

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president of the United States?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.3 Thinking about the current path that our nation is taking, do you think our country is on the right track or headed in the wrong direction?

- Right track 1
- Wrong direction 2
- Not sure 3
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- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.4 Regardless of how you voted in the last election, in general, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- Democrat 1
- Republican 2
- Independent (incl. "Tea Party") . 3
- Something else 4
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- Don't Know/ Refused 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 4 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 57]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 3, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 6]

Q.5 Would you say that you are a Strong or Not So Strong Republican?

- Strong 1
- Not so strong 2
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- Don't Know/ Refused . 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 7]

Q.6 Would you say that you lean more toward the Republican party, lean more toward the Democratic party, or lean toward neither party?

- Lean Republican 1
- Lean Democratic 2
- Neither 3
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- Don't know / Refused . 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 57]

Q.7 Thinking ahead to the 2012 **Republican** Presidential Primary in South Carolina, would you say you DEFINITELY plan to vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, will PROBABLY vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, MAY OR MAY NOT vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary, or Probably WILL NOT vote in the 2012 Republican Presidential Primary?

- Definitely 1
- Probably 2
- May or May Not 3
- Probably Not 4
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- Don't know / Refused . 9

Q.8 What do you think is the most important problem facing the United States of America today?

[CALLER: DO NOT READ RESPONSES!!! code whichever comes closest to their answer]

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Health Care	1
Social Security	2
Budget Deficit or Debt	3
Education	4
Medicare/ Medicaid	5
Taxes	6
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	7
Home foreclosures	8
Immigration	9
Price of Oil/Gas	10
Defense	11
Poverty	12
Crime	13
Foreign Policy	14
Jobs or unemployment	15
Abortion	16
Moral Values	17
Welfare	18
Iraq - War	19
Afghanistan - War	20
War - in general, not a specific war	21
Politicians/ Government	22
Environment	23
Religious values	24
Racism	25
Terrorism (in general)	26
Energy issues (general, not specifically oil/gas) ...	27
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Refuse to answer	99

Q.9 What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of South Carolina today?

[CALLER: DO NOT READ RESPONSES!!! code whichever comes closest to their answer]

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Health Care	1
Social Security	2
Budget Deficit or Debt	3
Education	4
Medicare/ Medicaid	5
Taxes	6
Economy/ economic - financial crisis	7
Home foreclosures	8
Immigration	9
Price of Oil/Gas	10
Defense	11
Poverty	12
Crime	13
Foreign Policy	14
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Refuse to answer	99

Q.10 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. How often would you say that you follow what is going on in government and public affairs: Most of the time, Some of the time, Only now and then, or Hardly at all?

- Most of the time 1
- Some of the time 2
- Only now and then 3
- Only now and then 4
- Hardly at all 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused to Answer .. 9

Q.11 How closely would you say that you have been following the race for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination: Very closely, Somewhat closely, Not Very closely, or Not At All closely?

- Very closely 1
- Somewhat closely 2
- Not Very closely 3
- Not At All closely 4
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- Don't Know / Refused to Answer .. 9

Q.12 Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

[IF —Liberal, ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal?]

[IF —Conservative, ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?]

Strongly liberal	1
Somewhat liberal	2
Moderate	3
Somewhat Conservative .	4
Strongly conservative	5
Not sure	6
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Refused	9

Q.13 Although we do not yet know who his Republican opponent will be, how likely do you think it is that Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012? Very Likely, Somewhat Likely, Not Very Likely, or Not At All Likely?

Very Likely	1
Somewhat Likely ..	2
Not Very Likely	3
Not At All Likely	4
Not Sure	5
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Refused	9

Q.14 I'm going to read the titles and names of 9 people who have been mentioned as possible candidates for the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination. The names are in alphabetical order. Please listen to all the names before selecting one.

Thinking ahead to the **2012** Presidential election, who would you vote for as your **FIRST CHOICE** to be the next Republican nominee for President if the primary election were held today?

