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*RESPONSES LABELED **GOP DEL** ARE DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. RESPONSES LABELED **DEM DEL** ARE BASED ON A POLL OF 970 DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, INTERVIEWED JULY 16-AUGUST 17. TRENDS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES/CBS NEWS POLL CONDUCTED AUGUST 15-20, 2008. **ALL VOTERS (N=1,014)** INDICATES ALL REGISTERED VOTERS, **GOP VOTERS (N=343)** INDICATES REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES REPUBLICANS.*

1. What type of delegate are you? Are you a district delegate, an at-large delegate, or an RNC Member?

	District	At large	RNC Member	DK/NA
2008 GOP DEL	57	34	8	1

4. When you were selected as a delegate to the national convention, which presidential candidate were you committed to support?

	McCain	Giuliani	Romney	Thompson	Huckabee	Paul	DK/NA
2008 GOP DEL	71	1	5	1	7	1	13

5. And who will you vote for on the floor of the convention?

	McCain	Romney	Huckabee	Paul	DK/NA
2008 GOP DEL	95	1	1	1	2

6. How would you describe your feelings about John McCain as the Republican nominee – would you say you enthusiastically support him; support him but have reservations about him; support him only because he is the likely party nominee; or do you not support him yet?

	Enthusiastic	With reservations	Party nominee	Don't support yet	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	86	8	4	1	1

7. How many years have you been active in Republican party politics?

	Less than 10	10-19 years	20-25 years	Over 25 years	DK/NA
1988 GOP Del	16	28	28	27	1
1996 GOP Del	19	26	22	32	1
2000 GOP Del	16	24	25	35	-
2004 GOP Del	16	27	23	34	-
2008 GOP Del	19	23	21	36	1

8. Have you ever attended a national convention as a delegate or as an alternate before?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1988 GOP Del	41	59	
1996 GOP Del	44	56	-
2000 GOP Del	46	54	
2004 GOP Del	45	55	-
2008 GOP Del	42	58	-

9. Which one(s) did you attend? (BASED ON THOSE WHO ANSWERED "YES" TO Q.8)

	2000 GOP Del	2004 GOP Del	2008 GOP Del
2004 convention			31
2000 convention		33	22
1996 convention	34	22	14
1992 convention	21	16	10
1988 convention	16	11	9
1984 convention	10	8	7
1980 convention	6	5	3
1976 convention	4	4	2
1972 convention	2	2	1
Before 1972	1	2	1

10. Are you very confident that John McCain will win the presidential election in November, or do you think there is a real chance he could lose?

	Confident he will win	Real chance he could lose	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	74	16	10

11. How would you describe John McCain's chances of carrying your state against Barack Obama? Would you say McCain is the favorite, or Obama is the favorite, or would you call it a toss-up? IF MCCAIN OR OBAMA: Would you say he has a big edge, or only a narrow one?

	Obama big	Obama narrow	McCain big	McCain narrow	Toss-up	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	10	10	38	20	20	3

12. What do you think will be the most important campaign issue in your state?

	1996		2000		2004		2008		
	DEM Del	GOP Del	DEM Del	GOP Del	DEM Del	GOP Del	8/08 All voters	DEM Del	GOP Del
Economy	39	26	12	11	24	22	31	65	39
War/Iraq/Afghanistan					14	8	7	6	2
Taxes	3	14	1	13	1	3	5	1	3
Budget Deficit	3	14	1	1	1	-	1		-
Terrorism					2	15	1	-	1
Defense					1	15			13
Homeland security					1	8			1
Abortion	1	6	1	3		1	1	-	1
Environment			3	2	1	2	5	4	15
Immigration						1	4	1	3
Jobs/Unemployment	10	4	2	1	27	9	7	5	3
Welfare	7	4	-	-		-	-		
Crime	3	3	2	-					
Education	8	2	33	26	7	2	2	1	-
Social Security			7	4		-	-		
Health Care			19	3	8	2	5	6	-
Moral Values	-	2	-	2		1	-		-
Medicare/Health cost	6	-	3		1	-	-		
Other	14	20	14	30	10	10	16	9	17
DK/NA	4	5	2	4	2	1	15	2	2

