

## Well Being 42

### A0 presidential election intro

In this interview, we will ask you questions about the upcoming general election for President of the United States. The presidential election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Many of the questions ask you to think about the percent chance that something will happen in the future. The percent chance can be thought of as the number of chances out of 100. You can use any number between 0 and 100. For example, numbers like: 2 and 5 percent may be "almost no chance", 20 percent or so may mean "not much chance", a 45 or 55 percent chance may be a "pretty even chance", 80 percent or so may mean a "very good chance", and a 95 or 98 percent chance may be "almost certain"

IF random choice for A2 & A3 = 1 THEN

| [Questions A2a to A2a\_total are displayed as a table]

| **A2a** obama mccain vote

| Suppose that Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate and John McCain is the Republican candidate. If you do vote in the presidential election , what do you think is the percent chance that you will vote for:

| **A2a\_1** obama

| Barack Obama (Democrat)

| Integer

| **A2a\_2** mccain

| John McCain (Republican)

| Integer

| **A2a\_3** someone else

| Someone else

| Integer

| **A2a\_total** total

| Total

| Range: 0..100

| IF total = 0 THEN

|| **checkAllEmpty** all empty

|| You did not answer the previous question. Your answers are important to us. Please go back and give an answer to the previous question.

|| ENDIF

| IF total > 0 and total <> 100 THEN

|| **checkA2aTotal** check A2a adds up to 100

|| Your total adds up to [] Please go back and change the numbers in the table so they add up to 100% or choose next to continue.

|| ENDIF

ELSE

[Questions A2b to A2b\_total are displayed as a table]

**A2b** mccain obama vote

Suppose that John McCain is the Republican candidate and Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate. If you do vote in the presidential election , what do you think is the percent chance that you will vote for:

**A2b\_1** mccain

John McCain (Republican)

Integer

**A2b\_2** obama

Barack Obama (Democrat)

Integer

**A2b\_3** someone else

Someone else

Integer

**A2b\_total** total

Total

Range: 0..100

IF total = 0 THEN

**checkAllEmpty** all empty

    You did not answer the previous question. Your answers are important to us. Please go back and give an answer to the previous question.

ENDIF

IF total > 0 and total <> 100 THEN

**checkA2bTotal** check A2b adds up to 100

    Your total adds up to [] Please go back and change the numbers in the table so they add up to 100% or choose next to continue.

ENDIF

ENDIF

IF random choice for A2 & A3 = 1 THEN

[Questions A3a to A3a\_total are displayed as a table]

**A3a** obama mccain win

Suppose that Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate and John McCain is the Republican candidate. If you do vote in the presidential election , what do you think is the percent chance that each man, or someone else, will win the election.

**A3a\_1** obama

Barack Obama will win

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Integer
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| A3a_2 mccain
| John McCain will win
| Integer
|
| A3a_3 someone else
| Someone else will win
| Integer
|
| A3a_total total
| Total
| Range: 0..100
|
| IF total = 0 THEN
| |
| | checkAllEmpty all empty
| | You did not answer the previous question. Your answers are important to us. Please go back and give
| | an answer to the previous question.
| |
| | ENDIF
|
| IF total > 0 and total <> 100 THEN
| |
| | checkA3aTotal check A3a adds up to 100
| | Your total adds up to [] Please go back and change the numbers in the table so they add up to 100% or
| | choose next to continue.
| |
| | ENDIF
|
| ELSE
|
| [Questions A3b to A3b_total are displayed as a table]
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| A3b mccain obama win
| Suppose that John McCain is the Republican candidate and Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate. If
| you do vote in the presidential election , what do you think is the percent chance that each will win
| the election.
|
| A3b_1 mccain
| John McCain will win
| Integer
|
| A3b_2 obama
| Barack Obama will win
| Integer
|
| A3b_3 someone else
| Someone else will win
| Integer
|
| A3b_total total
| Total

