

National Suburban Poll

Princeton Survey Research Associates International for National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra

Topline Results

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Number of Interviews

Total: 1,526 adults age 18 or older
Suburban: 1,033 suburban residents
Urban/Rural: 493 urban and rural residents

Margins of Error

Total: Plus or minus 3 percentage points
Suburban: Plus or minus 4 percentage points
Urban/Rural: Plus or minus 5 percentage points
Total Registered Voters: Plus or minus 3 percentage points
Suburban RV: Plus or minus 4 percentage points
Urban/Rural RV: Plus or minus 6 percentage points

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*Notes on Topline: Because percentages are rounded they may not total 100%.
An asterisk indicates a value of less than 1%.*

INTRODUCTION: Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling on behalf of Hofstra University. We are conducting an important national survey to find out what Americans think about some important issues today. May I please speak with the YOUNGEST MALE, age 18 or older, who is now at home? (IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW, ASK: May I please speak with the YOUNGEST FEMALE, age 18 or older, who is now at home?)
(Repeat introduction if respondent did not answer the telephone.)

Q1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
18	18	18	Satisfied
77	77	77	Dissatisfied
4	5	5	Don't know/Refused

Q2 We're interested in how much confidence you have in some different institutions. (First,) in general, how much confidence do you have in...(INSERT—READ & RANDOMIZE)?
 READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: a lot of confidence, some, not too much, or no confidence at all?

	<u>A lot of confidence</u>	<u>Some confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. The Federal government					
Suburbs:	9	39	29	20	3
Urban/Rural:	7	39	32	19	3
Total:	8	39	31	19	3
b. Your state government					
Suburbs:	14	46	25	14	2
Urban/Rural:	14	47	21	16	2
Total:	14	46	23	15	2
c. Your local government					
Suburbs:	20	46	18	12	4
Urban/Rural:	16	48	20	13	3
Total:	18	47	19	13	4
d. Your local police					
Suburbs:	51	35	6	5	2
Urban/Rural:	42	39	8	9	3
Total:	46	37	7	7	2
e. Your local public schools					
Suburbs:	35	34	15	7	8
Urban/Rural:	26	39	17	12	6
Total:	30	37	16	10	7

Q3 How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election – quite a lot or only a little?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
77	73	75	Quite a lot
2	2	2	Some (VOL.)
17	22	20	Little
3	2	3	None (VOL.)
1	1	1	Don't know/Refused

Q4 Thinking about the issues, what one ISSUE would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? (OPEN ENDED; ACCEPT UP TO TWO MENTIONS)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
46	42	44	Economy
9	8	8	Iraq / The war
8	11	10	Health care reform / Health care in general
7	8	7	Energy/Gas prices
4	2	2	Terrorism / Protecting the nation
3	2	3	Immigration reform/Securing U.S. borders
3	4	3	Education / Education reform
2	3	2	Budget deficit / National debt
2	5	3	Job situation / Unemployment
2	1	1	Environment/Global warming
2	2	2	Taxes
1	1	1	Foreign Policy/Foreign affairs
*	*	*	Foreclosures/Falling real estate prices
*	0	*	Affordable housing
15	13	14	Misc. other
5	9	7	Don't know/Refused

Q5 These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
85	81	83	Yes, registered
15	18	16	No, not registered
*	*	*	Don't know/Refused

Q6 Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

Based on registered voters

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
86	86	86	Yes
14	13	14	No
0	1	*	Don't know/Refused
(n=936)	(n=431)	(n=1,367)	

Q7 How often would you say you vote...(READ)

Based on registered voters

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
55	55	55	Always
27	25	26	Nearly always
8	9	9	Part of the time, OR
5	7	6	Seldom?
3	3	3	(DO NOT READ) Never vote (VOL.)
1	*	*	(DO NOT READ) Other response (VOL.)
1	1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=936)	(n=431)	(n=,1367)	

Q8 If the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote for (READ AND ROTATE: the Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin/ the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden)?

Q9 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to (READ AND ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q8)?

Based on registered voters

	<u>Total McCain/Palin</u>	<u>Total Obama/Biden</u>	<u>Other candidate</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Current				
Suburbs:	48	42	1	8
Urban/Rural:	40	49	2	9
Total:	44	46	1	9
July 2008				
Suburbs:	47	44	1	8
Urban/Rural:	36	51	1	12
Total:	42	47	1	10
June 2008				
Suburbs:	42	46	1	10
Urban/Rural:	38	49	2	11
Total:	40	48	1	11
April 2008				
Suburbs:	46	49	1	4
Urban/Rural:	43	50	2	4
Total:	45	50	2	4

Q10 Do you support (INSERT CHOICE FROM Q8 – “the McCain/Palin ticket” OR “the Obama/Biden ticket”) strongly or only moderately?