13. Who would you like John McCain to choose as his vice-presidential nominee?

	2008 GOP Del
Mitt Romney	38
Mike Huckabee	7
Tim Pawlenty	4
Tom Ridge	4
Sarah Palin	2
Bobby Jindal	2
Condoleezza Rice	2
Other	12
DK/NA	29

15. What would you say is John McCain's main STRENGTH as a presidential candidate?

	2008 GOP Del
Would bring change	2
Experienced	36
Straight talker	3
Intelligent/Smart	1
Good speaker	-
Leadership	10
Can unite Americans	1
Support of Iraq War	1
Age	1
Honesty/Integrity	11
Moderate	-
Conservative	2
Will work with Democrats	2
Republican	-
Maverick	2
Veteran	7
Foreign policy	8
Nat'l Security	10
Other	-
Nothing	1
Everything	1
DK/NA	1

16. What would you say is John McCain's main WEAKNESS as a presidential candidate?

	2008 GOP Del
More of the same	2
Inexperienced	2
Changes position on issues	1
Economic policy	4
Not a good speaker	6
Not charismatic	5
Misspeaks	1
Support for Iraq War	1
Too old	19
Not raising enough money	1
Too moderate	8
Too conservative	1
Like George W. Bush	2
Illegal immigration	5
Environment	1
Policies too vague	1
Media	1
Bad campaign strategy	1
Compromise with Democrats	2
Other	7
Nothing	17
Everything	5
DK/NA	7

17. Do you think of John McCain as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	9	32	50	9
GOP voters	5	49	43	3
2008 GOP Del	2	51	42	5

18. Do you think John McCain shares the values of most Republicans, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	93	4	3

19. If he is elected President, would you rather see John McCain generally continue George W. Bush's policies, change to more conservative policies, or change to less conservative policies?

	Continue Bush policies	Change to more conservative	Change to less conservative	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	9	32	49	10
GOP voters	15	45	28	12
2008 GOP Del	13	38	14	34

20. What do you think John McCain WILL do if he is elected President - do you think he will generally continue George W. Bush's policies, change to more conservative policies, or change to less conservative policies?

	Continue Bush policies	Change to more conservative	Change to less conservative	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	47	20	24	9
GOP voters	28	26	34	11
2008 GOP Del	11	24	22	43

21. When it comes to his positions on the issues, do you think John McCain is too conservative, not conservative enough, or are his positions on issues about right?

	Too conservative	Not conservative enough	About right	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	1	19	74	6

22. Do you agree with John McCain on most issues, or not?

	Yes, agree	No, disagree	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	93	4	3

23. Do you agree with John McCain's decision to participate in public financing during the general election, or do you think he should have opted out of public financing?

	Agree with decision	Should have opted out	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	72	9	19

24. Is your opinion of George W. Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George W. Bush yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
8/08 All voters	29	62	7	1	1
GOP voters	67	23	9	2	
2008 GOP Del	77	11	9	-	3

25. Is your opinion of Dick Cheney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Fav.	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
2004 GOP Del	94	2	3	-	1
2008 GOP Del	71	13	12	2	2

26. Is your opinion of Cindy McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Cindy McCain yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Fav.	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
8/08 All voters	19	8	16	54	2
GOP voters	36	3	15	45	2
2008 GOP Del	86	1	4	9	1

27. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mike Huckabee yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Fav.	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
2008 GOP Del	66	13	15	3	2

28. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Fav.	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
2008 GOP Del	81	10	7	1	1

29. Is your opinion of Joe Lieberman favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Joe Lieberman yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Fav.	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
8/08 All voters	20	27	23	29	1
Dem voters	12	36	22	29	-
GOP voters	27	18	30	23	2
2008 DEM Del	12	69	16	2	1
2008 GOP Del	64	14	16	4	1

30. Thinking about the current system of presidential primaries and caucuses, do you think this method of nominating presidential candidates has generally - not just this year - produced the best candidates for president, or not?

