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**RT Strategies National Omnibus Poll for
 The National Association of Home Builder (NAHB)
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All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.

We're talking to people about political leaders and issues facing the country today. May I please speak with the (male/female) age 18 and older who has had the most recent birthday?

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

Yes, registered at this address	85
Do not need to register in order to vote (VOLUNTEERED)	1
No, not registered at this address	14
Not sure/refused	*
<hr/> TOTAL Registered/No need to register	<hr/> 86

When it comes to the issues of government and politics in the national news over the past few days, (ROTATE):

7. Have you watched television news programs about issues of government and politics all the time, some of the time, or rarely?

<hr/> TOTAL All/Some	<hr/> 76
All the time	25
Some of the time	51
Rarely	22
Never (VOLUNTEERED)	2
Not sure/refused	*

8. Have you discussed issues of government or politics with friends, family or people at work all the time, some of the time, or rarely?

<hr/> TOTAL All/Some	<hr/> 74
All the time	20
Some of the time	54
Rarely	23
Never (VOLUNTEERED)	3
Not sure/refused	-

9. And now that you've had a chance to think about some issues in the news, how closely do you **really** follow national politics and government policies—very closely, somewhat closely, or not much at all?

Very closely.....	36
Somewhat closely	53
Not much at all	11
Not sure/refused.....	*

21. How often do you personally have the time to vote in the primary elections or participate in political caucuses when parties select their candidates for office—all the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?

All the time	39
Most of the time.....	25
Some of the time	22
Never	13
Not sure/refused.....	*

22. (BASED ON THOSE VOTING IN PRIMARIES AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME)
 And do you generally participate in primary elections or party caucuses with the (ROTATE: Republican Party / Democratic Party?)

TOTAL Republican primary/It depends.....	49
TOTAL Democratic primary/It depends.....	55
Democratic Party.....	45
Republican Party.....	38
Depends (VOLUNTEERED).....	10
Not sure/refused.....	7

Now, on a different topic,

23. Ever since the Federal income tax was introduced in 1913, the government has used the tax code to encourage homeownership. Do you think it is reasonable or unreasonable for the federal government to provide tax incentives to promote homeownership? Do you feel strongly that it is (REASONABLE/ UNREASONABLE) or feel that it is somewhat (REASONABLE/ UNREASONABLE)?

TOTAL Reasonable	79
TOTAL Unreasonable	14
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Strongly feel it is reasonable	46
Feel it is somewhat reasonable	33
Feel it is somewhat unreasonable	7
Strongly feel it is unreasonable	7
Not sure/Refused	7

24. Since 1913, the government has also used the tax code to promote affordable housing for people in all income ranges. Is it reasonable or unreasonable for the federal government to provide tax incentives to promote affordable housing for people of all incomes? Do you feel strongly that it is (REASONABLE/ UNREASONABLE) or feel that it is somewhat (REASONABLE/ UNREASONABLE)?

TOTAL Reasonable	82
TOTAL Unreasonable	14
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Strongly feel it is reasonable	52
Feel it is somewhat reasonable	29
Feel it is somewhat unreasonable	6
Strongly feel it is unreasonable	8
Not sure/Refused	4

25. Some people advocate changing the current tax system so that less money is invested by individuals in the homes they own and more is invested in stocks and bonds. Do you think it's a good idea or a bad idea to replace the current tax incentives encouraging home ownership with incentives encouraging investment in the stock market? Do you feel strongly about that or only somewhat?

TOTAL Good idea	20
TOTAL Bad idea	71
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Strongly good idea	7
Somewhat good idea	12
Somewhat bad idea	22
Strongly bad idea	48
Not sure/Refused	10

26. Do you own or rent your home? (IF OWN, ASK:) Is your home your biggest single investment, or do you have other, bigger investments?

TOTAL Own home	76
Own home, single biggest investment.....	63
Own home, other investment bigger.....	12
Rent/Other	21
Not sure/refused.....	3

(BASED ON HOMEOWNERS)

27. Of the following possible uses of the equity in your home, which one is most important to you personally: [ROTATE]

Future retirement cushion	53
Future health care costs.....	19
College education expenses	15
Fund own business venture.....	5
Not sure/refused.....	7

28. One of the goals of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform was to simplify the tax code. As part of their recommendation they proposed eliminating the mortgage interest deduction, the property tax deduction, and the state and local tax deduction. Which is more important to you:

Changing the tax code	22
Keeping deductions for mortgage interest, property tax deduction and state and local tax deduction.....	68
Not sure/refused.....	10

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only:

45. Into which of the following categories does your age fall?

18-29.....	16
30-34.....	9
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	10
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	7
60-64.....	7
65 and older.....	22
Refused.....	*
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Mean.....	47

46. What is the last year of school you completed?

High School or less.....	32
Some College.....	30
College Graduate.....	37
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Grade school or some high school.....	6
Graduated high school.....	26
Some community college or university but did not finish.....	18
Graduated from community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	11
Completed four-year college or university degree.....	22
Completed post-graduate degree, such as Master's or PhD or professional school such as law or medicine.....	16
Not sure/refused.....	1

47. How important is religion in your daily life?

Extremely important.....	34
Very important.....	29
Somewhat important.....	22
Not too important.....	8
Not important at all.....	6
Not sure/refused.....	1

48. On the abortion issue, are you generally (ROTATE:) pro-choice or pro-life. Do you feel strongly that way, or only somewhat?

TOTAL Pro-life	46
TOTAL Pro-choice	48
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Strongly pro-life	36
Somewhat pro-life	10
Somewhat pro-choice.....	15
Strongly pro-choice	32
Not sure/refused.....	6

49. In national politics do you consider yourself (RANDOMIZE:)

1. A Democrat
2. A Republican
3. An Independent
4. Or none of these?

(IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN ASK) Do you consider yourself strongly (Democratic/Republican) or only moderately (Democratic/Republican).

(IF INDEPENDENT/NONE OF THESE, ASK: Do lean more toward the (ROTATE) Democratic or Republican Party?

Republican	31
Independent	35
Democrat.....	33
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Republicans with leaners.....	40
Democrats with leaners	46
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Strongly Republican	18
Moderately Republican.....	13
Independent or Neither/Lean Republican	9
Independent or Neither/Do not lean.....	13
Independent or Neither/Lean Democratic	13
Moderately Democratic.....	14
Strongly Democratic	19
Not sure/Refused	1

50. How would you describe your political views (ROTATE ORDER, STARTING FROM BOTTOM EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW)

TOTAL Conservative	38
TOTAL Liberal	27
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Very conservative	14
Somewhat conservative	24
Moderate	32
Somewhat liberal	19
Very liberal	8
Not sure/refused	2

51. Are you Hispanic? (IF NOT HISPANIC, ASK:) Is your ethnicity white, black, Asian, American Indian or something else?

White	78
Black	10
Hispanic	9
Asian	*
American Indian	1
Other	1
Mixed (VOLUNTEERED)	*
Not sure/refused	1

52. GENDER

Men	48
Women	52
Not sure/refused	-

53. REGIONS

East (21%)	New England	5
	Mid Atlantic States	16
Midwest (21%)	Great Lakes	16
	Farm Belt	5
South (35%)	Deep South	16
	Outer South	18
West (23%)	Mountain	7
	Pacific	16

54. Size of Place

Urban	30
Suburban	50
Rural	20