

Center for Rural Strategies

Frequency Questionnaire

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600 Likely Voters in Swing State Rural Counties
in CO/FL/IA/NV/NH/NC/OH/VA/WI

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.8 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President, U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress in 2012 -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	96
Probably	3
50-50	1
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	0
(Refused).....	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

[164 Respondents]

Q.9 (IF NOT NAME ON FILE) How often would you say you vote?

	Total
Always	80
Nearly always	20
Part of the time	-
Seldom	-
(Never)	-
(Other/Don't know/Refused)	-
(ref:VOTEFREQ)	

Q.10 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
10 Barack Obama	43	40	52	100
11 Mitt Romney	53	51	39	99
12 Joe Biden	40	33	51	97
13 Paul Ryan	53	45	37	93
[300 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT A) Illegal immigrants	29	14	63	98
[300 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT B) Undocumented immigrants	28	13	65	94
16 Immigration into the country..... (ref:THERM04)	48	31	33	94

Q.17 Now thinking about the presidential election in November. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney and Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson for whom would you vote?

	Total
Barack Obama	38
Lean Barack Obama	1
Mitt Romney	51
Lean Mitt Romney	2
Gary Johnson	3
Lean Gary Johnson	-
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	1
(Refused).....	1
Total Barack Obama.....	40
Total Mitt Romney	54
Total Gary Johnson.....	3
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:PRES083)	

Q.19 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	BO Much Bttr	BO Smwt Bttr	MR Smwt Bttr	MR Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total MR	BO - MR
19 Improving the economy....	24	13	13	41	1	4	4	37	54	-17
20 Representing your views on taxes	29	10	16	33	0	4	8	38	49	-11
21 Dealing with issues facing rural areas	23	14	19	28	0	4	11	37	47	-10
22 Sharing your values	29	9	14	38	1	3	6	38	52	-14
23 Representing your views on illegal immigration	18	13	14	36	1	4	15	31	49	-19
24 Saving Medicare and Social Security	30	10	15	34	-	3	8	40	49	-9
25 Addressing the needs and concerns of the middle class.....	32	11	15	34	1	4	4	43	49	-6
26 Addressing the needs and concerns of women.....	34	12	15	26	1	4	9	45	41	5
[300 Respondents] 27 (SPLIT A) Keeping America safe and secure	27	13	11	41	1	2	6	40	51	-12
[300 Respondents] 28 (SPLIT B) Being Commander in Chief of the U.S. Armed forces.....	30	9	13	39	1	2	6	39	53	-14
29 Understanding the needs and priorities of people in rural America. (ref:BTJOBPRZ)	27	13	17	31	0	4	8	40	48	-8

Q.30 Compared to four years ago, would you consider yourself better off today, worse off, or about the same?

	Total
Better off.....	23
Worse off.....	43
About the same	35
(Don't know/refused)	-
Better off - Worse off.....	-20
(ref:BETTER)	

Q.31 How serious of a problem is illegal immigration in your community - is it a very serious problem, somewhat serious, just a little serious, or not a serious problem at all?

	Total
Very serious	12
Somewhat serious.....	27
Just a little serious.....	17
Not serious at all.....	43
(Don't know/refused)	2
Very/Somewhat.....	39
Little/Not.....	60
(ref:IMMPRBLM)	

Q.32 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[300 Respondents] 32 (SPLIT A) Immigration is good for America OR Immigration is bad for America.....	38	25	11	19	-	1	6	63	30	34
[300 Respondents] 33 (SPLIT B) Immigration is good for rural areas in America OR Immigration is bad for rural areas in America.	30	21	12	28	-	2	7	50	40	10
[300 Respondents] 34 (SPLIT A) On balance, immigration is good for the U.S. economy OR On balance, immigration is bad for the U.S. economy	28	17	17	25	2	2	9	45	42	4
[300 Respondents] 35 (SPLIT B) On balance, immigration is good for the rural economy in the U.S. OR On balance, immigration is bad for the rural economy in the U.S.	21	16	15	35	0	5	7	37	50	-13
[300 Respondents] 36 (SPLIT A) Immigrants give more to our country than they take OR Immigrants take more from our country than they give.....	24	16	14	33	1	2	10	40	47	-7

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[300 Respondents]										
37 (SPLIT B) Immigrants fill an economic need in rural America. They are willing to work hard for low wages in agriculture and food processing.										
OR										
With high unemployment rates in rural America, illegal immigrants take jobs from Americans because illegal immigrants are willing to work for very low wages.....	29	15	11	40	-	1	4	44	50	-6

38 The growing diversity of the country is good for America										
OR										
The growing diversity of the country is bad for America. ...	40	19	9	22	0	2	8	59	31	28
(ref:VALUES06)										

Q.39 Now I am going to read you a list of policies the state government could enact. For each policy, I want you to tell me whether you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this policy.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
39 Pass laws like the ones in Arizona and Alabama that allow local law enforcement officers to check the papers of people they suspect are illegal immigrants.	55	16	8	18	3	71	26	45
40 Provide undocumented immigrant children legal resident status, and eventually provide a path to citizenship if they attend college or serve in the U.S. military.....	28	29	15	23	6	57	37	19
41 Change the Constitution to eliminate citizenship for children of illegal immigrants born in the United States.....	17	14	22	40	7	31	62	-31
42 Expand the guest worker program								

that allows immigrants to legally work in this country for a limited amount of time.

