

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS
RESPONSE RATE PROJECT
FINAL TOPLINE**

**Standard Survey N=1,000 (June 18-22, 1997)
Rigorous Survey N=1,201 (June 18 - August 12, 1997)**

Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country.

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
June, 1997			
Standard	54	34	12=100
Rigorous	57	32	11=100
May, 1997	57	34	9=100
April, 1997	55	34	11=100
February, 1997	60	32	8=100
Early February, 1997	57	30	13=100
January, 1997	59	31	10=100
November, 1996	57	34	9=100
July, 1996	54	38	8=100
June, 1996	54	38	8=100
April, 1996	53	39	8=100
March, 1996	55	38	7=100
February, 1996	51	39	10=100
January, 1996	50	43	7=100
October, 1995	48	42	10=100
September, 1995	45	42	13=100
August, 1995	44	44	12=100
June, 1995	50	40	10=100
April, 1995	47	43	10=100
March, 1995	44	44	12=100
February, 1995	44	44	12=100
December, 1994	41	47	12=100
November, 1994	48	40	12=100
October, 1994	41	47	12=100
Early October, 1994	38	47	15=100
September, 1994	41	52	7=100
July, 1994	45	46	9=100
June, 1994	42	44	14=100
May, 1994	46	42	12=100
March, 1994	45	42	13=100

Q.1 con't ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
January, 1994	51	35	14=100
Early January, 1994	48	35	17=100
December, 1993	48	36	16=100
October, 1993	44	42	14=100
September, 1993	49	35	16=100
Early September, 1993	43	43	14=100
August, 1993	39	46	15=100
May, 1993	39	43	18=100
Early May, 1993	45	37	18=100
April, 1993	49	29	22=100
February, 1993	56	25	19=100

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
June, 1997			
Standard	34	49	17=100
Rigorous	40	45	15=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100
November, 1996	40	43	17=100
July, 1996	38	48	14=100
June, 1996	36	50	14=100
April, 1996	39	46	15=100
March, 1996	35	51	14=100
February, 1996	33	53	14=100
January, 1996	36	54	10=100
October, 1995	36	51	13=100
September, 1995	36	50	14=100
August, 1995	38	45	17=100
June, 1995	41	45	14=100
April, 1995	44	43	13=100
March 1995	43	39	18=100
December, 1994	52	28	20=100

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

Q.4 I am going to read some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views -- even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is...(READ AND ROTATE) AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?

			Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
a.	<u>59</u>	<u>58</u>					
	49	47	56	63	63	64	66
	10	11	48	53	51	54	54
			8	10	12	10	12
	36	38	39	34	34	32	31
	23	23	25	20	19	19	17
	13	15	14	14	15	13	14
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
b.							
	45	49	46	54	52	48	53
	33	34	35	36	37	35	37
	12	15	11	18	15	13	16
	42	41	40	36	39	41	39
	31	29	28	25	28	31	27
	11	12	12	11	11	10	12
	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
c.							
	73	74	73	69	70	67	72
	55	57	57	52	52	50	52
	18	17	16	17	18	17	20
	22	22	21	27	26	27	25
	16	15	16	20	19	20	18
	6	7	5	7	7	7	7
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
d.							
	33	29	28	37	34	34	32
	22	18	19	25	21	24	20
	11	11	9	12	13	10	12
	54	61	58	53	56	54	59
	41	45	45	38	40	40	43
	13	16	13	15	16	14	16
	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.4 con't...

			<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
	<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>						
e.		Immigrants today strengthen our country because						
	41	40	N/A	37	N/A	N/A	N/A	31
	26	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
	15	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
		Immigrants today are a burden to our country						
		because they take our jobs, housing						
	48	52	N/A	54	N/A	N/A	N/A	63
	37	39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49
	11	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	N/A	<u>9</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>6</u>
	100	100	N/A	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
f.	51	53	51	N/A	53	51	50	52
	43	43	43	N/A	44	42	40	43
	8	10	8	N/A	9	9	10	9
		Most corporations make a fair and reasonable						
		amount of profit						
	43	42	42	N/A	43	44	44	43
	28	26	27	N/A	27	26	28	27
	15	16	15	N/A	16	18	16	16
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	N/A	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	N/A	100	100	100	100
g.		Most elected officials care what people						
		like me think						
	28	31	38	N/A	33	32	29	34
	17	18	23	N/A	18	18	17	18
	11	13	15	N/A	15	14	12	16
		Most elected officials don't care what people like						
		me think						
	67	66	58	N/A	64	64	68	64
	55	53	48	N/A	53	53	56	51
	12	13	10	N/A	11	11	12	13
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	N/A	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100	N/A	100	100	100	100

Q.5 Which comes closer to your view?... Abortion should be generally available to those who want it; Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now; Abortion should be against the law except in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life; Abortion should not be permitted at all.

