

## Baton Rouge Survey: March-April, 2011

Please tell me if you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for our society, a bad thing for our society, or doesn't make much difference?

### More mothers of young children working outside the home

Good Thing for Society	36%
Doesn't Make Much Difference	28%
Bad Thing for Society	31%
Don't Know	3%
NA	1%
System Missing	3%

### More women not ever having children

Good Thing for Society	11%
Doesn't Make Much Difference	30%
Bad Thing for Society	49%
Don't Know	5%
NA	2%
System Missing	3%

### More gay and lesbian couples raising children

Good Thing for Society	12%
Doesn't Make Much Difference	33%
Bad Thing for Society	46%
Don't Know	5%
NA	2%
System Missing	3%

### More fathers staying home with children so their wives can work full-time

Good Thing for Society	38%
Doesn't Make Much Difference	27%
Bad Thing for Society	25%
Don't Know	5%
NA	2%
System Missing	4%

Women are more likely than men to take care of children. People have suggested several reasons why this might be so, for example, that women are biologically better-suited to care for children. How important do you think this reason is?

Very Important	35%
Important	19%
Somewhat Important	30%
Not At All Important	11%
Don't Know	2%
NA	0%
System Missing	2%

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Some people feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses for everyone. Others feel that medical expenses should be paid by individuals, and through private insurance plans like Blue Cross or other company paid plans. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

1 Govt. Insurance Plan	21%
2	6%
3	5%
4	13%
5	9%
6	8%
7 Private Insurance Plan	33%
DK, Haven't Thought about it	2%
System Missing	3%

Do you think there should or should not be adoption rights for gays and lesbians so they can legally adopt children

Yes, should	46%
No, should not	39%
No opinion	11%
System Missing	3%

Do you agree or disagree? Homosexual couples should have the right to marry one another.

Strongly Agree	11%
Agree	23%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16%
Disagree	24%
Strongly Disagree	20%
Can't Choose	2%
NA	1%
System Missing	3%

As you may know, Massachusetts and some other states have legalized gay marriage. If a gay or lesbian couple gets married in one of these states, should their marriage be recognized as legal in all 50 states?

Yes	47%
No	40%
Unsure	10%
System Missing	3%

Some people say that allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military would be divisive for the troops and hurt their ability to fight effectively. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree	24%
Disagree	61%
Unsure	11%
System Missing	3%

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Now I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it.

**People like me don't have any say about what the government does**

Completely Agree	13%
Mostly Agree	29%
Mostly Disagree	34%
Completely Disagree	21%
Don't Know	1%
System Missing	3%

**Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly**

Completely Agree	35%
Mostly Agree	44%
Mostly Disagree	12%
Completely Disagree	5%
Don't Know	2%
System Missing	3%

**Most elected officials care what people like me think**

Completely Agree	7%
Mostly Agree	32%
Mostly Disagree	37%
Completely Disagree	17%
Don't Know	5%
System Missing	3%

**Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things**

Completely Agree	32%
Mostly Agree	45%
Mostly Disagree	12%
Completely Disagree	4%
Don't Know	3%
System Missing	4%

**How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time or only some of the time?**

Just About Always	2%
Most of the Time	21%
Some of the Time	68%
None of the Time	6%
Don't Know, Depends	1%
System Missing	3%

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**When the government administrators make serious mistakes in America how likely is it that they will be corrected?**

Very Likely	7%
Somewhat Likely	47%
Not Very Likely	30%
Not At All Likely	12%
Can't Choose	1%
NA	0%
System Missing	2%

**Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?**

Few Big Interests	65%
Benefit of All	18%
Don't Know, Depends	14%
System Missing	2%

**Do you think that people in the government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?**

A Lot	63%
Some	31%
Not Very Much	2%
Don't Know	1%
System Missing	2%

**Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked?**

Quite a Few	45%
Not Many	38%
Hardly Any	11%
Don't Know	4%
System Missing	2%

**How often do you use the internet to listen to music? Please stop me when I get to the most correct answer for you.**

Every day	19%
Once a week or more	18%
Once a month or more	6%
Sometimes, but less than once a month	8%
I don't use the internet to listen to music	46%
DK/NA	0%
System Missing	2%

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[If listen] How do you get music on the internet? Please tell me if you use each of the following.

	Download from a paid source	Download from an unofficial source	File sharing	Internet radio	Other
Don't use	31%	44%	43%	22%	34%
Use	27%	13%	15%	36%	7%
System Missing	42%	42%	43%	42%	59%

[If listen] Where and when do you mostly listen to the music you get from the internet?

	At Home	At Work	At a friend's House	On Smart- phone, mobile device	Other
A lot	25%	10%	2%	20%	3%
Sometimes	10%	8%	9%	6%	3%
From time to time, but not often	5%	3%	6%	2%	2%
Never	13%	31%	32%	24%	30%
System Missing	47%	49%	50%	48%	63%

What is your opinion about downloading music illegally from the internet? □

It is a serious offense	22%
It is a minor offense	49%
It is not really wrong	20%
DK/NA	7%
System Missing	3%

Is there any area right around here - that is, within a mile - where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

Yes	53%
No	42%
Don't know, No answer	1%
System Missing	3%

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Next, I'm going to read some things people do because of their concern over crime. Please tell me which, if any, of these things you, yourself, do or have done.

	Keep a dog	Bought a gun	Carry a gun	Carry a knife	Burglar alarm installed
No	68%	62%	82%	81%	37%
Yes	29%	34%	14%	15%	59%
System Missing	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%

	Carry mace or pepper spray	Avoid going to certain places
No	66%	35%
Yes	29%	61%
System Missing	4%	4%

Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Favor	56%
Oppose	25%
Don't Know/No Answer	16%
System Missing	3%

Do you feel that executing people who commit murder deters others from committing murder, or do you think such executions don't have much effect?

