

# UnderStandingAmericaStudy

UAS 156: 2018 MIDTERM PRE-ELECTION TRACKING POLL 2 OF 3 (OCTOBER  
21-27)



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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This UAS panel survey, titled "UAS 156: 2018 Midterm Pre-Election tracking poll 2 of 3 (October 21-27)" is the second week of the three-week tracking poll. It focuses on voting in the midterm election and issues of relevance to that election. This survey is no longer in the field. Respondents were paid \$3 to complete the survey.

Note: A summary of all UAS midterm polls and their documentation is provided on the Note: prior to March 6, 2024 this variable was called sampletype and had the following value labels for the above list in UAS data sets:

1. Nationally Representative Sample: recruited through ABS within the entire U.S.
2. Native Americans: recruited through ABS in areas with a high concentration of Native Americans. Within these batches, individuals who are not Native Americans are not invited to join the UAS.
3. LA County: recruited through ABS within Los Angeles County.
4. California: recruited through ABS within California.

**batch:** indicates the batch from which the respondent was recruited. Currently, this variable takes the following values (in future data sets the number of batches may increase as new recruitment batches are added to the UAS):

1. Prob Sample, ASDE 2014/01
2. Prob Sample, ASDE 2014/01
3. Prob Sample, ASDE 2014/01
4. Non-Prob Sample, 2015/05
5. Prob Sample, MSG 2015/07
6. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/01
7. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/01
8. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/01
9. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/02
10. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/03
11. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/04
12. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/05
13. Prob Sample, MSG 2016/08

14. Prob Sample, MSG 2017/03
15. Prob Sample, MSG 2017/11
16. Prob Sample, MSG 2018/02
17. Prob Sample, MSG 2018/08
18. Prob Sample, MSG 2019/04
19. Prob Sample, MSG 2019/05
20. Prob Sample, MSG 2019/11
21. Prob Sample, MSG 2020/08
22. Prob Sample, MSG 2020/10
23. Prob Sample, MSG 2021/02
24. Prob Sample, MSG 2021/08
25. Prob Sample, MSG 2021/08
26. Prob Sample, MSG 2022/02
27. Prob Sample, MSG 2022/02
28. Prob Sample, MSG 2022/08
29. Prob Sample, MSG 2022/11
30. Prob Sample, MSG 2022/11
31. Prob Sample, MSG 2023/01
32. Prob Sample, MSG 2023/06
33. Non-Prob Sample, MSG 2023/09
34. Prob Sample, MSG 2023/10

Note: prior to March 6, 2024 this variable had the following value labels for the above list in UAS data sets:

1. ASDE 2014/01 Nat.Rep.
2. ASDE 2014/01 Native Am.
3. ASDE 2014/11 Native Am.
4. LA County 2015/05 List Sample
5. MSG 2015/07 Nat.Rep.

6. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 2
7. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 3
8. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 4
9. MSG 2016/02 Nat.Rep. Batch 5
10. MSG 2016/03 Nat.Rep. Batch 6
11. MSG 2016/04 Nat.Rep. Batch 7
12. MSG 2016/05 Nat.Rep. Batch 8
13. MSG 2016/08 LA County Batch 2
14. MSG 2017/03 LA County Batch 3
15. MSG 2017/11 California Batch 1
16. MSG 2018/02 California Batch 2
17. MSG 2018/08 Nat.Rep. Batch 9
18. MSG 2019/04 LA County Batch 4
19. MSG 2019/05 LA County Batch 5
20. MSG 2019/11 Nat. Rep. Batch 10
21. MSG 2020/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 11
22. MSG 2020/10 Nat. Rep. Batch 12
23. MSG 2021/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 13
24. MSG 2021/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 15
25. MSG 2021/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 16
26. MSG 2022/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 17 (priority)
27. MSG 2022/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 17 (regular)
28. MSG 2022/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 18
29. MSG 2022/11 LA County Batch 6
30. MSG 2022/11 Nat. Rep. Batch 20
31. MSG 2023/01 Nat. Rep. Batch 21
32. MSG 2023/06 Nat. Rep. Batch 22
33. MSG 2023-09 Native Am. Batch 3

#### 34. MSG 2023-10 Nat. Rep. Batch 23

**primary\_respondent:** indicates if the respondent was the first person within the household (i.e. to become a member or whether s/he was added as a subsequent member. A household in this regard is broadly defined as anyone living together with the primary respondent. That is, a household comprises individuals who live together, e.g. as part of a family relationship (like a spouse/child/parent) or in context of some other relationship (like a roommate or tenant).

