

## Questionnaire: WAPOLL

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Q.1 Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling on behalf of the University of Washington. We are conducting a short public opinion survey about policy issues in the state and nation. This is not a sales call.

May I please speak with Mr./Ms. **(INPUT THE NAME OF RESPONDENT)**?

- 1 RESPONDENT AVAILABLE -- CONTINUE; IF NECESSARY, REPEAT THE INTRODUCTION
- 2 RESPONDENT IS NOT AVAILABLE ... CALL-BACK SCHEDULED
- 3 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION **(DK)**/ REFUSED TO ANSWER **(RF)** -- TERMINATE

**(ref:SCREEN1)**

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Q.2 Are you currently registered to vote in Washington state?

- 1 Yes --CONTINUE
- 2 No -- TERMINATE
- 3 (Don't Know/Refused) --TERMINATE

**(ref:SCREEN2)**

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Q.3 Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. What would you say the chances are that you will vote in the general election in November -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you not think you will vote?

- 1 (Already Voted)
- 2 Almost Certain
- 3 Probably
- 4 50-50
- 5 Will not vote
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:SCREEN3)**

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Q.4 **(DON'T ASK)** Gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

**(ref:GENDER)**

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Q.5 In Washington state, a lot of people vote by mail instead of voting at the polls. Have you already filled out and returned your ballot for the November election?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:VOTEMAIL)

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Q.6 This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete and your responses will be kept completely confidential. We appreciate your willingness to participate.

(ref:FILLER1)

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Q.7 Do you think things here in Washington state are generally going in the right direction, or seriously on the wrong track?

- 1 Going in the right direction
- 2 Seriously on the wrong track
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:DIRECT)

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Q.8 Thinking about the November elections, what general issues are most important to you as you decide how you will vote?

- 1 Education
- 2 Jobs/Economy
- 3 War in Iraq
- 4 Ethics in government/Corruption
- 5 National security
- 6 Illegal immigration/Border Security
- 7 The environment
- 8 Health care
- 9 Gas and energy prices
- 10 Taxes
- 11 The war on terrorism
- 12 Something else/Other
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:ISSUE)

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Q.9 And thinking about the broad category "jobs and the economy," what specific issue is the most important to you as you decide how you will vote -- **(ROTATE)** jobs and unemployment, the problems on Wall Street, gas and energy prices, home mortgages and loans, or day to day living expenses?

- 1 Jobs and unemployment
- 2 The problems on Wall Street
- 3 Gas and energy prices
- 4 Home mortgages and loans
- 5 Day to day living expenses
- 6 (Other)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:ISSUEF)

Q.10 In general, how interested are you in information about what's going on in government and politics -- extremely interested, very interested, moderately interested, slightly interested, or not interested at all?

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Moderately interested
- 4 Slightly interested
- 5 Not interested at all
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:INTEREST)

Q.11 On television, do you get most of your news from (ROTATE: local news programs here in Washington state // OR from national network news like ABC News with Charles Gibson, CBS News with Katie Couric, or NBC News with Brian Williams // OR from cable news like CNN, MSNBC, or Fox News)?

- 1 Local news programs
- 2 Network news like ABC, CBS and NBC
- 3 Cable news
- 4 (Don't use television as source of news)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:WHERENEW)

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Q.12 **(IF PUNCH 2 IN WHERENEW)** Which one, ABC, CBS, or NBC?

- 1 ABC
- 2 CBS
- 3 NBC
- 4 (Other)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:NETWORKF)**

Q.13 **(IF PUNCH 3 IN WHERENEW)** Which one, CNN, MSNBC, or Fox News?

- 1 CNN
- 2 MSNBC
- 3 Fox News
- 4 (Other)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:CABLEF)**

Q.14 Now I'd like to ask you about some people who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each, please tell me whether you have heard of the person, and if your impression is **(ROTATE FORWARD AND BACKWARDS)** very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable.

If you have no opinion, or have never heard of the person, just let me know.

How about **(READ NAME)**. Do you have a **(ROTATE FOWARD AND BACKWARD AS ABOVE)** very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of **(NAME)**?

**(IF NO OPINION OR NEVER HEARD OF THE PERSON)** Do you have no opinion of **(NAME)** or have you never heard of **(NAME)**?

