

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
POLITICAL TYPOLOGY SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE**

July 14 – September 9, 1999

T = Total Sample (N = 3973)

A= Form A (N = 1974); B= Form B (N = 1999)

Q.1(T) 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>
August, 1999	60	32	8=100
July, 1999	58	31	11=100
June, 1999	55	35	10=100
May, 1999	56	34	10=100
April, 1999	56	38	6=100
March, 1999	62	31	7=100
February, 1999	64	30	6=100
Mid-January, 1999	66	29	5=100
January, 1999	63	30	7=100
Late December, 1998	71	27	2=100
Early December, 1998	61	32	7=100
November, 1998	65	29	6=100
September 21-22, 1998	62	33	5=100
September 19-20, 1998	55	36	9=100
Early September, 1998	61	33	6=100
Late August, 1998	62	32	6=100
Early August, 1998	63	28	9=100
June, 1998	59	32	9=100
May, 1998	62	28	10=100
April, 1998	62	28	10=100
March, 1998	65	26	9=100
Early February, 1998	71	26	3=100
January, 1998	61	30	9=100
November, 1997	58	31	11=100
September, 1997	58	29	13=100
August, 1997	59	32	9=100
June, 1997	54	34	12=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

Q.1 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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
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 (T) 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>
August, 1999	40	44	16=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100

Q.2 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=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

Q.3(T) Next, I'm going to read you a list of some people who have been in the news lately. Not everyone will have heard of them. For each one that I name, please tell me whether or not you have heard of this person. (First, **(INSERT NAME; ROTATE ITEMS)**, have you heard of this person or not? **(IF YES, ASK Q.4; IF NO, DK, SKIP TO NEXT ITEM.)** [NOTE: ASK ITEMS A-I, ITEMS J-K, AND ITEMS L AND M IN BLOCKS; ROTATE BLOCKS, ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS WITHIN BLOCKS]

Q.4(T) How much of a chance is there that you would vote for **(INSERT NAME)** if (he/she) is a candidate for president in 2000 — is there a good chance, some chance, or no chance?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2993]:

Based on Those Who Have Heard

	<u>Have</u>	<u>Have not</u>	<u>DK/</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Som</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>(N)</u>
	<u>Heard</u>	<u>Heard</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>(N)</u>
a. Dan Quayle	97	3	*=100	10	27	60	3=100		(2913)
June, 1999	95	5	*=100	9	28	61	2=100		
May, 1999	97	3	0=100	9	29	58	4=100		
February, 1999	97	3	0=100	9	33	54	4=100		
b. George W. Bush	98	2	*=100	40	30	27	3=100		(2936)
June, 1999	96	4	*=100	34	35	27	4=100		
May, 1999	95	4	1=100	34	34	28	4=100		
February, 1999	95	5	*=100	32	36	27	5=100		

Q.3/Q.4 CONTINUED ...

		<i>Based on Those Who Have Heard</i>							
		Have	Have not	DK/	Good	Somewhat	DK/	Ref.	(N)
		<u>Heard</u>	<u>Heard</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>		
c.	Elizabeth Dole	92	8	*=100	20	38	40	2=100	(2786)
	June, 1999	92	8	*=100	19	42	36	3=100	
	May, 1999	93	7	*=100	20	43	33	4=100	
	February, 1999	91	9	*=100	26	38	33	3=100	
d.	Steve Forbes	72	27	1=100	11	34	50	5=100	(2255)
	June, 1999	75	25	*=100	9	31	53	7=100	
	May, 1999	70	29	1=100	9	34	51	6=100	
	February, 1999	71	29	*=100	8	35	52	5=100	
e.	Patrick Buchanan	86	14	*=100	7	25	63	5=100	(2613)
	June, 1999	84	15	1=100	4	25	65	6=100	
	May, 1999	85	15	*=100	5	29	60	6=100	
	February, 1999	83	15	2=100	6	26	63	5=100	
f.	John McCain	40	59	1=100	17	38	37	8=100	(1270)
	June, 1999	43	56	1=100	15	40	36	9=100	
	May, 1999	36	63	1=100	16	37	39	8=100	
	February, 1999	32	67	1=100	16	42	35	7=100	
g.	Gary Bauer	22	77	1=100	8	21	63	8=100	(703)
	June, 1999	20	79	1=100	9	25	55	11=100	
	May, 1999	19	80	1=100	10	17	60	13=100	
	February, 1999	18	81	1=100	12	26	51	11=100	
h.	Lamar Alexander	48	51	1=100	4	26	63	7=100	(1550)
	June, 1999	52	47	1=100	3	26	63	8=100	
	May, 1999	48	51	1=100	6	27	59	8=100	
	February, 1999	42	57	1=100	6	27	60	7=100	
i.	Orrin Hatch	56	43	1=100	7	28	58	7=100	(1788)
j.	Al Gore	98	2	*=100	25	28	44	3=100	(2938)
	June, 1999	98	2	*=100	22	32	43	3=100	
	May, 1999	97	3	0=100	20	27	49	4=100	
	February, 1999	98	2	0=100	22	30	45	3=100	
k.	Bill Bradley	64	35	1=100	15	39	38	8=100	(1991)
	June, 1999	61	38	1=100	15	38	37	10=100	
	May, 1999	60	38	2=100	12	39	40	9=100	
	February, 1999	55	44	1=100	14	41	39	6=100	
l.	Jesse Ventura	83	17	*=100	12	21	62	5=100	(2521)
m.	Bob Smith	19	81	*=100	5	18	71	6=100	(589)

