

**Vote By Mail Survey  
Ci3 Instrument**

Q:RECEBAL

T:

Did you receive a ballot in the mail to vote in the special election Oregon just held to elect a new senator to the United States Senate?

PROBE: This election was to fill the Senate seat left when  
Bob Packwood resigned last fall.

PROBE: The main candidates were (Republican Gordon) Smith and  
(Democrat Ron) Wyden.

1 YES

2 NO

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9

QAL NOQAL

if (key > 1)

skipto REGVOTE

endif

Q:VOTE

T:

Did you vote (in the special election)?

PROBE: The main candidates were (Republican Gordon) Smith and  
(Democrat Ron) Wyden.

PROBE: Did you actually mail or deliver your ballot?

1 YES

2 NO

3 IF VOLUNTEERED: PLANNING TO VOTE TODAY

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-3, 7-9

skipto REGPARTY

Q:REGVOTE

T:

Are you registered to vote in Oregon?

1 YES

2 NO

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9

if (key > 1)

skipto VOTECARE

endif

Q:REGPARTY

T:

Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat,  
Independent, or some other political party?

1 REPUBLICAN

2 DEMOCRAT

3 INDEPENDENT

4 OTHER

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-4, 7-9

if (VOTE = 1) skipto VOTEALO1

if (VOTE > 1) skipto VOTECARE

Q:WHYNOBAL

T:

Since you are a registered voter, do you know why you  
didn't receive a ballot?

PROBE: Did you move?

OPEN-ENDED

I:

opn 10 1 25 80 m n

skipto VOTECARE

Q:VOTEALO1

T:

When you voted, were you alone or was another person in the same room as you?

1 ALONE  
2 OTHER(S) PRESENT

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9

skipto VOTEDIF1 1

skipto VOTEDIF1 7

skipto VOTEDIF1 8

skipto VOTEDIF1 9

Q:VOTEALO2

T:

Who else was there? Please don't tell me their name, just tell me their relationship to you.

OPEN-ENDED

I:

opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:VOTEPRES

T:

Because (another person was there/other people were there), did you feel under pressure to vote a certain way?

1 YES  
2 NO

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9

Q:VOTESAME

T:

Would you have voted the same or differently if you had been alone when you voted?

1 SAME  
2 DIFFERENTLY

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW/IT DEPENDS

9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9

Q:VOTEMARK

T:

Did you mark your ballot yourself, or did someone do it for you?

PROBE: (By marking the ballot) I mean did you punch out the little square  
on the card or draw a line between the two arrows by yourself?

1 SELF  
2 SOMEONE ELSE

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9  
if (key < 2)  
skipto VOTEDIF1  
endif

Q:VOTEWHO1

T:

Who marked your ballot? (Please don't tell me their name,  
just tell me their relationship to you.)

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:VOTEDIF1

T:

Did you have any difficulty marking the ballot?

PROBE: (By marking the ballot) I mean punching out the little square  
on the card or drawing a line between the two arrows.

1 YES  
2 NO

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9  
if (key > 1)  
  skipto VOTESIGN  
endif

Q:VOTEDIF2

T:

What was difficult for you (in marking the ballot)?

OPEN-ENDED

I:

opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:VOTESIGN

T:

Did you sign your ballot yourself, or did someone do it for you?

1 SELF  
2 SOMEONE ELSE

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9  
if (key < 2)  
  skipto VOTEHOME  
endif

Q:VOTEWHO2

T:

Who signed your ballot? (Please don't tell me their name,  
just tell me their relationship to you.)

OPEN-ENDED

I:

opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:VOTEHOME

T:

Were you at home when (you marked your ballot/\_\_\_ marked your  
ballot for you)?

1 YES  
2 NO

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9  
if (key <> 2)  
skipto SENDHOW  
endif

Q:VOTEWHER  
T:

IF R MARKED BALLOT: Where were you when you marked your ballot?  
IF R DID NOT MARK BALLOT: Where was your ballot marked?

