

**Full Release of the ANES 2010 Panel Recontact Study**  
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This document describes the ANES 2010 Panel Recontact Study’s preliminary data.

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**1. Study Overview**

The ANES 2010 Panel Recontact Study is a reinterview of panelists from the ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study. Panelists who previously completed at least one ANES wave of the Panel Study before November 2008 and who also completed the November 2008 (post-election) wave were invited to complete a followup interview in June 2010.

The ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study was a series of surveys of a representative sample of the American electorate. Panelists were recruited by telephone to complete up to 21 monthly surveys on the Internet from January 2008 through September 2009. For detailed information about the 2008-2009 Panel Study on which the Recontact Study was built, including details on the original sample design, see DeBell, Krosnick, and Lupia (2010), *Methodology Report and User’s Guide for the 2008-2009 ANES Panel Study*.

## 2. Recontact Study at a glance

Title:	ANES 2010 Panel Recontact Survey
Main purpose:	To reinterview members of the ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study to support research on the public's evaluations of the President after the 2008 presidential election.
Population:	The study represents U.S. citizens age 18 or older as of Election Day in November of 2008.
Sample:	Matches the landline telephone random-digit dialing (list-assisted) sample from the ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study.
Design:	The ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study was a telephone-recruited Internet panel study with 10 ANES surveys and 11 primarily non-ANES surveys between January 2008 and September 2009. This survey was a recontact of those panelists.
Mode:	Internet
Number of cases on the file:	2,606, of whom 1,561 completed the survey
Number of variables:	875
Merging opportunity:	The dataset is intended to be merged with the data from the ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study
Field period:	June 2 through July 7, 2010
Response rate:	Estimated 16 percent (AAPOR RR3) overall
Interview length:	22.9 minutes (median)
Weight:	Use weights for analyses that generalize to the population.
Significance testing:	Statistical significance testing should account for the complex sample design.
Sponsors & design:	The National Science Foundation funded the study, which was designed by the ANES Principal Investigators and senior staff based in part on prior design decisions made for the ANES 2008-2009 Panel Study.
Data collection firm:	Knowledge Networks, Inc.

### 3. Question Topics

The questions on the recontact survey covered topics shown in Exhibit 1. The letter codes correspond to sections of the recontact questionnaire. The entire questionnaire is available here for download from the ANES website:

[http://www.electionstudies.org/studypages/2010panel\\_recontact/2010panel\\_recontact\\_questionnaire.pdf](http://www.electionstudies.org/studypages/2010panel_recontact/2010panel_recontact_questionnaire.pdf)

Many questions on the recontact survey were previously asked on earlier waves of the Panel Study. For information about prior Panel Study survey content, see tables 1 and 2 and appendix A in DeBell, Krosnick, and Lupia (2010), *Methodology Report and User's Guide for the 2008-2009 ANES Panel Study*, available on the ANES website at

[http://www.electionstudies.org/studypages/2008\\_2009panel/anes2008\\_2009panel\\_MethodologyRpt.pdf](http://www.electionstudies.org/studypages/2008_2009panel/anes2008_2009panel_MethodologyRpt.pdf)

Exhibit 1. Questionnaire topics and sections on the Recontact Survey

A.	Interest in politics	T.	Participation
AB.	Cosmopolitanism	U.	Obama evaluations (job approval)
B.	Efficacy	UA.	Expected turnout, probabilistic
C.	Trust in government	V.	Racial resentment scale
D.	Emotions about what's going on in the country	W.	Condition of country
E.	Party ID	X.	Economic performance
F.	Divided government	Y.	Size of government
G.	Attitudes toward parties, Obama	YA.	Miscellaneous policy (Kagan, oil, immigration)
H.	Optimism-pessimism	Z.	Tax policy
HJ.	Religious services	ZA.	Gays in military
J.	Personality (Big 5)	ZB.	Environment
K.	Most important problem	ZC.	Income inequality
L.	Economic peril	ZD.	Financial regulation policy
M.	Housing security	ZE.	Health care policy
N.	Economic peril in social network	ZF.	Iraq, Afghanistan
P.	Race discrimination	ZG.	Employment status
Q.	Ideological self-placement	ZH.	Fear of unemployment
R.	Ideological placement of parties	ZJ.	Income
S.	Ideological placement of Obama	ZK.	Expected turnout, verbal

#### 4. Weighting and Variance Estimation

The data from the recontact survey are designed to be analyzed with weights. **You must use weights to generalize to the population.** For general discussion of these issues and detailed instructions for weighting and sampling error calculations for ANES studies, see DeBell (2010), *How to Analyze ANES Survey Data* (available at <http://www.electionstudies.org/resources/papers/nes012492.pdf>).

There are four weight variables for the recontact survey:

*Cross-sectional weight* (wgtnsf1). This weight should be used for analysis of the full recontact sample when substantially all cases are used and no cases are dropped due to unit nonresponse on prior Panel Study waves. This weight is provided for all 1,561 respondents who completed the recontact survey. When in doubt, use this weight.

*Cumulative extended panel weight* (wgtef1). This weight is optimized for analysis of respondents who completed the recontact survey as well as all prior waves of the ANES Panel Study (waves 1 through 21). This weight is provided for the 448 cases meeting the criteria of having completed every wave of the study as well as the recontact.

*Cumulative ANES panel weight* (wgtcf1). This weight is optimized for analysis of respondents who completed the recontact survey as well as all prior ANES waves. This weight should be used for analyses that include variables from waves 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 20, and the recontact survey. This weight is provided for the 611 cases meeting the criterion of having completed every ANES wave of the study as well as the recontact.

*Cumulative Late panel weight* (wgtLf1). This weight is optimized for analysis of respondents who completed the ANES waves from wave 9 and later, when the second cohort of panelists joined the study. This weight should be used for analyses that include variables from waves 9 through 21 as well as the recontact survey. This weight is provided for the 1,133 cases meeting the selection criterion of having completed every ANES wave from wave 9 through 21, and the recontact survey.

**Standard errors (also called sampling errors), confidence intervals, and statistical significance tests must be calculated using methods appropriate for a complex-sample survey.** For comprehensive general instructions, see DeBell (2010). The Recontact data should be merged with the Panel Study data to conduct such analyses, which rely on a stratum variable found on the Panel Study dataset.