

PRRI/Brookings 2012 Race, Class, and Culture Survey
August 2 – August 15, 2012
N = 2,501

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

26	Satisfied
65	Dissatisfied
6	Mixed (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

46	Approve
43	Disapprove
6	Mixed/Approve and disapprove (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

NO QUESTION 3

ASK ALL:

REGIST 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?

80	Yes, registered
20	No, not registered
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2012 presidential election?

70	Absolutely certain to vote
10	Probably will vote
8	Chances are 50-50
9	Less than 50-50 chance
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

46	Barack Obama
37	Mitt Romney
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Of the following seven issues, which one would you say is MOST important to your vote for President this year? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

53	The economy
5	Immigration
5	National security
19	Health care
11	Education
2	Same-sex marriage
3	Abortion
1	Other (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF 'THE ECONOMY' MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE (Q6=1), ASK [N=1,390]:

Q.7 And what economic issue is MOST important to your vote this year? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

13	Taxes
21	The budget deficit
41	Lack of jobs
4	The bailouts of the financial industry
18	The gap between rich and poor
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Now we would like your views on some political leaders and groups. Please say whether your overall opinion of each of the following is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very UNfavorable. First, **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**. Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very UNfavorable. How about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Mitt Romney

11	Very favorable
31	Mostly favorable
25	Mostly unfavorable
23	Very unfavorable
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Barack Obama

23	Very favorable
32	Mostly favorable
17	Mostly unfavorable
24	Very unfavorable
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,251]:

c. The Democratic Party

17	Very favorable
34	Mostly favorable
23	Mostly unfavorable
20	Very unfavorable
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The Republican Party

11	Very favorable
33	Mostly favorable
26	Mostly unfavorable
23	Very unfavorable
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. The NRA or National Rifle Association

26	Very favorable
30	Mostly favorable
17	Mostly unfavorable
15	Very unfavorable
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,250]:

f. George W. Bush

13	Very favorable
30	Mostly favorable
26	Mostly unfavorable
28	Very unfavorable
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Bill Clinton

28	Very favorable
42	Mostly favorable
17	Mostly unfavorable
9	Very unfavorable
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Now, I am going to read you a list of things that people say are responsible for our current economic problems. Would you say... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** is very responsible, somewhat responsible, not too responsible or not at all responsible for the country's current economic problems. What about...

a. Illegal immigrants taking jobs that would otherwise be filled by American citizens

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

b. Too much government regulation of business

33	Very responsible
32	Somewhat responsible
18	Not too responsible
12	Not at all responsible
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,251]:

c. Corporations moving American jobs overseas

43	Very responsible
31	Somewhat responsible
11	Not too responsible
12	Not at all responsible
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The economic policies of Barack Obama

29	Very responsible
30	Somewhat responsible
19	Not too responsible
19	Not at all responsible
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,250]:

e. Wall Street making risky investment decisions

41	Very responsible
31	Somewhat responsible
14	Not too responsible
10	Not at all responsible
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. The economic policies of George W. Bush

28	Very responsible
37	Somewhat responsible
17	Not too responsible
13	Not at all responsible
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.10 In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

54	Ahead of us
38	Behind us
4	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.11 Thinking about some of the problems facing communities in the U.S. today, please say whether any of the following are problems in your own community. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** Would you say this is a major problem, a minor problem or not a problem in your community?

a. Crime

33	Major problem
48	Minor problem
19	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Racial tensions

17	Major problem
42	Minor problem
39	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Lack of opportunities for young people

54	Major problem
32	Minor problem
12	Not a problem
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Lack of funding for public schools

50	Major problem
29	Minor problem
18	Not a problem
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Lack of good jobs

63	Major problem
27	Minor problem
9	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Home foreclosures

47	Major problem
37	Minor problem
13	Not a problem
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Illegal immigration

28	Major problem
36	Minor problem
34	Not a problem
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.12 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

24	Strongly favor
25	Favor
17	Oppose
28	Strongly oppose
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Allowing illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college

23	Strongly favor
37	Favor
18	Oppose
18	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Tougher laws and regulations to protect the environment even if it raises prices or costs jobs

20	Strongly favor
33	Favor
27	Oppose
18	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Increasing the tax rate on Americans earning more than 1 million dollars a year

39	Strongly favor
22	Favor
19	Oppose
17	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

On another issue...

Q.13 Do you think abortion should be **[READ IN ORDER]**

(FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER)

20	Legal in all cases
34	Legal in most cases
27	Illegal in most cases
14	Illegal in all cases
4	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.14 As I read a few statements please say if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with this statement?

a. Over the past couple of decades, the government has paid too much attention to the problems of blacks and other minorities

12	Completely agree
28	Mostly agree
37	Mostly disagree
20	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Today discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities

18	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
30	Mostly disagree
21	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. God has granted America a special role in human history

30	Completely agree
32	Mostly agree
14	Mostly disagree
18	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The economic system in this country unfairly favors the wealthy

32	Completely agree
34	Mostly agree
21	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Poor people have become too dependent on government assistance programs

33	Completely agree
37	Mostly agree
19	Mostly disagree
9	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.15 Do you think the American Dream--that if you work hard you'll get ahead--still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

53	Still holds true
4	Never held true
42	Once held true, but not anymore
*	Other [SPECIFY]
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.16 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? **[READ IN ORDER]**

39	America has always been and is currently a Christian nation
41	America was a Christian nation in the past, but is not now, [OR]
15	America has never been a Christian nation
<u>5</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Now a few different questions...

