

THE STATE OF THE YOUTH NATION: 2008
April 10 – 15th, 2008

Interviews for this poll were conducted among 526 18 to 29 year- olds interviewed by telephone April 10-15th 2008. The poll was conducted jointly by CBS News and MTV. Respondents were part of nationwide representative samples identified in households previously interviewed by CBS News Polls, and from random-digit dial samples. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 4% points for results based on the entire sample.

SUMMARY

- A CBS News/MTV poll of 18-29 year-olds finds the economy weighing heavily on young Americans' minds: they are just as downcast about it as all adults nationwide are, and say it will be the top issue determining their vote this year.
- Younger voters like Barack Obama personally, and back him over Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination.
- Yet a large majority – 65% - says the presidential campaign so far has focused too much on matters of race and gender.
- The Iraq war is also on younger voters' minds; two-thirds want a President who will end it in the next two years.
- Younger Americans see themselves as a growing force to be reckoned with in this election:
 - Two-thirds say young people will have as much or more influence than older voters in deciding the next President, including 31% who say they will have more.
 - This feeling of empowerment is up from 2007, when only 17% saw their generation having more influence than their elders.
- Many young Americans use social-networking internet sites as their connection to political information: one-quarter of users of sites like MySpace or Facebook have visited political pages there.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

- Today's 18-29 year olds say the economy and jobs the most critical issues facing their generation. They are concerned about both the current situation and their future.
 - The "pocketbook" issue looms much larger for younger Americans now than it did last summer: 22% now cite it as their top concern; last year 10% of the same age group did.

TOP ISSUE FACING YOUR GENERATION TODAY?

	Now	6/2007
Economy and jobs	22%	10%
War in Iraq	13	19
Education	6	5
Environment	5	8
Health care	5	7

- Young people are as downbeat about the current economy as all adults nationwide: 75% say it is in bad shape. In a recent CBS News/NY Times Poll, 78% of Americans agreed.

STATE OF THE NATION'S ECONOMY

	Age 18-29	All adults 3/2008
Good	22%	21%
Bad	75	78

- Pessimism about job opportunities, in particular, is unchanged from fall 2004: only one-third of young people today think their generation's prospects for finding jobs are excellent or good.

JOB PROSPECTS FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

	Now	9/2004
Excellent	3%	3%
Good	29	30
Fair	42	41
Poor	25	26

- Worries about today's economy today cloud the future, too: young people say economic problems will be the main concerns their generation will have to deal with over the next twenty years.
 - Environmental problems also loom as young people look ahead.

**BIGGEST PROBLEM YOUR GENERATION WILL NEED TO ADDRESS
OVER NEXT TWENTY YEARS**

Economic problems	34%
Environmental problems	18
The education system	13
Terrorism and war	11
Health and disease issues	10

THE ECONOMY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

- As summer approaches and the hunt for jobs and internships begins in earnest for many young people, young voters say the Presidential candidates are attending to economic issues generally, but not specifically addressing one youth-related economic issue: job opportunities for young people.
 - Almost half – 49% - say the candidates are giving the right amount of attention to economic issues, generally.
 - Yet only 29% say candidates are spending enough time addressing jobs and opportunities for younger workers, specifically. 65% say this topic gets too little attention.

HOW MUCH ARE CANDIDATES PAYING ATTENTION TO...?

(Among those registered/planning to register)

	The economy	Jobs for younger people
Right amount	49%	29%
Not enough	45	65
Too much	4	1

- Their economic concerns translate into an election issue for young voters: 33% say jobs and the economy will be the most important issue in determining their vote, ahead of the Iraq war (25%). Those two issues far outdistance others.

TOP ISSUE IN YOUR 2008 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

(Among those registered/planning to register)

The economy	33%
War in Iraq	25
Education	9
Health care	9
Terrorism	8
Environment	7

- Most of those who pick the war as their top voting criteria say the candidates are making it enough of a priority. Those who pick the economy still want to hear more.
- On another issue – the environment – young people say candidates are falling short on both general and specific aspects of it.

- 47% say the candidates are not spending enough time addressing global warming. Even more, 65%, say they have not addressed specific plans to help reduce oil and gas use by consumers.

HOW MUCH ARE CANDIDATES PAYING ATTENTION TO...?