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		June <u>1996</u>	--- CBS/NYT --- <u>Feb 1996</u>
30	30	Generally available	32	36
21	24	Available, but under stricter limits	24	22
36	32	Against law except rape/incest/save life	33	34
12	13	Abortion should not be permitted at all	9	7
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about taxes...

Q.6 Thinking ahead to the year 2000, as I read the following pair of statements, please tell me which is more likely to happen. Do you think... **(READ)**?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		Nov. <u>1996</u>
90	93	The average American will pay MORE in taxes OR	82
7	6	The average American will pay LESS in taxes	14
1	*	Neither/no change (VOL)	2
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	DK/Refused	$\frac{2}{100}$

Q.7 On the issue of cutting taxes for the middle class, who has the best ideas — Republican Congressional leaders, Democratic Congressional leaders, or Bill Clinton?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		Feb. <u>1995</u>
30	30	Republican Congressional leaders	30
23	20	Democratic Congressional leaders	15
18	21	Clinton	30
10	9	None of the above (VOL)	8
$\frac{19}{100}$	$\frac{20}{100}$	DK/Refused	$\frac{17}{100}$

ASK Q.8 OF FORM 1 ONLY

Q.8F1 What should be given a higher priority, cutting taxes for the middle class or taking steps to reduce the budget deficit?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Feb. 1995</u>
37	38	Cutting taxes for the middle class	37
53	56	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit	56
5	4	Both equally (VOL)	4
$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	DK/Refused	$\frac{3}{100}$
(n=500) (n=584)			

ASK Q.8a OF FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.8aF2 Do you think the government can reduce the federal budget deficit and cut taxes for the middle class at the same time, or not?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>--- CBS --- Aug. 1996</u>
47	47	Yes	42
48	48	No	51
$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	DK/Refused	$\frac{7}{100}$
(n=500) (n=617)			

M.1 ONLY ASKED OF RESPONDENTS THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY: [Standard N=769; Rigorous N=990]

ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC . . .

M.1 There has been discussion in Washington about how to keep the Medicare program financially sound for future generations. Congress is now considering several proposals to reduce the costs of the program. As I read each, tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it. First, **(READ AND ROTATE)**.

		<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>DK Ref.</u>
a.	Gradually raise the age at which one is eligible for Medicare from 65 to 67					
	June, 1997					
	Standard	13	20	34	31	2=100
	Rigorous	9	19	40	30	2=100

Q M.1 Con't...

		<u>Strongly</u> <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u> <u>Ref.</u>
b.	Require individual seniors who make more than \$50,000 a year and couples who make more than \$75,000 a year to pay a larger share of their doctors' bills.					
	June, 1997					
	Standard	26	34	25	12	3=100
	Rigorous	22	37	25	12	4=100

INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR QUESTIONS Q.9, Q.10 and Q.11, PLEASE DETERMINE WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IT IS. IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS SUNDAY, PLEASE READ "FRIDAY". IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS NOT SUNDAY, READ "YESTERDAY".

**ASK ALL:
NOW, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.9 Did you get a chance to read a daily newspaper yesterday, or not?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1965</u>
47	45	Yes	50	52	45	58	49	56	71
53	55	No	50	48	55	42	50	44	29
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't Know	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

Q.10 Did you watch the news or a news program on television yesterday, or not?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1965</u>
65	64	Yes	59	64	61	74	72	68	55
35	35	No	40	35	38	26	27	32	45
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	Don't Know	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

Q.11 Did you listen to any news on the radio yesterday, or not?¹

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1965</u>
49	46	Yes	44	42	47	47	47	44	58
50	53	No	55	56	52	52	52	56	42
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{0}{100}$

Q.12 I'd like to know how often you watch or listen to certain TV and radio programs. For each that I read, tell me if you watch or listen to it regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never. (First) how often do you ... (**READ AND ROTATE**)