Based on registered voters

	<i>Support McCain/ Lean McCain</i>			<i>Support Obama/ Lean Obama</i>		
	<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Strongly	70	64	68	74	76	74
Only moderately/lean	29	34	31	26	24	25
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1
	(n=400)	(n=163)	(n=563)	(n=356)	(n=191)	(n=547)

Q11 For each of the following candidates, please tell me whether that person has a background and set of values that you can identify with, or whether (he/she) does NOT have a background and set of values that you can identify with. (First/Next) what about (INSERT ITEM)? AS NECESSARY: Can you identify with (his/her) background and set of values?

	<u>Background and values can identify with</u>	<u>NOT background and values can identify with</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
a. John McCain				
Suburbs:	56	37	5	3
Urban/Rural:	46	45	8	1
Total:	50	41	7	2
b. Sarah Palin				
Suburbs:	47	37	14	2
Urban/Rural:	42	43	14	1
Total:	44	40	14	2
c. Barack Obama				
Suburbs:	47	45	6	2
Urban/Rural:	53	40	5	2
Total:	50	43	6	2
d. Joe Biden				
Suburbs:	35	41	22	2
Urban/Rural:	39	39	20	2
Total:	37	40	21	2

Next I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in this country today. First, thinking about Iraq...

- Q12 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
48	39	43	Keep troops in Iraq
49	55	52	Bring troops home
4	6	5	Don't know/Refused

- Q13 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

Based on those who think the U.S. should keep the troops in Iraq

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
36	41	39	Should set a timetable
61	56	58	Should NOT set a timetable
3	3	3	Don't know/Refused
(n=527)	(n=209)	(n=736)	

- Q14 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

Based on those who think the U.S. should bring the troops home

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
31	32	31	Remove all troops immediately
67	67	67	Gradual withdrawal over the next year or two
2	2	2	Don't know/Refused
(n=469)	(n=256)	(n=725)	

Now turning to other topics...

- Q15 Which do you think is the worst tax, that is, the least fair: federal income tax, federal Social Security tax, state income tax, state sales tax or local property tax?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
25	29	27	Federal income tax
13	12	12	Federal Social Security tax
6	7	7	State income tax
11	13	12	State sales tax
34	28	31	Local property tax
10	12	11	Don't know/Refused

Q16 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
61	53	57	Favor
30	35	33	Oppose
9	12	10	Don't know/Refused

Q17 Do you support full marriage rights for same-sex couples, support civil unions or partnerships for same-sex couples but not full marriage rights, or do you oppose any legal recognition for same-sex couples?

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
31	29	30	Marriage rights
21	16	18	Civil unions
40	45	43	No legal recognition
7	10	9	Don't know/Refused

Q18 Do you think abortion should be (READ)?

(Note: Categories read in reverse order for random ½ of sample.)

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
20	20	20	Legal in all cases
32	32	32	Legal in most cases
28	22	25	Illegal in most cases
14	18	16	Illegal in all cases
6	8	7	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

Q19 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to control gun ownership?

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
44	42	43	Protect rights of Americans to own guns
52	52	52	Control gun ownership
4	6	5	Don't know/Refused

Q20 All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose the U.S. government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
26	27	26	Strongly favor
34	34	34	Favor
24	20	22	Oppose
11	13	12	Strongly oppose
6	7	6	Don't know/Refused

Q21 Thinking about immigrants who are currently living in the United States illegally... Do you favor or oppose amnesty to illegal immigrants currently in the country if they pass background checks, pay fines, and have jobs?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
49	50	50	Favor
46	44	45	Oppose
5	6	5	Don't know/Refused

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about you and your daily life.

Q22 Overall, how would you rate the quality of life for you and your family today? Would you say it is...(READ)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
16	14	15	Excellent
30	30	30	Very good
30	31	31	Good
17	18	17	Fair, OR
6	7	7	Poor?
1	*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

EMP Are you now employed full-time, part-time, retired, or are you not employed for pay?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
51	49	50	Employed full-time
11	11	11	Employed part-time
21	18	20	Retired
12	15	14	Not employed for pay
3	3	3	(VOL) Disabled
*	1	1	(VOL) Student
1	1	1	(VOL) Other
*	*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

MARITAL Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? (IF R SAYS "SINGLE", PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
57	49	52	Married
6	5	5	Living with a partner
11	12	12	Divorced
2	2	2	Separated
7	8	8	Widowed
17	23	20	Never been married
1	1	1	Don't know/Refused

PARENT Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18 now living in your household?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
35	31	33	Yes
65	69	67	No
*	0	*	Don't know/Refused

Q23 In general, how satisfied are you with (READ AND ROTATE) – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not satisfied at all?