(Among those registered/planning to register)

	Global warming	Reducing oil & gas use
Right amount	35%	28%
Not enough	47	65
Too much	16	4

- 59% say the candidates are not giving enough attention to education issues, and 57% say the candidates are not giving enough attention to college costs and student loan programs.

THE 2008 ELECTION: THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

- Young voters who will vote in a Democratic primary, or have voted in one already, support Barack Obama over Hillary Clinton.
 - Exit polls have shown Obama has received even stronger support from voters under 30, garnering 59% to 38% for Clinton.

CHOICE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

(Among Democratic primary voters)

Obama	48%
Clinton	37
Undecided	14

- Both Clinton's voters and Obama's voters exhibit similar levels of enthusiasm for their candidate; just under two thirds strongly favor him or her.

STRENGTH OF SUPPORT

(Among Democratic primary voters)

	Obama voters	Clinton voters
Strongly favor	63%	62%
Like with reservations	29	33
Dislike other candidate	3	4

- But fewer than one in three 18-29 year old Democratic primary voters see big differences between the two candidates' positions on issues.
 - Just 29% say there are major differences between the two Democratic candidates running for the nomination. 67% say there are only minor differences between them on the issues.

THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

- Younger voters give both Democratic candidates the lead against Republican nominee John McCain in hypothetical fall contests.

- When asked who they would vote for if the election were held today, young voters show little difference in their support for either Obama or Clinton against John McCain. McCain loses to either Democratic candidate – to Clinton by ten points, and to Obama by 13 points.

NOVEMBER ELECTION MATCHUPS

(Among those registered/planning to register)

Obama	52%	Clinton	51%
McCain	39	McCain	41

- There are differences by gender. Support for the Democratic candidate against McCain is about the same among women regardless of whether the nominee is Clinton or Obama. However, among men Obama beats McCain by ten points, while Clinton and McCain run nearly even.

NOVEMBER ELECTION MATCHUPS

(Among those registered/planning to register)

MEN:

Obama	50%	Clinton	47%
McCain	40	McCain	45

WOMEN:

Obama	55%	Clinton	56%
McCain	38	McCain	37

18 to 29 year-old voters make distinctions between the two parties. Most -- 71% -- see important differences in what the Democratic and Republican parties stand for.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

- On most qualities, the two Democratic candidates do better with voters age 18-29 than John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee does. About half of young voters think Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have offered clear plans to solve the nation’s problems; only 34% think John McCain has.
- Obama appeals to young voters on a personal level: seven in 10 like him personally, compared to half who like Clinton and McCain.

CANDIDATE QUALITIES

(Among those registered/planning to register)

	Obama	Clinton	McCain
Has clear plans to solve country’s problems	50%	52%	34%
Like candidate personally	71%	53%	51%

- Still, each of the candidates is liked by large majorities of members of their own party.

Solid majorities view the Democratic candidates, Obama and Clinton, as caring about the needs and problems of young people. A smaller majority says that about McCain.

CARES ABOUT PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

(Among those registered/planning to register)

	Obama	Clinton	McCain
A lot	43%	33%	11%
Some	45	45	46
Not much	8	14	25
Not at all	2	6	12

By contrast, only 9% of these young voters think the Federal Government in Washington cares a lot about their generation, and another 46% think it cares some.

RACE AND GENDER IN POLITICS

- Most young voters believe the campaign so far has dwelled too much on personal attributes like the race and gender of the candidates.

RACE AND GENDER FOCUS IN CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN...

(Among those registered/planning to register)

Too much	65%
About right	27
Not enough	6

- In general, Americans age 18-29 are divided on whether women or African Americans face more obstacles in America today. However, they think a woman candidate faces more obstacles in politics than a black candidate does, and by a 20-point margin.

WHO FACE MORE OBSTACLES...

	IN POLITICS?	IN AMERICA?
Blacks	31%	43%
Women	51	41
No difference (vol.)	13	8

Young women in this survey think women face more obstacles than African Americans in both life and politics.

THE IDEAL PRESIDENT

- Young voters are looking for a president who would end the war in Iraq - a war most of them say the U.S. should have stayed out of fighting. Only a third thinks the next president should continue fighting the war.

