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44 Male
56 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1a. First, does anyone in this household work for a radio station, a television station, a newspaper, an advertising agency, a market research firm, or as an active political campaign worker?

No	100	CONTINUE
Yes.....	-	TERMINATE
Not sure	-	

1b. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Yes, registered.....	100	CONTINUE
No, not registered	-	TERMINATE
Not sure	-	

1c. What are the chances that you will be voting in the November election for president of the United States and local offices such as D.C. City Council--are you certain to vote, quite likely to vote, only somewhat likely to vote, or not that likely to vote?

Certain to vote	92	CONTINUE
Quite likely to vote	8	
Only somewhat likely to vote	-	
Not that likely to vote.....	-	TERMINATE
Not sure	-	

2a. Do you think things here in Washington, D.C., are headed in the right direction these days, or do you feel that things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction.....	52
Wrong track	30
Not sure	18

2b. How would you rate the economy here in Washington, D.C., at the present time--excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Excellent	15
Good	59
Not so good	17
Poor	6
Not sure	3

Now I would like to ask you about your level of interest in different elections and initiatives that may be on the upcoming November election ballot here in Washington, D.C.

Q.3a AND Q.3b ARE ROTATED.

3a. Would the chance to vote for president between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump motivate you a lot, some, a little, or not at all to vote in the November election?

Motivate a lot	74
Motivate some	9
Motivate a little	5
Not motivate at all	8
Not sure	4

3b. Would the chance to vote for an initiative to increase the minimum wage for workers in Washington, D.C. motivate you a lot, some, a little, or not at all to vote in the November election?

Motivate a lot	60
Motivate some	24
Motivate a little	5
Not motivate at all	8
Not sure	3

Now let me ask you some questions about a ballot measure that may appear in the upcoming November election.

This initiative would raise D.C.'s minimum wage to \$12.50 per hour in July 2017, and then raise it each year after that until it reaches \$15.00 per hour in July 2020. After that it would apply D.C.'s existing requirement that the minimum wage be adjusted each year to match the rising cost of living. It would also gradually raise the minimum wage employers have to pay employees who receive tips until it matches the full minimum wage by July 2025. These increased minimum wage levels would not apply to employees of the D.C. government or those of D.C. government contractors.

4a. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this ballot initiative—would you definitely vote yes, probably vote yes, probably vote no, or definitely vote no?

Definitely vote yes.....	52
Probably vote yes	35
Probably vote no	5
Definitely vote no	5
Not sure	3
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Total Vote Yes	87
Total Vote No	10

4b. As you may know, the D.C. City Council is expected to pass legislation shortly that will gradually raise the minimum wage for all employees in D.C. to \$15.00 per hour by 2020. The new \$15.00 minimum wage will also apply to employees who receive tips such as waiters and waitresses, but it will allow part of the tips they receive to be counted as part of the \$15.00 minimum wage. By 2020, employers of tipped workers will only have to pay them \$5.55 per hour, and the rest of their \$15.00 hourly wage can be made up of tips.

The separate ballot initiative that may appear on the upcoming November election ballot would KEEP the \$15.00 minimum wage approved by the City Council, but require that employers of tipped employees like restaurants must eventually pay their employees the full \$15.00 minimum wage DIRECTLY--and that any tips from customers would NOT be a replacement for their wages. This new requirement for tipped employees would phase in very gradually by 2025.

Based on what you have heard, if the election were held today, how would you vote on this ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour for everyone, including tipped workers--would you definitely vote yes, probably vote yes, probably vote no, or definitely vote no?

	<u>Q.4b</u>	<i>Initial Vote</i> <u>(Q.4a)</u>
Definitely vote yes	45	52
Probably vote yes	33	35
Probably vote no	8	5
Definitely vote no	7	5
Not sure	7	3
Total Vote Yes	78	87
Total Vote No	15	10

Getting near the end of the survey, let me read you a brief statement that people have given for OPPOSING the ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage for everyone, including tipped workers.

5a. The overwhelming majority of restaurant workers support D.C.'s current tipping system, where most of them earn tens of thousands of dollars a year in tips. This initiative, which would raise the minimum wage more than four hundred percent for workers who receive tips, could backfire by forcing restaurants to decide to abolish tipping. That translates to a big pay cut for D.C.'s waiters and waitresses. It will also push prices through the roof for consumers and drive small and minority-owned restaurants out of business. That's why not just restaurant workers, but also longtime progressive leaders such as D.C. City Council President Phil Mendelson, are opposing this initiative.

Now that you have heard more about it, how would you vote on this ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour for everyone, including tipped workers--would you definitely vote yes, probably vote yes, probably vote no, or definitely vote no?

Definitely vote yes.....	31
Probably vote yes	30
Probably vote no	18
Definitely vote no	9
Not sure	12
Total Vote Yes	61
Total Vote No	27

5b. Finally, what if your member of the D.C. City Council voted to OVERTURN the ballot initiative that would raise the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour for all workers, meaning that voters would NOT have a chance to vote on this ballot initiative in November. Would this make you more likely or less likely to support your D.C. councilmember for re-election?

More likely to support.....	22
Less likely to support	54
Depends/no difference (VOL)	15
Not sure	9

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1ab. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO" OR "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member	12
Labor union household	4
Non-union household	83
Not sure.....	1

F2a-c. Are you currently or have you ever been employed in a job where you make a significant part of your income in tips? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES," ASK:)** Is that now, or in the past? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone in your household currently employed as a tipped worker?

Yes, currently employed as tipped worker	1
Yes, tipped worker in the past.....	17
Yes, household currently employed	3
No, not tipped worker household.....	79
Not sure	-

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	2
Some high school	3
High school graduate.....	17
Some college, no degree.....	13
Vocational training/2-year college.....	5
4-year college/bachelor's degree	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	7
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	20
Doctoral/law degree.....	8
Not sure/refused	1

F4. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	2
25-29.....	5
30-34.....	6
35-39.....	8
40-44.....	10
45-49.....	10
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	11
60-64.....	11
65-69.....	9
70-74.....	9
75 and over	8
Refused.....	2

F5. Again, for statistical purposes only, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	4
No, not Hispanic	95
Not sure/refused	1

F6. And to ensure that we have a representative sample, what is your race--white, black or African American, Asian, or something else?

White	39
Black/African American	54
Asian	1
Other	3
Hispanic (VOL)	1
Not sure/refused	2

PARTY REGISTRATION FROM FILE	
Democrat	86
Republican.....	4
Green.....	1
No Party.....	9