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Not too satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all satisfied</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. The amount of time you spend with your family					
Suburbs:	49	34	10	5	1
Urban/Rural:	47	38	8	5	2
Total:	48	36	9	5	2
b. The amount of time you have for relaxation and leisure activities					
Suburbs:	36	39	15	8	1
Urban/Rural:	35	40	16	7	2
Total:	36	39	16	7	2
c. The amount of time you spend working (<i>Based on those employed</i>)					
Suburbs (n=600):	30	49	13	7	1
Urban/Rural (n=285):	33	45	15	5	2
Total (n=885):	32	47	14	6	1

- Q24 On most workdays, do you commute to work by car, by bus, or by train such as a subway or commuter rail?

Based on those who are employed

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
86	84	85	Commute to work by car
3	3	3	Commute to work by bus
2	3	2	Commute to work by train such as subway or commuter rail
3	6	5	(DO NOT READ) Some other way (VOL.)
5	4	5	(DO NOT READ) Work at home (VOL.)
*	0	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=600)	(n=285)	(n=885)	

- Q25 On average, about how long does it take for you to get from home to work, door to door? IF NECESSARY PROBE: "Just your best guess is fine."

Based on those who are employed and commute to work

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
33	42	38	Less than 15 minutes
33	33	33	16 to 30 minutes
17	13	15	31 to 45 minutes
10	6	8	46 minutes up to 1 hour
2	1	2	More than 1 hour but less than 1½ hours
2	1	1	1½ hours or more but less than 2 hours
*	0	*	Approximately 2 hours
1	1	1	More than 2 hours
2	1	1	Don't know/Refused
(n=564)	(n=272)	(n=836)	

- Q26 What's your impression about the real estate market in your area? Over the past year, have home prices in your area gone up a lot, gone up a little, gone down a little, or gone down a lot?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
15	22	19	Gone up a lot
14	14	14	Gone up a little
29	26	27	Gone down a little
28	20	24	Gone down a lot
6	5	6	Stayed about the same (VOL.)
8	12	10	Don't know/Refused

Q27 Considering what you get back in services from the local government, overall, do you think the local taxes you pay are too high, too low, or about right?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
48	46	47	Too high
1	2	2	Too low
47	48	47	About right
3	5	4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

Q28 About how long have you lived in the neighborhood where you live now? Have you lived there...(READ 1-5)?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
6	6	6	Less than one year
24	27	26	One to five years
18	22	20	Six to 10 years
23	17	20	11 to 20 years, OR
28	28	28	More than 20 years?
0	0	0	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	0	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

Q29 As far as you know, are the people in your neighborhood all the same race as you...are most the same race as you...is there a mixture of racial groups...or are most people in your neighborhood of a different race from you?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
16	14	15	All the same race
31	29	30	Most the same race
44	48	46	Mixture of racial groups
8	8	8	Most a different race/Predominantly another race
2	1	1	Don't know/Refused

Q30 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
8	7	7	Excellent shape
42	36	39	Good shape
34	38	36	Only fair shape
15	18	17	Poor shape
2	1	1	Don't know/Refused

Q31 In the past 12 months, which of the following things, if any, have happened to you or someone you know? (First,) have you or someone you know (INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

	<u>Yes, happened to me or someone I know</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Lost a job			
Suburbs:	49	51	*
Urban/Rural:	51	48	1
Total:	50	49	1
b. Had a cut in pay, reduction in hours, or loss of benefits at work			
Suburbs:	44	55	1
Urban/Rural:	45	52	3
Total:	44	53	2
c. Had layoffs or firings at work, or co- workers asked to take early retirement			
Suburbs:	48	51	1
Urban/Rural:	47	51	2
Total:	48	51	1
d. Lost a home due to foreclosure or because you could not afford increased mortgage payments			
Suburbs:	27	73	1
Urban/Rural:	25	74	1
Total:	26	73	1

Q32 As you know, the prices for gasoline and other energy have gone up substantially. I'm going to read a list of things some people have done because of the increase in energy prices. For each one, please tell me whether this is something you and your family have done. (First,) have you (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)?