Q.5(T) Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

IF "3" OTHER, "8" DON'T KNOW, OR "9" REFUSED, ASK:

Q.6(T) As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore, the Democrat or Bush, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2993]:

		July <u>1999</u>	March <u>1999³</u>	Jan <u>1999</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>
41	Gore/Lean Gore	42	41	44	40
53	Bush/Lean Bush	53	54	50	53
<u>6</u>	Undecided/Other	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.7(B) Now I'd like your views on the state of the nation... All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
August, 1999	56	39	5=100
January, 1999	53	41	6=100
November, 1998	46	44	10=100
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 1998	46	50	4=100
September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 1997	49	46	5=100
January, 1997	38	58	4=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
March, 1996	28	70	2=100
October, 1995	23	73	4=100
June, 1995	25	73	2=100
April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
<i>Late February, 1991 (Gallup)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>3=100</i>
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

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In March 1999 and previous months, the question asked: "Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat and Texas Governor George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?"

Q.8(B) What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **(RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE ONLY FOR CLARITY — DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.)**

		June 1999	May 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995	Mar 1994	Dec 1993	June 1993	Jan 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	April 1987
13	Morality/Ethics/Family values	11	10	9	13	12	10	6	7	3	5	2	3
12	Crime/Gangs/Justice system	11	13	12	19	22	31	25	7	3	7	8	3
8	Education	7	9	5	6	6	5	5	5	2	4	4	0
6	Teen violence in school	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6	Health care/Cost, availability of health care	3	4	5	4	7	14	14	11	3	3	1	*
6	Drugs/Alcohol	5	7	7	8	5	10	8	5	4	37	23	6
4	Other social issues	4	3	--	2	0	*	3	*	*	*	*	*
4	Too many guns/Gun control	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4	Social Security	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4	Other domestic issues	1	1	--	2	5	1	3	2	10	11	10	21
4	Poverty	3	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	1	3	4	6
3	Dissatisfaction with government/politics	3	5	4	8	6	5	2	5	2	2	1	0
3	Deficit/National debt/ Balanced budget	1	6	5	7	9	5	6	13	4	11	19	12
3	Taxes	2	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	1	3	2	0
3	Unemployment/Lack of jobs	4	6	6	7	10	12	15	19	22	7	9	13
3	Other Economic Issues	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	Scandal/Corruption in government	2	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	Medicare	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Other International issues	4	3	--	*	4	1	2	3	4	6	10	22
2	Too much foreign aid/ Spend money at home	4	2	1	5	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	0
2	Welfare abuse	1	3	1	7	5	2	*	*	*	*	*	*
2	Homelessness	4	2	3	2	4	3	5	5	6	8	10	*

