

	<i>Total</i> <i>(n=1006)</i>
Gender of respondent	
Male	48
Female	52
Region	
New England.....	5
Middle Atlantic.....	13
East North Central	16
West North Central	8
South Atlantic.....	20
East South Central.....	6
West South Central.....	9
Mountain	7
Pacific	15
Gulf states.....	14
Non-gulf states.....	86

1. Knowing we just had an election and the next one is still far off, how likely are you to vote in the **NOVEMBER 2012 GENERAL ELECTION** for President, U.S. Congress and other offices – are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost certain	90
Probably	10
50-50	TERMINATE 0
Probably not.....	TERMINATE 0
Definitely not	TERMINATE 0
(Don't know).....	TERMINATE 0

Now I'd like to ask you about some places, institutions and organizations. For each, please tell me whether you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression. If you have heard of the institution or organization but do not know enough to have an impression [5] or if you haven't heard of the institution or organization [6], just say so, and we will move on. Have you heard of **[READ NAME]**

[REPEAT PROMPT AFTER EVERY THIRD ITEM] Do you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression of **[NAME]**?

RANDOMIZE LIST

2. SSA: Oil companies

Very favorable.....	9
Somewhat favorable	17
Somewhat unfavorable	25
Very unfavorable.....	37
No opinion.....	11
Never heard	0
Favorable	26
Unfavorable	62

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3. SSB: British Petroleum, or BP	
Very favorable.....	6
Somewhat favorable	18
Somewhat unfavorable	22
Very unfavorable.....	35
No opinion.....	17
Never heard	2
Favorable	24
Unfavorable	57
4. SSA: Environmental groups	
Very favorable.....	24
Somewhat favorable	34
Somewhat unfavorable	12
Very unfavorable.....	8
No opinion.....	18
Never heard	4
Favorable	58
Unfavorable	20
5. SSB: Conservation groups	
Very favorable.....	25
Somewhat favorable	38
Somewhat unfavorable	7
Very unfavorable.....	6
No opinion.....	18
Never heard	6
Favorable	63
Unfavorable	13
6. And just your best guess, what is the environmental condition of the Mississippi River Delta? Is it in excellent condition, good condition, just fair condition, or poor condition?	
Excellent	2
Good	13
Just fair	42
Poor	32
(Don't know).....	11
Excellent /good	15
Just fair /poor	74

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QUESTION ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE

7. And thinking about the Mississippi River Delta, how important of a priority is it for the federal government to ensure that those responsible for the damage take steps to restore the Mississippi River Delta? Is it an extremely important priority, a very important priority, a somewhat important priority, not too important of a priority, or not a priority at all?

Extremely important.....	41
Very important.....	40
Somewhat important.....	12
Not too important.....	3
Not important at all.....	2
(Don't know).....	1
Extremely /very important	81
Less important	17

8. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to take the BP oil spill penalties collected from BP and others responsible and designate those fines for restoration of the Mississippi River Delta and Gulf Coast, or are you undecided? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE]** And do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

Favor – strongly	69
Favor – not so strongly	15
Oppose – not so strongly.....	3
Oppose – strongly.....	4
Undecided.....	10
Favor	83
Oppose.....	7

Total
(n=1006)

QUESTION ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE

9. And if your Representative in Congress SUPPORTED a proposal to take the BP oil spill penalties collected from BP and others responsible and designate those fines for restoration of the Mississippi River Delta and Gulf Coast, would you be more or less likely to vote for them? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much [more/less] or only somewhat [more/less]?

Much more	31
Somewhat more.....	30
Somewhat less.....	4
Much less.....	2
(No difference – vol)	31
(Don't know).....	3
More	61
Less	6

QUESTION ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE

10. And how much of an economic impact do you think the Mississippi River Delta and Gulf Coast has on the country's economy? Does it impact the country's economy very much, somewhat, just a little, or not at all?

Very much.....	35
Somewhat.....	48
Just a little	10
Not at all.....	2
(Don't know).....	4
Very much /somewhat.....	84
Just a little /not at all	13

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QUESTION ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE

11. And if your Representative in Congress and U.S. Senators OPPOSED a proposal to take the BP oil spill penalties collected from BP and others responsible and designate those fines for restoration of the Mississippi River Delta and Gulf Coast, would you be more or less likely to vote for them? **[IF MORE/LESS]** And is that much [more/less] or only somewhat [more/less]?

Much more	10
Somewhat more.....	11
Somewhat less.....	20
Much less.....	28
(No difference – vol)	27
(Don't know).....	4
More	20
Less	48

QUESTION ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE

12. And how much of an economic impact do you think the Mississippi River Delta and Gulf Coast has on the economy in your part of the country? Does it impact the economy in your part of the country very much, somewhat, just a little, or not at all?

Very much.....	22
Somewhat.....	42
Just a little	24
Not at all.....	9
(Don't know).....	3
Very much /somewhat.....	63
Just a little /not at all	33

QUESTION ASKED OF HALF THE SAMPLE

13. I'm going to read you two statements about the Mississippi River Delta, and please let me know which one you agree with more. **[READ STATEMENTS] [IF THEY CHOOSE A STATEMENT:** And do you agree with that statement strongly or not so strongly?]

[ROTATE STATEMENTS]

[Some/others] say that we should require that the oil spill funds go toward restoring the region most affected by the oil spill, which is the Mississippi River Delta, because it is the fair thing to do.

[Some/others] say that we shouldn't set requirements on how this revenue is spent because we have a lot of problems that need to be addressed, like paying down the deficit.

Restore region – strongly.....	63
Restore region – not so strongly.....	14
No requirements – not so strongly.....	7
No requirements – strongly.....	12
(Other).....	1
(Don't know).....	2
Restore region	77
No requirements	19

Total
(n=1006)

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

14. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK]: Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT ASK]: Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican	20
Not-so-strong Republican	5
Independent - lean Republican	4
Republican	30
Independent	32
Democrat	34
Independent - lean Democratic.....	5
Not-so-strong Democrat	5
Strong Democrat	25
(Don't know/other)	4

15. From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Agree	27
Disagree.....	32
No opinion.....	37
(Don't know)	4

16. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? **DO NOT READ.**

1 - 11th grade.....	3
High school graduate	26
Non-college post H.S.	3
Some college	30
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school.....	11
(Don't know)	0

17. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married.....	66
Unmarried with partner	2
Single	20
Separated	1
Divorced.....	5
Widowed	6
(Don't know/refused)	1

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18. What is your age? I am going to read you some categories. Stop me when we get to your category.

READ CATEGORIES:

18-24 years	11
25-29	7
30-34	6
35-39	8
40-44	9
45-49	9
50-54	10
55-59	9
60-64	10
65-69	5
70-74.....	5
Over 75	10
(Refused)	2

19. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **[IF “NO”, ASK:]** What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	72
Black	12
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.).....	11
Native American	1
Asian/ Pacific Islander	2
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/refused)	1

That completes our opinion survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening)!