		<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Some- times</u>	<u>Hardly Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Listen to Rush Limbaugh's radio show					
	June, 1997					
	Standard	5	11	12	71	1=100
	Rigorous	4	11	14	71	*=100
	April, 1996	7	11	11	70	1=100
	July, 1994	6	20	13	61	*=100
b.	Listen to religious radio shows such as "Focus on the Family"					
	June, 1997					
	Standard	11	17	15	57	*=100
	Rigorous	11	18	17	54	*=100
	April, 1996	11	14	13	62	*=100
c.	Watch the daytime talk shows Ricki Lake, Jerry Springer, or Jenny Jones					
	June, 1997					
	Standard	8	13	20	59	*=100
	Rigorous	7	15	20	58	*=100
	April, 1996	10	14	17	59	*=100

¹ From March 1991 to October 1996 respondents were asked, "How much time, if any, did you spend listening to any news on the radio yesterday, or didn't you happen to listen to the radio yesterday?"

Q.13 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school or at home on at least an occasional basis?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Late Sept 96²</u>	<u>Early Sept 96</u>	<u>July 1996</u>	<u>April 1996</u>	<u>March 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1996</u>	<u>Jan 1996</u>
60	62	Yes	59	56	56	58	61	60	59
40	38	No	41	44	44	42	39	40	41
<u>0</u> 100	<u>0</u> 100	DK/Refused	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>0</u> 100	<u>0</u> 100

IF YES:

Q.13a Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Late Sept 96³</u>	<u>Early Sept 96</u>	<u>July 1996</u>	<u>April 1996</u>	<u>March 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1996</u>	<u>Jan 1996</u>
29	32	Goes on-line	23	22	23	21	22	21	21
31	30	Does not go on-line	36	34	33	37	39	39	38
0	0	Don't know/Refused	0	0	0	*	0	*	0
<u>40</u> 100	<u>38</u> 100	Not a computer user	<u>41</u> 100	<u>44</u> 100	<u>44</u> 100	<u>42</u> 100	<u>39</u> 100	<u>40</u> 100	<u>41</u> 100

Now thinking GENERALLY, not just about the area where you live. . .

14. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Feb. 1997</u>
42	43	Most people can be trusted	45
54	54	Can't be too careful	52
3	2	Other/Depends (VOL)	2
<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100

² Based on registered voters only.

³ Based on registered voters only.

15. Do you think most people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance, or would they try to be fair?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Feb 1997</u>
39	38	Would take advantage of you	37
56	57	Would try to be fair	58
4	3	Depends (VOL)	4
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{1}{100}$

16. Would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are mostly just looking out for themselves?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Feb 1997</u>
55	58	Try to be helpful	56
37	38	Just looking out for themselves	39
6	3	Depends (VOL)	4
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{1}{100}$

INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR SUNDAY RESPONDENTS, OMIT THE WORD 'AGAIN'.

- Q.17 Thinking again about what you did YESTERDAY, as I read from a list tell me if you did this yesterday or not... (READ)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/NA</u>
<u>Yesterday did you:</u>			
a. Visit with family or friends			
June, 1997			
Standard	74	26	*=100
Rigorous	73	27	0=100
June, 1995	69	31	*=100
February, 1994	57	43	*=100
b. Get some kind of vigorous exercise such as jogging, working out at a gym, or playing a racquet sport			
June, 1997			
Standard	37	63	*=100
Rigorous	41	59	*=100
February, 1994	26	74	*=100

Q.17 con't...

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/NA</u>
c.	Call a friend or relative just to talk			
	June, 1997			
	Standard	65	35	*=100
	Rigorous	65	35	*=100
	June, 1995	56	44	*=100
	February, 1994	63	37	*=100
d.	Go shopping for something other than food or medicine			
	June, 1997			
	Standard	30	70	*=100
	Rigorous	30	70	*=100

Now I'd like to ask you about some things that have been in the news recently. Not everyone will have heard about them...

