

**NATIONAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY II  
FALL 2002 REPLICATION SURVEY**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ (first and last name). I'm taking a national public opinion survey for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news. We are not selling anything, not asking for money and all your answers will be completely confidential. May I please speak with the adult 18 years of age or older in the household who had the last birthday?

**IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE, POSSIBLE PROBES:**

- X Your participation is very important because only about 1,000 people throughout the country have been randomly selected for this survey and your views will represent many other people.
- X **IF DON=T KNOW ENOUGH:** There are not right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. They are just as important as anybody else=s.
- X **IF NOT INTERESTED/DON=T WANT TO:** Please help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

INT1 To begin with, for how many years have you lived in the community or town where you now reside, or have you lived here all your life?

/ \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / Code actual number: 1-97; 98 = all my life; 99 = don=t know/refused;  
Less than 1 year = 0

INT4 Have you ever worked together informally with someone or some group to solve a problem in the community where you live? IF YES, Was this in the last 12 months or not?

- 1 Yes, within the last 12 months
- 2 Yes, but not within the last 12 months
- 3 No, haven=t done it
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

**[ASK FORM 1 ONLY]**

V1a Have you ever spent time participating in any community service or volunteer activity, or haven=t you had time to do this? By volunteer activity, I mean actually working in some way to help others for no pay. IF YES, Have you done this in the last 12 months, or not?

- 1 Yes, have done it in last 12 months B GO TO V2A
- 2 Yes, but have not done it in last 12 months B GO TO VP1
- 3 No, have not done it B GO TO VP1
- 8 Don=t know if have done it B GO TO VP1
- 9 Refused B GO TO VP1

V2a I= m going to read a list of different groups that people sometimes volunteer for. As I read each one, can you tell me if you have volunteered for this type of group or organization within the last 12 months? [Randomize, with OTHER (ITEM F) always last]

- A A religious group
- B A political organization or candidates running for office
- C An environmental organization
- D A civic or community organization involved in health or social services. This could be an organization to help the poor, elderly, homeless, or a hospital.
- E An organization involved with youth, children, or education
- F Is there any other type of group I haven=t mentioned that you have volunteered for in the last 12 months  
[If yes] What group would that be? \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Yes, has volunteered within the last 12 months
- 2 No, has not volunteered within the last 12 months
- 8 Don=t know if volunteered within the last 12 months
- 9 Refused

[Ask the following question for each group mentioned in V2 the respondent identifies as having volunteered for in the past 12 months, up to a maximum of 3 groups. If more than 3 groups selected choose randomly, but always include >a political organization or candidates for office= if selected by respondent.]

V3a Thinking about the work for (type of group) over the last 12 months, is this something you do on a regular basis, or just once in a while?

- 1 On a regular basis
- 2 Once in a while
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

**[ASK ALL]**

VP1 In talking to people, we find that many are not registered to vote because they are too busy or move around often. Would official state records show that you are now registered to vote in your election district, or not?

- 1 Registered
- 2 Not registered Go to PP1
- 8 Don=t know Go to PP1

9 Refused

Go to PP1

VP3 We know that most people don't vote in all elections. Usually between one-quarter to one-half of those eligible actually come out to vote. Can you tell me how often you vote in local and national elections? Always, sometimes, rarely, or never?

- |   |                                    |           |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Always                             | Go to PP1 |
| 2 | Sometimes                          | Go to PP1 |
| 3 | Rarely                             | Go to PP1 |
| 4 | Never                              | Go to PP1 |
| 5 | Other (eligibility problems) (VOL) | Go to PP1 |
| 8 | Don't know                         | Go to PP1 |
| 9 | Refused                            | Go to PP1 |

**Note: We are asking one field house (PDS) to use different response categories for PP1 and PP2. SRBI uses the PP1 and PP2 listed below**

PP1 When there is an election taking place do you generally talk to any people and try to show them why they should vote for or against one of the parties or candidates, or not?

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Yes        |
| 2 | No         |
| 8 | Don't know |
| 9 | Refused    |

PP2 Do you wear a campaign button, put a sticker on your car, or place a sign in front of your house, or aren't these things you do?

