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Table 1. Demographics and Party Identification, 2008.

	Percent Republican	Percent Democratic	Percent Independent	% Reported Turnout	% of Sample Population
Overall	37	51	11	78	100
Gender					
Males	40	47	13	74	46
Females	35	55	10	80	55
Race					
White	45	43	11	79	74
Black	6	85	9	79	12
Education					
High school diploma	31	54	15	66	41
College degree +	46	49	5	92	28
Income					
0-16 percentile	21	63	17	64	15
17-33 percentile	27	62	11	73	17
34-67 percentile	37	50	12	78	39
68-95 percentile	48	43	9	85	23
96-100 percentile	68	28	5	89	7
Occupation (2004)					
Professional	38	56	5	90	30
White collar	47	43	10	82	25
Blue collar	38	49	13	66	31
Unskilled	21	55	25	42	3
Farmers	43	49	7	76	2
Housewives	52	42	6	75	8
Organized labor					
Union household	32	60	8	81	13
Non-union household	38	50	12	77	87
Region					
South	42	45	13	77	41
Non-south	34	56	10	78	59
Age					
17 or younger	30	56	14	67	28
18 to 33	39	49	12	79	29
34 to 49	38	52	10	82	26
50 to 65	48	45	8	86	14
66 to 81	30	63	7	79	3

Table 2. Demographics and Party Identification, 1952 and 2008.

	Percent Democratic		Percent Turnout		Percent of Population	
	1952	2008	1952	2008	1952	2008
Overall	57	51	73	78	100	100
Gender						
Males	58	47	80	74	46	46
Females	56	55	69	80	54	55
Race						
White	56	43	78	79	90	74
Black	63	80	33	79	10	12
Education						
High school diploma	58	54	80	66	44	41
College degree +	44	49	93	92	6	28
Income						
0-16 percentile	57	63	53	64	20	15
17-33 percentile	58	62	69	73	16	17
34-67 percentile	61	50	76	78	23	39
68-95 percentile	58	43	85	85	37	23
96-100 percentile	28	28	95	89	4	7
Occupation						
Professional	51	56	92	90	15	30
White collar	55	43	84	82	11	25
Blue collar	66	49	76	66	20	31
Unskilled	59	55	54	42	11	3
Farmers	57	49	72	76	7	2
Housewives	54	42	70	75	36	8
Organized labor						
Union household	66	60	76	81	27	13
Non-union household	54	50	73	77	73	87
Region						
South	75	45	48	77	24	41
Non-south	51	56	81	78	76	59

Source (all tables): The American National Election Studies. 2011. *The ANES Guide to Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies [producer and distributor]. <http://www.electionstudies.org/nesguide/nesguide.htm> Accessed January 28, 2011.