



Less than 6 months

On November 4, 2008, how long had you resided in this country?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.	Were you a U.S. citizen on November 4, 2008?			Less than 6 months
	∀es			6 months to less than 1 year
	No No			1 year to less than 2 years
2.	What was your age on November 4, 2008?			2 years to less than 3 years
	17 years old or younger			3 years or more
	X 18 to 24 years old	7	-	Family members include your spouse and
	25 to 29 years old			anyone of voting age (18 years old and older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or
	30 to 34 years old			adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not counting yourself,
	35 to 44 years old			how many family members who were at least
	¥5 years old or older			18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?
3.	In 2008, were you registered to vote in the			⋈ 0
	U.S.?			
	No No			⋈ 2
4.	On November 4, 2008, how long had you lived			☑ 3
4.	outside the U.S.?			4
	Less than 1 year			5 or more
	1 year to less than 3 years	8		Your legal voting residence is the state or
	3 years to less than 6 years			territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. The right
	6 years to less than 10 years			to vote extends to overseas citizens even
	10 years or more			though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence
	Did not live outside the U.S. on November 4, 2008			and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. As of the November 4, 2008
5.	On November 4, 2008, in what overseas country were you residing? <i>Please enter the name of the country in the box below.</i>			election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please select from the list below one of the 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession.

2008 ELECTION

- 9. How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008?
 - Very interested
 - Somewhat interested
 - Neither interested nor uninterested
 - Somewhat uninterested
 - X Very uninterested
- 10. A lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they didn't have time, or something else happened to prevent them from voting. And sometimes, people who USUALLY vote or who PLANNED to vote forget that something UNUSUAL happened on election day this year that prevented them from voting THIS time. So please think carefully for a minute about the election held on November 4, 2008, and past elections in which you may have voted, and answer the following questions. During the past 6 years, did you usually vote in national, state, and local elections, or did you usually not vote?
 - ✓ Usually voted
 - X Usually did not vote
- 11. During the months leading up to the election held on November 4, 2008, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote?
 - Did plan to vote
 - Did not plan to vote
- 12. In the election held on November 4, 2008, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, 2008, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?
 - Definitely voted in person
 - Definitely voted by mail or fax
 - Definitely did not vote
 - X Not sure

13. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely did not vote'] Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? *Mark* Yes or *No for each reason.*

			No
	,	′ es	
a.	I was not interested in voting	X	X
b.	I was too busy to vote	X	X
c.	I forgot to vote	X	X
d.	I could not register to vote	X	X
e.	I had no candidate preference	X	\boxtimes
f. g.	I did not think my vote would matter I did not know how to get an absentee ballot	\times	
h.	My absentee ballot arrived too late	X	\times
i. j.	My absentee ballot did not arrive at all The absentee voting process was too complicated	\times	
k.	I was concerned about federal or state income tax liability	X	X
l.	Some other reason	\times	X

[Ask if Q13 I = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

- 14. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely did not vote'] Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
 - X Yes
 - No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official
 - No, and I never received an absentee ballot

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- 15. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] In what month did you first request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
 - July 2008 or earlier
 - X August 2008
 - September 2008
 - October 2008
 - November 2008
 - Do not recall
- 16. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election or did you use another method?
 - I used the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
 - I used another method

[Ask if Q16 = 'I used another method'] Please specify your other method.

17. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q16 = 'I used the FPCA'] Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

	· ·		No
		Yes	
a.	From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site		\boxtimes
b.	From some other contact with FVAP		\geq
c.	Through military channels		X
d.	From a U.S. Embassy or consulate		\times
e.	From a state or local election official	🔀	\times
f.	From an overseas organization or company		\boxtimes
g.	From another non-FVAP Web site		X
h.	From a military post office		X
i	Some other source	\times	X

[Ask if Q17 i = 'Yes'] Please specify your other source.

18. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/ district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been

X Yes

received?

