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Introduction

The *Human Resource Strategic Assessment Program* (HRSAP), located at Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), conducts surveys to support the personnel information needs of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness [USD(P&R)]. These surveys assess the attitudes and opinions of the entire Department of Defense (DOD). Although the primary sources of information of HRSAP are *Status of Forces Surveys* (SOFS), DMDC also conducts special polls to obtain quick targeted answers on special topics. *QuickCompass* surveys are being developed as a method for obtaining targeted answers to a small number of questions primarily from individuals expected to be able to be reached by e-mail and to have Internet access to complete the data collection.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA), 42 USC 1973ff, permits members of the Uniformed Services and Merchant Marine, and their eligible family members and all citizens residing outside the United States who are absent from the United States and its territories to vote in the general election for federal offices. These groups include:

- Members of the Uniformed Services (including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)
- U.S. citizens employed by the Federal Government residing outside the U.S., and
- All other private U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), under the guidance of USD(P&R), is charged with implementing the UOCAVA and evaluating the effectiveness of its programs. The FVAP Office asked DMDC to design, administer, and analyze post-election surveys on Uniformed Services voter participation, overseas nonmilitary voter participation, and local election officials. Without such surveys, the Department will not be able to assess and improve voter access. In addition, such surveys fulfill 1988 Executive Order 12642 that names the Secretary of Defense as the “Presidential designee” for administering the UOCAVA and requires surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in presidential election years.

The objectives of the 2008 post-election surveys are: (1) to gauge participation in the electoral process by citizens covered by UOCAVA, (2) to assess the impact of the FVAP’s efforts to simplify and ease the process of voting absentee, (3) to evaluate other progress made to facilitate voting participation, and (4) to identify any remaining obstacles to voting by these citizens. Surveys were done of military members, federal civilian employees overseas, other U.S. citizens overseas, voting assistance personnel, and local election officials in the U.S.

The *2008 Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas (2008 FCO)* was conducted from October 15, 2008 to January 8, 2009. The *2008 FCO* Web and paper survey was designed to capture the attitudes and behaviors of Federal civilians overseas on the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the voting process.

Overview of Report

This report documents the procedures used to develop the instrument, design the sample, conduct the survey, process the data and prepare analysis weights. Along with the survey instrument and communications to the sample members (Appendices A, B, and C, respectively), the methods section is the documentation of how the survey was conducted. DMDC (2009a) provides details on sampling and weighting. Tabulated results of the survey are reported by DMDC (2009b).

Following the summary of the survey methodology is a description of the survey analysis file layout and key variables. Appendices D-J address key concepts required for the analysis of complex survey data and the structure of records in the survey analysis files are introduced in this section. The appendices in this report include:

- A – Paper survey instrument.
- B – Web survey instrument.
- C – Samples of all possible communications sent to sample members during the survey administration: letters, emails, and brochure.
- Conventions for variable naming and construction are provided in Appendix D (annotated questionnaires) and Appendix E (coding scheme),
- Appendices F, G, and H list the names and values of all variables in the basic-survey dataset and the Privacy-Act confidential variables.
 - F lists the variables in alphabetic order and flags the confidential variables with an asterisk (*).
 - G lists the variables in the order that they appear in the dataset. Variables with the same function are grouped together, (i.e., all variables used for weighting are located together).
 - H provides a frequency for each variable with the SAS¹ values, OS flat file² values and SAS labels in the order that the variables appear in the dataset. In addition to the variables available on the basic survey file, Appendix H contains details for the confidential variables that had to be suppressed to preserve the privacy of survey respondents and non-respondents.

¹ SAS® is a registered trademark of SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA.

² The OS flat file is a text version of the dataset. The variables are in the columns and the records are in the rows. This data can be loaded into any statistical software package.

- The record layout for the basic-survey flat file is provided in I.
- The SAS code used to construct the analytic variables are included in J.

Method

Post-Election Voting Surveys of military members, overseas federal civilian employees, overseas U.S. citizens, voting assistance officers, and local election officials in the U.S. have been conducted by FVAP in 2000 and 2004 as part of the UOCAVA mandate. However, poor sampling methodology and low survey response rates for these surveys raised concerns about FVAP's ability to generalize the views and voting experiences of survey respondents to all UOCAVA citizens.³ In addition, cognitive issues with the questionnaires themselves may have affected the accuracy of the data collected by each of the post-election surveys.⁴

In coordination with FVAP, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) developed methodologies for the 2008 Post-Election Voting Surveys that addressed the weaknesses of previous survey administrations.⁵ The following sections describe the methodology used in the *2008 FCO*.

Survey Instrument

The *2008 FCO* was the first Web and paper based survey for that population. The overreaching topics of this survey were the voting in the 2008 election, use of absentee ballots, and receipt of voting assistance information, use of other sources of voting information, electronic transmission of voting materials, and voting in the 2006 election. The survey was divided into the following seven topic areas:

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1. *Background Information*—U.S. citizenship, age, voter registration, length of time living outside of U.S., current residence, length of time at current residence, number of family members 18 years and older, and legal voting residence (residence prior to departing the U.S.).
2. *2008 Election*—Interest in voting, voting history, intention to vote, actual voting behavior, and reasons for not voting.
3. *Absentee Ballots*—Absentee ballot requests; use of Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA); receipt, completion, and return of absentee ballots; use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB); and reasons for not using FWAB.
4. *Voting Assistance*—Use of and satisfaction with Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs), type of assistance from VAOs, reasons for not using VAOs, use of and satisfaction with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, reasons for not using

³ Details of sampling issues for each survey are reported by Westat (2007a).

⁴ Questionnaire design issues are described by Westat (2007b).

⁵ The planned methodology is summarized by DMDC (2008).

the FVAP Web site, use and rating of the Department of Defense (DoD) 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG), source of VAG, reasons for using or not using VAG, use of and satisfaction with FVAP toll-free telephone service, and reasons for not using the FVAP telephone service.

5. *Other Sources of Voting Information*—Satisfaction and usefulness of other sources of voting information (e.g., government agencies, political organizations, news media).
6. *Electronic Transmission of Voting Materials*—Use of fax and/or e-mail to request absentee ballots and/or cast ballots.
7. *2006 Election*—Voting behavior in the 2006 election.

Sample

The population of interest for 2008 FCO consisted of all American citizen federal civilian employees living and working overseas.

Constructing the Frame and Drawing the Sample

The sample for 2008 FCO consisted of 9,156 federal overseas civilians drawn from the sample frame constructed from Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Central Personnel Data File (CPDF) and Department of Defense (DoD) overseas employees file. The population was categorized by the DoD, Department of State (DoS), and all other federal agencies. The specified definition of the population resulted in a sampling frame of 43,251 registrants. A nonproportional stratified random sample of 9,156 registrants was selected. Table 1 presents sample counts by agency and geographic region.

Table 1.
Sample Counts by Agency and Geographic Region

Agency	Region					
	Total	Africa	East Asia / Pacific	Europe	NE and SC Asia	Western Hemisphere
Total	9,156	1,572	1,898	1,897	1,896	1,893
Department of Defense	3,544	12	1,183	1,234	738	377
Department of State	3,397	1,023	430	407	764	773
Other Federal Agencies	2,215	537	285	256	394	743

Stratification Variables

For the sample design, the frame was stratified by geographic region. The five geographic regions used were Africa, East Asia/Pacific Islands, Europe, Northeast and South Central Asia, and Western Hemisphere. This stratification of countries used the Department of State's definition of geographic regions as shown in Table 2.

Table 2.
Stratification Variable

Dimension of Stratification	Levels
Region	Africa East Asia/Pacific Europe Near East and South Central Asia Western Hemisphere
Agency	Department of Defence Department of State Other Federal Agencies

The 2008 FCO used a single-stage stratified design. Within each stratum, individuals were selected with equal probability without replacement using systematic random sampling. Since the allocation of the sample was not proportional to the size of strata, selection probabilities varied among strata, and individuals were not selected with equal probability overall. Non-proportional allocation was used to achieve adequate sample sizes for relatively small subpopulations of analytic interest. The primary domain of interest was geographic region.

Sample Losses

Losses to the drawn sample listed in Table 3 are reviewed here. Table 3 is limited to responses to the Web and paper questionnaire as of January 8, 2009. Sample members were lost from the survey for three main reasons: (1) self-reported or other ineligibility for the survey, (2) an inability to locate the sample member, and (3) refusal to participate in the survey, or other failure to respond to the survey.

For the entire sample (Table 3), a total of 480 sample members (5.2%) were lost from the final sample through classification as ineligible. Elimination of ineligibles resulted in decreasing the sample to 94.8% (8,676) of its original size.

Table 3.
Final Sample Relative to Drawn Sample

	Sample Size n	% of Drawn Sample	Weighted Estimates of Population	% of Weighted Estimates of Population
Drawn Sample & Population	9,156		43,251	
Ineligible on Master Files	0	0%	0	0%
Self-Reported Ineligible	-480	5.24%	-1259	2.91%
Total: Ineligible	-480	5.24%	-1259	2.91%
Eligible Sample	8,676	94.76%	41,992	97.09%
Not Located (Estimated Ineligible)	-934		-3,888	
Not Located (Estimated Eligible)	-4,707		-27,884	
Total Not Located	-5,641	61.61%	-31,772	73.46%
Located Sample	3,035	33.15%	10,220	23.63%
Requested Removal From Survey Mailings	-26		-106	
Returned Blank	0		0	
Skipped Key Questions	-226		-817	
Did Not Return A Survey (Estimated Ineligible)	-102		-146	
Did Not Return A Survey (Estimated Eligible)	-513		-1,046	
Total: Non-Response	-867	9.47%	-2,115	4.89%
Usable Responses	2,168	23.68%	8,105	18.74%

Because of the address update procedures, 61.61% of the drawn sample (5,641 of 9,156) was lost because the sample members could not be located. Personnel records for this group had missing, incomplete, or out-of-date addresses, and steps designed to obtain complete, current addresses for these records were unsuccessful.

Losses attributable to either ineligibility or unlocatability resulted in a sample that was 33.15% of the drawn sample. Individuals in this remaining sample may be further categorized as non-respondents versus respondents. Nonrespondents included the following groups: sample members who contacted the operations contractor (by mail, fax, e-mail, Web, or telephone) and

asked to have their names removed from the survey mailing list, or skipped key questions, and 615 sample members who did not return a survey.

Respondents included all sample members who completed 50% of applicable questions.⁶ At the conclusion of the survey fielding, 2,168 eligible, locatable sample members had completed usable surveys.

Location, Response and Completion Rates

Beginning in 1995, DMDC standardized its methods for calculating response rates and completion rates using procedures patterned after those advocated by the Council of American Survey Research Organizations (CASRO). CASRO noted that varying operational definitions of response rates can lead to problems or confusion (e.g., when awarding contracts requiring pre-specified response rates or when interpreting the results of a survey). As a result, CASRO formed a task force to recommend guidelines for standardizing the operational definitions of response rates. The new DMDC procedures closely follow CASRO's Sample Type II design (see Council of American Survey Research Organizations, 1982). This definition corresponds to The American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) RR3 (AAPOR, 2008), which estimates the proportion of eligible cases among cases of unknown eligibility.

Table 4 provides location, response, and completion rate information. The location rate is defined as the proportion of eligible sample members that were locatable. The completion rate is defined as the proportion of the located sample that returned usable surveys. The response rate is defined as the proportion of eligible sample members that returned usable surveys.

Table 4.
Location Rates, Response Rates, and Completion Rates for Eligible Sample

	Observed Operational Rates	Weighted Operational Rates
Location rate	38.4%	26.5%
Completion rate	73.9%	80.5%
Response rate	28.4%	21.4%

Survey Development and Administration

Survey Printing

A 12-page survey booklet was printed for the 2008 FCO. A unique ticket number and URL for accessing the Web version of the survey were included on the cover of the paper

⁶ Applicable questions are those to be completed by all respondents and excluded items that could be skipped over depending on prior answers.

survey. Instructions were included stating that sample registrant had the option of completing either the Web or paper version of the survey.

Web Survey

The Web survey was hosted on the operations contractor's secure Web site. Sample registrants saw a welcome page and the Privacy Act Statement & Informed Consent Information. This site invited sample registrants to enter their personal ticket number and click "continue."

Each survey question was displayed on a Web page. For each question, the survey allowed respondents to return to the previous page, move forward to the next page, or save and exit the survey. Respondents answered questions by clicking on radio buttons, checking boxes, choosing from a drop-down list, or by text entry. If the respondent chose to save and return to the survey later, upon returning to the survey, the respondent was required to enter their ticket number and brought back to the item from which they exited. The final page of the survey had a "Submit Survey" button and a "Previous Page" button. In addition to the navigation features, the survey featured smart skips. Based on previous answers, the respondents would only be shown questions for which they were applicable (see Appendix E for skip information).

Survey Administration

Survey administration for the 2008 FCO began on November 7, 2008, and continued through January 8, 2009. The availability of contact information for sampled employees varied by sample frame segment. The DoS was able to provide e-mail addresses for all sampled individuals. The DoD was able to provide e-mail addresses for nearly 90% (3,147) of the sample and postal addresses for slightly more than 10% (362) of the sample. There were 35 DoD sample cases without any contact information.

For the other Federal agencies, only e-mail addresses were obtained. Two sampled agencies, the Departments of Agriculture and Justice, were not able to provide addresses within the time period allowed before survey administration. Therefore, none of the 602 individuals sampled from these two agencies were included in data collection. The remaining 227 sampled individuals with no addresses were due to mismatches between employee name and SSN, or the sampled individual had left the agency. All agencies identified individuals who left the agency except for the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps was the only agency unable to provide contact due to mismatches.

Survey Materials and Their Distribution

Ticket Numbers for Web Survey Access

Sample members with an e-mail address were initially assigned to the Web survey, whereas DoD employees with only a postal address were initially assigned to the paper survey. Prior to the first mailing, a list of ticket numbers for Web survey access was randomly generated. One secure ticket number was assigned to each sample member and remained linked to that member for the duration of the project. The member's unique ticket number was stated (along with the survey URL) in every e-mail. A member could not access the Web survey without using his or her ticket number.

Description of Communications

Sample members with e-mail addresses received at most six e-mails: a survey invitation, and 5 thank you/reminder emails. DMDC provided the operations contractor with the e-mail text. The communications explained why the survey was being conducted, how the survey information would be used, and why participation was important (see Appendix C for copies of the communications.) All were sent by the DoS. DoS emails were sent under the signature of Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs. However, survey invitation and thank you/reminder emails were sent to the remaining survey sample with known email addresses, under the signature of Polli Brunelli, Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP).

Table 5 lists the dates and the frequency of e-mails sent and bounced. E-mail addresses characterized as “bounced,” identifies addresses that were invalid at the time contact was attempted. This is analogous to a postal non-deliverable (PND). An e-mail that is not bounced but for which no response was received is analogous to the non-PND return experienced with a survey with mailed communications. In this case, an e-mail sent is not the same as an e-mail received. It is not known whether these e-mails were delivered to the intended individuals, only that these e-mails were neither bounced nor returned.

Table 5.
E-Mail Distribution to Overseas Federal Civilian Employees

E-mail Numbers	E-mail Drop Date	Number Sent	Number Bounced
Survey Invitation	11/7/2008	7,515	959
DHS Survey Invitation	11/19/2008	353	17
Thank you / reminders			
Reminder 1	11/14/2008	6,755	365
Reminder 2	11/19/2008	6,232	265
Reminder 3	12/1/2008	6,178	385
Reminder 4	12/16/2008	5,808	424
Reminder 5	1/5/2009	5,600	418

Pre-notifications were not sent to individuals in the sample because addresses were obtained too late in the schedule to allow sufficient lead time. For one agency, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), addresses were not received until shortly after the beginning of survey administration. A separate survey invitation mailing was made for DHS twelve days after the original survey invitation (i.e., November 19, 2008).

All email messages included a hyperlink to the survey web site and a unique Ticket Number for logging on to the survey. Thank you/reminders were sent to all sample members excluding the following:

- Those who had submitted a web survey or returned a paper survey;
- Those who had requested a paper survey; and
- Those who had been assigned a case disposition code indicating a refusal or survey ineligibility (e.g., a disposition code for deceased or no longer employed with the agency).

E-mail addresses ending in DoD.edu that were not deliverable were updated where possible. From the 503 e-mail addresses that were undeliverable to DoD.edu, 50 received updated addresses. Those updates were included in the December 1 and subsequent thank you/reminder emails.

Mail Surveys

The paper survey was formatted and prepared for printing. A unique Ticket Number and the URL for accessing the web version of the survey were included on the cover of the paper survey. Instructions were included stating that sample members had the option of completing either the web or paper versions of the survey. The only sample members to receive paper surveys were from the DoD.

The ‘Survey Invitation’ contained the paper survey for postal recipients. Printed survey materials were assembled into survey packets. Each packet included a survey cover letter (under the signature of Polli Brunelli, Director of FVAP), the survey, an envelope with a DoS address for returning the survey, and an outer mailing envelope. The packets were franked and mailed via the United States Postal Service (USPS) on November 7, 2008, to 300 DoD Federal civilian employees with overseas postal addresses. Thank you/reminders were mailed to the 300 sampled DoD Federal civilian employees on November 21, 2008.

Processing Returned Surveys

Once a respondent completes an online survey, data are stored in an indexed file on the Web (data) server. The validate program reads and loads the data to the dataset.

DMDC Coding Scheme

To convert the raw data into the item scores that appear in the basic survey data file, DMDC provided the operations contractor with an annotated copy of the survey form (contained in Appendix D) and the coding notes (Appendix E). Every attempt is made to capture all information from completed surveys and preserve the data so that secondary analysts can later create variables that were not anticipated by DMDC researchers. To accomplish these goals, DMDC subscribes to a variety of coding conventions for all of its surveys. See Appendix E for in-depth coverage of these coding conventions.

DMDC uses “forward” coding when coding inconsistent answers in items with skip patterns. Data on the starting question accepted as marked and data for the items within the skip

pattern are edited to be consistent with the starting question. However, an unedited version of each item is preserved in a full survey dataset. By preserving the unedited data, recoding can be done if ever required.

Coding or Keying Open-Ended Items

This survey contained open-ended items. The original text responses from the “other specify” response options were captured verbatim into a SAS[®] data set that is linked by the unique identification number to the survey data. Text data in the SAS[®] files for the open-ended items were spell-checked, and profanity, proper names, and locations were replaced with “(expletive),” “(name),” and “(location)” respectively.

Fifty-record Check

After receiving the first 50 returned records, the operations contractor performed a “50-record check.” DMDC checked the resulting data file to determine if there were any unanticipated problems in the coding procedures (e.g., respondents were consistently answering in an unexpected manner). Minor corrections to these procedures were necessary as a result of this check and were reviewed by DMDC prior to production of the initial SAS[®] dataset. At the completion of the 50-record check, the operations contractor compiled the full set of returned surveys. The data were then cleaned and edited.

Survey Analysis Files

This section (a) provides an overview of requirements for analysis of the data, (b) documents the structure of survey analysis files created for the 2008 FCO survey, (c) describes the assembly of the analysis files, and (d) provides an overview of the variables in the survey analysis files.

Estimation

Data were weighted using a two-stage process. This form of weighting produces survey estimates of population totals, proportions, and means (as well as other statistics) that are representative of their respective populations. Unweighted survey data, in contrast, are likely to produce biased estimates of population statistics. The two-stage process of weighting consists of the following steps:

- *Adjustment for selection probability*—Probability samples are selected from lists and each member of the list has a known nonzero probability of selection. For example, if a list contained 10,000 federal overseas civilians in a demographic subgroup and the desired sample size for the subgroup was 1,000, one in every tenth federal overseas civilian of the list would be selected. During weighting, this selection probability (1/10) is taken into account. The base, or first weight, used to adjust the sample is the reciprocal of the selection probability. In this example, the adjustment for selection probability (base weight) is 10 for federal overseas civilians of this subgroup.

- Adjustments for nonresponse—Some sampled federal overseas civilians do not respond to the survey. Suppose only half the federal overseas civilians completed and returned a survey. Because the unweighted response set size would only be 50% of the total, weights are needed to project the response set up to the subgroup population total. In this example, the base weight of 10 is multiplied by the reciprocal of the nonresponse rate of 2 to create a new weight of 20. The weighted sample sums to the subgroup population total.