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Yes        |
| 2 | No         |
| 8 | Don't know |
| 9 | Refused    |

**Note: PDS – use the PP1 and PP2 listed below**

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- 1 Always
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

PP3 During the past 12 months, have you been contacted by someone personally to vote for or against any candidate for political office? This does not include contact through a mass mailing or recorded telephone call.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

PP5 During the past 12 months, have you been contacted by someone PERSONALLY to work for or contribute money to a candidate, political party, or any other organization that supports candidates? This does not include contact through a mass mailing or recorded telephone call.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

PP6 In the past 12 months, did you work for or contribute money to a candidate, a political party, or any organization that supported candidates?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

**{ROTATE, BUT KEEP THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS TOGETHER: E and F; G and H; I and J}**

PP7 Now I'm going to read you a quick list of things that some people have done to express their views. For each one I read, please just tell me whether you have ever done it or not. (FOR EACH YES, PROBE: And have you done this in the last 12 months, or not?)

- A Contacted or visited a public official - at any level of government - to express your opinion?
- B Contacted a newspaper or magazine to express your opinion on an issue?
- C Called in to a radio or television talk show to express your opinion on a political issue, even if you did not get on the air?
- D Taken part in a protest, march, or demonstration?
- E Signed an e-mail petition? ABOUT A SOCIAL OR POLITICAL ISSUE
- F And have you ever signed a written petition about a political or social issue?
- G NOT bought a good or service because of the conditions under which the product is made, or because you dislike the conduct of the company?
- H Bought a certain product or service because you like the social or political values of the company that produces or provides it
- I Personally walked, ran, or bicycled for a charitable cause -this is separate from sponsoring or giving money to this type of event?
- J BESIDES DONATING MONEY, have you ever done anything else to help raise money for a charitable cause?
- K Have you worked as a canvasser - having gone door to door for a political or social group or candidate?

- 1 No. Have not done it
- 2 Yes, Have done it, but not in last 12 months
- 3 Yes, Have done it, and within last 12 months
- 8 Have done it, DK whether in last 12 months or not
- 9 Don't know if have done it

MI1 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Do you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, rarely or never?

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 8 Don't know/Depends

9 Refused

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF MI2 AND MI3]**

MI2 How often do you talk about politics or government with your family and friends? Very often, sometimes, rarely or never?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

MI3 Which of the following statements best describes you: [READ STATEMENT AND NUMBER]

- 1 Most of my close friends share my views on social and political issues
- 2 Some of my close friends share my views but many do not
- 3 I don't really know what most of my close friends think about social and political issues
- 9 Don't Know/Refused

MI7 I'm going to read you some ways that people get news and information. Over the past seven days, please tell me on how many days you have done each of the following... (ROTATE)

- A Read a newspaper
- B Read magazines like Newsweek, Time, or U.S. News and World Report?
- C Watch the national news on television
- D Listen to the news on radio.
- E Read news on the Internet

- 0 No, did not do use  
/\_/\_/ Code number 1 through 7; couple=2; few=3; everyday=7
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

GPA NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS YOU MIGHT BELONG TO. I'M INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT GROUPS YOU'RE A MEMBER OF, OR DONATE MONEY TO. I'M TALKING ABOUT CHARITIES, LABOR UNIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, POLITICAL OR SOCIAL GROUPS, SPORTS AND YOUTH GROUPS, AND SO FORTH. Do you belong to or donate money to any groups or associations, either locally or nationally?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (SKIP TO CONDITIONAL BEFORE V1B)
- 9 (VOL) Don=t know /Refused (SKIP TO CONDITIONAL BEFORE V1B)

GPB About how many groups would you say you belong to or donate money to? TAKE YOUR TIME AND THINK ABOUT IT. (PROBE: "Just your best guess" BEFORE ACCEPTING DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED)

\_\_ enter number (RANGE: 1-97, 98 = Don't Know, 99 = Refused)

GXA Are you an active member (IF GPB = 1 "OF THIS GROUP", IF GPB > 1 "ANY OF THESE GROUPS," a member but not active, or have you given money only?

- 1 Active member of at least one of them
- 2 Member but not active in at least one of them
- 3 Given money only
- 4 (VOL) Given Money and Active Member
- 5 (VOL) Given Money and Inactive Member
- 8 (VOL) Don't know
- 9 (VOL) Refused

GXb (IF GPB = 1 "DOES THIS GROUP", IF GPB >1 "DO ANY OF THESE GROUPS" take stands on or discuss public issues, or try to influence governmental actions?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 (VOL) Don=t know/Refused

**[ASK FORM 2 ONLY]**

V1b Have you ever spent time participating in any community service or volunteer activity, or haven't you had time to do this? By volunteer activity, I mean actually working in some way to help others for no pay. IF YES, Have you done this in the last 12 months, or not?