1 = Very favorable

2 = Somewhat favorable

3 = Somewhat unfavorable

4 = Very unfavorable

5 = No opinion

6 = Never heard of

99 = (Refused)

**(RANDOMIZE)**

\_\_\_ 14 Barack Obama

\_\_\_ 15 John McCain

\_\_\_ 16 Joe Biden

\_\_\_ 17 Sarah Palin

\_\_\_ 18 Christine Gregoire

\_\_\_ 19 Dino Rossi

**(ref:FAVORBAT)**

Q.20 Now I'm going to read you a list of names of public officials and public organizations, and for each one, I want you to tell me whether you **(ROTATE FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS)** strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the way they are handling their job.

If you have no opinion, or have never heard of the person or organization, just let me know.

**(CODE NO OPINION AS 5; NEVER HEARD AS 6)**

How about **(READ NAME)** Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the way **(NAME)** is handling their/his/her job?

**(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW")** Would you say you have no opinion of **(READ NAME)** or have you never heard of **(READ NAME)**?

**(NOTE TO INTERVIEWER, ONLY USE FOLLOW UP PROMPT IF RESPONDENT NEEDS THE PROMPTING)**

- 1=Strongly Approve
- 2=Somewhat Approve
- 3=Somewhat Disapprove
- 4=Strongly Disapprove
- 5=(No Opinion)
- 6=(Never Heard)
- 99=(Refused)

**(RANDOMIZE LIST)**

\_\_\_\_ 20 President George W. Bush

\_\_\_\_ 21 Governor Christine Gregoire

\_\_\_\_ 22 The state legislature in Olympia

\_\_\_\_ 23 The U.S. Congress in Washington, DC

**(ref:JOBAPP)**

Q.24 If the election for president were held today, and the candidates were **(ROTATE NAMES)** Barack Obama, the Democrat, John McCain, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Independent, Bob Barr the Libertarian, or Cynthia McKinney the Green, for whom would you vote?

(If mention Obama, McCain) "Are you fairly certain you will vote for CANDIDATE or is there a chance you could change your mind?" (If mention undecided or don't know) "If the election were being held today and you had to decide, will you vote for **(ROTATE)** Barack Obama or John McCain?"

- 1 Barack Obama -- certain
- 2 Barack Obama -- could change
- 3 Undecided -- lean Obama
- 4 John McCain -- certain
- 5 John McCain -- could change
- 6 Undecided -- lean McCain
- 7 Undecided/Don't know/Can't Remember
- 8 Ralph Nader
- 9 Bob Barr
- 10 Cynthia McKinney (Mc-Kin-ee)
- 11 (Other/Someone else)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:PRESVOTE)**

Q.25 **(IF PUNCH 2 IN VOTEMAIL)** If the election for governor were held today, and the candidates were **(ROTATE NAMES)** Christine Gregoire, the Democrat, or Dino Rossi, the GOP **(G-O-P)** candidate, for whom would you vote?

(If mention Gregoire or Rossi) "Are you fairly certain you will vote for CANDIDATE or is there a chance you could change your mind?" (If mention undecided or don't know) "If the election were being held today and you had to decide, will you vote for Christine Gregoire (Greg-wahr) or Dino (Dee-NO) Rossi (Ross-ee)?"

- 1 Christine Gregoire -- certain
- 2 Christine Gregoire -- could change
- 3 Undecided - lean Gregoire
- 4 Dino Rossi -- certain
- 5 Dino Rossi -- could change
- 6 Undecided - lean Rossi
- 7 Undecided/Don't know/Can't Remember
- 8 (Other/Someone else)
- 9 (Did not vote)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:GOVVOTE)**

Q.26 **(HALF SAMPLE GETS THIS VERSION)** In the election for state water commissioner, do you plan to vote for **(ROTATE)** Democrat Richard Williams or Republican Stephen Phillips?

**(IF UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW)** Well if you had to decide today, and the candidates were **(ROTATE)** Democrat Richard Williams or Republican Stephen Phillips, for whom would you vote?

- 1 Richard Williams -- certain
- 2 Richard Williams -- lean
- 3 Stephen Phillips -- certain
- 4 Stephen Phillips -- lean
- 5 (Other/Neither/Someone else)
- 6 (Undecided/Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:GOPA)**

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Q.27 **(OTHER HALF GETS THIS VERSION)** In the election for state water commissioner, do you plan to vote for **(ROTATE)** Democrat Richard Williams or GOP **(G.O.P.)** candidate Stephen Phillips?