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Minnesota Representative Michelle Bachmann	1
Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza Herman Cain	2
Former Speaker Newt Gingrich	3
Former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman	4
Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	5
Texas Representative Ron Paul	6
Texas governor Rick Perry	7
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	8
Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum	9
(DO NOT READ) Other	10
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[IF THE ANSWER IS 5, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 16]
[IF THE ANSWER IS 1-4 OR 6-9 OR 11 OR 99, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 17]

Q.15 Other

[IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 14 IS 15, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 17]

Q.16 If Sarah Palin decides not to run, who do you think you would be likely to support?

[CALLER: do not re-read options unless asked to]

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

- Minnesota Representative Michelle Bachmann 1
- Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza Herman Cain ... 2
- Former Speaker Newt Gingrich 3
- Former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman 4
- Texas Representative Ron Paul 5
- Texas governor Rick Perry 6
- Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney 7
- Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum 8
- Other 9
- Not Sure 10
- No one else 11
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Q.17 Regardless of who you currently support, who do you think the eventual 2012 Republican presidential nominee will be?

[CALLER: re-read names ONLY if they ask]

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

Minnesota Representative Michelle Bachmann	1
Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza Herman Cain	2
Former Speaker Newt Gingrich	3
Former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman	4
Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	5
Texas Representative Ron Paul	6
Texas governor Rick Perry	7
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	8
Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum (CALLER DO NOT READ THE FOLLOWING) ..	9
(DO NOT READ) Other	10
(DO NOT READ) Not Sure	11
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Refused	99

Q.18 Which of the following comes closest to your beliefs:

[CALLER: Rotate Answers]

It is more important to select a Republican presidential nominee who can beat Barack Obama in 2012.

or

It is more important to select a Republican presidential nominee who matches my beliefs.

Beat Obama 1
Match beliefs 2
Both [volunteered] .. 3
Not sure 4
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Refused 9

Q.19 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

Very good 1
Fairly good 2
Fairly bad 3
Very bad 4
Not Sure 5
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Refused to Answer . 9

Q.20 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Not Sure refused .. 9

Q.21 How would you rate the condition of the economy of South Carolina these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

- Very good 1
- Fairly good 2
- Fairly bad 3
- Very bad 4
- Not Sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.22 Right now, do you think that economic conditions in South Carolina are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.23 Right now, do you believe that economic conditions in South Carolina are better than those of the nation as a whole, worse than those of the nation as a whole, or about the same as those of the nation as a whole?

- Better 1
- Worse 2
- Same 3
- Not Sure . 4
- 5
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.24 How would you rate your financial situation today? as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- Excellent 1
- Good 2
- Only fair 3
- Poor 4
- Not Sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.25 Right now, do you think that your financial situation as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

- Getting Better 1
- Getting Worse 2
- Not Sure 3
- 4
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- Refused to Answer . 9

Q.26 Which of the following Most Accurately describes you? Are you employed full-time outside the home, employed part-time outside the home, retired, a homemaker, unable to work due to disability, or a full-time student who may or may not also work?

- Full-time outside the home 1
- Part-time outside the home 2
- Retired 3
- Homemaker 4
- Unemployed 5
- Disability 6
- Full time student 7
- Employed at home 8
- Don't Know / Refused to Answer .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 3-7 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 28]

Q.27 How concerned are you about the possibility of losing your job in the next year? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned...

- Very concerned 1
- Somewhat concerned . 2
- Not very concerned 3
- Not at all concerned 4
- Not sure 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused to Answer 9

Q.28 Do you currently receive Social Security or Medicare benefits?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 30]

Q.29 Would you be willing to have your current Social Security or Medicare benefits reduced in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 6
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 32]

Q.30 Would you be willing to have your future Social Security or Medicare benefits reduced in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.31 Would you be willing to have the retirement age at which you can receive full Social Security or Medicare benefits raised to 70 years old in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not Sure . 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused .. 9

Q.32 Would you be willing to cut defense spending in order to address national budget concerns?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Not sure . 3
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- Refused .. 9

Q.33 Do you think it is possible to address national budget concerns without any tax increases on any groups, or would some tax increases be required to address national budget concerns?

- Possible to do without tax increase 1
- NOT possible to do without tax increase .. 2
- Not sure 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.34 In the ten years since the September 11th attacks, do you believe America's efforts to combat terrorism have made the country more safe, less safe, or neither more nor less safe?