**hardware:** indicates whether the respondent ever received hardware or not. Note: this variable should not be used to determine whether a respondent received hardware at a given point in time and/or whether s/he used the hardware to participate in a survey. Rather, it indicates whether hardware was ever provided:

1. None
2. Tablet (includes Internet)

**language:** the language in which the survey was conducted. This variable takes a value of 1 for English and a value of 2 for Spanish.

**start\_date (start\_year, start\_month, start\_day, start\_hour, start\_min, start\_sec):** indicates the time at which the respondent started the survey.

**end\_date (end\_year, end\_month, end\_day, end\_hour, end\_min, end\_sec):** indicates the time at which the respondent completed the survey.

**cs\_001:** indicates how interesting the respondent found the survey.

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## 2 BACKGROUND DEMOGRAPHICS

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Every UAS survey data set includes demographic variables, which provide background information about the respondent and his/her household. Demographic information such as age, ethnicity, education, marital status, work status, state of residence, family structure is elicited every quarter through the “My Household” survey. The demographic variables provided with each survey are taken from the most recent ‘MyHousehold’ survey answered by the respondent. If at the time of a survey, the information in “My Household” is more than three months old, a respondent is required to check and update his or her information before being able to take the survey.

The following variables are available in each survey data set:

- **gender**: the gender of the respondent.
- **dateofbirth\_year**: the year of birth of the respondent.
- **age**: the age of the respondent at the start of the survey.
- **agerange**: if the respondent’s age cannot be calculate due to missing information, ‘agerange’ indicates the approximate age. Should a value for both the ‘age’ and ‘agerange’ be present, then ‘age’ takes precedence over ‘agerange’.
- **citizenus**: indicates whether the respondent is a U.S. citizen.
- **bornus**: indicates whether the respondent was born in the U.S.
- **stateborn**: indicates the state in which the respondent was born. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent was not born in the U.S.
- **countryborn**: indicates the country in which the respondent was born. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent was born in the U.S.
- **countryborn\_other**: indicates the country of birth if that country is not on the drop down list of countries shown to the respondent’.
- **statereside**: the state in which the respondent is living.
- **immigration\_status**: indicates whether the respondent is an immigrant. It takes one of the following values: 0 Non-immigrant, 1 First generation immigrant (immigrant who migrated to the U.S), 2 Second generation immigrant (U.S.-born children of at least one foreign-born parent), 3 Third generation immigrant (U.S.-born children of at least one U.S.-born parent, where at least one grandparent is foreign-born), or 4 Unknown immigrant status.
- **maritalstatus**: the marital status of the respondent.
- **livewithpartner**: indicates whether the respondent lives with a partner.

- **education**: the highest level of education attained by the respondent.
- **hisplatin**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as being Hispanic or Latino. This variable is asked separately from race.
- **hisplatinogroup**: indicates which Hispanic or Latino group a respondent identifies him or herself with. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent does not identify him or herself as being Hispanic or Latino.
- **white**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as white (Caucasian).
- **black**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as black (African-American).
- **nativeamer**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as Native American (American Indian or Alaska Native).
- **asian**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as Asian (Asian-American).
- **pacific**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.
- **race**: indicates the race of the respondent as singular (e.g., '1 White' or '2 Black') or as mixed (in case the respondent identifies with two or more races). The value '6 Mixed' that the respondent answered 'Yes' to at least two of the single race categories. This variable is generated based on the values of the different race variables (white, black, nativeamer, asian, pacific). This composite measure is not conditional on hisplatin, so an individual may identify as Hispanic or Latino, and also as a member of one or more racial groups.
- **working**: indicates whether the respondent is working for pay.
- **sick\_leave**: indicates whether the respondent is not working because sick or on leave.
- **unemp\_layoff**: indicates whether the respondent is unemployed or on lay off.
- **unemp\_look**: indicates whether the respondent is unemployed and looking for a job.
- **retired**: indicates whether the respondent is retired.
- **disabled**: indicates whether the respondent has a disability.
- **If\_other**: specifies other labor force status.
- **laborstatus**: indicates the labor force status of the respondent as singular (e.g., '1 Working for pay' or '2 On sick or other leave') or as mixed (in case the respondent selects two or more labor statuses). The value '8 Mixed' indicates that the respondent answered 'Yes' to at least two of the single labor force status variables. This variable is generated based on the values of the different labor status variables (working, sick\_leave, unempl\_layoff, unempl\_look, retired, disabled, If\_other).



