

## TRPI Pre-election Survey of Registered Voters in California and New York (October 2002)

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling for The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute. The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute is an independent, non-profit and non-partisan research organization affiliated with [IF CA: Claremont Graduate University in California; IF NY: Columbia University in New York City]. We are conducting a public opinion survey in your area.

### SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

S1. May I speak with Mr. or Ms. [INPUT THE NAME OF RESPONDENT]?

RESPONDENT AVAILABLE ... CONTINUE; **IF NECESSARY, REPEAT  
THE INTRODUCTION** ... 1

RESPONDENT IS NOT AVAILABLE ... CALL-BACK SCHEDULED ... 2

DON'T KNOW (DK)/ REFUSED TO ANSWER (RF) ... TERMINATE ... 9

S2. [ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY] Would you prefer that I speak in English or Spanish?

English ... 1

Spanish ... 2

S3. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes ... CONTINUE ... 1

No ... TERMINATE ... 2

DK/RF ... TERMINATE ... 9

S4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes ... SKIP TO Q1... 1

No ... TERMINATE IN CA; CONTINUE IN NY ... 2

DK/RF ... TERMINATE ... 9

S5. Are you an African American or white (Anglo/Caucasian)? [PROBE  
RACIAL OR ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION ]

African American ... TERMINATE ... 1

White (Anglo/Caucasian) ... CONTINUE IN NY ... 2

ALL OTHERS (E.G., ASIAN OR AMERICAN INDIAN) ... TERMINATE ... 3

DK/RF ... TERMINATE ... 9

This survey will take only 15 minutes to complete. And we'd very much like to include your opinions.

**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. [ASK IF S4=1] What is your primary language? Is it English, Spanish, or both equally?

- English ... 1
- Spanish ... 2
- Both equally ... 3
- DK/RF ... 9

2. How likely or unlikely would you say you are to vote in this November election? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

- Very likely ... 1
- Somewhat likely ... 2
- Somewhat unlikely ... 3
- Very unlikely ... 4
- DK/RF ... 9

3A. [CA ONLY] If the election for governor were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE: Bill Simon, Gray Davis, Peter Camejo] or someone else?

- Bill Simon ... 1
- Gray Davis ... 2
- Peter Camejo ... 3
- Someone else ... 4
- DO NOT WANT (PLAN) TO VOTE ... 5
- DK/UNDECIDED ... 8
- RF ... 9

3B. [NY ONLY] If the election for governor were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE: George Pataki, Carl McCall, Tom Golisano] or someone else?

- George Pataki ... 1
- Carl McCall ... 2
- Tom Golisano ... 3
- Someone else ... 4
- DO NOT WANT (PLAN) TO VOTE ... 5
- DK/UNDECIDED ... 8
- RF ... 9

4. Generally speaking, would you say that you personally care a great deal, somewhat, a little or you don't care at all who wins the gubernatorial election this fall?

A great deal ... 1  
Somewhat ... 2  
A little ... 3  
Not at all ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

5. Would you vote for [ROTATE: a Republican candidate OR a Democratic candidate] for the U.S. Congress in your district?

A Republican candidate ... 1  
A Democratic candidate ... 2  
SOMEONE ELSE ... 3  
DO NOT WANT (PLAN) TO VOTE ... 4  
DK/UNDECIDED ... 8  
RF ... 9

6. [CA ONLY] California voters are being asked to consider Proposition 52 on the November 2002 ballot. The proposition is called the "Election Day Voter Registration, Voter Fraud Penalties" initiative and, if enacted, will allow legally eligible persons to register to vote on election day. If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this Proposition or have you not thought much about it?

Yes ... 1  
No ... 2  
Have you not thought much about it / DK/ NOT SURE ... 3  
RF ... 9

7. [CA ONLY] Recently, Governor Gray Davis rejected legislation that would have allowed undocumented immigrants in the process of legalizing their status to obtain a California's driver's license, after completing a background check. How strongly do you support or oppose his rejection? Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it?

Strongly support ... 1  
Somewhat support ... 2  
Somewhat oppose ... 3  
Strongly oppose ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

8. If the election for the statewide equalization commissioner were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE: Joseph Washington, who is an African American, OR Victor Rodriguez, who is a Latino]? [IF RESPONDENT REQUEST MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATES, SIMPLY SAY YOU DO NOT HAVE MORE INFORMATION TO OFFER]

Joseph Washington, an African American ... 1  
Victor Rodriguez, a Latino ... 2  
DK/ NOT SURE ... 3  
RF ... 9

9. How much influence do you think someone like you has on deciding the course of this country? Is it a lot, some, very little, or none at all?

A lot ... 1  
Some ... 2  
Very little ... 3  
None at all ... 4  
DK/ NOT SURE ... 8  
RF ... 9

10. How interested are you in politics and public affairs? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

Very interested ... 1  
Somewhat interested ... 2  
Not very interested ... 3  
Not at all interested ... 4  
DK/ NOT SURE ... 8  
RF ... 9

11. Do you think that things in the nation are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right direction ... 1  
Wrong direction ... 2  
DK/NOT SURE ... 3  
RF ... 9

12. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way George W. Bush is handling his job as the President of the United States? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied ... 1  
Somewhat satisfied ... 2  
Somewhat dissatisfied ... 3  
Very dissatisfied ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

13A. [CA ONLY] How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Gray Davis is handling his job as the Governor of California? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied ... 1  
Somewhat satisfied ... 2  
Somewhat dissatisfied ... 3  
Very dissatisfied ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

13B. [NY ONLY] How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way George Pataki is handling his job as the Governor of New York? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied ... 1  
Somewhat satisfied ... 2  
Somewhat dissatisfied ... 3  
Very dissatisfied ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

14. What do you think is the most important problem facing the nation today? [DO NOT READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

The economy/ Unemployment/ Jobs ... 1  
National security/ Public safety/ Potential terrorist attacks ... 2  
War against Iraq ... 3  
Education/ Public schools ... 4  
Environmental issues ... 5  
Crime/ Gang violence/ Drugs ... 6  
Political and business corruption/scandal ... 7  
Healthcare ... 8  
Racial or ethnic relations ... 9  
Discrimination/ Affirmative action ... 10  
Values/Family values/Morality ... 11  
Social Security/ Care for the elderly ... 12  
Illegal immigration ... 13  
Poverty/ Welfare ... 14  
Something else ... SPECIFY ... 88  
DK/RF ... 99

15. Which political party do you think has a better approach to solving this problem? Is it [ROTATE: the Republicans, the Democrats], or is neither party better than the other?

Republicans ... 1

Democrats ... 2  
Neither party is better than the other ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

16. Now thinking about the economy in the country as a whole, would you say that over the past year the nation's economy has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

Gotten better ... 1  
Stayed about the same ... 2  
Gotten worse ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

17. What about your personal financial situation? Over the past year, has it gotten better, stayed about the same or gotten worse?

Gotten better ... 1  
Stayed about the same ... 2  
Gotten worse ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

18. [ASK IF S4=1] When the media and candidates speak about voters, they often speak of them as being members of certain groups in the electorate. As I read you a list of such groups, please tell me the group you most often identify with. If you do not identify with any of the groups, please feel free to tell me so.

[ROTATE RESPONSE CATEGORIES 1 THROUGH 13]

Union members ..... 1  
Soccer Moms ..... 2  
Republicans ..... 3  
Latinos or Hispanics ..... 4  
The elderly ..... 5  
The Christian right ..... 6  
Gays and Lesbians ..... 7  
Minorities ..... 8  
Democrats ..... 9  
Suburban families ..... 10  
Liberals ..... 11  
Conservatives ..... 12  
Working families ..... 13  
DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH ANY OF THE GROUPS ..... 98  
DK/RF ..... 99

The next few questions ask you to express your opinions on President George W. Bush.

19. Overall, would you say that President Bush is doing a very good job, a good job, a poor job, or a very poor job of handling the nation's economic problems?

Very good job ... 1  
Good job ... 2  
Poor job ... 3  
Very poor job ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

20. Overall, would you say that President Bush is doing a very good job, a good job, a poor job, or a very poor job of protecting the nation's security?

Very good job ... 1  
Good job ... 2  
Poor job ... 3  
Very poor job ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

21. [ASK IF S4=1] How effective or ineffective do you think President Bush is in addressing the concerns of the Latino community? Do you think that he is very effective, somewhat effective, somewhat ineffective, or very ineffective?

Very effective ... 1  
Somewhat effective ... 2  
Somewhat ineffective ... 3  
Very ineffective ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

22. There is a great deal of discussion among political leaders about whether the United States should go to war with Iraq. Knowing what you know today, would you favor or oppose having U.S. forces go to war against Iraq?

Favor ..... 1  
Oppose ..... 2  
DK/NOT SURE/WANT MORE INFORMATION ... 3  
RF ..... 9

23. How strongly do you support or oppose President Bush's earlier efforts to grant amnesty to undocumented U.S. residents of Latino descent? Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose such amnesty?

Strongly support ... 1  
Somewhat support ... 2  
Somewhat oppose ... 3  
Strongly oppose ... 4  
DK/ NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE ... 8  
RF ... 9

24. Turning to some other types of issues facing the nation, do you think the number of immigrants from foreign countries who are permitted to come to the United States to live should be increased a lot, increased a little, decreased a little, decreased a lot, or left the same as it is now?

Increased a lot ... 1  
Increased a little ... 2  
Decreased a little ... 3  
Decreased a lot ... 4  
Left the same as it is now ... 5  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

25. People have a wide range of reactions to the events of September 11, 2001. Some people believe that there is no justification for those events while others can understand why such actions could occur. How about you, do you believe that such events can be justified or is there no justification?

Can be justified ... 1  
No justification ... 2  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

Some people think that certain groups have too much influence in American life and politics, while other people feel that certain groups don't have as much influence as they deserve.

26. Of various groups, would you say that non-Hispanic whites—or Anglos--have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence in American life and politics?

Too much influence ... 1  
Just about the right amount ... 2  
Too little influence ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

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27. What about Latinos, or Hispanics? Would you say they have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence?

Too much influence ... 1  
Just about the right amount ... 2  
Too little influence ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

28. What about African Americans? Would you say they have too much influence, just about the right amount of influence, or too little influence?

Too much influence ... 1  
Just about the right amount ... 2  
Too little influence ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

29. [ASK IF S4=1] Just thinking about different groups living in the United States, how much do you think you have in common with other Latinos? Is it a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or do you think you have nothing at all in common?

A great deal ... 1  
A fair amount ... 2  
Only a little ... 3  
Nothing at all ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

30. [ASK IF S4=1] Just thinking about different groups living in the United States, how much do you think you have in common with African Americans? Is it a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or do you think you have nothing at all in common?

A great deal ... 1  
A fair amount ... 2  
Only a little ... 3  
Nothing at all ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

31. Overall, thinking about your neighborhood, your job and where you spend your free time, are most of your dealings with non-Hispanic whites, with African American, with Hispanics, or split between two or three different groups?

Mostly non-Hispanic white ... 1

Mostly African American ... 2  
Mostly Hispanic ... 3  
Split between two or three different groups ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

32. How infrequently or frequently do you feel that you are subject to racial or ethnic discrimination in everyday life? Is it not frequently at all, somewhat infrequently, somewhat frequently, or very frequently?

Not Frequently at all ... 1  
Somewhat infrequently ... 2  
Somewhat frequently ... 3  
Very frequently ... 4  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

33. Has anyone, including political candidates and community organizers, union representatives, ever contacted you regarding registering or voting in the upcoming November election?