**(IF UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW)** Well if you had to decide today, and the candidates were **(ROTATE)** Democrat Richard Williams or GOP candidate Stephen Phillips, for whom would you vote?

- 1 Richard Williams
- 2 Richard Williams -- lean
- 3 Stephen Phillips
- 4 Stephen Phillips -- lean
- 5 (Other/Neither/Someone else)
- 6 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:GOPB)**

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Q.28 Not all states use the initiative or referendum process, where people get to vote on some important issues directly. Washington State does, however, and people here often get to vote on policy issues.

**(ref:FILLER2)**

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Q.29 On statewide ballot initiative 985 -- a transportation measure that would open carpool lanes to all traffic during non-peak hours and ask that toll money only be spent on the highway where it was collected, and other provisions -- will you vote yes or no on 985.

**(IF YES OR NO):** "Are you fairly certain you will vote YES/NO or is there a chance you could change your mind?"

**(IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW):** "If the election were being held today and you had to decide, would you probably vote yes or no on Initiative 985?"

- 1 Yes I-985 -- certain
- 2 Yes I-985 -- could change
- 3 Undecided -- lean Yes
- 4 No I-985 -- certain
- 5 No I-985 -- could change
- 6 Undecided -- lean No
- 7 Undecided/Don't know
- 8 (Will not vote on this issue)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:INIT985)

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Q.30 On statewide ballot initiative 1000 -- a measure that would allow terminally ill adults with six months or less to live to receive a prescription for a life-ending medication -- will you vote yes or no on 1000?

**(IF YES OR NO):** "Are you fairly certain you will vote YES/NO or is there a chance you could change your mind?"

**(IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW)** "If the election were being held today and you had to decide, would you probably vote yes or no on Initiative 1000?"

- 1 Yes I-1000 -- certain
- 2 Yes I-1000 -- could change
- 3 Undecided -- lean Yes
- 4 No I-1000 -- certain
- 5 No I-1000 -- could change
- 6 Undecided -- lean No
- 7 Undecided/Don't know
- 8 (Will not vote on this issue)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:INIT1000)

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Q.31 On statewide ballot initiative 1029 -- a measure that would raise standards for long-term care workers, such as increased training and examinations -- will you vote yes or no on 1029?

**(IF YES OR NO)** "Are you fairly certain you will vote YES/NO or is there a chance you could change your mind?"

**(IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW)** "If the election were being held today and you had to decide, would you probably vote yes or no on Initiative 1029?"

- 1 Yes I-1029 -- certain
- 2 Yes I-1029 -- could change
- 3 Undecided -- lean Yes
- 4 No I-1029 -- certain
- 5 No I-1029 -- could change
- 6 Undecided -- lean No
- 7 Undecided/Don't know
- 8 (Will not vote on this issue)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:INIT1029)

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Q.32 **(IF VOTER IS INSIDE RTID DISTRICT)**

On Proposition 1 -- a public transit measure that would expand light rail into the Seattle suburbs at the cost of 17.9 billion dollars -- will you vote yes or no on Proposition 1?

**(IF YES OR NO)** "Are you fairly certain you will vote YES/NO or is there a chance you could change your mind?"

**(IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW)** "If the election were being held today and you had to decide, would you probably vote yes or no on Proposition 1?"

- 1 Yes Prop 1 -- certain
- 2 Yes Prop 1 -- could change
- 3 Undecided -- lean yes
- 4 No Prop 1 -- certain
- 5 No Propo 1 -- could change
- 6 Undecided -- lean no
- 7 Undecided/Don't Know
- 8 (Will not vote on this issue)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:LOCALIN)

Q.33 Overall, do you think that statewide initiative elections are a good thing for the state, a bad thing for the state, or that they don't make much difference?

- 1 Good thing
- 2 Bad thing
- 3 No difference
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:INITGOOD)**

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Q.34 Who do you think are better at making public policy here in Washington, elected representatives, the voting public, or would you say that both are equally good?

- 1 Elected representatives
- 2 Voting public
- 3 Both are equal
- 4 (Neither)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:BETTERPP)**

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Q.35 Now I'm going to ask you some questions about registering to vote in Washington State. As far as you know, does the state currently allow for people to register to vote online, or on the world wide web?

- 1 Yes, it is possible
- 2 No, it is not possible
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:REG1)**

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Q.36

As you may know, In Washington state residents can now register to vote through the secretary of state's website. To apply, citizens enter the system by typing their names and entering their driver's license or state ID numbers, and then respond to the standard voter registration questions as they are presented. They then click a button and never have to sign or fill out any paper forms.

**(ref:REG1F)**

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Even if you, personally, have not registered to vote online, for each statement, please tell me if you **(ROTATE IN ORDER FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT)** strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree regarding online registration in Washington state.

1=Strongly agree  
2=Somewhat agree  
3=Somewhat disagree  
4=Strongly disagree  
88=(Don't know)  
99=(Refused)

**(RANDOMIZE)**

\_\_\_ 37 **(SPLIT A)** Computer hackers could access my registration information if I register online.

\_\_\_ 38 **(SPLIT B)** Computer hackers could access voter registration databases.

\_\_\_ 39 **(SPLIT A)** If I moved to a new address within the state and had to change my registration, I would update my address online.

\_\_\_ 40 **(SPLIT B)** If I had a son or daughter turning 18, I would encourage them to register to vote online.

\_\_\_ 41 **(SPLIT A)** Politicians will obtain my email address and send me unwanted emails.

\_\_\_ 42 **(SPLIT B)** Registering to vote online is more convenient than registering to vote with paper forms.

\_\_\_ 43 **(SPLIT A)** Online registration will cut down printing costs and help increase the efficiency of government.

\_\_\_ 44 **(SPLIT B)** Registering to vote online is easy.

\_\_\_ 45 **(SPLIT A)** Online registration will increase the number of registered voters in this state.

\_\_\_ 46 **(SPLIT B)** Online registration will increase the number of young people who are registered to vote in this state.

\_\_\_ 47 **(SPLIT A)** Online registration will be used more often by people with higher income and resources.

\_\_\_ 48 **(SPLIT B)** Online registration will provide an opportunity for lower income communities to register to vote.

\_\_\_ 49 Registering to vote online will exclude Washington residents who may NOT have a driver's license.

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**(ref:REG2BATT)**

Q.50 And, thinking back to when you registered to vote, how did you register -- **(ROTATE)** by mail, in person at a government office or agency such as the post office, by a signature or petition gatherer, by an organization that had you complete a form, on the internet, or some other way?

- 1 By mail
- 2 In person
- 3 Signature gatherer
- 4 An organization
- 5 On the internet
- 6 Some other way
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:REG3)**

Q.51 If online registration is proven to be safe and secure, in the future would you support voting online in elections here in Washington?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:REG4)**

Q.52 Do you support or oppose the top two primary system in Washington State that allows the two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary, regardless of party, to participate in the general election?

**(FOLLOW UP)** Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:PRIMSUP)**

Q.53 Now, switching topics.

Which of the following statements best describes your views on the issue of same-sex marriage? **(READ AND ROTATE IN ORDER FRONT TO BACK)**

- 1 Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as straight couples.
- 2 Gay and lesbian couples should be able to have the same legal rights as straight couples but it should not be called marriage.
- 3 There should be domestic partnerships that give gay and lesbian couples only some of the benefits and protections of marriage.
- 4 There should be no legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples.
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:SAMESEX)**

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Q.54 What is your view of the current US war in Iraq? Would you say you **(REVERSE ORDER RANDOMLY)** strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the current U.S. policy in Iraq?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 88 (Don't Know/No opinion)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:IRAQVIEW)**

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Q.55 When all is said and done, do you think what the US achieves in Iraq will have been worth the costs in terms of lives and injuries?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:IRAQWTH)**

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Q.56 Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government **(ROTATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP EVERY OTHER CALL)**:

- \_Make all illegal immigrants felons and send them back to their home country.
- \_Have a guest worker program that allows immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work, but only for a limited amount of time.
- \_Allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States and become U.S. citizens, but only if they meet certain requirements like working and paying back taxes over a period of time. (or)
- \_Grant amnesty to all illegal immigrants in the country, giving them residence and the right to work without the fear of being deported.

- 1 All illegal immigrants felons
- 2 Guest worker program
- 3 Earned citizenship
- 4 Amnesty
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:IMMPOLI)

Q.57 Do you think the state of Washington should fund job skills and English classes for immigrants now residing in our state?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:IMMENG)

Q.58 Now, switching topics and thinking about health care.

Do you presently have health insurance coverage?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:HEALTH1)

Q.59 **(IF PUNCH 2, "NO" IN HEALTH1)** How long have you been uninsured -- six months or less, more than six months but less than one year, more than one year but less than two years, or two years or longer?