- **employmenttype**: indicates the employment type of the respondent (employed by the government, by a private company, a nonprofit organization, or self-employed). This is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- **workfullpart**: indicates whether the respondent works full or part-time. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- **hourswork**: indicates the number of hours the respondent works per week. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- **hhincome**: is the total combined income of all members of the respondent's household (living in their household) during the past 12 months.
- **anyhhmember**: indicates whether there were any members in the respondent's household at the time he/she answered the survey as reported by the respondent.
- **hhmembernumber**: indicates the number of household members in the respondent's household at the time of the survey as reported by the respondent. It may be that 'anyhhmember' is 'Yes', but 'hhmembernumber' is missing if the respondent did not provide the number of household members at the time of the survey.
- **hhmemberin\_#**: indicates whether a household member is currently in the household as reported by the respondent. Household members are never removed from the stored household roster and their information is always included in survey data sets. The order of the roster is the same order in which household members were specified by the respondent in the 'MyHousehold' survey. The order is identified by the suffix \_# (e.g., \_1 indicates the first household member, \_2 the second household member, etc.).

As an example, if the first household member is in the household at the time of the survey, 'hhmemberin\_1' is set to '1 HH Member 1 is in the HH'; if he/she has moved out, 'hhmemberin\_1' is set to '0 HH member 1 is no longer in the HH'. Since information of other household members (stored in the variables listed below) is always included in survey data sets, information about 'hhmemberin\_1' is available whether this person is still in the household or has moved out.

- **hhmembergen\_#**: indicates the gender of another household member as reported by the respondent.
- **hhmemberage\_#**: indicates the age of another household member. The age is derived from the month and year of birth of the household member as reported by the respondent.
- **hhmemberrel\_#**: indicates the relationship of the respondent to the other household member as reported by the respondent.

- **hhmemberuasid\_#**: is the 'uasid' of the other household member if this person is also a UAS panel member. It is set to missing (.) if this person is not a UAS panel member at the time of the survey. Since this identifier is directly reported by the respondent (chosen from a preloaded list), it may differ from the actual (correct) 'uasid' of the UAS member it refers to because of reporting error. Also, this variable should not be used to identify UAS members in a given household at the time of the survey. This is because the variables 'hhmemberuasid\_#' are taken from the most recent 'My Household' and changes in household composition involving UAS members may have occurred between the time of the respondent answered 'My Household' and the time the respondent answers the survey. To follow UAS members of a given household, it is advised to use the identifiers 'uashhid' and 'survhhid'.
- **lastmyhh\_date**: the date on which the demographics variables were collected through the 'My Household' survey.

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### 3 MISSING DATA CONVENTIONS

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Data files provide so-called clean data, that is, answers given to questions that are not applicable anymore at survey completion (for example because a respondent went back in the survey and skipped over a previously answered question) are treated as if the questions were never asked. In the data files all questions that were asked, but not answered by the respondent are marked with (.e). All questions never seen by the respondent (or any dirty data) are marked with (.a). The latter may mean that a respondent did not view the question because s/he skipped over it; or alternatively that s/he never reached that question due to a break off. If a respondent did not complete a survey, the variables representing survey end date and time are marked with (.c). Household member variables are marked with (.m) if the respondent has less household members (e.g. if the number of household members is 2, any variables for household member 3 and up are marked with (.m)).

UAS provides data in STATA and CSV format. Stata data sets come with include variable labels that are not available in the CSV files. Value labels are provided for single-response answer option. In STATA these labels will include the labels 'Not asked' and 'Not answered' for (.a) and (.e), and will show in tabulations such as 'tab q1, missing'. For multiple-response questions a binary variable is created for each answer option indicating whether the option was selected or not. A summary variable is also provided in string format reflecting which options were selected and in which order. For example, if a question asked about favorite animals with options cat, dog, and horse, then if a respondent selected horse and then cat, the binary variables for horse and cat will be set to yes, while the overall variable would have a string value of '3-1'. If no answer was given, all binary variables and the summary variable will be marked with '.e'.

Questions that are asked multiple times are often implemented as so-called array questions. Supposing the name of such question was Q1 and it was asked in 6 different instances, your data set would contain the variables Q1\_1\_ to Q1\_6\_. To illustrate, if a survey asked the names of all children, then child\_1\_ would contain the name of the first child the respondent named and so on.

More information about the UAS data in general can be found on the UAS Data Pages web site.

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## 4 ROUTING SYNTAX

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The survey with routing presented in the next section includes all of the questions that make up this survey, the question answers when choices were provided, and the question routing. The routing includes descriptions of when questions are grouped, conditional logic that determines when questions are presented to the respondent, randomization of questions and answers, and fills of answers from one question to another.