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?

INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." **BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** and would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

42	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
21	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
*	Buddhist
*	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
3	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
2	Something else [SPECIFY]
12	Nothing in particular
9	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REF (RELIG = 11, 99) ASK [N=99]:

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

IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)

42	Yes
48	No
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK [N=1,950]:

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

48	Yes
48	No
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

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?

13	More than once a week
22	Once a week
15	Once or twice a month
19	A few times a year
17	Seldom
13	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

Q.17 How important is religion in your life – the most important thing, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

21	The most important thing
38	Very important
22	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
9	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

- Q.18 Which comes closest to your view? **[READ, IN ORDER]**
[Holy book: If Christian or no religion (RELIG=1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1) insert "the Bible"; If Jewish (RELIG=5), insert "the Torah"; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert, "the Koran"; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert "the Holy Scripture"; IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99) AND CHR=2,9, insert "the Bible"]

IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.18=1), ASK [N=1,678]:

- Q.19 And would you say that **[READ, IN ORDER]**?

66	[Holy book] is the word of God, OR
34	[Holy book] is to be taken literally, word for word, OR
30	Not everything in [Holy book] should be taken literally, word for word
1	Other (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
27	[Holy book] is a book written by men and is not the word of God
1	Other (VOL.)
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Thinking about political and social movements in the country today...

- Q.20 Would you say the **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** shares your values, or not? And do you think **[INSERT; NEXT]** shares your values or not? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. The Tea Party movement

30	Yes, shares my values
55	No, does not share my values
6	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. The Occupy Wall Street movement

21	Yes, shares my values
63	No, does not share my values
6	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. The Labor movement

32	Yes, shares my values
46	No, does not share my values
10	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.21 Now I'm going to read you a couple pairs of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **[INSERT OPTION; ROTATE OPTIONS; RANDOMIZE PAIRS]**

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- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 41 | 1—Capitalism and the free market system are consistent with Christian values |
| 44 | 2—Capitalism and the free market system are at odds with Christian values |
| 1 | Both Equally (VOL.) |
| 3 | Neither (VOL.) |
| <u>12</u> | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |
- b.
- | | |
|----------|--|
| 39 | 1— It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than others. |
| 54 | 2— One of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an equal chance in life. |
| 1 | Both Equally (VOL.) |
| 3 | Neither (VOL.) |
| <u>3</u> | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |
- c.
- | | |
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| 36 | 1—The federal government should provide more services, even if it means higher taxes |
| 58 | 2—The federal government should provide fewer services and reduce taxes |
| 1 | Both Equally (VOL.) |
| 2 | Neither (VOL.) |
| <u>3</u> | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.22 When you think and talk about government, do you tend to think of it more as “the government” or more as “our government”?

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| 52 | Think of it as “the government” |
| 46 | Think of it as “our government” |
| <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.23 For the following items please tell me if you or anyone in your household has done this in the past two years. In the past two years, has anyone in your household **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? And in the past two years, has anyone in your household **[INSERT; NEXT]**?

a. Received unemployment benefits

18	Yes has done
82	No, has not done
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Received social security or disability payments

38	Yes has done
61	No, has not done
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Received food stamps

19	Yes has done
81	No, has not done
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,251]:

d. Visited a city, state or national park

74	Yes has done
25	No, has not done
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,250]:

e. Visited a public library

79	Yes has done
21	No, has not done
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

On a different topic...

Q.24 There are a number of qualities that people feel that children should have, every person thinks that some are more important than others. I am going to read you pairs of desirable qualities. For each pair please tell me which one you think is more important for a child to have. First...**[READ; ROTATE STATEMENTS]** Next...

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|----|----------|---------------------------|
| a. | 18 | 1—Independence |
| | 75 | 2—Respect for elders |
| | 6 | Both (VOL.) |
| | <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| | 100 | Total |
| b. | 51 | 1—Self-reliance |
| | 43 | 2—Obedience |
| | 5 | Both (VOL.) |
| | <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| | 100 | Total |
| c. | 31 | 1—Curiosity |
| | 62 | 2—Good manners |
| | 7 | Both (VOL.) |
| | <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| | 100 | Total |
| d. | 41 | 1—Creative |
| | 51 | 2—Well behaved |
| | 7 | Both (VOL.) |
| | <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| | 100 | Total |

RANDOMIZE Q25-Q26

Thinking about the people that you know...

Q.25 Do you have a close friend or family member who is a vegetarian?

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| 6 | Yes, self (VOL.) |
| 38 | Yes, close friend/family member |
| 55 | No |
| <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.26 Do you have a close friend or family member who is of a different race or ethnicity than you?

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|-----|---------------------------|
| 73 | Yes |
| 27 | No |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.27 Are you, or is anyone in your household, a military veteran? (If Yes, ask:) Is that you, or someone in your household?