- 1 Six months or less
- 2 More than six months but less than one year
- 3 More than one year but less than two years
- 4 Two years or longer
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:HEALTH2)**

Q.60 **(IF PUNCH 1, "YES" IN HEALTH1)** Who provides your health care coverage -- your employer, a public program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or the Veteran's Administration, you pay for your own health insurance, or you receive health care from other sources?

- 1 My employer
- 2 A public program, such as Medicare, Medicaid, or the Veteran's Administration
- 3 I pay for my own health insurance
- 4 Other sources
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:HEALTH3)**

Q.61 **(IF PUNCH 1, "YES" IN HEALTH1)** During the last 3 years, was there any time when you had no health insurance at all?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:HEALTH5)**

Q.62 Is there a place that you usually go to when you are sick or need advice about your health?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:HEALTH6)**

Q.63 During the past twelve months, were you unable to pay or had problems paying for medical bills, either for yourself or any family member in your household?

**(IF YES)** And was the hardship significant or minor?

- 1 Yes, significant hardship
- 2 Yes, minor hardship
- 3 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:HEALTH7)

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Q.64 In general, how would you rate your overall health -- **(ROTATE FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS)** excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:HEALTH8)

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Q.65 All things considered, how satisfied are you with your own health care arrangements -- **(ROTATE FRONTWARDS AND BACKWARDS)** very satisfied, satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:HEALTH10)

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Q.66 Now, please tell whether you **(ROTATE IN ORDER FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT)** strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement:

I am willing to contribute more in taxes to ensure that all American citizens have adequate and reliable health insurance.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Somewhat disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:HEALTHAC)

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Now I'm going to read you a list of some different health care issues. As I read each one, please tell me how important you think it is for the President and Congress to deal with this issue.

- 1 = Very important
- 2 = Somewhat important
- 3 = Not very important
- 4 = Not at all important
- 88 = (Don't Know)
- 99 = (Refused)

**(RANDOMIZE ITEMS)**

- \_\_\_ 67 Ensure that all Americans have adequate and reliable health insurance
- \_\_\_ 68 Control the rising cost of medical care
- \_\_\_ 69 Lower the costs of prescription drugs
- \_\_\_ 70 Improve the quality of nursing homes and long term care
- \_\_\_ 71 Reduce the complexity of insurance
- \_\_\_ 72 Ensure that Medicare remains financially sound long-term
- \_\_\_ 73 Reform the medical malpractice system
- \_\_\_ 74 Eliminate racial and ethnic differences in health care access and quality

(ref:HCIMPBAT)

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Q.75 Which of the issues you just rated do you think is the MOST important?

**(READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST IN SAME ORDER AS HCIMPBAT - ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

- 1 Ensure that all Americans have adequate and reliable health insurance
- 2 Lower the costs of prescription drugs
- 3 Improve the quality of nursing homes and long term care
- 4 Reduce the complexity of insurance
- 5 Ensure that Medicare remains financially sound long-term
- 6 Reform the medical malpractice system
- 7 Eliminate racial and ethnic differences in health care access and quality
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:HCIMPF)**

Q.76 And which of the issues you just rated do you think is the SECOND MOST important?

**(READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST "IF NECESSARY" IN SAME ORDER AS HCIMPBAT TAKING OUT "MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE" - ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

- 1 Ensure that all Americans have adequate and reliable health insurance
- 2 Lower the costs of prescription drugs
- 3 Improve the quality of nursing homes and long term care
- 4 Reduce the complexity of insurance
- 5 Ensure that Medicare remains financially sound long-term
- 6 Reform the medical malpractice system
- 7 Eliminate racial and ethnic differences in health care access and quality
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:HCIMPF2)**

Q.77 Now, please tell whether you **(ROTATE IN ORDER FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT)** strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement:

I am willing to contribute more in taxes to ensure that all children, regardless of their citizenship, have adequate and reliable health insurance.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

**(ref:HCTAXES)**

Q.78 Now, please tell whether you **(ROTATE IN ORDER FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT)** strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement:

I am willing to contribute more in taxes to ensure that all MILITARY veterans have adequate and reliable health insurance.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Somewhat disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:HCVETS)

The next statements are about life in America today. As I read each one, please tell me whether you **(ROTATE FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS)** strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

- 1=Strongly agree
- 2=Somewhat agree
- 3=Somewhat disagree
- 4=Strongly disagree
- 88=(Don't Know)
- 99=(Refused)

**(RANDOMIZE)**

\_\_\_ 79 While equal opportunity for blacks and minorities to succeed is important, it's not really the government's job to guarantee it.

