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A. In thinking about this year's election for Congress, based on scale of 1 to 9 , where 1 is that you will not be voting and 9 is that you will absolutely be voting, how likely are you to vote in that election?

MEAN: 8.13

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?
$\square$
2. Right Direction

29
2. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 8
3. Wrong Track

63
2. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

| 1. | Approve |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. | Don't know/refused (DO NOT READ) |
| 3. | Disapprove | $\mathbf{4 9}$

Please tell me for each of the following whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression. (IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression or just a somewhat (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression? (ROTATE 3-7)

|  | NAME ID | TOTAL FAV | TOTAL UNFAV | NO OPINION |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3.Republicans in <br> Congress | 100 | 33 | 60 | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 4.Democrats in <br> Congress | 100 | 46 | 49 | 5 |
| 5.Donald Trump | 100 | 31 | 64 | 6 |
| 6. Hillary Clinton | 100 | 39 | 58 | 3 |

7. Which of the following issues would you say is most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (ROTATE)

| 1. Education | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Social Security | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| 3. Retirement and Investments | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 4. Terrorism | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 5. Health care/Rx | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 6. The Economy | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| 7. Jobs | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| 8. Taxes | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| 9. Crime and Safety | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 10. Environment | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 12. National Deficit/Spending | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 13. Energy | * |
| 14. Gas prices | * |
| 15. Immigration | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 16. Other | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 17. Don't know/Refused | $\mathbf{4}$ |

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle the issue of (ROTATE LIST BELOW Q9-11), (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

|  | REP |
| :--- | :---: |
| 8. The Economy | 46 |
| 9. Jobs | 44 |
| 10. Taxes | 45 |

11. If the elections were held today for US Congress in your state, would you be more likely to vote for (ROTATE) the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate? (IF UNDECIDED ASK:) would you be leaning toward (ROTATE) the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate?

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1. Republican | $\mathbf{4 3}$ |
| 2. Lean Republican | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 3. Undecided | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 4. Lean Democrat | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 5. Democrat | $\mathbf{4 7}$ |
| 6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| TOTAL REPUBLICAN | $\mathbf{4 6}$ |
| TOTAL DEMOCRAT | $\mathbf{4 9}$ |

Turning to a different subject...
12. Some health insurance companies have recently pulled out of the health insurance exchanges in many states. Which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Their decision was because it was not financially sustainable for them to compete in the exchanges ..... 50
2. They are trying to undermine the new health care law and protect their ..... 41 profits10
3. In thinking about the decision from some health insurance companies to pull out of the exchanges, which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)
4. This is a sign that the health care law is not working and not financially sustainable for insurance companies. ..... 52
5. The health care law is working, but insurance companies do not want to ..... 43
6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 6

Turning to the subject of taxes...
Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE STATEMENTS Q15-24)
14. Cutting the corporate tax rate will encourage more businesses to invest in America and create jobs.

15. By reducing business tax rates to levels that are competitive with other countries, we would empower businesses to lower prices, raise wages, and use the extra cash to hire more workers.

| 1. | Believe |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. Do not believe | $\mathbf{6 5}$ |
| 3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{3 1}$ |

16. Lowering tax rates for businesses will lead to greater business incomes so that they can grow, save and invest.
17. Believe 67
18. Do not believe 30
19. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 3
20. Lowering tax rates for individuals will allow people to keep more of their money which means they will spend that money at local businesses, creating more jobs in their communities.
21. Believe 83
22. Do not believe 15
23. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 3
24. Lowering the corporate tax rate will make America one of the best places on earth to start a business.
25. Believe ..... 59
26. Do not believe ..... 35
27. Don’t Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 5
28. Making the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share of taxes would help reduce your cost of living.
29. Believe ..... 65
30. Do not believe ..... 31
31. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 5
32. Lower tax rates will reward work and spur job creation.
33. Believe ..... 72
34. Do not believe ..... 23
35. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 4
36. Lowering individual taxes across the board will raise incomes and reduce the cost of living.
37. Believe 64
38. Do not believe 32
39. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 4
40. Creating economic growth would lower your cost of living.
41. Believe 68
42. Do not believe 27
43. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

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23. It is important to encourage companies to bring home money from overseas operations, specifically to help invest and create jobs here.