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| Range: 0..100

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|| ENDIF

ENDIF

IF random choice for B1-B4 = 1 THEN

| **B1** today obama mccain vote

| If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party?

| 1 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| 2 John McCain (Republican)

| 3 Someone else

| 4 Don't know

| IF today obama mccain vote = Don't know or today obama mccain vote = empty THEN

|| **B1a** today lean obama mccain

|| As of today, do you lean more toward Obama, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican, or a candidate from some other party?

|| 1 Barack Obama (Democrat)

|| 2 John McCain (Republican)

|| 3 Someone else

|| ENDIF

| **B2** today mccain obama vote

| If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were John McCain, the Republican, and Barack Obama, the Democrat, for whom would you vote: McCain or Obama , or

| would you vote for a candidate from some other party?

| 1 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| 2 John McCain (Republican)

| 3 Someone else

| 4 Don't know

| IF today mccain obama vote = Don't know or today mccain obama vote = empty THEN

| | **B2a** today lean mccain obama

| | As of today, do you lean more toward McCain, the Republican, or Obama, the Democrat, or a candidate from some other party?

| | 1 John McCain (Republican)

| | 2 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| | 3 Someone else

| | ENDIF

| **B3** obama mccain vote

| Suppose that Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate and John McCain is the Republican candidate. If you do vote in the presidential election, for whom do you expect to vote: Obama or McCain, or do you expect to vote for a candidate from some other party?

| 1 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| 2 John McCain (Republican)

| 3 Someone else

| 4 Don't know

| IF obama mccain vote = Don't know or obama mccain vote = empty THEN

| | **B3a** today lean obama mccain

| | As of today, do you lean more toward Obama, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican, or a candidate from some other party?

| | 1 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| | 2 John McCain (Republican)

| | 3 Someone else

| | ENDIF

| ELSE

| **B4** mccain obama vote

| Suppose that John McCain is the Republican candidate and Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate. If you do vote in the presidential election, for whom do you expect to vote: McCain or Obama, or do you expect to vote for a candidate from some other party?

| 1 John McCain (Republican)

| 2 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| 3 Someone else

| 4 Don't know

| IF mccain obama vote = Don't know or mccain obama vote = empty THEN

| | **B4a** today lean obama mccain

| | As of today, do you lean more toward Obama, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican, or a candidate from some other party?

| | 1 John McCain (Republican)

| | 2 Barack Obama (Democrat)

| | 3 Someone else

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| ENDIF  
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ENDIF

IF random order for D1/D2 & D3/D4 = 1 THEN

| **D1** obama elected ss reform

| Suppose Barack Obama is elected president in November. What do you think is the percent chance that, during the next four years of his presidency, a major Social Security reform will be passed into law, under which workers who pay Social Security taxes would pay taxes on all earnings? (Under current law, employees pay taxes on the first \$102,000 of earnings in 2008)

| Range: 0..100

| **D2** mccain elected ss reform

| Suppose John McCain is elected president in November. What do you think is the percent chance that, during the next four years of his presidency, a major Social Security reform will be passed into law, under which workers who pay Social Security taxes would pay taxes on all earnings? (Under current law, employees pay taxes on the first \$102,000 of earnings in 2008)

| Range: 0..100

| **D3** obama elected health reform

| Suppose Barack Obama is elected president in November. What do you think is the percent chance that, during the next four years of his presidency, a major health insurance reform will be passed into law, under which all children who are United States citizens will have health care coverage?

| Range: 0..100

| **D4** mccain elected health reform

| Suppose John McCain is elected president in November. What do you think is the percent chance that, during the next four years of his presidency, a major health insurance reform will be passed into law, under which all children who are United States citizens will have health care coverage?

| Range: 0..100

ELSE

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ENDIF

### **CS\_001** HOW PLEASANT INTERVIEW

Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

1 Very interesting

2 Interesting

3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting

4 Uninteresting

5 Very uninteresting

### **CS\_003** comments

Do you have any other comments on the interview? Please type these in the box below.

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