Analyzing the dataset with the proper use of the appropriate eligibility indicator (ELIGFLGW) and analysis weight (FINALWGT) in standard statistical programs will result in accurate point estimates but will not result in accurate variance estimates. Wolter (2007) provides a detailed discussion on methods used for variance estimation from sample surveys including replication, Taylor series approximation, and analytic methods.

Data Structure

Care was taken in the preparation of the survey analysis files to provide access to privileged data from the survey with sufficient information for accurate estimations, while meeting requirements for participant and non-participant anonymity. As described below, some detailed variables have been deleted from the basic survey files either because (a) they are typically needed only to analyze survey methods and not needed to analyze the survey data or (b) they provide too great a chance of identifying an individual. For the latter reason, some demographic variables are available on basic survey files only in a collapsed version.

In addition to a basic survey file, a full survey file (containing a more complete set of variables than the basic survey file) was prepared for internal DMDC use. Both survey files were generated as SAS system files. An ASCII (Operating System or OS) flat file and SPSS portable file were prepared from the basic survey SAS system file. All file names are indicated in Table 6.

Table 6.
Analysis File Names

Type of File	File Name
Basic-release File – SAS	FCO0801P.sas7bdat
Basic-release File – SPSS	FCO0801P.sav
Confidential File – SAS	FCO0801C.sas7bdat
Basic-release File – OS	FCO0801P.dat

The structure of the full survey file is shown in Figure 1. The full survey file contains the basic survey file plus additional confidential variables.

All variables in the full survey file are documented in this report. Appendices F and G list all variables with a notation to indicate which variables are confidential, and show where

each variable is documented. Variables that appear in collapsed form in the basic survey part of the file and in a fuller version only in the full survey file are discussed later.

Analyses

Both the full survey file and basic survey file contain 9,156 records, one for every sampled individual.

As depicted in Figure 1, these records can be divided into 3 subgroups. The *Non-respondents* subgroup, includes all records indicated by ELIGFLGW=3, where no usable Web response was received or no information was received to indicate ineligibility.

Individuals assigned to the *Known Ineligibles* subgroup either contacted the survey operations contractor or indicated on the survey that they were ineligible to take the survey. Sample members who returned a completed survey were assigned to the *Eligible Respondents* subgroup.

Both the *Eligible Respondents* (ELIGFLGW = 1) and *Known Ineligibles* (ELIGFLGW = 2) were used to develop weights that sum to the population total, and both types of records are needed to compute accurate variance estimates by the Taylor series linearization method implemented by SUDAAN and SAS PROC SURVEYMEANS.

To analyze responses, use the analytic weight, FINALWGT with the file subset by ELIGFLGW.

Figure 1.
The Structure of the Full Survey File

Subgroups	Basic Survey File	Confidential and Detailed Methodological Variables	Web Eligibility Flag Value and Number of Records
Non-Respondents			ELIGFLGW=3 n=6,508
Known Ineligible			ELIGFLGW=2 n=480
Eligible Respondents			ELIGFLGW=1 n=2,168

Note. The shaded portion represents the subset of the data typically required for analysis.

Variables in the Survey Analysis Files

Basic Survey File

The variables in the basic survey file fall into five categories: (1) derived from survey responses, (2) created by the operations contractor to document survey operations, (3) created to analyze the weighted dataset, (4) created by DMDC for analysis, and (5) extracted from administrative personnel records. Variables are grouped in these categories in Appendix G.

Information gathered on the survey. These variables came directly from the survey or were constructed using only information from the survey. There is at least one variable for every item in the survey except for a few items that had to be removed to preserve confidentiality. The annotated questionnaire (see Appendix D) contains the item names, the values used to code the pre-specified alternatives, and references to applicable coding notes in Appendix E.

Although the first part of Appendix E extensively documents the conventions that DMDC uses to name survey variables, a brief overview of the naming convention is also given here. In general, the survey-derived variables can be classified as variables that begin with either “SR”, “X” or generic names.

All the variables assigned to the survey names correspond to the questionnaire items content. When possible, “X” is reserved to create special crossing (marginal) variables for key analyses. “X” variables typically involve imputation for missing data and, like “SR” variables, are intended to be consistent across DMDC surveys.

The “SR” variables are a set of primarily demographic items that are identically named across all DMDC surveys. The “SR” serves as a mnemonic for self-report, with the remainder of the name indicating the data being collected. For example, “SRAGEGP” is the variable name for the item that asks sample members what was their age on November 4, 2008. Although all survey data are self-reported, the “SR” is used to distinguish survey-reported information from DMDC-provided information (e.g., “SRAGEGP” from the survey versus “AGE” from DMDC databases).

Variables constructed for analysis. Certain demographic variables, including some information collected on the survey, had to be recoded to preserve the anonymity promised to survey respondents and non-respondents. For example, VOTEDR (Q.12) is a recoding of VOTED. An “R” as the last letter of a variable listed in Appendices F and G is an indication that the variables may have been recoded to create special analysis variables and that a more complete variable is available only on the full survey analysis file.

Certain key demographic variables were constructed for DMDC analyses. These analytic variables, starting with “X,” are based primarily on self-reported information from the survey. Typically, where the self-reported information is missing on important demographics (e.g., region, age) data is imputed from member’s administrative record.

The SAS code used in constructing the analytic variables are included in Appendix J. Some variables are only contained in the full survey file because of the possibility of them being used in combination with other variables to identify individuals.

Appendix J also documents many of the decisions made in the analysis of data. For a large number of survey items, analysts must make decisions on the treatment of special codes used to indicate inconsistencies in the survey data.

Information on operations. The DMDC-provided identification number, COMPRESSEDID, is unique and is used to identify responses as they are processed. Other variables are created by the operations contractor but are too detailed to be in the basic survey file.

Information from sampling and record data. Most of the variables used in sample design and selection are too detailed to be in the basic survey file (see the later section on confidential variables).

Information on weighting. Derivation of weights is discussed in detail in DMDC (2009a).

Weighting Variables	Indicates which specific set of questions were asked of a participant
ELIGFLGW	Web and Paper: Complete Eligible Flag
FINALWGT	Web and Paper: Final Weight with Non-response and Post-stratification Adjustments
V_STRAT	Weighting Class Strata [25 or more usable responses]
TOTAL	Weighting Class Strata Totals Based on Sampling Frame Counts

Full Survey File

In addition to variables on the basic survey file, the full survey file also has five additional categories of variables: (1) the uncensored version of survey items that appear in a collapsed form in the basic survey section, (2) the uncensored version of key demographic variables used in analyses that appear in a collapsed form in the basic survey section, (3) detailed variables created by the operations contractor to document operations, (4) detailed variables used in sampling, and (5) detailed variables used in weighting. Variables are grouped in these categories in Appendices F and G.

Confidential variables—survey. This section of the full survey file contains the original full version of survey variables that had to be recoded for the basic survey file to preserve confidentiality. To the extent possible, recoded versions of these variables are in the basic survey file section for variables constructed for analysis.

Confidential variables—analysis. This section of the full survey file contains the original full version of analytic variables constructed by DMDC. To the extent possible, recoded versions of these variables are in the basic survey file section for variables constructed for analysis.

Confidential variables—operations. This section of the full survey file contains operational variables created by the operations contractor. These variables are useful for methodological studies and/or were used in determining eligibility and response status.

The identifying variables describe how the record was processed once a survey was returned. The classification variables describe how individual sample member's records were grouped and indexed. SAMP_DC indicates the sample disposition status of a sample member (i.e., survey returned, not locatable, or no return). Several other classification variables were used to categorize a survey's final disposition.

Confidential variables—sampling & record data. This section of the full survey file contains administrative file variables and constructed variables used in determining the sampling design. It also includes the sampling strata identifiers and counts.

Confidential variables—weighting. This section of the full survey file contains variables used in analysis of non-response and in the construction of the weights.

Using Appendix H

Regardless of whether analysts use all or only portions of the dataset, all analysts should replicate the results found in the tables in Appendix H. It is only by replicating these results that analysts can be sure that they are reading the data correctly. An annotated example of an Appendix H table is listed in Figure 2, which may not reflect the actual results.

Figure 2.
Annotated Example of a Table from Appendix H

¹FCO0801 Federal Civilians Overseas
 Basic Survey Dataset: Information Gathered on the Survey

² VOTEPLAN ³During the months leading up to the election held on
 November 4, 2008, did you ever plan to vote in that
 election, or didn't you plan to vote?

⁴ OS DATA		⁵ SAS DATA			
COLS	LENGTH	FORMAT NAME	TYPE	LENGTH	INFORMAT
0011-0012	2	PE011__	NUM	3	STDOS2

⁶ FREQ	⁷ PERCENT	⁸ OS VALUE	⁹ SAS VALUE	¹⁰ MEANING
325	3.6	-9	.	No response
6637	72.5	-1	.B	No survey return
2144	23.4	1	1	Did plan to vote
50	0.6	2	2	Did not plan to vote
¹¹ 9156	100.1	TOTALS		

¹²PERCENT TOTAL DOES NOT = 100 DUE TO ROUNDING ERROR.

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1. Codebook title and item text. The codebook title is the same for every table in Appendix H of this codebook. It lists both the general study and the specific survey form being summarized. If applicable, the indented text under the title presents the verbatim question or instructions that accompany a specific item in the survey.

2. Variable name. The variable name for a survey item is up to twelve characters in length and corresponds to the variable name that is used in the SAS®-based, basic survey data file. The conventions for naming survey-derived variables are documented in Appendix E. Appendix G contains a full listing of the basic survey file variables, as well as short descriptions of what the variables document.

3. Survey item text. For survey items, this text is the verbatim item wording. For other variables, this text provides a verbal description of the variable.

4. Location of the item on the OS data file. This block provides the location of the variable on the OS (ASCII) data file. The OS data block documents (a) the starting and ending column numbers where the data are stored and (b) the number of columns that the data occupy.

5. SAS® data file information. This block indicates format name, variable type, length and informat of the data in the SAS® data file. The last block indicates the informat appropriate for reading the data from the OS data file.

6. Counts of item value responses. This column indicates the number of sample members who fall into the category corresponding to each value for the variable. The count provided for each variable value should correspond exactly to those that analysts would obtain when running unweighted frequencies on all 9,156 records in the accompanying database. Before running complex statistical analyses, analysts are encouraged to re-create these frequency tables. Re-creating the counts minimally ensures that the data are being correctly read by the analysts' computers and programs.

7. Respondent percentages for each value. This column indicates the percentage of sample members who marked each variable value. The percentages are calculated by dividing the row value in the "FREQ" column by the total listed at the bottom of the "FREQ" column. The percentages provided for each variable value should correspond exactly to those that analysts would obtain when running unweighted frequencies on all 9,156 records in the accompanying database.

8. Response OS values. This column presents the OS (ASCII) code for the actual or re-coded response values for each survey item. Further details on the values in this column are found in either the annotated survey form or in Appendix E. For example, all negative values are found in Appendix E.

9. Response SAS® values. This column presents the SAS® code for the actual or re-coded response values for each survey item. Further details on the values in this column are found in either the annotated survey form or in Appendix E. For example, all negative values are found in Appendix E.

10. Explanation of the item value codes. This column presents brief verbal explanations of the OS and SAS® coding for each survey item. If the coded information corresponds to survey response alternatives, the text in the table is the verbatim response from the survey instrument. More detailed explanations are found in either the annotated survey form or in Appendix E.

11. Total of response frequencies and percents. The number appearing at the bottom of the “FREQ” column is the total number of sample members in the basic survey file. This number is the same for every table in this codebook. That is, every sample member in the database is accounted for on every variable even if the variable indicates only that the information was missing for that sample member. The number appearing at the bottom of the “PERCENT” column is typically 100.0. Rounding error, however, occasionally causes the total percentage to be slightly above or below 100.0.

12. Messages to analysts. The messages alert analysts to situations specific to a variable including (a) rounding errors resulting in a total percentage other than 100 percent; (b) the variable having values that are “too numerous to list;” (c) extraction of the variable from another specified database; (d) creation of the variable from two or more variables specified in the message; and (e) further clarification of the survey item corresponding to the variable.

13. Codebook page number. This is the Appendix H page number corresponding to a specific variable. Appendix F identifies the page number in Appendix H where the variable can be found.

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Appendix A
2008 Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians
Overseas (2008 FCO) Paper survey



2008 Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas

The Department of Defense is conducting this survey to collect information to improve the Federal Voting Assistance Program and its absentee voting services for overseas citizens.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary, and you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer. Please put your completed survey in the enclosed envelope and return it to your local embassy or consulate.

If you prefer, **you may complete this questionnaire on the Internet.** To access the Web survey, go to:

<https://www.FVAP.org/FedEmplPostElection>

Your **Ticket Number** for the Web survey is:

If you need technical assistance with the Web survey, contact the Survey Support Center:
2008PostElectionSurvey@westat.com

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and for helping to improve absentee voting services for overseas citizens.

Privacy Act Statement & Informed Consent Information **2008 Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas**

In accordance with the Privacy Act, this notice informs you of the purpose of the Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas and how the findings of these surveys will be used. It also provides information about the Privacy Act and about informed consent.

AUTHORITY: The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (42 USC 19733ff), which is incorporated within DoD Directive 1000.4.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Information collected in this survey will be used to research areas where the electoral process can be improved for overseas citizens. Reports will be provided to the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Findings will be

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used in reports and testimony provided to Congress. Some findings may be published by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) or in professional journals, or presented at conferences, symposia, and scientific meetings. Data could be used in future research, and datasets without any identifying information may be analyzed by researchers outside of DMDC. Reports on results from these surveys will be posted on the Web: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/index.html/> In none of these cases will survey responses be reported for identifiable individual(s).

ROUTINE USES: None.

DISCLOSURE: Providing information on this survey is voluntary. Most people take 15 minutes to complete the survey. There is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled if you choose not to respond. However, maximum participation is encouraged so that the data will be complete and representative. Your survey responses will be treated as confidential. Identifying information will be used only by government and contractor staff engaged in, and for purposes of, the survey research.

SURVEY ELIGIBILITY AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS: The target population consists of Federal civilian employees working overseas who are eligible to vote. You were among the 9,500 members of this population randomly selected to participate in the survey. This is your chance to be heard on issues that affect the overseas voting experience from your perspective. While there is no benefit just for you for your individual participation, your answers on a survey ***make a difference***.

STATEMENT OF RISK: The data collection procedures are not expected to involve any risk or discomfort to you. The only risk to you is accidental or unintentional disclosure of the data you provide. However, the government and its contractors have a number of policies and procedures to ensure that survey data are safe and protected.

If you cannot access the Web or experience any other problem with the survey, please e-mail 2008PostElectionSurvey@westat.com. If you have concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact Ms. Caroline Miner, Human Research Protection Program Manager for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (P & R), HRPP@tma.osd.mil, (703) 575-2677.

By answering the survey questions, you have provided your consent to participate. If you want to withdraw your answers, please send an e-mail to 2008PostElectionSurvey@westat.com no later than January 8, 2009. Include in the e-mail your name and Ticket Number. Unless withdrawn, partially completed survey data may be used after that date.

Survey Instructions

- ◆ To answer a question, check the box (☐ or ☐) that best represents your answer.
- ◆ You may use either pen or pencil.
- ◆ You are sometimes told to skip over some questions in this survey. When this happens, you will see an arrow or a brace with a note that tells you what question to answer next, like this:

☐ Yes → **Go to Question 8**

☐ No

Background Information

1. Were you a U.S. citizen on November 4, 2008?

²☐ Yes

¹☐ No → **Stop here and return the survey.**

2. What was your age on November 4, 2008?

¹☐ 17 years old or younger → **Stop here and return the survey.**

²☐ 18 to 24 years old

³☐ 25 to 29 years old

⁴☐ 30 to 34 years old

⁵☐ 35 to 44 years old

⁶☐ 45 years old or older

3. In 2008, were you registered to vote in the U.S.?

²☐ Yes

¹☐ No → **Stop here and return the survey.**

4. On November 4, 2008, how long had you lived outside the U.S.?

¹☐ Less than 1 year

²☐ 1 year to less than 3 years

³☐ 3 years to less than 6 years

⁴☐ 6 years to less than 10 years

⁵☐ 10 years or more

⁶☐ Did not live outside the U.S. on November 4, 2008 → **Stop here and return the survey.**

5. On November 4, 2008, in what overseas country were you residing? Please enter the name of the country in the box below.

6. On November 4, 2008, how long had you resided in this country?

¹☐ Less than 6 months

²☐ 6 months to less than 1 year

³☐ 1 year to less than 2 years

⁴☐ 2 years to less than 3 years

⁵☐ 3 years or more

7. Family members include your spouse and anyone of voting age (18 years old and older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not counting yourself, how many family members who were at least 18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?

⁰☐ 0

¹☐ 1

²☐ 2

³☐ 3

⁴☐ 4

⁵☐ 5 or more

8. Your legal voting residence is the state or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. The right to vote extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. As of the November 4, 2008 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please enter the state or territory in the box below.

2008 Election

9. How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008?

- ¹ ☐ Very interested
² ☐ Somewhat interested
³ ☐ Neither interested nor uninterested
⁴ ☐ Somewhat uninterested
⁵ ☐ Very uninterested

10. A lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they didn't have time, or something else happened to prevent them from voting. And sometimes, people who USUALLY vote or who PLANNED to vote forget that something UNUSUAL happened on election day this year that prevented them from voting THIS time. So please think carefully for a minute about the election held on November 4, and past elections in which you may have voted, and answer the following questions. During the past 6 years, did you usually vote in national, state, and local elections, or did you usually not vote?

- ² ☐ Usually voted
¹ ☐ Usually did not vote

11. During the months leading up to the election held on November 4, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote?

- ¹ ☐ Did plan to vote
² ☐ Did not plan to vote

12. In the election held on November 4, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?

- ¹ ☐ Definitely voted in person → **Go to Question 27**
² ☐ Definitely voted by mail or fax → **Go to Question 15**
³ ☐ Definitely did not vote
⁴ ☐ Not sure → **Go to Question 27**

13. Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each reason.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. I was not interested in voting | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| b. I was too busy to vote | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| c. I forgot to vote..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| d. I could not register to vote | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| e. I had no candidate preference | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| f. I did not think my vote would matter ... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| g. I did not know how to get an absentee ballot | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| h. My absentee ballot arrived too late | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| i. My absentee ballot did not arrive at all | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| j. The absentee voting process was too complicated..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| k. I was concerned about federal or state income tax liability..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| l. Some other reason | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |

(If yes for item l, please specify your other reason in the box below)

14. Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ¹ ☐ Yes
² ☐ No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official → **Go to Question 27**
³ ☐ No, and I never received an absentee ballot → **Go to Question 27**

Absentee Ballots

15. In what month did you first request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ¹ ☐ July 2008 or earlier
² ☐ August 2008
³ ☐ September 2008
⁴ ☐ October 2008
⁵ ☐ November 2008
⁶⁰ ☐ Do not recall

16. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election or did you use another method?

- ² ☐ I used the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
¹ ☐ I used another method
(If you used another method, please specify your other method in the box below)

→ Go to
Question 18

17. Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| b. From some other contact with FVAP .. | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| c. Through military channels | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| d. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| e. From a state or local election official... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| f. From an overseas organization or company | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| g. From another non-FVAP Web site | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| h. From a military post office | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| i. Some other source..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |

(If yes for item i, please specify your other source in the box below)

18. During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been received?

- ² ☐ Yes
¹ ☐ No
⁶⁰ ☐ Do not recall

19. Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ² ☐ Yes
¹ ☐ No → Go to Question 23

20. When did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ¹ ☐ August 2008
² ☐ September 2008
³ ☐ October 2008
⁴ ☐ November 2008
⁶⁰ ☐ Do not recall

21. Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ² ☐ Yes
¹ ☐ No → Go to Question 23

22. When did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ¹ ☐ August 2008
² ☐ September 2008
³ ☐ October 2008
⁴ ☐ November 2008
⁶⁰ ☐ Do not recall

23. The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot completed and returned if you are overseas and do not receive your regular absentee ballot. Did you use the FWAB in the November 4, 2008 election?

