent? {IF INDEPENDENT, "Which party would you lean toward/feel closest to"}

(N=1,000)	n	%
Democrat	342	34.20
Republican	307	30.70
Unenrolled/Independent	319	31.90
Other	18	1.80
Refused	14	1.40

Q.4   What is your age category?

(N=1,000)	n	%
18-24 Years	123	12.30
25-34 Years	237	23.70
35-49 Years	257	25.70
50-64 Years	205	20.50
65-74 Years	104	10.40
75+	67	6.70
Refused	7	0.70

Q.5   For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

(N=1,000)	n	%
White/Caucasian	726	72.60
Black/African-American	116	11.60
American Indian / Alaska Native	5	0.50
Asian	6	0.60
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	3	0.30
Hispanic/Latino	126	12.60
Other	0	0.00
Don't know	18	1.80

6.   Do you feel the country is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Right Direction	218	21.80
Wrong Track	636	63.60
Undecided	146	14.60

7.   Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Approve	439	43.90
Disapprove	495	49.50
Undecided	66	6.60

{FOR Q3}

8.   Earlier you said you think of yourself as a/an {insert party}. Thinking about the upcoming presidential primaries and caucuses early next year, do you think you will vote/lean toward voting in your state's Democratic contest, Republican contest, or do you think you will skip the primary season and just vote next November?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Vote in Democratic primary/caucus	363	36.30
Vote in Republican primary/caucus	357	35.70
Skip Primaries/caucuses. Vote in November.	183	18.30
Undecided	92	9.20
Refused	5	0.50

{FOR 8.1}

9.   If the *Democratic* Primary for President was held today, and the candidates were {RANDOMIZE} Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, or Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote or lean toward?

(N=363)	n	%
Hillary Clinton	204	56.20
Martin O'Malley	13	3.58
Bernie Sanders	104	28.65
Other	1	0.28
Undecided	41	11.29

{FOR 8.2}

10.   If the *Republican* Primary for President of the United States were held today, who would be your first choice to win the Republican nomination? {RANDOMIZE LIST} (READ LIST)

(N=357)	n	%
Jeb Bush	15	4.20
Ben Carson	37	10.36
Chris Christie	6	1.68
Ted Cruz	59	16.53
Carly Fiorina	3	0.84
Jim Gilmore	0	0.00
Lindsey Graham	0	0.00
Mike Huckabee	5	1.40
John Kasich	6	1.68
George Pataki	0	0.00
Rand Paul	8	2.24
Marco Rubio	56	15.69
Rick Santorum	3	0.84
Donald Trump	98	27.45
Other	1	0.28
Undecided	60	16.81

{FROM Q10, exclude answer from Q10 as an option, respondents must pick another candidate}
11.   Who would be your second choice? (RANDOMIZE LIST) (RE-READ LIST)

(N=297)	n	%
Jeb Bush	15	5.05
Ben Carson	40	13.47
Chris Christie	12	4.04
Ted Cruz	65	21.89
Carly Fiorina	10	3.37
Jim Gilmore	0	0.00
Lindsey Graham	0	0.00
Mike Huckabee	19	6.40
John Kasich	17	5.72
George Pataki	1	0.34
Rand Paul	7	2.36
Marco Rubio	46	15.49
Rick Santorum	0	0.00
Donald Trump	39	13.13
Other	1	0.34
Undecided	25	8.42

[FOR 10.14 ONLY}
12.   Earlier you said your first choice in the Republican Primary is Donald Trump. If Donald Trump runs as an independent candidate – not as a Republican - would you still vote for him?

(N=98)	n	%
Yes	67	68.37
No	18	18.37
Undecided	11	11.22
Refused	2	2.04

Great, I am going to read you a short list of individuals and for each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or generally unfavorable. If you are undecided or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that. First take Barack Obama. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?   (RANDOMIZE 14-22)

(N=1,000)	NEVER HEARD	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	HOF/UNDECIDED
13. Barack Obama	2	484	487	27
	0.20	48.40	48.70	2.70
14. Hillary Clinton	1	385	540	74
	0.10	38.50	54.00	7.40
15. Jeb Bush	7	283	565	145
	0.70	28.30	56.50	14.50
16. Ted Cruz	48	341	428	183
	4.80	34.10	42.80	18.30
17. Ben Carson	38	391	422	149
	3.80	39.10	42.20	14.90
18. Carly Fiorina	65	311	422	202
	6.50	31.10	42.20	20.20
19. Marco Rubio	45	405	362	188
	4.50	40.50	36.20	18.80
20. Bernie Sanders	36	381	407	176
	3.60	38.10	40.70	17.60
21. Donald Trump	2	303	600	95
	0.20	30.30	60.00	9.50
22. Government in Washington	6	126	727	141
	0.60	12.60	72.70	14.10

23.   What do you think is the most important issue facing the next president? {Randomize}

(N=1,000)	n	%
Reducing the national debt	68	6.80
Taxes	12	1.20
Jobs/Economy	190	19.00
Schools/Education	36	3.60
Healthcare	44	4.40
Illegal immigration	63	6.30
Abortion policy	14	1.40
Climate Change	62	6.20
Civil liberties	28	2.80
Terrorism/national security	371	37.10
Crime/Guns	50	5.00
Drugs/Opioids	2	0.20
Undecided	60	6.00

24.   Do you think federal funding for Planned Parenthood should be eliminated – yes or no?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Yes	327	32.70
No	579	57.90
Undecided	89	8.90
Refused	5	0.50

{FOR 14.3 AND 21.3}
25.   Earlier you said you had an unfavorable opinion of both {ROTATE} Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Who do you DISLIKE more – {ROTATE} Trump or Clinton?

