

Appendix B: Voting Frequency Survey Weighted Topline

Screener

Base: Ask all

Citizen [S] N=3763 (100%)

Are you a citizen of the United States?

1 Yes 3763 (100%)

2 No

Base: Ask all qualified

Reg. [S] N=3763 (100%)

Many people are not registered to vote because they are too busy or move around often. Would official state records show that you...

1	Are registered to vote at your current address	2396 (63.7%)
2	Are registered to vote at a permanent address while residing at a temporary address (for instance, at a school or while serving in the military)	67 (1.8%)
3	Are registered, but your address is out of date	139 (3.7%)
4	Are <u>not</u> now registered to vote	1162 (30.9%)

Base: Reg=1 or 2 or 3

Vote. [S] N=2601 (69.1%)

There are many types of elections such as federal elections for president and members of Congress, primary elections where voters choose party nominees, local elections for city council and school board, and special elections when vacancies arise in between scheduled elections.

Which best describes how often you vote, since you became eligible?

1	Every election without exception	794 (30.5%)
2	Almost every election – may have missed one or two	1093 (42.0%)
3	Some elections	512 (19.7%)
4	Rarely	137 (5.3%)
5	Don't vote in elections	65 (2.5%)

Main Questionnaire

Base: Ask all

IN1. [Grid] N=3763 (100%)

How interested, if at all, are you in each of the following:

	Refused	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not too Interested	Not at all Interested
Politics and Government	42 (1.1%)	706 (18.8%)	1369 (36.4%)	999 (26.5%)	646 (17.2%)
Finance and Money/Business	44 (1.2%)	684 (18.2%)	1640 (43.6%)	996 (26.5%)	398 (10.6%)
Sports	46 (1.2%)	728 (19.4%)	1141 (30.3%)	968 (25.7%)	880 (23.4%)
Entertainment, Fashion, and Celebrities	39 (1.0%)	350 (9.3%)	1295 (34.4%)	1280 (34.0%)	799 (21.2%)
Cooking and Crafts	56 (1.5%)	820 (21.8%)	1627 (43.2%)	846 (22.5%)	413 (11.0%)
Science and Technology	45 (1.2%)	826 (21.9%)	1757 (46.7%)	825 (21.9%)	311 (8.3%)
Arts and Theater	54 (1.4%)	411 (10.9%)	1301 (34.6%)	1360 (36.1%)	638 (16.9%)
Health and Fitness	53 (1.4%)	988 (26.3%)	1790 (47.6%)	736 (19.5%)	197 (5.2%)
	Refused	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not too Interested	Not at all Interested

Base: Ask all

CE1. [Grid] N=3763 (100%)

People often disagree about what it takes to be a good citizen. Do you think that a person must do the following to be considered a good citizen?

	Refused	Yes	No
Vote in elections	9 (0.2%)	2499 (66.4%)	1255 (33.4%)
Participate in a religious community	14 (0.4%)	1083 (28.8%)	2666 (70.8%)
Volunteer their time to help others	12 (0.3%)	2110 (56.1%)	1641 (43.6%)
Donate money to help others	12 (0.3%)	1601 (42.5%)	2150 (57.1%)
Pay attention to government decisions and political happenings	13 (0.3%)	2349 (62.4%)	1401 (37.2%)
Serve jury duty if called	10 (0.3%)	2605 (69.2%)	1148 (30.5%)
	Refused	Yes	No

Questions held for future release

Base: Ask all

CE6. [S] N=3763 (100%)

How much impact do you think people like you can have in making your community a better place to live?

-1	Refused	35 (0.9%)
1	Big impact	711 (18.9%)
2	Moderate impact	1527 (40.6%)
3	Small impact	1212 (32.2%)
4	No impact at all	277 (7.4%)

Base: Ask all

CE7. [Grid] N=3763 (100%)

For the following activities, please indicate whether you have ever done each one.

	Refused	Yes, within last 12 months	Yes, but not within last 12 months	No, haven't done it
Have you ever worked together informally with someone or some group to solve a problem in the community where you live?	31 (0.8%)	441 (11.7%)	925 (24.6%)	2366 (62.9%)
Have you ever spent time participating in any community service or volunteer activity-- actually working in some way to help others for no pay?	27 (0.7%)	1046 (27.8%)	1208 (32.1%)	1482 (39.4%)
Have you ever worked on a political campaign or for any organization that supports candidates?	27 (0.7%)	122 (3.2%)	445 (11.8%)	3169 (84.2%)
Have you ever contributed money to a candidate, a political party, or any organization that supports candidates?	29 (0.8%)	342 (9.1%)	492 (13.1%)	2900 (77.1%)
Have you ever avoided buying something or purposefully bought something in order to register a protest or send a message?	36 (0.9%)	705 (18.7%)	706 (18.8%)	2317 (61.6%)
Have you attended a community meeting such as school board or city council?	32 (0.8%)	449 (11.9%)	997 (26.5%)	2285 (60.7%)
	Refused	Yes, within last 12 months	Yes, but not within last 12 months	No, haven't done it

Questions held for future release

Base: Ask if Reg=4 (not registered)

R2. [S] N=1162 (30.9%)

Have you ever been registered to vote in the past?

-1	Refused	11 (0.9%)
1	Yes	406 (35.0%)
2	No	744 (64.1%)

Base: Ask if REG=3 OR 4 (registered but address out of date OR not registered)

R3. [M] N=1300 (34.6%)

Please check as many of the following reasons that apply to why [if REG=3 insert “your registration is not up to date” / if REG=4 insert “you are not registered”].

