

# NPR NATIONAL

## Interview Schedule

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N=800 Likely Voters  
Margin of Error  $\pm$  3.46%

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\* Denotes result less than 0.5%

^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

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A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES

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B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO

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C. As you may know, there was an election for Congress and other offices last month. Many were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable?

**(IF UNABLE/DID NOT VOTE, ASK:)** Did you not vote because you were ineligible, too young, or was there some other reason?

86% VOTED

\* INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE

14% DID NOT VOTE

-- CAN'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**14% TOO YOUNG/DID NOT VOTE**

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D. Thinking back to 2004...Many people were not able to vote in the 2004 election for President between **(ROTATE)** George W. Bush, and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

**(IF UNABLE/DID NOT VOTE, ASK:)** Did you not vote because you were ineligible, too young, or was there some other reason?

99% VOTED

1% INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE

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E. Now what are the chances of you voting in the election for President and Congress in 2008: are you ...**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP:)** almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

93% ALMOST CERTAIN  
 5% PROBABLY  
 2% 50-50  
 7% **TOTAL PROBABLY/50-50**

1. Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the COUNTRY are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

**12/06**

25% RIGHT DIRECTION  
 65% WRONG TRACK  
 9% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
42%	36%	35%	30%	RIGHT DIRECTION
51%	55%	60%	64%	WRONG TRACK
6%	9%	4%	7%	DON'T KNOW
1%	-	1%	--	REFUSED

<u>3/02</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	
58%	39%	53%	39%	43%	42%	40%	40%	40%	38%	RIGHT DIRECTION
35%	51%	39%	53%	49%	48%	54%	54%	54%	55%	WRONG TRACK
5%	8%	7%	8%	6%	10%	5%	7%	5%	6%	DON'T KNOW
2%	2%	1%	-	2%	-	1%	-	1%	--	REFUSED

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President?

**(IF CHOICE, ASK)** And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

**12/06**

17% STRONGLY APPROVE  
 23% SOMEWHAT APPROVE  
 12% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE  
 45% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

2% DONT KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**40% TOTAL APPROVE**  
**57% TOTAL DISAPPROVE**

<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
50%	49%	44%	39%	TOTAL APPROVE
47%	47%	54%^	58%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

<u>3/02</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	
79%	66%	66%	53%	55%	56%	53%	50%	49%	49%	TOTAL APPROVE
18%	30%	31%	43%	42%	41%	45%	48%	49%	48%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

Now, I would like to read you a list of different organizations or groups that are active in politics. Please tell me, for each one, your feelings about that particular organization or group using a scale from zero to one hundred, where zero means you have a VERY UNFAVORABLE feeling and where one hundred means you have a VERY FAVORABLE feeling of that organization or group. Of course, you may choose any number between zero and one hundred.

0      1-39    40-60   61-74   75+    MEAN

The (first/next) one is...**(ROTATE:)**

3.	The Republican Party	20%	19%	26%	5%	27%	44.3
4.	The Democratic Party	11%	16%	32%	5%	34%	53.4

5. And, if the election for President in the year 2008 were being held today, for whom would you vote...  
**(ROTATE)**

the Republican candidate ...or...  
the Democratic candidate?

**(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:)** As of today, which way do you lean, more toward the **(ROTATE)**  
Republican candidate...or...Democratic candidate?

23% Republican candidate  
5% Lean Republican candidate

23% Undecided **(DO NOT READ)**

9% Lean Democratic candidate  
36% Democratic candidate

2% Third party candidate/Other **(DO NOT READ)**  
2% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

**28% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**  
**46%^ TOTAL DEMOCRATIC**

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Thinking more about the Presidential election in 2008... **(ROTATE Q6-7)**

6. If the election for President were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were... **(ROTATE)**

John McCain, Republican      ...and...  
Hillary Clinton, Democrat

**(IF CHOICE, ASK)** And would you **DEFINITELY** vote for (CHOICE ) or just **PROBABLY** for (CHOICE)?

35%    DEFINITELY MCCAIN  
13%    PROBABLY MCCAIN  
11%    PROBABLY CLINTON  
30%    DEFINITELY CLINTON

2%    SOMEONE ELSE (**Specify: \_\_\_\_\_**)(**DO NOT READ**)  
8%    UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)  
1%    REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**48%    TOTAL MCCAIN**  
**41%    TOTAL CLINTON**

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7. If the election for President were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were... **(ROTATE)**

Mitt Romney, Republican      ...and...  
Barack Obama, Democrat

**(IF CHOICE, ASK)** And would you **DEFINITELY** vote for (CHOICE ) or just **PROBABLY** for (CHOICE)?

17%    DEFINITELY ROMNEY  
10%    PROBABLY ROMNEY  
15%    PROBABLY OBAMA  
28%    DEFINITELY OBAMA

3%    SOMEONE ELSE (**Specify: \_\_\_\_\_**)(**DO NOT READ**)  
26%    UNDECIDED (**DO NOT READ**)  
1%    REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**27%    TOTAL ROMNEY**  
**43%    TOTAL OBAMA**

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Changing topics...(ROTATE QSERIES Q8-9 & Q10-11:)

8. Thinking about the last ten years or so, has your opinion of the Republican Party (**ROTATE**) gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

7% Gotten Better  
49% Gotten Worse  
43% Stayed about the Same

1% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
\* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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(IF Q8:1-2, ASK:)(N=104)

(QUARTER SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE C: Q9:)

9. What are the two or three reasons why your opinion of the Republican Party has (**gotten better/gotten worse**)? (**PROBE:**) What else can you tell me about that?

