

**PRRI/RNS November 2010 Survey**  
**November 5-8, 2010**  
**N= 1,022**

Now thinking about the recent election...

Q.1 Overall, do you think the tone of the 2010 election was generally more positive, more negative, or no different than past elections?

22	More positive
41	More negative
31	No different
<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 How serious a problem is the lack of civil or respectful discourse in our political system? **[READ IN ORDER]**

49	A very serious problem
32	A somewhat serious problem
7	Not too serious a problem
3	Not a serious problem at all
<u>9</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.3 How well do **[INSERT; ROTATE]** work to overcome differences in order to get things done? Very well, somewhat well, not too well or not at all well? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. America's political leaders

2	Very well
19	Somewhat well
35	Not too well
38	Not at all well
<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

## b. People in your local community

18	Very well
48	Somewhat well
17	Not too well
10	Not at all well
<u>7</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

## c. People in your church or religious congregation

34	Very well
30	Somewhat well
5	Not too well
2	Not at all well
21	Do not attend religious services/have a congregation (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 Today, do you think Americans are more divided over **[INSERT; ROTATE]** than they were in the past, less divided or are they about the same? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**? Are Americans more divided over **[INSERT]** today than they were in the past, less divided or about the same?

## a. Politics

59	More divided
5	Less divided
33	About the same
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

## b. Religion

41	More divided
16	Less divided
38	About the same
<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

*Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding*

## Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on RDD telephone interviews conducted between November 5, 2010 and November 8, 2010 by professional interviewers under the direction of Opinion Research Corporation. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,022 adults 18 years of age or older living in private households in the continental United States.

The final sample was weighted to four different parameters—age, sex, geographic region 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.