11	Yes, self
19	Yes, someone in household
70	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And...

Q.28 Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union? (If yes, ask:) Is that you, or someone in your household?

8	Yes, self
7	Yes, someone in household
84	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And now just a few questions about you...

Q.29 Do you display the American flag at your home, in your office, or on your car, or not?

58	Yes
42	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.30 Do you or does anyone in your home own a gun?

43	Yes
55	No
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF GUN OWNER (Q30=1), ASK: (N=1,144)

Q.31 And what type of gun do you own? [**DO NOT READ; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES**]

44	Hunting Rifle
31	Shotgun
45	Hand gun
5	Assault Rifle
3	Other [SPECIFY]
17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

And thinking about places where you like to shop...

Q.32 Would you prefer to shop at Target or Walmart?

40	Target
48	Walmart
4	Both (VOL.)
7	Neither/No preference (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And...

Q.33 Would you prefer to shop at Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks?

48	Dunkin Donuts
33	Starbucks
1	Both (VOL.)
17	Neither/No preference (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.34 Which of the following best describes the place where you now live?

20	A large city
27	A suburb near a large city
33	A small city or town
19	A rural area
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

CLASS If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER)

1	Upper class
12	Upper-middle class
44	Middle class
33	Working class
9	Lower class
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

MEDIA Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

24	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
19	CNN
25	Fox News
5	MSNBC
5	Comedy Central's Daily Show with Jon Stewart
11	Public television
3	Other (VOL)
5	Do not watch television news (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
100	Total

FINC Thinking about your financial situation. Would you say you are in excellent financial shape, good shape, only fair shape, or in poor shape financially?

6	Excellent shape
36	Good shape
36	Only fair shape
20	Poor shape
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

EMPLOY Which of the following best describes your current employment situation – employed full-time, employed part-time, retired, a homemaker, a student, unemployed but looking for work, or unemployed and not looking for work?

46	Employed full-time
9	Employed part-time
19	Retired
5	A homemaker
5	A Student
8	Unemployed but looking for work
3	Unemployed and not looking for work
4	Disabled (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF EMPLOYED, (EMPLOY=1,2), ASK [N=1,322]:

JOBNUM And are you currently working at more than one job?

15	Yes
85	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2), ASK [N=1,322]:

HRS Approximately how many hours do you spend at work in a given week?
[NOTE: IF MORE THAN 100, CODE 100]

48.3 Average number of hours

IF EMPLOYED, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2,3,6,7), ASK [N=2,194]:

JOBTYP Does **[IF RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3,6,7), ASK: "Did"]** your job require you to have at least a 4-year college degree, or not?

23	Yes, requires college degree
75	No, does not require college degree
*	No, but requires specialized training (VOL.)
*	Yes, requires advanced degree (VOL.)
*	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF EMPLOYED, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2,3,6,7), ASK [N=2,194]:

JOBPAY Which of the following best describes how you **[IF RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3,6,7), ASK: "got"]** get paid at work?

52	Paid an hourly rate
34	Paid a salary
10	Paid by the job
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

HCARE Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, or do you not have health insurance at this time?

79	Yes, have health insurance
20	No, not covered by health insurance
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE (HCARE = 1), ASK [N=2,097]:

HTYPE Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? **[READ IN ORDER]**

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If respondent identifies health insurance coverage on the list do not continue reading the rest of the list.

41	Plan through your employer
14	Plan through your spouse's employer
8	Plan you purchased yourself
18	Medicare
6	Medicaid
5	Some other government program
7	Plan through your parents
1	Somewhere else (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

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)**

47	Married
8	Living with a partner
12	Divorced
2	Separated
7	Widowed
24	Never been married
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF MARRIED (MARITAL = 1), ASK [N=1,249]:

EMPLOY2 Which of the following best describes your SPOUSE'S current employment situation – employed full-time, employed part-time, retired, a homemaker, a student, unemployed but looking for work, or unemployed and not looking for work?

53	Employed full-time
8	Employed part-time
21	Retired
8	A homemaker
1	A Student
3	Unemployed but looking for work
3	Unemployed and not looking for work
2	Disabled (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

28	Yes
71	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

TPARTY Do you consider yourself a part of the Tea Party movement, or not?

11	Yes
82	No
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

25	Republican
32	Democrat
38	Independent
2	No preference (VOL.)
1	Other party (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute and funded by the Bend the Arc Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) telephone interviews conducted between August 2, 2012 and August 15, 2012, by professional interviewers under the supervision of Directions in Research. Interviews were conducted by telephone among a random sample of 2,501 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (1,000 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone). The landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International and the final sample was weighted to ensure proper representativeness.

The weighting was accomplished in two stages. The first stage of weighting corrected for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.¹ In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced by form to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2000 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the Census Bureau's 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) data.

The sample weighting was accomplished using Sample Balancing, a special iterative sample-weighting program that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error is +/- 2.2 percentage points for the general sample at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error for the white working class (N=857) is +/- 3.7 percentage points while the margin of error for whites with a college education (N=701) is 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types.