	Yes, best candidates	Not best	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	59	31	9

31. Thinking about the order in which states hold their presidential primaries and caucuses, do you think Iowa and New Hampshire should continue to hold the first two contests, or do you think other states should be allowed to go first?

	IA and NH first	Other states first	DK/NA
2008 DEM Del	29	57	14
2008 GOP Del	35	48	17

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	29	66	5
Dem voters	6	93	2
GOP voters	63	30	7
2008 GOP Del	79	14	8

IF APPROVE: Do you approve strongly or somewhat? IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	40	39	9	5	8

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	24	72	4
GOP voters	50	42	7
2008 GOP Del	70	18	12

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	33	62	5
GOP voters	67	28	5
2008 GOP Del	85	9	6

35. Has George W. Bush turned out to be a better president than you expected, a worse president, or what you expected?

	Better than expected	Worse than expected	About as expected	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	13	21	60	6

36. Overall, do you think George W. Bush's presidency made the Republican Party stronger, made it weaker, or didn't it have any effect on the Republican Party?

	Stronger	Weaker	No effect	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	15	47	25	13

37. Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to solve national problems; or Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals?

	Government should do more	Government is doing too many things	DK/NA
2008 DEM Del	83	9	9
2008 GOP Del	3	91	6

38. Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to promote traditional values; or Government should not favor one set of values over another?

	Do more	Should not favor	DK/NA
2008 DEM Del	12	79	9
2008 GOP Del	48	43	8

39. Which do you think comes closer to John McCain's view - Government should do more to promote traditional values; or Government should not favor one set of values over another?

	Do more	Should not favor	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	42	39	19

40. How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	1	19	42	38	-
Dem voters	-	7	41	51	-
GOP voters	1	39	41	18	1
2008 DEM Del	-	2	34	63	1
2008 GOP Del	2	55	33	6	4

41. Right now, do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2008 DEM Del	90	8	2
2008 GOP Del	24	72	4

42. Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S. have stayed out?

	Did the right thing	Should have stayed out	DK/NA
2004 DEM Del	7	86	7
2004 GOP Del	96	3	2
8/08 All voters	37	59	4
Dem voters	14	84	2
GOP voters	70	25	5
2008 DEM Del	2	95	3
2008 GOP Del	80	13	7

43. How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	8	40	28	21	2
Dem voters	2	26	38	31	2
GOP voters	19	63	12	5	1
2008 DEM Del	-	22	44	29	4
2008 GOP Del	48	47	2	1	1

44. As you may know, the United States has sent a troop surge to Iraq. From what you have heard or read, would you say the troop surge is making the situation in Iraq better, making it worse, or is it having no impact on the situation in Iraq so far?

	Making it better	Making worse	No impact	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	45	13	33	10
Dem voters	28	18	43	11
GOP voters	67	5	19	9
2008 DEM Del	36	8	45	11
2008 GOP Del	96	1	1	2

45. From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do now - should the US increase the number of US troops in Iraq, keep the same number of US troops in Iraq as there are now, decrease the number of troops in Iraq, or remove all its troops from Iraq?

	Increase	Keep the same	Decrease	Remove all troops	DK/NA
2008 DEM Del	1	3	57	34	5
2008 GOP Del	4	44	25	3	25

46. Which of these do you think is more important - providing health care coverage for all Americans, even if it means raising taxes for some Americans, OR holding down taxes, even if it means some Americans do not have health care coverage?

	Providing healthcare for all Americans	Holding down taxes	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	67	27	6
Dem voters	90	7	3
GOP voters	40	53	8
2008 DEM Del	94	3	3
2008 GOP Del	7	77	16

47. If you had to say, which do you think is a more serious problem right now - keeping health care costs down for average Americans, OR providing health insurance for Americans who do not have any insurance?

	Keeping costs down	Providing for the uninsured	DK/NA
2008 DEM Del	13	77	10
2008 GOP Del	74	15	12

48. How serious a problem do you think the issue of illegal immigration is for the country right now - very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	49	29	17	4	2
Dem voters	36	32	21	8	3
GOP voters	64	25	10	1	-
2008 DEM Del	15	39	34	10	3
2008 GOP Del	58	31	8	2	1

49. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the US (United States)? 1. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs, and to eventually apply for US citizenship. 2. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for US citizenship. 3. They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the US.

	Allowed to stay	Stay as guest worker	Required to leave	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	40	26	31	3
Dem voters	50	24	23	3
GOP voters	26	29	43	1
2008 DEM Del	68	18	6	8
2008 GOP Del	22	38	29	11

50. Right now, which do you think should be a higher priority for the government – protecting the environment, or developing new sources of energy?

	Protecting environment	New sources	Both(vol.)	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	21	63	14	2
Dem voters	30	53	14	3
GOP voters	9	81	9	1
2008 DEM Del	25	37	36	2
2008 GOP Del	3	75	20	3

51. Many of the tax cuts passed in 2001 were temporary and are set to expire in a few years. Should those tax cuts be made permanent or should they be allowed to expire?

	Made permanent	Allowed to expire	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	47	37	3	14
Dem voters	34	47	3	15
GOP voters	62	23	3	12
2008 DEM Del	7	80	8	5
2008 GOP Del	91	4	3	2

52. What is your personal feeling about abortion: 1. It should be permitted in all cases; 2. It should be permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than it is now; 3. It should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest and to save the woman's life; OR 4. It should ONLY be permitted to save the woman's life?

	All cases	With restrictions	Rape, incest save life	Only to save life	Not permitted	DK/NA
1996 DEM Del	61	15	13	3	-	8
1996 GOP Del	11	12	38	27	4	8
2000 DEM Del	62	13	13	2	-	10
2000 GOP Del	10	14	40	23	3	9
2004 DEM Del	64	14	10	2	1	9
2004 GOP Del	8	13	41	23	6	9
8/08 All voters	26	17	32	18	4	3
Dem voters	33	20	32	11	2	2
GOP voters	13	17	34	27	6	3
2008 DEM Del	58	18	10	2	-	11
2008 GOP Del	5	13	36	31	6	9

53. Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it. 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now. 3. Abortion should not be permitted?

	Generally available	Available under stricter limits	Not permitted	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	71	19	4	6
2000 GOP Del	14	43	31	12
2004 DEM Del	75	17	2	6
2004 GOP Del	13	39	38	11
8/08 All voters	33	40	24	2
Dem voters	43	39	16	2
GOP voters	20	41	37	2
2008 DEM Del	70	20	3	7
2008 GOP Del	9	38	43	10

54. Which comes closest to your view? 1. Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry OR 2. Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry OR 3. There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

	Should be allowed to marry	Should be allowed to form civil unions	No legal recognition	DK/NA
2004 DEM Del	44	43	5	7
2004 GOP Del	3	41	49	6
8/08 All voters	34	24	39	3
Dem voters	49	19	29	3
GOP voters	11	28	57	4
2008 DEM Del	55	35	5	6
2008 GOP Del	6	43	46	6

55. Which concerns you more right now - that the government is failing to enact strong anti-terrorism laws, or that the government is enacting new anti-terrorism laws which excessively restrict the average person's civil liberties?

	Fail to enact	Enact excessive laws	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
2004 DEM Del	13	77	5	5
2004 GOP Del	40	15	34	12
2008 DEM Del	11	79	3	7
2008 GOP Del	60	17	14	10

56. Should presidential candidates discuss the role of religion in their lives or is this something that should not be part of a presidential campaign?