Q.18 Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>
50	48	Republicans	70	73
6	6	Democrats	8	5
<u>44</u> 100	<u>46</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>22</u> 100	<u>22</u> 100

Q.19 Do you happen to know who lent Newt Gingrich some of the money he needed to pay off his ethics fine?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
36	34	Bob Dole
5	5	Anyone else
<u>59</u> 100	<u>61</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Q.20 Do you happen to know who Bill Gates is? (IF "YES," ASK:) Who is he?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
46	47	CEO/head of Microsoft/computer company; Maker of Windows programs; computer guy
7	7	Some other answer
<u>47</u> 100	<u>46</u> 100	No/DK/Refused

Q.21 I'd like your opinion of some people and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what I name. (First,) would you describe your opinion of **(INSERT ITEM: ROTATE ITEMS)** as very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")**

	Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Very Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Never Heard <u>of</u>	Can't <u>Rate</u>
a. Congress						
June, 1997						
Standard	4	48	34	8	0	6=100
Rigorous	5	52	31	7	*	5=100
May, 1997	5	44	32	10	*	9=100
February, 1997	6	46	31	9	*	8=100
January, 1997	6	50	32	8	*	4=100
June, 1996	6	39	38	12	*	5=100
April, 1996	6	39	37	13	0	5=100
January, 1996	4	38	38	16	*	4=100
October, 1995	4	38	42	13	0	3=100
August, 1995	5	40	34	13	*	7=100
June, 1995	8	45	31	11	*	5=100
February, 1995	10	44	27	10	0	9=100
July, 1994	7	46	34	9	*	4=100
May, 1993	8	35	35	13	0	9=100
November, 1991	7	44	34	9	0	6=100
May, 1990	6	53	25	9	1	6=100
May, 1988	8	56	23	5	0	8=100
January, 1988	6	58	25	4	0	7=100
May, 1987	10	64	16	4	*	6=100
January, 1987	7	52	23	8	0	10=100
June, 1985	9	58	21	5	*	7=100
b. Labor unions						
June, 1997						
Standard	15	43	25	10	*	7=100
Rigorous	12	42	27	12	*	7=100
May, 1997	15	34	26	13	*	12=100
April, 1996	10	37	28	17	*	8=100
February, 1996	17	37	27	14	*	5=100
July, 1994	14	43	28	10	*	5=100
June, 1985	9	37	30	17	*	7=100

Q.21 con't...

		<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>Can't Rate</u>
c.	Business corporations						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	8	60	18	7	*	7=100
	Rigorous	7	63	19	6	*	5=100
	May, 1997	9	50	21	7	1	12=100
	June, 1996	10	52	25	6	*	7=100
	February, 1996	9	50	24	10	1	6=100
	October, 1995	6	54	29	7	-	4=100
	July, 1994	8	62	19	5	*	6=100
	November, 1991	8	57	22	6	0	7=100
	January, 1988	6	53	27	5	*	9=100
	June, 1985	8	50	24	7	1	10=100
d.	Militia Groups						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	2	7	26	54	4	7=100
	Rigorous	3	6	28	55	2	6=100
e.	Jews						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	26	56	7	2	1	8=100
	Rigorous	25	59	5	2	*	9=100
f.	Blacks						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	25	62	5	2	0	6=100
	Rigorous	21	65	8	1	0	5=100
g.	Hispanics						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	19	59	9	4	*	9=100
	Rigorous	18	56	13	4	1	8=100
h.	Asians						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	20	56	9	4	*	11=100
	Rigorous	17	59	10	4	*	10=100

Q21. con't...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
i.	The Democratic Party						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	10	50	26	8	*	6=100
	Rigorous	12	50	24	8	*	6=100
	January, 1997	13	47	28	7	*	5=100
	October, 1995	9	40	37	11	-	3=100
	July, 1994	13	49	27	7	*	4=100
	May, 1993	14	43	25	9	0	9=100
	July, 1992	17	44	24	9	*	6=100
j.	The Republican Party						
	June, 1997						
	Standard	9	44	30	11	*	6=100
	Rigorous	7	50	27	11	*	5=100
	January, 1997	8	44	33	10	*	5=100
	October, 1995	10	42	28	16	*	4=100
	July, 1994	12	51	25	8	*	4=100
	May, 1993	12	42	25	10	0	11=100
	July, 1992	9	37	31	17	*	6=100

Q.22 In general, would you describe your political views as ... (READ)

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>June 1996</u>	<u>April 1996</u>	<u>July 1994</u>
7	5	Very conservative	7	7	7
30	30	Conservative	32	31	32
40	41	Moderate	38	39	39
14	15	Liberal, OR	14	14	15
5	5	Very liberal?	6	5	4
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100	100		100	100	100