[CALLER: If "more safe" or "less safe," ask ...]

"Much or somewhat?"

- Much more safe 1
- Somewhat more safe 2
- Neither more nor less safe . 3
- Somewhat less safe 4
- Much less safe 5
- Don't know 6
- 7
- 8
- Refused 9

Q.35 As it works to combat terrorism, do you think the U.S. government is or is not doing enough to protect the rights and freedoms of U.S. citizens?

- IS doing enough 1
- Is NOT doing enough . 2
- Don't know 3
- 4
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- 8
- Refused 9

Q.36 Do you think it is sometimes necessary for the government to sacrifice some rights and freedoms to fight terrorism, or is it never necessary to sacrifice rights and freedoms to prevent terrorism?

SOMETIMES necessary . 1
NEVER necessary 2
Don't know 3
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Refused 9

Q.37 When it comes to combating terrorism, do you feel the Obama administration has been more effective, less effective, or about equally effective to the former Bush administration?

[CALLER: if they reply “more” or “less,” ask ...]

“Much or somewhat?”

Much more effective 1
Somewhat more effective . 2
Equally effective 3
Somewhat less effective ... 4
Much less effective 5
Don't know 6
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..... 8
Refused 9

Q.38 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All.

The first term is “caring” Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

Very Well 1
Well 2
Not Too Well 3
Not Well At All .. 4
Not Sure 5
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Refused 9

Q.39 The next term is “honest.” Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

Very Well 1
Well 2
Not Too Well 3
Not Well At All .. 4
Not Sure 5
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Refused 9

Q.40 The next term is “intelligent.” Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

Very Well 1
Well 2
Not Too Well 3
Not Well At All .. 4

Q.41 The next term is “socialist.” Would you say that term describes Barack Obama Very Well, Well, Not Too Well, or Not Well At All?

Very Well 1
Well 2
Not Too Well 3
Not Well At All .. 4
Not Sure 5
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Refused 9

Q.42 Now, thinking about Barack Obama’s religious beliefs... Do you happen to know what Barack Obama’s religion is? Is he Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, or something else?

Christian 1
Jewish 2
Muslim 3
Buddhist 4
Hindu 5
atheist 6
agnostic 7
Something else . 8
Refused 9

Q.43 Do you think Barack Obama was definitely born in the United States, probably born in the United States, probably born in another country, or definitely born in another country?

- Definitely born in the US 1
- Probably born in the US 2
- Probably born in another country .. 3
- Definitely born in another country . 4
- Not sure 5
- Refused 6

Q.44 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nikki Haley is handling her job as governor of South Carolina?

- Approve 1
- Disapprove 2
- Not sure 3
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- 8
- Refuse to Answer . 9

Q.45 Whether you approve or disapprove of her overall performance, I'd like for you to think about your expectations for Nikki Haley's performance as governor of South Carolina. Since her inauguration as governor in early January of this year, would you say that her performance has exceeded your expectations, met your expectations, or failed to meet your expectations?

[CALLER: if exceeded or failed to meet ask, "Greatly or Somewhat?"]

Greatly exceeded expectations	1
Somewhat exceeded expectations	2
Met expectations	3
Somewhat failed to meet expectations .	4
Greatly failed to meet expectations	5
Not sure	6
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Refused	9

Q.46 How would you describe the working relationship between Governor

Haley and the state legislature this past legislative session? Good? Bad? Or neither good nor bad?

[CALLER: If they say “good” or “bad,” ask....]

“very or somewhat?”

Very good	1
Somewhat good	2
Neither good not bad ..	3
Somewhat bad	4
Very bad	5
Don't know	6
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Refused	9

[IF THE ANSWER IS 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 6 OR 9, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 48]

Q.47 Who would you say is more to blame for the bad relationship between them?

[CALLER: Rotate answers]

Governor Haley

Or

The state legislature

Or

Both equally

Governor 1
Legislature 2
Both equally . 3
Don't know ... 4
Refused 5

Q.48 Thinking about the **South Carolina Legislature**, to the best of your knowledge, which political party currently has control of the South Carolina state **SENATE**?

