

FINAL

1000 voters – landline
 200 voters – cell phone

NATIONWIDE

November 2008



	Unweighted n size:	TOTAL	PARENTS
	Weighted n size	1200	431
		1000	346
Gender of respondent			
Male.....		47	48
Female.....		53	52
Region			
New England.....		7	7
Middle Atlantic.....		15	13
East North Central.....		17	18
West North Central.....		7	7
South Atlantic.....		19	20
East South Central.....		5	7
West South Central.....		8	8
Mountain.....		7	5
Pacific.....		15	15

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions concerning the problems facing our state and local communities. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) 18 years or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently?

Qa-Qc: CELL SAMPLE ONLY; Qd: LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY

ASK CELL SAMPLE:

a. First, to confirm, have I reached you on your cell phone?

Yes..... 100
 No..... **TERMINATE**
 (Don't know)..... **TERMINATE**

b. For your safety, are you currently driving?

Yes..... (SET TIME TO CALL BACK)
 No..... 97 96
 (Don't know)..... 3 4

c. Is the cell phone your only phone or do you also have a regular telephone at home?

Cell is only phone..... 51 61
 Has regular phone at home..... 49 39
 (Don't know/refused)..... **TERMINATE**

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ASK LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY:

d. Do you happen to have a cell phone or not?

Yes.....	75	84
No.....	25	16
(Don't know/refused).....	TERMINATE	

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **{IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET}**

(SUNDAY AND MONDAY INTERVIEWS Q2-Q6)

2. Often things come up and people are not able to vote. Thinking ahead to Tuesday's elections, how likely are you to vote? Are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

IF CALLER SAYS THEY ALREADY VOTED PROBE: Did you vote absentee or did you vote earlier in-person?

Almost certain..... (GO TO Q3)	78	85
Earlier in person (GO TO Q5)	15	12
Earlier absentee (GO TO Q5)	7	4
Probably vote	TERMINATE	
About 50-50	TERMINATE	
Probably not vote	TERMINATE	
Definitely not vote	TERMINATE	

{IF Q2=1}

3. Let's turn to the election for United States President. In the race for President will you support: **{ROTATE}**: _Republican John McCain, _Democrat Barack **{Ba-ROCK}**Obama OR _Independent Ralph Nader **{NAY-der}**?

(IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE OR SHE VOTED/WILL VOTE, SAY:) This survey is being done for research purposes only. Your willingness to discuss your vote is really important for assuring the accuracy of our research, and we promise that we will always maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your responses.

Republican McCain	44	44
Democrat Obama	53	53
Independent Nader.....	1	1
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Will not vote for President).....	0	0
(Refused/undecided)	2	1

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And, still thinking about the 2008 elections...

4. If the election for CONGRESS were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for {ROTATE}: _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

(If “undecided,” ask: and which party’s candidate do you lean toward at this time?)

Republican.....	39	37
Lean Republican.....	4	7
Lean Democratic.....	7	8
Democratic.....	48	46
(Other candidate).....	0	0
(Will not vote for Congress).....	0	0
(Undecided).....	2	2
 Republican	 43	 44
Democratic	55	54

{IF Q2= 2 OR 3}

5. In the election for U.S. President, did you vote for the Republican John McCain, the Democrat, Barack Obama, independent Ralph Nader or someone else?

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John McCain.....	41	45
Barack Obama.....	57	53
Ralph Nader.....	1	0
(Other candidate).....	0	0
(Did not vote in Presidential race).....	0	0
(Refused).....	1	1

6. In the election for Congress, did you vote for the {ROTATE}: _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

Republican.....	41	39
Democratic.....	56	56
(Other candidate).....	0	0
(Did not vote in Congressional race).....	2	4
(Refused).....	1	1

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(TUESDAY INTERVIEWS Q7-9)

7. Many people did not get a chance to vote in this election for U.S. Congress and other offices. How about you? Were you able to vote Tuesday, or did you vote earlier in this election before Tuesday, or like many people, did you not get a chance to vote?

FOLLOW-UP: Did you vote in person, by mail, or by absentee ballot?

Yes, voted on Election Day in person.....	67	71
Yes, voted on Election Day by mail/absentee ballot	6	4
Yes, voted early in person	20	21
Yes, voted early by mail/absentee ballot.....	7	3
No, did not vote	TERMINATE	
(Not sure)	TERMINATE	

8. In the election for U.S. President, did you vote for the Republican John McCain, the Democrat, Barack [Ba-ROCK] Obama, independent Ralph Nader [NAY-der] or someone else?

