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**February 2013 Field Poll**

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| Form |  |  |  |
| A | 1. | Thinking about the country overall, do you think things in the U.S. are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track? | right direction 1 wrong track 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 2. | Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 3. | Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dianne Feinstein (fine-stine) is handling her job as U.S. Senator? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 4. | Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barbara Boxer is handling her job as U.S. Senator? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 5a. | Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is doing its job? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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|  | **read in random order:** | |  |
| A | ( ) 5b. | What about the Democrats in Congress? Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congressional Democrats are doing their job? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | ( ) 5c. | What about the Republicans in Congress? Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congressional Republicans are doing their job? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 6. | In your opinion, would it be better for the country if the president’s political party also has a controlling majority in Congress, or is it better that one party controls the White House while the other party controls the Congress? | president’s party controls 1 one party controls each 2 no difference 3 depends 4 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 7. | Thinking about this state, do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track? | right direction 1 wrong track 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 8. | Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jerry Brown is handling his job as Governor of California? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 9. (new) | I am going to read some things that have been said about Governor Jerry Brown and for each please tell me whether you think this applies to him a lot, some, a little or not at all. (**read items in random order, asking:**) Do you think this applies to him a lot, some, a little or not at all? | | |
|  |  | **a a not no  lot some little at all opinion** | | |
|  |  | ( ) a. is the right governor for the problems facing California 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) b. favors organized labor too much 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) c. deserves credit for turning around the state's finances 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) d. advocates too many big government projects that the state cannot afford right now 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) e. can be trusted to do what is right 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) f. favors tax policies that are hurting California's economy 1 2 3 4 8 | | |
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| A & B | 10. | Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the California state legislature is doing its job? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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|  | **read in random order:** | |  |
| B | ( ) 11a. | What about the Democrats in the state legislature? Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in the legislature are doing their job? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | ( ) 11b. | What about the Republicans in the state legislature? Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in the legislature are doing their job? | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 12. | As a result of last year's elections, the Democrats now hold a two-thirds majority of the seats in both houses of the state legislature. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for California? | good thing 1 bad thing 2 mixed 3 no opinion 8 |
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|  | On other topics… | |  |
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| A & B | 13. | What do you think is more important ‑ to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to impose greater controls on gun ownership? | right to own guns 1 control gun ownership 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 13x. | President Obama recently proposed a set of new laws designed to reduce gun violence in the U.S. Based on what you've seen or heard about this, would you want your representative to vote for or against these new laws? | vote for 1 vote against 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 14. | Several proposals are being discussed relating to new laws about guns in California. For each, please tell me whether you favor or oppose it. (**READ NAMES IN RANDOM ORDER**)Do you favor or oppose this? | | |
|  |  | no  favor oppose opinion | | |
|  |  | ( ) a. Require anyone buying ammunition to get a permit and undergo a background check 1 2 8  ( ) b. Impose higher taxes on the sale of ammunition in California and use the proceeds for violence prevention programs 1 2 8  ( ) e. Allow specially trained teachers to carry concealed weapons with them while in school 1 2 8  ( ) f. Ban the sale of semi-automatic rifles that have detachable ammunition magazines for fast reloading 1 2 8  ( ) g. Outlaw possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines containing more than 10 rounds of ammunition 1 2 8  ( ) h. Increase funding for efforts aimed at confiscating guns from convicted felons 1 2 8 | | |