.....26 34 15 19 6 **60 34 26**
 (ref:POLICY)

[300 Respondents]

Q.43 (SPLIT A) Which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view when it comes to the immigration issue? -

Democrats are strongly committed to enacting comprehensive immigration reform that supports our economic goals and reflects our values. Our immigration system is badly broken - separating families, undermining honest employers and workers, burdening law enforcement, and leaving millions of people working and living in the shadows. The country urgently needs comprehensive immigration reform that brings undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and requires them to comply with the law, learn English, and pay taxes in order to get on a path to earn citizenship.

Republicans believe our highest priority is to secure the rule of law both at our borders and at ports of entry. The rule of law guarantees equal treatment to every individual, including more than one million immigrants to whom we grant permanent residence every year. That is why we oppose any form of amnesty for those who, by intentionally violating the law, disadvantage those who have obeyed it. We insist upon enforcement at the workplace through verification systems so that jobs can be available to all legal workers. State efforts to reduce illegal immigration must be encouraged, not attacked.

Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view, the first statement or the second statement?

	Total
Democrats statement, strongly.....	26
Democrats statement, not strongly.....	13
Republican statement, not strongly.....	13
Republican statement, strongly.....	37
(Neither)	1
(Both).....	1
(Don't know/refused)	9
Total Democrats	39
Total Republican	50
Democrats - Republicans	-11

(ref:PLATFRMA)

[300 Respondents]

Q.44 (SPLIT B) Which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view when it comes to the immigration issue? -

(STATEMENT A) We are strongly committed to enacting comprehensive immigration reform that supports our economic goals and reflects our values. Our immigration system is badly broken - separating families, undermining honest employers and workers, burdening law enforcement, and leaving millions of people working and living in the shadows. The country urgently needs comprehensive immigration reform that brings undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and requires them to comply with the law, learn English, and pay taxes in order to get on a path to earn citizenship.

(STATEMENT B) We believe our highest priority is to secure the rule of law both at our borders and at ports of entry. The rule of law guarantees equal treatment to every individual, including more than one million immigrants to whom we grant permanent residence every year. That is why we oppose any form of amnesty for those who, by intentionally violating the law, disadvantage those who have obeyed it. We insist upon enforcement at the workplace through verification systems so that jobs can be available to all legal workers. State efforts to reduce illegal immigration must be encouraged, not attacked.

Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view, the first statement or the second statement?

	Total
Statement A, strongly	35
Statement A, not strongly	14
Statement B, not strongly	15
Statement B, strongly	25
(Neither)	2
(Both).....	2
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total Statement A.....	49
Total Statement B.....	40
Statement A - Statement B	9
(ref:PLATFRMB)	

Q.43/44 Combined

	Total
Democrats/A statement, strongly	30
Democrats/A statement, not strongly	14
Republican/B statement, not strongly.....	14
Republican/B statement, strongly.....	31
(Neither)	2
(Both).....	1
(Don't know/refused)	8
Total Democrats/A.....	44
Total Republican/B.....	45
Democrats/A – Republicans/B	-1

Q.45 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	3
High School graduate.....	29
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	25
College graduate	25
Post-graduate school	13
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.46 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	24
Weak Democrat.....	7
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	29
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.49 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	12
Moderate	36
Conservative	46
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.50 How often do you attend religious services -- More than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	40
Once or twice a month	15
Several times a year.....	10
Hardly ever	17
(Never)	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
More than once a week	10
Once a week	4
Weekly or More.....	53
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.51 Do you or anyone in your immediate family generate personal income from farming, ranching or agriculture?

	Total
Yes, more than half	7
Yes, less than half	13
No.....	77
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total Yes	20
(ref:FARMINC)	

Q.52 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	39
1-2	18
3-9	16
10 or more	9
(Don't know/Refused).....	18
Gun Owner	43
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.53 Do you know or work with someone you believe is an illegal immigrant?

	Total
Yes	10
No.....	87
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:KNOWIM)	

Q.54 Do you know someone who is currently serving or has previously served in the military in Iraq or Afghanistan?

	Total
Yes - respondent	2
Yes - family member	31
Yes - friend	27
Yes - someone you know	21
No - don't know anyone serving	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total Family	33
Total Yes	81
(ref:IRQSERV)	

Q.55 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	84
African-American or Black.....	6
Hispanic or Latino.....	4
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.58 A reporter may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to allow an NPR reporter or other member of the media to have your responses on the questions and then possibly call you for a brief interview?

	Total
Yes	40
No.....	60
(ref:NPRFOLLOW)	

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.7 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	5
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	5
35 - 39	5
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	13
50 - 54	5
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	11
65 and over	28
(No answer).....	7
(ref:AGE)	