Yale Newspaper Post-Survey

Hello, may I please speak with _________________________?

We would like to ask you some questions about the election for governor in Virginia and about politics in the nation. The responses to this questionnaire will be confidential and you can stop the survey at any time.

1. Did you vote in the November election for Governor?
   
   If: Yes – Go to 2a
   If: No – Go to Question #2b

2a Of the following who did you vote for [INSERT, ROTATE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC WITH POTTS LAST]?

   1. Republican Jerry Kilgore
   2. Democrat Tim Kaine
   3. Independent Russ Potts
   4. Other candidate (VOL. DO NOT READ)
   9. Don’t know (VOL. DO NOT READ)

2b If you had you voted, which of the below following candidates would you probably have voted for? [INSERT, ROTATE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC WITH POTTS LAST]?

   1. Republican Jerry Kilgore
   2. Democrat Tim Kaine
   3. Independent Russ Potts
   4. Other candidate (VOL. DO NOT READ)
   9. Don’t know (VOL. DO NOT READ)

3. People get their news and information from many different sources. What do you consider to be your main source for the news: newspaper, television, radio, magazines, the Internet, or some other source?

   1. Newspaper
   2. Television
   3. Radio
   4. Magazines
   5. Internet
   6. Some other source

4a. Which of the following do you think is the most important problem facing this country today: [ROTATE] The war in Iraq; the economy; terrorism; corruption and political scandals; health care and other social issues; or something else?

   1. War in Iraq
2. Economy
3. Terrorism
4. Corruption/Political Scandal
5. Health Care and other social issues
6. Something else

4b. The war in Iraq has been the focus of a number of stories in the news recently. Which of these four stories about the Iraq war from recent weeks do you think is most important? [ROTATE] The trial of Saddam Hussein; the investigation into the pre-war intelligence regarding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; White House officials leaking the identity of a woman working for the CIA prior to the War; or the approval of the Iraqi constitution?

   1. Trial of Saddam Hussein
   2. Investigation into the pre-war intelligence regarding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq
   3. White House officials leaking the identity of a woman working for the CIA prior to the War
   4. Approval of the Iraqi constitution

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
   1. approve
   2. disapprove
   3. Refuse to answer/Do Not know

5a. Do you feel STRONGLY or NOT STRONGLY?
   1. strongly
   2. not strongly

If do not know/refuse to answer, skip 5a

ROTATE REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NEXT TWO

6. Is your overall opinion of the Republican Party very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?
   1. Very favorable
   2. Somewhat favorable
   3. Somewhat unfavorable
   4. Very unfavorable
   5. NO RESPONSE; refused

7. Is your overall opinion of the Democratic Party very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?
1. Very favorable
2. Somewhat favorable
3. Somewhat unfavorable
4. Very unfavorable
5. No response; refused

8. In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq—very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?
   1. Very well
   2. Moderately well
   3. Moderately badly
   4. Very badly

9. As you may know, members of the Bush administration have told reporters the identity of a woman working for the CIA. From what you have heard or read about this matter, which of the following statements best describes your view—some Bush administration officials did something illegal; no Bush administration officials did anything illegal, but some officials did something unethical; or no Bush officials did anything seriously wrong?
   1. did something illegal
   2. did something unethical but not illegal
   3. did not do anything wrong
   4. Other (VOL)

10. As you may know, President Bush recently nominated Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm Alito; not enough is known about Alito and the Senate should gather more information; or the Senate should not confirm Alito’s?
    1. should confirm
    2. not enough is known and the Senate should gather more information
    3. should not confirm

Finally, I am now going to ask you a few short questions about public awareness of issues and how important they are to people like you.

11. About how many American soldiers have died in the Iraq war since it began in 2003?
    1000 or fewer, More than 1000 but fewer than 2000, more than 2000 but fewer than 10,000, or more than 10,000?
    1. 1000 or fewer
    2. More than 1000 but fewer than 2000
    3. More than 2000 but fewer than 10,000
    4. More than 10,000
Randomize over next two: _ gets 12a, _ gets 12b:

12a. Of the following 4 people, which person recently resigned as Vice President Dick Cheney’s chief of staff? Scooter Libby, Karl Rove, William Rehnquist or Dick Durbin?
   a). Scooter Libby
   b) Karl Rove
   c) William Rehnquist
   d) Dick Durbin
   e) Don’t Know (VOL)

12b. Of the following 4 people, which person recently resigned as Vice President Dick Cheney’s chief of staff? Scooter Libby, Mike Bloomberg, William Rehnquist or Dick Durbin?
   a). Scooter Libby
   b) Mike Bloomberg
   c) William Rehnquist
   d) Dick Durbin
   e) Don’t Know (VOL)

13. Which of the following 4 women was one of President Bush’s recent nominees to the Supreme Court?
   a) Sandra Day O’Connor
   b) Judith Miller
   c). Harriet Miers
   d) Maureen Dowd
   e) Don’t Know (VOL)

14. Do you receive any newspapers currently?

   1. Yes – Go to Q15
   2. No – skip to Q16

15. Which newspapers?

   1. Washington Times mentioned (VOL)
   2. Washington Post mentioned (VOL)
   3. Both Washington Times and Post mentioned (VOL)
   4. Other

16. How often do you read the paper? Every day, several times a week, occasionally, or never?
1. Every day
2. Several times a week
3. Occasionally
4. Never

17. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives.

(SUGGESTION) Which of the following 7 definitions best identifies your position?
   1. Extremely liberal
   2. Liberal
   3. Slightly liberal
   4. Moderate, middle of the road
   5. Slightly conservative
   6. Conservative
   7. Extremely conservative
   8. No response; refused

To end this survey, I just need to verify that I was speaking to (persons first name and last name). Is this correct?

And what year were you born?

Thank You for your time. Good Bye.