**SEE VERBATIM LIST-OUTS**

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10. Thinking about the last ten years or so, has your opinion of the Democratic Party (**ROTATE**) gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

12% Gotten Better  
33% Gotten Worse  
54% Stayed about the Same

1% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
-- REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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(IF Q10:1-2, ASK:)(N=84)

(QUARTER SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE E: Q11:)

11. What are the two or three reasons why your opinion of the Democratic Party has (**gotten better/gotten worse**)? (**PROBE:**) What else can you tell me about that?

**SEE VERBATIM LIST-OUTS**

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Now, thinking about issues...

12. Which ONE of the following issues is currently MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for President? Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

- 7% EDUCATION
  - 5% TAXES AND SPENDING
  - 7% SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE
  - 12% TERRORISM AND NATIONAL SECURITY
  - 8% HEALTH CARE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
  - 12% THE ECONOMY AND JOBS
  - 10% MORAL VALUES
  - 21% THE WAR IN IRAQ
  - 4% ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
  - 7% ETHICS, CORRUPTION, AND SPECIAL INTERESTS
  - ...or...
  - 2% ENERGY AND GAS PRICES
  
  - 1% NONE OF THESE **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 3% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
  - \* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A ONLY:) (N=398)**

13. Thinking about Iraq...if the U.S. begins withdrawing American troops from Iraq during the first half of next year, do you think the situation in Iraq would become **(ROTATE)** more stable, less stable, or would it not make any difference?

10% More stable  
44% Less stable  
37% Make no difference

9% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
-- REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B ONLY:) (N=402)**

14. Thinking about Iraq...if the U.S. maintains the American troop presence in Iraq next year, do you think the situation in Iraq would become **(ROTATE)** more stable, less stable, or would it not make any difference?

19% More stable  
27% Less stable  
47% Make no difference

7% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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15. Do you favor or oppose beginning to withdraw United States troops from Iraq during the first half of next year?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:)** And, do you **STRONGLY** (favor/oppose) or only **SOMEWHAT** (favor/oppose) it?

47% STRONGLY FAVOR  
21% SOMEWHAT FAVOR  
11% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE  
16% STRONGLY OPPOSE

5% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

**68% TOTAL FAVOR**  
**26%^ TOTAL OPPOSE**

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Thinking about a different topic. . .

16. As you may know, starting in January, the Democrats will control the U.S. Congress and President Bush is a Republican. Do you think the government in Washington (**ROTATE**)

is better when different parties control the Congress and the Presidency

...or...

is better when one party controls the Congress and the Presidency?

60% Different parties

25% One party

7% Makes no difference/no change (**DO NOT READ**)

8% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)

1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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17. Thinking further about this. . .I'm going to read you two statements, and please tell me which comes closest to your own opinion. . .(**ROTATE:**)

The Democrats who now control Congress should work together in a bipartisan way with Republicans and encourage more cooperation and compromising to get things done.

...or...

The Democrats who now control Congress should make the changes and enact the plans they committed to in the election to move the country in a new direction.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own view?

71% Democrats should work together in a bipartisan way with Republicans to get things done

27% Democrats should make the changes and enact the plans they committed to in the election

2% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)

\* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

18. First, in what year were you born?

**12/06**

3% 18 - 24  
 9% 25 - 34  
 17% 35 - 44  
 26% 45 - 54  
 24% 55 - 64  
 21% 65 AND ABOVE  
 1% REFUSED

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%	4%	5%	18-24
13%	10%	15%	11%	14%	14%	15%	9%	10%	9%	12%	25-34
18%	18%	17%	19%	21%	15%	19%	17%	19%	16%	20%	35-44
24%	27%	22%	25%	20%	23%	23%	23%	20%	26%	23%	45-54
20%	21%	17%	21%	17%	21%	15%	24%	19%	24%	18%	55-64
20%	20%	20%	20%	21%	20%	21%	22%	24%	21%	20%	65 and above
1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	*	2%	REFUSED

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19. And in politics today, do you consider yourself... **(ROTATE)**

a Republican,  
 a Democrat,  
 or something else?

**(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:)** Would you call yourself a STRONG (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (REPUBLICAN/ DEMOCRAT)?

