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1. What is the biggest problem facing Puerto Rico today—the one that affects you and your family the most?

	<u>October</u> <u>2008</u>
Economy	61%
Crime/Drugs	16
Cost of living	13
Politics/Government/Corruption	13
Unemployment	8
Health care	3
Everything (unspecified)	3
Gas prices	2
Education	2
Taxes	1
Sense of security/stability	1
Low salaries	1
Puerto Rico's Status	1
Poor Communication	1
(Nothing)	1
(Other)	1
(Not sure/refused)	-

2. Just thinking about the quality of life in Puerto Rico, with 10 representing the best it has been in the last 10 years and 1 being the worst it could possibly be, where do you think the quality of life is today?

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(Dk)</u>
	<u>Worst</u>									<u>Best</u>	
October 2008	25%	4	10	10	21	10	9	5	2	3	1

3. Concerning the economy, how would you rate the present general business conditions in your area:

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
October 2008	4%	28	66	2

4. Six months from now, do you think general business conditions in your area will be:

	<u>Better</u>	<u>The same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>(Don't Know)</u>
October 2008	19%	38	34	9

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5. What would you say about available jobs in your area right now? Are there:

	<u>Plenty of jobs</u>	<u>Not so many jobs</u>	<u>Jobs are hard to get</u>	<u>(Don't Know)</u>
October 2008	4%	21	73	2

6. Six months from now, do you think there will be:

	<u>More jobs</u>	<u>The same number</u>	<u>Fewer jobs</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
October 2008	17%	34	39	10
November 2007	12%	26	59	4

7. Six months from now, do you think your total family income will be:

	<u>Higher</u>	<u>The same</u>	<u>Lower</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
October 2008	15%	61	20	4

8. Have you ever lived on the mainland US?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(DK/Ref)</u>
October 2008	46%	54	-

9. Have you ever considered moving to the mainland?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Have lived there and moved back</u>
October 2008	43%	53	4

10. On a scale of excellent, good, fair or poor, how would you rate the job that Anibal Acevedo Vilá has done as Governor of Puerto Rico?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(DK/ref)</u>
October 2008	11%	20	24	43	1

11. On the scale of excellent, good, fair, or poor, how would you rate the job that Luis Fortuño has done as Resident Commissioner?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(DK/ref)</u>
October 2008	12%	27	33	24	4

12. When it comes to political parties, do you consider yourself a:

	<u>PNP</u>	<u>PPD</u>	<u>PIP</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>(Dk/ref)</u>
October 2008	40%	25	2	12	20

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13. Would you say your commitment to that party is:

	<u>Very Strong</u>	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Only moderate</u>	<u>Fairly weak</u>	<u>(Dk/ref)</u>
October 2008	26%	26	35	6	6

14. Thinking about the election for Governor which will be held in November 4th, right now do you think you will vote for:

	<u>October 2008</u>
Total PNP Luis Fortuño	49%
Total PDP Anibal Acevedo Vilá	34
Total PIP Edwin Irizarry Mora	3
Total PPR Rogelio Figueroa	9
Total Pedro Rosselló	1
Undecided	4

15. And thinking about the election for Resident Commissioner in November, right now do you think you will vote for:

	<u>October 2008</u>
Total PDP Alfredo Salazar	40%
Total PNP Pedro Perluisi	51
Total PIP Jessica Martinez	3
Total PPR Carlos Alberto Velasquez	3
Undecided	3

I'm going to read you some particular issues and I'd like you to tell me whether you think Luis Fortuño or Anibal Acevedo Vilá would do the best job on this issue as Governor:

	<u>Luis Fortuño</u>	<u>Anibal Acedo Vila</u>	<u>Both the Same</u>	<u>(Dk)</u>
16. Ensuring the safety of Puerto Ricans	51%	29	7	13
October 2008				
17. Resolving the question of Puerto Rico's political status	53%	28	6	13
October 2008				
18. Improving the business and economic situation and creating more jobs	55%	28	6	11
October 2008				
19. Improving education	54%	29	6	10
October 2008				

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20.	Helping Puerto Rico's farmers					
	October 2008	49%	30	7	13	
21.	Increasing tourism					
	October 2008	56%	25	8	11	
22.	Building and improving housing					
	October 2008	48%	34	8	11	
23.	Providing more access to medical care					
	October 2008	52%	28	7	13	
24.	Fighting crime and drug abuse					
	October 2008	49%	27	8	16	
25.	Holding down taxes					
	October 2008	52%	25	5	18	
			<u>Luis Fortuno</u>	<u>Anibal Acedo Vila</u>	<u>Both the Same</u>	<u>(Dk)</u>
26.	Ensuring a good water system					
	October 2008	46%	29	10	15	
27.	Controlling political corruption					
	October 2008	48%	25	7	20	
28.	Uniting people and ending confrontation and providing strong leadership for the future					
	October 2008	46%	33	6	16	
29.	Making people proud of Puerto Rico					
	October 2008	52%	28	6	14	
30.	Improving relations with the federal government					
	October 2008	64%	24	5	7	

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31. Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for voters in Puerto Rico to be allowed to vote in the U.S. presidential election?

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	85%	10	5

32. How important do you think the outcome of the U.S. Presidential election is to issues that affect Puerto Rico?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not very important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>(NS /ref)</u>
October 2008	83%	8	3	4	2

33. Do you think the U.S. government's proposed bail out bill for Wall Street will just bail out Wall Street, or do you think it will help average citizens also?