	Should discuss	Not part of campaign	DK/NA
2004 DEM Del	33	62	5
2004 GOP Del	81	14	5
8/08 All voters	42	55	4
Dem voters	36	59	5
GOP voters	53	44	3
2008 DEM Del	50	43	7
2008 GOP Del	74	21	5

57. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as they are now	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	52	11	36	2
Dem voters	70	3	24	2
GOP voters	32	17	49	2
2008 DEM Del	62	4	29	6
2008 GOP Del	8	38	49	5

59. Some people say that political conventions are outdated and no longer needed since the presidential nominees are now selected before the conventions. Other people say political conventions are needed to show the public who the members of the parties are and what they stand for. Which do you think? Are political conventions still needed or not?

	Still needed	Not needed	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	90	8	2
2000 GOP Del	90	8	2
2004 DEM Del	91	7	2
2004 GOP Del	88	9	3
8/08 All voters	56	40	4
Dem voters	66	30	4
GOP voters	48	47	4
2008 DEM Del	88	9	3
2008 GOP Del	89	8	3

60. What do you think the chances are that the Republicans will regain control of the Senate this November – excellent, pretty good, fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Pretty good	Fair	Poor	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	3	15	37	41	4

61. How much do you think it would help John McCain in your state if George W. Bush actively campaigns for him – would it help him a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	14	35	22	22	6

63. How much do you think it would help Republican candidates in your state if John McCain actively campaigns for them – would it help them a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	57	34	5	2	2

65. Have you personally made a donation to John McCain's campaign, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2008 GOP Del	64	33	3

66. Besides being a delegate to the 2008 Republican convention, do you now hold a party position?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1996 GOP Del	60	39	1
2000 GOP Del	58	42	-
2004 GOP Del	65	35	-
2008 GOP Del	57	43	-

69. Do you now hold a publicly elected office?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2004 GOP Del	28	72	-
2008 GOP Del	25	75	-

IF ANSWERED "NO" TO Q. 69, ASK:

71. Have you ever held an elected office?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2004 GOP Del	11	59	2
2008 GOP Del	14	60	-

72. Are you a member of a labor union?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	31	69	-
2000 GOP Del	4	95	-
2004 DEM Del	25	74	-
2004 GOP Del	3	97	-
2008 DEM Del	24	76	-
2008 GOP Del	5	95	-

73. Have you yourself ever served in the U.S. armed forces or in the U.S. reserves?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1996 DEM Del	17	83	-
1996 GOP Del	29	70	-
2000 DEM Del	15	85	1
2000 GOP Del	27	73	-
2004 DEM Del	14	86	-
2004 GOP Del	19	80	-
2008 DEM Del	14	86	-
2008 GOP Del	23	77	-

74. Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	2	98	-
2000 GOP Del	17	82	1
2004 DEM Del	2	98	-
2004 GOP Del	24	75	1
2008 DEM Del	3	97	-
2008 GOP Del	26	73	1

75. Was there any time when you thought of yourself as a Democrat?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1996 GOP Del	26	73	1
2000 GOP Del	25	74	1
2004 GOP Del	28	71	1
2008 GOP Del	24	75	-

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
1988 DEM Del	39	50	5	6
1988 GOP Del	1	36	60	4
1996 DEM Del	43	48	5	4
1996 GOP Del	-	27	70	2
2000 DEM Del	36	56	5	3
2000 GOP Del	1	34	63	2
2004 DEM Del	41	52	3	4
2004 GOP Del	1	33	63	2
8/08 All voters	26	36	36	3
Dem voters	48	34	16	2
GOP voters	5	30	63	2
2008 DEM Del	43	50	3	4
2008 GOP Del	-	26	72	2

76. IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE, ASK: Would you say you are very (liberal/conservative) or only somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	DK/NA
1988 DEM Del	15	24	3	1	6
1988 GOP Del	-	1	19	41	3
1996 DEM Del	15	28	1	4	1
1996 GOP Del	-	-	35	31	5
2000 DEM Del	14	20	2	2	2
2000 GOP Del	-	1	27	30	5
2004 DEM Del	22	19	3	-	-
2004 GOP Del	1	1	27	33	3
8/08 All voters	8	18	20	15	3
Dem voters	15	34	10	6	2
GOP voters	2	4	33	30	2
2008 DEM Del	19	22	2	1	5
2008 GOP Del	-	-	28	40	3

78. Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

	Wkly	Almost weekly	Once/twice a month	Few times a year	Never	DK/NA
8/08 All voters	30	10	11	29	20	-
Dem voters	24	10	13	33	20	1
GOP voters	38	14	9	25	14	-
2008 DEM Del	23	13	19	30	13	2
2008 GOP Del	43	19	15	16	4	3

79. Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	12	86	2
2000 GOP Del	27	69	4
2004 DEM Del	13	86	1
2004 GOP Del	33	65	2
8/08 All voters	27	72	-
Dem voters	23	77	1
GOP voters	39	61	
2008 DEM Del	14	84	2
2008 GOP Del	33	65	2

80. How important is religion in your daily life – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	22	36	29	10	3
2000 GOP Del	32	44	18	3	3
2004 DEM Del	21	36	29	12	1
2004 GOP Del	39	37	20	3	1
8/08 All voters	28	27	30	14	-
Dem voters	26	24	34	15	
GOP voters	37	32	22	9	-
2008 DEM Del	23	32	27	16	3
2008 GOP Del	37	38	18	4	3

What is your religious preference TODAY?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Other	None	DK/NA
1988 DEM Del	51	30	6	4	8	2
1988 GOP Del	70	24	2	2	1	1
1996 DEM Del	47	30	6	6	8	3
1996 GOP Del	62	25	3	5	3	2
2000 DEM Del	47	31	8	5	7	3
2000 GOP Del	63	27	2	4	1	3
2004 DEM Del	43	32	8	6	9	2
2004 GOP Del	65	26	2	5	1	1
8/08 All voters	55	24	3	7	10	2
Dem voters	52	23	5	9	10	1
GOP voters	61	25	1	4	8	1
2008 DEM Del	43	26	9	8	10	4
2008 GOP Del	57	30	3	5	3	3

How old are you?

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	Over 69	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	4	11	29	35	15	6	-
2000 GOP Del	3	12	25	29	21	9	1
2004 DEM Del	7	11	22	33	19	7	1
2004 GOP Del	4	11	22	29	23	9	1
2008 DEM Del	7	12	18	31	22	9	1
2008 GOP Del	3	9	26	25	24	13	1

Are you white, black, Asian, or something else?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
1996 DEM Del	71	17	3	9	1
1996 GOP Del	91	3	1	2	3
2000 DEM Del	69	19	3	8	1
2000 GOP Del	89	4	2	2	2
2004 DEM Del	68	18	3	10	1
2004 GOP Del	85	6	2	4	2
8/08 All voters	83	12	2	3	1
Dem voters	72	23	3	2	1
GOP voters	93	2	2	3	-
2008 DEM Del	65	23	3	7	2
2008 GOP Del	93	2	2	2	2

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
1996 DEM Del	9	87	4
1996 GOP Del	3	94	4
2000 DEM Del	12	85	2
2000 GOP Del	6	92	2
2004 DEM Del	12	87	1
2004 GOP Del	7	91	2
8/08 All voters	8	92	-
Dem voters	9	91	-
GOP voters	10	90	-
2008 DEM Del	11	89	-
2008 GOP Del	5	94	1

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
1996 DEM Del	63	5	13	1	17	-
1996 GOP Del	82	4	5	1	8	1
2000 DEM Del	64	5	13	1	17	-
2000 GOP Del	80	4	7	1	9	-
2004 DEM Del	60	4	13	2	21	-
2004 GOP Del	78	5	7	1	9	-
2008 DEM Del	62	4	11	1	21	1
2008 GOP Del	80	4	7	-	9	-

81. What is your current occupation?

	2004		2008	
	DEM Del	GOP Del	DEM Del	GOP Del
Politician/Public office	15	12	3	1
Retired	13	11	11	13
Other	72	77	84	85
DK/NA	-	-	2	1

82. Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shotgun or any other kind of firearm?