**(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the Republican or to the Democratic party?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>							
41% <sup>^</sup>	42%	35%	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>						
44%	51%	44%	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>						
24%	20%	19%	STRONG REPUBLICAN						
10%	13%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN						
8%	9%	6%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS						
14%	6%	19%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT						
10%	12%	8%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS						
11%	13%	12%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT						
23%	26%	24%	STRONG DEMOCRAT						
*	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>						
1%	--	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>						
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
41%	39%	45%	40%	45%	39%	45%	39% <sup>^</sup>	45%	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
37%	44%	45%	41%	48%	43%	49%	43% <sup>^</sup>	49%	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
25%	26%	23%	26%	27%	25%	25%	24%	26%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
11%	7%	14%	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
5%	6%	8%	5%	8%	6%	9%	5%	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
21%	15%	9%	17%	8%	16%	7%	17%	6%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	5%	12%	7%	11%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
9%	11%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	8%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
18%	25%	23%	27%	25%	28%	26%	27%	25%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	1%	1%	1%	*	--	*	*	1%	DON'T KNOW
*	1%	*	1%	*	2%	--	1%	--	REFUSED

20. And do you consider yourself to be...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

conservative,  
 moderate  
 ...or...  
 liberal

**(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:)** And would you consider yourself to be VERY (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL), or just SOMEWHAT (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>							
42%	40%	39%	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>						
17%	18%	18%	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>						
18%	15%	18%	VERY CONSERVATIVE						
24%	25%	21%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE						
38%	39%	39%	MODERATE						
11%	11%	12%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL						
6%	7%	6%	VERY LIBERAL						
2%	2%	3%	UNDECIDED/NOT SURE(DO NOT READ)						
1%	--	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)						
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
43%	40%	37%	39%	41%	40%	41%	41%	40%	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>
16%	19%	20%	16%	19%	23%	18%	17%^	17%	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>
19%	19%	15%	17%	20%	19%	19%	19%	17%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
24%	21%	22%	22%	22%	21%	22%	22%	23%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
36%	37%	38%	41%	37%	35%	38%	39%	40%	MODERATE
10%	12%	12%	10%	13%	15%	10%	11%	10%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
6%	7%	8%	6%	6%	8%	8%	5%	7%	VERY LIBERAL
4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	NOT SURE
1%	*	*	1%	*	1%	--	1%	--	REFUSED

21. And what was the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)**

<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
1%	--	*	*	1%	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
30%	25%	25%	22%	24%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
25%	24%	25%	23%	26%	SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
26%	30%	29%	27%	27%	GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
12%	13%	15%	18%	15%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
*	1%	*	1%	*	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<b>35%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS</b>
<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>SOME COLLEGE</b>
<b>38%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>COLLEGE +</b>

22. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ CHOICES)**

<u>12/06</u>	
11%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
78%	WHITE
4%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
2%	ASIAN AMERICAN
3%	OTHER
2%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
11%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
77%	79%	WHITE
6%	8%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
2%	--	ASIAN AMERICAN
3%	2%	OTHER
2%	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	79%	80%	79%	WHITE
7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
*	*	1%	*	*	1%	--	1%	--	ASIAN AMERICAN
2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	OTHER
2%	2%	--	2%	1%	1%	--	1%	1%	REFUSED

23. And how often would you say that you attend religious services...  
**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

11% MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK  
29% WEEKLY  
7% ALMOST EVERY WEEK  
13% ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH  
23% A FEW TIMES A YEAR  
16% NEVER  
  
2% DK/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

**3/06 12/06**  
**43% 39%<sup>^</sup> FREQUENTLY**  
**16% 20% OCCASIONALLY**  
**33% 39% RARELY**

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24. And, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President in 2004... **(ROTATE FIRST TWO CANDIDATES)**

**(IF REFUSED, ASK)** I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. In order to help me do the best research possible, would you now please reconsider and tell me how you voted? **(READ AND ROTATE IF NECESSARY:)**

**N=800 N=746 (Total Voted)**

47% 50% George W. Bush  
45% 48% John Kerry  
...OR...  
1% 1% Ralph Nader  
  
\* \* SOMEONE ELSE **(DO NOT READ)** (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
  
1% -- DID NOT VOTE **(DO NOT READ)**  
6% -- REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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**(IF QC:1, THEN ASK:) (N=689)**

25. And, for whom did you vote in the election for U.S. Congress in your district...(ROTATE)

The Republican candidate

...or...

The Democratic candidate

39% REPUBLICAN

53% DEMOCRATIC

1% OTHER/THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE (**DO NOT READ**)

1% DID NOT VOTE FOR CONGRESS (**DO NOT READ**)

4% NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)

2% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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26. Gender (**BY OBSERVATION**)

48% MALE

52% FEMALE

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27. And finally, it is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio 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 have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about the issues we discussed and possibly call you for a brief interview?

57% YES

42% NO

1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

**IF YES, COLLECT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

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