Q. 8 CONTINUED ...

		June 1999	May 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995	Mar 1994	Dec 1993	June 1993	Jan 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	April 1987
2	Economy (general)	3	4	4	4	5	4	6	17	43	5	4	7
2	Other defense issues	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Youth/Teenage kids not acting responsible	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Issues related to elderly	3	3	1	2	*	1	1	2	1	2	2	0
1	Racism	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	0
1	Inflation/Difference between wages/Costs	*	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
1	Immigration	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	HMO Reform	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
*	Environment/Pollution	*	2	1	1	1	2	1	*	1	8	2	0
*	China/Relations with China/ Stolen secrets/China spy	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
*	War in Kosovo/Yugoslavia/ The Balkans/Serbia	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
*	Terrorism	*	*	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Other	6	5	6	2	2	2	*	4	1	5	9	1
*	None	1	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Don't know/No answer	11	12	7	6	3	4	6	2	3	1	3	3
15	ECONOMIC (NET)	8	16	18	18	28	26	33	53	76	26	28	35
7	DEFENSE/INTER- NATIONAL (NET)	11	5	10	1	9	2	*	*	*	*	*	*
6	POVERTY/HOMELESS (NET)	6	6	6	5	8	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
		(1153)	(981)	(599)	(1216)	(1500)	(989)	(1479)	(1507)	(1220)	(3004)	(2048)	(4244)

Next I would like to ask you about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them...
 Q.9(B) Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

		Dec <u>1998</u>	June <u>1997</u>	April <u>1996</u>	June <u>1995</u>
55	Republican	56	50	70	73
8	Democratic	11	6	8	5
<u>37</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>33</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.10(B) Do you happen to know if the federal government is spending MORE money than it is taking in this year, or spending LESS money than it is taking in?

		<u>Feb 1989</u>
41	Spending more than it is taking in	81
31	Spending less than it is taking in	6
1	(DO NOT READ) About equal	3
<u>27</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100		100

Now a few questions about the office of the Presidency...

Q.11(A) First, I'm going to read you a list of personal characteristics or qualities. If "5" represents an ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL quality in a president, and "1" a quality that is NOT TOO IMPORTANT, where on this scale of 5 to 1 would you rate...(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)

		<i>Absolutely essential</i> <u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<i>Not too Important</i> <u>(1-3)</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Sound judgment in crisis October, 1995	78 76	12 12	9 10	1=100 2=100
b.	High ethical standards October, 1995	63 67	19 18	17 13	1=100 2=100
c.	Compassion for the average citizen October, 1995	63 64	20 19	16 16	1=100 1=100
d.	Willingness to compromise October, 1995	33 34	29 29	36 35	2=100 2=100
e.	Experience in public office October, 1995	38 30	27 23	34 46	1=100 1=100
f.	Experience in Washington October, 1995	27 21	23 23	49 54	1=100 2=100
g.	Saying what one believes, even if unpopular October, 1995	57 59	21 21	20 18	2=100 2=100
h.	Forcefulness and decisiveness October, 1995	46 50	31 30	21 18	2=100 2=100

Q.11 CONTINUED ...

		<i>Absolutely essential</i>		<i>Not too Important</i>	
		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(1-3)</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
i.	Having consistent positions on issues	50	28	20	2=100
	October, 1995	51	28	19	2=100
j.	Loyalty to one's party	33	14	52	1=100
	October, 1995	25	15	58	2=100

Q.12(A) Thinking about problems such as families not staying together and children being born out of wedlock, do you think WHO is elected president can make a difference in dealing with these problems, or not?

IF ANSWERED "1" YES, ASK [N=778]:

Q.13(A) In which way can the president make the biggest difference — by drawing national attention to these problems, OR by proposing policies that deal with these problems, OR by serving as a role model?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>
39	Yes	34
	7 By drawing national attention to these problems, OR	6
	15 By proposing policies that deal with these problems, OR	18
	16 By serving as a role model?	9
	1 Don't know/Refused	1
56	No	62
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

Now a few questions about the office of the presidency...

Q.14(B) Thinking about problems such as low moral and ethical standards and a lack of respect for religion, do you think WHO is elected president can make a difference in dealing with these problems, or not?

IF ANSWERED "1" YES, ASK [N=1205]:

Q.15(B) In which way can the president make the biggest difference — by drawing national attention to these problems, OR by proposing policies that deal with these problems, OR by serving as a role model?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>
60	Yes	54
	9 By drawing national attention to these problems, OR	10
	11 By proposing policies that deal with these problems, OR	18
	38 By serving as a role model?	25
	2 Don't know/Refused	1
33	No	40
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100		100

Q.16(A) Thinking about the problems between racial and ethnic groups, do you think WHO is elected president can make a difference in dealing with these problems, or not?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>
58	Yes	54
38	No	42
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

Q.17(B) Thinking about the problem of the amount of violence in our society, do you think WHO is elected president can make a difference in dealing with this problem, or not?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>
58	Yes	65
36	No	31
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

Q.18(T) I'm going to read you 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?)**

