



**PRRI 2010 Post-election American Values Survey**  
**November 3-7, 2010**  
**N=1,494**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

34	Right Direction
60	Wrong Track
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 Over the NEXT two years do you think the economy will get better, get worse, or will it stay about the same? **[READ IN ORDER]**

45	Better
18	Worse
33	About the same
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT = 1 OR REGICERT2 = 1):**

Q.3 A lot of people have been telling us they didn't get a chance to vote in this election. How about you... did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

80	Yes, Voted
20	No, Did not vote
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED (Q3=1), ASK:**

Q.4 In the race for Congress did you happen to vote for the **[INSERT AND ROTATE]** or the **[INSERT]** in your election district?

42	Democratic candidate
47	Republican candidate
4	Other/Third Party (VOL.—SPECIFY PARTY)
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 Most people cast their votes on Election Day, but many were able to vote before Election Day. What about you? Did you vote ON Election Day or BEFORE Election Day?

**IF VOTED EARLY (Q5=2), ASK:**

Q.6 Did you vote in person or did you mail your ballot in?

70	On Election Day
30	Before Election Day
13	<i>Voted in person</i>
17	<i>Voted by mail</i>
*	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
<u>0</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED (Q3=1), ASK:**

Q.7 When did you finally decide how you would vote in this election **[READ IN ORDER]**?

7	On Election Day
16	The week before Election Day
32	Sometime in the last month
21	In the last 6 months
23	Before that
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Of the following seven issues, which one would you say was MOST important to your vote for Congress this year? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

**IF 'THE ECONOMY' MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE (Q8=1), ASK:**

Q.9a And what economic issue was MOST important to your vote? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

47	The economy
6	<i>Taxes</i>
7	<i>The budget deficit</i>
22	<i>Lack of jobs</i>
4	<i>The bailouts of the financial industry</i>
7	<i>The gap between rich and poor</i>
1	<i>Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
4	Immigration
5	The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
19	Health care
16	The size and role of government
3	Same-sex marriage
3	Abortion
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF 'THE ECONOMY' MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE (Q8=1), ASK:**

Q.9b And other than the economy what was the NEXT most important issue to your vote for Congress this year? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

8	Immigration
17	The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
40	Health care
27	The size and role of government
3	Same-sex marriage
2	Abortion
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED REPUBLICAN (Q4=2), ASK:**

Q.10 And was your vote mostly... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

27	A vote to help the Republican Party win control of Congress
27	A vote to express opposition to President Obama
27	A vote against Washington in general
14	A vote about local issues
4	None of these (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED DEMOCRATIC (Q4=1), ASK:**

Q.11 And was your vote mostly... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

33	A vote to help the Democratic Party keep control of Congress
32	A vote to express support for President Obama
9	A vote against the Tea Party
21	A vote about local issues
4	None of these (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED (Q3=1), ASK:**

Q.12 Which one of the following had the biggest influence on your vote? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

73	Common sense and personal experience
4	The views of friends and family
12	What you have seen or read in the media
9	Your religious beliefs
1	Something else—SPECIFY (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.13 Compared to previous elections, did your faith or religious values play a larger role in how you decided to vote, a smaller role, or did it play about the same role?

6	Larger role
8	Smaller role
73	Same role
13	Does not play a role (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Which of the following best describes how you feel about the outcome of this election? **[READ & RANDOMIZE]**

41	Satisfied
9	Excited
21	Disappointed
18	Worried
3	Angry
2	Other (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED REPUBLICAN (Q4=2) OR NON-VOTER/OTHER VOTER WHO IDENTIFIES/LEANS REPUBLICAN ((Q3>1 OR Q4 >2) AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)), ASK:**

Q.15 What do you think should be the MOST important priority for the Republicans in Congress? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

34	Repeal the health care reform law passed last year
16	Cut taxes for all Americans regardless of income
6	Cut spending on social services
7	Investigate wrongdoing by the Obama administration
32	Balance the federal budget
2	Other (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF VOTED DEMOCRATIC (Q4=1) OR NON VOTER/OTHER VOTER WHO IDENTIFIES/LEANS DEMOCRAT ((Q3>1 OR Q4 > 2) AND (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2)), ASK:**

Q.16 What do you think should be the MOST important priority for Obama and the Democrats in Congress? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

- 36 Ensure the health care reform law is fully funded
- 32 Cut taxes for Americans making less than \$250,000 a year
- 12 Pass another economic stimulus bill
- 8 Pass comprehensive immigration reform
- 6 Pass climate change legislation
- 2 Other (VOL.)
- 4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, 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 **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

a.

- 33 Government should do more to protect morality in society
- 63 I worry the government is getting too involved in the issue of morality
- 1 Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
- 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

b.

- 38 In foreign policy the best way to ensure peace is through military strength
- 59 Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace
- 1 Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
- 2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

Q.18 Thinking about the influence of certain groups on the election, which of the following best describes the influence of the Tea Party? **[READ; ROTATE OPTIONS]**

- 32 The Tea Party hurt the Republican Party because it helped nominate candidates with extreme views
- 57 The Tea Party helped the Republican Party because it helped energize its core supporters
- 1 Both (VOL.)
- 1 Neither (VOL.)
- 9 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

Q.19 Now I am going to read you a few short statements about a few things. For each statement please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely DISagree with it? First... **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

**ASK ALL:**

a. The values of Islam, the Muslim religion, are at odds with American values and way of life

20	Completely agree
25	Mostly agree
27	Mostly disagree
22	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

bf1. Government is providing too many social services that should be left to religious groups and private charities

16	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
33	Mostly disagree
19	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

cf2. We should limit how much U.S. corporations can spend to influence elections

46	Completely agree
30	Mostly agree
14	Mostly disagree
9	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

d. Discrimination against women is no longer a problem in the United States

12	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
39	Mostly disagree
19	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Using torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can never be justified

23	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
20	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties...

Q.20 Which statement comes closest to your view? In general, **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** don't pay enough attention to religion OR **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** are too close to religious leaders?

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

a. Democratic candidates

47	Not enough attention
28	Too close
<u>25</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

b. Republican candidates

27	Not enough attention
54	Too close
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION: ROTATE Q21 AND Q22]**

Q.21 From what you know, do you think that Barack Obama has religious beliefs that are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different or very different than your own religious beliefs?

12	Very similar
28	Somewhat similar
16	Somewhat different
35	Very different
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.22 How much do you think Barack Obama's religious beliefs guide his decisions as President? **[READ IN ORDER]**

24	A lot
42	A little
28	Not at all
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (ATTEND<4), ASK:**

Q.23 In the months before the election did the clergy at your place of worship ever speak out about **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

**REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** What about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? Did the clergy at your place of worship ever speak out about this in the months before the election?

a. Supporting or opposing a particular candidate or party

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

b. The issue of health care reform

14	Yes
83	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. The proper role and size of government

11	Yes
86	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The issue of abortion

34	Yes
63	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 Now I am going to read you a few short statements about a few things. For each statement please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely DISagree with it? First... **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

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

26	Completely agree
32	Mostly agree
15	Mostly disagree
23	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. If enough people had a personal relationship with God social problems would take care of themselves

21	Completely agree
35	Mostly agree
24	Mostly disagree
18	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

18	Completely agree
26	Mostly agree
31	Mostly disagree
23	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Gay couples should be allowed to marry

29	Completely agree
19	Mostly agree
14	Mostly disagree
35	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.25 Do you consider yourself part of the liberal or progressive religious movement, sometimes known as the “religious left,” or not?

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

**END OF INTERVIEW.**

**THANK RESPONDENT:** Thank you again for your time. Have a nice day/evening.

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