If you are unfamiliar with conditional logic statements, they are typically formatted so that **if** the respondent fulfills some condition (e.g. they have a cellphone or a checking account), **then** they are presented with some other question or the value of some variable is changed. If the respondent does not fulfill the condition (e.g. they are not a cellphone adopter or they do not have a checking account), something **else** happens such as skipping the next question or changing the variable to some other value. Some of the logic involved in the randomization of questions or answers being presented to the respondent is quite complex, and in these instances there is documentation to clarify the process being represented by the routing.

Because logic syntax standards vary, here is a brief introduction to our syntax standards. The syntax used in the conditional statements is as follows: '=' is equal to, '<' is less than, '>' is greater than, and '!= ' is used for does not equal. When a variable is set to some number N, the statement looks like 'variable := N'.

The formatting of the questions and routing are designed to make it easier to interpret what is occurring at any given point in the survey. Question ID is the bold text at the top of a question block, followed by the question text and the answer selections. When a question or variable has associated data, the name links to the appropriate data page, so you can easily get directly to the data. Text color is used to indicate the routing: **red** is conditional logic, **gold** is question grouping, **green** is looping, and **orange** is used to document randomization and other complex conditional logic processes. The routing is written for a computer to parse rather than a human to read, so when the routing diverges significantly from what is displayed to the respondent, a screenshot of what the respondent saw is included.

The name of the randomization variables are defined in proximity to where they are put into play, and like the question ID the names of the randomization variables can be used to link directly to the associated data page.

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## 5 SURVEY WITH ROUTING

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Start of section **Approval**

**introduction2** (Section Poll)

*Thank you for agreeing to participate in the UAS pre-election tracking poll! We appreciate your weekly participation. The first questions ask about how you feel about some people currently in the news.*

*/\* The answer options in ap\_001 and ap\_002 are presented in random order per ap\_answer\_randomizer variable:*

- o 1: Disapprove strongly to approve strongly*
- o 2: Approve strongly to disapprove strongly*

*\*/*

**IF** ap\_answer\_randomizer = EMPTY **THEN**

| ap\_answer\_randomizer := mt\_rand(1,2)

**END OF IF**

*/\* The questions ap\_001 and ap\_002 are asked in random order per ap\_question\_randomizer variable:*

- o 1: Trump, then Pelosi*
- o 2: Pelosi, then Trump*

*\*/*

**IF** ap\_question\_order = EMPTY **THEN**

| ap\_question\_order := mt\_rand(1,2)

**END OF IF**

**IF** ap\_answer\_randomizer = 1 **THEN**

| ap\_answer\_order(1) := 1  
| ap\_answer\_order(2) := 2  
| ap\_answer\_order(3) := 3  
| ap\_answer\_order(4) := 4  
| ap\_answer\_order(5) := 5

**ELSE**

| ap\_answer\_order(1) := 4  
| ap\_answer\_order(2) := 3  
| ap\_answer\_order(3) := 2

