Region:

(N=1,000)	n	%
Northeast	207	20.70
South	354	35.40
Midwest	227	22.70
West	212	21.20

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}

1.　　Gender

(N=1,000)	n	%
Male	484	48.40
Female	516	51.60

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very likely	928	92.80
Somewhat likely	48	4.80
50-50	24	2.40

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	369	36.90
Republican	313	31.30
Independent	279	27.90
Other	36	3.60
Refused	3	0.30

4.　　What is your age category?

(N=1,000)	n	%
18-24 Years	93	9.30
25-34 Years	204	20.40
35-49 Years	263	26.30
50-64 Years	261	26.10
65-74 Years	91	9.10
75+	78	7.80
Refused	10	1.00

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
White/Caucasian	696	69.60
Black/African-American	130	13.00
American Indian / Alaska Native	6	0.60
Asian	16	1.60
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	5	0.50
Hispanic/Latino	135	13.50
Other	4	0.40
Don't know	8	0.80

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Right Direction	263	26.30
Wrong Track	582	58.20
Undecided	155	15.50

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Approve	443	44.30
Disapprove	458	45.80
Undecided	99	9.90

{FOR Q3}
8.   Earlier you said you think of yourself as an Independent. 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=279)	n	%
Vote in Democratic primary/caucus	65	23.30
Vote in Republican primary/caucus	36	12.90
Skip Primaries/caucuses. Vote in November.	87	31.18
Undecided	89	31.90
Refused	2	0.72

{FOR 3.1 OR 8.1}
9.   If the *Democratic* Primary for President was held today, and the candidates were {RANDOMIZE}
Joe Biden, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, or Jim Webb, for whom
would you vote or lean toward?

(N=434)	n	%
Hillary Clinton	255	58.76
Bernie Sanders	62	14.29
Joe Biden	34	7.83
Jim Webb	7	1.61
Martin O'Malley	2	0.46
Lincoln Chafee	1	0.23
Other	3	0.69
Undecided	70	16.13

10. Who would be your second choice? (RANDOMIZE)

(N=364)	n	%
Joe Biden	108	29.67
Hillary Clinton	64	17.58
Bernie Sanders	63	17.31
Martin O'Malley	8	2.20
Jim Webb	8	2.20
Lincoln Chafee	2	0.55
Other	1	0.27
Undecided	110	30.22

TOTAL FIRST & SECOND CHOICES

(N=798)	n	%
Hillary Clinton	319	39.98
Joe Biden	142	17.79
Bernie Sanders	125	15.66
Jim Webb	15	1.88
Martin O'Malley	10	1.25
Lincoln Chafee	3	0.38
Other	4	0.50
Undecided	180	22.56

{FOR S3.2 OR 8.2} FIRST CHOICE
11.   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}

(N=349)	n	%
Donald Trump	60	17.19
Jeb Bush	49	14.04
Scott Walker	27	7.74
Ted Cruz	20	5.73
Marco Rubio	17	4.87
Ben Carson	14	4.01
Rand Paul	13	3.72
Mike Huckabee	13	3.72
Chris Christie	12	3.44
Rick Perry	5	1.43
Rick Santorum	4	1.15
Bobby Jindal	4	1.15
Carly Fiorina	2	0.57
John Kasich	2	0.57
Lindsey Graham	1	0.29
George Pataki	1	0.29
Other	2	0.57
Undecided	103	29.51

12. Who would be your second choice? (RANDOMIZE LIST)

(N=246)	n	%
Marco Rubio	41	16.67
Jeb Bush	34	13.82
Scott Walker	30	12.20
Donald Trump	17	6.91
Ted Cruz	14	5.69
Ben Carson	13	5.28
Chris Christie	12	4.88
Mike Huckabee	11	4.47
Rand Paul	10	4.07
Rick Perry	9	3.66
John Kasich	6	2.44
Carly Fiorina	4	1.63
Lindsey Graham	3	1.22
Bobby Jindal	3	1.22
Rick Santorum	2	0.81
Other	3	1.22
Undecided	34	13.82