IRAQ: THE NEXT PRESIDENT SHOULD ...

(Among those registered/planning to register)

End the Iraq war	66%
Keep fighting	33

- Young voters are also looking for a more lenient approach towards illegal immigrants from the next president. A majority thinks he or she should allow illegal immigrants working in the U.S. to stay in the country, including 46% who think they should be permitted to apply for U.S. citizenship.

IMMIGRATION: THE NEXT PRESIDENT SHOULD ...

(Among those registered/planning to register)

Allow illegal workers to apply for citizenship	46%
Allow them to stay as guest workers	23
Require them to leave U.S.	30

- Voters 18-29 view experience and fresh ideas as equally important in a presidential candidate. Democratic primary voters, however, value fresh ideas over experience.

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT IN A CANDIDATE?

(Among those registered/planning to register)

	All	Dem Primary Voters
Right experience	48%	42%
Fresh ideas	45	52

INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE 2008 CAMPAIGN

- Young Americans see themselves having at least as much influence as other age groups in deciding the next President.
 - 31% think they will have more influence than older age groups, up from 17% who thought so last year.

COMPARED TO OLDER AMERICANS, HOW MUCH INFLUENCE WILL YOUR GENERATION HAVE ON 2008 ELECTION?

	Now	6/2007
More influence	31%	17%
Less influence	31	46
The same influence	36	36

- 30% of all young Americans think the 2008 Presidential election will be the most important election of their lives. Three in four say it will at least be one of the most important. The number who thinks this election will be the most important has risen since last June.

IN YOUR LIFETIME, THIS ELECTION WILL BE...

	Now	6/2007
The most important	30%	22%
One of the most important	45	43
As important as others	19	30
Less/not important	6	4

77% describe the campaign as interesting – only one in five say it has been dull.

IS THE CAMPAIGN INTERESTING OR DULL?

Interesting	77%
Dull	21

- Three out of four Americans under the age of 30 are registered to vote (a smaller percentage than among all adults). Registered voters are slightly more likely to be paying attention to the campaign than younger Americans overall.
- More young voters are paying a lot of attention now to the 2008 campaign than they were to the 2004 campaign in September 2004.
 - Still, voters under 30 are paying slightly less attention to the campaign than voters of all ages nationwide.

ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

(Among registered voters)

	<u>18-29</u>		<u>Adults</u>
	Now	9/2004	3/2008
A lot	41%	34%	60%
Some	43	47	30
Not much/none	16	19	10

Most of those not registered claim they will register in time to vote in November.

- Of those who are not registered, 33% said they missed the registration or were too busy to register, and 12% didn't register because they moved recently. Only about one in four said they were not registered because of a lack of interest, or disillusionment with the candidates or voting in general.
- There has been significant effort to get younger Americans registered. One in five younger adults has been contacted by a presidential campaign or another organization asking them to register to vote.

HAVE YOU EVER PERSONALLY BEEN ASKED TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OR ORGANIZATION?

Yes	22%
No	76

- Many young Americans are getting involved. One in four say they have personally gotten involved in politics or a political issue by working on a campaign, joining a political club, or attending a political rally or march.

HAVE YOU EVER PERSONALLY BEEN GOTTEN INVOLVED IN A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OR CAUSE?

Yes	25%
No	75

WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE GET THEIR POLITICAL INFORMATION

- Three in four Americans under the age of 30 use the internet to visit networking sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook, and six in 10 have their own page.
- Young people who use these networking sites often access political information through them, or via the internet.
 - About one-quarter of users have visited a candidates' page on the sites.

SOCIAL-NETWORKING WEBSITE USERS: PERCENT WHO HAVE...

(Among those who visit networking sites)

Visited candidates' pages on MySpace, Friendster, Facebook, etc.	23%
Visited other political/campaign websites	34%
Watched a political video or campaign ad	34%
Posted about politics on a blog or chat room	17%

- Younger Americans still get a lot of their political information from newspaper and television - seven in 10 say they do.
 - Four in ten get at least some from web sites and blogs.
 - Almost half talk or email about politics with friends.

HOW MUCH OF YOUR POLITICAL INFORMATION COMES FROM...?