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ap_answer_order(4) := 1  
ap_answer_order(5) := 5
```

END OF IF

Fill code of question FL\_approve executed

IF ap\_question\_order = 1 THEN

**ap\_001** (trump job approval in section Approval)

Do you (disapprove) or (approve) of the job being done by Donald Trump as president of the United States?

- 1 Disapprove strongly
- 2 Disapprove somewhat
- 3 Approve somewhat
- 4 Approve strongly
- 5 Neither approve nor disapprove

**ap\_002** (pelosi job approval in section Approval)

Do you (disapprove) or (approve) of the job being done by Nancy Pelosi, as minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

- 1 Disapprove strongly
- 2 Disapprove somewhat
- 3 Approve somewhat
- 4 Approve strongly
- 5 Neither approve nor disapprove

ELSE

**ap\_002** (pelosi job approval in section Approval)

Do you (disapprove) or (approve) of the job being done by Nancy Pelosi, as minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

- 1 Disapprove strongly
- 2 Disapprove somewhat
- 3 Approve somewhat
- 4 Approve strongly
- 5 Neither approve nor disapprove

**ap\_001** (trump job approval in section Approval)

Do you (disapprove) or (approve) of the job being done by Donald Trump as president of the United States?

- 1 Disapprove strongly
- 2 Disapprove somewhat
- 3 Approve somewhat
- 4 Approve strongly
- 5 Neither approve nor disapprove

END OF IF

End of section **Approval**

Start of section **Poll**

**introduction1** (Section Poll)

*Thinking now about the election in November to elect members of the U.S. House of Representatives, governors, and other state and local officials. These elections are often referred to as the "midterms".*

**poll.q1** (Voted early in the midterm election in section Poll)

Which of the following describes whether or not you have already voted in the midterm election?

1 I have already voted (i.e. by mailing a vote-by-mail or absentee ballot, or by voting in person at an early voting location, or some other way)

2 I have not voted

**IF poll.q1 = 1 THEN**

**poll.q1a** (Who voted early in the midterm election in section Poll)

In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for a Democrat, a Republican, or a candidate from some other party?

1 Democrat

2 Republican

3 Other party candidate

4 I voted in other elections but not in the election for U.S. House of Representatives

**ELSE**

**poll.q4** (Likelihood of Voting in Congressional Election in section Poll)

What is the percent chance that you will vote in the 2018 election for the U.S. House of Representatives?

RANGE 0..100

*/\* The questions poll.q5 and poll.q6 are asked in random order per poll.q5\_q6\_randomizer variable:*

*o 1: poll.q5, then poll.q6*

*o 2: poll.q6, then poll.q5*

*\*/*

**IF poll.q5\_q6\_order = EMPTY THEN**

**|** poll.q5\_q6\_order := mt\_rand(1,2)

**END OF IF**

*/\* The answer options in poll.q5 are presented in random order per poll.q5\_randomizer*

variable:

- o 1: Democratic, then Republican
- o 2: Republican, then Democratic

\*/

IF poll.q5.randomizer = EMPTY THEN

| poll.q5.randomizer := mt.rand(1,2)

END OF IF

poll.q6.randomizer := poll.q5.randomizer

poll.q6a.randomizer := poll.q5.randomizer

Fill code of question FL\_Q5 executed

IF poll.q6.randomizer = 1 THEN

| poll.q6.options(1) := 1

| poll.q6.options(2) := 2

| poll.q6.options(3) := 3

| poll.q6.options(4) := 4

| poll.q6.options(5) := 5

ELSE

| poll.q6.options(1) := 2

| poll.q6.options(2) := 1

| poll.q6.options(3) := 3

| poll.q6.options(4) := 4

| poll.q6.options(5) := 5

END OF IF

IF poll.q5.q6.order = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**poll.q5a** (Section Poll)

If you do vote in the election for the U.S. House of Representatives, what is the percent chance that you will vote for the( Democratic) candidate? For the( Republican) candidate? For another party's candidate?

IF poll.q5.randomizer = 1 THEN

**poll.q5.democrat** (Percent chance of voting for Democrat in section Poll)

For the **Democratic** candidate?

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)



**poll\_q5\_republican** (Percent chance of voting for GOP in section Poll)  
For the **Republican** candidate?  
NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_other** (Percent chance of voting for other in section Poll)  
For **another party's** candidate  
NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

ELSE

**poll\_q5\_republican** (Percent chance of voting for GOP in section Poll)  
For the **Republican** candidate?  
NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_democrat** (Percent chance of voting for Democrat in section Poll)  
For the **Democratic** candidate?  
NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_other** (Percent chance of voting for other in section Poll)  
For **another party's** candidate  
NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

END OF IF

**poll\_q5\_error** (Section Poll)  
Please make sure the total equals 100% and no entry exceeds 100%.

END OF GROUP

**poll\_q6** (Generic Congressional in section Poll)  
If the 2018 election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today in your district, which party's candidate would you vote for?  
1 Democratic candidate  
2 Republican candidate  
3 Another party's candidate  
4 Not sure  
5 Wouldn't vote

IF poll.Q6 = 4 THEN

IF poll.q6a\_randomizer = 1 THEN

poll.q6a\_options(1) := 1  
poll.q6a\_options(2) := 2  
poll.q6a\_options(3) := 3

ELSE

```
poll_q6a_options(1) := 2
poll_q6a_options(2) := 1
poll_q6a_options(3) := 3
```

END OF IF

**poll\_q6a** (district lean toward in section Poll)

As of now, do you **lean** more toward voting for the (q6a answer options order(1)) or the (q6a answer options order(2)) or another party's candidate in your district?

- 1 Democratic candidate
- 2 Republican candidate
- 3 Another party's candidate

END OF IF

ELSE

**poll\_q6** (Generic Congressional in section Poll)

If the 2018 election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today in your district, which party's candidate would you vote for?

- 1 Democratic candidate
- 2 Republican candidate
- 3 Another party's candidate
- 4 Not sure
- 5 Wouldn't vote

IF poll\_Q6 = 4 THEN

IF poll\_q6a\_randomizer = EMPTY THEN

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poll_q6a_randomizer := mt_rand(1,2)
```