X No

No not recall

- 19. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
 - Yes
 - No.
- 20. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes'] When did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
 - X August 2008
 - September 2008
 - October 2008
 - November 2008
 - Do not recall
- 21. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes'] Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
 - X Yes

No No

ć	Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes' and Q21 = 'Yes'] When did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election? August 2008 September 2008	25.	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'Yes'] When did you complete and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election?
	October 2008 November 2008		Do not recall
() () () () () () () () () () () () () (Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = Yes'] The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot FWAB) (Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot completed and returned if you are overseas and do not receive your regular absentee ballot. Did you use the FWAB in the November 1, 2008 election? Yes No Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = Yes') and Q23 = 'Yes'] Did you obtain your	26.	[Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'No'] What is the ONE MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election? <i>Mark only one</i> . ☐ I did not know about the FWAB ☐ I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one ☐ I knew about it, but could not get one ☐ I had difficulty filling it out ☐ I had already returned a regular absentee ballot ☐ Some other reason ☐ [Ask if Q26 = 'Some other reason'] Please specify your other reason.
t f	Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from the following sources? <i>Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.</i>		
	No		VOTING ASSISTANCE
t c	A. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site D. From some other contact with FVAP D. Through military channels D. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate D. From a state or local election official D. From an overseas organization or company D. From another non-FVAP Web site	27.	Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens who wish to vote. Embassies, consulates, and military units have assigned VAOs to carry out this responsibility. During 2008, did you receive voting information or assistance from a VAO? Yes No

28. [Ask if Q27 = 'Yes'] During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)?

Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	Determining my eligibility to vote	\times	X
b.	Understanding the absentee voting process		\boxtimes
C.	Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	X	\boxtimes
d.	Completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)		
e.	Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)		\boxtimes
f.	Completing the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)		\boxtimes
g.	Finding information on candidates/issues	\times	\boxtimes
h.	Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)		\boxtimes
i.	Some other voting information or assistance	X	X

[Ask if Q28 i = 'Yes'] Please specify other voting information or assistance.

- 29. [Ask if Q27 = 'Yes'] Overall, in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)?
 - Very satisfied
 - Satisfied
 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 - Dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied
- 30. [Ask if Q27 = 'No'] Did you not receive voting information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	I did not know I could get information or assistance from the VAO	X	\boxtimes
b.	I did not have a VAO	X	\times
c.	I did not know who my VAO was	X	X
d.	I did not know how to contact my VAO	X	\boxtimes
e.	My VAO was not available when I needed assistance	X	\boxtimes
f.	My VAO was not helpful when I needed	X	X

		Yes
g.	My VAO did not have the materials or information I needed	
h.	I did not need any voting information or assistance	
i.	Some other reason	
[A:	sk if Q30 i = 'Yes'] Please specify you	ur othe
rea	ison.	

- 31. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, www.fvap.gov provides voting-related information and resources. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you visit this Web site?
 - X Yes
 - No.
- 32. [Ask if Q31 = 'Yes'] In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? Mark one.
 - **One**
 - X Two to four
 - X Five to ten
 - Eleven or more
 - Do not recall
- 33. [Ask if Q31 = 'Yes'] Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site when you visited it in 2008?
 - Very satisfied
 - X Satisfied
 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 - Dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied

34.	[Ask if Q31 = 'No'] Did you not visit the Federal
	Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in
	2008 for any of the following reasons? <i>Mark</i>
	"Yes" or "No" for each item.

	No		
	Yes		
a.	I did not know about it		
b.	I did not have Internet access		
c.	I knew about it, but did not know the Web site address		
d.	I got all the information I needed from other sources		
e.	I did not think it would be useful		
f.	Some other reason		
[Ask if Q34 f = 'Yes'] Please specify your other			
reason.			

35.	The Department of Defense 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and
	requesting an absentee ballot. In preparation
	for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about
	registering to vote or requesting an absentee
	ballot?

X Yes

X No

36. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a. b.	From the Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site		
c.	From another Web site on the Internet	. X	\boxtimes
d.	From a CD ROM	\times	\times
e.	Some other source	\times	\times
_	sk if Q36 e = 'Yes'] Please specify your urce.	othe	er

37. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	How to register and vote absentee		\boxtimes
b.	Dates of elections and deadlines		\times
C.	How to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for your state		\boxtimes
d.	Mailing address for Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or ballot		\boxtimes
e.	How to transmit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voted ballot by fax		\boxtimes
f.	How to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)		\boxtimes
g.	Web site addresses	🗙	X
h.	Where to go for help		X
i.	Other type of voting-related information	/	X
[A:	sk if Q37 i = 'Yes'] Please specify the o	other	

38. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] Overall, how would you rate the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) as a reference on absentee voting procedures?

type of voting-related information.