	A lot	Some	Not much/ None
Newspapers and television	71%	22	7
Talking and emailing with friends	18%	31	51
Web sites and blogs	15%	26	57
Late night talk and comedy shows	12%	31	57

METHODOLOGY

This poll was conducted jointly by CBS News and MTV. Interviews were conducted by telephone among 526 18 to 29 year olds April 10th-15th 2008. These respondents were part of nationwide representative samples identified in households previously interviewed in CBS News Polls, and from RDD samples of both standard land-lines and cell phones.

Weighting

The sample is weighted to ensure that the distribution of interviews mirrors the distribution of the entire population of 18 to 29 year-olds across a variety of variables, and for the likelihood of a respondent's selection within a household.

The weights were adjusted to match Census Bureau estimates of 18 to 29 year-olds by age, presence of both 18-24 year olds and 25-29 year olds in the same household, education, gender, marital status, and census region.

Margin of Error

The margin of error for this survey is plus or minus four percentage points for results based on the entire sample. That means that 95 times out of a hundred, the results are within four percentage points of what they would be if the entire universe of 18 to 29 year-olds were interviewed. The error for subgroups is larger.

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q1 Suppose a reporter stopped you on the street and wanted to interview you. If he or she asked you to name the most important issue facing people of your generation today, what would you tell them?

**** TOTAL AGE 18-29 ****
***** Gender *****

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Economy / jobs	22	21	23
War in Iraq	13	15	10
Education	6	4	8
Environment	5	5	6
Health Care	5	3	8
Social Security	4	4	3
Gas/Heating Oil Crisis	3	4	2
Drugs/Youth drug use	5	7	3
Electoral system	3	2	3
Youth Crime /Violence /Gangs	2	1	3
Youth (other)	2	0	3
Miscellaneous Social Issues	2	3	1
Other	18	20	18
DK/NA	10	11	9

q2 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	16	21	11
Wrong track	79	72	86
DK/NA	5	7	3

q3 When you look ahead twenty years, which one of these problems do you think will be the most important thing that your generation of young people will have to deal with: 1. problems with terrorism and war, 2. problems with the U.S. economy, 3. problems with the environment; 4. problems with health and diseases, or 5. problems with the education system?

	Age 18-24			
	May06c			
Economy	34	35	32	25
Environment	18	17	18	21
Education system	13	14	12	20
Terrorism & war	11	11	11	10
Health and diseases	10	10	10	12
All (vol.)	7	6	8	4
Combination of these (vol.)	7	6	8	9
None (vol.)	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	0	1	1	0

q4 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

	** TOTAL AGE 18-29 **			ADULTS NATIONWIDE
	*** Gender ***			Mar08c
	Total	Male	Female	
	%	%	%	%
Very good	1	1	2	1
Fairly good	21	24	18	20
Fairly bad	51	48	55	48
Very bad	24	25	22	30
DK/NA	3	2	3	1

q5 How would you rate the job opportunities for people of your generation -- are they excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

				Age 18-24 Sep04b
Excellent	3	4	1	3
Pretty good	29	33	26	30
Only fair	42	38	45	41
Poor	25	23	28	26
DK/NA	1	2	0	0

q6 How much do you think the government in Washington cares about people of your generation -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **		
A lot	9	9	8
Some	46	49	43
Not much	31	26	36
Not at all	14	15	13
Don't know/No answer	0	1	0

q7 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 presidential campaign - a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *			Age 18-29 Sep04b
A lot	41	48	33	14
Some	43	39	47	44
Not much	14	10	19	25
None at all	2	3	1	16
DK/NA	0	0	0	1

q8 So far, would you be more likely to describe the 2008 Presidential campaign as interesting or dull?

Interesting	77	77	77
Dull	21	22	20
Don't know/No answer	2	1	3

q9 Do you think there are any important differences in what the Democratic and Republican parties stand for?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

*** Gender ***

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Yes	71	72	71
No	19	20	18
Don't know/No answer	10	8	11

q10 Thinking about the Democratic candidates running for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination, do you think there are major differences in where the Democratic presidential candidates stand on the issues, or only minor differences?

* DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS 18-29 *

Major differences	29	28	30
Minor differences	66	69	64
The same (Vol.)	2	3	1
DK/NA	3	0	5

q11 Do you think people of your generation will have more influence than people older than you in deciding who the next president will be, less influence, or about the same amount of influence as people older than you?