1. Believe
79
2. Do not believe
19
3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 2
4. Would you support or oppose a proposal that would significantly lower the tax rate on businesses and individuals, but create a consumption tax on goods and services?
5. Support 50
6. Oppose 40
7. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) $\mathbf{1 0}$
8. If the elections were held today for President, who would you be more likely to vote for (ROTATE) Donald Trump the Republican candidate or Hillary Clinton the Democrat candidate? (IF UNDECIDED ASK:) would you be leaning toward (ROTATE) Donald Trump the Republican candidate or Hillary Clinton the Democrat candidate?

| 1. Donald Trump | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. Lean Donald Trump | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 3. Undecided | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 4. Lean Hillary Clinton | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| 5. Hillary Clinton | $\mathbf{4 1}$ |
| 6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| TOTAL TRUMP | $\mathbf{3 9}$ |
| TOTAL CLINTON | $\mathbf{4 6}$ |

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only-
26. What are the two main sources of your news about national issues such as politics, Iraq, the economy, education, and health care? (DO NOT READ - ALLOW THEM TO VOLUNTEER A RESPONSE AND CODE AS FOLLOWS)

| 1. ABC News | 6 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. NBC News | 7 |
| 3. CBS News | 5 |
| 4. Local TV news | 28 |
| 5. CNN News | 20 |
| 6. MSNBC News | 6 |
| 7. CNBC | 1 |
| 8. Fox News | 19 |
| 9. CSpan | * |
| 10. Daily newspaper | 21 |
| 11. Websites of former news magazines such as Time, US News, and Newsweek | 5 |
| 12. Opinion magazines like The Weekly Standard | 1 |
| 13. Websites of news organizations such as cnn.com, msnbc.com, nytimes.com, and TV station websites | 9 |
| 14. Internet News Pages such as Yahoo News and MSN News | 22 |
| 15. Opinion websites like Drudge Report or slate.com | * |
| 16. National Public Radio | 7 |
| 17. Religious radio shows | * |
| 18. Talk radio like Rush Limbaugh | 2 |
| 19. General radio news station | 2 |
| 20. Public television shows like PBS News Hour | 1 |
| 21. Comedy shows like the Daily Show | * |
| 22. Late night TV shows | 1 |
| 23. Morning TV shows like Today, Good Morning America | 1 |
| 24. Political talk shows on cable | * |
| 25. Sunday News Shows such as NBC's Meet the Press and ABC's This Week | * |
| 26. Facebook | 3 |
| 27. Twitter | 2 |
| 28. Buzzfeed | * |
| 29. Other | 17 |

27. In what year were you born?
28. $18-34$ ..... 23
29. $35-44$ ..... 21
30. $45-54$ ..... 18
31. 55-64 ..... 19
32. $65+$ ..... 18
33. DK/Refused ..... 1
34. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?
35. Republican ..... 34
36. Democrat ..... 37
37. Independent ..... 23
38. Other ..... 5
39. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 1
40. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are (ROTATE) liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs?
41. Liberal (GO TO Q29A) ..... 24
42. Moderate (GO TO Q3O) ..... 40
43. Conservative (GO TO Q29A) ..... 35
44. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ - GO TO Q30) ..... 1
Q29a among liberals and conservatives in Q29 only
29a. Would that be very (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE) or somewhat(LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE)?
45. Very liberal ..... 13
46. Somewhat liberal ..... 27
47. Very conservative 30
48. Somewhat conservative 29
49. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) $\mathbf{1}$

## (RESUME WITH ALL)

30. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?

| 1. Yes | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. No | $\mathbf{6 1}$ |
| 3. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1}$ |

31. What is your current marital status?

| 1. Single, never married | 22 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Married | 62 |
| 3. Separated | 1 |
| 4. Divorced | 7 |
| 5. Widowed | 6 |
| 6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | 2 |

32. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...

| 1. Less than 15 K | 4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. $15 \mathrm{~K}-30 \mathrm{~K}$ | 9 |
| 3. $30 \mathrm{~K}-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | 17 |
| 4. $50 \mathrm{~K}-75 \mathrm{~K}$ | 14 |
| 5. $75 \mathrm{~K}-100 \mathrm{~K}$ | 15 |
| 6. Over 100 K | 25 |
| 7. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | 15 |

33. What is your religion?

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| :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Evangelical/Fundamentalist Protestant |
| 2. | Mainline Protestant |
| 3. | Catholic |
| 4. | Jewish |
| 5. | Mormon |
| 6. | Atheist/Agnostic |
| 7. | Other |

34. What is your race?

| 1. Hispanic | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. African-American | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| 3. Asian | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 4. White | $\mathbf{7 2}$ |
| 5. Other | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 6. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1}$ |

35. Do you consider yourself a part of the tea party movement?
36. Yes 10
37. No 86
38. Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 4
39. What type of area do you live in? (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

| 1. Urban | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. Suburban | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |
| 3. Rural | $\mathbf{6}$ |

## Gender (by observation)

1. Male 48
2. Female 52

## Region (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

1. Northeast ..... 19
2. South ..... 28
3. Midwest ..... 20
4. Plains/Mountains ..... 20
5. West Coast ..... 13
