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## Americans on Socio-Economic Rights Questionnaire

October 14, 2008

Dates of Survey: August 9-20, 2008  
Sample Size: 1174

Margin of Error: +/- 2.9-3.4 %

### [3/4 SAMPLE D,A,B]

Q1a. Do you think the United States' government should be responsible for ensuring that its citizens can meet their basic need for food, OR do you think that is NOT the government's responsibility?

Should be responsible .....	74%
McCain supporters .....	61
Obama supporters .....	86
Undecided .....	77
Should not be responsible .....	25
McCain supporters .....	38
Obama supporters .....	13
Undecided .....	21
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q1b. What about the basic need for healthcare?

Should be responsible .....	77%
McCain supporters .....	57
Obama supporters .....	92
Undecided .....	88
Should not be responsible .....	21
McCain supporters .....	41
Obama supporters .....	8
Undecided .....	10
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q1c. What about the basic need for education?

Should be responsible .....	83%
McCain supporters .....	72

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Obama supporters .....	92
Undecided .....	87
Should not be responsible .....	16
McCain supporters .....	26
Obama supporters .....	7
Undecided .....	12
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q2a: Keeping in mind the limits of the American government's resources, please tell me how well the government IS ENSURING that people can meet the basic need for food?

Very well.....	10%
McCain supporters .....	15
Obama supporters .....	6
Undecided .....	7
Somewhat well.....	42
McCain supporters .....	50
Obama supporters .....	38
Undecided .....	31
Not very well.....	37
McCain supporters .....	27
Obama supporters .....	43
Undecided .....	46
Not well at all.....	10
McCain supporters .....	7
Obama supporters .....	12
Undecided .....	12
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q2b. What about the need for healthcare?

Very well.....	6%
McCain supporters .....	10
Obama supporters .....	4
Undecided .....	3
Somewhat well.....	24
McCain supporters .....	33

Obama supporters .....	16
Undecided .....	22
Not very well.....	43
McCain supporters .....	41
Obama supporters .....	45
Undecided .....	42
Not well at all.....	26
McCain supporters .....	14
Obama supporters .....	34
Undecided .....	31
Refused/Don't know .....	1

Q2c. What about the need for education?

Very well.....	11%
McCain supporters .....	17
Obama supporters .....	7
Undecided .....	9
Somewhat well.....	50
McCain supporters .....	53
Obama supporters .....	49
Undecided .....	43
Not very well.....	26
McCain supporters .....	24
Obama supporters .....	27
Undecided .....	30
Not well at all.....	12
McCain supporters .....	6
Obama supporters .....	16
Undecided .....	16
Refused/Don't know .....	1

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:**

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q5a. If the upcoming election for president were held today, for whom would you vote:

John McCain .....	45%
Barack Obama.....	44
Refused/Don't know .....	10

D1. Age

18-29 .....	22%
30-39 .....	16
40-49 .....	19
50-59 .....	20
60+ .....	23

D2. Education level (categorical)

Less than High School .....	11%
High School Graduate.....	32
Some College .....	26
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	32

D3. What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself:

Christian.....	78%
Jewish.....	2
Muslim.....	*
Buddhist.....	*
Hindu .....	1
Some other religion.....	6
No religious preference/atheist .....	12
Refused/Don't know .....	2

[IF "CHRISTIAN" at D2]

D3a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born- again' or evangelical?

Yes .....	26% *
No.....	38

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\* Percent of total.

No opinion .....14

Refused/Don't know .....\*

D7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican ..... 28%

Lean Republican .....9

Neither .....20

Lean Democrat.....10

Democrat.....33

Gender

Male ..... 48%

Female.....52

Race/Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic ..... 69%

Black, Non-Hispanic.....11

Other, Non-Hispanic .....5

Hispanic .....13

2+ Races, Non-Hispanic .....1

Region

Northeast..... 19%

Midwest.....22

South .....37

West .....23

**METHODOLOGY**

The US poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, and ethnicity. For more information about the methodology, please go to: [www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp](http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp).

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