

EPIC ▪ MRA AARP Battle Ground Survey – August 2008
SSA & SSB Combined

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COUNTY: _____ DATE: _____ / _____ / _____

PHONE # _____ INTERVIEWER _____

INTRO

Hello, this is (NAME) from EPIC▪MRA, a survey research firm located in Lansing. We're conducting a survey of voters living in your area about state, national and local issues. This is **NOT** a sales call, you will not be asked for a donation and you will not be called again because you participated in this survey. This is strictly research and I'd like to take a few minutes to include the opinions of your household.

We need to have a balance of men and women in this survey, and we also need to have young voters represented. May I please speak to the youngest [MALE/FEMALE, depending on specified quota] registered voter, age 18 or older, who is home now?

IF YES: REPEAT INTRO FOR NEW RESPONDENT & CONTINUE.

IF NO, ASK: "Is there any other [MALE/FEMALE, as specified] registered voter, 18 years or older, who is at home right now?" **IF NOT, TERMINATE.**

Are you currently registered to vote at the address I am calling?

If **YES** --- **GO TO QUESTION 01**

If **NO** --- "Is there another [MALE/FEMALE, as specified] registered voter at home who I can talk to?" If not, **TERMINATE INTERVIEW.**

__01. Did you get a chance to vote in the 2006 election when [ROTATE] Dick DeVos (**dee-VOSS**) and Jennifer Granholm were running for Governor? How about in 2004 election when [ROTATE] George W. Bush and John Kerry were running for President?

- 5% Yes, only in 2006
- 6% Yes, only in 2004
- 87% Yes, both 2006 & 2004
- 2% Too young to vote in either (**VOLUNTEERED/CONTINUE INTERVIEW**)
- Undecided/Don't know/Refused --- **TERMINATE INTERVIEW**
- Did not vote **ASK:** ["Was the reason you did not vote in either election because you were too young then or were not registered to vote?" -- **IF YES, CODE AS "4" AND CONTINUE -- IF NO, TERMINATE INTERVIEW**]

___2. Do you, or does anyone in your household, work in any of the following industries?
[READ 1 TO 4]

- 3% Accounting
- 4% Computers
- Journalism or the media ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- Market research ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- 93% None of the above (*volunteered*)
- Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___3. Looking ahead to November 2008, there will be an election for President of the United States. How likely are you to vote in this election, are you... [READ 1 TO 5]?

- 77% Absolutely certain
- 18% Very likely
- 5% Possibly
- Not very likely ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- Not at all likely ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- Undecided/Don't know/Refused ---- TERMINATE INTERVIEW

___4. If the presidential election were held tomorrow, which candidate would you vote for – [ROTATE NAMES] John McCain the Republican, Barack Obama the Democrat, Bob Barr the Libertarian or Independent Ralph Nader?

- 48% Barr, McCain, Nader & Obama
- 1% Some other candidate (*volunteered*)
- 51% Undecided/Don't know/Refused ----- GO TO Q. 6

___5. [If Obama or McCain on Question 4] Using a scale of 1-7 where 1 means your support for a presidential candidate is not very strong and 7 means your support is very strong, how strongly would you say you support that candidate?

- 9% Not very strong
- 7%
- 16%
- 68%
- Neutral ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- Very strong ----- TERMINATE INTERVIEW
- Undecided/Don't know/Refused ---- TERMINATE INTERVIEW

___6. Do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?
 [IF LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE, ASK: 'Would that be very or somewhat?']

4% Very liberal
 10% Somewhat liberal ----- **14% TOTAL LIBERAL**
 45% Moderate
 21% Somewhat conservative ----- **32% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE**
 11% Very conservative
 9% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

[ROTATE Q7 AND Q8]

___7. What do you like most about Barack Obama? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|---|
| 19% | Dislike Him | 1% | His Race |
| 7% | Will Bring Change | 1% | Economic Policy |
| 6% | His Age | 1% | Intelligence |
| 6% | Fresh Perspective | 1% | Lesser of Two Evils |
| 6% | Good Speaker | 1% | Iraq Policy |
| 3% | Charisma | 1% | Enthusiasm |
| 3% | Honesty – Integrity | 1% | Energy Policy |
| 3% | He's a Democrat | 1% | Confidence |
| 3% | Ideas – In General | 1% | Positive Remarks – In General |
| 2% | Experience | 1% | Other (<i>Responses at or below 0.5%</i>) |
| 2% | Inspiring | | |
| 2% | Pro Middle Class | 28% | Undecided/Don't Know/Refused |

