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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%																
More Likely	7%	10%	4%	6%	6%	9%	10%	6%	9%	7%	**	**	**	5%	11%	7%
Less Likely	59%	56%	62%	57%	61%	54%	64%	59%	59%	61%	**	**	**	79%	45%	58%
No Difference	31%	30%	32%	35%	27%	37%	23%	31%	31%	30%	**	**	**	13%	44%	26%
Not Sure	3%	4%	3%	2%	6%	0%	3%	4%	1%	1%	**	**	**	2%	0%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	30%	32%	22%	16%	62%	38%	90%	3%	2%	4%	27%	35%	21%

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Not Sure	3%	1%	3%	0%	4%	3%	0%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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**2** Do you think Al Franken should remain in the race for US Senate? Or do you think Franken should withdraw from the race?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
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Remain In Race	38%	40%	35%	37%	34%	48%	35%	35%	43%	39%	**	**	**	14%	61%	42%
Withdraw	51%	50%	51%	47%	55%	46%	56%	51%	50%	51%	**	**	**	78%	34%	46%
Not Sure	11%	10%	13%	17%	12%	5%	9%	14%	7%	11%	**	**	**	7%	5%	12%
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Not Sure	11%	5%	11%	4%	13%	10%	7%	9%
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Yes	48%	46%	49%	36%	47%	56%	60%	42%	57%	48%	**	**	**	50%	56%	40%
No	42%	47%	36%	51%	42%	36%	30%	47%	34%	41%	**	**	**	43%	34%	51%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Should	64%	68%	60%	57%	72%	70%	52%	65%	62%	63%	**	**	**	53%	75%	72%
Should Not	30%	29%	30%	33%	24%	28%	38%	28%	32%	31%	**	**	**	47%	20%	24%
Total	94%	98%	90%	90%	96%	98%	90%	93%	95%	93%	100%	100%	100%	100%	95%	96%
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Should Not	30%	57%	22%	16%	25%	24%	52%	35%
Total	94%	98%	97%	97%	92%	93%	100%	96%
Composition of Adults	94%	26%	39%	14%	59%	11%	12%	12%

\*\* Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

**Statement of Methodology:** The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ.