



# 2010 Congressional Election Survey

University of California, Davis

Q1. What are the state and number of your U.S. House district?

State

District number

Q2. How would you describe your personal party affiliation?

- Strong Democrat
- Democrat, not so strong
- Independent, leaning Democrat
- Independent
- Independent, leaning Republican
- Republican, not so strong
- Strong Republican
- Other (specify)

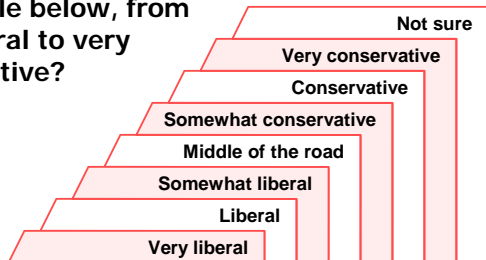
Q3. Regardless of your preferences, please give us your best estimate of which candidate will be elected to serve as your district's Representative in the U.S. House in this election.

- The Democratic candidate is most likely to win
- The Republican candidate is most likely to win

Q4. Approximately what percentage of the vote do you think the winning candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district will receive?

- 50% or less
- 51% - 60%
- 61% - 70%
- 71% - 80%
- 81% - 90%
- More than 90%

Q5. How would you rate each of the following individuals and groups on the 1 - 7 scale below, from very liberal to very conservative?



- A. Yourself ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- B. Barack Obama ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- C. The Democratic U.S. House candidate in your district .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- D. The Republican U.S. House candidate in your district .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- E. The Democratic Party in Congress ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- F. The Republican Party in Congress ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N

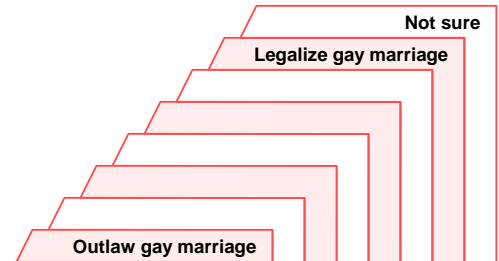
## MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use a No. 2 pencil or a blue or black ink pen only.
- Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
- Make solid marks that fill the response completely.
- Make no stray marks on this form.

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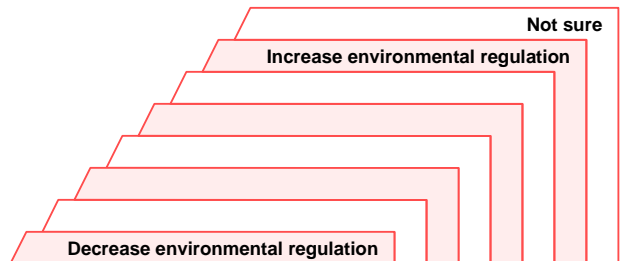
INCORRECT:

Q6. Some people believe that marriage should only be legal between a man and a woman, while others believe that same-sex marriage should also be legal. On the 1 - 7 scale below, where would you place:



- A. Yourself ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- B. Barack Obama ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- C. The Democratic U.S. House candidate in your district .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- D. The Republican U.S. House candidate in your district .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N

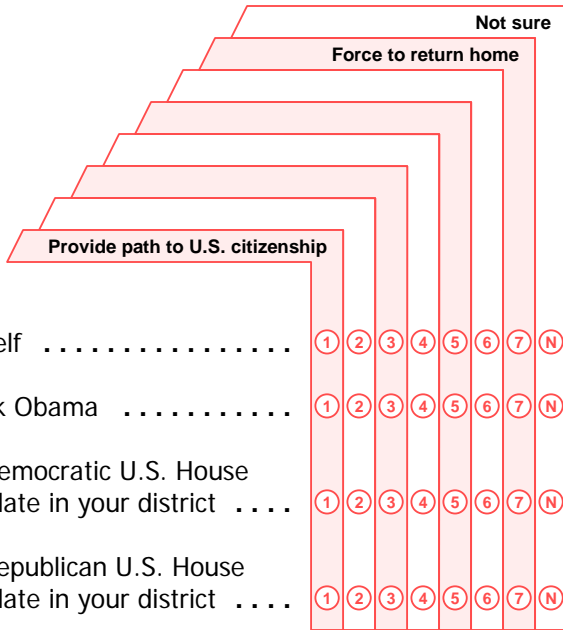
Q7. Some people believe that the government should decrease its regulation of the environment. Others believe that the government should increase its regulation of the environment. On the 1 - 7 scale below, where would you place:



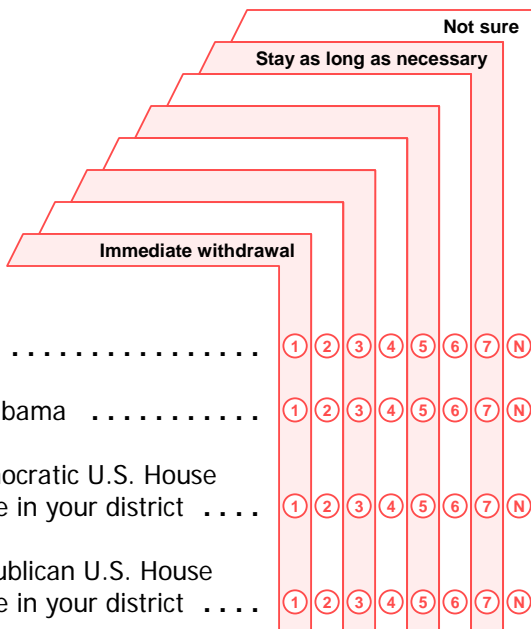
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- B. Barack Obama ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- C. The Democratic U.S. House candidate in your district .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N
- D. The Republican U.S. House candidate in your district .... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 N

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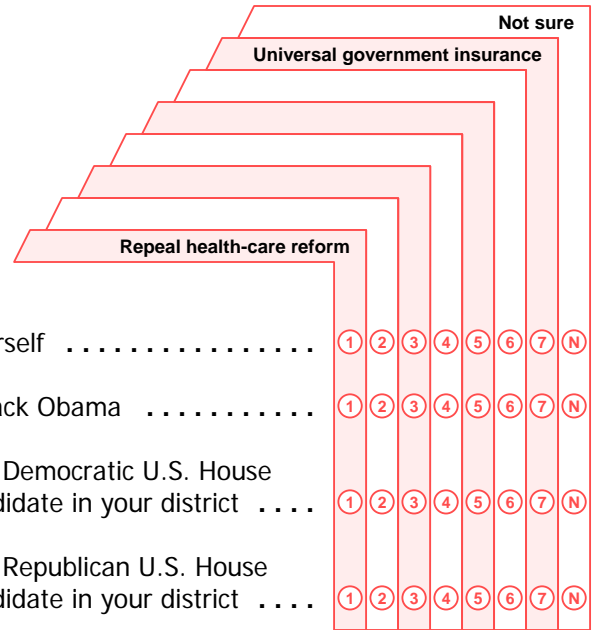
**Q8. Some people believe that illegal immigrants in the U.S. should be given a path to citizenship if they have a job; others believe that illegal immigrants should be forced to return to their home country. On the 1 – 7 scale below, where would you place:**



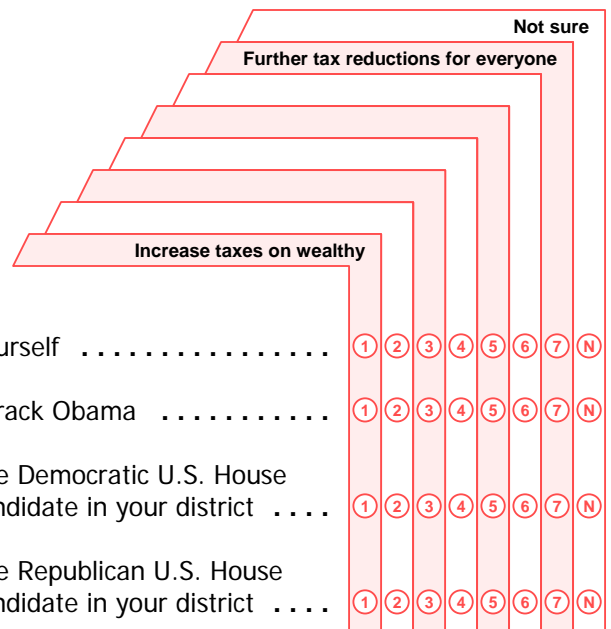
**Q9. Some people think it is important to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan even if Afghanistan is not fully safe and secure. Others feel that U.S. troops should remain in Afghanistan for as long as it takes to make Afghanistan secure, even if this is a long time. On the 1 – 7 scale below, where would you place:**



**Q10 Some people think that the health-care reform bill passed earlier this year should be repealed because providing health insurance is not the government's job. Others feel that health-care reform should be extended so that government insurance covers everyone. On the 1 – 7 scale below, where would you place:**



**Q11 Some people believe the U.S. should reform the tax code by increasing income taxes on the wealthy. Others believe we should reform the tax code by reducing taxes further for everyone. On the 1 – 7 scale below, where would you place:**



Please answer the questions on this page about the **Democratic** candidate for the U.S. House in your district. If there is no Democratic candidate running in your district, please skip to Q17 on page 4.