PROBE: Was it marked at a friend's house, a meeting place, at work,  
a church, a club, a restaurant or somewhere else?

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 15 1 25 80 m n

Q:SENDHOW  
T:

Did you mail your ballot back or drop it off, or did someone  
else mail or drop it off for you?

1 MAILED BY SELF  
2 DROPPED OFF BY SELF  
3 SOMEONE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF FOR R

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-3, 7-9

Q:SENDDAY  
T:

On what date or day (did you return your ballot/was your  
ballot returned)?

PROBE: How soon after you received your ballot did you (mail it/drop it off)?

PROBE: Did you (mail/drop it off) right away, did you wait until  
the last minute, or sometime in between?

PROBE: What is your best guess?

NOTE: BALLOTS WERE MAILED OUT TO VOTERS JANUARY 12-15.  
NOTE: TRY TO GET EXACT DATE OR DAY; REFER TO CALENDAR.

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 15 1 25 80 m n

Q:SENDDIF1

T:

(Were there/Have there been) any difficulties returning your ballot?

NOTE: IF R HAS NOT YET DROPPED OFF BALLOT, CODE 3 AND CONTINUE.

1 YES  
2 NO  
3 HAVE NOT MAILED OR DROPPED OFF YET

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-3, 7-9  
if (key > 1)  
skipto VOTEWHO  
endif

Q:SENDDIF2

T:

What were those (difficulties)?

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:VOTEWHO

T:

Again, I want to remind you that your answers are completely anonymous.  
For whom did you actually vote (in the special election in January)?

PROBE: The main candidates were (Republican Gordon) Smith and  
(Democrat Ron) Wyden.

1 SMITH  
2 WYDEN  
3 OTHER NAMED CANDIDATE

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-3, 7-9

Q:VOTEINFO

T:

Where did you receive most of your information on candidates  
for this special election?

PROBE: Was it television, radio, the newspaper, the voters' pamphlet,  
friends or relatives, or something else?  
From which source did you receive most of your information?

- 01 TELEVISION, RADIO
- 02 NEWSPAPER, OTHER PRINT MEDIA
- 03 VOTERS' PAMPHLET
- 04 FRIENDS, SPOUSE, RELATIVES, CO-WORKERS
- 05 DIRECT MAIL MATERIAL FROM CANDIDATES, POLITICAL PARTIES, ETC.
- 06 VOTE ALONG PARTY LINES
- 07 PERSONAL INTERACTION/MEETINGS WITH CANDIDATES
- 08 COMBINATION OF SOURCES, NO SINGLE ONE MOST
- 09 OTHER SOURCE
  
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 NO ANSWER

I:  
num 1 99 2 0 20 60  
if (ans > 09)  
if (ans < 97) reask  
endif

Q:VOTECARE

T:

How much did you care about who won this election?  
A great deal, some, not very much, or not at all?

PROBE: The main candidates were (Republican Gordon) Smith and  
(Democrat Ron) Wyden.

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOT AT ALL
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER



I:  
key 1-4, 7-9

Q:FREEPOST  
T:

Do you think there should be free postage for mail-in ballots,  
even if it raises the cost of elections for the state?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 IF VOLUNTEERED: DON'T CARE, MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME
- 4 IF VOLUNTEERED: IT DEPENDS
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-4, 7-9

Q:USUVOTE  
T:

How often have you voted in the past -- always, most of  
the time, some of the time, rarely, or never?

PROBE: By in the past, I mean before the special elections to  
fill Bob Packwood's seat in the Senate.

- 1 ALWAYS
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME - SOMETIMES MISS ONE
- 3 SOME OF THE TIME - E.G., ONLY VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
- 4 RARELY
- 5 NEVER
- 6 IF VOLUNTEERED: JAN. ELECTION WAS R'S FIRST VOTING OPPORTUNITY
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-9  
if (key > 4)  
if (key < 7) skipto PREFER1  
endif

Q:DECVOTE  
T:

In December there was a primary election to decide who the candidates  
in this election would be. Did you vote in that election?

