Hello, my name is _____ and I work for Action Research. We're conducting a survey of current attitudes here in the San Francisco Bay Area, and I'd like to ask your opinion on a few issues.

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1. Are you registered to vote here in [NAME] County?

	Yes	100%
	No	
(DNR)	Not Sure/Refused	

2. Are you or a member of your family an employee of a newspaper, television or radio station, or an employee of Facebook, Twitter or Google, or a political party or a candidate for political office?

	Yes	
	No	100%
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	

(Q.3-4) Using the scale of 1 to 10, with 10 meaning VERY IMPORTANT and 1 meaning NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL, how important would you say the following is to the general well-being of our country?

3. Freedom of the press

	1—Not Important at all	1%	
	2—	1	
	3—	-	
	4—	-	
	5—	3	
	6—	2	
	7—	4	
	8—	7	
	9—	10	
	10—Very Important	71	8-10: 88%
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	1	

4. Freedom of speech

	1—Not Important at all	1%	
	2—	1	
	3—	-	
	4—	-	
	5—	-	
	6—	-	
	7—	4	
	8—	10	
	9—	9	
	10—Very Important	74	8-10: 93%
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	1	

(Q.5-9) Please tell me whether you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE or STRONGLY DISAGREE with the following statement:

5. Government is generally honest and accurately reports news and information about its activities

	Strongly agree	15%
	Somewhat agree	30
	Somewhat disagree	19
	Strongly disagree	30
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	6

6. Most newspapers and TV news channels blur the line between news and opinion

	Strongly agree	36%
	Somewhat agree	34
	Somewhat disagree	14
	Strongly disagree	8
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	8

7. There is very little difference between speech that someone believes contains false information and speech they disagree with

	Strongly agree	18%
	Somewhat agree	20
	Somewhat disagree	21
	Strongly disagree	25
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	16

8. Government officials should NOT be allowed to determine whether news information is true or false.

	Strongly agree	42%
	Somewhat agree	24
	Somewhat disagree	18
	Strongly disagree	9
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	5

9. Government should NOT be allowed to determine if a newspaper or TV channel should be financially punished for publishing what the government considers to be false information.

	Strongly agree	30%
	Somewhat agree	27
	Somewhat disagree	16
	Strongly disagree	15
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	12

10. As an example, if the New York times publishes information the government later determines was false, government should be allowed to financially punish them. Do you agree or disagree? (IF ANSWERED ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT agree/disagree?

	Strongly agree	10%
	Somewhat agree	18
	Somewhat disagree	21
	Strongly disagree	45
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	7

11. Now suppose you learned members of congress recently sent letters to cable, satellite, and internet Television companies – including Comcast, AT&T, Google, and Amazon – suggesting these companies should either stop carrying certain news channels or pressure these channels to change their news coverage.

ROTATE SOME PEOPLE/OTHER PEOPLE

[Some people/Other people] say members of congress were right to take this action because these news channels are responsible for promoting false information.

[Some people/Other people] say members of congress were wrong to take this action because congress is prohibited from coercing these TV companies to infringe on freedom of the press under the First Amendment.

Which opinion comes closest to your own?

	Members of Congress were right	26%
	Members of Congress were wrong	59
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	15

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for demographic purposes only:

12. In comparison with those you know, would you say you are very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative on political issues?

	Very liberal	6%
	Liberal	25
	Moderate	34
	Conservative	20
	Very Conservative	8
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	7

13. With which political party are you registered?
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    ROTATE

	Republican	25%
	Democrat	43
	Independent	22
(DNR)	Something else	2
(DNR)	Not sure/Refused	8

14. What was the last grade of school you completed?

Grammar school	-%
Some high school	-
High school graduate	13
Some college	11
College graduate	36
Graduate or professional school after college	33
Vocational/technical school after high school	2
(DNR) Not sure/Refused	5

15. Into which of the following age groups do you fall?

18 – 34	25%
35 – 54	32
55 – 64	18
65 and over	24
(DNR) Refused	2

16. What is your race?

White	76%
African-American	2
Hispanic	6
Asian	7
Other	7
(DNR) Not sure/Refused	2

17. Last year, would you say your total family income before taxes was: (maybe save for last question)

Under $10,000	1%
Between $10,000 & $30,000	6
Between $30,000 & $50,000	9
Between $50,000 & $75,000	13
Between $75,000 & $100,000	11
Over $100,000	31
(DNR) Not sure/Refused	29

18. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52

19. County

Santa Clara	72
San Mateo	21
Santa Cruz	7