-1	Refused	8 (0.6%)
1	I don't want to vote, so I don't need to register [Go to R4]	567 (43.6%)
2	It's not convenient	119 (9.1%)
3	I don't know how to register	72 (5.5%)
4	I don't want to register for privacy or security reasons	138 (10.6%)
5	I intend to register, but haven't gotten around to it	357 (27.5%)
6	Registration opportunities are not available in my preferred language or in a format that is accessible to me	9 (0.7%)
7	I am not eligible due to a felony conviction	70 (5.4%)
8	There has not been a candidate or issue that has inspired me to register	326 (25.1%)

Base: Ask if R3=1 (Don't want to vote)

R4. [Grid] N=567 (15.1%)

The following are some reasons why someone would not want to vote. Please indicate which is a Major Reason, Minor Reason, or Not a Reason why you do not want to vote.

	Refused	Major Reason	Minor Reason	Not a Reason
I'm not interested in what is happening in government.	4 (0.7%)	104 (18.3%)	161 (28.4%)	298 (52.6%)
Voting has little to do with the way real decisions are made.	5 (0.9%)	201 (35.5%)	134 (23.6%)	227 (40.0%)
I just don't think about doing it.	4 (0.7%)	97 (17.2%)	131 (23.0%)	335 (59.1%)
I don't see a difference between the candidates or parties.	5 (0.9%)	137 (24.2%)	130 (23.0%)	294 (51.9%)
I don't like any of the candidates on the ballot.	5 (0.9%)	177 (31.2%)	120 (21.2%)	265 (46.7%)

I'm not informed enough about the candidates or issues to make a good decision.	5 (0.9%)	94 (16.5%)	132 (23.2%)	337 (59.3%)
I dislike politics.	4 (0.7%)	227 (40.0%)	143 (25.2%)	193 (34.1%)
My one vote isn't going to affect how things turn out.	5 (0.9%)	167 (29.5%)	149 (26.2%)	246 (43.4%)
I have been unable to vote due to a disability or language barrier.	7 (1.2%)	19 (3.4%)	36 (6.4%)	505 (89.0%)
I am too busy to vote.	5 (0.9%)	33 (5.8%)	95 (16.8%)	434 (76.4%)
My religion discourages voting.	5 (0.9%)	78 (13.8%)	23 (4.1%)	461 (81.2%)

Base: Ask if R4=more than one Major Reason or selected multiple Minor Reasons and no major reason

R4_major. [S] N=496 (13.2%)

Which is the most important reason why you don't want to vote.

-1	Refused	2 (0.3%)
1	I'm not interested in what is happening in government.	31 (6.3%)
2	Voting has little to do with the way real decisions are made.	82 (16.6%)
3	I just don't think about doing it.	28 (5.7%)
4	I don't see a difference between the candidates or parties.	37 (7.4%)
5	I don't like any of the candidates on the ballot.	51 (10.2%)
6	I'm not informed enough about the candidates or issues to make a good decision.	29 (5.9%)
7	I dislike politics.	92 (18.6%)
8	My one vote isn't going to affect how things turn out.	67 (13.5%)
9	I have been unable to vote due to a disability or language barrier.	4 (0.8%)
10	I am too busy to vote.	9 (1.9%)
11	My religion discourages voting.	64 (12.8%)

Base: Ask if "I am too busy to vote" at R4=Major Reason or Minor Reason

R4a. [O, large textbox] N=128 total asked (3.4%)

N=80 responded (62.5%) Refused=48 (37.5%)

Please describe what part of the voting process is too time-consuming or difficult to fit into your schedule.

Base: Ask all

R5. [M] N=3763 (100%)

Have you been asked to register to vote in any of the following ways?

-1	Refused	17 (0.5%)
1	Asked by a candidate or political group	316 (8.4%)
2	Asked by a religious group	122 (3.2%)
3	Asked by a civic organization or another group that was not political or religious	273 (7.3%)
4	Asked by a friend or family member	425 (11.3%)
5	Asked by an official at a motor vehicle agency, social service agency, or other government office	649 (17.2%)
6	Asked at school or as part of a class	238 (6.3%)
7	I have never been asked to register [S]	2311 (61.4%)

Base: Ask if Reg=3 OR 4

R7. [S] N=1300 (34.6%)

Is there anything that would lead you to [if Reg=3 insert "update your registration" / if Reg=4 insert "register"] in the future?

-1	Refused	11 (0.9%)
1	No	551 (42.4%)
2	Maybe	574 (44.1%)
3	Yes (please specify) [O]	165 (12.7%)

Base: Ask all

V1. [S] N=3763 (100%)

We know that most people don't vote in all elections. Usually between one-quarter to one-half of those eligible actually come out to vote. Of the following options, which do you think is the main reason why most people don't vote?

-1	Refused	93 (2.5%)
1	People are apathetic. They are uninformed about the political process and don't care who wins elections.	863 (22.9%)
2	They believe that their vote won't count. They don't trust the political system.	1059 (28.2%)
3	They don't like the candidates who are running or the politics and issues impacting the race.	498 (13.2%)
4	They don't think that their vote can make a difference in the outcome of the election.	1096 (29.1%)
5	They don't have time to vote or are unable to vote due to legal barriers.	155 (4.1%)