1 YES  
2 NO

6 IF VOLUNTEERED: JAN. ELECTION WAS R'S FIRST VOTING OPPORTUNITY  
7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 6-9  
skipto VBMB4 2  
skipto PREFER1 6  
if (key > 6)  
skipto VBMB4  
endif

Q:DECWHO  
T:

For whom did you vote then?

PROBE FROM LIST

1 DEFAZIO  
2 PAULUS  
3 SMITH  
4 WYDEN  
5 OTHER NAMED CANDIDATE  
  
7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-5, 7-9

Q:VBMB4  
T:

Have you ever voted by mail before (these elections)  
(in December and January)?

NOTE: INCLUDE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

1 YES  
2 NO  
3 IF VOLUNTEERED: UNCERTAIN YES, I THINK SO  
  
6 IF VOLUNTEERED: JAN. ELECTION WAS R'S FIRST VOTING OPPORTUNITY  
7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-3, 6-9  
skipto PREFER1 6

Q:POLLB4  
T:

Have you ever voted at a polling place before?

PROBE: A polling place is where people go to cast their ballot in person.  
Usually it is located in the neighborhood where voters live.

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9

Q:PREFER1  
T:

Which method of voting do you prefer, voting by mail  
or going to a polling place?

PROBE IF R HAS NOT VOTED BEFORE: Which method of voting do you think  
you would prefer, voting by mail or going to a polling place?

- 1 VOTE BY MAIL
- 2 POLLING PLACE
- 3 IF VOLUNTEERED: IT DOESN'T MATTER, EITHER ARE OKAY
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-3, 7-9  
if (ans > 2)  
skipto POLLFAR  
endif

Q:PREFER2  
T:

Why do you prefer (voting by mail/going to a polling place)?

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:POLLFAR

T:

How many blocks away do you live from your (usual) polling place?

PROBE: How many miles do you live from your polling place?

IF R HAS MOVED, PROBE: The last time you voted at a polling place,  
how many blocks was it from your home?

KEY IN EXACT NUMBER OF BLOCKS; 1 MILE=12 BLOCKS

01 1 BLOCK OR LESS

02 2 BLOCKS

06 BLOCKS, 1/2 MILE

12 BLOCKS, 1 MILE

18 BLOCKS, 1 1/2 MILES

24 BLOCKS, 2 MILES

30 BLOCKS, 2 1/2 MILES

96 96 BLOCKS OR MORE, 8 MILES OR MORE

97 REFUSED

98 DON'T KNOW

99 NO ANSWER

I:

num 1 99 2 0 20 60

Q:POLPROB1

T:

Do you have any difficulties which make it hard for you  
to get to a polling place?

1 YES

2 NO

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-2, 7-9

if (ans > 1)

skipto MARVOTE

endif

Q:POLPROB2

T:

What are those (difficulties)?

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:MARVOTE

T:

On March 12th, Oregon will be conducting a vote-by-mail presidential primary. Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely that you will vote in that primary?

1 VERY LIKELY  
2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY  
3 NOT VERY LIKELY  
4 NOT AT ALL LIKELY

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-4, 7-9  
if (ans > 2)  
skipto VOTE92  
endif

Q:MARWHO

T:

(If you vote,) For whom do you expect to vote?

OPEN-ENDED

I:  
opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:VOTE92

T:

Did you vote for President in 1992?

IF YES: For whom did you vote?

NOTE: \*\*\*2 IS NOT THE 'NO' KEY\*\*\*

01 YES, VOTED FOR CLINTON  
02 YES, VOTED FOR BUSH  
03 YES, VOTED FOR PEROT  
04 YES, VOTED FOR OTHER NAMED CANDIDATE  
05 YES, VOTED BUT CAN'T REMEMBER FOR WHOM  
06 IF VOLUNTEERED: NO, WAS NOT OLD ENOUGH IN 1992

07 NO, DID NOT VOTE

97 REFUSED

98 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

99 NO ANSWER

I:

num 1 99 2 0 20 5

if (ans > 7)

if (ans < 97) reask

endif

Q:POLPARTY

T:

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or something else?