___8. What do you like most about John McCain? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|---|
| 20% | Dislike Him | 1% | Abortion Policy |
| 17% | Experience | 1% | Foreign Affairs Policy |
| 11% | Veteran | 1% | Good Speaker |
| 4% | Honesty – Integrity | 1% | His Age |
| 3% | Steadfast in Positions | 1% | National Defense Policy |
| 2% | Economic Policy | 1% | Old Convictions |
| 2% | Ideas – In General | 1% | Straight Forward |
| 2% | Morals – Values | 7% | Other (<i>Responses at or below 0.5%</i>) |
| 2% | He's a Republican | 23% | Undecided/Don't Know/Refused |

[ROTATE Q9 AND Q10]

___9. Do you think Barack Obama is a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative in his political beliefs?
[IF LIBERAL, ASK: 'Would that be very or somewhat?']

- 28% Very liberal
- 20% Somewhat liberal----- **48% TOTAL LIBERAL**
- 23% Moderate
- 5% Conservative
- 24% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___10. Do you think John McCain is a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative in his political beliefs?
[IF CONSERVATIVE, ASK: 'Would that be very or somewhat?']

- 12% Very conservative
- 32% Somewhat conservative ----- **44% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE**
- 28% Moderate
- 6% Liberal
- 22% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___11. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat, a weak Democrat, a weak Republican, a strong Republican, or an Independent?

- 14% Strong Democrat
- 5% Weak Democrat ----- **19% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**
- 58% Independent
- 10% Weak Republican ----- **16% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 6% Strong Republican
- 7% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___12A. Thinking ahead to the November presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for president? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|---|
| 21% | Economy | 1% | Education |
| 5% | Iraq | 1% | Gas Prices |
| 3% | Health Care | 1% | Immigration |
| 2% | US Government Integrity | 1% | Morality |
| 2% | Jobs | 1% | Social Security |
| 2% | National Security | 2% | Other (<i>Responses at or below 0.5%</i>) |
| 2% | Taxes | | |
| 1% | Abortion | 55% | Undecided/Don't know/Refused |

___12B. What would you say is your greatest fear for you and your family today? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|---|
| 22% | Economy | 1% | Inflation |
| 4% | Health Care | 1% | Morality |
| 3% | Jobs | 1% | Nothing Changing |
| 2% | Our Politicians | 1% | Taxes |
| 2% | Education | 1% | Terrorist Acts on the US |
| 1% | Crime | 1% | The Future |
| 1% | Environment | 1% | US Government Integrity |
| 1% | Gas Prices | 2% | Other (<i>Responses at or below 0.5%</i>) |
| 1% | Housing Crisis | 54% | Undecided/Don't know/Refused |

Now I'd like you to please tell me if you are very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable toward the following people.

Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable view of... [ROTATE Q13 THRU Q15]

| | <u>VERY FAV</u> | <u>TOTAL FAV</u> | <u>VERY UNFAV</u> | <u>TOTAL UNFAV</u> | <u>UND D/K</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| ___13. George W. Bush | 8% | 29% | 42% | 66% | 5% |
| ___14. John McCain | 10% | 60% | 10% | 31% | 9% |
| ___15. Barack Obama | 16% | 61% | 14% | 27% | 12% |

Regardless of who you may support, please tell me if you think the following attributes apply to [ROTATE] John McCain or Barack Obama? [IF SPECIFIC TO ONE CANDIDATE, ASK: 'Would that apply strongly, or not so strongly to him?' - ROTATE Q16A TO Q18A]

| | <u>McCain</u> | | <u>Obama</u> | | <u>Neither</u> | <u>Both</u> | <u>Und</u> |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Stngly</u> | <u>TOT</u> | <u>Stngly</u> | <u>TOT</u> | <u>Volun- teered</u> | <u>Volun- teered</u> | <u>D/K REF</u> |
| ___16A. Is a strong leader. | 39% | 48% | 16% | 20% | 9% | 15% | 8% |
| ___17A. Has the experience to be president. | 52% | 57% | 7% | 10% | 10% | 6% | 7% |
| ___18A. Will bring change. | 6% | 13% | 42% | 58% | 13% | 10% | 6% |

