Initially, i1 and i2 were only asked if this was the first interview. From early August onward, they were asked again if they had not been answered before. Response category 4 was also added to i2 at that time. i2order = 1 or 2, randomized

i1
Did you vote in 2008?
[1] __ yes
[2] __ no

if (i1 = 1) {
  i2
  Who did you vote for?
  if (i2order == 1) {
    [1] Barack Obama (Democrat) ___
    [2] John McCain (Republican) ___
  } else {
    [2] John McCain (Republican) ___
    [1] Barack Obama (Democrat) ___
  }
  [3] Someone else ___
  [4] I don't want to say ___
}

In this interview, we will ask you questions about the upcoming general election for President of the United States on Tuesday November 6, 2012. All 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 seem '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'.

q1
What is the percent chance that you will vote in the Presidential election?  ___%

q9 was a check box that was included from October 16, 2012 onward

q9
__ I already voted
q2order = 1 or 2, randomized; other questions below use this same ordering. The total was computed by the software.

If you do vote in the election, what is the percent chance that you will vote for [Obama/Romney]? And for [Romney/Obama]? And for someone else? Please provide percent chances in the table below:

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{q2a} \quad \text{Barack Obama (Democrat)} \quad ____
\% \\
&\text{q2b} \quad \text{Mitt Romney (Republican)} \quad ____
\% \\
&\text{q2c} \quad \text{Someone else} \quad ____
\% \\
&\text{Total} \quad ____
\end{align*}
\]

if (q2order == 1) {
  
} else {

q3 was asked from July 12, 2012 onward. Again, the total was computed by the software

**q3**

What do you think is the percent chance that each of the candidates for president will win the election?

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\begin{align*}
&\text{q3a} \quad \text{Barack Obama (Democrat)} \quad ____
\% \\
&\text{q3b} \quad \text{Mitt Romney (Republican)} \quad ____
\% \\
&\text{q3c} \quad \text{Someone else} \quad ____
\% \\
&\text{Total} \quad ____
\end{align*}
\]

If (q2order == 1) {

} else {

q4 and q5 were asked September 21-30 and October 9-October 24

This week, we have two additional questions:

**q4**

What do you think is the percent chance that the vote margin between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney will be less than 2 percentage points?

____

%
q5
We would like to get your feelings toward the main candidates for president. You will see the name of a
person we would like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings
between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings
between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person and that you
don't care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel
particularly warm or cold toward the person.

if (q2order == 1) {
    [q5a] Barack Obama (Democrat) ___
    [q5b] Mitt Romney (Republican) ___
} else {
    [q5a] Mitt Romney (Republican) ___
    [q5b] Barack Obama (Democrat) ___
}

q6 and q7 were asked September 30-October 9 and October 24-November 5

This week, we have two additional questions:

We would like you to think about the time it will take you to go to your voting place and vote if you do
dvote in the presidential election on November 6th 2012. Taking into account both the time it takes to go
to the voting place and the time you may have to wait to cast your ballot, what is the percent chance
that it will take you:

[q6a] Less than 30 minutes. ___%  
[q6b] At least 30 minutes but less than one hour. ___%  
[q6c] At least one hour but less than two hours. ___%  
[q6d] At least two hours. ___%

On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means completely disagree and 100 means completely agree, please
tell us your opinion on each of the following statements:

[q7a] Citizens have a duty to vote in presidential elections. ___
[q7b] Sometimes, politics and government seem so complicated that a person like
    me can't really understand what's going on. ___
[q7c] I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues
    facing our country. ___
[q7d] Public officials don't care much what people like me think. ___
[q7e] People like me don't have any say about what the government does. ___
We would like you to think about the direction in which the country will head if each of the main candidates becomes president. Generally speaking, the country might head in the right direction, or off on the wrong track. What do you think is the percent chance that the country will head in the right direction if each candidate becomes president.

if (q2order == 1) {
    [q8a] Barack Obama (Democrat) ___%
    [q8b] Mitt Romney (Republican) ___%
} else {
    [q8a] Mitt Romney (Republican) ___%
    [q8b] Barack Obama (Democrat) ___%
}