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| A | 15. | Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the National Rifle Association? | favorable 1 unfavorable 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 16. | Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the current leadership of the National Rifle Association? | favorable 1 unfavorable 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 17. | I am going to read some proposals that have been made relating to the illegal immigration situation, and for each please tell me whether you favor or oppose this policy. (**read items in random order, asking:**) Do you favor or oppose this policy? | | |
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|  |  | ( ) a. Increase the number of federal border agents patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border 1 2 8  ( ) b. Impose stiff penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants 1 2 8  ( ) c. Create a program that would allow illegal immigrants who have been living in the U.S. for a number of years an opportunity to stay in this country and apply for citizenship if they have a job, learned English and paid back taxes 1 2 8  ( ) d. Build more fences along major sections of the U.S.-Mexico border 1 2 8  ( ) e. Continue the policy of having federal immigration agents round up, detain and deport immigrants found to be living here illegally 1 2 8  ( ) f. Create temporary worker programs for illegal immigrants that would legalize their status and allow them to work in this country 1 2 8  ( ) g. Significantly increase the number of visas issued to immigrants who are engineers or hold other advanced degrees 1 2 8 | | |
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| A & B | 18. | Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about illegal or undocumented workers currently living in California. (**read in random order, asking**) Do you agree or disagree that they should be allowed to (**item**)? | | |
|  |  | no  agree disagree opinion | | |
|  |  | ( ) a. get California driver’s licenses 1 2 8  ( ) b. pay the same amount to attend California’s public universities as the state’s legal residents 1 2 8 | | |
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|  | On other topics… | | |
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| A & B | 19. | Do you approve or disapprove of California allowing same-sex couples to marry and have regular marriage laws apply to them? | approve 1 disapprove 2 undecided/no opinion 8 |
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| A | 20. | The U.S. Supreme Court will shortly be deciding the constitutionality of California’s Proposition 8 that bans same sex couples in the state from marrying. How important is it to you for the Supreme Court to overturn California’s same sex marriage ban and allow same sex couples in the state to marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important? | very important 1 somewhat important 2 not too important 3 not at all important 4 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 21. | Do you favor or oppose making the use of marijuana legal, with age and other controls like those that apply to alcohol? | favor 1 oppose 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 22. | In 1996 California voters approved Proposition 215, the medical marijuana initiative, which exempted from state criminal laws patients or caregivers who possessed or cultivated marijuana for medical use when prescribed by a doctor. Do you favor or oppose this law? | favor 1 oppose 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 23. | Do you favor or oppose efforts by the federal government to crack down on businesses in California trying to sell marijuana for medicinal purposes? | favor 1 oppose 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 23x. | Would you favor or oppose allowing dispensaries that sell marijuana to operate in the city or town where you live? | favor 1 oppose 2 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 24 | How would you generally describe economic conditions in California now? Would you say that economically, California is in good times or bad times right now? | good times 1 bad times 2 in-between *(volunteered)* 3 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 25. | Would you say that you and your family are financially better off or worse off today than you were a year ago? | better off 1 worse off 2 no change (*volunteered*) 3 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 26. | Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same as now? | better off in a year 1 worse off in a year 2 no change 3 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 27. | How serious a problem do you think unemployment is in California at this time? Is it very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious? | very serious 1 somewhat serious 2 not too serious 3 not at all serious 4 no opinion 8 |
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| A | 28. | Looking ahead, do you think job opportunities in California will be better, about the same, or worse in the coming year? | better 1 about the same 2 worse 3 no opinion 8 |

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| A & B | 29. | Which of the following statements about global warming comes closest to your opinion? (**read in order**) | | |
|  | **do not read 🡪** | | a. Global warming has been established as a serious problem and immediate action is necessary 1  b. There is enough evidence that global warming is taking place and some action is necessary 2  c. We don’t know enough about global warming and more research is necessary before we take any actions 3  d. Concerns about global warming are unwarranted 4  don’t know/no answer 8 | |