Regardless of who you may support, please tell me if you think the following attributes apply to [ROTATE] John McCain or Barack Obama? [IF SPECIFIC TO ONE CANDIDATE, ASK: 'Would that apply strongly, or not so strongly to him?' - ROTATE Q16B TO Q18B]

| | <u>McCain</u> | | <u>Obama</u> | | <u>Neither</u> <i>Volun- teered</i> | <u>Both</u> <i>Volun- teered</i> | <u>Und</u> <u>D/K</u> <u>REF</u> |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|---|--|
| | <u>Stngly</u> | <u>TOT</u> | <u>Stngly</u> | <u>TOT</u> | | | |
| __16B. Understands people like me | 9% | 20% | 35% | 45% | 17% | 7% | 11% |
| __17B. Will work in a bi-partisan fashion. | 15% | 26% | 22% | 32% | 8% | 20% | 14% |
| __18B. Will reduce the influence of special interests | 14% | 23% | 22% | 36% | 18% | 6% | 17% |

__19. How interested are you in learning more about the 2008 presidential candidates' positions on health care reform and lifetime financial security issues? [READ 1 TO 5]

- 29% Extremely interested
- 30% Very interested
- 25% Somewhat interested
- 4% Not very interested
- 10% Not interested at all
- 2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__20. Do you feel that the candidates for president are doing an Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor job of addressing family financial security and health care?

- 3% Excellent
- 15% Good ----- **18% TOTAL POSITIVE**
- 39% Fair
- 31% Poor ----- **70% TOTAL NEGATIVE**
- 12% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__21. Do you think our healthcare system can be improved by one political party or will it require both parties working together?

- 3% One political party can do it
- 92% Requires both parties working together
- 5% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___22. In thinking about retirement and other lifetime financial security concerns, would you say you are Very concerned, Somewhat concerned, Not very concerned, or Not at all concerned about your personal financial security for retirement?

- 55% Very concerned
- 29% Somewhat concerned
- 9% Not very concerned
- 6% Not at all concerned
- 1% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___23. How worried are you about Social Security being there when you retire? Are you . . .
[READ 1 TO 4]

- 33% Very worried
- 26% Somewhat worried
- 12% Not too worried
- 6% Not at all worried
- 22% Doesn't apply – Already retired (*Volunteered*)
- 1% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___24. Do you think Social Security can be strengthened by one political party or will it take cooperation between both parties?

- 3% One political party can do it
- 92% Requires both parties working together
- 5% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements:
[ROTATE Q25A TO Q27A]

___25A. The dirty secret in America today is that Social Security is going broke. It's going broke and it's not going to be there for future generations of young Americans, and we owe them the responsibility to make hard choices now. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: 'Would that be strongly or somewhat?']**

- 51% Strongly Agree
- 29% Somewhat Agree----- **80% TOTAL AGREE**
- 11% Somewhat Disagree
- 6% Strongly Disagree ----- **17% TOTAL DISAGREE**
- 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__26A. A targeted tax credit to match the savings of middle-income families will help Americans develop a savings habit so they can send their kids to college, buy a home, plan for retirement or just prepare for a rainy day. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: ‘Would that be strongly or somewhat?’]**

28% Strongly Agree
29% Somewhat Agree----- **57% TOTAL AGREE**
19% Somewhat Disagree
13% Strongly Disagree ----- **32% TOTAL DISAGREE**
11% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

__27A. There is too much gridlock in Washington, DC and that although politicians have good intentions about solving health and financial security problems, they don’t understand the real problems people face. The candidates for President need to be pressed on what they are going to do on these issues and how they are going to break the gridlock. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: ‘Would that be strongly or somewhat?’]**

69% Strongly Agree
17% Somewhat Agree----- **86% TOTAL AGREE**
7% Somewhat Disagree
4% Strongly Disagree ----- **11% TOTAL DISAGREE**
3% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

[ROTATE Q25B TO Q27B]