		<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
a.	Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient						
51		59	56	63	63	64	66
	41 Strongly	49	48	53	51	54	54
	10 Not Strongly	10	8	10	12	10	12
	Government often does a better job than people give it credit for						
43		36	39	34	34	32	31
	28 Strongly	23	25	20	19	19	17
	15 Not Strongly	13	14	14	15	13	14
<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100
		<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>	
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	
b.	Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest						
48		45	45	43	38	41	
	32 Strongly	29	28	25	24	24	
	16 Not Strongly	16	17	18	14	17	
	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good						
44		46	50	51	55	54	
	32 Strongly	33	37	38	41	39	
	12 Not Strongly	13	13	13	14	15	
<u>8</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	

Q.18 CONTINUED ...

		<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
c.	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return	45	46	54	52	48	53
45	30 Strongly	33	35	36	37	35	37
	15 Not Strongly	12	11	18	15	13	16
	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently	42	40	36	39	41	39
42	31 Strongly	31	28	25	28	31	27
	11 Not Strongly	11	12	11	11	10	12
<u>13</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100
		<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
d.	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt	46	49	47	46	50	48
57	44 Strongly	36	42	35	33	39	35
	13 Not Strongly	10	7	12	13	11	13
	The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy	44	44	47	47	43	47
35	23 Strongly	31	34	31	34	31	32
	12 Not Strongly	13	10	16	13	12	15
<u>8</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100
		<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
e.	The position of blacks in American society has improved in recent years	73	73	69	70	67	72
78	63 Strongly	55	57	52	52	50	52
	15 Not Strongly	18	16	17	18	17	20
	There hasn't been much real progress for blacks in recent years	22	21	27	26	27	25
18	13 Strongly	16	16	20	19	20	18
	5 Not Strongly	6	5	7	7	7	7
<u>4</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.18 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Oct</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
f.	Racial discrimination is the main reason why							
	28 many black people can't get ahead these days	25	33	28	37	34	34	32
	19 Strongly	--	22	19	25	21	24	20
	9 Not Strongly	--	11	9	12	13	10	12
	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are							
	59 mostly responsible for their own condition	61	54	58	53	56	54	59
	46 Strongly	--	41	45	38	40	40	43
	13 Not Strongly	--	13	13	15	16	14	16
	<u>13</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
		<u>Oct</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>			
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>			
g.	Immigrants today strengthen our country							
	46 because of their hard work and talents	41	41	37	31			
	30 Strongly	--	26	--	17			
	16 Not Strongly	--	15	--	14			
	Immigrants today are a burden on our country							
	44 because they take our jobs, housing, and							
	health care	48	48	54	63			
	34 Strongly	--	37	--	49			
	10 Not Strongly	--	11	--	14			
	<u>10</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>			
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			
		<u>July</u>						
		<u>1994</u>						
h.	Other countries generally treat the United							
	24 States about as fairly as we treat them	19						
	13 Strongly	10						
	11 Not strongly	9						
	Other countries often take unfair advantage							
	70 of the United States	78						
	59 Strongly	68						
	11 Not strongly	10						
	<u>6</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>						
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>						

Q.18 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
i.	The best way to ensure peace is through					
33	military strength	36	36	35	40	36
	26 Strongly	30	28	27	32	28
	7 Not Strongly	6	8	8	8	8
55	Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace	53	59	58	52	58
	45 Strongly	44	49	46	43	46
	10 Not Strongly	9	10	12	9	12
<u>12</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100
		<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
j.	We should all be willing to fight for our					
47	country, whether it is right or wrong	48	49	49	47	52
	39 Strongly	39	38	39	39	43
	8 Not Strongly	7	11	10	8	9
	It's acceptable to refuse to fight in a war					
47	you believe is morally wrong	47	48	47	47	45
	38 Strongly	39	38	38	37	35
	9 Not Strongly	8	10	9	10	10
<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100
		<u>July</u>				
		<u>1994</u>				
k.	Most people who want to get ahead can make it					
74	if they're willing to work hard	68				
	66 Strongly	59				
	8 Not strongly	9				
	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of					
23	success for most people	30				
	18 Strongly	22				
	5 Not strongly	8				
<u>3</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>2</u>				
100		100				
		<u>July</u>				
		<u>1994</u>				
l.	Success in life is pretty much determined by					
15	forces outside of our control	18				
	10 Strongly	12				
	5 Not strongly	6				
80	Everyone has it in their own power to succeed	79				
	72 Strongly	67				
	8 Not strongly	12				
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>				
100		100				

