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1. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

Yes, registered to vote .....	80
No, not registered to vote.....	19
Don't Know/Refused .....	0

2. Overall, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve .....	23
Somewhat approve.....	31
Somewhat disapprove .....	14
Strongly disapprove .....	28
Don't know / Refused.....	4

[ON QUESTIONS 3-5, RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES RUNNING AGAINST OBAMA]

3. Looking ahead to the 2012 presidential elections, let's assume that the Republican nominee is Mitt Romney, and the Democratic nominee is Barack Obama. If this turns out to be true, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama .....	46
Mitt Romney.....	35
Neither .....	7
Don't know .....	13

4. What if, instead, the Republican nominee is Rick Perry, and the Democratic nominee is Barack Obama? Who would you vote for then?

Barack Obama .....	48
Rick Perry.....	30
Neither .....	10
Don't know .....	12

5. And what if Herman Cain is the Republican nominee? Who would you vote for then?

Barack Obama .....	50
Herman Cain.....	31
Neither .....	8
Don't know .....	11

6. Tea Party Members

Strongly favorable.....	11
Somewhat favorable.....	22
Somewhat unfavorable.....	15
Strongly unfavorable.....	30
Don't know / Refused.....	22

7. Public Employee Unions

Strongly favorable.....	28
Somewhat favorable.....	22
Somewhat unfavorable.....	14
Strongly unfavorable.....	24
Don't know / Refused.....	11

8. The Occupy Wall Street Movement

Strongly favorable.....	15
Somewhat favorable.....	19
Somewhat unfavorable.....	18
Strongly unfavorable.....	23
Don't know / Refused.....	26

9. Democrats in the Wisconsin State Legislature

Strongly favorable.....	22
Somewhat favorable.....	26
Somewhat unfavorable.....	14
Strongly unfavorable.....	27
Don't know / Refused.....	11

10. Republicans in the Wisconsin State Legislature

Strongly favorable.....	18
Somewhat favorable.....	20
Somewhat unfavorable.....	17
Strongly unfavorable.....	35
Don't know / Refused.....	11

11. Now let's turn to the political scene here in Wisconsin. Overall, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the way Scott Walker is handling his job as Governor of Wisconsin?

Strongly approve .....	24
Somewhat approve.....	18
Somewhat disapprove .....	11
Strongly disapprove .....	45
Don't know / Refused.....	2

12. Some people believe Governor Walker should be recalled. Others are opposed to recalling the Governor. Which comes closer to your point of view?

Recall..... 47  
Don't recall..... 49  
Don't know ..... 4

13. What do you think about recall elections more generally? In the past year, as you may know, both Democrat and Republican elected officials have faced recall elections. Some people believe that these elections are a good thing for Wisconsin. Others believe routinely having them in Wisconsin is a negative development. Which is closer to your point of view?

Positive development..... 42  
Negative development..... 52  
Don't know ..... 6

14. Thinking about things in the United States, do you think things in the country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction ..... 23  
Wrong track ..... 73  
Don't know/Refused ..... 4

15. What about things here in the state of Wisconsin? Do you think things in Wisconsin are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction ..... 38  
Wrong track..... 57  
Don't know/Refused ..... 5

16. Over the next year, do you expect the economy in Wisconsin to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Get better..... 28  
Get Worse..... 19  
Stay the Same..... 49  
Don't know/Refused ..... 4

17. In your view, what is the most important issue facing state government in Wisconsin? [ROTATE OPTIONS A-E]

Jobs/economy..... 52  
Cutting taxes..... 4  
Protecting workers' collective bargaining rights..... 6  
Supporting K-12 education..... 15  
Making Health care more affordable..... 18  
Other .....2  
Don't know/Refused .....2

18. How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

Just about always .....	1
Most of the time.....	18
Only some of the time.....	68
Never.....	12
Don't know / Refused.....	2

19. Now looking to the future, the recent state budget slowed the growth of spending and included cuts in many areas. Do you believe in the long run that this approach will improve the quality of life in Wisconsin or do you believe it will lead to a decline in the quality of life in Wisconsin?

Improve quality of life .....	41
Lead to a decline in quality of life .....	53
Don't know / Refused.....	6

20. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would give the public schools in your community?

A.....	14
B.....	42
C.....	22
D.....	8
Fail.....	4
Don't know/Refused.....	9

21. Thinking more about the schools in your community, would you say they have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same during the last six months?

Gotten better.....	10
Gotten worse.....	14
Stayed about the same.....	61
Don't know/Refused.....	14

22. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

Completely support.....	15
Somewhat support.....	27
Neither support nor oppose.....	22
Somewhat oppose.....	18
Completely oppose.....	14
Don't know/Refused.....	4

23. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on your local schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

Very positive effect.....	19
Somewhat positive effect.....	27
Neither positive nor negative effect.....	16
Somewhat negative effect.....	19
Very negative effect.....	17
Don't know/Refused.....	2

24. Here in Wisconsin, students in public schools regularly take the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination. Do you think the results from this test provide good information about the quality of your local schools?