END OF IF

IF poll\_q6a\_randomizer = 1 THEN

```
poll_q6a_options(1) := 1
poll_q6a_options(2) := 2
poll_q6a_options(3) := 3
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ELSE

```
poll_q6a_options(1) := 2
poll_q6a_options(2) := 1
poll_q6a_options(3) := 3
```

END OF IF

**poll\_q6a** (district lean toward in section Poll)

As of now, do you **lean** more toward voting for the (q6a answer options order(1)) or the (q6a answer options order(2)) or another party's candidate in your district?

- 1 Democratic candidate
- 2 Republican candidate

| 3 Another party's candidate

END OF IF

#### GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**poll\_q5a** (Section Poll)

If you do vote in the election for the U.S. House of Representatives, what is the percent chance that you will vote for the( Democratic) candidate? For the( Republican) candidate? For another party's candidate?

IF poll\_q5\_randomizer = 1 THEN

**poll\_q5\_democrat** (Percent chance of voting for Democrat in section Poll)

For the **Democratic** candidate?

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_republican** (Percent chance of voting for GOP in section Poll)

For the **Republican** candidate?

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_other** (Percent chance of voting for other in section Poll)

For **another party's** candidate

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

ELSE

**poll\_q5\_republican** (Percent chance of voting for GOP in section Poll)

For the **Republican** candidate?

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_democrat** (Percent chance of voting for Democrat in section Poll)

For the **Democratic** candidate?

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

**poll\_q5\_other** (Percent chance of voting for other in section Poll)

For **another party's** candidate

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

END OF IF

**poll\_q5.error** (Section Poll)

Please make sure the total equals 100% and no entry exceeds 100%.

END OF GROUP

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| END OF IF
END OF IF
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**poll.q7** (interest November election in section Poll)

Have you been following the news about the November election? If so, how closely?

- 1 Have not been following
- 2 Following, not very closely
- 3 Following somewhat closely
- 4 Following very closely
- 5 Following extremely closely

/\* The answer options in poll.q8 are presented in random order per poll.q8\_randomizer variable:

- o 1: Support, then opposition
- o 2: Opposition, then support

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```
IF poll.q8_randomizer = EMPTY THEN
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```
| poll.q8_randomizer := mt_rand(1,2)
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```
END OF IF
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```
IF poll.q8_randomizer = 1 THEN
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```
| poll.q8_order(1) := 1
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| poll.q8_order(2) := 2
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```
| poll.q8_order(3) := 3
```

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ELSE
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| poll.q8_order(1) := 2
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| poll.q8_order(2) := 1
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| poll.q8_order(3) := 3
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END OF IF
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**poll.q8** (vote expression in section Poll)

Thinking about your vote for Congress in November, which of the following comes closest to representing your view?

- 1 My vote was, or will be, an expression of support for President Trump
- 2 My vote was, or will be, an expression of opposition to President Trump
- 3 My vote was not, or will not be, an expression of either support or opposition to President Trump

End of section **Poll**

Start of section **Additional**

**wk2\_intro** (Section Additional)

The next questions ask about claims being made by Democratic and Republican campaigns in recent weeks.

/\* The questions wk2\_001a, wk2\_001b and wk2\_002a, wk2\_002b are asked in random order per wk2\_question\_order variable:

- o 1: Democratic, then Republican agenda
- o 2: Republican, then Democratic agenda

\*/

IF wk2\_question\_order = EMPTY THEN

| wk2\_question\_order := mt\_rand(1,2)

END OF IF

/\* The answer options in wk2\_001a and wk2\_002a are presented in random order per wk2\_a\_randomizer variable:

- o 1: Extremely likely to not at all likely
- o 2: Not at all likely to extremely likely

\*/

IF wk2\_a\_randomizer = EMPTY THEN

| wk2\_a\_randomizer := mt\_rand(1,2)

END OF IF

/\* The answer options wk2\_001b and wk2\_002b are presented in random order per wk2\_b\_randomizer variable:

- o 1: Strongly support to strongly oppose
- o 2: Strongly oppose to strongly support

\*/

IF wk2\_b\_randomizer = EMPTY THEN

| wk2\_b\_randomizer := mt\_rand(1,2)

END OF IF

IF wk2\_a\_randomizer = 1 THEN

| wk2\_a\_order(1) := 1

| wk2\_a\_order(2) := 2

| wk2\_a\_order(3) := 3

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wk2_a_order(4) := 4  
wk2_a_order(5) := 5
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ELSE