X Very good

X Good

X Fair

N Poor

X Very poor

39. [Ask if Q35 = 'No'] Did you <u>not</u> use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	I did not know about it	\times	X
b.	I knew about it, but could not get a copy	\times	\times
C.	I got all the information I needed from another source	X	X
d.	Some other reason	\times	X
-	sk if Q39 d = 'Yes'] Please specify your	othe	er

40. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides a toll-free telephone service from many countries that allows a caller to ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance. Did you use this service to talk with a FVAP staff member in 2008?

X Yes

41. [Ask if Q40 = 'Yes'] Overall, how satisfied or

dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2008 when you called the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

42. [Ask if Q40 = 'No'] Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

No Yes I did not know about it..... I knew about it, but I did not know what it was for I knew about it, but I did not know the telephone number..... I got all the information I needed from other sources..... e. I did not need it It was a long-distance call..... I could not get through A toll-free number is not available in my country of residence Some other reason

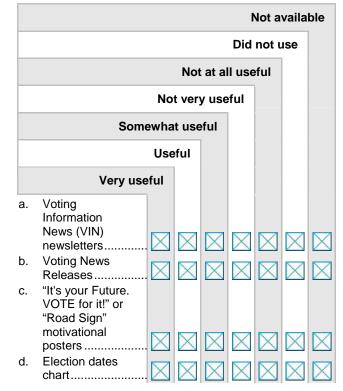
[Ask if Q42 i = 'Some other reason'] Please specify your other reason.

OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

43. If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item.

	Not available									
Did not use										
			Very	diss	atisf	ied				
			Diss	atisf	ied					
ı	Neither satisfied nor	diss	atisf	ied						
	Sa	ied								
	Very satisfi	ed								
a.	U.S. Embassy or consulate		X		X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes		
b.	Other Federal agency/									
	agencies	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes		
C.	Political organizations	X	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes		
d.	Other private									
	organization or company	\times	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\times		
e.	State or local election official	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes		

If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item.



Not available										
	Did not use									
	Not at all useful									
Not very useful										
	Some	ewha	t use	ful						
		Use	ful							
Very useful										
e.	How To Do It! Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions		\boxtimes		\boxtimes		\boxtimes			
f.	Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site/CD									
g.	ROM training "Get Out the Vote" public service ad									
	campaign	X	X	\times	X	X	X	X		

45. If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Not available											
					Did	not ι	ıse					
	Not at all useful											
Not very useful												
Somewhat useful												
		Use	eful				Ť					
	Very use	eful										
a.	Local television, radio and print media		X		\boxtimes		\times					
b.	CNN International	\boxtimes	X		X		X					
c.	Armed Forces Radio/TV	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes				
d.	International Herald Tribune	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes				
e.	USA Today International	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes	X	\boxtimes				
f.	Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines,											
	radio, or TV	\boxtimes	X	X	X	X	X	X				
g.	Family or friends											
h.	The Internet											

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

46. Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? *Mark one answer for each item*.

	Yes, but not using the FVAP toll-free far	king	No
	•	vice	
Ye	es, using the FVAP toll-free faxing service		
a.	Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)		\boxtimes
b.	Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot	X	
c.	Ballot	X	\times
d.	Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	X	\boxtimes
e.	Other voting materials	X	X
. = .	sk if Q46 e = 'Yes'] Please specify the citing materials.	other	

47. Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials?

Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

		Yes	
a. o.	Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Non-Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) request for absentee ballot		
C.	Ballot		
d.	Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)		
e.	Other voting materials		
	sk if Q47 e = 'Yes'] Please specify other ing materials.	er	
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2006 ELECTION

- 48. Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you -- did you vote in that election?
 - X Yes
 - X No
 - Do not recall
- 49. [Ask if Q48 = 'Yes'] How did you vote in the November 2006 election?
 - I voted in person
 - I voted by absentee ballot
 - Do not recall

COMMENTS

50. In the space below, please provide any comments you have about this questionnaire, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), or the absentee voting process in 2008.