** TOTAL AGE 18-29 **

More	31	32	29
Less	31	34	27
Same	36	31	41
DK/NA	2	3	3

q12 Compared to previous presidential elections, do you think the 2008 election for President next year will be the MOST important election of your lifetime, one of the most important, about as important as others, less important, or not important at all?

The most important	30	26	34
One of the most important	45	44	46
About as important as others	19	22	17
Less important	3	4	1
Not important at all	3	4	2
DK/NA	0	0	0

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q15 In deciding who you would like to see elected President next year, which ONE of the following issues will be most important to you? 1. Education, or 2. Terrorism and national security, or 3. The environment and global warming, or 4. the economy and jobs, or 5. Health care, or 6. The war in Iraq, OR 7. Immigration?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

*** Gender ***

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
The economy and jobs	33	31	36
The war in Iraq	25	21	29
Education	9	9	9
Health care	9	9	8
Terrorism and nat'l security	8	11	5
The environment & global w	7	8	6
Immigration	6	8	4
Something else/none (vol.)	1	1	1
DK/NA	2	1	2

q16 And do you think the candidates for President are making [Issue Named] enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

* AMONG THOSE WHO SELECTED AN ISSUE IN Q15 *

	Education	Terrorism	Environment	Economy	Health Care	Iraq War
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Enough	21	54	21	31	15	50
Not enough	77	46	70	59	85	46
Too much (vol.)	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dk/NA	2	0	9	10	0	2

q17 In presidential politics today, who do you think faces more obstacles— a black candidate or a woman candidate?

** TOTAL AGE 18-29 **

*** Gender ***

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Black candidate	31	32	30
Woman candidate	51	50	51
No difference (Vol.)	13	10	16
Don't know/No answer	5	8	3

q18 In America today, who do you think faces more obstacles getting ahead in everyday life – blacks, or women?

Black	43	45	41
Women	41	36	45
No difference (Vol.)	8	7	10
Don't know/No answer	8	12	4

q19 Which one is more important to you in a presidential candidate - having the right experience, or having fresh ideas?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

	*** Gender ***			Dem Primary	REGISTERED ADULTS
	Total	Male	Female	Voters	Jan08c
	%	%	%	%	%
Right experience	48	48	49	42	44
Fresh ideas	45	45	44	52	42
Both (Vol.)	7	7	7	6	11
Don't know/No answer	0	0	0	0	3

q20 Do you plan to register to vote before the November 2008 election, or not?

** AMONG THOSE CURRENTLY NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE 18-29 **

	%	%	%
Yes	63	70	56
No	32	26	38
DK/NA	5	4	6

q21 What is the main reason you are not registered to vote?

Too busy/missed registration	33	39	26
Not interested/apathetic	16	17	15
Moved	12	7	17
Not U.S. Citizen/Ineligible	9	9	9
Voting doesn't matter	7	10	5
Don't like candidates/politics	3	1	5
Religious reasons	2	0	3
Just turned 18/too young	2	3	1
Other	7	6	8
DK/NA	9	8	11

q22 Who would you like to see the Democratic party nominate as its presidential candidate in 2008 -- Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?

	* DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS 18-29 *			ADULT DPVs NATIONWIDE
	%	%	%	Mar08c
	%	%	%	%
Clinton	37	34	39	43
Obama	48	56	41	46
Someone else/None (vol.)	1	0	1	3
Undecided (vol.)	13	9	16	7
DK/NA	1	1	3	1

q23 Would you describe your support for (Selected Candidate) as strongly favoring (Selected Candidate), or do you like (Selected Candidate) but with reservations, or do you support (Selected Candidate) because you dislike the other candidates?