	<u>Yes, have done this</u>	<u>No, have not</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Cut back significantly on how much you drive			
Suburbs:	62	37	1
Urban/Rural:	70	30	*
Total:	66	33	1
b. Cut back significantly on household spending			
Suburbs:	62	37	*
Urban/Rural:	64	36	*
Total:	63	36	*
c. Bought a more fuel-efficient car			
Suburbs:	19	80	*
Urban/Rural:	19	80	1
Total:	19	80	1
d. Used other modes of transportation for your regular commute or errands			
Suburbs:	22	78	1
Urban/Rural:	31	69	*
Total:	26	73	*
e. Moved closer to where you work			
Suburbs:	7	91	1
Urban/Rural:	8	90	2
Total:	8	91	1
f. Changed jobs			
Suburbs:	10	89	1
Urban/Rural:	6	93	1
Total:	7	91	1

Q33 Some people live from paycheck to paycheck, which means just being able to pay regular bills and other expenses with money from each paycheck with almost nothing left over for savings. How often, if ever, do you and your family live from paycheck to paycheck...(READ 1-5)?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
22	24	23	Always,
16	20	18	Most of the time,
22	22	22	Sometimes,
20	17	18	Hardly ever, OR
18	15	16	Never?
1	2	1	(VOL.) No job/Not currently employed/No regular income
1	1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

Q34 Please tell me how safe you think you and your family are from crime in these locations. (First,) what about...(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)? ALWAYS READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Are you very safe, somewhat safe, not too safe or not at all safe (from crime at this location)?

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Not too safe</u>	<u>Not at all safe</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. At home at night						
Suburbs:	71	25	2	1	*	1
Urban/Rural:	66	29	4	*	0	1
Total:	68	27	3	*	*	1
b. When walking in your neighborhood after dark						
Suburbs:	53	33	4	2	6	1
Urban/Rural:	45	34	7	5	7	2
Total:	49	34	6	4	7	2
c. At your child's school (Based on parents)						
Suburbs (n=306):	69	20	1	0	8	2
Urban/Rural (n=131):	58	27	2	1	12	1
Total (n=437):	63	24	2	*	10	1
d. When riding public transportation						
Suburbs:	23	28	5	3	39	2
Urban/Rural:	24	32	8	2	33	2
Total:	23	30	6	2	36	2

Q35 And now thinking about the area where you live...I'm going to read a list of problems some communities face. For each one, please tell me if it is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem in your community. (First/Next,) . . . (READ AND ROTATE) —is this a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem (in your community)?

		<u>Big problem</u>	<u>Small problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Crime, drugs and violence					
	Suburbs:	19	42	37	2
	Urban/Rural:	31	39	29	1
	Total:	25	40	33	1
b. Unemployment					
	Suburbs:	29	37	24	9
	Urban/Rural:	38	34	21	6
	Total:	34	35	23	8
c. The public schools do not provide quality education					
	Suburbs:	17	25	49	8
	Urban/Rural:	28	26	36	10
	Total:	23	26	42	9
d. Not enough arts or cultural activities					
	Suburbs:	16	29	49	6
	Urban/Rural:	25	30	41	5
	Total:	21	29	44	6
e. Too many unsupervised children and teenagers					
	Suburbs:	26	30	40	3
	Urban/Rural:	34	33	30	3
	Total:	30	32	35	3
f. People don't get involved in efforts to improve the community					
	Suburbs:	21	32	44	3
	Urban/Rural:	30	33	33	4
	Total:	26	33	38	3
g. Not enough AFFORDABLE housing					
	Suburbs:	30	28	36	6
	Urban/Rural:	40	27	28	5
	Total:	36	27	31	5
h. Limited or unreliable public transportation					
	Suburbs:	25	25	41	9
	Urban/Rural:	23	28	44	6
	Total:	24	27	42	7

Q35, Continued

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—is this a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem (in your community)?

		<u>Big problem</u>	<u>Small problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
i.	Traffic congestion				
	Suburbs:	26	32	42	1
	Urban/Rural:	22	35	43	*
	Total:	24	33	42	*
j.	Too much growth and development				
	Suburbs:	27	25	46	2
	Urban/Rural:	18	27	54	1
	Total:	22	26	50	1
k.	Tension between different racial and ethnic groups (<i>item k always asked last</i>)				
	Suburbs:	8	32	56	4
	Urban/Rural:	11	38	48	3
	Total:	10	35	52	3

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

SEX RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX:

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
48	50	49	Male
52	50	51	Female

AGE What is your age?