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[If yes] What group would that be? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

**[ASK ALL]**

**[Ask BOY1 through BOY5 if respondent said Ayes, in last 12 months@ B CODE A3" IN PP7G]**

BOY1 Earlier you said that during the past 12 months, you had not bought something because of conditions under which the product is made, or because you dislike the conduct of the company that produces it. How often do you choose not to buy something for these reasons... would you say you do this every week, about once a month, a few times a year, or less often than that?

- 1 Every week
- 2 About once a month
- 3 Few times a year
- 4 Less often
- 8 Didn=t do this (VOL.) **GO TO INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BUY1**
- 9 Don=t know/refused

BOY2 Over the course of the past 12 months, how many different **TYPES** of goods or services have you not bought for these reasons? [Interviewer note: EMPHASIZE "TYPES"]

- /\_/\_/\_/ CODE ACTUAL NUMBER B MAXIMUM 50
- OR ACCEPT CHARACTERIZATION AFTER PROBING
- 90 AA LOT@
- 91 ASOME@
- 92 AJUST A FEW@ A ONE OR TWO@
- 99 Don=t know/refused

**[ASK 1/2 SAMPLE]**

BOY3 Thinking about the last time you did this, could you tell me a little about what you did... what did you not buy, and why?

RECORD VERBATIM

**[ASK ALL]**

BOY4 Thinking about the last time you did this, was this a part of an organized campaign to not buy something, or is it something you just decided to do on your own?

- 1 Organized campaign
- 2 On my own
- 3 BOTH (VOL.)
- 9 Don't know/Refused

BOY5 AND, where did you get the information that helped you make your decision to do it... from friends or family members, from the news media, from the Internet, from a group or organization, or somewhere else?

(IF RESPONDENT OFFERS MORE THAN ONE ANSWER PROBE FOR MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE)

- 1 Friend or family member
- 2 News media
- 3 Internet/email
- 4 Group or organization
- 5 Somewhere else
- 9 Don=t know/refused

**[Ask BUY1 through BUY5 if respondent said Ayes, in last 12 months@ B CODE A3" IN PP7H ]**

BUY1 Earlier you said that during the past 12 months, you bought a certain product or service because you like the social or political values of the company that produces or provides it. How often do you choose to buy something for these reasons... would you say you do this every week, about once a month, a few times a year, or less often than that?

- 1 Every week
- 2 About once a month
- 3 Few times a year
- 4 Less often
- 8 Didn=t do this (VOL.) **GO TO INSTRUCTIONS  
BEFORE VOTA UNLESS BOY1-BOY5 HAS BEEN ANSWERED,  
THEN GOTO BOY6/BUY6A OR BOY6/BUY6B**
- 9 Don=t know/refused

BUY2 Over the course of the past 12 months, how many different **TYPES** of goods or services have you bought for these reasons? [Interviewer note: EMPHASIZE "TYPES"]

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**[ASK 1/2 SAMPLE]**

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- 3 Internet/email
- 4 Group or organization
- 5 Somewhere else
- 9 Don=t know/refused

**NOTE:WE ARE DELETING BOY6 AS INDICATED ABOVE. INSTEAD, WE WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT-HALF BOY6/BUY6A AND B (NEW QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW). THESE WILL BE ASKED IF BOY1 = 1-4,9 or BUY1 = 1-4,9.**

BOY6/BUY6A In general, how much of an effect do you believe your buying decisions have on changing the behavior of businesses? A great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not very much
- 4 None at all
- 5 Don't know/refused

**SPLIT HALF WITH**

BOY6/BUY6B And in general, do you do this kind of thing mostly because you believe it will change the behavior of businesses, or mostly because you think it is a good thing to do?

- 1 It will change the behavior of business
- 2 It is a good thing to do
- 9 Don't know/refused

**[ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID NOT REGISTERED, DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED IN VP1 (VP1 = 2,8,9)]**

[IF VP1 = 1 REGISTERED GOTO VOT1]

VOTA Earlier you had said you are not registered to vote. Could you register if you wanted to, or are you not eligible to vote for some reason?

- |   |                              |                        |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Could register if wanted to  | CONTINUE WITH VOTB A-H |
| 2 | Not eligible to vote         | Go to D1               |
| 9 | Don't know if could register | Go to D1               |

VOTB People aren't registered to vote for a lot of reasons. I'm going to read you some possible reasons and would like you to tell me if it is a major reason you are not registered, a minor reason, or not a reason. First... (RANDOMIZE) is this a major, minor, or not a reason why you are not registered to vote?