1 REPUBLICAN

2 DEMOCRAT

3 INDEPENDENT

4 OTHER NAMED PARTY (E.G. AMERICAN, SOCIALIST, PEACE&FREEDOM, COMMUNIST)

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-4, 7-9

Q:ORPOLIT

T:

How much attention do you pay to political events in the state of Oregon? A great deal, some, a little, or none?

1 A GREAT DEAL

2 SOME

3 A LITTLE

4 NONE

7 REFUSED

8 DON'T KNOW

9 NO ANSWER

I:

key 1-4, 7-9

Q:ORGOV

T:

Do you recall the name of (our/Oregon's) current governor?

IF YES: Who is that?

NOTE: \*\*\*2 IS NOT 'NO' KEY\*\*\*

- 1 YES, KITZHABER
- 2 YES, SOME OTHER NAME
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 NO, DON'T KNOW; CANNOT REMEMBER, R DOESN'T KNOW GOV'S NAME
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9

Q:ORREP  
T:

Do you recall the name of your representative to the  
US House of Representatives?

IF YES: Who is that?

NOTE: \*\*\*2 IS NOT 'NO' KEY\*\*\*

- 1 YES, BUNN
- 2 YES, COOLEY
- 3 YES, DEFAZIO
- 4 YES, FURSE
- 5 YES, WYDEN
- 6 YES, SOME OTHER NAME
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 NO, DON'T KNOW; CANNOT REMEMBER, R DOESN'T KNOW REP.'S NAME
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-9

Q:LIBCONS  
T:

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself very conservative,  
somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal  
or very liberal?

- 1 VERY LIBERAL
- 2 SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 3 MIDDLE OF THE ROAD
- 4 SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
- 5 VERY CONSERVATIVE
  
- 7 REFUSED
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-5, 7-9

Q:AGE  
T:

I need to end the survey by asking a few questions about yourself.  
First, how old are you?

PROBE: In what year and month were you born?

INTERVIEWER CALCULATE AGE AND VERIFY: So, you must be \_\_\_ years old now.  
Is that right?

ENTER EXACT AGE, MINIMUM 18

96 96 YEARS OLD AND OVER  
97 REFUSED  
98 DON'T KNOW  
99 NO ANSWER

I:  
num 18 99 2 0 20 5

Q:SEX  
T:

Are you male or female?

1 MALE  
2 FEMALE  
  
7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9

Q:EDUC  
T:

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

PROBE: Have you completed a (degree/diploma)? IF YES: Which one?

NOTE: BUSINESS/SECRETARIAL SCHOOL/OTHER "CERTIFICATE" PROGRAMS DO NOT COUNT

01 DOCTORATE (PhD, EdD) or PROFESSIONAL (MD, JD, DVM, DDS)  
02 MASTERS (MA, MS, MBA, MEd)  
03 BACHELORS (BA, BS, AB)  
04 ASSOCIATES  
05 SOME COLLEGE, NO DEGREE



06 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA or GED  
07 9th - 12th GRADE, NO DIPLOMA  
08 8th GRADE OR LESS

97 REFUSED  
98 DON'T KNOW  
99 NO ANSWER

I:  
num 1 99 2 0 25 5  
if (ans > 8)  
if (ans < 97) reask  
endif

Q:HHGT17

T:

How many people in your home are age 18 and older, including yourself?

KEY IN EXACT NUMBER

6 6 OR MORE  
7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-9

Q:HHLT18

T:

How many people in your home are under age 18?

KEY IN EXACT NUMBER

6 6 OR MORE  
7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 0-9

Q:LABFORCE

T:

Do you work for pay?

PROBE: What were you doing most of last week -- were you  
keeping house, going to school, looking for work,  
unable to work, retired, volunteering or something else?

PROBE IF TWO STATUSES: What were you mainly doing last week?

