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SECTION S: SCREENER

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[SECTION S IS THE SAME AS X4376]

SHOW ALL

Welcome Back to the SSRS Opinion Panel! We would like to ask you some questions that you will find quite interesting.

PN: [NEW SCREEN] – Intro screen for all.

PN: Insert incentive language (in parentheses) if Prob Panel.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

SHOW ALL

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Please answer each question to the best of your ability. When you answer the questions, please be as detailed as you can, and please try to make your answers complete.

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PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S1. We value your opinions and appreciate your participation in this survey!

Please use care when answering the following questions. Should our quality checks determine that you have not provided thoughtful attention to this survey, you may be disqualified and forfeit the associated rewards. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement.

I will read each question thoroughly and I will respond to all questions thoughtfully and honestly.

1	I agree	
2	I disagree	(TERMINATE)

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S2. What is your age?

_____ **PN: Acceptable range is 18-98**
99 Prefer not to say

PN: Ask S2a if S2=Prefer not to say (99).

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK IF AGE NOT GIVEN (S2=99)

S2a. Are you...

0	Under 18	
1	18-24	
2	25-29	
3	30-44	
4	45-49	
5	50-64	
6	65+	
9	Prefer not to say	(TERMINATE)

PN: If under 18 in S2 or S2a, TERMINATE.

PN: Only qualified respondents continue here. All others TERMINATE.

SECTION A: OVERALL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[A1 IN X4376]

- A1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in politics most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in politics...?

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only now and then
- 4 Hardly at all
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[A2 IN X4376]

- A2. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 999 *Web Blank*

SECTION C: CONFIDENCE AND COURT ISSUES

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[C1 IN X4376]

- C1. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Supreme Court is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[C2-C5 HAD THE SAME QID FROM X4376; C6 WAS C7, AND C8 WAS C7 IN X4376]

PN: Randomize order of C2-C7; Show as grid. include order variable in data.

Here is a list of institutions in American society. How much confidence do you have in each one?

		A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little	None at all
C2.	The U.S. Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
C3.	Congress	1	2	3	4	5
C4.	The Presidency	1	2	3	4	5
C5.	The national news media	1	2	3	4	5
C6.	The U.S. Department of Justice	1	2	3	4	5
C7.	The FBI	1	2	3	4	5

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ASK ALL

[C9 IN X4376]

PN: Rotate "Democratic" and "Republican" in question wording and response codes 1-4 and 4-1 so half of sample get each order; include order variable in data.

C8. What is your guess as to whether a majority of the current U.S. Supreme Court justices were appointed by Democratic or Republican presidents?

- 1 Definitely a majority appointed by Democratic presidents
- 2 Probably a majority appointed by Democratic presidents
- 3 Probably a majority appointed by Republican presidents
- 4 Definitely a majority appointed by Republican presidents

999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[C10 IN X4376]

C9. Thinking about the last month only, how much have you heard or read about the U.S. Supreme Court?

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all

999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order in C10. include order variable in data.

[THIS IS C8 FROM X4371]

C10. In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?

- 1 Mainly politics
- 2 Mainly the law

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ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

C11. Should justices of the Supreme Court consider public opinion about a case when making decisions or should they ignore public opinion?

1. Should consider public opinion

2. Should ignore public opinion

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C13 FROM X4376]

C12. If the Supreme Court rules against the president in a case, does the president have the power to ignore that ruling, or is the president required to do as the ruling says?

1 The president has the power to ignore the ruling

2 The president is required to do as the ruling says

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C14 FROM X4376]

C13. Does the Supreme Court have the power to review laws passed by Congress and to declare them invalid if they conflict with the Constitution?

1 Yes, the Supreme Court has this power

2 No, the Supreme Court does not have this power

999 *Web Blank*

PN: There is no C14

PN Randomize order of C15-C18

ASK ALL

[C17 FROM X4376]

C15. In July 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, while there is no immunity for unofficial acts, former presidents have broad immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts as president.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[C18 IN X4376]

- C16. In 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe versus Wade*, thus striking down the 1973 decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- C17. In January the Supreme Court upheld a law requiring the social media app TikTok, which is owned by a Chinese company, to be sold or banned in the U.S.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- C18. In January the Supreme Court rejected Donald Trump's request to halt his criminal sentencing in New York where he was convicted in May on 34 felony counts, allowing sentencing to proceed.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- C19. In January the Supreme Court heard arguments concerning a Texas law meant to prevent minors from accessing sexual materials on the internet, through a requirement that adults prove they are 18 or over by submitting government-issued IDs in order to access sexually oriented websites. Do you think the court should uphold this law or strike it down for infringing on the rights of adults?

1. Uphold the law
2. Strike it down
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[C20 IN X4376]

C20. Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.?

1. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship
2. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers but not to apply for U.S. citizenship
3. They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.
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SECTION D: APPROVAL RATINGS AND FAVORABILITY

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ASK ALL

[D1 IN X4376]

D1. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[D2 IN X4376]

D1b. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling cabinet appointments for his administration?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

D2. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden handled his job when he was president?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

PN: Ask D3 first, then randomize order of D4-D6.

[D3-D6 IN X4376]

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people or haven't you heard enough yet to have an opinion?

(Please select one response for each.)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Haven't heard enough
D3.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
D4.	Kamala Harris	1	2	3	4	5
D5.	Donald Trump	1	2	3	4	5
D6.	J.D. Vance	1	2	3	4	5

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ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of D7-D10.

[D7-D10 IN X4376]

Here are some people President Trump has picked for cabinet positions in his new administration. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people or haven't you heard enough yet to have an opinion?

(Please select one response for each.)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Haven't heard enough
D7.	Marco Rubio for Secretary of State	1	2	3	4	5
D8.	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. for Secretary of Health and Human Services	1	2	3	4	5

D9.	Pete Hegseth for Secretary of Defense	1	2	3	4	5
D10.	Pam Bondi for Attorney General	1	2	3	4	5

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PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of D11-D12.

ASK ALL

[D11 IN X4376]

PN: PROVIDE A LARGE TEXTBOX

- D11. What do you like about Donald Trump?
(PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AND SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

ASK ALL

[D12 IN X4376]

PN: PROVIDE A LARGE TEXTBOX

- D12. What do you dislike about Donald Trump?
(PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AND SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

SECTION E: WELL BEING AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

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[ASK ALL]

[E1 IN X4376]

- E1. Would you say you personally are better off, about the same, or worse off than you were a year ago?

- 1 Better
- 2 About the same
- 3 Worse
- 999 *Web Blank*

[ASK ALL]

[E2 IN X4376]

E2. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

1 Right direction

2 Wrong track

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ASK ALL

[E3 IN X4376]

E3. How would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days?

1 Excellent

2 Good

3 Not so good

4 Poor

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SECTION F: NEWS ATTENTION

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[F1-F3 HAD THE SAME QID IN X4376; F4 IS NEW]

PN: Randomize order of F1-F3; Show as grid.

Here are some recent topics in the news. How much have you heard or read about each of these? *(Please select one response for each.)*

		A lot	A little	Nothing at all
F1	President Trump's choices for his cabinet, including Secretaries of State, Defense, Health and Human Services and Attorney General	1	2	3
F2	Plans for how to handle deportation of immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally	1	2	3
F3	Plans to reduce the size of government and cut spending	1	2	3
F4	President Trump's inaugural address	1	2	3

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SECTION G: ISSUES

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G1. About 170 million Americans use the TikTok app but Congress passed a law requiring it to be sold or banned because it is owned by a Chinese company that could potentially provide the Chinese government with sensitive information about Americans. Do you think these national security concerns are important enough to require the sale or banning of TikTok or do you think Americans should continue to be able to use the app?

1. Security concerns are important enough to require sale or ban
2. Americans should continue to be able to use the app

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ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G2. How often, if ever, do you use the TikTok app

1. Several times a day
2. Several times a week
3. A few times a month
4. Used in the past but not now
5. Never

999 **Web Blank**

PN: Randomize order of G3-G7

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G3. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's pardon of about 1,500 people convicted in the January 6, 2021 violence at the U.S. Capitol?

1. Favor
2. Oppose

999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G4. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's executive order declaring migrant crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border to be a national emergency?

- 1. Favor
- 2. Oppose
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G5. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's executive order instructing the Secretary of the Interior to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America?

- 1. Favor
- 2. Oppose
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G6. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's executive order requiring federal agencies to recognize biological sex as male or female only, eliminate references to gender identity in policies, and require federal documents, such as passports, to reflect biological sex, not gender identity.

- 1. Favor
- 2. Oppose
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G7. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's executive orders that aim to expand oil and gas production?

- 1. Favor
- 2. Oppose
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- G8. In general, do you think imposing tariffs or fees on products imported from other countries helps the U.S. economy, hurts the economy, or doesn't make much of a difference either way?

- 1 Helps U.S. economy
- 2 Hurts U.S. economy
- 3 Doesn't make much difference
- 4 Don't know
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G9. Do you think Trump's policy proposals will decrease inflation, increase inflation, or have no effect on inflation?

- 1 Decrease inflation
 - 2 Increase inflation
 - 3 Have no effect on inflation
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G10. In his inaugural address President Trump said the U.S. will take back the Panama Canal from Panama. Do you think the U.S. should take back the Canal, or should Panama continue to control it in accordance with the 1978 Panama Canal Treaties?

- 1 Take the canal back
 - 2 Panama continue to control the canal
- 999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G11. On January 10th the judge in Trump's New York felony conviction case gave Trump a sentence of unconditional discharge, which includes neither jail time nor any other penalties. Do you think this is an appropriate sentence or should there have been a greater penalty.

- 1. Appropriate sentence
 - 2. Should have been a greater penalty
- 999 **Web Blank**

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SECTION K: Other policy issues

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[K1 IN X4376]

K1. Do you think it will be better for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs, or if we stay out of world affairs?

- 1 Take an active part in world affairs

2 Stay out of world affairs
999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[K1 IN X4376]

K2. When it comes to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the United States is providing too much support to Ukraine, not enough support to Ukraine, or about the right amount of support to Ukraine?

1 Too much support
2 Not enough support
3 About the right amount of support
999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[K1 IN X4376]

K3. How much do you think what happens in the Russia-Ukraine conflict matters to life in the United States?

1 A great deal
2 Some
3 Not much
4 Not at all
999 Web Blank

ASK HALF SAMPLE

PN: Randomize so half get K5a and half get K5b.

[K5a IN X4376]

K5a. Do you favor or oppose deporting immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries?

1 Strongly favor
2 Somewhat favor
3 Somewhat oppose
4 Strongly oppose
999 Web Blank

ASK HALF SAMPLE

PN: Randomize so half get K5a and half get K5b.

[K5b IN X4376]

K5b. Do you favor or oppose deporting immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries even if they have lived here for a number of years, have jobs and no criminal record?

1 Strongly favor
2 Somewhat favor
3 Somewhat oppose
4 Strongly oppose

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[K8 IN X4376]

K8. Thinking about your family's financial situation, would you say you are living comfortably, just getting by, or struggling to make ends meet?

1 Living comfortably

2 Just getting by

3 Struggling

999 *Web Blank*

K9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

If the U.S. Supreme Court started making a lot of decisions that most people disagree with, it might be better to do away with the Supreme Court altogether.

1 Strongly agree

2 Agree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Disagree

5 Strongly disagree

999 *Web Blank*

K10. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court who consistently make unpopular decisions should be removed from their position as Justice.

1 Strongly agree

2 Agree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Disagree

5 Strongly disagree

999 *Web Blank*

K11. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The U.S. Supreme Court ought to be made less independent so that it listens a lot more to what the people want.

1 Strongly agree

2 Agree

3 Neither agree nor disagree

4 Disagree

5 Strongly disagree

SECTION X: CALIBRATION ITEMS

[ALL SECTION X QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME AS X4376]

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of X1-X2. Save order in data.

ASK ALL

X1. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Only some of the time
- 4 Never

999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

X2. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or most people can't be trusted?

- 1 Most people can be trusted
- 2 Most people can't be trusted

999 Web Blank

PN: IF WEB, AUTOPUNCH INT1=1

ASK ALL

INT1. (pINT1) Do you use the internet or email, at least occasionally?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

999 Web Blank

PN: ASK IF WEB OR pINT1=1

INTFREQ. About how often do you use the internet?

- 1 Almost constantly
- 2 Several times a day
- 3 About once a day
- 4 Several times a week
- 5 Less often

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SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[Z1 IN X4376]

Z1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Other/No preference
- 999 Web Blank

PN: If 1 or 2 in Z1, ask Z2A. Otherwise, skip to Z2B.

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (Z1= 1 OR 2)

[Z2A IN X4376]

Z2A. Would you call yourself a strong [IF Z1=1: Republican] [IF Z1=2: Democrat], or a not very strong [IF Z1=1: Republican] [IF Z1=2: Democrat]?

- 1 Strong
- 2 Not very strong
- 999 Web Blank

PN: If 3 or 4 in Z1, ask Z2B.

ASK IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER (Z1= 3 OR 4)

[Z2B IN X4376]

Z2B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democratic
- 3 Neither
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[Z3 IN X4376]

Z3. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week

- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[Z4 IN X4376]

Z4. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes, would
- 2 No, would not
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: This is pPolview reasked.

ASK ALL

[Z5 IN X4376]

Z5. Generally speaking, how would you describe your political views?

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Somewhat conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Somewhat liberal
- 5 Very liberal
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: Z6-Z7 are calibration questions for weighing. Z6 is pTALKNEIGH internally and Z7 is pVOLUNTEER internally. Note that for each Court Survey, these two questions may be adjusted related to context around the COVID-19 pandemic.

ASK ALL

[Z6 IN X4376]

Z6. During the last 12 months, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

- 1 Basically, every day
- 2 A few times a week
- 3 A few times a month
- 4 Once a month
- 5 Less than once a month
- 6 Not at all
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[Z6 IN X4376]

Z7. We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. In the last 12 months, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION – MODIFIED GE2020]

GE2024. Did you vote in the general election in 2024?

- 1 Yes, did vote in the 2024 general election
- 2 No, did not vote in the 2024 general election
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Ask Z8 if voted in 2024 (GE2024=1)

PN: Rotate responses 1-2/2-1, include rotate in data file.

PN: Rotate responses 3-5/5-3, include rotate in data file

PN: If the web respondent initially tries to skip, prompt once for completion: "Your answers are important to us, and we don't want someone else to speak for you. Keeping in mind that this is a confidential survey, we'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who you voted for in 2024."

Allow the respondent to continue if they skip again.

PN: Add variable "SKIP_Z8" to flag if the R initially tried to skip this questions (SKIP_Z8=1); include variable in data file.

ASK IF VOTED IN 2024

[NEW QUESTION – MODIFIED Z8]

Z8. Which presidential candidate did you vote for in 2024?

- 1 Kamala Harris
- 2 Donald Trump
- 3 Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- 4 Chase Oliver
- 5 Jill Stein
- 6 Another candidate
- 7 Did not vote in that election
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[GE2020 IN X4376]

GE2020. Did you vote in the general election in 2020?

- 1 Yes, did vote in the 2020 general election
- 2 No, did not vote in the 2020 general election
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Ask Z9 if voted in 2020 (GE2020=1)

PN: Rotate responses 1-2/2-1, include rotate in data file.

PN: Rotate responses 3-4/4-3, include rotate in data file

PN: If the web respondent initially tries to skip, prompt once for completion: "Your answers are important to us, and we don't want someone else to speak for you. Keeping in mind that this is a confidential survey, we'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who you voted for in 2020."

Allow the respondent to continue if they skip again.

PN: Add variable "SKIP_Z9" to flag if the R initially tried to skip this questions (SKIP_Z9=1); include variable in data file.

ASK IF VOTED IN 2020

[Z8 IN X4376]

Z9. Which presidential candidate did you vote for in 2020?

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 Joe Biden
- 3 Jo Jorgensen
- 4 Howie Hawkins
- 5 Another candidate
- 6 Did not vote in that election
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Z10-Z11 are also calibration questions for weighing. Z10 is pOWNHOME internally and Z11 is pADULTS internally.

ASK ALL

[Z9 IN X4376]

Z10. Is your home owned or rented?

- 001 Owned
- 002 Rented
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[Z10 IN X4376]

Z11. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 or older are there living in your household?

- 001 1
- 002 2
- 003 3
- 004 4
- 005 5
- 006 6
- 007 7
- 008 8 or more
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Insert end time stamp.