- ² ☐ Yes
¹ ☐ No → Go to Question 26

24. Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| b. From some other contact with FVAP .. | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| c. Through military channels | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| d. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| e. From a state or local election official... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| f. From an overseas organization or company | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| g. From another non-FVAP Web site | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| h. From a military post office | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| i. Some other source..... | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |

(If yes for item i, please specify your other source in the box below)

25. When did you complete and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ¹☐ September 2008
- ²☐ October 2008
- ³☐ November 2008
- ⁶⁰☐ Do not recall

Go to Question 27

26. What is the ONE MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election? Mark only one.

- ¹☐ I did not know about the FWAB
- ²☐ I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one
- ³☐ I knew about it, but could not get one
- ⁴☐ I had difficulty filling it out
- ⁵☐ I had already returned a regular absentee ballot
- ⁶☐ Some other reason

(If you marked "Some other reason," please specify your other reason in the box below)

Voting Assistance

27. Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens who wish to vote. Embassies, consulates, and military units have assigned VAOs to carry out this responsibility. During 2008, did you receive voting information or assistance from a VAO?

²☐ Yes

¹☐ No → **Go to Question 30**

28. During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. Determining my eligibility to vote | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| b. Understanding the absentee voting process | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| d. Completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| f. Completing the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| g. Finding information on candidates/ issues | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| h. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing) | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| i. Some other voting information or assistance | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |

(If yes for item i, please specify other voting information or assistance in the box below)

29. Overall, in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)?

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
☐ Dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied

Go to
Question 31

30. Did you not receive voting information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. I did not know I could get information or assistance from the VAO | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. I did not have a VAO | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. I did not know who my VAO was..... | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. I did not know how to contact my VAO | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. My VAO was not available when I needed assistance | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. My VAO was not helpful when I needed assistance | ☐ | ☐ |
| g. My VAO did not have the materials or information I needed | ☐ | ☐ |
| h. I did not need any voting information or assistance | ☐ | ☐ |
| i. Some other reason | ☐ | ☐ |

(If yes for item i, please specify your other reason in the box below)

31. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, www.fvap.gov, provides voting related information and resources. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you visit this Web site?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No → Go to Question 34

32. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? Mark one.

- ☐ One
☐ Two to four
☐ Five to ten
☐ Eleven or more
☐ Do not recall

33. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site when you visited it in 2008?

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
☐ Dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied

Go to
Question 35

34. Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. I did not know about it..... | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. I did not have Internet access..... | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. I knew about it, but did not know the Web site address..... | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. I got all the information I needed from other sources..... | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. I did not think it would be useful..... | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. Some other reason | ☐ | ☐ |

(If yes for item f, please specify your other reason in the box below)

35. The Department of Defense 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No → Go to Question 39

36. Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. From the Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| b. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| c. From another Web site on the Internet..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| d. From a CD ROM | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| e. Some other source..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |

(If yes for item e, please specify your other source in the box below)

37. During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. How to register and vote absentee | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| b. Dates of elections and deadlines | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| c. How to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for your state..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| d. Mailing address for Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or ballot | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| e. How to transmit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voted ballot by fax..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| f. How to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| g. Web site addresses | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| h. Where to go for help | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| i. Other type of voting related information | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |

(If yes for item i, please specify your other type of voting information in the box below)

38. Overall, how would you rate the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) as a reference on absentee voting procedures?

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| 5 ☐ Very good
4 ☐ Good
3 ☐ Fair
2 ☐ Poor
1 ☐ Very poor | } | Go to
Question 40 |
|---|---|------------------------------|

39. Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. I did not know about it..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| b. I knew about it, but could not get a copy | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| c. I got all the information I needed from another source..... | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |
| d. Some other reason | 2 ☐ | 1 ☐ |

(If yes for item d, please specify your other reason in the box below)

40. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides a toll-free telephone service from many countries that allows a caller to ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance. Did you use this service to talk with a FVAP staff member in 2008?

- 2 ☐ Yes
 1 ☐ No → **Go to Question 42**

41. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2008 when you called the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service?

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| 5 ☐ Very satisfied
4 ☐ Satisfied
3 ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
2 ☐ Dissatisfied
1 ☐ Very dissatisfied | } | Go to
Question 43 |
|---|---|------------------------------|

42. Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. I did not know about it | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| b. I knew about it, but I did not know what it was for | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| c. I knew about it, but I did not know the telephone number | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| d. I got all the information I needed from other sources | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| e. I did not need it | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| f. It was a long-distance call | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| g. I could not get through | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| h. A toll-free number is not available in my country of residence | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |
| i. Some other reason | ² ☐ | ¹ ☐ |

(If yes for item i, please specify your other reason in the box below)

Other Sources of Voting Information

43. If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item.

	Very satisfied ▼	Satisfied ▼	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied ▼	Dissatisfied ▼	Very dissatisfied ▼	Did not use ▼	Not available ▼
a. U.S. Embassy or consulate.....	⁵ ☐	⁴ ☐	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐	⁶⁰ ☐	⁶¹ ☐
b. Other Federal agency/agencies	⁵ ☐	⁴ ☐	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐	⁶⁰ ☐	⁶¹ ☐
c. Political organizations.....	⁵ ☐	⁴ ☐	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐	⁶⁰ ☐	⁶¹ ☐
d. Other private organization or company	⁵ ☐	⁴ ☐	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐	⁶⁰ ☐	⁶¹ ☐
e. State or local election official	⁵ ☐	⁴ ☐	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐	⁶⁰ ☐	⁶¹ ☐

44. If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one?
Mark one answer for each item.

	Very useful ▼	Useful ▼	Somewhat useful ▼	Not very useful ▼	Not at all useful ▼	Did not use ▼	Not available ▼
a. Voting Information News (VIN) newsletters	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
b. Voting News Releases	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
c. "It's your Future. VOTE for it!" or "Road Sign" motivational posters ...	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
d. Election dates chart	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
e. How To Do It! Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
f. Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site/ CD ROM training	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
g. "Get Out the Vote" public service ad campaign ..	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐

45. If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item.

	Very useful ▼	Useful ▼	Somewhat useful ▼	Not very useful ▼	Not at all useful ▼	Did not use ▼	Not available ▼
a. Local television, radio and print media	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
b. CNN International	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
c. Armed Forces Radio/TV	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
d. International Herald Tribune	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
d. USA Today International	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
f. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
g. Family or friends	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐
h. The Internet	5 ☐	4 ☐	3 ☐	2 ☐	1 ☐	60 ☐	61 ☐

Electronic Transmission of Voting Materials

46. Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Mark one answer for each item.

	Yes, using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	Yes, but not using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	No
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐
b. Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐
c. Ballot	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐
d. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).....	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐
e. Other voting materials.....	³ ☐	² ☐	¹ ☐

*(If yes for item e, please specify your other type
of voting information in the box to the right) →*

47. Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Mark “Yes” or “No” for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	² ☐	¹ ☐
b. Non-Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) request for absentee ballot	² ☐	¹ ☐
c. Ballot	² ☐	¹ ☐
d. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).....	² ☐	¹ ☐
e. Other voting materials.....	² ☐	¹ ☐

*(If yes for item e, please specify your other type
of voting information in the box to the right) →*

2006 Election

48. Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren’t registered, they were sick, or they just didn’t have time. How about you—did you vote in that election?

²☐ Yes

¹☐ No → **Go to Question 50**

⁶⁰☐ Do not recall → **Go to Question 50**

49. How did you vote in the November 2006 election?

¹☐ I voted in person

²☐ I voted by absentee ballot

⁶⁰☐ Do not recall

Comments

50. In the space below, please provide any comments you have about this questionnaire, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), or the absentee voting process in 2008.

Thank you.

Please use the enclosed envelope to return the completed survey to your local embassy or consulate.

Appendix B
2008 Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians
Overseas (2008 FCO) Web survey

**PEV030801 Federal Civilians Overseas
BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Were you a U.S. citizen on November 4, 2008?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. What was your age on November 4, 2008?

- ☐ 17 years old or younger
- ☐ 18 to 24 years old
- ☐ 25 to 29 years old
- ☐ 30 to 34 years old
- ☐ 35 to 44 years old
- ☐ 45 years old or older

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. In 2008, were you registered to vote in the U.S.?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. On November 4, 2008, how long had you lived outside the U.S.?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 year to less than 3 years
- ☐ 3 years to less than 6 years
- ☐ 6 years to less than 10 years
- ☐ 10 years or more
- ☐ Did not live outside the U.S. on November 4, 2008

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5. On November 4, 2008, in what overseas country were you residing? *Please enter the name of the*

country in the box below.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

6. On November 4, 2008, how long had you resided in this country?

- ☐ Less than 6 months
- ☐ 6 months to less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 year to less than 2 years
- ☐ 2 years to less than 3 years
- ☐ 3 years or more

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

7. Family members include your spouse and anyone of voting age (18 years old and older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not counting yourself, how many family members who were at least 18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

8. Your legal voting residence is the state or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. The right to vote extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. As of the November 4, 2008 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please select from the list below one of the 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession.

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2008 ELECTION

9. How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008?

- ☐ Very interested
- ☐ Somewhat interested
- ☐ Neither interested nor uninterested
- ☐ Somewhat uninterested
- ☐ Very uninterested

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2008 ELECTION

10. A lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they didn't have time, or something else happened to prevent them from voting. And sometimes, people who USUALLY vote or who PLANNED to vote forget that something UNUSUAL happened on election day this year that prevented them from voting THIS time. So please think carefully for a minute about the election held on November 4, 2008, and past elections in which you may have voted, and answer the following questions. During the past 6 years, did you usually vote in national, state, and local elections, or did you usually not vote?

- ☐ Usually voted
- ☐ Usually did not vote

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2008 ELECTION

11. During the months leading up to the election held on November 4, 2008, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote?

- ☐ Did plan to vote
- ☐ Did not plan to vote

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2008 ELECTION

12. In the election held on November 4, 2008, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, 2008, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?

- ☐ Definitely voted in person
- ☐ Definitely voted by mail or fax
- ☐ Definitely did not vote
- ☐ Not sure

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2008 ELECTION

13. Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? *Mark Yes or No for each reason.*

	Yes	No
a. I was not interested in voting	☐	☐
b. I was too busy to vote	☐	☐
c. I forgot to vote	☐	☐
d. I could not register to vote	☐	☐
e. I had no candidate preference	☐	☐
f. I did not think my vote would matter	☐	☐
g. I did not know how to get an absentee ballot	☐	☐
h. My absentee ballot arrived too late	☐	☐
i. My absentee ballot did not arrive at all	☐	☐
j. The absentee voting process was too complicated	☐	☐
k. I was concerned about federal or state income tax liability	☐	☐
l. Some other reason	☐	☐

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2008 ELECTION

Please specify your other reason.

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2008 ELECTION

14. Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official
- ☐ No, and I never received an absentee ballot

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

15. In what month did you first request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ☐ July 2008 or earlier
- ☐ August 2008
- ☐ September 2008
- ☐ October 2008
- ☐ November 2008
- ☐ Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

16. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election or did you use another method?

- ☐ I used the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
- ☐ I used another method

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Please specify your other method.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

17. Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

	Yes	No
a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site	☐	☐
b. From some other contact with FVAP	☐	☐
c. Through military channels	☐	☐
d. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate	☐	☐
e. From a state or local election official	☐	☐

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| f. From an overseas organization or company | ☐ | ☐ |
| g. From another non-FVAP Web site | ☐ | ☐ |
| h. From a military post office | ☐ | ☐ |
| i. Some other source | ☐ | ☐ |

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Please specify your other source.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- 18. During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been received?**
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- 19. Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?**
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- 20. When did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?**
- ☐ August 2008
 - ☐ September 2008
 - ☐ October 2008
 - ☐ November 2008
 - ☐ Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

21. Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

22. When did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ☐ August 2008
- ☐ September 2008
- ☐ October 2008
- ☐ November 2008
- ☐ Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

23. The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot completed and returned if you are overseas and do not receive your regular absentee ballot. Did you use the FWAB in the November 4, 2008 election?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

24. Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

	Yes	No
a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) <u>Web site</u>	☐	☐
b. From some other contact with FVAP	☐	☐
c. Through military channels	☐	☐
d. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate	☐	☐

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| e. From a state or local election official | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. From an overseas organization or company | ☐ | ☐ |
| g. From another non-FVAP Web site | ☐ | ☐ |
| h. From a military post office | ☐ | ☐ |
| i. Some other source | ☐ | ☐ |

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Please specify your other source.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

25. When did you complete and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election?

- ☐ September 2008
- ☐ October 2008
- ☐ November 2008
- ☐ Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

26. What is the ONE MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election? *Mark only one.*

- ☐ I did not know about the FWAB
- ☐ I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one
- ☐ I knew about it, but could not get one
- ☐ I had difficulty filling it out
- ☐ I had already returned a regular absentee ballot
- ☐ Some other reason

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Please specify your other reason.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

27. Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens who wish to vote. Embassies, consulates, and military units have assigned VAOs to carry out this responsibility. During 2008, did you receive voting information or assistance from a VAO?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

28. During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Determining my eligibility to vote	☐	☐
b. Understanding the absentee voting process	☐	☐
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☐	☐
d. Completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☐	☐
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☐	☐
f. Completing the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☐	☐
g. Finding information on candidates/issues	☐	☐
h. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)	☐	☐
i. Some other voting information or assistance	☐	☐

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Please specify other voting information or assistance.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

29. Overall, in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

30. Did you not receive voting information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. I did not know I could get information or assistance from the VAO	☐	☐
b. I did not have a VAO	☐	☐
c. I did not know who my VAO was	☐	☐
d. I did not know how to contact my VAO	☐	☐
e. My VAO was not available when I needed assistance	☐	☐
f. My VAO was not helpful when I needed assistance	☐	☐
g. My VAO did not have the materials or information I needed	☐	☐
h. I did not need any voting information or assistance	☐	☐
i. Some other reason	☐	☐

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Please specify your other reason.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

31. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, www.fvap.gov provides voting related information and resources. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you visit this Web site?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

32. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? *Mark one.*

- ☐ One
- ☐ Two to four
- ☐ Five to ten
- ☐ Eleven or more
- ☐ Do not recall

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

33. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site when you visited it in 2008?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

34. Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. I did not know about it. | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. I did not have Internet access | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. I knew about it, but did not know the Web site address | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. I got all the information I needed from other sources | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. I did not think it would be useful | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. Some other reason | ☐ | ☐ |

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Please specify your other reason.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

35. The Department of Defense 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

36. Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. From the Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site | ☐ | ☐ |

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| c. From another Web site on the Internet | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. From a CD ROM | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. Some other source | ☐ | ☐ |

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Please specify your other source.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

37. During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. How to register and vote absentee | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. Dates of elections and deadlines | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. How to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for your state | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. Mailing address for Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or ballot | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. How to transmit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voted ballot by fax | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. How to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) | ☐ | ☐ |
| g. Web site addresses | ☐ | ☐ |
| h. Where to go for help | ☐ | ☐ |
| i. Other type of voting-related information | ☐ | ☐ |

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Please specify the other type of voting-related information.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

38. Overall, how would you rate the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) as a reference on absentee voting procedures?

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

39. Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. I did not know about it	☐	☐
b. I knew about it, but could not get a copy	☐	☐
c. I got all the information I needed from another source	☐	☐
d. Some other reason	☐	☐

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Please specify your other reason.

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

40. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides a toll-free telephone service from many countries that allows a caller to ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance. Did you use this service to talk with a FVAP staff member in 2008?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

41. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2008 when you called the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service?

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
☐ Dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

42. Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. I did not know about it	☐	☐
b. I knew about it, but I did not know what it was for	☐	☐
c. I knew about it, but I did not know the telephone number	☐	☐
d. I got all the information I needed from other sources	☐	☐
e. I did not need it	☐	☐
f. It was a long-distance call	☐	☐
g. I could not get through	☐	☐
h. A toll-free number is not available in my country of residence	☐	☐
i. Some other reason	☐	☐

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Please specify your other reason.

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

43. If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Very satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use	Not available
a. U.S. Embassy or consulate	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
b. Other Federal agency/agencies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. Political organizations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
d. Other private organization or company	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
e. State or local election official	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

44. If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Very useful	Useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Not at all useful	Did not use	Not available
a. Voting Information News (VIN) newsletters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
b. Voting News Releases	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. "It's your Future. VOTE for it!" or "Road Sign" motivational posters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
d. Election dates chart	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
e. How To Do It! Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
f. Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site/CD ROM training	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
g. "Get Out the Vote" public service ad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

campaign

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

45. If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Very useful	Useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Not at all useful	Did not use	Not available
a. Local television, radio and print media	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
b. CNN International	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. Armed Forces Radio/TV	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
d. International Herald Tribune	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
e. USA Today International	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
f. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
g. Family or friends	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
h. The Internet	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

46. Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Yes, using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	Yes, but not using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	No
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☐	☐	☐
b. Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot	☐	☐	☐
c. Ballot	☐	☐	☐
d. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☐	☐	☐
e. Other voting materials	☐	☐	☐

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

Please specify the other voting materials.

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

47. Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☐	☐
b. Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot	☐	☐
c. Ballot	☐	☐
d. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☐	☐
e. Other voting materials	☐	☐

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

Please specify other voting materials.

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2006 ELECTION

- 48. Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you -- did you vote in that election?**
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Do not recall

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2006 ELECTION

49. How did you vote in the November 2006 election?

- ☐ I voted in person
- ☐ I voted by absentee ballot
- ☐ Do not recall

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COMMENTS

50. In the space below, please provide any comments you have about this questionnaire, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), or the absentee voting process in 2008.



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Appendix C

Survey Cover Letters and Brochure



FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

Dear:

I would like to invite you to participate in the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2008 Post-Election Survey. This survey collects information on the absentee voting experience of U.S. Federal civilians living overseas during the 2008 Federal election process. The survey results will be presented to the President and Congress, and the findings will be used to improve the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and the absentee voting process for overseas citizens.

Although your participation is voluntary, we encourage you to complete the survey so that the results are representative of Federal civilians overseas. Survey responses will be kept strictly confidential, and only group-level findings will be reported.

After completing the survey, please return it to your local embassy or consulate in the enclosed mailing envelope. If you prefer to complete the survey online, follow the instructions on the cover of your survey booklet. Westat, a survey research organization in Rockville, Maryland, is managing the secure survey Web site.

If you have any questions about the survey, you may contact Ms. Erin St Pierre with the FVAP toll-free at 1-800-438-VOTE (or from your current country by using the toll-free numbers on the FVAP website www.fvap.gov). You may also email the FVAP at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

We appreciate your willingness to take the survey and provide us with your comments and recommendations on the absentee voting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Polli K. Brunelli", is positioned above the printed name.

Polli K. Brunelli
Director

Enclosure

Dear [Name]:

Several weeks ago we contacted you requesting your participation in the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2008 Post-Election Survey about absentee voting. If you have responded via the Internet or completed and returned the booklet version of the survey, thank you. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have not responded to the survey, please take a few minutes now to do so. After completing the survey, return it to your local embassy or consulate in the mailing envelope sent to you with the survey booklet.

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The survey is authorized by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act* and helps determine voting participation as well as any problems that military personnel and citizens overseas may have experienced with absentee voting. Participation is voluntary and responses are confidential. Your comments and recommendations are important and are needed to improve the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the absentee voting process.

Thank you for your help with this survey.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Ticket Number:

Link to secure survey Web site: (click on link, or copy and paste the URL into your browser):
<https://www.FVAP.org/FedEmplPostElection>

If you need technical assistance to access the Web survey, contact the Survey Support Center:
2008PostElectionSurvey@westat.com

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Sincerely,

Polli K. Brunelli
Director

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Thank you for your help with this survey.

Sincerely,

Polli K. Brunelli
Director

Subject Line: Your opinion matters! Please Complete the Post-Election Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas

Dear [NAME]:

About 2 weeks we ago, we invited you to participate in the Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2008 Post-Election Survey about absentee voting. If you have completed and returned the survey, thank you! If not, we hope you will take 10 to 15 minutes to do so. Your opinions and experiences will help us to improve the absentee voting process.

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Ticket Number:

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Thank you for your help with this survey.

Sincerely,

Polli K. Brunelli
Director

Subject line: Your Response Is Needed for the 2008 Post-Election Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas

Dear [NAME]:

Your participation is critical to the success of the 2008 Post-Election Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas. If you haven't already, we strongly encourage you to take 10 to 15 minutes to complete the survey. You are eligible to take the survey even if you voted in person, did not vote in the 2008 General Election, were no longer living overseas on November 4, 2008, or did not require assistance in voting absentee. If you have already completed and returned the survey, thank you!

The survey asks about voting participation, method of voting, possible use of voting assistance services, and related topics. The aggregated survey results will be reported to Congress and used to improve voting services.

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Thank you for helping to make this important survey a success.