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wk2_a_order(1) := 5  
wk2_a_order(2) := 4  
wk2_a_order(3) := 3  
wk2_a_order(4) := 2  
wk2_a_order(5) := 1
```

END OF IF

IF wk2\_b\_randomizer = 1 THEN

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wk2_b_order(1) := 1  
wk2_b_order(2) := 2  
wk2_b_order(3) := 3  
wk2_b_order(4) := 4  
wk2_b_order(5) := 5
```

ELSE

```
wk2_b_order(1) := 5  
wk2_b_order(2) := 4  
wk2_b_order(3) := 3  
wk2_b_order(4) := 2  
wk2_b_order(5) := 1
```

END OF IF

IF wk2\_question\_order = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

wk2\_001\_intro (Section Additional)

**Republicans have said: "If the Democrats win a majority in Congress they will enact a liberal Nancy Pelosi agenda of higher taxes, greatly increased government spending and large defense budget cuts."**

wk2\_001a (how likely enact Democratic agenda in section Additional)

If Democrats win a majority of seats in the House, how likely do you think it is that Congress will enact this agenda?

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Not very likely
- 5 Not at all likely

wk2\_001b (support Democratic agenda in section Additional)

Would you support or oppose Congress enacting this agenda?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**wk2\_002.intro** (Section Additional)

**Democrats have said "If Republicans keep a majority in Congress, they will enact a conservative Donald Trump agenda of Medicare and Medicaid cuts as well as tax breaks for the rich and they will end affordable health insurance access for people with preexisting conditions."**

**wk2\_002a** (how likely enact Republican agenda in section Additional)

If Republicans retain a majority in Congress, how likely do you think it is that Congress will enact this agenda?

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Not very likely
- 5 Not at all likely

**wk2\_002b** (support Republican agenda in section Additional)

Would you support or oppose Congress enacting this agenda?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose

END OF GROUP

ELSE

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**wk2\_002.intro** (Section Additional)

**Democrats have said "If Republicans keep a majority in Congress, they will enact a conservative Donald Trump agenda of Medicare and Medicaid cuts as well as tax breaks for the rich and they will end affordable health insurance access for people with preexisting conditions."**

**wk2\_002a** (how likely enact Republican agenda in section Additional)

If Republicans retain a majority in Congress, how likely do you think it is that Congress

will enact this agenda?

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Not very likely
- 5 Not at all likely

**wk2\_002b** (support Republican agenda in section Additional)

Would you support or oppose Congress enacting this agenda?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**wk2\_001\_intro** (Section Additional)

**Republicans have said: "If the Democrats win a majority in Congress they will enact a liberal Nancy Pelosi agenda of higher taxes, greatly increased government spending and large defense budget cuts."**

**wk2\_001a** (how likely enact Democratic agenda in section Additional)

If Democrats win a majority of seats in the House, how likely do you think it is that Congress will enact this agenda?

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Not very likely
- 5 Not at all likely

**wk2\_001b** (support Democratic agenda in section Additional)

Would you support or oppose Congress enacting this agenda?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose

END OF GROUP

END OF IF



IF wk2\_001a IN (1,2,3) AND wk2\_001b IN (3,4,5) AND wk2\_002a IN (1,2,3) AND wk2\_002b IN (3,4,5) THEN

**wk2\_003** (least like to happen in section Additional)

Between the two scenarios, please select which one of the two you would you LEAST like to see happen:

1 Republicans keep a majority in Congress, and enact a conservative Donald Trump agenda of Medicare and Medicaid cuts as well as tax breaks for the rich and they will end affordable health insurance access for people with preexisting conditions.

2 Democrats win a majority in Congress and enact a liberal Nancy Pelosi agenda of higher taxes, greatly increased government spending and large defense budget cuts

END OF IF

End of section **Additional**

Start of section **Background**

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uas149_poll_q2 := getUAS149Preload("poll_q2")
uas149_poll_q2a := getUAS149Preload("poll_q2a")
uas149_poll_q3 := getUAS149Preload("poll_q3")
uas155_poll_q2 := getUAS155Preload("poll_q2")
uas155_poll_q2a := getUAS155Preload("poll_q2a")
uas155_poll_q3 := getUAS155Preload("poll_q3")
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IF statereside = EMPTY THEN

**statereside** (R STATE RESIDENCE in section Demographics)

In what state are you currently residing?

