



**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes towards Politics and Public Service**  
**20th Edition: November 23 - December 3, 2011**  
**N=2,028 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with Knowledge Networks)**  
**Margin of Error for entire sample: 2.2% at the 95% level**  
**Margin of Error for college students: 5.0% at the 95% level**

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply:

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
High school .....	5%	*
Trade/Vocational school .....	3%	2%
2-year junior college or community college .....	12%	1%
4-year college or university .....	21%	100%
Graduate school .....	4%	*
Business school or professional school.....	1%	*
Not enrolled in college/university but taking at least one course .....	2%	*
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	53%	*
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

**[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college, ask]**

2. In which year of college are you?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b><u>(n=668)</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b><u>(n=420)</u></b>
First year student/Freshman .....	30%	22%
Second year student/Sophomore.....	27%	20%
Third year student/Junior .....	20%	23%
Fourth year student/Senior .....	17%	16%
Fifth year student or higher.....	5%	7%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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3. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	66%	73%
No.....	28%	21%
Don't know .....	5%	6%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

**[If respondent was over 18 in 2008, ask Q4-Q5]**

The following are questions about voter registration and voting...

4. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 4th, 2008?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,694)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=286)</b>
I was registered .....	62%	62%
I thought about registering, but didn't .....	5%	5%
I tried to register, but was unable to.....	3%	2%
I was not registered to vote on Nov. 4, 2008 .	23%	26%
Not sure.....	6%	5%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

5. Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 4th, 2008?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,694)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=286)</b>
I voted at a polling place.....	40%	38%
I voted early .....	5%	3%
I voted by absentee ballot .....	10%	16%
I planned on voting, but wasn't able to.....	7%	8%
I did not vote in this election.....	36%	33%
I went to the polling place, but wasn't allowed to vote.....	1%	1%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

[If respondent was over 18 in 2008, and “Voted” in Q5, ask]

6. For whom did you vote for president in 2008?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=926)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=164)</b>
Barack Obama.....	58%	61%
John McCain.....	31%	31%
Someone else.....	4%	4%
Don't remember.....	2%	*
Decline to answer.....	5%	5%

[If respondent is over 18 years of age, ask Q7-Q8]

7. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2012 elections for President?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Definitely will be voting.....	51%	58%
Probably will be voting.....	16%	23%
50/50.....	14%	11%
Probably won't be voting.....	7%	4%
Definitely won't be voting.....	11%	3%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

8. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Democrat</u></b> .....	<b><u>38%</u></b>	<b><u>33%</u></b>
Strong Democrat.....	17%	16%
Not a very strong Democrat.....	21%	26%
<b><u>NET: Republican</u></b> .....	<b><u>25%</u></b>	<b><u>30%</u></b>
Strong Republican.....	10%	12%
Not a very strong Republican.....	15%	17%
<b><u>NET: Independent</u></b> .....	<b><u>36%</u></b>	<b><u>37%</u></b>
Leans Democrat.....	10%	12%
Leans Republican.....	6%	12%
Does not lean either way.....	20%	14%
Decline.....	1%	1%

9. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Liberal .....</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Liberal .....	25%	26%
Moderate leaning liberal .....	12%	12%
Moderate .....	23%	20%
<b>NET: Conservative.....</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Moderate leaning conservative .....	11%	14%
Conservative .....	26%	27%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

[If respondent answered “Republican” or “Independent” in Q8, ask]

10. Beginning in January 2012, as you probably know, there will be **Republican** primaries and caucuses for President of the United States. How likely is it that you will vote in your state’s Republican primary caucus? Will you definitely be voting, will you probably be voting, are you 50-50, or do you think you probably won’t be voting in this primary election?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=1,268)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=281)</b>
<b>NET: Voting .....</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Definitely be voting .....	19%	20%
Probably be voting .....	14%	21%
50-50 .....	18%	25%
Probably won’t be voting.....	31%	26%
Don’t know .....	16%	8%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

11. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Supporter.....	11%	12%
Not a supporter.....	43%	46%
Not sure.....	44%	40%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

12. Do you think the Tea Party has -- or will have – the effect of changing the economic policy in the United States?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Already has .....	12%	11%
Yes, will have.....	12%	16%
No.....	25%	29%
Not sure.....	49%	43%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

13. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Occupy Wall Street movement, or are you not a supporter if the Occupy Wall Street movement?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Supporter.....	21%	24%
Not a supporter.....	33%	33%
Not sure.....	44%	42%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

14. Overall, how closely have you been following the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Closely.....</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Very closely .....	6%	8%
Somewhat closely .....	26%	31%
<b>NET: Not closely.....</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Not very closely .....	34%	35%
Not at all closely .....	32%	24%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

15. Have you – or has anyone you know personally – participated in any of the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations? Please select all that apply.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes, I have .....	2%	1%
Yes, I know someone personally .....	11%	17%
No.....	70%	66%
Not sure.....	17%	15%
Decline to answer.....	1%	2%

16. Do you think the Occupy Wall Street demonstration will have the effect of changing the economic policy in the United States?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,993)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=416)</b>
Yes .....	16%	16%
No.....	38%	42%
Not sure.....	47%	42%

17. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	25%	31%
No.....	73%	68%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

18. All in all, do you think things in the nation are ...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Generally headed in the right direction.....	12%	13%
Off on the wrong track.....	52%	55%
Not sure what direction country is headed in.	35%	32%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

19. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you most?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Economy .....</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>70%</b>
General .....	35%	42%
Jobs .....	11%	7%
Unemployment/Job loss .....	9%	6%
National Debt/Budget deficit .....	7%	6%
Employment .....	3%	2%
Financial stability .....	1%	*
Taxes .....	1%	1%
Government spending .....	2%	1%
Money issues .....	2%	2%
Recession .....	*	1%
Poverty .....	2%	1%
Economic equality/inequality .....	1%	1%
<b>NET: Health Care .....</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>
Health care, general .....	5%	3%
Universal health care .....	*	*
Medical/health insurance .....	*	1%
Education .....	5%	8%
Immigration .....	4%	-0%
Moral issues .....	4%	2%
<b>NET: National Security .....</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>
War/Military .....	2%	3%
Terrorism .....	*	*
Iraq .....	*	*
Afghanistan .....	*	*
National security .....	*	*
Foreign policy/affairs .....	*	*
Environment .....	2%	4%
Energy .....	1%	2%
Government/political corruption .....	1%	*
Loss of Constitutional rights .....	1%	1%
President Obama/lack of leadership .....	1%	*
Political partisanship .....	1%	*
Housing .....	1%	*
Global warming .....	*	*
Other issues .....	3%	2%
Don't know/No answer .....	4%	2%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

20. Barack Obama as President

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Approve.....	46%	48%
Disapprove .....	51%	50%
Decline to answer.....	4%	2%

21. The Democrats in Congress

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Approve.....	33%	31%
Disapprove .....	62%	66%
Decline to answer.....	5%	3%

22. The Republicans in Congress

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Approve.....	24%	26%
Disapprove .....	72%	71%
Decline to answer.....	4%	3%

**[If respondent answered Q10 with “Definitely”, “Probably”, or “50-50”, ask Q23-Q26]**

23. If the Republican primary for President were held today, which ONE of the following candidates would be your FIRST CHOICE?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=637)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=182)</b>
Mitt Romney .....	23%	29%
Ron Paul.....	16%	16%
Herman Cain .....	15%	11%
Newt Gingrich.....	13%	17%
Michele Bachmann .....	12%	12%
Rick Perry .....	9%	10%
Jon Huntsman.....	3%	1%
Rick Santorum .....	1%	2%
Gary Johnson .....	2%	*
Decline to answer.....	6%	3%



24. If the Republican primary for the President were held today, which ONE of the following candidates would be your SECOND CHOICE?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=637)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=182)</b>
Mitt Romney .....	19%	24%
Newt Gingrich.....	15%	14%
Rick Perry .....	14%	13%
Michele Bachmann .....	11%	12%
Herman Cain .....	11%	12%
Ron Paul.....	11%	6%
Jon Huntsman.....	5%	6%
Rick Santorum .....	4%	5%
Gary Johnson .....	4%	4%
Decline to answer.....	7%	6%

25. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Republican candidates for president this year?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=637)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=182)</b>
<b><u>NET: Satisfied .....</u></b>	<b><u>56%</u></b>	<b><u>61%</u></b>
Very satisfied .....	8%	10%
Somewhat satisfied .....	48%	51%
<b><u>NET: Not satisfied.....</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>	<b><u>39%</u></b>
Not very satisfied .....	29%	29%
Not at all satisfied .....	13%	10%
Decline to answer.....	2%	*

26. Which of the following do you believe is more important when choosing a candidate in the Republican primary?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=637)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=182)</b>
The candidate that best matches your ideology and beliefs.....	74%	77%
The candidate that has the best chance of defeating Obama.....	25%	22%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

27. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for Barack Obama, or for the Republican Party's candidate for president?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Obama .....	35%	37%
Republican .....	29%	34%
Don't know .....	34%	28%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

28. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for Barack Obama, or for Mitt Romney, if he were the Republican Party's candidate for president?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Obama .....	37%	39%
Romney .....	26%	33%
Don't know .....	34%	26%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

29. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for Barack Obama, or for Herman Cain, if he were the Republican Party's candidate for president?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Obama .....	40%	43%
Cain .....	23%	28%
Don't know .....	35%	28%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

30. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for Barack Obama, or for Rick Perry, if he were the Republican Party's candidate for president?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Obama .....	39%	43%
Perry .....	23%	26%
Don't know .....	36%	29%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

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31. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for Barack Obama, or for Newt Gingrich, if he were the Republican Party’s candidate for president?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Obama.....	39%	42%
Gingrich.....	23%	27%
Don’t know.....	36%	30%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

32. Regardless of which candidate you support – do you believe Barack Obama will win or lose re-election in 2012?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Win.....	30%	31%
Lose.....	36%	37%
Don’t know.....	32%	31%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

Now thinking specifically about Barack Obama, do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling:

33. Health care

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	43%	43%
Disapprove.....	54%	55%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

34. The federal budget deficit

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	30%	30%
Disapprove.....	67%	68%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

## 35. Afghanistan

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	51%	50%
Disapprove .....	46%	49%
Decline to answer.....	4%	2%

## 36. The economy

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	32%	34%
Disapprove .....	65%	64%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

## 37. Iran

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	46%	49%
Disapprove .....	51%	49%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

## 38. Immigration

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	39%	39%
Disapprove .....	58%	58%
Decline to answer.....	4%	3%

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If the campaign you supported provided an opportunity for you to engage in some way, how likely would you be to participate in these activities?

39. Volunteer for the campaign

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely</u></b> .....	<b>22%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Very likely .....	5%	7%
Somewhat likely.....	17%	17%
<b><u>NET: Not likely</u></b> .....	<b>75%</b>	<b>73%</b>
Not very likely .....	26%	30%
Not at all likely.....	49%	43%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

40. Donate \$9.99 or less on your cell phone to the campaign

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely</u></b> .....	<b>15%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Very likely .....	3%	1%
Somewhat likely.....	11%	12%
<b><u>NET: Not likely</u></b> .....	<b>82%</b>	<b>84%</b>
Not very likely .....	23%	24%
Not at all likely.....	60%	60%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%

41. Attend a rally or event for the candidate

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely</u></b> .....	<b>30%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Very likely .....	7%	11%
Somewhat likely.....	23%	28%
<b><u>NET: Not likely</u></b> .....	<b>67%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Not very likely .....	23%	21%
Not at all likely.....	44%	38%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%

42. Display a sticker on your car/sign on your door/sign for the candidate

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>35%</u></b>	<b><u>39%</u></b>
Very likely .....	12%	11%
Somewhat likely.....	23%	28%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>62%</u></b>	<b><u>59%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	20%	20%
Not at all likely.....	41%	38%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

43. Join an online group (Facebook) supporting the candidate

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>38%</u></b>	<b><u>39%</u></b>
Very likely .....	13%	15%
Somewhat likely.....	25%	24%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>59%</u></b>	<b><u>58%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	19%	21%
Not at all likely.....	39%	37%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%