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John McCain	49	52
Barack Obama.....	50	47
Ralph Nader.....	0	0
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Presidential race)	0	0
(Refused).....	1	0

9. In the election for Congress, did you vote for the [ROTATE]: _the Republican candidate or _the Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

Republican.....	49	52
Democratic.....	50	47
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Congressional race)	1	0
(Refused).....	1	1

3/5/8.COMBINED PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

John McCain	45	47
Barack Obama.....	53	51
Ralph Nader.....	1	1
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Presidential race)	0	0
(Refused).....	1	1

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4/6/9.COMBINED CONGRESSIONAL VOTE

Republican.....	45	46
Democratic.....	53	52
(Other candidate)	0	0
(Did not vote in Congressional race)	1	1
(Refused).....	1	1

Q10: ASK IF Q3/Q5/Q8= 1,2,3,4

10. In the 2008 Presidential election, what were the main reasons you voted for that candidate?

Don't like/trust other candidate.....	13	11
Like his economic policies	13	15
For change	11	11
Like his policies generally.....	11	11
Ideological concerns/ party loyalty.....	9	8
Experience.....	7	5
Like his foreign policy/ the war in Iraq	5	6
Poor Republican leadership for last 8 years	4	3
Taxes	4	4
Like his stance on health care.....	4	3
Personal characteristics.....	3	4
Like his stance on social issues like abortion	3	5
For the middle class	2	1
Vision for country	2	2
Ethnicity.....	0	0
Unfamiliar with other candidate.....	0	0
Other	2	3
Don't know.....	6	6

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11. I am going to read you a list of issues that may have come up during the election. Please tell me which one of these was most important to you in deciding who to vote for. [SELECT ONE ONLY]

READ AND RANDOMIZE

The economy and jobs.....	50	50
Terrorism and national security	9	8
Moral values.....	7	11
Taxes	6	6
The situation in Iraq	5	5
Health care.....	5	6
Education.....	4	4
Social Security and retirement security	3	2
The national debt.....	2	2
Medicare and prescription drugs.....	1	1
Gasoline and home heating costs	1	1
Immigration	1	1
(other).....	3	3
(don't know).....	1	1

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12. Thinking back on the different elections in which you have been eligible to vote in the past few years, would you say that you have voted in all of these elections, most of them, about half of them, or fewer than half of these elections, or have you never voted before?

Voted in all of them	65	65
Voted in most of them.....	20	20
Voted in about half of them.....	5	6
Voted in fewer than half of them	3	4
Never voted before	4	3
(Just registered).....	0	0
(First time voting).....	2	1
(Don't know).....	0	0

13. How long ago did you decide for whom to vote for in these elections – in the last few days before the election, in the last week, in the past month, one to three months ago, or more than 3 months ago?

In the last few days.....	6	7
In the last week	5	6
In the past month.....	12	10
One to three months ago	24	24
More than three months ago.....	50	51
(Don't know).....	2	3

14. Were you more or less enthusiastic about this year's election compared to elections in the past or was there no difference to you? (If MORE/LESS enthusiastic ask: Is that much more/less or somewhat more/less?)

Much more enthusiastic.....	53	50
Somewhat more enthusiastic.....	15	15
Somewhat less enthusiastic	6	5
Much less enthusiastic	9	11
No difference.....	17	18
(Don't know).....	1	1
More enthusiastic	68	66
Less enthusiastic	15	16

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about federal spending on children and programs for children.

15. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not important at all and 10 is extremely important, how important should making sure all children have health insurance in America be for the new Congress and the President?

Mean	8.4	8.6
10	56	60
8 – 9	17	17
6 – 7	7	5
5	5	3
0 – 4	9	8
(Don't know)	6	5

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Now, let me tell you a little bit about the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, or S-CHIP.

S-CHIP, is a partnership between the federal government and states designed to provide health care coverage to families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance on their own. S-CHIP ensures children can get immunizations, regular check-ups, prescription drugs, and dental coverage in most states.]

16. Based on this description of S-CHIP, if you knew that S-CHIP were about to expire in March next year, would you favor or oppose S-CHIP’s renewal? (If favor/oppose, ask is that strongly or not so strongly favor/oppose?)

Strongly favor.....	65	65
Not so strongly favor.....	17	17
Not so strongly oppose.....	4	4
Strongly oppose.....	6	7
(Don’t know).....	8	7
Favor.....	82	82
Oppose.....	10	11

17. If I told you that the funding to renew S-CHIP would come from an increase in the federal tobacco tax, would that make you more supportive of renewing S-CHIP, less supportive, or would it not make a difference? (If more supportive/less, ask is that much more or a little more/less supportive)

Much more supportive.....	46	49
A little more supportive.....	19	17
A little less supportive.....	5	4
Much less supportive.....	5	5
No difference.....	21	22
(Don’t know).....	4	3
More supportive.....	65	66
Less supportive.....	10	9

18. Thinking about the children of working families who have access to S-CHIP, do you favor or oppose Congress and the President working to expand programs like S-CHIP to ensure that all children in America, including legal immigrant children, have health care coverage? (If favor/oppose, ask is that strongly or not so strongly favor/oppose?)