\_\_\_ 80 If blacks would only try harder, they would be just as well off as whites.

\_\_\_ 81 A history of slavery and being discriminated against has created conditions that make it difficult for black people to work their way up.

\_\_\_ 82 Blacks are more violent than whites.

\_\_\_ 83 Most blacks who are on welfare programs could get a job if they really tried.

\_\_\_ 84 Immigration is changing the culture in the U.S. for the worse.

\_\_\_ 85 I am ok with my tax dollars being spent on English as second language programs in public schools.

\_\_\_ 86 Irish, Italian, and Jewish immigrants overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Latinos should do the same without any special favors.

(ref:RACEBAT)

Q.87 Now, switching topics.

How good does it make you feel when you see the American flag flying -- **(ROTATE FRONTWARDS AND BACKWARDS)** extremely good, very good, somewhat good, or not very good?

- 1 Extremely good
- 2 Very good
- 3 Somewhat good
- 4 Not very good
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:PATFLAG)

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Q.88 Do you consider your love of America to be strong or not so strong?

**(IF STRONG)** Is that very strong or somewhat strong?

**(IF NOT SO STRONG)** Is that not so strong or not strong at all?

- 1 Very strong
- 2 Somewhat strong
- 3 Not so strong
- 4 Not strong at all
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:PATLOVE)

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Q.89 How proud do you feel when you hear the national anthem -- **(ROTATE FRONTWARDS AND BACKWARDS)** extremely proud, very proud, somewhat proud, or not very proud?

- 1 Extremely proud
- 2 Very proud
- 3 Somewhat proud
- 4 Not very proud
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:PATANT)

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Q.90 Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement:

Barack Obama's candidacy makes me proud to be an American.

**(FOLLOW ONLY IF NECESSARY)** Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Somewhat disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:PATOBAMA)**

And finally, the last few questions are for demographic purposes only.

91. What is the highest level of education you completed? Just stop me when I read the correct category -- Grades 1-8, some high school, high school graduate, some college or technical school, college graduate, or post-graduate.

- 1 Grades 1-8
- 2 Some high school
- 3 High school graduate
- 4 Some college/Technical school
- 5 College graduate
- 6 Post graduate
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:EDUC)**

Q.92 Are you, or is anyone in your household a member of a union?

- 1 Yes, respondent is
- 2 Yes, household member is
- 3 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:UNION)**

Q.93 What is your racial or ethnic background? **(ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES) (DO NOT READ)**

- 1 White, non-hispanic
- 2 African American
- 3 Asian American
- 4 Hispanic or Latino
- 5 Native American
- 6 Other
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:RACE)**

Q.94 And were you born here in Washington state, somewhere else in the U.S., or another country?

- 1 Washington
- 2 Other U.S. State
- 3 Another country/foreign
- 4 (Puerto Rico)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:RACEBORN)**

Q.95 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or what?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent/Other
- 4 (Neither/None)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:PTID1)**

Q.96 **(IF PTID1=3, 4, 88, 99)** Even though you do not consider yourself a Democrat or Republican, which of these parties do you feel closer to?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent/Other
- 4 (None)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:PTID2)**

Q.97 (IF PTID1 = 1,2) Would you say that you strongly identify with this party or not?

- 1 Yes, strongly
- 2 No, not strongly
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:PTID3)

Q.98 When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as a Liberal, a Conservative, a Moderate, or haven't you thought much about this?

- 1 Very liberal
- 2 Liberal
- 3 Slightly liberal
- 4 Moderate
- 5 Slightly conservative
- 6 Conservative
- 7 Very conservative
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:IDEO)

Q.99 What, if any, is your religious preference? (Read list)

- 1 Protestant
- 2 Christian
- 3 Catholic
- 4 Jewish
- 5 Muslim
- 6 Non-denominational
- 7 Atheist or agnostic
- 8 Other
- 9 None
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:RELIGION)

Q.100 Do you consider yourself an evangelical, or born-again Christian?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:BORNAGN)

Q.101 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

- 1 Married
- 2 Single
- 3 Separated
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Widowed
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:MARITAL)

Q.102 Are you or is anyone in your household a veteran of the U.S. armed forces or currently serving on active duty in the U.S. military or in the National Guard?