Q.23 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican Parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1987</u>
25	20	A great deal	34	23	24	25
48	51	A fair amount	46	51	45	45
25	26	Hardly any	18	24	27	25
<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>3</u> <u>100</u>	DK/Refused	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>4</u> <u>100</u>	<u>5</u> <u>100</u>

Q.24 This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems, OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1993</u>
34	40	Working together more	21	20
49	48	Opposing each other more	72	57
6	5	Same as in past (VOL)	3	13
<u>11</u> <u>100</u>	<u>7</u> <u>100</u>	DK/Refused	<u>4</u> <u>100</u>	<u>10</u> <u>100</u>

Q.25 Who would you say is more responsible for things not getting done in Washington, the Republican-controlled Congress or the Clinton Administration?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Sept 1992⁴</u>	
41	45	Congress	46	- Democratically controlled Congress
34	34	Clinton Administration	40	- Bush Administration
12	9	Both equally (VOL)	--	
<u>13</u> <u>100</u>	<u>12</u> <u>100</u>	DK/Refused	<u>14</u> <u>100</u>	

⁴ In 1992 the question was worded "... the Democratically controlled Congress or the Bush Administration?"

Now thinking about your personal life. . .

26. When you need help, would you say that you can you turn to many people for support, just a few people, or hardly any people for support?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		Feb. <u>1997</u>
41	47	Many people	39
45	40	Just a few people	51
12	13	Hardly any people	8
1	*	No one/None (VOL)	1
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{1}{100}$

Q.27 Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
12	11	More than once a week
26	26	Once a week
17	17	Once or twice a month
20	22	A few times a year
15	15	Seldom
10	9	Never
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused

Q.28 In the last year or so, have you done any volunteer work for any church, charity or community group?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
58	57	Yes
42	43	No --GO TO Q.29
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused -- GO TO Q.29

Q.28a Was that a one-time thing, or do you do volunteer work on an occasional basis, or on a regular basis?
(INTERVIEWER, IF RESPONDENT HAS TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING THE QUESTION, ADD: the volunteer work you did in the last year or so for any church, charity, or community group)

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
10	8	One-time
44	53	Occasional
46	39	Regular
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused
(n=597)	(n=720)	

ASK ALL:

Q.29 Have there been times during the last year when you did not have enough money to buy food your family needed?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
19	17	Yes
81	83	No
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused

Q.30 Have there been times during the last year when you did not have enough money to buy clothing your family needed?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
20	16	Yes
80	84	No
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused

Q.31 Have there been times during the last year when you did not have enough money to pay for medical or health care?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
23	21	Yes
76	79	No
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused

Q.32 In general, how safe would you say you are from crime when walking in your neighborhood after dark... would you say you are very safe, somewhat safe, not too safe, or not at all safe?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
46	46	Very safe
37	39	Somewhat safe
11	10	Not too safe
4	4	Not at all safe
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know/refused

Q.33 In the past 12 months, have you or your family, or has someone else in your neighborhood... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ORDER.)?**

		<u>Yes, Self or Family</u>	<u>Yes, someone Else in Neighborhood</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a.	Had money or property stolen June, 1997				
	Standard	14	20	64	2=100
	Rigorous	15	17	66	2=100
b.	Been physically assaulted or mugged June, 1997				
	Standard	4	8	87	1=100
	Rigorous	3	7	89	1=100

Q.34 Do you happen to have any guns or revolvers in your home?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
40	41	Yes
57	56	No
$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't know/Refused

Q.35 Now I'm going to read you some more PAIRS of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views -- even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **(READ AND ROTATE)** **(AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?)**