__25B. We have an obligation to protect Social Security and ensure that it's a safety net the American people can count on today, tomorrow and forever. Social Security is the cornerstone of the social compact in this country. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: ‘Would that be strongly or somewhat?’]**

60% Strongly Agree
23% Somewhat Agree----- **83% TOTAL AGREE**
10% Somewhat Disagree
2% Strongly Disagree ----- **12% TOTAL DISAGREE**
5% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

__26B. Keeping taxes low on all Americans will reward savings, investment, and risk taking to promote economic growth. Lower taxes on dividends and capital gains promote saving, channel investment dollars to innovative, high-value uses and not wasteful financial planning. **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: ‘Would that be strongly or somewhat?’]**

37% Strongly Agree
28% Somewhat Agree----- **65% TOTAL AGREE**
14% Somewhat Disagree
8% Strongly Disagree ----- **22% TOTAL DISAGREE**
13% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

__27B. The problems of healthcare and financial security are too big for any one candidate or one party to fix. In order to improve on these issues it has to be a truly bipartisan effort.
[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: 'Would that be strongly or somewhat?']

87% Strongly Agree
7% Somewhat Agree----- **94% TOTAL AGREE**
2% Somewhat Disagree
2% Strongly Disagree ----- **4% TOTAL DISAGREE**
2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__28. Retiring with financial and health security is essential to the American dream. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement?
[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: 'Would that be strongly or somewhat?']

79% Strongly Agree
16% Somewhat Agree----- **95% TOTAL AGREE**
2% Somewhat Disagree
1% Strongly Disagree ----- **3% TOTAL DISAGREE**
2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__29. Does this idea make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to support fundamental changes in government programs, employer benefits and individual behaviors? [IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: 'Would that be much more or somewhat more?']

33% Much more likely
37% Somewhat more likely ----- **70% MORE LIKELY**
6% Somewhat less likely
2% Much less likely ----- **8% LESS LIKELY**
7% No difference (**volunteered**)
15% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__30. It is our duty as Americans to make sure that retirees have financial and health care security. Do you agree strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement? [IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: 'Would that be strongly or somewhat?']

54% Strongly Agree
26% Somewhat Agree----- **80% TOTAL AGREE**
10% Somewhat Disagree
6% Strongly Disagree ----- **16% TOTAL DISAGREE**
4% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___31. Does this idea make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to support fundamental changes in government programs, employer benefits and individual behaviors? **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY, ASK: ‘Would that be much more or somewhat more?’]**

35% Much more likely
 41% Somewhat more likely ----- **76% MORE LIKELY**
 6% Somewhat less likely
 3% Much less likely ----- **9% LESS LIKELY**
 4% No difference (**volunteered**)
 11% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

I would now like to read a brief description of some specific ideas on different proposals. Please tell me if you FAVOR or OPPOSE the following HEALTH CARE proposals: **[PROBE TO SEE IF RESPONDENT STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORTS OR OPPOSES EACH]**

| [ROTATE Q32A TO Q34A] | <u>STR</u> <u>FAV</u> | <u>TOT</u> <u>FAV</u> | <u>TOT</u> <u>OPP</u> | <u>STR</u> <u>OPP</u> | <u>DK/ <u>UND</u></u> |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ___32A. Requiring clear explanations of healthcare costs so patients know how much they will be charged up front | 83% | 95% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| ___33A. Developing an affordable long-term care system | 57% | 85% | 8% | 5% | 7% |
| ___34A. Establishing preventive care management to help people with multiple chronic illnesses receive better healthcare at a lower cost..... | 65% | 90% | 6% | 2% | 4% |

[ROTATE Q32B TO Q35B]

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|------------|-----------|----|----|
| ___32B. Requiring healthcare providers to invest in information technology to improve quality of care and reduce errors and cost | 58% | 85% | 9% | 3% | 6% |
| ___33B Make health care affordable for small businesses by allowing them to band together for lower rates, providing tax credits to offset employee premium contributions, and protecting them from large rate increases simply because one employee gets sick.. .. | 70% | 88% | 6% | 1% | 6% |
| ___34B. Controlling costs of prescription drugs... | 76% | 90% | 7% | 2% | 3% |