TOTAL FIRST & SECOND CHOICES

(N=595)	n	%
Jeb Bush	83	13.95
Donald Trump	77	12.94
Marco Rubio	58	9.75
Scott Walker	57	9.58
Ted Cruz	34	5.71
Ben Carson	27	4.54
Mike Huckabee	24	4.03
Chris Christie	24	4.03
Rand Paul	23	3.87
Rick Perry	14	2.35
John Kasich	8	1.34
Bobby Jindal	7	1.18
Rick Santorum	6	1.01
Carly Fiorina	6	1.01
Lindsey Graham	4	0.67
George Pataki	1	0.17
Other	5	0.84
Undecided	137	23.03

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	1 0.10	447 44.70	444 44.40	108 10.80
14. Hillary Clinton	5 0.50	429 42.90	466 46.60	100 10.00
15. Jeb Bush	38 3.80	350 35.00	415 41.50	197 19.70
16. Scott Walker	269 26.90	255 25.50	239 23.90	237 23.70
17. Ben Carson	309 30.90	248 24.80	187 18.70	256 25.60
18. Rand Paul	122 12.20	244 24.40	385 38.50	249 24.90
19. Mike Huckabee	98 9.80	287 28.70	366 36.60	249 24.90
20. Marco Rubio	163 16.30	299 29.90	310 31.00	228 22.80
21. Bernie Sanders	230 23.00	268 26.80	242 24.20	260 26.00
22. Donald Trump	17 1.70	231 23.10	605 60.50	147 14.70

Now let's jump right to possible matchups in the general election in 2016. First I'm going to run Democrat Hillary Clinton against each of the top seven nationally polled Republican candidates. Please let me know who would you prefer. Let's start with... {RANDOMIZE 23-29}

23.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Jeb Bush

(N=1,000)	n	%
Clinton	456	45.60
Bush	419	41.90
Undecided	125	12.50

24.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Scott Walker

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Clinton	478	47.80
Walker	369	36.90
Undecided	153	15.30

25.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Ben Carson

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Clinton	485	48.50
Carson	356	35.60
Undecided	159	15.90

26.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Rand Paul

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Clinton	479	47.90
Paul	376	37.60
Undecided	145	14.50

27.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Mike Huckabee

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Clinton	488	48.80
Huckabee	402	40.20
Undecided	110	11.00

28.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Marco Rubio

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Clinton	461	46.10
Rubio	400	40.00
Undecided	139	13.90

29.   Democrat Hillary Clinton   Republican Donald Trump

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Clinton	508	50.80
Trump	337	33.70
Undecided	155	15.50

30.   Thinking about the skill set and experience most needed to be president - overall, do you think it's better for a candidate to have served as a Governor, served as a U.S. Senator, or had experience not in politics but in business and the private sector?

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Governor	397	39.70
U.S. Senator	232	23.20
Business/Private Sector	233	23.30
Don't know	138	13.80

{ROTATE SETS 31/32 WITH 33/34}
31.   Recently Donald Trump made public comments about illegal immigration with specific reference to Mexican immigrants saying they bring drugs, crime, and are rapists. Do Trump's comments matter to you in your vote?

	n	%
(N=1,000)		
Yes – a lot	484	48.40
Yes – a little	106	10.60
No – doesn't matter	349	34.90
Undecided	53	5.30
Refused	8	0.80

32. Do Trump's comments make you more likely to vote for him, less likely, or no difference?

(N=1,000)

	n	%
More likely	148	14.80
Less likely	481	48.10
No difference	318	31.80
Undecided	47	4.70
Refused	6	0.60

33. There is an investigation into Hillary Clinton's e-mails. Instead of using the State Department e-mail server, she used a private e-mail server and deleted emails she did not consider related to her service as Secretary of State. Do these actions by Hillary Clinton matter to you in your vote?

(N=1,000)

	n	%
Yes – a lot	376	37.60
Yes – a little	103	10.30
No – doesn't matter	471	47.10
Undecided	46	4.60
Refused	4	0.40

34. Do Hillary Clinton's actions make you more likely to vote for her, less likely, or no difference?

(N=1,000)

	n	%
More likely	143	14.30
Less likely	382	38.20
No difference	427	42.70
Undecided	45	4.50
Refused	3	0.30

I'm going to read you five issues. For each, please tell me if that issue will impact how you vote for president a lot, a little, or won't make a difference. {RANDOMIZE 35-39}

(N=1,000)	A lot	A little	No difference	Undecided
35. Immigration	605	214	117	64
	60.50	21.40	11.70	6.40
36. Obamacare	604	142	191	63
	60.40	14.20	19.10	6.30
37. Same sex marriage	404	134	390	72
	40.40	13.40	39.00	7.20
38. Economic inequality	621	165	136	78
	62.10	16.50	13.60	7.80
39. Deploying more troops to battle ISIS	585	180	126	109
	58.50	18.00	12.60	10.90

I'm going re-read those issues and please tell me if you are for or against each issue. Let's start with Obamacare. Are you currently for or against Obamacare? {RANDOMIZE 40-43}

(N=1,000)	**For**	**Against**	**Undecided**
40. Obamacare	454	442	104
	45.40	44.20	10.40
41. Same sex marriage	438	418	144
	43.80	41.80	14.40
42. Tighter border security	811	108	81
	81.10	10.80	8.10
43. Deploying more troops to battle ISIS	477	335	188
	47.70	33.50	18.80

44.   The Supreme Court has ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, even though some state and local officials have resisted. Do you think local and state officials who oppose gay marriage should:

(N=1,000)	n	%
Allow same-sex marriages to take place in their jurisdictions	512	51.20
Take steps to resist the court's ruling and block same-sex marriages in their jurisdictions	329	32.90
Undecided	150	15.00
Refused	9	0.90

45.   The Supreme Court has settled the most serious legal challenge to the Affordable Care Act in favor of the law, also known as Obamacare, even though some state officials have opposed it. Do you think state officials who oppose Obamacare should:

(N=1,000)	n	%
Take steps to improve the law but end efforts to repeal it	516	51.60
Continue efforts to repeal it if they feel it is in the best interest of their state	362	36.20
Undecided	118	11.80
Refused	4	0.40

46.   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 are necessary?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Two parties – Democrat and Republican are good enough	355	35.50
A Third party is necessary	266	26.60
Multiple parties are necessary	239	23.90
Undecided	140	14.00

47. How would you describe your own political viewpoint – very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative? {ROTATE .1-.5 ASCENDING TO DESCENDING}

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very liberal	74	7.40
Liberal	167	16.70
Moderate	319	31.90
Conservative	258	25.80
Very Conservative	115	11.50
Other {Respondent Specifies}	25	2.50
Don't know	42	4.20

48. What TV news or commentary source do you trust the most?   {RANDOMIZE}

(N=1,000)	n	%
CNN	126	12.60
MSNBC	61	6.10
FOX News	254	25.40
ABC	84	8.40
NBC	82	8.20
CBS	112	11.20
C-SPAN	13	1.30
Comedy Central	27	2.70
Undecided	241	24.10

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

49. What is your annual household income?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Under $20,000 per year	108	10.80
Under $50,000 per year	203	20.30
Under $75,000 per year	155	15.50
Under $100,000 per year	137	13.70
Under $140,000 per year	78	7.80
$140,000 or over per year	92	9.20
Undecided	227	22.70

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very important	616	61.60
Somewhat important	209	20.90
Not very important	75	7.50
Not at all important	75	7.50
Undecided	11	1.10
Refused	14	1.40

51. 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=1,000)	n	%
Yes	329	32.90
No	642	64.20
Undecided	29	2.90