Sincerely,

Polli K. Brunelli
Director
Federal Voting Assistance Program

Subject line: We Need Your Help! 2008 Post-Election Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas

Dear [NAME]:

We are counting on you to make the 2008 Post-Election Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas a success. If you haven't already completed the survey, we strongly encourage you to take 10 to 15 minutes to do so. You are **eligible** to take the survey even if you voted in person, did not vote in the 2008 General Election, did not require assistance in voting absentee, or were no longer living overseas on November 4, 2008. If you have already completed and returned the survey, thank you!

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Thank you for helping to make this critical survey a success.

Sincerely,

Polli K. Brunelli
Director
Federal Voting Assistance Program

Subject line: Last Week to Complete the 2008 Post-Election Survey of Federal Employees Overseas

Dear [NAME]:

The 2008 Post-Election Survey of Federal Employees Overseas closes on January 8, 2009. Your participation is essential to the success of the survey! If you have not yet completed the survey, we strongly encourage you to take 10 to 15 minutes to do so. You are **eligible** to take the survey even if you voted in person, did not vote in the 2008 General Election, did not require assistance in voting absentee, or were no longer living overseas on November 4, 2008. If you have already completed and returned the survey, thank you!

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Director
Federal Voting Assistance Program

Appendix D

Annotated Questionnaire

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

USCTZN

1. Were you a U.S. citizen on November 4, 2008?

2 ☒ Yes

1 ☒ No

SRAGEGP

2. What was your age on November 4, 2008?

1 ☒ 17 years old or younger

2 ☒ 18 to 24 years old

3 ☒ 25 to 29 years old

4 ☒ 30 to 34 years old

5 ☒ 35 to 44 years old

6 ☒ 45 years old or older

REGVOTER

3. In 2008, were you registered to vote in the U.S.?

2 ☒ Yes

1 ☒ No

NONUSRES

4. On November 4, 2008, how long had you lived outside the U.S.?

1 ☒ Less than 1 year

2 ☒ 1 year to less than 3 years

3 ☒ 3 years to less than 6 years

4 ☒ 6 years to less than 10 years

5 ☒ 10 years or more

6 ☒ Did not live outside the U.S. on November 4, 2008

OVRSEASRES

5. On November 4, 2008, in what overseas country were you residing? Please enter the name of the country in the box below.

HOWLONG

6. On November 4, 2008, how long had you resided in this country?

1 ☒ Less than 6 months

2 ☒ 6 months to less than 1 year

3 ☒ 1 year to less than 2 years

4 ☒ 2 years to less than 3 years

5 ☒ 3 years or more

NUMFAM

7. Family members include your spouse and anyone of voting age (18 years old and older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not counting yourself, how many family members who were at least 18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?

0 ☒ 0

1 ☒ 1

2 ☒ 2

3 ☒ 3

4 ☒ 4

5 ☒ 5 or more

LEGALRES

8. Your legal voting residence is the state or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. The right to vote extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. As of the November 4, 2008 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please select from the list below one of the 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession.

- 000 Please select
- 001 Alabama
- 002 Alaska
- 003 Arizona
- 004 Arkansas
- 005 American Samoa
- 006 California
- 007 Colorado
- 008 Connecticut
- 009 Delaware
- 010 District of Columbia
- 011 Florida
- 012 Georgia
- 013 Guam
- 014 Hawaii
- 015 Idaho
- 016 Illinois

- 017 Indiana
- 018 Iowa
- 019 Kansas
- 020 Kentucky
- 021 Louisiana
- 022 Maine
- 023 Maryland
- 024 Massachusetts
- 025 Michigan
- 026 Minnesota
- 025 Mississippi
- 028 Missouri
- 029 Montana
- 030 Nebraska
- 031 Nevada
- 032 New Hampshire
- 033 New Jersey
- 034 New Mexico
- 035 New York
- 036 North Carolina
- 037 North Dakota
- 038 Ohio
- 039 Oklahoma
- 040 Oregon
- 041 Pennsylvania
- 042 Puerto Rico
- 043 Rhode Island
- 044 South Carolina
- 045 South Dakota
- 046 Tennessee
- 047 Texas
- 048 U.S. Virgin Islands
- 049 Utah
- 050 Vermont
- 051 Virginia
- 052 Washington
- 053 West Virginia
- 054 Wisconsin
- 055 Wyoming

2008 ELECTION

INTEREST

9. How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008?

- 1 ☒ Very interested
- 2 ☒ Somewhat interested
- 3 ☒ Neither interested nor uninterested
- 4 ☒ Somewhat uninterested
- 5 ☒ Very uninterested

VOTEPAST

10. A lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they didn't have time, or something else happened to prevent them from voting. And sometimes, people who **USUALLY** vote or who **PLANNED** to vote forget that something **UNUSUAL** happened on election day this year that prevented them from voting **THIS** time. So please think carefully for a minute about the election held on November 4, 2008, and past elections in which you may have voted, and answer the following questions. During the past 6 years, did you usually vote in national, state, and local elections, or did you usually not vote?

- 2 ☒ Usually voted
- 1 ☒ Usually did not vote

VOTEPLAN

11. During the months leading up to the election held on November 4, 2008, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote?

- 1 ☒ Did plan to vote
- 2 ☒ Did not plan to vote

VOTED

12. In the election held on November 4, 2008, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, 2008, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?

- 1 ☒ Definitely voted in person
- 2 ☒ Definitely voted by mail or fax
- 3 ☒ Definitely did not vote
- 4 ☒ Not sure

NOVOTE A NOVOTE B NOVOTE C NOVOTE D NOVOTE E NOVOTE F
NOVOTE G NOVOTE H NOVOTE I NOVOTE J NOVOTE K NOVOTE L

13. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely did not vote'] Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? Mark Yes or No for each reason.

	2 Yes	1 No
a. I was not interested in voting	☒	☒
b. I was too busy to vote	☒	☒
c. I forgot to vote	☒	☒
d. I could not register to vote	☒	☒
e. I had no candidate preference	☒	☒

	1 No	2 Yes
f. I did not think my vote would matter	☒	☒
g. I did not know how to get an absentee ballot	☒	☒
h. My absentee ballot arrived too late	☒	☒
i. My absentee ballot did not arrive at all.....	☒	☒
j. The absentee voting process was too complicated.....	☒	☒
k. I was concerned about federal or state income tax liability.....	☒	☒
l. Some other reason	☒	☒

NOVOTESP

[Ask if Q13 I = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

REQABSBAL

14. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely did not vote'] Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 1 ☒ Yes
- 2 ☒ No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official
- 3 ☒ No, and I never received an absentee ballot

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

REQABSMO

15. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] In what month did you first request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 1 ☒ July 2008 or earlier
- 2 ☒ August 2008
- 3 ☒ September 2008
- 4 ☒ October 2008
- 5 ☒ November 2008
- 60 ☒ Do not recall

REQFPCA

16. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election or did you use another method?

- 2 ☒ I used the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
- 1 ☒ I used another method

REQFPCASP

[Ask if Q16 = 'I used another method'] Please specify your other method.

WHEREFPCAA WHEREFPCAB WHEREFPCAC WHEREFPCAD
WHEREFPCAE WHEREFPCAF WHEREFPCAG WHEREFPCA
WHEREFPCA

17. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q16 = 'I used the FPCA'] Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site.....	☒	☒
b. From some other contact with FVAP	☒	☒
c. Through military channels.....	☒	☒
d. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate	☒	☒
e. From a state or local election official.....	☒	☒
f. From an overseas organization or company	☒	☒
g. From another non-FVAP Web site	☒	☒
h. From a military post office.....	☒	☒
i. Some other source.....	☒	☒

WHEREFPCASP

[Ask if Q17 i = 'Yes'] Please specify your other source.

NOTIFYABSN

18. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/ district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been received?

- 1 ☒ Yes
 2 ☒ No
 60 ☒ Do not recall

RECABS

19. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 2 ☒ Yes
 1 ☒ No

RECABSWHEN

20. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes'] When did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 1 ☒ August 2008
 2 ☒ September 2008
 3 ☒ October 2008
 4 ☒ November 2008
 60 ☒ Do not recall

RETABS

21. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes'] Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 2 ☒ Yes
 1 ☒ No

RETABSWHEN

22. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q19 = 'Yes' and Q21 = 'Yes'] When did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 1 ☒ August 2008
 2 ☒ September 2008
 3 ☒ October 2008
 4 ☒ November 2008
 60 ☒ Do not recall

FWABUSE

23. [Ask if Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes'] The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot completed and returned if you are overseas and do not receive your regular absentee ballot. Did you use the FWAB in the November 4, 2008 election?

- 2 ☒ Yes
 1 ☒ No

WHEREFWABA WHEREFWABB WHEREFWABC WHEREFWABD
 WHEREFWABE WHEREFWABF WHEREFWABG WHEREFWABH
 WHEREFWABI

24. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'Yes'] Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from the following sources? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each source listed.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site	☒	☒
b. From some other contact with FVAP	☒	☒
c. Through military channels.....	☒	☒
d. From a U.S. Embassy or consulate	☒	☒
e. From a state or local election official.....	☒	☒
f. From an overseas organization or company	☒	☒
g. From another non-FVAP Web site.....	☒	☒
h. From a military post office.....	☒	☒
i. Some other source	☒	☒

WHEREFWABSP

[Ask if Q24 i = 'Yes'] Please specify your other source.

FWABWHEN

25. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'Yes'] When did you complete and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election?

- 1 ☒ September 2008
 2 ☒ October 2008
 3 ☒ November 2008
 60 ☒ Do not recall

NOFWABR

26. [Ask if (Q12 = 'Definitely voted by mail' or Q14 = 'Yes') and Q23 = 'No'] What is the ONE MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election? *Mark only one.*

- 1 ☒ I did not know about the FWAB
 2 ☒ I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one
 3 ☒ I knew about it, but could not get one
 4 ☒ I had difficulty filling it out
 5 ☒ I had already returned a regular absentee ballot
 6 ☒ Some other reason

NOFWABSP

[Ask if Q26 = 'Some other reason'] Please specify your other reason.

VOTING ASSISTANCE

VAOHELP

27. Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens who wish to vote. Embassies, consulates, and military units have assigned VAOs to carry out this responsibility. During 2008, did you receive voting information or assistance from a VAO?

- 2 ☒ Yes
 1 ☒ No

VAOASTA VAOASTB VAOASTC VAOASTD VAOASTE VAOASTF
 VAOASTG VAOASTH VAOASTI

28. [Ask if Q27 = 'Yes'] During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? *Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.*

	1 No	2 Yes
a. Determining my eligibility to vote.....	☒	☒
b. Understanding the absentee voting process	☒	☒
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☒	☒
d. Completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☒	☒
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☒	☒
f. Completing the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☒	☒
g. Finding information on candidates/issues	☒	☒
h. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)	☒	☒
i. Some other voting information or assistance	☒	☒

VAOASTSP

[Ask if Q28 i = 'Yes'] Please specify other voting information or assistance.

VAOSAT

29. [Ask if Q27 = 'Yes'] Overall, in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)?

- 5 ☒ Very satisfied
 4 ☒ Satisfied
 3 ☒ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 2 ☒ Dissatisfied
 1 ☒ Very dissatisfied

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 NOVAOG NOVAOH NOVAOI

30. [Ask if Q27 = 'No'] Did you not receive voting information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? *Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.*

	1 No	2 Yes
a. I did not know I could get information or assistance from the VAO	☒	☒

	2 Yes	1 No
b. I did not have a VAO.....	☐	☐
c. I did not know who my VAO was	☐	☐
d. I did not know how to contact my VAO	☐	☐
e. My VAO was not available when I needed assistance.....	☐	☐
f. My VAO was not helpful when I needed assistance.....	☐	☐
g. My VAO did not have the materials or information I needed.....	☐	☐
h. I did not need any voting information or assistance.....	☐	☐
i. Some other reason	☐	☐

NOVAOSP

[Ask if Q30 i = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

WEBSITE

31. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, www.fvap.gov provides voting-related information and resources. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you visit this Web site?

- 2 ☐ Yes
1 ☐ No

WEBTIMES

32. [Ask if Q31 = 'Yes'] In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? Mark one.

- 1 ☐ One
2 ☐ Two to four
3 ☐ Five to ten
4 ☐ Eleven or more
60 ☐ Do not recall

WEBSATIS

33. [Ask if Q31 = 'Yes'] Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site when you visited it in 2008?

- 5 ☐ Very satisfied
4 ☐ Satisfied
3 ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
2 ☐ Dissatisfied
1 ☐ Very dissatisfied

NOFWEB A NOFWEB B NOFWEB C NOFWEB D NOFWEB E NOFWEB F

34. [Ask if Q31 = 'No'] Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	2 Yes	1 No
a. I did not know about it.....	☐	☐
b. I did not have Internet access	☐	☐
c. I knew about it, but did not know the Web site address	☐	☐
d. I got all the information I needed from other sources	☐	☐
e. I did not think it would be useful.....	☐	☐
f. Some other reason	☐	☐

NOFWEBSP

[Ask if Q34 f = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

VAG

35. The Department of Defense 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

- 2 ☐ Yes
1 ☐ No

WHREVAGA WHREVAGB WHREVAGC WHREVAGD WHREVAGE

36. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. From the Voting Assistance Officer (VAO).....	☐	☐
b. From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site	☐	☐
c. From another Web site on the Internet	☐	☐
d. From a CD ROM	☐	☐
e. Some other source	☐	☐

WHREVAGSP

[Ask if Q36 e = 'Yes'] Please specify your other source.

INFOA INFOB INFOC INFOD INFOE INFOF INFOG INFOH INFOI

37. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. How to register and vote absentee	☐	☐
b. Dates of elections and deadlines	☐	☐
c. How to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for your state	☐	☐
d. Mailing address for Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or ballot.....	☐	☐
e. How to transmit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voted ballot by fax	☐	☐
f. How to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☐	☐
g. Web site addresses	☐	☐
h. Where to go for help	☐	☐
i. Other type of voting-related information.....	☐	☐

INFOSP

[Ask if Q37 i = 'Yes'] Please specify the other type of voting-related information.

RATEVAG

38. [Ask if Q35 = 'Yes'] Overall, how would you rate the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) as a reference on absentee voting procedures?

5 ☐ Very good

4 ☐ Good

3 ☐ Fair

2 ☐ Poor

1 ☐ Very poor

NOVAGA NOVAGB NOVAGC NOVAGD

39. [Ask if Q35 = 'No'] Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. I did not know about it	☐	☐
b. I knew about it, but could not get a copy	☐	☐
c. I got all the information I needed from another source	☐	☐
d. Some other reason	☐	☐

NOVAGSP

[Ask if Q39 d = 'Yes'] Please specify your other reason.

FVAPTF

40. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides a toll-free telephone service from many countries that allows a caller to ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance. Did you use this service to talk with a FVAP staff member in 2008?

2 ☐ Yes

1 ☐ No

FVAPFSA

41. [Ask if Q40 = 'Yes'] Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2008 when you called the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service?

- 5 ☒ Very satisfied
 4 ☒ Satisfied
 3 ☒ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 2 ☒ Dissatisfied
 1 ☒ Very dissatisfied

NOFVAPA NOFVAPB NOFVAPC NOFVAPD NOFVAPE NOFVAPF NOFVAPG NOFVAPH NOFVAPI

42. [Ask if Q40 = 'No'] Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. I did not know about it.....	☒	☒
b. I knew about it, but I did not know what it was for.....	☒	☒
c. I knew about it, but I did not know the telephone number.....	☒	☒
d. I got all the information I needed from other sources.....	☒	☒
e. I did not need it.....	☒	☒
f. It was a long-distance call.....	☒	☒
g. I could not get through.....	☒	☒
h. A toll-free number is not available in my country of residence	☒	☒
i. Some other reason	☒	☒

NOFVAPSP

[Ask if Q42 i = 'Some other reason'] Please specify your other reason.

OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

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43. If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item.

	61 Not available	60 Did not use	1 Very dissatisfied	2 Dissatisfied	3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4 Satisfied	5 Very satisfied
a. U.S. Embassy or consulate	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
b. Other Federal agency/agencies	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
c. Political organizations	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
d. Other private organization or company	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
e. State or local election official	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒

HOWUSEA HOWUSEB HOWUSEC HOWUSED HOWUSEE HOWUSEF HOWUSEG

44. If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item.

	61 Not available	60 Did not use	1 Not at all useful	2 Not very useful	3 Somewhat useful	4 Useful	5 Very useful
a. Voting Information News (VIN) newsletters.....	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
b. Voting News Releases.....	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
c. "It's your Future. VOTE for it!" or "Road Sign" motivational posters.....	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒

	61 Not available	60 Did not use	1 Not at all useful	2 Not very useful	3 Somewhat useful	4 Useful	5 Very useful
d. Election dates chart.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
e. How To Do It! Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
f. Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site/CD ROM training.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
g. "Get Out the Vote" public service ad campaign.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

HOWUSEAA HOWUSEAB HOWUSEAC HOWUSEAD HOWUSEAE
HOWUSEAF HOWUSEAG HOWUSEAH

45. If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	61 Not available	60 Did not use	1 Not at all useful	2 Not very useful	3 Somewhat useful	4 Useful	5 Very useful
a. Local television, radio and print media.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
b. CNN International.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. Armed Forces Radio/TV.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
d. International Herald Tribune.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
e. USA Today International.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
f. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	61 Not available	60 Did not use	1 Not at all useful	2 Not very useful	3 Somewhat useful	4 Useful	5 Very useful
g. Family or friends	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
h. The Internet.....	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

FAXA FAXB FAXC FAXD FAXE

46. Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	1 No	2 Yes, but not using the FVAP toll-free faxing service	3 Yes, using the FVAP toll-free faxing service
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).....	☐	☐	☐
b. Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot.....	☐	☐	☐
c. Ballot.....	☐	☐	☐
d. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).....	☐	☐	☐
e. Other voting materials.....	☐	☐	☐

FAXSP

[Ask if Q46 e = 'Yes'] Please specify the other voting materials.

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EMAILA EMAILB EMAILC EMAILD EMAIL E

47. Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	1 No	2 Yes
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	☒	☒
b. Non-Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) request for absentee ballot	☒	☒
c. Ballot.....	☒	☒
d. Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	☒	☒
e. Other voting materials.....	☒	☒

EMAILSP

[Ask if Q47 e = 'Yes'] Please specify other voting materials.

2006 ELECTION

VOTE2006

48. Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you -- did you vote in that election?

2 ☒ Yes

1 ☒ No

60 ☒ Do not recall

HOWVOTE

49. [Ask if Q48 = 'Yes'] How did you vote in the November 2006 election?

1 ☒ I voted in person

2 ☒ I voted by absentee ballot

60 ☒ Do not recall

COMMENTS

FVAPCMT

50. In the space below, please provide any comments you have about this questionnaire, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), or the absentee voting process in 2008.

Appendix E

Coding Scheme

APPENDIX E:

Coding Scheme for the 2008 Post-Election Voting survey of Federal Civilians Overseas

The guiding premise of DMDC surveys are that the analysts creating the dataset will not be the only ones analyzing the data. DMDC rarely collects data only for immediate use or to answer one question. Different people, both at DMDC and other organizations, analyze DMDC datasets over time. Every care is taken in organizing and documenting DMDC surveys so secondary analysts can be reasonably certain they understand both how data were coded and the limitations of the data. This appendix describes (1) conventions for naming variables, (2) methods for capturing data from the survey instrument, and (3) the process of editing survey response variables created for the analysis file.

Variable Naming

In responding to a customer's request for information, DMDC often uses multiple data sources. Information on a particular topic may need to be obtained from different surveys or from a survey that has been repeated over a number of years. For example, a customer might be interested in organizational commitment items included in a survey of active duty members in 1999 and in an exit survey in 2000. Conventions discussed below are being used as a means for facilitating such analyses.

Non-survey-derived Variables

Variable names for non-survey-derived variables tend to be character strings that aid in remembering the meanings of the variables. Two important conventions were used in naming variables.

Administrative record variables. When administrative record data are used unchanged in the analysis file, the original variable name, values, and value labels are identical to those from an official DMDC personnel data file. For example, REGION identifies the region where the Voting Assistance Officer was located in the analysis file exactly as it does in the Department of State records.

Crossing variables. Beginning a variable name with "X" indicates it is a special crossing (marginal) variable for key analyses. "X variables" typically involve using record data to impute values for missing data in survey items. "X variables" may also require collapsing or recoding to missing in order to preserve the confidentiality of respondents. (See Appendix J for the programming that was used to compute "X variables.")