**[If respondent is in enrolled in school, ask]**

44. Start a group on campus supporting the candidate

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=670)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=436)</b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>14%</u></b>	<b><u>14%</u></b>
Very likely .....	2%	2%
Somewhat likely.....	11%	12%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>84%</u></b>	<b><u>84%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	28%	29%
Not at all likely.....	56%	55%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

45. Download a ringtone

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>10%</u></b>	<b><u>9%</u></b>
Very likely .....	3%	2%
Somewhat likely.....	7%	7%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>87%</u></b>	<b><u>89%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	24%	25%
Not at all likely.....	62%	64%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%

46. Wear a bracelet from the campaign

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>26%</u></b>	<b><u>29%</u></b>
Very likely .....	8%	6%
Somewhat likely.....	18%	23%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>71%</u></b>	<b><u>68%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	22%	22%
Not at all likely.....	49%	46%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

## 47. Donate money on the campaign's website

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>17%</u></b>	<b><u>16%</u></b>
Very likely .....	4%	4%
Somewhat likely.....	13%	12%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>80%</u></b>	<b><u>80%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	23%	25%
Not at all likely.....	56%	55%
Decline to answer.....	4%	3%

## 48. Spread the campaign's message to your friends/family

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>40%</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>
Very likely .....	13%	14%
Somewhat likely.....	27%	30%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>57%</u></b>	<b><u>54%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	18%	18%
Not at all likely.....	39%	37%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

## 49. Follow on Twitter

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>20%</u></b>	<b><u>20%</u></b>
Very likely .....	6%	6%
Somewhat likely.....	13%	14%
<b><u>NET: Not likely .....</u></b>	<b><u>77%</u></b>	<b><u>77%</u></b>
Not very likely .....	18%	18%
Not at all likely.....	60%	59%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%



50. Compared to this moment in the presidential campaign four years ago – would you say you are:

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
More enthusiastic .....	18%	26%
Less enthusiastic .....	32%	32%
About the same .....	47%	40%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

[If “More enthusiastic” or “Less enthusiastic” in Q 50, ask]

51. What would you say is the main reason you feel this way?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=356)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=108)</b>
<b>More Enthusiastic:</b>		
Disappointed in Obama’s policies/ performance/need change .....	33%	31%
I am able to vote now/old enough to vote.....	17%	23%
Maturity/I’m older/more aware of political issues.....	14%	16%
Support Obama’s policies/should be re- elected .....	13%	15%
Better Republican candidates/chance of winning.....	11%	12%
Disappointed in governmental policies/ performance/need change .....	6%	9%
Pivotal/important time/election/.....	4%	6%
Poor economy .....	4%	3%
Politics/Policies affect me/have to do something.....	4%	1%
More enthusiastic (unspecified).....	3%	*
Obama will be re-elected regardless .....	2%	2%
Dislike the Republican candidates .....	2%	2%
Disappointed in previous candidates .....	1%	*
Disappointed in politicians/politics in general.....	*	2%
Other .....	10%	11%
No reason/Don’t know .....	4%	3%

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=496)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=135)</b>
<b>Less Enthusiastic</b>		
No enthusiasm factor at this time.....	28%	30%
Disappointed in Obama’s policies/ performance/need change .....	18%	13%
Disappointed in governmental policies/ performance/need change .....	15%	12%
Disappointed in politicians/politics in general.....	13%	12%
Disappointed in the candidates (unspecified)	12%	14%
No matter what happens nothing will change	11%	11%
Dislike the Republican candidates .....	9%	2%
Poor economy .....	7%	9%
Disappointed in political partisanship.....	7%	5%
I like Obama.....	5%	7%
Not knowledgeable/as knowledgeable of the candidates/issues.....	2%	5%
Obama will be re-elected regardless .....	2%	2%
Other .....	9%	10%
No reason/Don’t know .....	5%	6%

52. American’s Elect is a nonpartisan organization that will place an independent candidate for president on the ballot in all 50 states in 2012 through a secure online voting platform.