NOTE: VOLUNTEER WORK DOES NOT COUNT AS PAID EMPLOYMENT; REPEAT QUESTION

- 01 WORKING, INCLUDE SICK OR ON VACATION FROM REGULAR JOB
- 02 KEEPING HOUSE
- 03 GOING TO SCHOOL, USUALLY IN SCHOOL BUT ON BREAK
- 04 LOOKING FOR WORK
- 05 UNABLE TO WORK
- 06 RETIRED
- 07 DOING NOTHING, HANGING OUT, UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING
- 08 TEMPORARY LAYOFF, LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY
- 09 VOLUNTEER WORK ONLY, NO PAID WORK
- 10 OTHER
  
- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 NO ANSWER

I:

num 1 99 2 0 20 60

if (ans > 10)

if (ans < 97) reask

endif

if (ans > 1) skipto RACE

Q:EMPHOURS

T:

How many hours per week did you usually work (for pay)  
in the past 4 weeks (at all your jobs)?

NOTE: VOLUNTEER WORK DOES NOT COUNT  
CODE ACTUAL HOURS PER WEEK

- 97 REFUSED
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- 99 NO ANSWER

I:

num 0 99 2 0 20 5

Q:EMPPAY

T:

Are you paid hourly, on salary, commission, tips,  
or something else?

PROBE: How are you mostly paid?

- 01 HOURLY
- 02 SALARY
- 03 COMMISSION
- 04 TIPS

05 PAID IN KIND  
06 A COMBINATION  
07 OTHER

97 REFUSED  
98 DON'T KNOW  
99 NO ANSWER

I:  
num 1 99 2 0 20 5  
if (ans > 7)  
if (ans < 97) reask  
endif

Q:RACE  
T:

What racial background do you most strongly identify with?

1 WHITE/CAUCASIAN  
2 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER  
3 HISPANIC, MEXICAN, LATIN AMERICAN  
4 AMERICAN INDIAN/NATIVE AMERICAN  
5 BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN  
6 OTHER/MIXED

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-9

Q:RESIDEN1  
T:

Have you changed your home address in the last two years?

PROBE: This would be the address where you live, which is not necessarily the same as your mailing address.

1 YES  
2 NO

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-2, 7-9  
if (ans > 1) skipto ZIPCODE

Q:RESIDEN2  
T:

How many months ago did you move (most recently)?

CODE EXACT NUMBER OF MONTHS

00 MOVED THIS MONTH  
12 MOVED ONE YEAR AGO  
24 MOVED TWO YEARS AGO

97 REFUSED  
98 DON'T KNOW  
99 NO ANSWER

I:  
num 0 99 2 0 20 5  
if (ans > 24)  
if (ans < 97) reask  
endif

Q:ZIPCODE

T:

What is your zip code?

99997 REFUSED  
99998 DON'T KNOW  
99999 NO ANSWER

I:  
num 97000 99999 5 0 20 5  
if (ans > 97999)  
if (ans < 99997) reask  
endif

Q:ENDING

T:

This is the end of the survey. On behalf of the National Science Foundation and the University of Oregon, I'd like to thank you sincerely for your assistance. We may be conducting additional surveys later in the year on voting issues. Would you be willing to be surveyed again?

1 YES  
2 NO  
3 R HOSTILE, DON'T ASK

7 REFUSED  
8 DON'T KNOW  
9 NO ANSWER

I:  
key 1-3, 7-9

Q:ENDING2

T:

Thank you for your time and participation. Good-bye.

PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE

I:  
key

Q:INTOBS  
T:

INTERVIEWERS - TYPE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THE BOX BELOW.

I:  
opn 10 1 25 80 m n

Q:INTID  
T:

INPUT YOUR INTERVIEWER ID NUMBER

I:  
num 0 999 3 0 20 5  
DATE = SYSDATE  
cpl  
dispos = 30  
endquest

Q:NOQAL  
T:

I'm sorry, we need to interview adults age 18 or older for this survey. Thanks for your time. Good-bye.

I:  
key ctrlend