Excellent information.....	5
Good information.....	33
Fair information.....	37
Poor information.....	11
Don't know/Refused.....	15

25. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

Completely favor.....	13
Somewhat favor.....	29
Neither favor nor oppose.....	10
Somewhat oppose.....	20
Completely oppose.....	25
Don't know/Refused.....	4

26A. According to the most recent information available, roughly \$12,800 is being spent each year per child attending public schools in Wisconsin. Do you think that government funding for public schools in Wisconsin should increase, decrease, or stay about the same? [SPLIT A]

Greatly increase.....	9
Increase.....	35
Stay about the same.....	42
Decrease.....	7
Greatly decrease.....	2
Don't know/Refused.....	5

26B. Do you think that government funding for public schools in Wisconsin should increase, decrease, or stay about the same? [SPLIT B]

Greatly increase.....	15
Increase.....	37
Stay about the same.....	37
Decrease.....	6
Greatly decrease.....	1
Don't know/Refused.....	5

27. A proposal has been discussed to give an A through F letter grade to schools based on the performance of their students, teachers, and administrators. Some argue that this type of grading would be useful so parents can hold schools accountable and make informed choices for their children. Others argue that this type of grading would not provide meaningful information about school quality and would create needless bureaucratic paperwork. Which comes closer to your view?

This type of grading is useful so parents can hold schools accountable.....	50
This type of grading would not provide meaningful information .....	40
Don't know/Refused.....	10

28. Some people have suggested that Wisconsin should streamline its environmental regulations in order to create more mining jobs in Northern Wisconsin. Other people argue that existing environment regulations should not be weakened. Which comes closer to your point of view?

Environmental regulations should be streamlined.....	37
Environmental regulations should not be weakened.....	51
Don't know/Refused.....	11

29. Some people feel that state funding for early childhood education programs should be supported because it is an investment in Wisconsin's economic future. Others feel that state funding for early childhood education programs is not a high priority when state budget dollars are scarce. Which comes closer to the way you feel?

Early childhood education is an investment in Wisconsin's economic future.....	60
Early childhood education is not a high priority when state funding is tight.....	34
Don't know/Refused.....	6

30a. What is your opinion of the following statement? Wisconsin needs to reduce the cost of prisons by incarcerating fewer prisoners and, instead, make use of locally managed, community based services to deal with some people who have been convicted of crimes. [SPLIT A]

Completely agree.....	17
Somewhat agree.....	32
Neither agree nor disagree.....	14
Somewhat disagree.....	19
Completely disagree.....	15
Don't know/Refused.....	3

30b. The cost of incarcerating prison inmates in Wisconsin has grown significantly. The state corrections budget has increased 70% between 1999 and 2009 and now costs the state \$1.2 billion annually. What is your opinion of the following statement? Wisconsin needs to reduce the cost of prisons by incarcerating fewer prisoners and, instead, make use of locally managed, community based services to deal with some people who have been convicted of crimes. [SPLIT B]

Completely agree .....	22
Somewhat agree.....	34
Neither agree nor disagree.....	10
Somewhat disagree .....	17
Completely disagree.....	12
Don't know/Refused.....	4

31. Thinking about a typical weekday, do you get most of your news from:

Major television network.....	9
Local television.....	19
Cable television.....	17
Newspaper.....	12
Internet.....	20
Radio Talk shows.....	7
Radio Talk shows.....	6
Friends and neighbors.....	7
Don't know/Refused.....	2

32. What is your gender?

Male.....	49
Female.....	51

33. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Republican .....	23
Democrat.....	29
Independent.....	33
Other/No preference.....	13
Don't know/Refused .....	3

[If not Democrat or Republican] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

Republican .....	31
Democrat.....	38
Neither/Just Independent .....	25
Don't know/Refused .....	6

34. What is the highest level of education you completed?

Elementary school only.....	1
Some high school but did not finish .....	8
Completed high school .....	33
Some college but didn't finish.....	24
Two-year college degree .....	9
Four-year college degree .....	15
Some graduate work .....	1
Completed masters or professional degree .....	6
Advanced graduate work or PhD. ....	2
Don't know/Refused .....	1

35. What is your age?

18-24 years old.....	11
25-44 years old.....	33
45-64 years old.....	36
65+ years old.....	18
Don't know/Refused .....	1

36. Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married.....	52
Widowed .....	10
Divorced.....	11
Separated.....	1
Never Married .....	24
Don't know/Refused .....	2

37. Would you describe yourself as White, African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, or some other race?

White.....	84
African American or Black .....	6
Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander .....	2
Hispanic or Latino.....	3
Native American or American Indian .....	2
Other .....	1
Don't know/Refused .....	3