Based on what you know at this point, how likely would you be to participate in the online process that will nominate the Americans Elect candidate for president (you can still vote in your own party’s primary election if you wish)?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Likely .....</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Very likely .....	8%	8%
Somewhat likely.....	29%	34%
<b>NET: Not likely .....</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>55%</b>
Not very likely .....	31%	36%
Not at all likely.....	29%	19%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%

53. How concerned are you that the Social Security system will not be able to provide the benefits you expect when you retire?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Concerned .....</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>79%</b>
Very concerned .....	44%	42%
Somewhat concerned .....	35%	37%
<b>NET: Not Concerned .....</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>18%</b>
Not very concerned .....	12%	14%
Not at all concerned .....	7%	4%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

54. Please tell me which if the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits.....	40%	39%
Changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts		
Due to drops in the stock market .....	56%	57%
Decline to answer.....	5%	3%

55. Thinking about political campaign contributions and free speech, which is the greater priority for you personally?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Placing limits on individuals.....	28%	24%
Corporations or unions can contribute to political campaigns .....	13%	15%
Protecting individuals', corporations' or unions' rights to freely support political campaigns .....	53%	57%
Decline to answer.....	6%	3%

56. In general, which do you think is the better way to solve important issues facing the country – through political engagement or through community volunteerism?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Political Engagement .....	21%	26%
Community volunteerism.....	33%	36%
Not sure.....	43%	37%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

57. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
No religious preference.....	24%	22%
Catholic.....	20%	17%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian .....	13%	12%
Another religion.....	12%	11%
Protestant.....	11%	18%
Decline to answer.....	11%	9%
Not sure.....	3%	2%
LDS/Mormon.....	2%	4%
Jewish.....	1%	3%
Muslim.....	1%	1%

[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q57, ask]

58. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,263)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=271)</b>
Yes .....	35%	32%
No.....	49%	55%
Not sure.....	11%	8%
Decline to answer.....	4%	4%

59. How important is religion in your own life?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Very important.....	35%	33%
Somewhat important.....	28%	29%
Not very important.....	31%	32%
Note sure.....	5%	5%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

60. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Cell phone.....	82%	91%
Landline phone service.....	11%	4%
VOIP phone service.....	1%	1%
None of these.....	4%	3%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

61. Do you have health care coverage?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes.....	70%	86%
No.....	24%	10%
Not sure.....	4%	3%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

[If “Yes” in Q61, ask]

62. To the best of your knowledge, are you on an individual plan or are you covered as part of your parent’s plan?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,428)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=360)</b>
Individual.....	53%	22%
Parent’s plan.....	43%	76%
Don’t know.....	4%	2%
Decline to answer.....	*	*

**[If currently enrolled 4-year college, ask Q63-Q67]**

63. Is your college/university...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=668)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=420)</b>
Public .....	80%	71%
Private .....	19%	28%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

64. Is the college/university that you currently attend...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=668)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=420)</b>
In an urban or city area .....	53%	55%
In a suburban area next to a city .....	26%	23%
In small town or rural area .....	19%	21%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

65. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=668)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=420)</b>
Less than 1,000 .....	6%	3%
1,000 to 4,999 .....	29%	21%
5,000 to 9,999 .....	26%	24%
10,000 to 19,999 .....	18%	25%
20,000 or more .....	20%	26%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

66. Where do you live while attending college?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=668)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=420)</b>
In an on-campus dormitory .....	19%	28%
In fraternity/sorority housing .....	-	1%
In a campus-owned apartment .....	3%	5%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .....	34%	35%
At home, with my parents .....	37%	26%
Somewhere else .....	5%	4%
Decline to answer .....	2%	1%

67. Are you a...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=668)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=420)</b>
Full-time student .....	76%	91%
Part-time student .....	22%	8%
Decline to answer .....	1%	1%

68. What is your age?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
18.....	8%	12%
19.....	8%	19%
20.....	8%	16%
21.....	9%	15%
22.....	9%	16%
23.....	7%	5%
24.....	9%	5%
25.....	7%	2%
26.....	8%	6%
27.....	7%	2%
28.....	11%	1%
29.....	9%	1%

69. What is your gender?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Male .....	50%	50%
Female.....	50%	50%

70. What is your race and ethnicity?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
White, Non-Hispanic .....	60%	67%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	13%	12%
Hispanic .....	20%	14%
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	6%	6%
2 or more races, Non-Hispanic .....	2%	1%

71. What is the highest level of school you have completed?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Less than HS .....	12%	1%
HS .....	31%	27%
Some college.....	37%	66%
Bachelor or higher.....	19%	6%

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72. We would like to get a more accurate estimate of your total HOUSEHOLD income in the past 12 months before taxes. Was it ...

