



Hello, my name is _____. I'm calling long distance from OTR, a national public opinion research firm. This is not a sales call and I won't ask you for a contribution or donation. We are conducting a survey on behalf of John Jay College, and would appreciate a few minutes of your time to ask you a few questions on a confidential basis. According to the research procedure, I need to speak to the [ALTERNATE: YOUNGEST/OLDEST] [ALTERNATE: MAN/WOMAN] at this address who is 18 years of age or older.

1. At the present time, are you officially registered to vote at this address?

Yes	100%
No	-
VOL: (Don't know)	-
VOL: (Refused).....	-

2. As you may know, in November 2008, there will be a general election for President and other offices. How likely would you say you are to vote in this election? Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

Definitely	82%
Probably	14
Chance 50-50.....	2
Probably not vote.....	1
Definitely not vote.....	1
Don't Know/Refused.....	1

3. In general, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say things in this country are off on the wrong track?

Right direction.....	20%
Wrong track	64
VOL: (Neither/Mixed).....	14
VOL: (Don't Know/Refused)	2

Next I want to read a list of issues some people have mentioned as important for our President and Congress to address. They may or may not be important to you. For each, please tell me if it is the most important issue for our President and Congress to address, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue, a not very important issue, or if it is not an important issue at all for our President and Congress to address.

	IMPORTANT			NOT IMPORTANT			NET	
	Most	Very	Some	Very	Not at all	(DK/Ref.)	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
• Providing a quality public school education for all children.....	31%	56	10	1	1	*	87%	2
• Preventing another terrorist attack.....	33%	53	11	2	1	1	86%	3
• Promoting economic development and creating new jobs	26%	58	14	1	*	*	84%	2
• Reducing crime	23%	59	16	2	*	*	81%	3
• Guaranteeing affordable health care for all Americans	28%	49	17	4	2	1	76%	6
• Reforming immigration laws.....	21%	45	25	6	1	2	66%	8

10. How big a problem is crime in America today? Is it a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not very serious problem or is it not a serious problem at all...

Very serious problem	53%
Somewhat serious problem.....	41
Not very serious.....	4
Not serious at all.....	1
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	1
SERIOUS (NET).....	94%
NOT SERIOUS (NET)	5

11. As far as you know, is there more or less crime in America than one year ago?

A lot more crime	32%
Somewhat more crime	32
Somewhat less crime	14
A lot less crime	2
VOL: (About the same).....	10
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	10
MORE CRIME (NET).....	64%
LESS CRIME (NET)	15

[IF MORE/LESS, ASK] Is that a lot more/less or somewhat more/less?

Now I am going to read you a list of crimes that happen in the United States. After each, I want you to tell me whether you think this type of crime has increased, decreased, or stayed the same in the past year.

	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(DK/Ref.)</u>
• School violence	72%	8	16	4
• Juvenile crime	70%	6	19	5
• Sale or use of illegal drugs	67%	6	22	5
• Murder	57%	13	24	6
• Crimes against children, such as kidnapping	54%	12	27	7
• Burglary	50%	11	32	8
• Hate crimes	47%	15	30	8
• Muggings	36%	15	35	14

Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements I read.

	<u>AGREE</u>		<u>DISAGREE</u>		<u>(DK/Ref.)</u>	<u>NET</u>	
	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Strong</u>		<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>
• Americans have a greater chance of being killed by crime than a terrorist attack.	59%	29	5	3	4	88%	8
• The streets are less safe for kids today than when I was growing up.	67%	20	6	5	2	87%	11
• I want to hear more news about what communities are doing to prevent crime and less news about actual crimes.	43%	38	10	4	5	81%	14
• Elected officials should be doing more to address the issue of school violence.	47%	33	11	6	3	80%	17
• Elected officials are not talking enough about preventing crime.	36%	38	16	6	5	74%	21
• The media pays too much attention to violent crime.	38%	34	18	9	2	71%	26
• The growing number of illegal immigrants to this country has resulted in more crime.	32%	30	20	12	6	62%	32
• Elected officials spend too much time talking about terrorism.	30%	30	21	14	5	60%	35
• The city I live in is less safe now than it used to be.	30%	29	21	16	5	59%	37
• I am afraid to walk alone at night in my neighborhood.	17%	16	24	41	2	33%	65