**Q12 Please rate the following characteristics of the Democratic candidate for the U.S. House in your district:**

	Extremely strong	Strong	Somewhat strong	Fair	Somewhat weak	Weak	Extremely weak	Not sure
A. Ability to attract attention . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Personal integrity . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Ability to fund own campaign .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Ability to raise funds from others . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Current name recognition . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Ability to be persuasive in public . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G. Ability to run a professional campaign . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H. Ability to work well with other leaders . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I. Competence . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J. Grasp of the issues . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K. Ability to find solutions to problems . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L. Qualifications to hold office . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M. Overall strength as a campaigner . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
N. Overall strength as a public servant . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q13 How would you describe the visibility of the Democratic U.S. House candidate's campaign in your district?**

- Very low -- no ads or appearances
- Low -- infrequent ads and appearances
- High -- somewhat frequent ads and appearances
- Very high -- very frequent ads and appearances
- Not sure

**Q14 Regardless of the candidate's position on these issues, please indicate the priority of each of the following issue areas to the Democratic candidate for the U.S. House in your district:**

	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	Top priority	Not sure
A. Health care . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Tax reform . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. War in Afghanistan . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Immigration . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Gay marriage . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Governmental environmental regulation . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q15 Which issue is the single top priority of the Democratic candidate for the U.S. House in your district? [Check only one]**

- Health care
- Tax reform
- War in Afghanistan
- Immigration
- Gay marriage
- Governmental environmental regulation
- Not sure

**Q16 How frequently is each of the following mentioned in the Democratic U.S. House candidate's campaign?**

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Not sure
A. Opponent's qualifications for office . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Opponent's issue positions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Opponent's character . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Opponent's campaign tactics . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Candidate's qualifications for office . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Candidate's issue positions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G. Candidate's character . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H. Candidate's campaign tactics . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I. The Tea Party . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J. Local economic conditions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K. National economic conditions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L. Local policy issues . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M. National policy issues . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please answer the questions on this page about the **Republican** candidate for the U.S. House in your district. If there is no Republican candidate running in your district, please skip to the end.

**Q17 Please rate the following characteristics of the Republican candidate for the U.S. House in your district:**

	Extremely strong	Strong	Somewhat strong	Fair	Somewhat weak	Weak	Extremely weak	Not sure
A. Ability to attract attention . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Personal integrity . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Ability to fund own campaign .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Ability to raise funds from others . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Current name recognition . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Ability to be persuasive in public . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G. Ability to run a professional campaign . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H. Ability to work well with other leaders . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I. Competence . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J. Grasp of the issues . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K. Ability to find solutions to problems . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L. Qualifications to hold office . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M. Overall strength as a campaigner . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
N. Overall strength as a public servant . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q18 How would you describe the visibility of the Republican U.S. House candidate's campaign in your district?**

- Very low -- no ads or appearances
- Low -- infrequent ads and appearances
- High -- somewhat frequent ads and appearances
- Very high -- very frequent ads and appearances
- Not sure

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**Q19 Regardless of the candidate's position on these issues, please indicate the priority of each of the following issue areas to the Republican candidate for the U.S. House in your district.**

	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	Top priority	Not sure
A. Health care . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Tax reform . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. War in Afghanistan . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Immigration . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Gay marriage . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Governmental environmental regulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q20 Which issue area is the single top priority of the Republican candidate for the U.S. House in your district? [check only one]**

- Health care
- Tax reform
- War in Afghanistan
- Immigration
- Gay marriage
- Governmental environmental regulation
- Not sure

**Q21 How frequently is each of the following mentioned in the Republican U.S. House candidate's campaign?**

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Not sure
A. Opponent's qualifications for office . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Opponent's issue positions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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D. Opponent's campaign tactics . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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H. Candidate's campaign tactics . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I. The Tea Party . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J. Local economic conditions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K. National economic conditions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L. Local policy issues . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M. National policy issues . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You have now reached the end of the survey. Please place your completed survey in the postage paid envelope and return it to us as soon as possible OR submit your response online at: <http://electionstudy.ucdavis.edu>

Thank you for your participation!