	(N=211)	n	%
	DISLIKE Hillary Clinton more	95	45.02
	DISLIKE Donald Trump more	88	41.71
	Undecided	27	12.80
	Refused	1	0.47

26.   Who do you think would do a better job dealing with ISIS - {ROTATE} Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton?

	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Hillary Clinton	441	44.10
	Donald Trump	444	44.40
	Undecided	102	10.20
	Refused	13	1.30

I'm going to run Democrat Hillary Clinton aginst the top four polled Republicans and for each, please tell me if you would vote for Clinton or the Republican I name. Let's start with {RANDOMIZE Q27-30}:

27.   Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican Donald Trump?

	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Hillary Clinton	475	47.50
	Donald Trump	442	44.20
	Undecided	70	7.00
	Refused	13	1.30

28.   Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican Marco Rubio?

	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Hillary Clinton	445	44.50
	Marco Rubio	478	47.80
	Undecided	73	7.30
	Refused	4	0.40

29.   Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican Ben Carson?

	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Hillary Clinton	460	46.00
	Ben Carson	451	45.10
	Undecided	78	7.80
	Refused	11	1.10

30.   Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican Ted Cruz?

	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Hillary Clinton	469	46.90
	Ted Cruz	451	45.10
	Undecided	71	7.10
	Refused	9	0.90

31.   Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: "Next November's election boils down to whether or not we want to continue Barack Obama's policies for an additional four years."

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Strongly Agree	215	21.50
Agree	221	22.10
Disagree	242	24.20
Strongly Disagree	266	26.60
Undecided	56	5.60
Refused	0	0.00

I'm going to read you two statements about a topic. Please tell me which statement comes closest to your own view:
{RANDOMIZE Q32-Q36}

32.   Here are two statements about how you approach picking the next president. Which comes closest to your own view? {ROTATE}

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Statement X: "The problems the United States faces are so serious that it's important to elect a president who has experience in government to address them." OR	515	51.50
Statement Y: "The problems the United States faces are so serious that it's time to elect an outsider as president who can bring a fresh perspective to address them."	357	35.70
Undecided	128	12.80

33.   Here are two statements about how a president should govern. Which comes closest to your own view? {ROTATE}

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Statement X: "The next president should be willing to compromise to get some things done, even if it means giving in on some things he or she campaigned on."	635	63.50
Statement Y: "The next president should stand firm on principle, even if it means he or she can't get some things done."	283	28.30
Undecided	82	8.20

34.   Here are two statements about terrorism. Which comes closest to your own view? {ROTATE}

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Statement X: "The U.S. Government should do what it can to prevent terrorism at home, but attacks like those in Paris are just part of the world these days." OR	293	29.30
Statement Y: "By taking strong action against terrorism at home, the U.S. Government can prevent attacks like those in Paris."	596	59.60
Undecided	111	11.10

35.   Here are two statements about the recent shooting at a Planned Parenthood Clinic in Colorado Springs. Which comes closest to your own view? {ROTATE}

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Statement X: "Heated political rhetoric about Planned Parenthood and abortion bear some of the responsibility for what happened."	457	45.70
Statement Y: "The event was a random act of violence and not connected to politics."	357	35.70
Undecided	186	18.60

36.   Here are two statements about jobs and income inequality. Which comes closest to your own view?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Statement X: "Market forces and economic cycles determine things like the availability of jobs and income inequality, and there's not much the U.S. Government can do about it."	289	28.90
Statement Y: "The U.S. Government can do a lot more to create jobs and reduce income inequality, regardless of market forces and economic cycles."	611	61.10
Undecided	100	10.00

37.   Do the two major parties – Democrat & Republican - do a good job of representing Americans' political views, or do you think a third party or multiple parties is necessary?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Two parties – Democrat and Republican are good enough	371	37.10
A Third party is necessary	276	27.60
Multiple parties are necessary	228	22.80
Undecided	125	12.50

38.   How would you describe your own political viewpoint – very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, very conservative? {ROTATE .1-.5 ASCENDING TO DESCENDING}(READ LIST)

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very liberal	52	5.20
Liberal	189	18.90
Moderate	328	32.80
Conservative	243	24.30
Very Conservative	129	12.90
Other {Respondent Specifies}	25	2.50
Don't know	34	3.40

39.   What TV news or commentary source do you trust the most?   (READ LIST) {RANDOMIZE 39.1 - 39.8}

(N=1,000)	n	%
CNN	149	14.90
MSNBC	77	7.70
FOX NEWS	268	26.80
ABC	60	6.00
NBC	58	5.80
CBS	80	8.00
C-SPAN	20	2.00
Comedy Central	21	2.10
Undecided	267	26.70

THE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

40.   What is your annual household income?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Under $20,000 per year	82	8.20
Under $50,000 per year	192	19.20
Under $75,000 per year	171	17.10
Under $100,000 per year	163	16.30
Under $140,000 per year	144	14.40
Over $140,000 per year	108	10.80
Undecided	140	14.00

41.   How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important?

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Very important	494	49.40
Somewhat important	252	25.20
Not very important	102	10.20
Not at all important	126	12.60
Undecided	13	1.30
Refused	13	1.30

42.   Are you willing to be interviewed by a USA Today reporter for an upcoming article, please give me your name and verify best phone number?

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Yes	332	33.20
No	649	64.90
Undecided	19	1.90

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]