Survey Variables

Standard survey response and operational variables. Variables common to DMDC surveys are assigned identical names and values across surveys. The prefix "SR" is used for self-reported demographic survey items: SRGRADE, and SRAGEGP are examples. Examples of common operational variables are CMTFLAG (indicates whether the respondent entered a comment) and DARVDATE (date the survey was submitted).

Nonstandard survey response variables. Survey item variables are named according to the following conventions (illustrated for the *2008 Post-Election Voting Survey of Federal Civilians Overseas*):

- Naming conventions of all Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) post-election surveys variables tend to be character strings that aid in remembering the item text and have been standardized across surveys. The length of these variables names are limited to twelve characters.
- The last position may represent sub-items for multi-part survey items, or “U” (indicating that the values have not been edited to enforce skip pattern consistency) or “R” (indicating that the original values have been recoded).
- The exceptions, skip pattern flags (“SK”) and specify flags (“SP”), are explained later in the section Standard Flag Variables. Specify flags (ending in a “SP”) represent whether information has been written in a specify box. Certain types of negative replies such as, nothing, none, NA, and not applicable are ignored. The information contained in the write-in variables is not on the survey file, but housed separately in a verbatim file. Skip flag variables (ending in a “SK”) are created, and codes are assigned to indicate if respondents completed the skip patterns correctly.

Raw-Data Encoding Process

When a respondent completes an online survey, data are stored in an indexed file on the Web (data) server. This file is copied to the operations contractor’s internal network and the data are matched to the sample file, attaching each member’s survey responses to the sample record.

The data are then cleaned in an iterative multi-step process. First, values are assigned to valid responses (see Appendix D for the annotated form) and item nonresponse is coded (-9). Second, the process creates flag variables for respondent-specified items, flags, validates, and codes skip pattern variables, and codes the content of text entries.

The Web survey’s “other specify” and open-ended comments are collected in a comment file and linked to the Web survey data by ticket number. All text entries are cleaned and edited to remove identifying information and expletives. The long comment item at the end of the questionnaire is keyed in a separate process. The comments data are confidential and are not merged into the returns dataset.

The next sections discuss the assignment of missing value codes, the special treatment of data variables, and the editing of skip patterns.

Value Coding and Formats

Datasets are prepared as SAS¹ system files. An OS or flat file version of the basic survey release file is then prepared from the SAS[®] system file. This section describes how values are treated in creating the SAS[®] system files and notes any differences in the flat file.

In the SAS[®] system files, variables are declared as numeric unless they contain true alphabetic characters. Although numeric variables can take more storage space, many statistical and logical operations can be done only with variables that are declared as numeric. Values for alphabetic variables are input with \$CHARww. formats to preserve leading, embedded, and trailing blanks.

Missing Data Codes

The instructions used to assign missing data codes and other special codes are shown in Table E-1 and Table E-2. The labels associated with each assigned value are shown in italicized text. These are the SAS[®] format labels used in the SAS[®] dataset.

- Table E-1 contains basic SAS[®] and flat file missing data values.
- Table E-2 contains SAS[®] and flat file missing data values for dates.

The values presented in Table E-1 are general missing data values that have been adopted in recent years for use on DMDC surveys. Standards for date variables are in Table E-2. Both tables have separate columns for values used for SAS[®] system files and flat files. The biggest difference between the flat files and SAS[®] system files is in the treatment of missing values. The flat file values differ from the SAS[®] values because SAS[®] implements special missing values and formats that may not be compatible with other statistical analysis software such as SPSS².

¹ SAS[®] is a trademark of the SAS[®] Institute, Inc.

² SPSS is a trademark of SPSS Inc.

Table E-1.
Basic SAS[®] and Flat Missing Data Values

SAS [®] File		Flat File		Description
Numeric	Alpha	Numeric	Alpha	
.	.	-9	.	<i>No response or missing skip</i>
.A	.A	-8	.A	<i>Multiple response error</i>
.O	.O	-7	.O	<i>Out-of-range</i>
.N	.N	-6	.N	<i>Not applicable or Valid skip</i>
.F	.F	-5	.F	<i>Variable not on survey form.</i> This value is reserved for multiple-form surveys
.I	.I	-4	.I	<i>Incomplete grid error</i>
99	DK	99	DK	<i>Don't know or don't remember</i>
.B	.B	-1	.B	<i>No survey returned.</i> Filler values for survey variables when either a blank survey is returned or no survey is returned. Control system variables retain assigned values.

Note: Use of 'Don't know' or 'Not sure' as a response is not missing data. It is, however, given special treatment because it lacks precision and is sometimes excluded when calculating percentages. If an analyst decides to exclude this response when calculating percentages, it should be recoded as missing; in SAS[®] datasets the value .Z is suggested for use. Also, it is often useful to sum (across items) the number of times 'Don't know' is used as a response by a respondent.

Table E-2.
SAS[®] and Flat File Missing Data Values for Dates

SAS [®] File		Flat File		Description
Re-coded value	Value read from input	YYYYMMDD	MMYYYY	
.	-54908	18090901	SEP1809	<i>No response (invalid skip)</i>
.A	-55304	18080801	AUG1808	<i>Multiple response error</i>
.O	-55701	18070701	JUL1807	<i>Out-of-range error</i>
.N	-56096	18060601	JUN1806	<i>Not applicable (valid skip)</i>
.I	-56887	18040401	APR1804	<i>Incomplete grid error</i>
.B	-58073	18010101	JAN1801	<i>Blank/no survey.</i> Filler value for survey variables when either a blank survey is returned or no survey is returned. Control system variables retain assigned values.

Note: This conversion has already been done in DMDC SAS[®] files.

SAS[®] can represent up to 27 missing data values for numeric variables as either a period or a period-letter combination. While SAS[®] can read alpha characters representing missing data in a raw data field declared to be numeric, other programs such as SPSS do not accept these characters in numeric fields. Missing numeric data are represented in the flat files by negative numbers that can be declared as missing values. For example, a multiple response error in flat files is coded as a “-8”, which can be declared as a missing value when the data are input in SPSS—in the SAS[®] file, the value “.A” is used to represent a multiple response error.

Data requirements of SUDAAN³ are also considered in coding. Primarily this means avoiding in coding the use of a zero, which has a special use for certain procedures in SUDAAN, for a variable that will be used as a categorical independent variable.

Many types of missing data are common to scanned surveys and are self explanatory. In general, missing data are coded as “-9” (SAS: .) for item nonresponse; multiple response errors are coded as “-8” (SAS: .A).⁴ Incomplete responses in grids that could not be resolved by visual inspection are coded as “-4” (SAS: .I). Out-of-Range responses in grids (e.g., number of days or weeks in a year larger than 365 or 52, respectively) are coded as “-7” (SAS: .O). For a single item that contains a response alternative of “Not applicable,” a missing data code of “-6” (SAS: .N) is typically used. When multiple items can be affected by a skip pattern or when item(s) have multiple ways to be not applicable, other specific codes are used. This type of coding is discussed later in the section entitled “Skip Pattern Coding.”

³ SUDAAN is a trademark of the Research Triangle Institute.

⁴ Multiple response errors can only occur for users of the paper form. Web instrument, through the use of radio buttons, does not allow multiple responses for one item.

Multiple survey forms or modes (e.g., paper and web - as with the current survey) are sometimes used in a single effort, and the data from all the related forms combined into a single dataset for analysis. Questions may appear in one form or mode but not in another. In a combined dataset, a code of “-5” (SAS: .F) indicates missing data for variables not on the form completed by a respondent.

Records are included in the files for sampled members regardless of whether or not they returned a survey. If a member did not return a survey or returned a blank survey, every survey variable is assigned a value of “-1” (SAS: .B).

Standard Flag Variables

Skip pattern flags indicate whether one or more questions were or were not to be asked of respondents. For example, if respondents to this survey indicated on Question 12 (VOTED=3) that they definitely did not vote in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008, then only these respondents saw Question 13 (“Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? *Mark Yes or No for each reason.*) NOVOTESK is a flag variable indicating whether Question 13 (NOVOTE--NOVOTEL) was answered consistently with the skip pattern. The skip flag is then used to remove incongruent data. Skip flags are useful for evaluating the effectiveness of the skip pattern and for screening out ambiguous response patterns during analysis.

Specify flags are set during data editing in accordance with **Error! Reference source not found.**2. Skip flags are set in the manner discussed in Table E-3; however, the specifics for each skip flag are detailed in the next section. Note that the value -9 (SAS: .) is used to represent missing data in flag variables in a slightly different way than they are used for standard survey variables.

Special Codes for Skip Patterns

Discrepancies in skip patterns are resolved during data editing. First, skip flags are created. Table E-1 introduced the general outline of the skip flags, but the specific flags for each skip pattern are specified in Table E-3.⁵ After the creation of all the skip flags, variables within the skip patterns are forward coded to make them consistent with the variables that start the skip patterns. To preserve all data, the variables within skip patterns are first copied to a set of confidential variables. The convention for naming these “raw” variables is to end the name with “U” for Unedited. Table E-3 specifies how to assign the special values to variables within the skip patterns. While Table E-3 is organized to show all the edits for a skip pattern, all skip flags are set prior to undertaking any forward coding. The remainder of this section describes the logic behind coding of skip patterns.

While an analyst can ignore discrepancies between a respondent’s answer on an item containing a conditional direction to skip items and answers to those items, it is generally better to resolve the discrepancies. Two ways of resolving the discrepancies can be termed backward and forward coding. Backward coding involves correcting the discrepancy by editing back from the skip pattern items to make the initial question conform. Forward coding involves correcting

⁵ Table E-3 also provides special coding notes for other non-obvious codings.

the discrepancy by editing forward from the initial question to make the skip pattern items conform. Data for this survey are forward coded with data on the starting question accepted as marked and data for the items within the skip pattern edited to be consistent with the starting question.

If a starting item is marked in such a way that the respondent should skip, items within the skip pattern have the not applicable value (.N) assigned regardless of what the respondent marked on the items within the skip pattern. These values differentiate items with data missing because the item should have been skipped from items where data are missing because the respondent should have answered them but did not.

Table E-3.
Standard Coding Notes For Flag Variables

Note: Coding instructions and codebook specifications

1. **NOVOTESK, NOVOTEAU, NOVOTEBU, NOVOTECU, NOVOTEDU, NOVOTEEU, NOVOTEFU, NOVOTEGU, NOVOTEHU, NOVOTEIU, NOVOTEJU, NOVOTEKU, NOVOTELU, REQABSBALU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**NOVOTESK** is an indicator of whether **NOVOTEA, NOVOTEB, NOVOTEC, NOVOTED, NOVOTEE, NOVOTEF, NOVOTEG, NOVOTEH, NOVOTEL, NOVOTEJ, NOVOTEK, NOVOTEL, REQABSBAL**, were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If **VOTED** = 3 then **NOVOTESK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**NOVOTEAU = NOVOTEA, NOVOTEBU = NOVOTEB, NOVOTECU = NOVOTEC, NOVOTEDU = NOVOTED, NOVOTEEU = NOVOTEE, NOVOTEFU = NOVOTEF, NOVOTEGU = NOVOTEG, NOVOTEHU = NOVOTEH, NOVOTEIU = NOVOTEL, NOVOTEJU = NOVOTEJ, NOVOTEKU = NOVOTEK, NOVOTELU = NOVOTEL, REQABSBALU = REQABSBAL**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If **NOVOTESK** = 1 then do;

NOVOTEA = .N;
NOVOTEB = .N;
NOVOTEC = .N;
NOVOTED = .N;

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NOVOTEE = .N;  
NOVOTEF = .N;  
NOVOTEG = .N;  
NOVOTEH = .N;  
NOVOTEI = .N;  
NOVOTEJ = .N;  
NOVOTEK = .N;  
NOVOTEL = .N;  
REQABSBAL = .N;
```

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

2. **REQABSMOSK, REQABSMOU, REQFPCAU, NOTIFYABSNU, RECABSU, FWABUSEU**, The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

"**REQABSMOSK** is an indicator of whether **REQABSMO, REQFPCA, NOTIFYABSN, RECABS, FWABUSE**, were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (VOTED = 2 OR REQABSBAL = 1) then **REQABSMOSK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**REQABSMOU = REQABSMO, REQFPCAU = REQFPCA, NOTIFYABSNU = NOTIFYABSN, RECABSU = RECABS, FWABUSEU = FWABUSE**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."
Here is how they are edited:

If REQABSMOSK = 1 then do;

```
REQABSMO = .N;  
REQFPCA = .N;  
NOTIFYABSN = .N;  
RECABS = .N;  
FWABUSE = .N;
```

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

3. **WHEREFPCASK, WHEREFPCAAU, WHEREFPCABU, WHEREFPCACU, WHEREFPCADU, WHEREFPCAEU, WHEREFPCAFU, WHEREFPCAGU, WHEREFPCAHU, WHEREFPCAIU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

"**WHEREFPCASK** is an indicator of whether **WHEREFPCAA, WHEREFPCAB, WHEREFPCAC, WHEREFPCAD, WHEREFPCAE, WHEREFPCAF, WHEREFPCAG, WHEREFPCAH, WHEREFPCAI** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If ((**VOTED** = 2 OR **REQABSBAL** = 1) AND **REQFPCA** = 2) then **WHEREFPCASK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**WHEREFPCAAU = WHEREFPCAA, WHEREFPCABU = WHEREFPCAB, WHEREFPCACU = WHEREFPCAC, WHEREFPCADU = WHEREFPCAD, WHEREFPCAEU = WHEREFPCAE, WHEREFPCAFU = WHEREFPCAF, WHEREFPCAGU = WHEREFPCAG, WHEREFPCAHU = WHEREFPCAH, WHEREFPCAIU = WHEREFPCAI**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If **WHEREFPCASK** = 1 then do;

WHEREFPCAA = .N;
WHEREFPCAB = .N;
WHEREFPCAC = .N;
WHEREFPCAD = .N;
WHEREFPCAE = .N;
WHEREFPCAF = .N;
WHEREFPCAG = .N;
WHEREFPCAH = .N;
WHEREFPCAI = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

4. **RECABSWHENS, RECABSWHENU, RETABSU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

"**RECABSWHENS** is an indicator of whether **RECABSWHEN, RETABS** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If ((**VOTED** = 2 OR **REQABSBAL** = 1) AND **RECABS** = 2) then **RECABSWHENS** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"RECABSWHENU = RECABSWHEN, RETABSU = RETABS, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If RECABSWHENS = 1 then do;

RECABSWHEN = .N;

RETA = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

5. **RETA = 1, RETASWEN. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"RETA = 1 is an indicator of whether RETASWEN were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If ((VOTED = 2 OR REQA = 1) AND REA = 2 AND RETAS = 2) then RETASWEN = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"RETA = 1, RETASWEN, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If RETASWEN = 1 then do;

RETA = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

6. **WHEREFA = 1, WHEREFAAU, WHEREFABBU, WHEREFABCU, WHEREFABDU, WHEREFABEU, WHEREFABFU, WHEREFABGU,**

WHEREFWABHU, WHEREFWABIU, FWABWHENU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

"**WHEREFWABSK** is an indicator of whether **WHEREFWABA, WHEREFWABB, WHEREFWABC, WHEREFWABD, WHEREFWABE, WHEREFWABF, WHEREFWABG, WHEREFWABH, WHEREFWABI, FWABWHEN** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If ((VOTED = 2 OR REQABSBAL = 1) AND FWABUSE = 2) then **WHEREFWABSK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**WHEREFWABAU = WHEREFWABA, WHEREFWABBU = WHEREFWABB, WHEREFWABCU = WHEREFWABC, WHEREFWABDU = WHEREFWABD, WHEREFWABEU = WHEREFWABE, WHEREFWABFU = WHEREFWABF, WHEREFWABGU = WHEREFWABG, WHEREFWABHU = WHEREFWABH, WHEREFWABIU = WHEREFWABI, FWABWHENU = FWABWHEN**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If WHEREFWABSK = 1 then do;

WHEREFWABA = .N;
WHEREFWABB = .N;
WHEREFWABC = .N;
WHEREFWABD = .N;
WHEREFWABE = .N;
WHEREFWABF = .N;
WHEREFWABG = .N;
WHEREFWABH = .N;
WHEREFWABI = .N;
FWABWHEN = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

7. **NOFWABRSK, NOFWABRU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**NOFWABRSK** is an indicator of whether **NOFWABR** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If ((VOTED = 2 OR REQABSBAL = 1) AND FWABUSE = 1) then **NOFWABRSK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"NOFWABRU = NOFWABR, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If NOFWABRSK = 1 then do;

NOFWABR = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

8. **VAOASTSK, VAOASTAU, VAOASTBU, VAOASTCU, VAOASTDU, VAOASTEU, VAOASTFU, VAOASTGU, VAOASTHU, VAOASTIU, VAOSATU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"VAOASTSK is an indicator of whether VAOASTA, VAOASTB, VAOASTC, VAOASTD, VAOASTE, VAOASTF, VAOASTG, VAOASTH, VAOASTI, VAOSAT were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If VAOHELP = 2 then VAOASTSK = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"VAOASTAU = VAOASTA, VAOASTBU = VAOASTB, VAOASTCU = VAOASTC, VAOASTDU = VAOASTD, VAOASTEU = VAOASTE, VAOASTFU = VAOASTF, VAOASTGU = VAOASTG, VAOASTHU = VAOASTH, VAOASTIU = VAOASTI, VAOSATU=VAOSAT, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If VAOASTSK = 1 then do;

VAOASTA = .N;

VAOASTB = .N;

VAOASTC = .N;

VAOASTD = .N;

VAOASTE = .N;

VAOASTF = .N;

VAOASTG = .N;

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VAOASTH = .N;  
VAOASTI = .N;  
VAOSAT = .N;
```

```
end;
```

.N = (Not Applicable)

9. **NOVAOSK, NOVAOAU, NOVAOBU, NOVAOCU, NOVAODU, NOVAOEU, NOVAOFU, NOVAOGU, NOVAOHU, NOVAOIU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"NOVAOSK is an indicator of whether NOVAOA, NOVAOB, NOVAOC, NOVAOD, NOVAOE, NOVAOF, NOVAOG, NOVAOH, NOVAOI were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If VAOHELP = 1 then NOVAOSK = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"NOVAOAU = NOVAOA, NOVAOBU = NOVAOB, NOVAOCU = NOVAOC, NOVAODU = NOVAOD, NOVAOEU = NOVAOE, NOVAOFU = NOVAOF, NOVAOGU = NOVAOG, NOVAOHU = NOVAOH, NOVAOIU = NOVAOI, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

```
If NOVAOSK = 1 then do;
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```
NOVAOA = .N;  
NOVAOB = .N;  
NOVAOC = .N;  
NOVAOD = .N;  
NOVAOE = .N;  
NOVAOF = .N;  
NOVAOG = .N;  
NOVAOH = .N;  
NOVAOI = .N;
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end;
```

.N = (Not Applicable)

10. **WEBTIMESSK, WEBTIMESU, WEBSATISU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**WEBTIMESSK** is an indicator of whether **WEBTIMES**, **WEBSATIS**, were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If **WEBSITE** = 2 then **WEBTIMESSK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**WEBTIMESU** = **WEBTIMES**, **WEBSATISU** = **WEBSATIS**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."
Here is how they are edited:

If **WEBTIMESSK** = 1 then do;

WEBTIMES = .N;

WEBSATIS = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

11. **NOFWEBSK, NOFWEBAU, NOFWEBBU, NOFWEBCU, NOFWEBDU, NOFWEBEU, NOFWEBFU. The following explains how to create the flag variable - the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**NOFWEBSK** is an indicator of whether **NOFWEBA**, **NOFWEBB**, **NOFWEBC**, **NOFWEBD**, **NOFWEBE**, **NOFWEBF** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If **WEBSITE** = 1 then **NOFWEBSK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**NOFWEBAU** = **NOFWEBA**, **NOFWEBBU** = **NOFWEBB**, **NOFWEBCU** = **NOFWEBC**, **NOFWEBDU** = **NOFWEBD**, **NOFWEBEU** = **NOFWEBE**, **NOFWEBFU** = **NOFWEBF**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If **NOFWEBSK** = 1 then do;

NOFWEBA = .N;

NOFWEBB = .N;

NOFWEBC = .N;
NOFWEBD = .N;
NOFWEBE = .N;
NOFWEBF = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