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| B | 30. | Do you approve or disapprove of the job the federal government is doing in dealing with the problem of global warming? | | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 31. | Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state government is doing in dealing with the problem of global warming? | | approve 1 disapprove 2 no opinion 8 |
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| B | 32. | In 2006 California passed a new law that requires the state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming by about 17 percent over the next ten years. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose this law? (**if favor or oppose:**) Do you (favor) (oppose) it strongly or somewhat? | | favor strongly 1 favor somewhat 2 oppose somewhat 3 oppose strongly 4 no opinion 8 |
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|  | Finally, a few questions about California and its prisons. | | |
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| A & B | 33. | The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that California must reduce its prison population by 30,000 inmates by June 2013. How much do you agree or disagree with the U.S. Supreme Court decision to require California to reduce its prison population by 30,000 inmates? Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly? | agree strongly 1 agree somewhat 2 disagree somewhat 3 disagree strongly 4 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 34. | Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the U.S. Supreme Court decision to reduce California’s state prison population by 30,000 inmates assuming that `the following statements were true at the time of its ruling. (**read item, then ask:**) If this statement were true, do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with the Supreme Court’s decision? | |
|  |  | agree agree disagree disagree no  strongly somewhat strongly somewhat opinion | | |
|  |  | ( ) a. The federal government has been warning California for over 15 years that its prisons were so overcrowded that the state may be violating the U.S. Constitution. 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) b. California prisons were holding almost twice as many people as they were designed to hold. 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) c. Prisoners did not receive adequate health care inside prison. 1 2 3 4 8 | | |
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| A & B | 35. | Even if it’s true that California’s prison system was in violation of the U.S. Constitution due to over-crowding, do you agree or disagree that the federal government should have had the right to interfere with California’s prison system? (**if agree or disagree, ask:**) Do you (agree) (disagree) strongly or somewhat? | agree strongly 1 agree somewhat 2 disagree somewhat 3 disagree strongly 4 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 36. | In order to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, California decided to reduce its state prison population by stopping counties from transferring their low-level and low-risk felony offenders to state prison. Under the new system, counties must supervise these low-level and low-risk felony offenders locally. How confident are you that local law enforcement and correctional agencies can supervise these offenders without risking public safety — very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not at all confident? | very confident 1 somewhat confident 2 not too confident 3 not at all confident 4 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 37. | Under the terms of the realignment plan, counties are required to use one of several local options to supervise low-risk offenders such as jail, home detention and electronic monitoring or GPS monitoring.  How confident are you that sentencing a low-risk felony offender to (**read item**) will ensure public safety at a level equal to or greater than 1 year in state prison – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident? | |
|  |  | very somewhat not too not at all no  confident confident confident confident opinion | |
|  |  | ( ) a. 1 year in county jail 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) b. 1 year of home detention with electronic monitoring (**if necessary, add:** Home detention requires offenders to be home except for when they are at work or receiving treatment. Electronic monitoring tracks offenders via an electronic device attached to the ankle that sends signals to a telephone land line) 1 2 3 4 8  ( ) c. 1 year of GPS monitoring (**if necessary, add:** which tracks the exact location of the offender every minute of the day through a GPS device) 1 2 3 4 8 | |
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| A & B | 38. | Do you think crime throughout the state will increase, remain about the same or decrease under the new inmate realignment plan? | increase 1 remain the same 2 decrease 3 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 39. | Do you think crime in your own local area will increase, remain about the same or decrease under the new inmate realignment plan? | increase 1 remain the same 2 decrease 3 no opinion 8 |
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| A & B | 40. | If crime increases because of realignment, which of the following governmental officials and agencies would you hold most responsible – (**read categories in random order**)?  **do not read 🡪** **do not read 🡪** | the U.S. Supreme Court 1 the Governor 2 local politicians 3 local law enforcement and  correctional agencies 4 all of them (*volunteered*)  no opinion 8 |
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|  | Finally, some questions about yourself for classification purposes. | | | |
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| A & B | 101a. | What is your age? | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refused 99 |
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|  |  | 101b. | We don’t need to know exactly, but which of the following age categories are you in? (**read categories**)  **do not read 🡪** | 18-24 1 25-29 2 30-34 3 35-39 4 40-44 5 45-54 6 55-64 7 65 or older 8 refused 9 |
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| A & B | 102a. | Generally speaking, in politics do you consider yourself as conservative, liberal, middle-of-the-road, or don’t you think of yourself in these terms? | | conservative 1 liberal 2 middle-of-the-road 3 don’t think of self in these terms 4 don’t know 5 |
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|  |  | **if conservative, ask:** | |  |
| A & B |  | 102b. | Do you consider yourself a strong conservative or a not very strong conservative? | strong 1 not very strong 2 don’t know 3 |
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|  |  | **if liberal, ask:** | |  |
| A & B |  | 102c. | Do you consider yourself a strong liberal or a not very strong liberal? | strong 1 not very strong 2 don’t know 3 |
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|  |  | **if don’t think of self in these terms or don’t know, ask:** | |  |
| A & B |  | 102d. | If you had to choose, would you consider yourself as being conservative, liberal, or middle-of-the-road? | conservative 1 liberal 2 middle-of-the-road 3 don’t know 4 |
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| A & B | 102e. | How much do you personally identify with the Tea Party movement – a lot, some or not at all? | | a lot 1 some 2 not at all 3 no opinion 4 |
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| A & B | 103. | What is the highest year of school that you have finished and gotten credit for? (**read categories if necessary**) | | 8th grade or less 1 Some high school 2 High school graduate 3 Trade / vocational school 4 1-2 years of college 5 3-4 years of college/(did not   graduate) 6 College graduate 7 5-6 years of college 8 Master’s degree 9 Graduate work past Master’s 10 **do not read 🡪** no answer 11 |
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| A & B | 104. | Are you a Latino or of Hispanic origin, such as Mexican-American, Latin American, South American, or Spanish-American? | | yes, hispanic 1 no, non-hispanic 2 refused 3 |
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| A & B | 105a. | For survey purposes, we’d like to know what your racial background is. Are you White or Caucasian (kaw-kay-shun), Black or African-American, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian or an Alaskan native, or a member of another race? (**answer can be a multiple**) | | white / caucasian 1 black / african-american 2 asian / pacific islander 3 american indian 4 alaskan native 5 hispanic / latino (**volunteered**) 6 other *(specify)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7 don’t know/refused 8 |
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|  |  | **if asian or pacific islander, ask:** | |  |
| A & B |  | 105b.  **do not read{** | Which of the following best describes your Asian ancestry or ethnic origin? (**read categories**) (**answer can be a multiple**) | |
|  |  |  | Chinese 1 Cambodian 7 Korean 2 Hawaiian 8 Filipino 3 Guamanian 9 Japanese 4 Samoan 10 Vietnamese 5 Laotian/Hmong 11 Asian Indian 6 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12  don't know 98  refused 99 | |
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| A & B | 106. | Which of the following best describes your present marital status – married, not married but live together, separated or divorced, widowed, or never married? | | married 1 not married but live together 2 separated or divorced 3 widowed 4 never married 5 no answer 6 |
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| A & B | 107. | Are you or is anyone in your household a member of a labor union? (**if yes, ask:**) Is that a public employee union or a union in the private sector? | | yes, public 1 yes, private 2 yes, both 3 no union members 4 no opinion 5 |
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| A & B | 108. | What, if any, is your religious preference – Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish or some other faith?  (**if other, ask:**) Is that a Christian denomination?  (**if yes, record as “christian” (3), if not christian, record as “other” (5)**) | | protestant 1 catholic 2 christian 3 jewish 4 buddhist 5 other 6 no preference 7 don’t know/refused 8 |
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| A & B | 109. | Now, we don’t want to know your exact income, but just roughly, could you tell me if your annual household income before taxes is under $20,000, $20,000 to $40,000, $40,000 to $60,000, $60,000 to $80,000, $80,000 to $100,000 or $100,000 or more? | | under $20,000 1 $20,000–$40,000 2 $40,000–$60,000 3 $60,000–$80,000 4 $80,000–$100,000 5 $100,000 or more 6 don’t know/refused 7 |
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| A & B | 110. | **record gender:** | | male 1 female 2 |
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| A & B | 111. | One final question. Would you be willing to have a reporter call you back in the next few weeks to discuss your views further on some of the issues in this poll? (**interviewer: enter code most applicable**) | | | |
|  | yes, respondent is willing to talk further 1  no, respondent is not willing to talk further 2 | | | | |
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|  | These are all the questions I have. Thanks very much for your cooperation. | | | |