	<u>Just help Wall Street</u>	<u>Help average citizens also</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	27%	51	21

34. If there were another status plebiscite and you had to choose, would you choose:

	<u>Statehood for Puerto Rico</u>	<u>Keeping things as they are now</u>	<u>Moving toward independence for Puerto Rico</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
October 2008	46%	42	8	4

35. Why would you vote for statehood for Puerto Rico?

	<u>October 2008</u>
Better living conditions/Better and more jobs/More opportunities	36%
Everything would be better/improvement	36
Would most benefit us	13
That's just how I think/I have always had that opinion	9
Independence is uncertain/uncertainty	8
Its fine how it is/Everything is good the way it is/No change	7
Freedom	3
Would end up having more taxes	1
Statehood is uncertain	1
(Other)	3
(Don't know)	2

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Why would you vote for keeping things as they are now?

	<u>October 2008</u>
Its fine how it is/Everything is good the way it is/No change	55%
That's just how I think/I have always had that opinion	14
Independence is uncertain/uncertainty	10
Better living conditions/Better and more jobs/More opportunities	9
Everything would be better/improvement	9
Would most benefit us	5
Statehood is uncertain	3
Freedom	3
Would end up having more taxes	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know)	3

Why would you vote for moving toward independence for Puerto Rico?

	<u>October 2008</u>
Freedom	34%
Everything would be better/improvement	22
That's just how I think/I have always had that opinion	17
Better living conditions/Better and more jobs/More opportunities	12
Would most benefit us	6
Statehood is uncertain	5
Independence is uncertain/uncertainty	4
Would end up having more taxes	2
Its fine how it is/Everything is good the way it is/No change	1
(Other)	9
(Don't know)	-

36. Let's say that Puerto Rico has to choose statehood or independence, would you choose:

	<u>Statehood</u>	<u>Independence</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
October 2008	79%	13	7

37. If the Puerto Rican people chose to ask for statehood, do you think the US Congress would actually make Puerto Rico a state?

	<u>Yes, for statehood</u>	<u>No, against statehood</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	50%	34	17

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38. If the U.S. Congress offered Puerto Rico statehood, would you vote to accept statehood?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	76%	17	7

39. Every Representative in the U.S. Congress represents about 600,000 people. If Puerto Rico were equally represented in Congress, it would have six voting Congressional Representatives instead of one non-voting Resident Commissioner. Some people say that Puerto Rico should now set districts and send six elected Representatives to Congress to represent the interests of each district. Do you think it would be good idea or a bad idea for Puerto Rico to send six additional Representatives to Washington?

	<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
October 2008	75%	17	8

In thinking about the Puerto Rico status issue, please tell me how important each of the following issues are to you.

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not very important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>(NS/ref)</u>
40. U.S Citizenship	89%	6	1	3	-
41. A vote for US President	77%	10	6	6	1
42. Both English and Spanish as official languages	88%	6	3	2	1
43. Most people believe the economic conditions in Puerto Rico are in the worst shape in years—who would you blame most?					

	<u>The Puerto Rican Government</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>The Private Sector</u>	<u>(All of the above)</u>	<u>(NS/ref)</u>
October 2008	52%	13	11	15	9

44. Do you think trying to improve the tax system would actually help you or just help businesses and the very wealthy?

	<u>Would help me</u>	<u>Would help businesses and the very wealthy</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
October 2008	48%	41	11

45. Do you think the size of the Puerto Rican government could be reduced without cutting vital services?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	74%	17	9

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46. Would you favor a business tax incentive program if it is only available to businesses that create new jobs?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	90%	6	4

47. Did you receive a tax rebate check of around \$300 this year?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	59%	39	2

48. As far as you know, did the rebate come from the United States federal government, or from the Puerto Rico government?

	<u>United States</u>	<u>Puerto Rico</u>	<u>(Both)</u>	<u>(NS/ref)</u>
October 2008	95%	2	1	2

49. What did you do with most of the money you received in the rebate?

	<u>Pay off</u>	<u>Buy</u>	<u>Save it</u>	<u>Invest it</u>	<u>(Combina</u>	<u>(Other)</u>
October 2008	51%	<u>something</u> new	16	9	<u>tion)</u> 9	3

50. Are you planning to make a major purchase such as household appliances or a car within the next six months?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(Not sure/refused)</u>
October 2008	17%	80	3

51. If you saw someone attacking and physically harming someone in your neighborhood, how comfortable would you be calling the police to come and help the victim?

	<u>Totally</u>	<u>Comfortable</u>	<u>Only somewhat</u>	<u>Not really</u>	<u>(Not</u>
October 2008	<u>comfortable</u> 70%	16	<u>comfortable</u> 4	<u>comfortable</u> 7	<u>sure)</u> 2

52. If you saw someone stealing car in your neighborhood, how comfortable would you be calling the police to come and stop the theft?

	<u>Totally</u>	<u>Comfortable</u>	<u>Only somewhat</u>	<u>Not really</u>	<u>(Not</u>
October 2008	<u>comfortable</u> 73%	15	<u>comfortable</u> 4	<u>comfortable</u> 6	<u>sure)</u> 3

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53. Who is your favorite Puerto Rican athlete?

	<u>October 2008</u>
Tito Trinidad	15%
Miguel Cotto	11
Roberto Clemente	10
Carlos Arroyo	8
Igor Gonzalez	6
Ivan Rodriguez	5
Piculin Ortiz	4
Carlos Delgado	2
Juan Manuel Lopez	2
Ivan Calderon	1
Carlos Beltran	1
Jorge Posada	1
Angelita Lind	1
(Other)	6
(None)	21
(Don't know/Refused)	7