Q.18 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
m.	77	75	77	75	73	76
	62	61	62	59	58	59
	15	14	15	16	15	17
	The largest companies do NOT have					
	17	18	18	20	20	19
	10	10	9	10	10	9
	7	8	9	10	10	10
	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100
		<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
n.	52	51	51	53	51	50
	42	43	43	44	42	40
	10	8	8	9	9	10
	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable					
	42	43	42	43	44	44
	29	28	27	27	26	28
	13	15	15	16	18	16
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100
		<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
o.	68	69	72	73	76	74
	55	58	59	60	64	61
	13	11	13	13	12	13
	Elected officials in Washington try hard to stay in					
	26	25	23	24	21	22
	16	15	14	14	12	13
	10	10	9	10	9	9
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100
		<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
p.	35	28	38	33	32	29
	21	17	23	18	18	17
	14	11	15	15	14	12
	Most elected officials don't care what people					
	60	67	58	64	64	68
	49	55	48	53	53	56
	11	12	10	11	11	12
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.19(T) Next I'm going to read you some words and phrases and ask you to rate how well each describes you. Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where "10" represents a description that is PERFECT for you, and "1" represents a description that is TOTALLY WRONG for you. (First,) on this scale of 1 to 10, how well does...(READ ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS) describe you?
(INTERVIEWERS: RE-READ SCALE DESCRIPTION AFTER EVERY FIVE ITEMS: "10 represents a description that is PERFECT for you, and "1" represents a description that is TOTALLY WRONG for you. You can choose any number between 1 and 10.)

		Description Totally <u>Wrong</u>		Description <u>Perfect</u> DK	
		1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 10	
a.	A religious person	12	33	55	*=100
	March, 1994	14	34	51	1=100
	April, 1987	11	39	49	1=100
b.	Supporter of the women's movement ⁴	16	42	41	1=100
	March, 1994	26	45	25	4=100
	May, 1990	21	45	30	4=100
	April, 1987	22	46	29	3=100
c.	An environmentalist	12	44	43	1=100
	March, 1994	13	41	43	3=100
	May, 1990	9	43	42	6=100
	April, 1987	9	49	39	3=100
d.	A Republican	38	35	24	3=100
	March, 1994	38	33	25	4=100
	May, 1990	42	27	25	6=100
	April, 1987	48	29	19	4=100
e.	A Democrat	33	33	31	3=100
	March, 1994	37	32	27	4=100
	May, 1990	34	29	31	6=100
	April, 1987	33	32	31	4=100
f.	A liberal	33	44	19	4=100
	March, 1994	34	41	19	6=100
	May, 1990	34	37	21	8=100
	April, 1987	37	37	19	7=100
g.	A conservative	21	45	32	2=100
	March, 1994	22	44	30	4=100
	May, 1990	27	38	28	7=100
	April, 1987	28	39	27	6=100

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In previous years, men were asked "how well does *supporter of the women's movement* describe you;" women were asked "how well does *feminist* describe you."

Q. 19 CONTINUED ...

		Description		Description	
		Totally		Perfect	<u>DK</u>
		<u>Wrong</u>		<u>8 - 10</u>	
		1 - 3	4 - 7		
h.	A union supporter	30	39	29	2=100
	March, 1994	33	37	27	3=100
	May, 1990	31	36	28	5=100
	April, 1987	32	39	26	3=100
i.	A supporter of				
	business interests	12	52	33	3=100
	March, 1994	12	45	38	5=100
	May, 1990	10	43	41	6=100
	April, 1987	17	50	29	4=100
j.	A National Rifle				
	Association supporter	44	28	26	2=100
	March 1994	45	26	26	3=100
	April, 1987	37	29	27	7=100
k.	A supporter of the				
	civil rights movement	11	37	50	2=100
	March, 1994	13	37	46	4=100
	May, 1990	11	38	45	6=100
	April, 1987	12	38	47	3=100
l.	A supporter of the				
	pro-life movement	27	33	36	4=100
	March, 1994 ⁵	41	27	28	4=100
	May, 1990 ⁶	37	26	31	6=100
	April, 1987	35	29	32	4=100
m.	A supporter of the				
	gay rights movement	50	31	17	2=100
	March, 1994	56	26	15	3=100
	April, 1987	66	22	9	3=100
n.	A supporter of				
	the pro-choice movement	27	33	36	4=100
	March, 1994 ⁷	37	25	35	3=100
o.	Anti-government	58	31	8	3=100
p.	A patriot	8	30	59	3=100
q.	Financially well off	25	57	17	1=100

⁵ In March 1994, the category was worded: "A supporter of the (pro-life) or anti-abortion movement."