- 1 Yes, I am currently serving in the military or in the National Guard
- 2 Yes, I am veteran of the U.S. armed forces
- 3 Yes, someone in my household is currently serving in the military or National Guard
- 4 Yes, someone in my household is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces
- 5 Yes, multiple categories **(MEANING MORE THAN ONE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS SERVING OR HAS SERVED IN THE MILITARY)**
- 6 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:MILITARY)

Q.103 Do you currently own or rent your home?

- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 3 (Something else)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:OWNHOME)

Q.104 **(IF PUNCH 1 IN OWNHOME)** Is your mortgage fully paid off or are you still making mortgage payments?

- 1 Mortgage paid off
- 2 Still making mortgage payments
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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(ref:MORTGAGE)

Q.105 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:INTERNET)**

Q.106 **(IF PUNCH 1, 88, 99 IN INTERNET)** Did you happen to go online or check your email yesterday?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:INTNET2)**

Q.107 How have you been getting most of your news about the November elections -- from television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet?

- 1 Television
- 2 Newspapers
- 3 Radio
- 4 Magazines
- 5 Internet
- 6 (Other)
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

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**(ref:NEWSELCT)**

Q.108 When following news about the race for governor between **(ROTATE)** Democrat Christine Gregoire, and GOP **(G.O.P)** candidate Dino Rossi, which news story are you most interested in?

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**(ref:GOVNEWS1)**

Q.109 Over the last two days, do you recall seeing any political advertisements on the television, specifically about the Governor's election here in Washington?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:POLADV1)

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Q.110 **(IF YES IN POLADV1)** As best you can remember, do you recall seeing **(ROTATE IN BLOCKS, FIRST TWO BY SECOND TWO, AND ROTATE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE OPTIONS WITHIN EACH BLOCK)** more positive ads supporting Gregoire, more negative ads opposing Gregoire, more positive ads supporting Rossi, or more negative ads opposing Rossi?

- 1 Gregoire -- more positive ads
- 2 Gregoire -- more negative ads
- 3 Rossi -- more positive ads
- 4 Rossi -- more negative ads
- 5 (Equal number of positive ads about both)
- 6 (Equal number of negative ads about both)
- 7 (Other)
- 88 (Don't Know/Can't Remember)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:POLADV2)

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Last, here are a few questions about the government in Washington, DC. 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.

(ref:FILLER4)

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Q.111 Do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by John Roberts?

- 1 (Supreme Court Justice / Chief Justice)
- 2 (Judge / Court -- does not mention "Supreme Court")
- 3 (Other)
- 88 (Don't know/No)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:KNOWSCJ)

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Q.112 Do you happen to know what job or political office is now held by Harry Reid?

**(PRE-CODED, DO NOT READ)**

- 1 (Senate Majority Leader/Majority Leader in Senate)
- 2 (Majority Leader)
- 3 (Nevada Senator)
- 4 (Senator)
- 5 (Other)
- 88 (Don't Know/No)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:KNOWSM)

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Q.113 Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not -- **(ROTATE)** is it the president, the Congress, or the Supreme Court?

- 1 The president
- 2 The Congress
- 3 The Supreme Court
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:KNOWSC)

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Q.114 And which political party currently has the most seats in the Washington State Senate in Olympia -- the **(ROTATE)** Republican party or the Democratic party?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democratic
- 3 (Both)
- 4 (Neither)
- 88 (Don't know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:SEATSS)

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Q.115 How long have you lived in Washington state? **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Less than 1 year
- 2 1 to 5 years
- 3 6 to 10 years
- 4 11 to 20 years
- 5 More than 20 years
- 88 (Don't know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:WALIVE)

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Q.116 In what year were you born? (0-9999)

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(ref:AGE)

Q.117 What was your total combined household income in 2007 before taxes. This question is completely confidential and just used to help classify the responses. Just stop me when I read the correct category. **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Less than \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000 to less than \$40,000
- 3 \$40,000 to less than \$60,000
- 4 \$60,000 to less than \$80,000
- 5 \$80,000 to less than \$100,000
- 6 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
- 7 More than \$150,000
- 88 (Don't Know)
- 99 (Refused)

(ref:INCOME)