Yes ... CONTINUE TO Q34 ... 1  
No ... SKIP TO Q35 ... 2  
DK/RF ... SKIP TO Q35 ... 9

34. Did representatives of either [ROTATE: the Democratic OR Republican Party] contact you regarding registering or voting? PROBE: Were they [ROTATE: Democrats or Republicans]?

Yes, Democrats ... 1  
Yes, Republicans ... 2  
Yes, both Democrats and Republicans ... 3  
No, neither contacted me ... 4  
DK/ NOT SURE ... 8  
RF ... 9

35. Do you generally consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or an independent?

Democrat ... CONTINUE TO Q36A ... 1  
Republican ... CONTINUE TO Q36A ... 2  
Independent ... SKIP TO Q36B ... 3  
Something else ... SKIP TO Q36B ... 4  
DK/RF ... SKIP TO Q36B ... 9

36A. Is your identification with the party very strong or not very strong?

Very strong ... SKIP TO Q37 ... 1  
Not very strong ... SKIP TO Q37 ... 2  
DK/RF ... SKIP TO Q37 ... 9

36B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republicans or the Democrats?

Republicans ..... 1  
Democrats ..... 2  
Neither ..... 3  
DK/RF ..... 9

37. Which of the following statements best describes how your feelings about the political parties have changed in recent years [READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

I feel much closer to the Republicans than I used to ..... 1  
I feel somewhat closer to the Republicans than I used to ..... 2  
I feel much closer to the Democrats than I used to ..... 3  
I feel somewhat closer to the Democrats than I used to ..... 4  
My feelings have not changed ..... 5  
DK/RF ..... 9

38A. [IF Q35=1 OR Q36B=2] In an election between a Latino Republican and a non-Latino Democrat, who are you more likely to vote for, the Latino Republican or the non-Latino Democrat?

The Latino Republican ... SKIP TO Q39 ... 1  
The non-Latino Democrat ... SKIP TO Q39 ... 2  
DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES ... SKIP TO Q39 ... 3  
DK ... SKIP TO Q39 ... 8  
RF ... SKIP TO Q39 ... 9

38B. [IFQ35=2 OR Q36B=1] In an election between a Latino Democrat and a non-Latino Republican, who are you more likely to vote for, the Latino Democrat or the non-Latino Republican?

The Latino Democrat ... 1  
The non-Latino Republican ... 2  
DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES ... 3  
DK ... 8  
RF ... 9

39. [ASK IF S4=1] Hispanics, or Latinos, include people from different countries. To what country do you trace your ancestry? [DO NOT READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

Mexico ..... 1



College graduate (BA, BS) .....	5
Graduate (MA, MS, MBA, MPA, MD, M.Div., M.Ed., JD, Ed.D., Ph.D.etc.) .....	6
DK/RF .....	9

45. Are you married, do you have a domestic partner, are you single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married .....	1
Have a domestic partner .....	2
Single .....	3
Separated .....	4
Divorced .....	5
Widowed .....	6
DK/RF .....	9

46. Apart from occasional weddings, baptisms, or funerals, how often do you attend church or religious services? Is it once a week or more, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, once a year or less, or never?

Once a week or more .....	1
Almost every week .....	2
Once or twice a month .....	3
A few times a year .....	4
Once a year or less .....	5
Never .....	6
DK/RF .....	9

47. Are you or is anyone in your family a member of a labor union?

Yes .....	1
No .....	2
RF .....	9

48. What was your total household income last year before taxes? Just stop me when I read the correct category.

Up to \$15,000 .....	1
\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	2
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	3
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	4
\$50,000 to \$64,999 .....	5
\$65,000 to \$79,999 .....	6
\$80,000 to \$99,999 .....	7
\$100,000 and above .....	8
DK/RF .....	9

48A. [ASK IF Q48=9] Was your total family income last year below \$35,000?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2  
DK/RF ..... 9

49. Gender [DO NOT ASK]

Male ..... 1  
Female ..... 2

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer the survey questions.