⁶ In May 1990 and April 1987, the category was worded: "A supporter of the anti-abortion movement."

⁷ In March 1994, the category was worded: "A supporter of abortion rights."

Q. 19 CONTINUED ...

		Description		Description	
		Totally		Perfect	DK
		<u>Wrong</u>		<u>8 - 10</u>	
		1 - 3	4 - 7		
r.	Working class	8	24	67	1=100
s.	A poor person	42	40	16	2=100
t.	Internet enthusiast	37	36	23	4=100

Q.20 Now I'd like your opinion of some groups and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of what I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")**

		Very	Mostly	Mostly	Very	Never	Can't
		Favor-	Favor-	Unfavor-	Unfavor-	Heard	Rate
		<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	<u>Of</u>	
ASK ALL							
a.	The Republican Party	8	45	31	12	*	4=100
	February, 1999	7	37	36	15	0	5=100
	January, 1999	10	34	27	23	0	6=100
	Early December, 1998	11	35	27	20	*	7=100
	October, 1998 (RVs)	9	43	28	14	0	6=100
	Early September, 1998	9	47	26	11	*	7=100
	March, 1998	10	40	31	12	*	7=100
	August, 1997	9	38	36	11	*	6=100
	June, 1997	8	43	31	11	1	6=100
	January, 1997	8	44	33	10	*	5=100
	October, 1995	10	42	28	16	*	4=100
	December, 1994	21	46	19	8	*	6=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
b.	The Democratic Party	14	45	28	9	*	4=100
	February, 1999	11	47	26	11	0	5=100
	January, 1999	14	41	26	12	0	7=100
	Early December, 1998	18	41	24	10	0	7=100
	October, 1998 (RVs)	11	45	29	9	*	6=100
	Early September, 1998	13	47	25	8	*	7=100
	March, 1998	15	43	26	10	*	6=100
	August, 1997	11	41	32	10	0	6=100
	June, 1997	10	51	25	8	*	6=100
	January, 1997	13	47	28	7	*	5=100
	October, 1995	9	40	37	11	0	3=100
	December, 1994	13	37	31	13	*	6=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

Q.20 CONTINUED ...

	<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>
ASK ITEM c THRU f FORM A ONLY:						
c. Congress	8	55	27	7	*	3=100
June, 1999	9	47	30	9	*	5=100
February, 1999	4	48	36	8	0	4=100
January, 1999	7	41	30	15	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	11	41	29	12	0	7=100
October, 1998 (RVs)	7	55	25	8	0	5=100
Early September, 1998	7	59	22	5	0	7=100
October, 1997	5	48	33	11	0	3=100
August 1997	6	44	33	11	0	6=100
June, 1997	4	48	34	8	0	6=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
March, 1991	16	50	19	7	0	8=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
d. The United Nations	19	57	14	5	*	5=100
June, 1999	19	51	16	7	0	7=100
Early September, 1998	14	55	16	7	*	8=100
September, 1997	11	53	19	9	*	8=100
February, 1996	19	46	20	9	1	5=100
June, 1995	14	53	20	8	*	5=100
February, 1995	13	49	18	8	*	12=100
July, 1994	21	55	14	5	1	4=100
May, 1993	21	52	13	4	0	10=100
May, 1990	15	55	13	6	1	10=100

Q.20 CONTINUED ...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
e.	The military	30	59	8	2	*	1=100
	June, 1999	36	47	11	2	0	4=100
	Early September, 1998	29	57	7	3	0	4=100
	October, 1997	22	56	13	5	0	4=100
	May, 1997	23	57	11	5	0	4=100
	February, 1996	33	49	12	4	*	2=100
	July, 1994	30	57	8	3	*	2=100
	May, 1993	32	53	8	2	0	5=100
	March, 1991	60	34	2	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	18	55	15	6	*	6=100
	January, 1988	20	57	14	3	*	6=100
	April, 1987	17	63	12	4	0	4=100
	January, 1987	19	54	11	5	*	11=100
	July, 1986	32	53	7	3	0	5=100
	June, 1985	24	53	13	5	*	5=100
f.	Insurance companies	8	41	35	14	*	2=100
	Early September, 1998	5	36	35	19	*	5=100
	July, 1994	6	34	38	20	*	2=100

ASK ITEM g THRU j FORM B ONLY:

g.	Labor unions	12	47	27	9	*	5=100
	Early September, 1998	12	40	25	13	*	10=100
	June, 1997	15	43	25	10	*	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
	January, 1988 ⁸	10	42	29	10	*	9=100
	July, 1985	9	37	30	17	*	7=100
h.	Business corporations	8	65	19	3	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	9	55	21	5	*	10=100
	October, 1997	11	55	23	5	*	6=100
	June, 1997	8	60	18	7	*	7=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	0	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

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In January 1988, the category was worded "Organized labor."

Q. 20 CONTINUED ...

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
i. Network television news	19	55	18	6	*	2=100
June, 1999	20	48	22	6	*	4=100
February, 1998	16	60	17	5	*	2=100
February, 1997	15	58	18	5	*	4=100
April, 1996	21	58	13	4	0	4=100
January, 1996	25	58	11	4	*	2=100
June, 1995	16	51	21	9	*	3=100
July, 1994	17	52	22	7	*	2=100
May, 1993	23	58	12	3	0	4=100
January, 1992	27	55	11	2	0	5=100
November, 1991	24	51	16	5	0	4=100
March, 1991	40	51	5	2	0	2=100
May, 1990	22	60	12	3	*	3=100
August, 1989	28	54	11	3		4=100
February, 1989	21	61	12	3		3=100
August, 1988 (RVs)	29	52	9	5		5=100
May, 1988	20	58	14	4		4=100
January 27, 1988	12	69	13	3		3=100
January 7-18, 1988	18	60	14	4		4=100
October, 1987	19	62	10	3		6=100
May, 1987	21	63	11	3		2=100
January, 1987	19	55	16	6		4=100
July, 1986	30	53	10	4		3=100
August, 1985	30	51	8	2		7=100
June, 1985	25	59	8	2		6=100
j. The daily newspaper you are most familiar with	22	56	13	5	*	4=100
June, 1999	24	55	11	6	*	4=100
February, 1998	18	56	13	5	*	8=100
February, 1997	21	53	15	4	0	7=100
April, 1996	24	56	12	4	0	4=100
January, 1996	27	52	11	5	*	5=100
June, 1995	22	52	14	7	1	4=100
July, 1994	23	57	13	5	*	2=100
May, 1993	26	55	10	4	0	5=100
January, 1992	27	51	13	5	0	4=100
November, 1991	24	56	11	5	0	4=100
March, 1991	30	55	7	3	*	5=100
May, 1990	22	56	12	5	*	5=100
August, 1989	25	52	12	5		6=100
February, 1989	22	56	13	4		5=100
August, 1988 (RVs)	30	48	10	5		7=100
May, 1988	19	59	13	4		5=100
January 27, 1988	19	62	11	3		5=100
January 7-18, 1988	21	59	12	4		4=100
October, 1987	21	58	9	4		8=100
May, 1987	22	59	12	3		4=100
January, 1987	19	57	13	6		5=100
July, 1986	28	51	11	6		4=100
August, 1985	25	52	10	5		8=100
June, 1985	25	56	8	3		8=100

Q.21 I'd like your opinion of some programs and proposals being discussed in this country today. Please tell me if you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose each one. The first one is... **(READ AND ROTATE)**

ASK FORM A ONLY:

		Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Restricting the sale of handguns	33	23	22	20	2=100
	June, 1996	29	24	26	19	2=100
	July, 1994	35	23	19	21	2=100
	May, 1993	28	27	26	17	2=100
	May, 1990	38	27	20	13	2=100
b.	Using American military troops as peacekeepers in Bosnia and Kosovo	15	39	25	18	3=100
c.	Giving the president fast track authority to negotiate international trade deals that Congress can only approve or disapprove, but not change	11	33	32	17	7=100
	Early September, 1998 ⁹	13	30	29	18	10=100
d.	Reducing the capital gains tax	26	38	18	7	11=100

ASK FORM B ONLY:

e.	Requiring that women under 18 years get the consent of at least one parent before they are allowed to have an abortion?	45	28	14	11	2=100
	May, 1992		73	23		4=100
f.	Federal funding for vouchers to help low and middle income parents send their children to private and parochial schools	23	34	25	15	3=100
	Early September, 1998	24	30	26	15	5=100
g.	Doing away with bilingual education and requiring that all public school students are taught in English only	27	22	29	20	2=100
	Early September, 1998	32	22	22	21	3=100
h.	Laws that would result in more juvenile offenders aged 14 and over being tried as adults	36	37	16	8	3=100
i.	Restricting scientific research on human cloning	19	20	24	33	4=100
	Early September, 1998	27	18	21	29	5=100

⁹

In September 1998, the question was worded: "Giving President Clinton fast track authority to negotiate international trade deals that Congress can only approve or disapprove, but not change."