	<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>		<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
a.			Homosexuality is a way of life						
	45	48	that should be accepted by society	44	44	45	47	46	46
	32	34	Strongly	32	29	29	30	33	26
	13	14	Not Strongly	12	15	16	17	13	20
			Homosexuality is a way of life						
	50	46	that should be discouraged by society	49	49	50	48	48	49
	43	40	Strongly	42	42	41	40	41	41
	7	6	Not Strongly	7	7	9	8	7	8
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100
				<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	
b.			Books that contain dangerous						
	46	51	ideas should be banned from	44	46	45	42	46	
	39	45	public school libraries	39	37	40	36	37	
	7	6	Strongly	5	9	5	6	9	
			Not Strongly						
			Public school libraries should						
	50	46	be allowed to carry any books	51	52	52	53	55	
	40	37	they want	43	41	44	47	39	
	10	9	Strongly	9	11	9	8	12	
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Not Strongly	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
	100	100	Neither/Don't know	100	100	100	100	100	
				<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	
c.			We will all be called before God on						
	82	79	Judgment Day to answer for our sins	80	81	83	81	80	
	77	72	Strongly	74	76	75	74	71	
	5	7	Not Strongly	7	7	6	6	9	
			I don't believe we will have to answer						
	13	15	for our sins on Judgment Day	13	13	14	14	16	
	9	10	Strongly	9	9	9	10	9	
	4	5	Not Strongly	4	4	5	4	7	
	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	
	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	
				<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	
d.			There is simply no excuse for the						
	87	88	Oklahoma City bombing, period						
	84	86	Strongly						
	3	2	Not Strongly						
			There is no excuse for the bombing,						
			But one can understand the frustrations and anger						
	12	10	that may have led people to carry it out						
	8	7	Strongly						
	4	3	Somewhat						
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't Know						
	100	100							

ASKED ONLY OF THURSDAY-SUNDAY RESPONDENTS [N=769]

R.1 President Clinton is considering asking the country to apologize to African Americans for slavery. Do you favor or oppose this?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
42	34	Favor
50	59	Oppose
<u>8</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Before we finish up, I'd like to ask you a few questions about polls in general, based on what you know or have heard about them, and not just your experience from this interview...

Q.36 Do you think most opinion polls work for or against the best interests of the general public?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
66	68	Work for the best interests of the general public
20	19	Work against the best interests of the general public
<u>14</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Q.37 Do you think that a random sample of 1,500 or 2,000 people can accurately reflect the views of the nation's population, or not?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
28	30	Can accurately reflect views
67	65	Cannot
<u>5</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Q.38 Have you, yourself, ever been questioned in a public opinion poll such as this before today's interview?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
45	44	Yes
54	55	No
<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

FINALLY I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

D.1 Sex

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
48	47	Male
<u>52</u> 100	<u>53</u> 100	Female

D.2 What is your age?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
21	20	18-29
44	44	30-49
17	18	50-64
16	17	65+
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	DK/Refused

D.3 What was the last grade or class that you completed in school?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
17	17	Less than high school
37	37	High School Graduate
23	23	Some College
22	22	College Graduate
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	DK/Refused

D.4 Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other spanish background?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
6	5	Yes
93	94	No
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	DK/Refused

D.5 What is your race? Are you white, black or some other?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
84	84	White
11	11	Black
1	1	Asian
3	3	Other or mixed race
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	DK/Refused

D.6 Were you, either of your parents, or any of your grandparents born in a country other than the United States or Canada? **(IF YES, PROBE FOR WHOM; CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY)**

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
4	3	Yes, respondent
12	12	Yes, parents
27	28	Yes, grandparents
63	65	No
2	1	DK/Refused

D.7 Are you married, divorced, separated, widowed, or never been married?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
54	60	Married
13	11	Divorced
3	2	Separated
7	7	Widowed
23	20	Never been married
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	DK/Refused

D.8 Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
35	36	Yes
65	64	No
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	DK/Refused

D.9 What is your religious preference - Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, or an orthodox church such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
55	56	Protestant (Baptist, Christian, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)
27	26	Roman Catholic
2	2	Jewish -- GO TO D.10
3	2	Mormon (include Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
1	*	Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)
*	1	Islam/Muslim -- GO TO D.10
3	3	Other religion (SPECIFY)
7	9	No religion, atheist -- GO TO D.10
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	

D.9a Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
40	39	Yes, would
56	58	No, would not
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	

ASK ALL:

D.10 Last year, that is in 1996, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (**READ**)

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
24	21	Less than \$20,000
15	14	\$20,000-29,999
26	25	\$30,000-49,999
24	30	Total \$50,000 +
14	17	\$50,000-74,999
10	13	\$75,000 +
<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	DK/Refused
100	100	

- D.11 These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register... Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far?
- D.11a Are you absolutely certain you are registered to vote, or is there a chance your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
74	72	Registered
25	26	Not registered
<u>1</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	DK/Refused

ASK ALL:

- D.12 How often would you say you vote...(READ)

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
42	40	Always
25	27	Nearly always
12	13	Part of the time
13	13	Seldom
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Other
6	6	(DO NOT READ) Never vote
<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

- D.13 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or Independent?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
28	29	Republican -- GO TO D.15
32	34	Democrat -- GO TO D.15
35	32	Independent
3	3	No Preference
*	*	Other
<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	Don't know

IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN D.13, ASK:

D.14 As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
34	31	Republican
37	40	Democrat
<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	Other/Don't know/Refused
100	100	
(n=409)	(n=438)	

ASK ALL:

D.15 In the 1996 Presidential election, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

D.15a Are you absolutely certain you voted, or is there a chance you may not have?

D.16 In the presidential election, who did you happen to vote for?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
33	37	Clinton
22	21	Dole
4	3	Perot
3	2	Voted, don't remember for whom
30	30	Didn't vote
<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	DK/Refused
100	100	

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID THEY VOTED IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION:

D.17 And in the 1996 elections for CONGRESS, did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate in your district, or didn't you vote in the Congressional elections?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
39	38	Republican
37	36	Democrat
2	2	Other/Independent Candidate
9	10	Didn't vote for Congress
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	
(n=714)	(n=878)	

ASK ALL:

D.18 Do you own or rent your own home?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
64	70	Own
30	24	Rent
4	5	(DO NOT READ) Other arrangement
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D.19 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, or not employed?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
54	54	Full-time
11	12	Part-time
34	33	Not employed
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know/Refused

D.20 Which of the following BEST describes the place where you now live?...**(READ)**

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
20	20	A large city
22	22	A suburb near a large city
37	36	A small city or town
19	21	OR a rural area
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D.21 Have you lived in this community all of your life?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
33	33	Yes -- GO TO D.23
66	66	No
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know/Refused -- GO TO D.23

D.22 In what year did you move here?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
3	4	Within last year
33	29	Within last 2-5 years
19	18	Within last 6-10 years
43	46	More than 10 years ago
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't know /Refused
(n=676)	(n=840)	

ASK ALL:

D.23 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
19	11	One -- GO TO D.24
32	34	Two
43	49	3-5
4	5	6 +
$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	DK/Refused

BASED ON THOSE WITH MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD:

D.23a How many of these, including yourself, are adults 18 years of age or older?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
13	4	One
65	66	Two
20	26	3-4
2	4	5 or more
$\frac{0}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	DK/Refused
(n=786)	(n=959)	

ASK ALL:

D.24 How many different telephone numbers will reach this household, including those that are attached to faxes or computers?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
77	82	One
14	13	Two
4	2	Three
1	1	Four or more
$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	DK/Refused

BASED ON THOSE WITH TWO OR MORE TELEPHONE LINES:

D.24a Are any of the telephone numbers used exclusively for a computer line or a fax? (IF YES, ASK: How many?)

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
41	60	Yes
37	57	One
4	3	Two
*	0	Three or more
59	40	No
$\frac{0}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	DK/Refused

(n=201) (n=254)

ASK ALL:

D.25 Is your telephone number currently listed in the telephone directory? (IF NO, ASK: Is that because it's new or because your household does not want to be listed?)

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
71	76	Yes, listed
6	4	Not listed, new listing
20	17	Not listed by choice
$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't Know/Refused

NO QUESTION D.26

D.27 If you had it to do over again, would you have agreed to do this interview, or would you have refused?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
75	78	Would participate
20	17	Would refuse
$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	Don't Know/Refused

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INTERVIEWER AFTER THE INTERVIEW

D.28 Respondent's cooperation was...

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
61	54	Very Good
28	32	Good
10	12	Fair
1	1	Poor
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Very Poor

D.29 Overall, how great was Respondent's interest in the interview?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
34	23	Very High
27	30	Above Average
33	39	Average
5	7	Below Average
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	Very Low

D.30 Please rate the respondent's facility with English.

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
97	96	Respondent was fully conversant in English
3	4	Respondent had occasional difficulty with language
$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Respondent had considerable difficulty with language

D.31 Did respondent appear to have any degree of hearing loss?

<u>Stand.</u>	<u>Rigorous</u>	
93	95	No
6	5	Appeared to have some difficulty hearing
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	Appeared to have a great deal of difficulty