12. **WHREVAGSK, WHREVAGAU, WHREVAGBU, WHREVAGCU, WHREVAGDU, WHREVAGEU, INFOAU, INFOBU, INFOCU, INFODU, INFOEU, INFOFU, INFOGU, INFOHU, INFOIU, RATEVAGU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**WHREVAGSK** is an indicator of whether **WHREVAGA, WHREVAGB, WHREVAGC, WHREVAGD, WHREVAGE, INFOA, INFOB, INFOC, INFOD, INFOE, INFOF, INFOG, INFOH, INFOI, RATEVAG** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If **VAG = 2** then **WHREVAGSK = 2** (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**WHREVAGAU = WHREVAGA, WHREVAGBU = WHREVAGB, WHREVAGCU = WHREVAGC, WHREVAGDU = WHREVAGD, WHREVAGEU = WHREVAGE, INFOAU = INFOA, INFOBU = INFOB, INFOCU = INFOC, INFODU = INFOD, INFOEU = INFOE, INFOFU = INFOF, INFOGU = INFOG, INFOHU = INFOH, INFOIU = INFOI, RATEVAGU = RATEVAG**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."
Here is how they are edited:

If **WHREVAGSK = 1** then do;

WHREVAGA = .N;
WHREVAGB = .N;
WHREVAGC = .N;
WHREVAGD = .N;
WHREVAGE = .N;
INFOA = .N;
INFOB = .N;
INFOC = .N;
INFOD = .N;
INFOE = .N;

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INFOF = .N;  
INFOG = .N;  
INFOH = .N;  
INFOI = .N;  
RATEVAG = .N;
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end;
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.N = (Not Applicable)

13. **NOVAGSK, NOVAGAU, NOVAGBU, NOVAGCU, NOVAGDU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**NOVAGSK** is an indicator of whether **NOVAGA, NOVAGB, NOVAGC, NOVAGD** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If VAG = 1 then **NOVAGSK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**NOVAGAU = NOVAGA, NOVAGBU = NOVAGB, NOVAGCU = NOVAGC, NOVAGDU = NOVAGD**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

```
If NOVAGSK = 1 then do;
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```
NOVAGA = .N;  
NOVAGB = .N;  
NOVAGC = .N;  
NOVAGD = .N;
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```
end;
```

.N = (Not Applicable)

14. **FVAPTFSATSK, FVAPTFSATU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**FVAPTFSATSK** is an indicator of whether **FVAPTFSAT** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If FVAPTF = 2 then

FVAPTFSATSK = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"FVAPTFSATU = FVAPTFSAT, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If FVAPTFSATSK = 1 then do;

FVAPTFSAT = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

15. **NOFVAPSK, NOFVAPAU, NOFVAPBU, NOFVAPCU, NOFVAPDU, NOFVAPEU, NOFVAPFU, NOFVAPGU, NOFVAPHU, NOFVAPIU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"NOFVAPSK is an indicator of whether NOFVAPA, NOFVAPB, NOFVAPC, NOFVAPD, NOFVAPE, NOFVAPF, NOFVAPG, NOFVAPH, NOFVAPI were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If FVAPTF = 1 then NOFVAPSK = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"NOFVAPAU = NOFVAPA, NOFVAPBU = NOFVAPB, NOFVAPCU = NOFVAPC, NOFVAPDU = NOFVAPD, NOFVAPEU = NOFVAPE, NOFVAPFU = NOFVAPF, NOFVAPGU = NOFVAPG, NOFVAPHU = NOFVAPH, NOFVAPIU = NOFVAPI, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."

Here is how they are edited:

If NOFVAPSK = 1 then do;

NOFVAPA = .N;

NOFVAPB = .N;

NOFVAPC = .N;

NOFVAPD = .N;

NOFVAPE = .N;

```
NOFVAPF = .N;  
NOFVAPG = .N;  
NOFVAPH = .N;  
NOFVAPI = .N;
```

```
end;
```

.N = (Not Applicable)

16. **HOWVOTESK, HOWVOTEU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

"**HOWVOTESK** is an indicator of whether **HOWVOTE** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If VOTE2006 = 2 then **HOWVOTESK** = 2 (Asked)."

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

"**HOWVOTEU** = **HOWVOTE**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values."
Here is how they are edited:

```
If HOWVOTESK = 1 then do;
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```
HOWVOTE = .N;
```

```
end;
```

.N = (Not Applicable)

Appendix F

Alphabetical Variable List for the Survey Analysis Files

PEV030801 Federal Civilians Overseas
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VARIABLE NAME	ITEM NUMBER	LABEL	PAGE
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EMAILAR		Recode-Tab:[47a] E-mail:FPCA	47
EMAILB*	47b.	[47b] E-mail:Non-Fed Post card appl req	388
EMAILBR		Recode-Tab:[47b] E-mail:Non-Fed Post car	48
EMAILC*	47c.	[47c] E-mail:Ballot	389
EMAILCR		Recode-Tab:[47c] E-mail:Ballot	49
EMAILD*	47d.	[47d] E-mail:FWAB	390
EMAILDR		Recode-Tab:[47d] E-mail:FWAB	50
EMAILE*	47e.	[47e] E-mail:Other voting materials	391
EMAILER		Recode-Tab:[47e] E-mail:Other voting mat	51
ENONUSRES*		Briefing: Subpopulation Flag - xnonusres	395
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FAXA*	46a.	[46a] Fax:FPCA	382
FAXAR		Recode-Tab:[46a] Fax:FPCA	52
FAXAR2		Recode-Tab:[46a] Fax:FPCA	53
FAXB*	46b.	[46b] Fax:Non-Federal Post card appl req	383
FAXBR		Recode-Tab:[46b] Fax:Non-Federal Post ca	54
FAXBR2		Recode-Tab:[46b] Fax:Non-Federal Post ca	55
FAXC*	46c.	[46c] Fax:Ballot	384
FAXCR		Recode-Tab:[46c] Fax:Ballot	56
FAXCR2		Recode-Tab:[46c] Fax:Ballot	57
FAXD*	46d.	[46d] Fax:FWAB	385
FAXDR		Recode-Tab:[46d] Fax:FWAB	58
FAXDR2		Recode-Tab:[46d] Fax:FWAB	59
FAXE*	46e.	[46e] Fax:Other voting materials	386
FAXER		Recode-Tab:[46e] Fax:Other voting materi	60
FAXER2		Recode-Tab:[46e] Fax:Other voting materi	61
FINALWGT		Case Weight	164
FLAG_FIN*		Final Disposition	485
FVAPTF	40.	[40] Used FVAP toll-free telephone	24
FVAPTFSAT	41.	[41] satisfaction w/ FVAP toll-free tele	25
FVAPTFSATR*		Recode-Briefing: Overall, how satisfied	397
FVAPTFSATSK*		Skip variable for FVAPTFSAT	362
FVAPTFSATU*		Uned-[41] satisfaction w/ FVAP toll-free	361
FWABUSE	23.	[23] Received FWAB ballot?	14
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FWABWHEN	25.	[25] When complete/returned FWAB ballot?	15
FWABWHEN1R*		Recode-Briefing: When did you complete a	398
FWABWHEN2R*		Recode-Briefing: When did you complete a	399
FWABWHEN3R*		Recode-Briefing: When did you complete a	400
FWABWHEN4R*		Recode-Briefing: When did you complete a	401
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VOTEPLAN	11.	[11] Ever plan to vote on Nov 4, 2008?	6
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WEBSATISR*		Recode-Briefing: Overall, how satisfied	456
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WHEREFPCAAR		Recode-Tab:[17a] FPCA obtain:From Web si	137
WHEREFPCA AU*		Uned-[17a] FPCA obtain:From Web site	219
WHEREFPCAB*	17b.	[17b] FPCA obtain:Some other contact	220
WHEREFPCABR		Recode-Tab:[17b] FPCA obtain:Some other	138
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WHEREFPCAC*	17c.	[17c] FPCA obtain:Military channels	222
WHEREFPCACR		Recode-Tab:[17c] FPCA obtain:Military ch	139
WHEREFPCACU*		Uned-[17c] FPCA obtain:Military channels	223
WHEREFPCAD*	17d.	[17d] FPCA obtain:US Embassy/consulate	224
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WHEREFPCAER		Recode-Tab:[17e] FPCA obtain:State/local	141
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WHEREFWABAR		Recode-Tab:[24a] FWAB obtain:FVAP Web si	146
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WHEREFWABB*	24b.	[24b] FWAB obtain:Other contact with FVA	247
WHEREFWABBR		Recode-Tab:[24b] FWAB obtain:Other conta	147
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WHEREFWABEU*		Uned-[24e] FWAB obtain:State/local offic	254
WHEREFWABF*	24f.	[24f] FWAB obtain:Overseas org/company	255
WHEREFWABFR		Recode-Tab:[24f] FWAB obtain:Overseas or	151
WHEREFWABFU*		Uned-[24f] FWAB obtain:Overseas org/comp	256
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WHEREFWABHU*		Uned-[24h] FWAB obtain:Military post off	260
WHEREFWABI*	24i.	[24i] FWAB obtain:Some other source	261
WHEREFWABIR		Recode-Tab:[24i] FWAB obtain:Some other	154
WHEREFWABIU*		Uned-[24i] FWAB obtain:Some other source	262
WHEREFWABSK*		Skip variable for Q24 and Q25	263
WHREVAGA*	36a.	[36a] Obtain VAG:From VAO	322
WHREVAGAR		Recode-Tab:[36a] Obtain VAG:From VAO	155
WHREVAGAU*		Uned-[36a] Obtain VAG:From VAO	323
WHREVAGB*	36b.	[36b] Obtain VAG:FVAP Web site	324
WHREVAGBR		Recode-Tab:[36b] Obtain VAG:FVAP Web sit	156
WHREVAGBU*		Uned-[36b] Obtain VAG:FVAP Web site	325
WHREVAGC*	36c.	[36c] Obtain VAG:Another Web site	326
WHREVAGCR		Recode-Tab:[36c] Obtain VAG:Another Web	157
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HOWLONG	6.	[6] How long resided in country?	4
NUMFAM	7.	[7] Members 18yrs/older living w/ you?	5
VOTEPLAN	11.	[11] Ever plan to vote on Nov 4, 2008?	6
REQABSBAL	14.	[14] Request absentee ballot?	7
REQABSMO	15.	[15] Month requested absentee ballot?	8
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WEBTIMES	32.	[32] Times visited FVAP Web site	20
WEBSATIS	33.	[33] Satisfaction with FVAP Web site	21
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EMAILCR		Recode-Tab:[47c] E-mail:Ballot	49
EMAILDR		Recode-Tab:[47d] E-mail:FWAB	50
EMAILER		Recode-Tab:[47e] E-mail:Other voting mat	51
FAXAR		Recode-Tab:[46a] Fax:FPCA	52
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NOVAOAR		Recode-Tab:[30a] No info VAO:Did not kno	93
NOVAOBR		Recode-Tab:[30b] No info VAO:Did not hav	94
NOVAOCR		Recode-Tab:[30c] No info VAO:Did not kno	95
NOVAODR		Recode-Tab:[30d] No info VAO:Could not c	96
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NOVAOFR		Recode-Tab:[30f] No info VAO:VAO not hel	98
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NOVOTEDR		Recode-Tab:[13d] Reason:Could not regist	105
NOVOTEER		Recode-Tab:[13e] Reason:No candidate pre	106
NOVOTEFR		Recode-Tab:[13f] Reason:Thought vote wil	107
NOVOTEGR		Recode-Tab:[13g] Reason:How to get ballo	108
NOVOTEHR		Recode-Tab:[13h] Reason:Absentee ballot	109
NOVOTEIR		Recode-Tab:[13i] Reason:Absentee ballot	110
NOVOTEJR		Recode-Tab:[13j] Reason:Ballot process c	111
NOVOTEKR		Recode-Tab:[13k] Reason:Concern about ta	112
NOVOTELR		Recode-Tab:[13l] Reason: Some other	113
NOVOTEMR		Recode-Tab:[13m] Reason: Not applicable	114
NOVOTEM		Recode-Tab:[13m] Reason: Not applicable	115
NUMFAMR		Recode-Tab: family mem 18 years old	116
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REQFPCAR		Recode-Tab:[16] Used FPCA for absentee b	118
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VAOASTBR		Recode-Tab:[28b] Info from VAO:Voting pr	121
VAOASTCR		Recode-Tab:[28c] Info from VAO:Obtain FP	122
VAOASTDR		Recode-Tab:[28d] Info from VAO:Completin	123
VAOASTER		Recode-Tab:[28e] Info from VAO:Obtainin	124
VAOASTFR		Recode-Tab:[28f] Info from VAO:Completin	125
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VOTEDR4		Recode-Tab:[12] Vote in pers/complete ab	132
VOTED_V		Did you vote in 2008	133
VOTE2006_V		Did you vote in 2006	134
VOTEPASTR		Recode-Tab:[10] Voted/not voted past 6 y	135
WEBTIMESR		Recode-Tab:[32] Times visited FVAP Web s	136
WHEREFPCAAR		Recode-Tab:[17a] FPCA obtain:From Web si	137
WHEREFPCABR		Recode-Tab:[17b] FPCA obtain:Some other	138
WHEREFPCACR		Recode-Tab:[17c] FPCA obtain:Military ch	139
WHEREFPCADR		Recode-Tab:[17d] FPCA obtain:US Embassy/	140
WHEREFPCAER		Recode-Tab:[17e] FPCA obtain:State/local	141
WHEREFPCAFR		Recode-Tab:[17f] FPCA obtain:Overseas or	142
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WHEREFPCAIR		Recode-Tab:[17i] FPCA obtain:Some other	145
WHEREFWABAR		Recode-Tab:[24a] FWAB obtain:FVAP Web si	146
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WHEREFWABCR		Recode-Tab:[24c] FWAB obtain:Military cha	148
WHEREFWABDR		Recode-Tab:[24d] FWAB obtain:US Embassy/	149
WHEREFWABER		Recode-Tab:[24e] FWAB obtain:State/local	150
WHEREFWABFR		Recode-Tab:[24f] FWAB obtain:Overseas or	151
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WHEREFWABIR		Recode-Tab:[24i] FWAB obtain:Some other	154
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VOTEPAST	10.	[10] Voted/not voted past 6 yrs elec?	186
VOTED	12.	[12] Vote in pers/complete absent ballot	187
NOVOTEA	13a.	[13a] Reason:Not interested	188
NOVOTEAU		Uned-[13a] Reason:Not interested	189
NOVOTEB	13b.	[13b] Reason:Too busy to vote	190
NOVOTEBU		Uned-[13b] Reason:Too busy to vote	191
NOVOTEC	13c.	[13c] Reason:Forgot to vote	192
NOVOTECU		Uned-[13c] Reason:Forgot to vote	193
NOVOTED	13d.	[13d] Reason:Could not register	194
NOVOTEDU		Uned-[13d] Reason:Could not register	195
NOVOTEE	13e.	[13e] Reason:No candidate preference	196
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NOVOTEF	13f.	[13f] Reason:Thought vote will not matte	198
NOVOTEFU		Uned-[13f] Reason:Thought vote will not	199
NOVOTEG	13g.	[13g] Reason:How to get ballot not known	200
NOVOTEGU		Uned-[13g] Reason:How to get ballot not	201
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NOVOTEI	13i.	[13i] Reason:Absentee ballot not arrived	204
NOVOTEIU		Uned-[13i] Reason:Absentee ballot not ar	205
NOVOTEJ	13j.	[13j] Reason:Ballot process complicated	206
NOVOTEJU		Uned-[13j] Reason:Ballot process complic	207
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NOVOTEKU		Uned-[13k] Reason:Concern about tax liab	209
NOVOTEL	13l.	[13l] Reason: Some other	210
NOVOTELU		Uned-[13l] Reason: Some other	211
NOVOTESK		Skip variable for Q13 and Q14	212
REQABSBALU		Uned-[14] Request absentee ballot?	213
REQABSMOU		Uned-[15] Month requested absentee ballo	214
REQABSMOSK		Skip variable for Q15, Q16, Q19 and Q23	215
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REQFPCAU		Uned-[16] Used FPCA for absentee ballot?	217
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WHEREFPCAAU		Uned-[17a] FPCA obtain:From Web site	219
WHEREFPCAB	17b.	[17b] FPCA obtain:Some other contact	220
WHEREFPCABU		Uned-[17b] FPCA obtain:Some other contac	221
WHEREFPCAC	17c.	[17c] FPCA obtain:Military channels	222
WHEREFPCACU		Uned-[17c] FPCA obtain:Military channels	223
WHEREFPCAD	17d.	[17d] FPCA obtain:US Embassy/consulate	224
WHEREFPCADU		Uned-[17d] FPCA obtain:US Embassy/consul	225
WHEREFPCAE	17e.	[17e] FPCA obtain:State/local official	226
WHEREFPCAEU		Uned-[17e] FPCA obtain:State/local offic	227
WHEREFPCAF	17f.	[17f] FPCA obtain:Overseas org/company	228
WHEREFPCAFU		Uned-[17f] FPCA obtain:Overseas org/comp	229
WHEREFPCAG	17g.	[17g] FPCA obtain:Non-FVAP Web site	230
WHEREFPCAGU		Uned-[17g] FPCA obtain:Non-FVAP Web site	231
WHEREFPCAH	17h.	[17h] FPCA obtain:Military post office	232
WHEREFPCAHU		Uned-[17h] FPCA obtain:Military post off	233
WHEREFPCAI	17i.	[17i] FPCA obtain:Some other source	234
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WEBTIMES2R		Recode-Briefing: In preparation for the	458
WEBTIMES3R		Recode-Briefing: In preparation for the	459
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Appendix H*

Frequency and Percentage Distributions for Variables in the Survey Analysis Files

*Appendix H, because of its size, is in a separate file

Appendix I

Flat File Layout for the Basic Survey Data File

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
USCTZN	Num	0001	0002	002	Were you a U.S. citizen on November 4, 2008?
REGVOTER	Num	0003	0004	002	In 2008, were you registered to vote in the U.S.?
NONUSRES	Num	0005	0006	002	On November 4, 2008, how long had you lived outside the U.S.?
HOWLONG	Num	0007	0008	002	On November 4, 2008, how long had you resided in this country?
NUMFAM	Num	0009	0010	002	Family members include your spouse and anyone of voting age (18 years old and older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not counting yourself, how many family members who were at least 18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?
VOTEPLAN	Num	0011	0012	002	During the months leading up to the election held on November 4, 2008, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote?
REQABSBAL	Num	0013	0014	002	Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
REQABSMO	Num	0015	0016	002	In what month did you first request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
NOTIFYABSN	Num	0017	0018	002	During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been received?
RECABS	Num	0019	0020	002	Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
RECABSWHEN	Num	0021	0022	002	When did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
RETABS	Num	0023	0024	002	Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
RETABSWHEN	Num	0025	0026	002	When did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?
FWABUSE	Num	0027	0028	002	The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot completed and returned if you are overseas and do not receive your regular absentee ballot. Did you use the FWAB in the November 4, 2008 election?
FWABWHEN	Num	0029	0030	002	When did you complete and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election?
NOFWABR	Num	0031	0032	002	What is the ONE MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election? Mark only one.

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
VAOHELP	Num	0033	0034	002	Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to citizens who wish to vote. Embassies, consulates, and military units have assigned VAOs to carry out this responsibility.
VAOSAT	Num	0035	0036	002	Overall, in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)?
WEBSITE	Num	0037	0038	002	The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site, www.fvap.gov provides voting related information and resources. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you visit this Web site?
WEBTIMES	Num	0039	0040	002	In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? Mark one.
WEBSATIS	Num	0041	0042	002	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site when you visited it in 2008?
VAG	Num	0043	0044	002	The Department of Defense 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot. In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?
RATEVAG	Num	0045	0046	002	Overall, how would you rate the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) as a reference on absentee voting procedures?
FVAPTF	Num	0047	0048	002	The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides a toll-free telephone service from many countries that allows a caller to ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance. Did you use this service to talk with a FVAP staff member in 2008?
FVAPTFSAT	Num	0049	0050	002	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2008 when you called the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service?
HOWSATA	Num	0051	0052	002	If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item. U.S. Embassy or consulate

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HOWSATB	Num	0053	0054	002	If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item. Other Federal agency/agencies
HOWSATC	Num	0055	0056	002	If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item. Political organizations
HOWSATD	Num	0057	0058	002	If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item. Other private organization or company
HOWSATE	Num	0059	0060	002	If you received voting information from any of the following sources in 2008, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information? Mark one answer for each item. State or local election official
HOWUSEA	Num	0061	0062	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Voting Information News (VIN) newsletters
HOWUSEB	Num	0063	0064	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Voting News Releases
HOWUSEC	Num	0065	0066	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. "It's your Future. VOTE for it!" or "Road Sign" motivational posters
HOWUSED	Num	0067	0068	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Election dates chart
HOWUSEE	Num	0069	0070	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. How To Do It! Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions
HOWUSEF	Num	0071	0072	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site/CD ROM training
HOWUSEG	Num	0073	0074	002	If you used any of the following sources of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. "Get Out the Vote" public service ad campaign

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HOWUSEAA	Num	0075	0076	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Local television, radio and print media
HOWUSEAB	Num	0077	0078	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. CNN International
HOWUSEAC	Num	0079	0080	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Armed Forces Radio/TV
HOWUSEAD	Num	0081	0082	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. International Herald Tribune
HOWUSEAE	Num	0083	0084	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. USA Today International
HOWUSEAF	Num	0085	0086	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV
HOWUSEAG	Num	0087	0088	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. Family or friends
HOWUSEAH	Num	0089	0090	002	If you used the following sources to obtain any kind of voting information in 2008, how useful was each one? Mark one answer for each item. The Internet
HOWVOTE	Num	0091	0092	002	How did you vote in the November 2006 election?
EMAILAR	Num	0093	0094	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
EMAILBR	Num	0095	0096	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
EMAILCR	Num	0097	0098	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Ballot
EMAILDR	Num	0099	0100	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
EMAILER	Num	0101	0102	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to e-mail voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you e-mail any of the following materials? Other voting materials
FAXAR	Num	0103	0104	002	Recode-Tab : Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
FAXAR2	Num	0105	0106	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
FAXBR	Num	0107	0108	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot
FAXBR2	Num	0109	0110	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Non-Federal Post Card Application request for absentee ballot
FAXCR	Num	0111	0112	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Ballot
FAXCR2	Num	0113	0114	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Ballot

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
FAXDR	Num	0115	0116	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
FAXDR2	Num	0117	0118	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
FAXER	Num	0119	0120	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Other voting materials
FAXER2	Num	0121	0122	002	Recode-Tab: Some states allow you to fax voting materials such as your absentee ballot request or the completed ballot itself. During 2008, did you fax any of the following materials? Other voting materials
INFOAR	Num	0123	0124	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? How to register and vote absentee
INFOBR	Num	0125	0126	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? Dates of elections and deadlines
INFOCR	Num	0127	0128	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? How to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for your state
INFODR	Num	0129	0130	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? Mailing address for Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or ballot
INFOER	Num	0131	0132	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? How to transmit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or voted ballot by fax
INFOFR	Num	0133	0134	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? How to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
INFOGR	Num	0135	0136	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? Web site addresses

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
INFOHR	Num	0137	0138	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? Where to go for help
INFOIR	Num	0139	0140	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, were you looking for the following information in the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? Other type of voting-related information
INTERESTR	Num	0141	0142	002	Recode-Tab: How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 4, 2008?
LEGALRESR	Num	0143	0144	002	Recode-Tab: Your legal voting residence is the state or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the U.S. The right to vote extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain. As of the November 4, 2008 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence?
NOFVAPAR	Num	0145	0146	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? I did not know about it
NOFVAPBR	Num	0147	0148	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? I knew about it, but I did not know what it was for
NOFVAPCR	Num	0149	0150	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? I knew about it, but I did not know the telephone number
NOFVAPDR	Num	0151	0152	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? I got all the information I needed from other sources
NOFVAPER	Num	0153	0154	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? I did not need it
NOFVAPFR	Num	0155	0156	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? It was a long-distance call
NOFVAPGR	Num	0157	0158	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? I could not get through

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
NOFVAPHR	Num	0159	0160	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? A toll-free number is not available in my country of residence
NOFVAPIR	Num	0161	0162	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) toll-free telephone service in 2008 for any of the following reasons ? Some other reason
NOFWEBAR	Num	0163	0164	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not know about it.
NOFWEBBR	Num	0165	0166	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not have Internet access
NOFWEBCR	Num	0167	0168	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I knew about it, but did not know the Web site address
NOFWEBDR	Num	0169	0170	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I got all the information I needed from other sources
NOFWEBER	Num	0171	0172	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not think it would be useful
NOFWEBFR	Num	0173	0174	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Some other reason
NOTIFYABSNR2	Num	0175	0176	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive notification from the local election official in the county/district where you registered to vote that your regular absentee ballot request had been received?
NOVAGAR	Num	0177	0178	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? I did not know about it
NOVAGBR	Num	0179	0180	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? I knew about it, but could not get a copy
NOVAGCR	Num	0181	0182	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? I got all the information I needed from another source

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
NOVAGDR	Num	0183	0184	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not use the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) for any of the following reasons? Some other reason
NOVAOAR	Num	0185	0186	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not know I could get information or assistance from the VAO
NOVAOBR	Num	0187	0188	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not have a VAO
NOVAOCR	Num	0189	0190	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not know who my VAO was
NOVAODR	Num	0191	0192	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not know how to contact my VAO
NOVAOER	Num	0193	0194	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? My VAO was not available when I needed assistance
NOVAOFR	Num	0195	0196	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? My VAO was not helpful when I needed assistance
NOVAOGR	Num	0197	0198	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? My VAO did not have the materials or information I needed
NOVAOHR	Num	0199	0200	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? I did not need any voting information or assistance
NOVAOIR	Num	0201	0202	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not receive voting information and assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in 2008 for any of the following reasons? Some other reason
NOVOTEAR	Num	0203	0204	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I was not interested in voting

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
NOVOTEBR	Num	0205	0206	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I was too busy to vote
NOVOTECR	Num	0207	0208	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I forgot to vote
NOVOTEDR	Num	0209	0210	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I could not register to vote
NOVOTEER	Num	0211	0212	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I had no candidate preference
NOVOTEFR	Num	0213	0214	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I did not think my vote would matter
NOVOTEGR	Num	0215	0216	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I did not know how to get an absentee ballot
NOVOTEHR	Num	0217	0218	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? My absentee ballot arrived too late
NOVOTEIR	Num	0219	0220	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? My absentee ballot did not arrive at all
NOVOTEJR	Num	0221	0222	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? The absentee voting process was too complicated
NOVOTEKR	Num	0223	0224	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? I was concerned about federal or state income tax liability
NOVOTELR	Num	0225	0226	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? Some other reason
NOVOTEMR	Num	0227	0228	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? Not applicable
NOVOTEM	Num	0229	0230	002	Recode-Tab: Did you not vote in the November 4, 2008 election for the following reasons? Not applicable
NUMFAMR	Num	0231	0232	002	Recode-Tab: Family members include your spouse and anyone of voting age (18 years old or older) who is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption, and depends on you for more than half of their support. Not Counting yourself, how many family members who were at least 18 years old lived with you at your current residence as of November 4, 2008?
REQABSBALR2	Num	0233	0234	002	Recode-Tab: Even though you did not vote, did you request an absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election?

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
REQFPCAR	Num	0235	0236	002	Recode-Tab: The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election or did you use another method?
SAMPLE	Num	0237	0238	002	Tab Crossing: Sample
VAOASTAR	Num	0239	0240	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Determining my eligibility to vote
VAOASTBR	Num	0241	0242	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Understanding the absentee voting process
VAOASTCR	Num	0243	0244	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
VAOASTDR	Num	0245	0246	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
VAOASTER	Num	0247	0248	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
VAOASTFR	Num	0249	0250	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Completing the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
VAOASTGR	Num	0251	0252	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Finding information on candidates/issues
VAOASTHR	Num	0253	0254	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)
VAOASTIR	Num	0255	0256	002	Recode-Tab: During 2008, did you receive the following information or assistance from your Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)? Some other voting information or assistance
VOTE2006R3	Num	0257	0258	002	Recode-Tab: (Includes Non-registered voters) - Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you - did you vote in that election?

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
VOTE2006R5	Num	0259	0260	002	Recode-Tab: (Includes Non-registered voters) - Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you - did you vote in that election?
VOTEDR3	Num	0261	0262	002	Recode-Tab: (Includes Non-registered voters) - In the election held on November 4, 2008, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, 2008, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?
VOTEDR4	Num	0263	0264	002	Recode-Tab: (Includes Non-registered voters) - In the election held on November 4, 2008, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, 2008, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?
VOTED_V	Num	0265	0266	002	Includes Not Registered Voters: In the election held on November 4, 2008, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely mail or fax a completed absentee ballot on or before November 4, 2008, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?
VOTE2006_V	Num	0267	0268	002	Includes Not Registered Voters: Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2006. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you - did you vote in that election?
VOTEPASTR	Num	0269	0270	002	Recode-Tab: A lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they didn't have time, or something else happened to prevent them from voting. And sometimes, people who USUALLY vote or who PLANNED to vote forget that something UNUSUAL happened on election day this year that prevented them from voting THIS time. So please think carefully for a minute about the election held on November 4, 2008, and past elections in which you may have voted, and answer the following questions. During the past 6 years, did you usually vote in national, state, and local elections, or did you usually not vote?

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
WEBTIMESR	Num	0271	0274	004	Recode-Tab: In preparation for the 2008 primaries and general election, how many times did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site? Mark one.
WHEREFPCAAR	Num	0275	0276	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site
WHEREFPCABR	Num	0277	0278	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From some other contact with FVAP
WHEREFPCACR	Num	0279	0280	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Through military channels
WHEREFPCADR	Num	0281	0282	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From a U.S. Embassy or consulate
WHEREFPCAER	Num	0283	0284	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From a state or local election official
WHEREFPCAFR	Num	0285	0286	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From an overseas organization or company
WHEREFPCAGR	Num	0287	0288	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From another non-FVAP Web site
WHEREFPCAHR	Num	0289	0290	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From a military post office
WHEREFPCAIR	Num	0291	0292	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Some other source

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
WHEREFWABAR	Num	0293	0294	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to request your regular absentee ballot for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site
WHEREFWABBR	Num	0295	0296	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From some other contact with FVAP
WHEREFWABCR	Num	0297	0298	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Through military channels
WHEREFWABDR	Num	0299	0300	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From a U.S. Embassy or consulate
WHEREFWABER	Num	0301	0302	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From a state or local election official
WHEREFWABFR	Num	0303	0304	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From an overseas organization or company
WHEREFWABGR	Num	0305	0306	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From another non-FVAP Web site
WHEREFWABHR	Num	0307	0308	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? From a military post office
WHEREFWABIR	Num	0309	0310	002	Recode-Tab: Did you obtain your FederalWrite-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 4, 2008 election from any of the following sources? Some other source
WHREVAGAR	Num	0311	0312	002	Recode-Tab: Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? From the Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)
WHREVAGBR	Num	0313	0314	002	Recode-Tab: Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site
WHREVAGCR	Num	0315	0316	002	Recode-Tab: Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? From another Web site on the Internet
WHREVAGDR	Num	0317	0318	002	Recode-Tab: Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? From a CD ROM

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
WHREVAGER	Num	0319	0320	002	Recode-Tab: Where did you obtain the 2008-09 Voting assistance Guide (VAG)? Some other source
XAGER	Num	0321	0322	002	Crossing Recoded: Age on Nov 4, 2008
XOSREGIONR	Num	0323	0324	002	Crossing Recode: Overseas region of residence on Nov 4, 2008
COMPRESSEDID	Char	0325	0336	012	Unique ID
ELIGFLGW	Num	0337	0338	002	Includes Not Registered Voters: Eligibility Flag
FINALWGT	Num	0339	0358	020	Includes Not Registered Voters: Case Weight
V_STRAT	Num	0359	0362	004	Variance estimation stratum
TOTAL_	Num	0363	0377	015	Total Population in Variance Estimation Stratum

Appendix J

Notes on Analysis of the 2008 Dataset

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/* coding for SAMPLE variable */
/*****
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*****/

Sample=1; /*All*/

/* coding for XOSREGION variable */
/*****
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*****/

If upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'AF' then XOSREGION=1;
/* Africa */
Else if
upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'EA' then XOSREGION=2;
/* East Asia/Pacific */
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'EU' then XOSREGION=3;
/* Europe */
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'NO' then XOSREGION=4;
/* Northeast/Southcentral Asia*/
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'WE' then XOSREGION=5;
/* Western Hemisphere */

/* coding for XNONUSRES variable */
/*****
*coding for XNONUSRES
*Using the Self Reported Time Overseas
*****/

XNONUSRES=NONUSRES;

/* coding for XAGE variable */
/*****
*coding for XAGE variable - 5 levels
*Using the Self Reported Age
*****/

If SRAGEGP in(2,3) then XAGE=1; /*18 to 29 years old*/
Else if SRAGEGP=4 then XAGE=2; /*30 to 34 years old*/
Else if SRAGEGP=5 then XAGE=3; /*35 to 44 years old*/
Else if SRAGEGP=6 then XAGE=4; /*45 years old or older*/
Else if SRAGEGP=.B then XAGE=.B;

/* coding for XUSREGION variable */
/*****
*coding for XUSREGION variable - 5 levels
*Using the Self Reported US legal residence
*Grouped to 5 Census Regions Definitions
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If legalres in(8,22,24,32,33,35,41,43,50) then XUSREGION=1;
/*NorthEast*/
Else if legalres in(16,17,18,19,25,26,28,30,37,38,45,54) then XUSREGION=2;
/*MidWest*/
Else if legalres in(1,4,9,10,11,12,20,21,23,27,36,39,44,46,47,51,53) then
XUSREGION=3; /*South*/
Else if legalres in(2,3,6,7,14,15,29,31,34,40,49,52,55) then XUSREGION=4;
/*West*/
Else if legalres in(5,13,42,48) then XUSREGION=5;
/*Territories*/
Else if legalres in(.B) then XUSREGION=.B;

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/* coding for REGIONR variable */
/*****
* REGION: 5 level overseas regions
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If upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'AF' then REGIONR=1;
/* Africa */
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'EA' then REGIONR=2;
/* East Asia/Pacific */
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'EU' then REGIONR=3;
/* Europe */
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'NO' then REGIONR=4;
/* Northeast/Southcentral Asia*/
Else if upcase(substr(left(region),1,2)) = 'WE' then REGIONR=5;
/* Western Hemisphere */

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/* coding for NUMFAMR variable */
/*****
*coding for NUMFAMR variable - 5 levels - set 0 to missing for averages
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If NUMFAM=0 then NUMFAMR=.;
else NUMFAMR=NUMFAM; /* 1=1, 2=2, 3=3, 4=4, 5=5 or more */

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/* coding for LEGALRESR variable */
/*****
* LEGALRESR:10 level US Legal Residence regions
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If LEGALRES in(8,22,24,32,43,50) then LEGALRESR=1;
/* New England */
else If LEGALRES in(33,35,41) then LEGALRESR=2;
/* Middle Atlantic */
else If LEGALRES in(16,17,25,38,54) then LEGALRESR=3;
/* East north Central*/
else If LEGALRES in(18,19,26,28,30,37,45) then LEGALRESR=4;
/* West North Central */
else If LEGALRES in(9,10,11,12,23,36,44,51,53) then LEGALRESR=5;
/* South Atlantic */
else If LEGALRES in(1,20,27,46) then LEGALRESR=6;
/* East south Central */
else If LEGALRES in(4,21,39,47) then LEGALRESR=7;

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/* West south Central */
else If LEGALRES in(3,7,15,29,31,34,49,55) then LEGALRESR=8;
/* Mountain */
else If LEGALRES in(2,6,14,40,52) then LEGALRESR=9;
/* Pacific */
else If LEGALRES in(5,13,42,48) then LEGALRESR=10;
/* Territory */
else LEGALRESR=LEGALRES;

/* coding for INTERESTR variable */
/*****
*coding for INTERESTR variable - 5 levels -reverse code
*****/

If INTEREST=5 then INTERESTR=1;      /* Very uninterested */
Else if INTEREST=4 then INTERESTR=2; /* Somewhat uninterested */
Else if INTEREST=3 then INTERESTR=3; /* Neither interested nor uninterested */
Else if INTEREST=2 then INTERESTR=4; /* Somewhat interested */
Else if INTEREST=1 then INTERESTR=5; /* Very interested */
ELSE INTERESTR=INTEREST;

/* coding for INTERESTR2 variable */
/*****
*3-pt uninterested/neither/interested;
*****/

*Original Variables;
array bra (*) INTEREST
      ;

*Briefing Recode Variables;
array braa(*) INTERESTR2
      ;
do i = 1 to dim(bra);
  braa(i)=bra(i);
  if braa(i) in (4,5) then braa(i)=1;      /*Very uninterested/uninterested*/
  else if braa(i) in (3) then braa(i)=2;   /*Neither interested nor
uninterested*/
  else if braa(i) in (1,2) then braa(i)=3; /*Interested/very interested*/
end;

drop i;

/* coding for VOTEPASTR variable */
/*****
*coding for VOTEPASTR variable - 2 levels -reverse code
*****/

If VOTEPAST=2 then VOTEPASTR=1;      /* Usually voted */
Else if VOTEPAST=1 then VOTEPASTR=2; /* Usually did not vote */
Else VOTEPASTR=VOTEPAST;

/* coding for VOTEDR variable */

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/*****
*coding for VOTEDR variable - 3 levels - Combined Yes
*****/

If VOTED in(1,2) then VOTEDR=1;    /* Definitely voted in person/by mail or fax
*/
Else if VOTED=3 then VOTEDR=2;    /* Definitely did not vote */
Else if VOTED=4 then VOTEDR=.;    /* Not sure */
Else VOTEDR=VOTED;

/* coding for REQABSBALR variable */
/*****
*coding for REQABSBALR variable - Reverse code
*****/

If REQABSBAL=3 then REQABSBALR=1;
/* No, and I never received an absentee ballot */
Else if REQABSBAL=2 then REQABSBALR=2;
/* No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election
official*/
Else if REQABSBAL=1 then REQABSBALR=3;
/* Yes */
Else REQABSBALR=REQABSBAL;

/* coding for REQABSBALR2 variable */
/*****
*coding for REQABSBALR2 variable - Combine 2 and 3
*****/

If REQABSBAL in(2,3) then REQABSBALR2=1;          /* No */
Else if REQABSBAL=1 then REQABSBALR2=2;          /* Yes */
Else REQABSBALR2=REQABSBAL;

/* coding for REQFPCAR variable */
/*****
*coding for REQFPCAR variable - 2 levels -reverse code
*****/

If REQFPCA=2 then REQFPCAR=1;
/* I used the Federal Post card Application (FPCA) */
Else if REQFPCA=1 then REQFPCAR=2;
/* I used another method */
Else REQFPCAR=REQFPCA;

/* coding for WHEREFPCAAR variable */
/*****
*WHEREFPCAAR WHEREFPCABR WHEREFPCACR WHEREFPCADR WHEREFPCAER
*WHEREFPCAHR WHEREFPCAGR WHEREFPCAHR WHEREFPCAIR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabc(*) WHEREFPCAA  WHEREFPCAB  WHEREFPCAC  WHEREFPCAD  WHEREFPCAE
              WHEREFPCAF  WHEREFPCAG  WHEREFPCAH  WHEREFPCAI;

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array tabd(*) WHEREFPCAAR WHEREFPCABR WHEREFPCACR WHEREFPCADR WHEREFPCAER
        WHEREFPCAFR WHEREFPCAGR WHEREFPCAHR WHEREFPCAIR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabc);
    tabd(i)=tabc(i);
end;

if n(of WHEREFPCAA WHEREFPCAB WHEREFPCAC WHEREFPCAD WHEREFPCAE
        WHEREFPCAF WHEREFPCAG WHEREFPCAH WHEREFPCAI) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabc);
        if tabd(i) = . then tabd(i)=1;          /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for WHEREFWABAR variable */
/*****
*WHEREFWABAR WHEREFWABBR WHEREFWABCR WHEREFWABDR WHEREFWABER
*WHEREFWABFR WHEREFWABGR WHEREFWABHR WHEREFWABIR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabe(*) WHEREFWABA WHEREFWABB WHEREFWABC WHEREFWABD WHEREFWABE
        WHEREFWABF WHEREFWABG WHEREFWABH WHEREFWABI;
array tabf(*) WHEREFWABAR WHEREFWABBR WHEREFWABCR WHEREFWABDR WHEREFWABER
        WHEREFWABFR WHEREFWABGR WHEREFWABHR WHEREFWABIR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabe);
    tabf(i)=tabe(i);
end;

if n(of WHEREFWABA WHEREFWABB WHEREFWABC WHEREFWABD WHEREFWABE
        WHEREFWABF WHEREFWABG WHEREFWABH WHEREFWABI) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabe);
        if tabf(i) = . then tabf(i)=1;          /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for NOTIFYABSNR2 variable */
/*****
*coding for NOTIFYABSNR2 - Set Do not recall to missing
*****/