Please tell me if you FAVOR or OPPOSE the following FINANCIAL SECURITY proposals: **[PROBE TO SEE IF STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORTS OR OPPOSES EACH]**

| [ROTATE Q35 TO Q37A] | <u>STR</u> <u>FAV</u> | <u>TOT</u> <u>FAV</u> | <u>TOT</u> <u>OPP</u> | <u>STR</u> <u>OPP</u> | <u>DK/</u> <u>UND</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| __35. Simplifying and increasing tax incentives that help working families save for retirement..... | 64% | 89% | 6% | 2% | 5% |
| __36A. Requiring schools to teach financial literacy to all children..... | 70% | 88% | 8% | 3% | 4% |
| __37A. Requiring employers to offer their employees an easy way to save for retirement at work, such as offering automatic deduction from their paychecks. | 65% | 87% | 11% | 4% | 2% |
| __36B. Creating a government match for low income individuals who contribute to individual savings in a 401(k)..... | 38% | 66% | 24% | 11% | 10% |
| __37B. Expanding the amount individuals are allowed to save on their own tax-free for retirement..... | 70% | 90% | 6% | 3% | 4% |

Next I'm going to read some policy proposals by the presidential candidates. Please tell me, if the statement were true, if it would it make you believe the candidate is MORE or LESS likely committed to a particular issue **[PROBE TO SEE IF MUCH OR SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS COMMITTED]**

| [ROTATE Q38A TO Q41A] | <u>Much</u> <u>More</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>More</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>Less</u> | <u>Much</u> <u>Less</u> | <u>DK/</u> <u>UND</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| __38A. Barack Obama's health care program will help keep health insurance affordable by cutting the cost of families' premiums by up to \$2500 a year. If this statement were true, would it make you believe Barack Obama is more committed or less committed to providing healthcare for Americans?..... | 30% | 66% | 18% | 10% | 16% |
| __39A. Barack Obama's health care program will ensure that no one is denied insurance because of their health history..... | 36% | 70% | 15% | 5% | 15% |
| __40A. Barack Obama's health care program will allow Americans to buy into a health insurance plan similar to the one that every Congressman and federal employee has. | 26% | 62% | 21% | 10% | 17% |
| __41A. Barack Obama's health care program will require insurance companies to cover proven preventive care services..... | 23% | 71% | 16% | 6% | 13% |

Next I'm going to read some policy proposals by the presidential candidates. Please tell me if the statement were true, would it make you believe the candidate is MORE or LESS likely committed to providing Lifetime Financial Security or Healthcare for Americans? **[PROBE TO SEE IF MUCH OR SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS COMMITTED]**

| [ROTATE Q38B TO Q41B] | <u>Much More</u> | <u>Total More</u> | <u>Total Less</u> | <u>Much Less</u> | <u>DK/ UND</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| __38B. Barack Obama' health care program will require employers who do not offer health insurance to contribute a percentage of their payroll towards the cost of a national healthcare plan.If this statement were true, would it make you believe Barack Obama is more committed or less committed to providing healthcare for Americans?..... | 32% | 67% | 21% | 9% | 12% |
| __39B. Barack Obama will eliminate income taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000.If this statement were true, would it make you believe Barack Obama is more committed or less committed to providing lifetime financial security for Americans?..... | 40% | 73% | 17% | 7% | 10% |
| __40B. Barack Obama's Social Security plan will exempt workers earning less than \$250,000 from any payroll tax increases but would raise taxes on those that make more..... | 32% | 59% | 27% | 13% | 14% |
| __41B. Barack Obama will create automatic workplace pensions. Employers who do not offer a retirement plan will be required to enroll their employees in a direct-deposit Individual Retirement Account. Employees may opt-out if they choose..... | 25% | 58% | 24% | 11% | 18% |