- A I'm not interested in politics
- B There's no difference between the two parties
- C I really dislike politics and government
- D Voting is too much trouble
- E My vote wouldn't make any difference in what happens in my life
- G I recently moved and haven't registered at my current address
- H It's too hard to get information about who to vote for

- 1 Major
- 2 Minor
- 3 Not a reason
- 9 Don't know/Refused

**GO TO D1**

VOT1 Did you vote in the 2002 general election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, or did something prevent you from voting?

- 1 Voted – go to D1
- 2 Did not vote -
- 8 Don't know – go to D1
- 9 Refused – go to D1

[ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (CODE "2" IN VOT1)]

VOT2 People don't vote for a lot of reasons. I'm going to read a short list of possible reasons and would like you to tell me if it is a major reason you didn't vote, a minor reason, or not a reason. First... (RANDOMIZE)... is this a major, minor, or not a reason why YOU did not vote in the election on November 5?

- A I'm not interested in politics
- B There's no difference between the two parties
- C I really dislike politics and government
- D Voting is too much trouble
- E My vote wouldn't make any difference in what happens in my life
- G I recently moved and haven't registered at my current address
- H It's too hard to get information about who to vote for

Response Options NVA-G

- 1 Major
- 2 Minor
- 3 Not a reason
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

Just a few more questions so we can know a little more about you.

D1 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat Ask D1a
- 2 Republican Ask D1a
- 3 Independent Go to D1b
- 4 Something Else/Other Go to D1b
- 8 Don't Know/No opinion Go to D1b
- 9 Refused Go to D1b

D1a Do you consider yourself a strong [insert party] or not so strong [insert party]?

- 1 Strong Go to D2
- 2 Not so strong Go to D2

|   |            |          |
|---|------------|----------|
| 8 | Don=t know | Go to D2 |
| 9 | Refused    | Go to D2 |

**(IF #3,4, 8 OR 9 TO D1, ASK)**

D1b. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 Democratic party
- 2 Republican party
- 3 Other party
- 4 Neither
- 8 Don't know/no opinion
- 9 Refused

D2 In general, would you describe your political views as... **(READ OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 5)**

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal, OR
- 5 Very Liberal?
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

NET Do you use the Internet either from home, school, or work? IF YES, Thinking back over the last week, how many of the 7 days did you use the Internet?

- 0 No, did not use
- /\_\_\_\_\_/ Code number 1 through 7
- 8 Does not use the Internet
- 9 Don=t know/refused

EDUC What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

- 1 None, or grades 1-8
- 2 High school, incomplete (grades 9-11)
- 3 High school graduate (Grad 12 or GED certificate)
- 4 Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school
- 5 Some college, no four year degree
- 6 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)
- 7 Some post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Masters= degree or Ph..D., law or medical school)
- 8 Post-graduate degree (Master=s, Ph.D., law, medical, or other professional degree)
- 9 Don=t know/Refused (VOL)

AGE What was your age on your last birthday?  
/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/ (Range 18-96; 97 = 97 or more; 98 = Don=t know; 99 = Refused)

D3 Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D4 Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Other (VOL/SPECIFY: )
- 8 Not determined/Don't know
- 9 Refused

D6 Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, atheist or agnostic?

- 1 Catholic [GOTO D7]
- 2 Protestant (include Baptist, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc) [GOTO D7]
- 3 Jewish [GOTO D8]
- 4 Muslim [GOTO D8]
- 5 Other [GO TO D6A]
- 6 Atheist/Agnostic [GOTO D8]
- 8 Don't Know [GO TO D8]
- 9 Refused [GOTO D8]

D6A Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes GO TO D7
- 2 No GO TO D8
- 8 Don=t Know GO TO D8
- 9 Refused GO TO D8

D7 Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

D8 Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D11 Are you married, living as married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Married
- 2 Living as married
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Separated
- 6 Never been married
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D13 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, not employed, or retired?

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-Time
- 3 Not Employed
- 4 Retired
- 8 (VOL) Don't Know
- 9 (VOL) Refused

D16 Is anyone in your household a member of a union?

- 1 Yes go to D16a
- 2 No
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

D16a Is that yourself, someone else, or both?

- 1 Myself
- 2 Someone else
- 3 Both
- 8 Don=t know
- 9 Refused

D18 So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: READ  
RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 8

- 1 Under 20,000
- 2 20,000 to just under 30,000
- 3 30 to just under 40,000
- 4 40,000 to just under 50,000
- 5 50,000 to just under 65,000
- 6 65,000 to just under 80,000
- 7 80,000 to just under 100,000
- 8 OR OVER 100,000
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW