

Region:

(N=1,000)	n	%
Northeast-----	194	19.40
South-----	335	33.50
Midwest-----	240	24.00
West-----	231	23.10

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-----	492	49.20
Female-----	508	50.80

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-----	956	95.60
Somewhat likely-----	44	4.40

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-----	357	35.70
Republican-----	305	30.50
Independent-----	293	29.30
Other-----	45	4.50

Q.4 What is your age category? {USE CENSUS CATEGORIES & QUOTA FOR EACH STATE M/F}

(N=1,000)	n	%
18-24 Years-----	102	10.20
25-34 Years-----	193	19.30
35-49 Years-----	252	25.20
50-64 Years-----	256	25.60
65-74 Years-----	108	10.80
75+-----	80	8.00
Refused-----	9	0.90

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	708	70.80
Black/African-American-----	105	10.50
American Indian / Alaska Native -----	12	1.20
Asian -----	35	3.50
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander -----	3	0.30
Hispanic/Latino -----	124	12.40
Other -----	13	1.30
Don't know -----	0	0.00

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Right Direction -----	284	28.40
Wrong Track -----	607	60.70
Undecided -----	109	10.90

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Approve-----	464	46.40
Disapprove -----	449	44.90
Undecided -----	87	8.70

{FOR Q3}

8. Earlier you said you think of yourself as a/an {insert party}. Thinking about the upcoming presidential primaries and caucuses this year, have you voted or will you vote 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/Voted in Democratic primary/caucus -----	363	36.30
Vote/Voted in Republican primary/caucus -----	292	29.20
Skip Primaries/caucuses. Vote in November. -----	276	27.60
Undecided -----	54	5.40
Refused-----	15	1.50

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 10-14)

(N=1000)	<u>NEVER HEARD</u>	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>HOF/UNDECIDED</u>
9. Barack Obama	0 0.00	513 51.30	435 43.50	52 5.20
10. Hillary Clinton	7 0.70	374 37.40	542 54.20	77 7.70
11. Bernie Sanders	16 1.60	428 42.80	440 44.00	116 11.60
12. John Kasich	62 6.20	426 42.60	298 29.80	214 21.40
13. Ted Cruz	13 1.30	262 26.20	581 58.10	144 14.40
14. Donald Trump	5 0.50	282 28.20	614 61.40	99 9.90

15. If the *Democratic* Primary for President was held today, and the candidates were {ROTATE} Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, for whom would/did you vote – {ROTATE} Clinton or Sanders?

(N=363)	n	%
Hillary Clinton -----	183	50.41
Bernie Sanders -----	163	44.90
Other -----	1	0.28
Undecided -----	16	4.41

16. If (insert name) isn't nominated, come November would you vote for the Democratic nominee, vote for the Republican nominee, seriously consider a third party candidate, or stay home and not vote?

(N=346)	n	%
Vote for Democratic nominee -----	237	68.50
Vote for Republican nominee -----	16	4.62
Seriously consider third-party candidate -----	30	8.67
Stay home and not vote -----	25	7.23
Other -----	1	0.29
Undecided -----	37	10.69

17. If (insert name) isn't nominated, do you think he/she should become the vice presidential nominee?

(N=346)	n	%
Yes-----	197	56.94
No-----	83	23.99
Undecided -----	66	19.08

18. If (insert name) isn't nominated, will that be because his/her opponent prevailed fair and square or will it be because the system was unfairly stacked against the candidate you supported?

(N=346)	n	%
If my candidate isn't nominated, it was fair and square-----	139	40.17
If my candidate isn't nominated, system was unfairly stacked against the candidate I supported -----	131	37.86
Undecided -----	76	21.97

19. There has been discussion about the role and impact of superdelegates, made up of Democratic elected officials and party leaders, in the Democratic nomination process. Should superdelegates have a vote in choosing the Democratic nominee, or should the nominee be the candidate who has won the most pledged delegates from the states primaries and caucuses?

(N=363)	n	%
Superdelegates should have a vote in choosing the Democratic nominee -----	83	22.87
Democratic nominee should be the candidate who won the most pledged delegates-----	216	59.50
Undecided -----	64	17.63

20. Do you think Bernie Sanders should withdraw from the race if Hillary Clinton has clinched the Democratic nomination, or should he continue his campaign to the Democratic National Convention no matter what?

(N=363)	n	%
If Hillary Clinton clinches, he should withdraw from race -----	133	36.64
He should continue to the Democratic National Convention no matter what -----	197	54.27
Undecided -----	33	9.09

21. If the *Republican* Primary for President of the United States were held today, and the candidates were (RANDOMIZE) Ted Cruz, John Kasich, or Donald Trump, for whom would/did you vote?

(N=292)	n	%
Ted Cruz -----	85	29.11
John Kasich -----	49	16.78
Donald Trump-----	132	45.21
Other -----	3	1.03
Undecided -----	23	7.88

22. If (insert name) isn't nominated, come November would you vote for the Republican nominee, vote for the Democratic nominee, seriously consider a third party candidate, or stay home and not vote?

(N=266)	n	%
Vote for Republican nominee -----	159	59.77
Vote for Democratic nominee -----	19	7.14
Seriously consider third-party candidate -----	25	9.40
Stay home and not vote -----	18	6.77
Other -----	11	4.14
Undecided -----	34	12.78

23. If (insert name) isn't nominated, do you think he should become the vice presidential nominee?

(N=266)	n	%
Yes-----	127	47.74
No-----	98	36.84
Undecided -----	41	15.41

24. If (insert name) isn't nominated, will that be because his opponent prevailed fair and square or will it be because the system was unfairly stacked against the candidate you supported?

(N=266)	n	%
If my candidate loses, it was fair and square-----	100	37.59
If my candidate loses, system was unfairly stacked against the candidate I supported-----	106	39.85
Undecided -----	60	22.56

25. There has been discussion about the role and impact of delegates in the Republican nomination process. If a candidate arrives at the national convention with a clear lead in delegates, but doesn't have a majority, should he be chosen as the nominee, or should that be left up to the delegates at the convention?

(N=292)	n	%
The Republican with a clear lead – even if not the majority – should be chosen-----	136	46.58
If the Republican leader doesn't have a majority, it should be left up to the delegates -----	119	40.75
Undecided -----	37	12.67

26. If no candidate arrives at the convention with the required majority of delegates to be nominated, should the convention only consider candidates who have run for president this year, or should they also consider prospects who didn't run this year?

(N=292)	n	%
Convention should only consider candidates who have run this year -----	196	67.12
Convention should also consider prospects who didn't run this year -----	58	19.86
Undecided -----	38	13.01

27. Earlier you said you were a Donald Trump voter. If Donald Trump doesn't win the Republican nomination and decides to run as a third party candidate, would you vote for him as an Independent in the general election?

(N=132)	n	%
Yes-----	74	56.06
No-----	37	28.03
Undecided-----	21	15.91

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Reducing the national debt-----	72	7.20
Taxes-----	27	2.70
Jobs/Economy-----	245	24.50
Schools/Education-----	60	6.00
Healthcare-----	74	7.40
Illegal immigration-----	70	7.00
Abortion policy-----	14	1.40
Climate Change-----	51	5.10
Civil liberties-----	35	3.50
Terrorism/national security-----	225	22.50
Crime/Guns-----	32	3.20
Drugs/Opioids-----	12	1.20
Undecided-----	83	8.30

I'm going to run Democrat Hillary Clinton against the top polled Republicans and for each, please tell me if you would vote for Clinton or the Republican I name. Let's start with {RANDOMIZE Q29-31}:

29. Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican Donald Trump?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Hillary Clinton-----	501	50.10
Donald Trump-----	394	39.40
Undecided-----	84	8.40
Refused-----	21	2.10

30. Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican Ted Cruz?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Hillary Clinton-----	486	48.60
Ted Cruz-----	417	41.70
Undecided-----	78	7.80
Refused-----	19	1.90

31. Democrat Hillary Clinton versus Republican John Kasich?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Hillary Clinton-----	412	41.20
John Kasich-----	458	45.80
Undecided-----	106	10.60
Refused-----	24	2.40

Now I'm going to run Democrat Bernie Sanders against the same three Republicans. Let's start with {ROTATE Q32-34}:

32.	Democrat Bernie Sanders versus Republican Ted Cruz?		
	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Bernie Sanders -----	496	49.60
	Ted Cruz -----	380	38.00
	Undecided -----	103	10.30
	Refused-----	21	2.10
33.	Democrat Bernie Sanders versus Republican John Kasich?		
	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Bernie Sanders -----	441	44.10
	John Kasich -----	431	43.10
	Undecided -----	107	10.70
	Refused-----	21	2.10
34.	Democrat Bernie Sanders versus Republican Donald Trump?		
	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Bernie Sanders -----	516	51.60
	Donald Trump-----	373	37.30
	Undecided -----	101	10.10
	Refused-----	10	1.00
35.	Regardless of how you are voting, do you think Donald Trump can beat Hillary Clinton in a general election?		
	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Yes-----	404	40.40
	No-----	456	45.60
	Undecided -----	137	13.70
	Refused-----	3	0.30
36.	Just your best guess. When all the votes are counted this November, who do you think is most likely to be elected president? {OPEN}		
	(N=1,000)	n	%
	Hillary Clinton -----	495	49.50
	Ted Cruz -----	36	3.60
	John Kasich -----	8	0.80
	Bernie Sanders -----	47	4.70
	Donald Trump-----	263	26.30
	Other -----	16	1.60
	Undecided -----	123	12.30
	Refused-----	12	1.20

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

(N=1,000)	n	%
Very liberal-----	90	9.00
Liberal-----	153	15.30
Moderate-----	328	32.80
Conservative-----	201	20.10
Very Conservative-----	152	15.20
Other-----	29	2.90
Don't know-----	47	4.70

38. What TV news or commentary source do you trust the most?
{RANDOMIZE 35.1 - 35.8}

(N=1,000)	n	%
CNN-----	153	15.30
MSNBC-----	60	6.00
FOX NEWS-----	260	26.00
ABC-----	73	7.30
NBC-----	77	7.70
CBS-----	67	6.70
C-SPAN-----	16	1.60
Comedy Central-----	50	5.00
Undecided-----	244	24.40

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

39. What is your annual household income?

(N=1,000)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year-----	98	9.80
Under \$50,000 per year-----	212	21.20
Under \$75,000 per year-----	159	15.90
Under \$100,000 per year-----	146	14.60
Under \$140,000 per year-----	121	12.10
\$140,000 or more per year-----	109	10.90
Undecided-----	155	15.50

40. 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-----	545	54.50
Somewhat important-----	242	24.20
Not very important-----	86	8.60
Not at all important-----	108	10.80
Undecided-----	5	0.50
Refused-----	14	1.40

41. 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-----	352	35.20
No-----	622	62.20
Undecided-----	26	2.60

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