

PRRI/RNS July 2011 Survey
July 14-17, 2011
N=1,012

PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS: ROTATE Q1 AND Q2

Q.1 If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Governor Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

44	Obama
36	Romney
2	Other candidate (VOL.)
8	Neither (VOL.)
3	Would not vote (VOL.)
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

45	Obama
37	Bachmann
2	Other candidate (VOL.)
7	Neither (VOL.)
3	Would not vote (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Thinking about current political leaders...

Q.3 Do you happen to know what **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** religion is? Is he Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Muslim, something else, or is he not religious? And do you happen to know what **[INSERT; NEXT]** religion is?

REPEAT IF NECESSARY: Is he Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Muslim, something else, or is he not religious?

a. Barack Obama's

26	Protestant
4	Catholic
8	Christian (VOL.)
0	Jewish
*	Mormon
18	Muslim
*	Something else [SPECIFY]
4	Not religious
*	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
<u>40</u>	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Mitt Romney's

5	Protestant
5	Catholic
1	Christian (VOL.)
0	Jewish
40	Mormon
1	Muslim
*	Something else [SPECIFY]
1	Not religious
1	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
<u>46</u>	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
100	Total

PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS: ROTATE Q4 AND Q5

Q.4 And from what you know, do you think that **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** has RELIGIOUS BELIEFS that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different or very different than your own RELIGIOUS BELIEFS? What about **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

REPEAT IF NECESSARY: Do you think that **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** has religious beliefs that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different or very different than your own religious beliefs?

a. Barack Obama

9	Very similar
21	Somewhat similar
16	Somewhat different
32	Very different
0	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
20	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. George W. Bush

12	Very similar
34	Somewhat similar
13	Somewhat different
23	Very different
0	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
17	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Mitt Romney

3	Very similar
19	Somewhat similar
18	Somewhat different
25	Very different
3	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
31	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Michele Bachmann

5	Very similar
19	Somewhat similar
10	Somewhat different
21	Very different
5	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
38	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 And from what you know, do you think that **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** has POLITICAL VIEWS that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different or very different than your own POLITICAL VIEWS? What about **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

REPEAT IF NECESSARY: Do you think that **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** has political views that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different or very different than your own political views?

a. Barack Obama

15	Very similar
23	Somewhat similar
16	Somewhat different
38	Very different
*	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
7	Don't know what their political views are (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. George W. Bush

9	Very similar
26	Somewhat similar
19	Somewhat different
36	Very different
*	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
8	Don't know what their political views are (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Mitt Romney

4	Very similar
27	Somewhat similar
21	Somewhat different
23	Very different
2	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
23	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Michele Bachmann

8	Very similar
20	Somewhat similar
15	Somewhat different
26	Very different
4	Never heard of him/her (VOL.)
27	Don't know what their religious beliefs are (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 From what you know, do you think that Mormons have religious beliefs that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different or very different than your own religious beliefs?

3	Very similar
17	Somewhat similar
26	Somewhat different
46	Very different
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.7 Thinking about your vote for President, how important is it for a candidate to have strong religious beliefs, regardless of whether those beliefs are the same as yours. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

30	Very important
26	Somewhat important
17	Not too important
26	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on RDD telephone interviews conducted between July 14, 2011 and July 17, 2011 by professional interviewers under the direction of Opinion Research Corporation. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,012 adults 18 years of age or older living in private households in the continental United States.

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and race—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.