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
16	21	18	Age 18-29
36	36	36	Age 30-49
27	25	26	Age 50-64
19	16	17	Age 65 or older
2	2	2	Don't know/Refused

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
20	24	22	Gen Y (18-31)
21	22	21	Gen X (32-43)
35	33	34	Baby Boomers (44-62)
10	8	9	Matures (63-71)
12	11	11	After Work (72+)
2	2	2	Don't know/Refused

EDUC What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?
(DO NOT READ, BUT PROBE FOR CLARITY IF NEEDED)

<u>Suburbs</u>	Urban/ <u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
3	4	3	None, or grades 1-8
9	7	8	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
31	34	32	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
5	3	4	Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school
22	24	23	Some college, no four-year degree
17	17	17	College graduate (B.S., B.A. or other four-year degree)
12	11	12	Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college
*	1	1	Don't know/Refused

HISP Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

RACE Which of the following best describes your race? You can select as many as apply. (READ LIST. RECORD UP TO FOUR RESPONSES IN ORDER MENTIONED.)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
78	66	72	White, non-Hispanic
7	14	11	Black or African-American, non-Hispanic
7	13	10	Hispanic
6	5	6	Other
2	2	2	Undesignated

ADULTS Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or older live in your household?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
23	31	27	1 adult in household/Respondent only
56	53	55	2 adults
20	16	18	3 or more adults
1	*	1	Don't know/Refused

CHILD Do you have any children...(READ IN ORDER)

Based on parents with children under age 18 in the household

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>	<u>(N)</u>
a. Under age five?				
Suburbs:	42	58	*	(306)
Urban/Rural:	47	53	0	(131)
Total:	44	56	*	(437)
b. Five to 12 years old?				
Suburbs:	60	39	1	(306)
Urban/Rural:	51	49	0	(131)
Total:	56	44	1	(437)
c. 13 to 17 years old?				
Suburbs:	39	60	1	(306)
Urban/Rural:	34	66	0	(131)
Total:	36	63	1	(437)

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
45	42	44	Protestant
24	23	24	Roman Catholic/Catholic
2	1	1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)
2	2	2	Jewish
1	1	1	Muslim (Islam)
7	10	9	Other Christian faith
2	3	3	Other non-Christian faith
5	4	4	Atheist/Agnostic
12	12	12	Nothing in particular
1	1	1	Undesignated

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Based on Christians

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
41	43	42	Yes
55	53	54	No
4	4	4	Don't know/Refused
(n=823)	(n=394)	(n=1,217)	

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
13	12	12	More than once a week
25	27	26	Once a week
15	15	15	Once or twice a month
18	17	18	A few times a year
18	16	17	Seldom
11	12	11	Never
1	2	1	Don't know/Refused

INTa Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

INTb Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
80	77	79	Total use the internet or email
71	68	70	<i>Use Both</i>
8	8	8	<i>Internet only</i>
1	1	1	<i>Email only</i>
20	23	21	Total do not use the internet or email

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
33	27	30	Republican
31	36	34	Democrat
30	30	30	Independent
3	2	2	(DO NOT READ) No preference
*	*	*	(DO NOT READ) Other party
3	5	4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
46	37	41	Republican/Lean Republican
43	51	47	Democrat/Lean Democrat
11	12	11	Refused to lean

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as...(READ)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
7	7	7	Very conservative
32	30	31	Conservative
38	34	36	Moderate
15	17	16	Liberal, OR
4	6	5	Very liberal?
4	6	5	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

MILIT Are you yourself, or is any member of your household, currently a member of the armed services or a veteran? (IF YES, PROBE FOR STATUS)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
28	24	26	Total military households
5	4	4	<i>Current member/members of the military</i>
21	19	20	<i>Veterans</i>
2	1	2	<i>Both current military and veterans</i>
72	75	74	Total non-military households
*	*	*	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

OWNRENT Do you own your home, rent your home, or do you have some other type of arrangement?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
72	64	68	Own
19	25	22	Rent
8	9	9	Other arrangement
1	1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

INCOME Last year, that is in 2007, what was your TOTAL family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes. Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ 01-09)

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
4	7	6	Less than \$10,000
7	12	10	10 to under \$20
9	11	10	20 to under \$30
9	11	10	30 to under \$40
8	8	8	40 to under \$50
14	15	14	50 to under \$75
13	11	12	75 to under \$100
11	5	8	100 to under \$150
8	5	6	\$150,000 or more
6	4	5	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
11	11	11	(DO NOT READ) Refused

IMM1 Where were you born – in the United States, or in another country?

<u>Suburbs</u>	<u>Urban/ Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	
92	93	92	In the U.S. (including Puerto Rico or other U.S. territory)
8	7	7	In another country
0	0	0	Don't know
1	*	*	Refused

THANK RESPONDENT: That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. Have a nice day/evening.