Democrats 1
Republicans . 2
Neither 3
Not Sure 4
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Refused 9

Q.49 Thinking about the **South Carolina Legislature**, to the best of your knowledge, which political party currently has control of the South Carolina state **HOUSE**?

- Democrats 1
- Republicans . 2
- Neither 3
- Not sure 4
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- Refused 9

Q.50 What, if any, is your religious preference: Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Muslim, an Orthodox religion such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church, or something else?

[CALLER: use two digit code. e.g. "05" for "five"]

- Protestant 1
- Roman Catholic 2
- Jewish 3
- Mormon 4
- Jehovah's Witness 5
- Muslim 6
- Orthodox 7
- No religious preference .. 8
- Other 9
- Don't Know/ Refused 10

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2-10, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 52]

Q.51 Would you describe yourself as a “born again” or evangelical Christian?

Yes 1
No 2
Not sure 3
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Refused to Answer . 9

Q.52 Would you consider yourself a **MEMBER** of the **Tea Party Movement**?

Yes 1
No 2
Not sure . 3
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Refused .. 9

Q.53 Regardless of whether you consider yourself a member of the Tea Party movement or not, would you say that you generally agree with the principles of the Tea Party movement or generally disagree with the principles of the Tea Party movement?

Agree 1
Disagree 2
Neither agree nor disagree [volunteered] 3
Not sure 4
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Refused 9

Q.54 Which of the following best describes your regional identity?

[CALLER: ROTATE ANSWERS]

Non- Southern

Converted Southerner

Native Southerner

Non- Southern 1
Converted Southerner .. 2
Native Southerner 3
Not sure [volunteered] .. 4
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Refuse 9

Q.55 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than High School 1
High School graduate / GED .. 2
Some college 3
Two-year tech college grad 4
Four-year college degree 5
Post Graduate 6
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Don't Know / Refused 9

Q.56 Which of the following best describes your marital status: Currently married, living together with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?

- Currently married 1
- Living together with a partner . 2
- Widowed 3
- Divorced 4
- Separated 5
- Never married 6
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- Don't Know / Refused 9

Q.57 What is your race or ethnicity?

- Caucasian 1
- African American 2
- Hispanic 3
- Asian 4
- Native American 5
- Multiracial 6
- Other 7
- 8
- Don't Know / Refused . 9

Q.58 What is your age as of your last birthday?
[enter 00 for refused; anything over 99 as "99"]

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Q.59 [CALLER: code respondent age into proper category]

18 - 24 1
25 - 44 2
45 - 64 3
65 and over . 4
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Refused 9

Q.60 [CALLER: Did this respondent take the full survey or did they skip to the race question after the political party questions ... did they “get screened”?]

Took Full Survey . 1
Got Screened 2

[IF THE ANSWER IS 2, THEN SKIP TO QUESTION 62]

Q.61 Which of the following categories best describes your TOTAL household YEARLY income? Please stop me when I reach the correct category.

Under 15 thousand, 15 to 20 thousand, 20 to 30 thousand, 30 to 40 thousand, 40 to 50 thousand, 50 to 75 thousand, 75 to 100 thousand, 100 to 125 thousand, 125 to 175 thousand, 175 to 250 thousand, over 250 thousand.

[code as two digit; i.e. 1 as 01, 3 as 03, etc.]

Under \$15,000	1
\$15-20,000	2
\$20-30,000	3
\$30-40,000	4
\$40-50,000	5
\$50-75,000	6
\$75-100,000	7
\$100-125,000	8
\$125-175,000	9
\$175-250,000	10
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Don't Know / Refused ..	99

Q.62 That is all the information we're looking for today! Thank you very much for your assistance.

[CALLER: hang up and record sex of the respondent]

Male 1
Female ... 2
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Not sure . 9

Q.63 **CALLER:** Record your own race

Caucasian 1
African American .. 2
Hispanic 3
Asian 4
Native American ... 5
Multiracial 6
Other 7

Q.64 **CALLER:** Record your own sex

Male 1
Female . 2