	Yes, self	Yes, other	No	DK/NA
2000 DEM Del	24	11	63	1
2000 GOP Del	46	11	39	5
2004 DEM Del	22	11	65	1
2004 GOP Del	45	13	39	3
8/08 All voters	27	20	52	1
Dem voters	16	17	66	1
GOP voters	35	24	40	1
2008 DEM Del	23	10	65	2
2008 GOP Del	49	11	36	4

83. What was the last grade in school you completed?

	2004		2008	
	DEM Del	GOP Del	DEM Del	GOP Del
Not a H.S. grad	-	-	-	-
H.S. grad	5	6	4	3
Some college	18	20	12	15
College grad	24	29	26	31
Post Grad	53	44	55	50
Post Grad, no degree	9	10	8	9
Masters	22	15	22	18
Law - LLB/JD	15	16	19	17
Medical - MD/DDS	1	1	1	1
PHD	6	2	5	4
Refused		-	-	1

	H.S.	Some	College	Post
	grad or less	college	grad	grad
1984 DEM Del	11	18	20	50
1988 DEM Del	9	18	21	52
1992 DEM Del	9	19	20	52
1996 DEM Del	7	24	23	45
2000 DEM Del	6	19	25	49
2004 DEM Del	5	18	24	53
8/08 All voters	37	30	21	12
Dem voters	42	28	17	13
GOP voters	32	29	28	11
2008 DEM Del	5	12	26	55
2008 GOP Del	4	15	31	50

Was your total family income in the year 2007 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? Was it under \$25,000? Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, between \$100,000 and \$200,000, or over \$200,000?

	Under \$25,000	\$25,000- \$50,000	\$50,000- \$75,000	\$75,000- \$100,000	\$100,000- \$200,000	Over \$200,000	Re- fused
2000 DEM Del	3	15	21	21	25	11	6
2000 GOP Del	2	8	16	16	26	15	17
2004 DEM Del	4	11	21	19	28	14	4
2004 GOP Del	2	6	26	16	25	17	8
2008 DEM Del	2	8	17	16	34	20	3
2008 GOP Del	1	4	22	13	30	24	6

	Under \$50,000	\$50,000- \$75,000	Over \$75,000	Refused
2000 DEM Del	18	21	57	6
2000 GOP Del	10	16	57	17
2004 DEM Del	15	21	61	4
2004 GOP Del	8	26	58	8
8/08 All voters	39	23	31	8
Dem voters	43	21	26	9
GOP voters	31	22	39	8
2008 DEM Del	10	17	70	3
2008 GOP Del	5	22	66	6

	Under \$25,000	\$25,000- \$50,000	\$50,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
2000 DEM Del	3	15	42	36	6
2000 GOP Del	2	8	32	41	17
2004 DEM Del	4	11	40	42	6
2004 GOP Del	2	6	42	42	8
2008 DEM Del	2	8	33	54	3
2008 GOP Del	1	4	35	54	6

84. Would you say that your TOTAL net worth is under \$500,000, between \$500,000 and \$1 million, or over \$1 million?

	Under \$500,000	\$500,000- \$1 million	Over \$1 million	DK/NA
1996 DEM Del	69	17	8	9
1996 GOP Del	43	18	18	22
2000 DEM Del	61	17	12	9
2000 GOP Del	35	21	23	21
2004 DEM Del	54	23	14	9
2004 GOP Del	36	18	27	19
2008 DEM Del	45	21	22	12
2008 GOP Del	32	17	34	18

Gender of delegate

	Male	Female
1996 DEM Del	47	53
1996 GOP Del	64	36
2000 DEM Del	52	48
2000 GOP Del	65	35
2004 DEM Del	50	50
2004 GOP Del	57	43
8/08 All voters	46	54
Dem voters	42	58
GOP voters	44	56
2008 DEM Del	51	49
2008 GOP Del	68	32