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Less than \$5,000 .....	3%	3%
\$5,000 to \$7,499 .....	2%	*
\$7,500 to \$9,999 .....	2%	1%
\$10,000 to \$12,499 .....	3%	3%
\$12,500 to \$14,999 .....	3%	1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	4%	2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	6%	3%
\$25,000 to \$29,999 .....	8%	5%
\$30,000 to \$34,999 .....	7%	5%
\$35,000 to \$39,999 .....	6%	3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999 .....	9%	7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999 .....	9%	5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999 .....	10%	12%
\$75,000 to \$84,999 .....	5%	8%
\$85,000 to \$99,999 .....	7%	12%
\$100,000 to \$124,999 .....	8%	15%
\$125,000 to \$149,999 .....	4%	8%
\$150,000 to \$174,999 .....	2%	5%
\$175,000 or more .....	2%	5%

73. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Married.....	23%	6%
Widowed.....	*	*
Divorced.....	2%	*
Separated.....	1%	1%
Never married .....	59%	86%
Living with partner .....	14%	7%

74. Are you the household head?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	47%	27%
No.....	53%	73%

75. Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household at least 50% of the time? Please remember to include babies or small children, include unrelated individuals (such as roommates), and also include those now away traveling or in a hospital.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
1.....	9%	6%
2.....	22%	14%
3.....	24%	28%
4.....	24%	32%
5.....	12%	14%
6.....	5%	4%
7.....	2%	1%
8.....	1%	*
9.....	*	*
10.....	*	*

76. How many members are there in each age group in your household? – Average Number

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
1 year old or younger (0-12 months) .....	.134	.02
2 to 5 years old.....	.235	.06
6 to 12 years old.....	.211	.10
13 to 17 years old.....	.227	.37
18 years old or older .....	2.622	3.00

77. Which statement best describes you current employment status?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Working.....</u></b>	<b><u>60%</u></b>	<b><u>58%</u></b>
Working – as a paid employee.....	57%	56%
Working – self employed.....	3%	2%
<b><u>NET: Not Working .....</u></b>	<b><u>40%</u></b>	<b><u>42%</u></b>
Not working – on a temporary layoff .....	1%	12%
Not working – looking for work .....	20%	%
Not working - retired .....	*	*
Not working - disabled.....	1%	*
Not working – other .....	17%	22%

78. Are you living quarters ...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Owned or being bought by you Or someone in your household .....	55%	73%
Rented for cash .....	42%	24%
Occupied without payment of cash rent.....	3%	2%

79. What best describes the building where you live?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
A one-family house detached from any other house .....	57%	76%
A one-family house attached to one or more houses .....	10%	7%
A building with 2 or more apartments .....	28%	17%
A mobile home.....	5%	*
Boat, RV, van, etc. ....	*	*

80. Do you have internet access at home?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	88%	98%
No.....	12%	2%

81. Region – based on state of residence?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Northeast.....	17%	20%
Midwest.....	22%	28%
South .....	36%	33%
West .....	25%	19%

82. Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Metro.....	85%	85%
Non-metro.....	15%	15%

#### Weighting Methodology

For this survey, a nationally representative sample of U.S. adults (18 to 29 years old) was selected. 2,028 respondents completed the survey, with 91 interviews conducted in Spanish. Responses were weighted to merge the Spanish-speakers with the overall panel, ensuring correct proportional fitting of Spanish-speaking members relative to other English-speaking Hispanic and non-Hispanic panel members. Data was also weighted to reflect known population density by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, census region, metropolitan area, and Internet access. These adjustments, while minor, allow for us to draw conclusions about the population of 18-29 year olds, based on our sample.

A word about the sub-samples. The college sub-sample is exclusively those students who reported that they were enrolled in a four-year degree program at the college level. The non-college sample is not currently enrolled in a four-year program but does represent varied educational backgrounds including high school students, community college and 2-year-college students, graduate programs students, students enrolled in other degree granting programs, and students not enrolled in any form of education at the time of the survey.