If NOTIFYABSN=2 then NOTIFYABSNR2=1;          /* No */
Else if NOTIFYABSN=1 then NOTIFYABSNR2=2;     /* Yes */
Else if NOTIFYABSN=60 then NOTIFYABSNR2=.;
Else NOTIFYABSNR2=NOTIFYABSN;

/* coding for VAOASTAR variable */
/*****

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*VAOASTAR VAOASTBR VAOASTCR VAOASTDR VAOASTER
*VAOASTFR VAOASTGR VAOASTHR VAOASTIR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabg(*) VAOASTA VAOASTB VAOASTC VAOASTD VAOASTE
              VAOASTF VAOASTG VAOASTH VAOASTI;
array tabh(*) VAOASTAR VAOASTBR VAOASTCR VAOASTDR VAOASTER
              VAOASTFR VAOASTGR VAOASTHR VAOASTIR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabg);
    tabh(i)=tabg(i);
end;

if n(of VAOASTA VAOASTB VAOASTC VAOASTD VAOASTE
      VAOASTF VAOASTG VAOASTH VAOASTI) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabg);
        if tabh(i) = . then tabh(i)=1;      /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for NOVAOAR variable */
/*****
*NOVAOAR NOVAOBR NOVAOCR NOVAODR NOVAOER
*NOVAOFR NOVAOGR NOVAOHR NOVAOIR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabi(*) NOVAOA NOVAOB NOVAOC NOVAOD NOVAOE
              NOVAOF NOVAOG NOVAOH NOVAOI;
array tabj(*) NOVAOAR NOVAOBR NOVAOCR NOVAODR NOVAOER
              NOVAOFR NOVAOGR NOVAOHR NOVAOIR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabi);
    tabj(i)=tabi(i);
end;

if n(of NOVAOA NOVAOB NOVAOC NOVAOD NOVAOE
      NOVAOF NOVAOG NOVAOH NOVAOI) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabi);
        if tabj(i) = . then tabj(i)=1;      /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for NOFWEBAR variable */
/*****
*NOFWEBAR NOFWEBBR NOFWEBCR NOFWEBDR NOFWEBER
*NOFWEBFR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabk(*) NOFWEBA NOFWEBB NOFWEBC NOFWEBD NOFWEBE
              NOFWEBF;
array tabl(*) NOFWEBAR NOFWEBBR NOFWEBCR NOFWEBDR NOFWEBER

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NOFWEBFR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabk);
    tab1(i)=tabk(i);
end;

if n(of NOFWEB A NOFWEBB NOFWEB C NOFWEBD NOFWEBE
    NOFWEBF) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabk);
        if tab1(i) = . then tab1(i)=1; /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for WHREVAGAR variable */

/*****
*WHREVAGAR WHREVAGBR WHREVAGCR WHREVAGDR WHREVAGER: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabm(*) WHREVAGA WHREVAGB WHREVAGC WHREVAGD WHREVAGE;
array tabn(*) WHREVAGAR WHREVAGBR WHREVAGCR WHREVAGDR WHREVAGER;

do i = 1 to dim(tabm);
    tabn(i)=tabm(i);
end;

if n(of WHREVAGA WHREVAGB WHREVAGC WHREVAGD WHREVAGE) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabm);
        if tabn(i) = . then tabn(i)=1; /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for INFOAR variable */
/*****
*INFOAR INFOBR INFOCR INFODR INFOER INFOFR INFOGR INFOHR INFOIR: standardize
group vars
*****/

array tabo(*) INFOA INFOB INFOC INFOD INFOE INFOF INFOG INFOH INFOI;
array tabp(*) INFOAR INFOBR INFOCR INFODR INFOER INFOFR INFOGR INFOHR INFOIR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabo);
    tabp(i)=tabo(i);
end;

if n(of INFOA INFOB INFOC INFOD INFOE INFOF INFOG INFOH INFOI) > 0 then
do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabo);
        if tabp(i) = . then tabp(i)=1; /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

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drop i;

/* coding for NOVAGAR variable */
/*****
*NOVAGAR NOVAGBR NOVAGCR NOVAGDR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabq(*) NOVAGA NOVAGB NOVAGC NOVAGD;
array tabr(*) NOVAGAR NOVAGBR NOVAGCR NOVAGDR;

do i = 1 to dim(tabq);
    tabr(i)=tabq(i);
end;

if n(of NOVAGA NOVAGB NOVAGC NOVAGD) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabq);
        if tabr(i) = . then tabr(i)=1; /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for NOFVAPAR variable */
/*****
*NOFVAPAR NOFVAPBR NOFVAPCR NOFVAPDR
*NOFVAPER NOFVAPFR NOFVAPGR NOFVAPHR
*NOFVAPIR: standardize group vars
*****/

array tabs(*) NOFVAPA NOFVAPB NOFVAPC NOFVAPD
                NOFVAPE NOFVAPF NOFVAPG NOFVAPH
                NOFVAPI;
array tabt(*) NOFVAPAR NOFVAPBR NOFVAPCR NOFVAPDR
                NOFVAPER NOFVAPFR NOFVAPGR NOFVAPHR
                NOFVAPIR;

do i = 1 to
dim(tabs);
    tabt(i)=tabs(i);
end;

if n(of NOFVAPA NOFVAPB NOFVAPC NOFVAPD
        NOFVAPE NOFVAPF NOFVAPG NOFVAPH
        NOFVAPI) > 0 then do;
    do i = 1 to dim(tabs);
        if tabt(i) = . then tabt(i)=1; /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for WEBTIMESR variable */

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/*****
*WEBTIMESR: Create Continuous variable for average
*****/

if WEBTIMES=1 then WEBTIMESR=.5;
Else if WEBTIMES=2 then WEBTIMESR=3;
Else if WEBTIMES=3 then WEBTIMESR=7.5;
Else if WEBTIMES=4 then WEBTIMESR=11;
Else if WEBTIMES=60 then WEBTIMESR=.;
Else WEBTIMESR=WEBTIMES;

/* coding for FAXAR variable */
/*****
*FAXAR FAXBR FAXCR FAXDR FAXER: Reverse responses
*****/

array tabu(*) FAXA FAXB FAXC FAXD FAXE;
array tabv(*) FAXAR FAXBR FAXCR FAXDR FAXER;

do i = 1 to dim(tabu);
  if tabu(i) =1 then tabv(i)=3;
/* No */
  else if tabu(i)=2 then tabv(i)=2;
/* Yes, but not using the FVAP toll-free faxing service */
  else if tabu(i)=3 then tabv(i)=1;
/* Yes, using the FVAP toll-free faxing service */
  else tabv(i)=tabu(i);
end;

drop i;

/* coding for FAXAR2 variable */
/*****
*FAXAR2 FAXBR2 FAXCR2 FAXDR2 FAXER2: Combine yes responses
*****/

array tabw(*) FAXA FAXB FAXC FAXD FAXE;
array tabx(*) FAXAR2 FAXBR2 FAXCR2 FAXDR2 FAXER2;

do i = 1 to dim(tabw);
  if tabw(i) in(2,3) then tabx(i)=2; /* yes */
  else if tabw(i)=1 then tabx(i)=1; /* No */
  else tabx(i)=tabw(i);
end;

drop i;

/* coding for EMAILAR variable */
/*****
*EMAILAR EMAILBR EMAILCR EMAILDR EMAILER: standardize group vars
*****/

array taby(*) EMAILA EMAILB EMAILC EMAILD EMAILER;
array tabz(*) EMAILAR EMAILBR EMAILCR EMAILDR EMAILER;

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do i = 1 to dim(taby);
  tabz(i)=taby(i);
end;

if n(of EMAILA EMAILB EMAILC EMAILD EMAILF) > 0 then do;
  do i = 1 to dim(taby);
    if tabz(i) = . then tabz(i)=1;      /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
  end;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for VOTE2006R variable */
/*****
*coding for VOTE2006R variable - 3 levels - reverse code
*****/

If VOTE2006=2 then VOTE2006R=1;      /* Yes */
Else if VOTE2006=1 then VOTE2006R=2; /* No */
Else VOTE2006R=VOTE2006;

/* coding for VOTEDR2 variable */
/*****
*3-pt Definitely voted in person/mail or fax/did not vote
*****/

*Original Variables;
array brb (*) VOTED
      ;
*Briefing Recode Variables;
array brba(*) VOTEDR2
      ;
do i = 1 to dim(brb);
  brba(i)=brb(i);
  if REGVOTER=1 then brba(i)=3;      /* Definitely did not vote */
  else if brba(i) in (1) then brba(i)=1; /*Definitely voted in person*/
  else if brba(i) in (2) then brba(i)=2; /*Definitely voted by mail or fax*/
  else if brba(i) in (3) then brba(i)=3; /*Definitely did not vote*/
  else if brba(i) in (4) then brba(i)=.; /*Not sure*/
end;

drop i;

/* coding for REQABSMO1R variable */
/*****
2-pt scale: Not marked/marked
*****/

array brc(6) REQABSMO1R REQABSMO2R REQABSMO3R REQABSMO4R
      REQABSMO5R REQABSMO6R;

nol=reqabsmo;

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if nol=60 then nol=6;

if nol in(.,.B,.N) then do;
  do i = 1 to 6;
    brc(i)=nol;
  end;
end;
else do;
  if nol > 0 then brc(nol)=2;      /* Marked */
  do i = 1 to 6;
    if brc(i)=. then brc(i)=1;    /* Not Marked */
  end;
end;

drop i nol;

/* coding for NOTIFYABSNR variable */
/*****
*3-pt Yes/No/Do not recall
*****/

/*Original Variables*/
array brg (*) NOTIFYABSN
;
/*Briefing Recode Variables*/
array brga(*) NOTIFYABSNR
;
do i = 1 to dim(brg);
  brga(i)=brg(i);
  if brga(i) in (1) then brga(i)=1;    /*Yes*/
  else if brga(i) in (2) then brga(i)=2; /*No*/
  else if brga(i) in (60) then brga(i)=3; /*Do not recall*/
end;

drop i;

/* coding for RECABSWHEN1R variable */
/*****
2-pt scale: Not marked/marked
*****/

array brd(5) RECABSWHEN1R RECABSWHEN2R RECABSWHEN3R RECABSWHEN4R
RECABSWHEN5R;

rol=recabswhen;
if rol=60 then rol=5;

if rol in(.,.B,.N) then do;
  do i = 1 to 5;
    brd(i)=rol;
  end;
end;
else do;
  if rol > 0 then brd(rol)=2;      /* Marked */
  do i = 1 to 5;

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        if brd(i)=. then brd(i)=1;      /* Not Marked */
    end;
end;

drop i rol;

/* coding for RETABSWHEN1R variable */
/*****
2-pt scale: Not marked/marked
*****/

array bre(5)  RETABSWHEN1R RETABSWHEN2R RETABSWHEN3R RETABSWHEN4R
              RETABSWHEN5R;

rtl=retabswhen;
if rtl=60 then rtl=5;

if rtl in(.,.B,.N) then do;
    do i = 1 to 5;
        bre(i)=rtl;
    end;
end;
else do;
    if rtl > 0 then bre(rtl)=2;      /* Marked */
    do i = 1 to 5;
        if bre(i)=. then bre(i)=1;  /* Not Marked */
    end;
end;

drop i rtl;

/* coding for FWABWHEN1R variable */
/*****
2-pt scale: Not marked/marked
*****/

array brf(4)  FWABWHEN1R FWABWHEN2R FWABWHEN3R FWABWHEN4R
;

fwl=FWABWHEN;
if fw1=60 then fw1=4;

if fw1 in(.,.B,.N) then do;
    do i = 1 to 4;
        brf(i)=fw1;
    end;
end;
else do;
    if fw1 > 0 then brf(fw1)=2;      /* Marked */
    do i = 1 to 4;
        if brf(i)=. then brf(i)=1;  /* Not Marked */
    end;
end;

drop i fw1;

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/* coding for NOFWABR1R variable */
/*****
2-pt scale: Not marked/marked
*****/

array brh(6) NOFWABR1R NOFWABR2R NOFWABR3R NOFWABR4R NOFWABR5R
             NOFWABR6R
             ;

nw1=NOFWABR;

if nw1 in(.,.B,.N) then do;
    do i = 1 to 6;
        brh(i)=nw1;
    end;
end;
else do;
    if nw1 > 0 then brh(nw1)=2;          /* Marked */
    do i = 1 to 6;
        if brh(i)=. then brh(i)=1;      /* Not Marked */
    end;
end;

drop i nw1;

/* coding for VAOSATR variable */
/*****
*3-pt satisfy/dissatisfy/neither;
*****/

/*Original Variables*/
array bri (*) VAOSAT WEBSATIS FVAPTF SAT HOWSATA HOWSATB
              HOWSATC HOWSATD HOWSATE
              ;

/*Briefing Recode Variables*/
array bria(*) VAOSATR WEBSATISR FVAPTF SATR HOWSATAR HOWSATBR
              HOWSATCR HOWSATDR HOWSATER
              ;

do i = 1 to dim(bri);
    bria(i)=bri(i);
    if bria(i) in (1,2) then bria(i)=1;          /*Very Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied*/
    else if bria(i) in (3) then bria(i)=2;       /*Neither Satisfied/Dissatisfied*/
    else if bria(i) in (4,5) then bria(i)=3;     /*Satisfied/Very satisfied*/
    else if bria(i) in (60,61) then bria(i)=.;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for WEBTIMES1R variable */
/*****
2-pt scale: Not marked/marked
*****/

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array brj(5)  WEBTIMES1R WEBTIMES2R WEBTIMES3R WEBTIMES4R WEBTIMES5R
;

ww1=WEBTIMES;
if ww1=60 then ww1=5;

if ww1 in(.,.B,.N) then do;
    do i = 1 to 5;
        brj(i)=ww1;
    end;
end;
else do;
    if ww1 > 0 then brj(ww1)=2;          /* Marked */
    do i = 1 to 5;
        if brj(i)=. then brj(i)=1;      /* Not Marked */
    end;
end;

drop i ww1;

/* coding for RATEVAGR variable */
/*****
*3-pt poor/fair/good;
*****/

/*Original Variables*/
array brk (*) RATEVAG
;
/*Briefing Recode Variables*/
array brka(*) RATEVAGR
;
do i = 1 to dim(brk);
    brka(i)=brk(i);
    if brka(i) in (1,2) then brka(i)=1;    /*Very poor/Poor*/
    else if brka(i) in (3) then brka(i)=2; /*Fair*/
    else if brka(i) in (4,5) then brka(i)=3; /*Good/Very good*/
end;

drop i;

/* coding for HOWUSEAR variable */
/*****
*3-pt Not useful/somewhat useful/useful scale
*****/

/*Original Variables; */
array brl (*) HOWUSEA  HOWUSEB  HOWUSEC  HOWUSED  HOWUSEE
        HOWUSEF  HOWUSEG  HOWUSEAA  HOWUSEAB  HOWUSEAC
        HOWUSEAD  HOWUSEAE  HOWUSEAF  HOWUSEAG  HOWUSEAH
;
/*Briefing Recode Variables;*/
array brla(*) HOWUSEAR  HOWUSEBR  HOWUSECR  HOWUSEDR  HOWUSEER
        HOWUSEFR  HOWUSEGR  HOWUSEAAR  HOWUSEABR  HOWUSEACR
        HOWUSEADR  HOWUSEAER  HOWUSEAFR  HOWUSEAGR  HOWUSEAHR

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;
do i = 1 to dim(brl);
    brla(i)=brl(i);
    if brla(i) in (1,2) then brla(i)=1;
/*Not at all useful/Not very useful*/
    else if brla(i) in (3) then brla(i)=2;
/*Somewhat useful*/
    else if brla(i) in (4,5) then brla(i)=3;
/*Useful/Very useful*/
    else if brla(i) in(60,61) then brla(i)=.;
end;

drop i;

/* coding for VOTE2006R2 variable */
/*****
*3-pt No/Yes/Do not recall - includes non-registered voters - reverse code
*****/

if REGVOTER=1 then VOTE2006R2=2; /* No */
else if VOTE2006=1 then VOTE2006R2=2; /* No */
else if VOTE2006=2 then VOTE2006R2=1; /* Yes */
else if VOTE2006=60 then VOTE2006R2=3; /*Do not recall*/
else VOTE2006R2=VOTE2006;

/* coding for HOWVOTER variable */
/*****
*3-pt Voted in person/voted by absentee ballot/do not recall;
*****/

/*Original Variables*/
array brn (*) HOWVOTE
;
/*Briefing Recode Variables*/
array brna(*) HOWVOTER
;
do i = 1 to dim(brn);
    brna(i)=brn(i);
    if brna(i) in (1) then brna(i)=1; /*I voted in person*/
    else if brna(i) in (2) then brna(i)=2; /*I voted by absentee ballot*/
    else if brna(i) in (60) then brna(i)=3; /*Do not recall*/
end;

drop i;

/* coding for VOTEDR3 variable */
/*****
*coding for VOTEDR3 variable - 4 levels - Includes non-registered voters
*****/

if REGVOTER=1 then VOTEDR3=3; /* Definitely did not vote */
else VOTEDR3=VOTED;

/* coding for VOTEDR4 variable */

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/*****
*coding for VOTEDR4 variable - 3 levels - Combined Yes - Includes non-registered
voters
*****/

If VOTEDR3 in(1,2) then VOTEDR4=1;    /* Definitely voted in person/by mail or
fax */
Else if VOTEDR3=3 then VOTEDR4=2;    /* Definitely did not vote */
Else if VOTEDR3=4 then VOTEDR4=.;    /* Not sure */
Else VOTEDR4=VOTEDR3;

/* coding for VOTE2006R3 variable */
/*****
*coding for VOTE2006R3 variable - 3 levels - Includes non-registered voters -
reverse code
*****/

if REGVOTER=1 then VOTE2006R3=2;    /* No */
else VOTE2006R3=VOTE2006R;

/* coding for VOTE2006R4 variable */
/*****
*coding for VOTE2006R4 - 2 levels - Set Do not recall to missing
*****/

If VOTE2006=60 then VOTE2006R4=.;
Else VOTE2006R4=VOTE2006;          /* 1=No, 2=Yes */

/* coding for VOTE2006R5 variable */
/*****
*coding for VOTE2006R5 variable - 2 levels - Includes non-registered voters -
Set Do not recall to missing
*****/

if REGVOTER=1 then VOTE2006R5=1;    /* No */
else if VOTE2006=60 then VOTE2006R5=.;
else VOTE2006R5=VOTE2006;          /* 1=No, 2=Yes */

/* coding for NOVOTEM variable */
/*****
* NOVOTEM: Add Q13m variable to indicate N/A, I was not registered to vote.
*****/

If VOTEDR3 = 3 then do;
  If REGVOTER = 1 then NOVOTEM = 2;    /* Yes */
  Else If REGVOTER = 2 then NOVOTEM = 1; /* No */
end;

/* coding for NOVOTEAR variable */
/*****
*NOVOTEAR NOVOTEHR NOVOTECR NOVOTEDR NOVOTEER NOVOTEFR
*NOVOTEGR NOVOTEHR NOVOTEIR NOVOTEJR NOVOTEKR NOVOTELR NOVOTEMR
*standardize group vars

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array taba(*) NOVOTEA NOVOTEB NOVOTEC NOVOTED NOVOTEE NOVOTEF
              NOVOTEG NOVOTEH NOVOTEI NOVOTEJ NOVOTEK NOVOTEL NOVOTEM;
array tabb(*) NOVOTEAR NOVOTEHR NOVOTECR NOVOTEDR NOVOTEER NOVOTEFR
              NOVOTEGR NOVOTEHR NOVOTEIR NOVOTEJR NOVOTEKR NOVOTELR NOVOTEMR;

do i = 1 to dim(taba);
    tabb(i)=taba(i);
end;

if n(of NOVOTEA NOVOTEB NOVOTEC NOVOTED NOVOTEE NOVOTEF
      NOVOTEG NOVOTEH NOVOTEI NOVOTEJ NOVOTEK NOVOTEL NOVOTEM) > 0 then
do;
    do i = 1 to dim(taba);
        if tabb(i) in(.,.N) then tabb(i)=1;      /*1=No, 2=Yes*/
    end;
end;

drop i;
*****;

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