Deters Others	31%
Not Much Effect	62%
Unsure	5%
System Missing	2%

City-Parish government has limited resources and has to set priorities. All of the following issues are important, but if the city cant do everything, which issues do you think should have the highest priority?

	Economic Devel	Education	Reducing Traffic	Fighting Crime	Cleaning up Litter & Graffiti	Improving infrastructure
Highest Priority	19%	59%	15%	49%	13%	25%
High Priority	49%	33%	37%	40%	27%	45%
Medium Priority	22%	4%	34%	6%	36%	22%
Lower Priority	5%	1%	10%	1%	19%	4%
Dont Know	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
No answer	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
System Missing	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%

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Infrastructure has to be constantly maintained, but it can be expensive. Which of the following infrastructure projects do you think should have the highest priority?

	<b>Sewage and water drainage</b>	<b>Roads and bridges</b>	<b>Public transporta tion</b>	<b>Airports</b>	<b>Bike Paths</b>
Highest Priority	26%	28%	14%	12%	6%
High Priority	38%	51%	30%	33%	20%
Medium Priority	28%	16%	36%	33%	35%
Lower Priority	3%	1%	16%	16%	34%
Dont Know	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
No answer	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
System Missing	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

	<b>Passengr railroad: BR &amp; Nola</b>	<b>Interstate loop around BR</b>	<b>Devel Alt energy sources</b>
Highest Priority	19%	22%	28%
High Priority	24%	28%	35%
Medium Priority	25%	22%	23%
Lower Priority	27%	21%	9%
Dont Know	2%	2%	1%
No answer	1%	2%	1%
System Missing	3%	3%	3%

### Read Newspaper: Number Days

None	27%
1-6 Days	41%
7 Days	29%
System Missing	3%

### Watch TV: Number Hours

1 Hour or less	16%
2-3 Hours	45%
4 Hours or more	36%
System Missing	3%

### Use Internet: Number Hours

Don't Use	17%
1-2 Hours	34%
3 Hours or more	44%
System Missing	5%

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### Age (categorical)

18-34	31%
35-49	24%
50-64	24%
65 and Over	14%
Missing	6%

### Are you male or female?

Male	43%
Female	55%
System Missing	2%

### Race-Ethnic Group (4 cat)

White (non-Hisp)	54%
Black (non-Hisp)	36%
Asian	0%
Hispanic	3%
Missing or Other	7%

### Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	46%
Living with partner	5%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Single, never married	27%
No Answer	1%
System Missing	2%

### Do you have children? How many?

0	29%
1	19%
2	26%
3	14%
4	10%
5	0%
6	0%
System Missing	3%



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### What is the highest grade of schooling that you have completed?

8th Grade or less	0%
Some high school	5%
High School Diploma	18%
Vocational/Technical school	6%
Some College	26%
College degree	26%
Some graduate school	3%
Graduate degree	13%
No Answer	0%
System Missing	2%

### Religious Denomination

Protestant	53%
Catholic	32%
Other	4%
None	5%
NA	6%

### Are you a member of a local church, synagogue, or other religious or spiritual community?

Yes	65%
No	29%
Refused	2%
System Missing	4%

### Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

Every week (or more often)	36%
Almost every week	13%
Once or twice a month	15%
A few times per year	19%
Less often than that	10%
Don't know	2%
Refused	3%
System Missing	3%

### Party Identification (detailed)

Strong Republican	18%
Republican	7%
Lean Republican	10%
Independent	21%
Lean Democrat	10%
Democrat	12%
Strong Democrat	19%
System Missing	3%

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### Who did you vote for in the 2008 Presidential election?

John McCain	34%
Barack Obama	40%
Someone else	3%
Didn't vote	15%
Don't remember	6%
System Missing	2%

### Voter Turnout 2008

Didn't Vote	18%
Voted	82%

### Who did you vote for in the 2008 election for Mayor of Baton Rouge?

Wayne Carter	1%
Kip Holden	55%
Ron Johnson	2%
Dan Kyle	2%
Someone else [Volunteered]	2%
Didn't vote	24%
Don't remember, No Answer, Refused	12%
System Missing	3%

### Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kip Holden is handling his job as Mayor of Baton Rouge?

Approve	60%
Disapprove	13%
Unsure	24%
System Missing	3%

### We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Would you call yourself:

Extremely Liberal	2%
Liberal	10%
Slightly Liberal	10%
Moderate, middle of the road	23%
Slightly Conservative	15%
Conservative	23%
Extremely Conservative	7%
Don't Know	3%
No Answer	4%
System Missing	2%

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Just one more question: I'm going to read you a series of income categories. Please stop me when I get to the category that includes the total income that you and all other members of your household earned before taxes last year, from all sources.

Under \$25,000	11%
Under \$35,000	8%
Under \$50,000	12%
Under \$75,000	13%
Under \$100,000	10%
Under \$200,000	15%
More than \$200,000	3%
Don't Know	8%
No Response	17%
System Missing	3%

### Region of Parish, by Zip Code

North	22%
Central	25%
South	42%
Missing	11%

**Note.** Data collected by students in Sociology 2211 ("Sociological Methods"), Louisiana State University, March-April 2011. Data are based on a random-digit-dialed telephone sample, representative of the general population age 18 and over in the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area, to reflect the combined age-gender-race/hispanic distributions, according to the U.S. Census estimates for 2009. N=429.