** AMONG DPVS WHO MADE A CHOICE **

	Total Voters	Obama Voters	Clinton Voters	ADULTS DPVS NATIONWIDE Mar08c
	%	%	%	%
Strongly favor	62	63	62	64
Like but with reservations	31	29	33	26
Dislike other candidates	4	3	4	9
Don't know/No answer	3	5	1	1

DPVS = Democratic Primary Voters

q24 If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or John McCain?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

	Total	Male	Female	REG. ADULTS NATIONWIDE Mar08c
				%
Obama	52	50	55	47
McCain	39	40	38	42
Other (Vol.)	1	1	1	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	1	1	1	3
Depends (Vol.)	1	1	0	2
Don't know/No answer	6	7	5	5

q25 If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, would you vote for Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

Clinton	51	47	56	48
McCain	41	45	37	43
Other (Vol.)	1	1	1	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	1	2	1	3
Depends (Vol.)	1	0	1	2
Don't know/No answer	5	5	4	3

q26 How much do you think Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of young people--a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	33	29	38
Some	45	49	41
Not much	14	15	13
Not at all	6	5	6
DK/NA	2	2	2

q27 BLANK

q28 Do you think Hillary Clinton has offered clear and detailed plans to solve the country's problems, or hasn't she?

Yes	52	47	57
No	40	45	33
DK/NA	8	8	10

q29 Whether or not you approve of her policies, do you think of Hillary Clinton as someone you would like personally?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

*** Gender ***

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Yes	53	48	59
No	39	46	31
Don't know/No answer	8	6	10

q30 How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of young people--a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	43	42	43
Some	45	47	43
Not much	8	5	10
Not at all	2	3	2
DK/NA	2	3	2

q31 BLANK

q32 Do you think Barack Obama has offered clear and detailed plans to solve the country's problems, or hasn't he?

Yes	50	51	50
No	39	41	37
DK/NA	11	8	13

q33 Whether or not you approve of his policies, do you think of Barack Obama as someone you would like personally?

Yes	71	74	68
No	21	17	24
Don't know/No answer	8	9	8

q34 How much do you think John McCain cares about the needs and problems of young people--a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	11	13	9
Some	46	47	45
Not much	25	23	27
Not at all	12	13	11
DK/NA	6	4	8

q35 BLANK

q36 Do you think John McCain has offered clear and detailed plans to solve the country's problems, or hasn't he?

Yes	34	38	31
No	53	53	53
DK/NA	13	9	16

q37 Whether or not you approve of his policies, do you think of John McCain as someone you would like personally?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Yes	51	54	48
No	38	38	39
Don't know/No answer	11	8	13

q38 Regardless of how you intend to vote, would you prefer the next President do about the war in Iraq - would you prefer the next President try to end the Iraq war within the next year or two, no matter what, or continue to fight the Iraq war as long as they felt it was necessary?

End war	66	61	70
Continue fighting	33	38	27
DK/NA	1	1	3

q39 Regardless of how you intend to vote, what would you prefer the next President do about the issue of illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? Would you prefer the next President 1. Allow illegal immigrants to stay in their jobs, and eventually apply for US citizenship, 2. Allow illegal immigrants to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers, but not to apply for US citizenship, or 3. Require illegal immigrants to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.

Allowed to stay	46	41	52
Stay as temporary workers	23	25	20
Required to leave	30	33	27
Don't know/No answer	1	1	1

q40 BLANK

q41 From what you have seen or heard, do you think the candidates for President have been paying too much attention to education issues, not enough, or about the right amount of attention education issues?

Too much	2	3	1
Not enough	59	53	65
About right	35	40	29
DK/NA	4	4	5

q42 What about specific government policies covering loans, grants, and student aid that helps pay for college -- from what you have seen or heard, do you think the candidates for President have been paying too much attention to that, not enough, or about the right amount attention to loans, grants and student aid?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

	Total	*** Gender ***	
		Male	Female
	%	%	%
Too much	3	4	2
Not enough	57	53	61
About right	31	37	25
DK/NA	9	6	12

q43 From what you have seen or heard, do you think the candidates for President have been paying too much attention to economic issues, not enough, or about the right amount of attention to economic issues?

Too much	4	3	4
Not enough	45	49	40
About right	49	45	53
DK/NA	2	3	3

q44 What about specific government policies that would promote job training and job opportunities for younger workers -- do you think the candidates for President have been paying too much attention to that, not enough, or about the right amount of attention to job training and job opportunities for younger workers?

Too much	1	1	0
Not enough	65	67	62
About right	29	28	31
DK/NA	5	4	7

q45 From what you have seen or heard, do you think the candidates for President have been paying too much attention to global warming and environmental issues, not enough, or about the right amount attention to global warming and environmental issues?

