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**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
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
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_1 obama | Barack Obama will win |
| A3a_2 mccain | John McCain will 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.
John McCain will win

Someone else will win

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

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Barack Obama will win

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   choose next to continue.
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
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

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 |
| 4 Don't know |

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 |
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

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**D3** obama elected health reform
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Range: 0..100

**D4** mccain elected health reform
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Range: 0..100

ELSE

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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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