Strongly favor.....	60	61
Not so strongly favor.....	19	20
Not so strongly oppose.....	7	5
Strongly oppose.....	8	8
(Don’t know).....	6	5
Favor.....	79	81
Oppose.....	15	14

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19. Right now, immigrant children who are here legally face a five-year waiting period before they are eligible for health care programs like the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. This means they are much less likely to get preventive care such as vaccinations and regular check-ups or treatment for health problems such as asthma or cancer.

Knowing this, do you favor or oppose eliminating the five year waiting period for legal immigrant children, or are you undecided? (If favor/oppose, ask is that strongly or not so strongly favor/oppose?)

Strongly favor.....	51	55
Not so strongly favor.....	17	15
Not so strongly oppose.....	6	7
Strongly oppose.....	13	12
Undecided.....	9	8
(Don’t know).....	5	4
Favor.....	67	70
Oppose.....	19	18

20. Now let me read you two statements and I want you to tell me which one comes closer to your own point of view.

READ AND ROTATE

Some/other people say that all children in the United States should have health care coverage. Keeping children healthy is something that we should all agree is in the best interest of the country, regardless of their immigration status, in order to give them the opportunity to become productive citizens.

Some/other people say that not all children in America should have health care coverage. We should continue to make legal immigrant children wait five years for coverage and we should not allow illegal immigrant children to have access to programs like S-CHIP. Especially now, we cannot afford to expand the program.

Which one comes closer to your own view:

Health coverage for all.....	63	66
Keep five year wait period.....	25	23
(Both: well if you had to choose?).....	2	2
(Neither: well if you had to choose?).....	3	3
(Don’t know).....	7	6

Thank you. The few remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

21. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

{IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:} Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

{IF INDEPENDENT ASK:} Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Democrat.....	39	36
Not so strong Democrat.....	5	5

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Indep. leans Democrat		6	6
Democrat		49	47
Independent		11	11
Republican		39	41
Indep. leans Republican		6	7
Not so strong Republican		6	6
Strong Republican		27	28
(dk/na/other)		1	1

22. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

Very liberal	14	12
Somewhat liberal	15	16
Liberal	29	28
Moderate	27	28
Conservative	40	38
Somewhat conservative	17	18
Very conservative	23	20
(Don't know)	3	4
(Refused)	1	1

24. Thinking back to the Presidential election in 2004, when the candidates for President were **ROTATE**: _Republican George W. Bush, _Democrat John Kerry, and _Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, for whom did you vote?

Bush	44	48
Kerry	40	39
Nader	2	2
(Other candidate)	1	1
(Ineligible/too young to vote)	6	5
(Don't know)	6	5

25. What is your age? I am going to read you some age categories. Please stop me when we get to your category:

18-24 years	8	4
25-29	10	12
30-34	7	14
35-39	8	18
40-44	13	26
45-49	7	13
50-54	10	7
55-59	9	3
60-64	9	2
65-69	5	1
70-74	5	0

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Over 75		7	0
(Refused)		2	1

26. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th grade	4	3
High school graduate	21	16
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech)	3	2
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree)	25	23
College graduate.....	30	36
Post-graduate school.....	15	19
(Don't know)	1	1

27. Are you married, unmarried with partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married	63	80
Unmarried with partner	2	2
Single.....	19	9
Separated.....	1	1
Divorced	8	5
Widowed	6	2
(Don't know)	1	0

28. Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

Yes..... {GO TO Q29}	35	100
No..... {GO TO Q30}	65	0
(Don't know)..... {GO TO Q30}	1	0

29. Do your children attend public school, private school, or parochial or religious school?

Public school.....	69	69
Private school	10	10
Parochial or religious school	5	5
(Attend more than one type).....	3	3
(Don't know).....	2	2
(None – child too young).....	12	12

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30. Do you have any grandchildren?

Yes.....	36	13
No.....	61	84
(Don't know).....	3	3

31. Do you have a paid job, half-time or more, outside your home or would you say that your work is mainly at home?

Employed.....	64	76
At home	30	22
(Don't know).....	6	2

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32. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a teachers' union or a labor union?

Yes - teachers	8	7
Yes - labor.....	10	12
Yes – both.....	2	2
 All YES.....	 20	 21
Neither	78	77
(Don't know).....	3	2

33. What is your religion?

DO NOT READ

Protestant (include Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, United Church of Christ)	26	25
Methodist.....	4	6
Baptist	14	13
Evangelical (include Church of God, Pentecostal, 7th Day Adventist).....	2	3
Non-traditional (include Christian Science, Jehovah's Witness)	3	4
Catholic.....	23	27
Jewish	{GO TO Q35} 3	2
Mormon, Church of Latter Day Saints [LDS]	1	1
(Other)	{GO TO Q35} 7	7
(None).....	{GO TO Q35} 10	8
(Don't know).....	{GO TO Q35} 6	4

34. Do you think of yourself as a born again Christian or don't you think of yourself that way?

Born-again/evangelical	37	34
Not born-again.....	46	47
(Don't know/refused).....	17	18

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35. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	74	72
Black / African American.....	13	12
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.).....	8	9
Asian.....	2	4
Native American	0	0
(Other)	1	1
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2