Too much	16	18	13
Not enough	47	48	46
About right	35	31	39
DK/NA	2	3	2

q46 What about specific government policies that would reduce oil and gas use by consumers -- do you think the candidates for President have been paying too much attention to that, not enough, or about the right amount attention to government policies that would reduce oil and gas use by consumers?

Too much	4	5	4
Not enough	65	66	64
About right	28	26	30
DK/NA	3	3	2

q47 From what you have seen or heard, do you think the 2008 campaign has focused too much on the candidates' personal attributes like race and gender, not enough, or about the right amount on the candidates' race and gender?

** AGE 18-29 REG. VOTERS AND PLAN TO REGISTER **

	Total %	*** Gender ***	
		Male %	Female %
Too much	65	63	68
Not enough	6	6	6
About right	27	29	24
DK/NA	2	2	2

q48 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the US have stayed out?

	** TOTAL AGE 18-29 **		
Right thing	40	38	43
Stayed out	55	60	51
Don't know/No answer	5	2	6

q49 As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the United States is more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't it made any difference?

More safe	30	32	27
Less safe	23	22	24
No difference	45	45	45
Don't know/No answer	2	1	4

q50 BLANK

q51 During the course of the 2008 primary campaign, have you personally been contacted by a presidential campaign or another organization, either in-person or by telephone, and been asked to register to vote?

Yes, have been	22	20	24
No, have not been	76	79	73
Already registered (vol.)	1	1	1
DK/NA	1	0	2

q52 Have you personally ever done something to get involved in politics or political issues, such as work on a campaign, join a political club, or attend a political rally or march?

Yes, have done	25	25	25
No, have not done	75	75	75

q53 Have you ever used the Internet to visit networking sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook?

IF YES: Do you have your own page on any of those sites?

Yes, visited	16	18	14
Yes, visited AND have page	59	56	62
No	25	26	24

q54 Have you ever visited any political candidates' pages on sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook?

IF YES: While you were there did you sign up for any mailing lists, volunteer, donate money, or become a friend?

AGE 18-29
SOCIAL-NETWORKING WEBSITE USERS

	*** Gender ***		
	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Yes, visited sites	10	14	7
Yes, visited AND signed up	13	13	13
No	77	73	80
DK/NA	--	--	--

q55 Have you ever visited any political or campaign web sites?

IF YES: While you were there did you sign up for any mailing lists, volunteer, or donate money?

Yes, visited sites	24	25	23
Yes, visited AND signed up	10	12	8
No	65	63	68
DK/NA	1	0	1

q56 Have you ever watched a political video or campaign advertisement on a video website like YouTube?

IF YES: Have you ever posted a political video on YouTube?

Yes, watched	33	44	23
Yes, watched and posted	1	0	1
No	66	55	76
DK/NA	0	1	0

q57 Other than on sites like MySpace, Friendster or Facebook, have you ever personally posted anything about politics on the internet, such as in a blog or chat room?

Yes	17	23	12
No	83	77	88

q58 How much impact do you think MTV can have in raising awareness among young people about politics and political issues -- a great deal of impact, a fair amount, just some, not very much, or no impact at all?

	** TOTAL AGE 18-29 **		
Great deal	44	33	56
Fair amount	29	31	26
Just some	15	18	11
Not very much	6	9	3
No impact at all	4	7	2
DK/NA	2	2	2

q59 How much of your information about politics comes from newspapers and television news - a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	71	70	72
Some	22	21	22
Not much	5	7	3
Not at all	2	2	3

q60 How much of your information about politics comes from Web sites and blogs - a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Gender ***

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
A lot	15	19	11
Some	26	26	27
Not much	28	24	31
Not at all	29	31	28
DK/NA	2	0	3

q61 How much of your information about politics comes from late-night talk and comedy shows - a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	12	12	11
Some	31	33	28
Not much	23	24	22
Not at all	34	31	38
DK/NA	0	0	1

q62 How much of your information about politics comes from talking and emailing with friends - a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	18	16	20
Some	31	33	29
Not much	21	18	23
Not at all	30	33	28

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	526	
Male	252	266
Female	274	260
Register Voters/Plan to Register	482	