30. Thinking about crime in this country, which of the following do you think is MOST responsible for problems with crime today? [READ LIST]

Drugs and alcohol	33%
Poverty	17
Lenient judges	9
Availability of handguns	8
Unemployment	7
Illegal Immigration	6
Not enough police on streets	6
Lenient parole boards	3
VOL: (None of the above)	1
VOL: (Other)	6
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3

31. Now I am going to read you a list of ways some people have said we can reduce crime in the United States. Please tell me which ONE or TWO of the following you believe would be most effective in reducing crime:

More police on the streets	24%
Tougher sentencing laws	24
Stricter gun laws	18
Violence prevention programs for youths	18
Job training programs for individuals in prison and on parole	16
More mental health and drug treatment programs	14
Preventing illegal immigration	11
Removing criminal penalties for possession of certain drugs	11
VOL: (None of the above)	1
VOL: (Other)	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3

32. Where do you get MOST of your news about crime? From television, newspapers, radio, magazines, or the Internet? [ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES] [IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONLY ONE RESPONSE, PROBE FOR A SECOND RESPONSE] Anywhere else?

Television	66%
Newspapers.....	29
Internet	15
Radio	9
Magazine	2
VOL: (Other)	2
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	1

33. Thinking about the news you get from watching television...Do you get MOST of your news about crime from watching your local news, network news on ABC, NBC, or CBS, or from news cable channels like CNN or Fox News Channel?

Local news.....	52%
Network news.....	15
Cable news.....	27
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	6

Now I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

34. No matter how you are voting this year, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? [IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN ASK] Would you call yourself a strong [DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN] or a not very strong [DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN]? [IF INDEPENDENT ASK] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat	25%
Not very strong Democrat	8
Independent Democrat.....	5
Independent.....	23
Independent Republican	5
Not very strong Republican	7
Strong Republican	16
VOL: (Something else/Other)	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5
DEMOCRAT (NET)	34%
INDEPENDENT (NET)	33
REPUBLICAN (NET).....	23

D100. Gender [BY OBSERVATION; DO NOT ASK]

Male.....	47%
Female.....	53

D101. What is your age?

18-24	6%
25-29	5
30-34	8
35-39	10
40-44	13
45-49	9
50-54	10
55-59	10
60-64	9
65-69	5
70+.....	14
VOL: (Refused).....	2

D102. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Some grade school	3%
Some high school.....	6
Graduated high school	29
Technical/Vocational school.....	2
Some college.....	26
Graduated from a four year college.....	23
Completed graduate school	10
VOL: (Refused).....	1

D107. Do you currently have any children under 18 living at home with you?

Yes	32%
No	67
VOL: (Refused).....	1

D110. What is your current marital status?

Married	62%
Not married, but living with partner.....	2
Single, never married	15
Divorced or separated	9
Widowed	10
VOL: (Refused).....	2

D106. How would you describe the place you live? Is it within the city limits of a major city with over 1 million people, a smaller city, in a suburban area, in a small town, or in a rural area?

Major city	21%
Small city	22
Suburban	20
Small town	19
Rural	17
VOL: (Refused).....	2

D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample of voters, could you please tell me your race? [IF WHITE/BLACK/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Black/African-American	11%
White/Caucasian	78
Hispanic/Latino	7
Asian American	1
Other (SPECIFY).....	1
VOL: (Refused).....	2

35. Were you born in the 50 United States or somewhere else?

50 States	95%
Somewhere else.....	4
VOL: (Refused).....	1

D400. Region [CODE FROM SAMPLE]

Northeast.....	5%
Mid-Atlantic.....	14
East North Central.....	17
West North Central.....	8
South Atlantic	18
East South Central	7
West South Central	11
Mountain.....	6
Pacific.....	14
Northeast.....	19%
Midwest	25
South	36
West	21