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.
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** obama mccain win

Barack Obama will win
Integer

**A3a_1** obama
Barack Obama will win
Integer

**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
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ENDIF
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ENDIF

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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

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**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
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)
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3 Someone else
4 Don't know

IF Obama McCain vote = Don't know or Obama McCain vote = empty THEN

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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
|
ENDIF

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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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[Questions WEALTH to WEALTH_amount are displayed as a table]

WEALTH  WEALTH
What is the total amount of wealth you have accumulated so far for the purpose of retirement preparation, including both accounts like 401k or IRA and also any other types of accounts or forms of retirement saving?
1
2 $0
3 Don't know

WEALTH_amount  WEALTH_amount
Long

IF (WEALTH_amount <> empty and WEALTH <> ) THEN
  checkWrongFill check for wrong fill
  You have supplied a value for an option you did not choose. Please go back and correct your answer.
ENDIF

IF (WEALTH = and WEALTH_amount = empty) THEN
  checkFill check for missing fill
  You chose an option, but you did not give a value for it. Please go back and
correct your answer.

ENDIF

IF WEALTH = Don't know THEN

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IF WEALTHDK25K = More than $25,000 THEN

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**income** INCOME

Which category represents the total combined income of all members of your family (living here) during the past 12 months? This includes money from jobs, net income from business, farm or rent, pensions, dividends, interest, social security payments and any other money income received by members of your family who are 15 years of age or older.
1 Less than $5,000
2 $5,000 to $7,499
3 $7,500 to $9,999
4 $10,000 to $12,499
5 $12,500 to $14,999
6 $15,000 to $19,999
7 $20,000 to $24,999
8 $25,000 to $29,999
9 $30,000 to $34,999
10 $35,000 to $39,999
11 $40,000 to $49,999
12 $50,000 to $59,999
13 $60,000 to $74,999
14 $75,000 to $99,999
15 $100,000 to $124,999
16 $125,000 to $199,999
17 $200,000 or more

**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.
Memo