Next I'm going to read some policy proposals by the presidential candidates. Please tell me if the statement were true, would it make you believe the candidate is MORE or LESS likely committed to providing Lifetime Financial Security or Healthcare for Americans? **[PROBE TO SEE IF MUCH OR SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS COMMITTED]**

| [ROTATE Q42A TO Q45A] | <u>Much More</u> | <u>Total More</u> | <u>Total Less</u> | <u>Much Less</u> | <u>DK/ UND</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| __42A. John McCain's health care program will create more choice and competition by putting more decisions and responsibility in patients' hands. If this statement were true, would it make you believe John McCain is more committed or less committed to providing healthcare for Americans?..... | 26% | 60% | 22% | 8% | 18% |
| __43A. John McCain's health care program will make public, more information on treatment options and require increased transparency from healthcare providers regarding medical outcomes, quality of care, costs, and prices..... | 24% | 68% | 16% | 5% | 16% |
| __44A. John McCain's health care program will help individuals get insurance through any organization or association that they choose instead of relying on their employers..... | 25% | 59% | 22% | 8% | 19% |
| __45A. John McCain's health care program will make health insurance more affordable and available by providing individuals with a \$2,500 tax credit and families a \$5,000 tax credit..... | 23% | 65% | 21% | 9% | 14% |

Next I'm going to read some policy proposals by the presidential candidates. Please tell me if the statement were true, would it make you believe the candidate is MORE or LESS likely committed to providing Lifetime Financial Security or Healthcare for Americans? **[PROBE TO SEE IF MUCH OR SOMEWHAT MORE/LESS COMMITTED]**

| [ROTATE Q42B TO Q45B] | <u>Much More</u> | <u>Total More</u> | <u>Total Less</u> | <u>Much Less</u> | <u>DK/ UND</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ___42B. John McCain's health care reform plan will raise Medicare insurance premiums for seniors with substantial incomes. If this statement were true, would it make you believe John McCain is more committed or less committed to providing healthcare for Americans?..... | 14% | 45% | 44% | 19% | 11% |
| ___43B. John McCain will reform Social Security to allow younger workers to invest part of their Social Security into private accounts without raising taxes. If this statement were true, would it make you believe John McCain is more committed or less committed to providing lifetime financial security for Americans? | 20% | 54% | 33% | 13% | 13% |
| ___44B. John McCain's health care program will increase development of safer, cheaper, generic versions of drugs and will allow re-importation of drugs to help cut Americans' healthcare costs..... | 25% | 61% | 25% | 11% | 14% |
| ___45B. John McCain will help Americans save more for their retirement with low taxes on dividends and capital gains..... | 23% | 54% | 34% | 14% | 12% |

___46. How interested would you be in a series of candidate forums hosted by a non-profit organization like the AARP in which John McCain and Barack Obama discuss lifetime financial security and health care issues—extremely interested, very interested, just somewhat interested, or not at all interested?

- 17% Extremely interested
- 27% Very interested
- 34% Somewhat interested
- 5% Not very interested
- 14% Not interested at all
- 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now a few questions just for statistical purposes:

___47. Are you a member of the AARP?

- 39% Yes
- 59% No
- 2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___48. Which of the following issue areas do you tend to be most interested in?
[READ AND ROTATE 1 TO 5]

- 39% Economic issues, like taxes, jobs and the budget
- 9% Foreign affairs issues, like national defense and terrorism
- 22% Social issues, like education, health care and the environment
- 8% Local issues, like crime, immigration, and welfare reform
- 7% Moral issues like right-to-life and pornography
- 11% More than one **[ASK: 'But if you had to choose just one, which would it be?']**
- 4% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___49. Which of the following categories best describes your age? Are you...? **[READ 1 TO 6]**

- 4% 18 to 24 years
- 6% 25 to 34
- 22% 35 to 49
- 27% 50 to 59
- 10% 60 to 64
- 29% 65 or over
- 2% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___50. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 2007. Will you please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total family income?
[READ 1 TO 5]

- 8% Less than \$20,000
- 14% \$20,000 to \$34,999
- 23% \$35,000 to \$59,999
- 20% \$60,000 to \$99,999
- 14% Over \$100,000
- 3% Retired **[VOLUNTEERED, ASK: 'But is there an income category I read that would apply to your household?'-AND CODE RESPONSE]**
- 18% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

___51. Could you please tell me your race, for statistical purposes only? Is it.. **[READ 1 TO 7]**

- 90% White/Caucasian
- 5% Black/African American
- 1% Hispanic/Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American etc.)
- 1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Or some other race
- 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

__52. Sex of respondent [**DO NOT READ OR ASK - BY OBSERVATION ONLY**]

44% Male

56% Female

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