- 1 Alaska (AK)
- 2 Alabama (AL)
- 3 Arizona (AZ)
- 4 Arkansas (AR)
- 5 California (CA)
- 6 Colorado (CO)
- 7 Connecticut (CT)
- 8 Delaware (DE)
- 9 Florida (FL)
- 10 Georgia (GA)
- 11 Hawaii (HI)
- 12 Idaho (ID)
- 13 Illinois (IL)
- 14 Indiana (IN)
- 15 Iowa (IA)
- 16 Kansas (KS)
- 17 Kentucky (KY)
- 18 Louisiana (LA)

19 Maine (ME)  
20 Maryland (MD)  
21 Massachusetts (MA)  
22 Michigan (MI)  
23 Minnesota (MN)  
24 Mississippi (MS)  
25 Missouri (MO)  
26 Montana (MT)  
27 Nebraska (NE)  
28 Nevada (NV)  
29 New Hampshire (NH)  
30 New Jersey (NJ)  
31 New Mexico (NM)  
32 New York (NY)  
33 North Carolina (NC)  
34 North Dakota (ND)  
35 Ohio (OH)  
36 Oklahoma (OK)  
37 Oregon (OR)  
38 Pennsylvania (PA)  
39 Rhode Island (RI)  
40 South Carolina (SC)  
41 South Dakota (SD)  
42 Tennessee (TN)  
43 Texas (TX)  
44 Utah (UT)  
45 Vermont (VT)  
46 Virginia (VA)  
47 Washington (WA)  
48 West Virginia (WV)  
49 Wisconsin (WI)  
50 Wyoming (WY)  
51 Washington D.C.  
52 Puerto Rico

END OF IF

IF poll.q1 != 1 AND statereside != 34 THEN

**poll.q2** (Currently Registered to Vote in section Background)

Are you:

- 1 Certain you are registered to vote in the district where you now live
- 2 Not certain if you are registered to vote in your district
- 3 Not registered to vote
- 4 Not sure if registered to vote or not

IF poll\_q2 = 1 AND uas149\_poll\_q2a = EMPTY AND uas155\_poll\_q2a = EMPTY  
THEN

**poll\_q2a** (Party Registration in section Background)

Are you registered as:

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 No political party (independent)
- 4 No political party (state does not allow registration by party)
- 5 Libertarian
- 6 Green party
- 7 Some other party

END OF IF

END OF IF

IF uas149\_poll\_q3 = EMPTY AND uas155\_poll\_q3 = EMPTY THEN

**poll\_q3** (Party affiliation in section Background)

Regardless of if or how you are registered to vote, are you more closely aligned with...

- 1 Democrats
- 2 Republicans
- 3 Independents (no political party)
- 4 Libertarians
- 5 Green party
- 6 Some other party
- 7 Not aligned with any political party

IF poll\_q3 IN (3,7) THEN

**poll\_q3a** (lean affiliation in section Background)

Generally speaking, do you lean more toward affiliating with Democrats or with Republicans?

- 1 Lean toward affiliating with Democrats
- 2 Lean toward affiliating with Republicans
- 3 Do not lean toward either party

END OF IF

END OF IF

presvote := getPresidentialVote()

uas149\_poll\_q42 := getUAS149Preload("poll\_q42")

uas155\_poll\_q42 := getUAS155Preload("poll\_q42")

IF presvote = EMPTY AND uas149\_poll\_q42 = EMPTY AND uas155\_poll\_q42 = EMPTY  
THEN

**poll\_q41** (Vote in 2016 Presidential Election in section Background)

Many people were not able to vote in the election for U.S. President, which took place

between Republican candidate Donald Trump, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson, and Green party candidate Jill Stein and a few other candidates. Were you able to vote in that election, or not?

- 1 I was not able to vote in that election
- 2 I was too young to vote
- 3 I chose not to vote in the 2016 election
- 4 I am sure I voted for a candidate in the 2016 presidential election
- 5 I am not sure or I can't remember if I voted

**IF poll\_q41 = 4 THEN**

**poll\_q42** (Candidate choice in 2016 election in section Background)

In the 2016 presidential election, which candidate did you vote for?

- 1 Republican candidate Donald Trump
- 2 Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton
- 3 Green party candidate Jill Stein
- 4 Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson
- 5 Someone else

**END OF IF**

**END OF IF**

End of section **Background**

Start of section **Closing**

**CS\_001** (HOW PLEASANT INTERVIEW in section Closing)

Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

- 1 Very interesting
- 2 Interesting
- 3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting
- 4 Uninteresting
- 5 Very uninteresting

**CS\_003** (comments in section Closing)

Do you have any other comments on the interview? Please type these in the box below. (If you have no comments, please click next to complete this survey.)

STRING

End of section **Closing**

/\* Please note that although question CS\_003 is listed in the routing, the answers are not included in the microdata in the event identifiable information is captured. Cleaned responses are available by request. \*/