On another subject...

Q.22(B) How much, if anything, have you heard about a proposal which would allow Americans to put a portion of their Social Security taxes into a personal savings account to be used for retirement — a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

		Early Sept <u>1998</u>	June <u>1998</u>
18	A lot	16	16
39	A little	39	44
42	Nothing at all	44	40
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
100		100	100

IF 1 "A LOT" OR 2 "A LITTLE" ASK [N=1152]:

Q.23(B) Generally, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

		Early Sept <u>1998</u>	June <u>1998</u>
70	Favor	71	69
22	Oppose	20	20
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100

Q.24(A) Do you think that we should increase our defense spending, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

		June <u>1999</u>	Sept <u>1997</u> ¹⁰	Feb <u>1995</u> ¹¹	Oct <u>1994</u> *	Sept <u>1993</u>	Oct-Nov <u>1990</u> *	Oct-Nov <u>1986</u> *	Oct-Nov <u>1982</u> *	Nov <u>1978</u> *	Dec <u>1974</u> *
27	Increase	31	17	19	18	10	12	21	22	32	13
54	Keep same	47	57	56	53	52	53	55	52	45	47
16	Cut back	19	24	24	26	36	32	23	24	16	33
<u>3</u>	DK/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Gallup trend

¹⁰ In September 1997, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?"

¹¹ In February 1995 and in previous months, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should expand our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?"

On another subject...

Q.25(A) In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Clinton administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

		Reagan Administration			
		Jan	Early Sept	May	<i>Newsweek</i>
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>Feb 1987</u>
56	Accomplishments will outweigh failures	50	52	46	52
38	Failures will outweigh accomplishments	34	35	41	38
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100

On another subject...

Q.26(T) How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape, or poor shape?

		---- <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> ----								
		May	Sept	Mar	Dec	Jan	Oct	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996¹²</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
6	Excellent shape	7	8	5	5	4	6	5	4	4
43	Good shape	43	47	41	34	33	34	30	35	32
41	Only fair shape	38	34	40	45	46	40	47	45	45
9	OR poor shape	11	10	13	15	16	19	17	15	18
<u>1</u>	DK/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.27(T) Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

58	Full-time
11	Part-time
30	Not employed
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF "1" OR "2" EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME, ASK [N=1438]:

Q.28(A) Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		Early							-- <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> --			
		Sept	Nov	May	June	Feb	July	Mar	Oct	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
39	Yes	43	41	46	44	41	40	44	36	33	34	39
60	No	57	59	54	56	58	60	56	63	66	65	61
<u>1</u>	DK/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹²

Percentages based on registered voters.

IF "2" DO NOT NOW EARN ENOUGH MONEY, ASK:

Q.29(A) Do you think you will be able to earn enough money in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		Early								--- U.S. News & World Report ---			
		Sept	Nov	May	June	Feb	July	March	Oct	Aug	Jan		
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	
38	Yes	36	33	34	34	35	34	33	35	36	34	34	
19	No	20	24	18	20	20	24	20	36	25	28	22	
<u>3</u>	DK/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	
60%		57%	59%	54%	56%	58%	60%	56%	63%	66%	65%	61%	

On another subject...

Q.30(A) 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?

		Aug	Nov	Aug	June	Oct	Aug
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1993</u>
20	Working together more	27	38	43	34	21	20
68	Opposing each other more	51	45	46	49	72	57
4	Same as in past (VOL.)	8	7	3	6	3	13
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.31(B) Next, I'd like to know how often you watch certain TV programs or read certain publications. As I read each, tell me if you watch or read it regularly, sometimes, hardly ever or never. (First,) how often do you...**(READ AND ROTATE ITEMS)** — regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

		<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Read a daily newspaper	52	28	13	7	*=100
	February, 1997	56	24	9	11	*=100
	May, 1993	66	19	7	8	*=100
	February, 1992	71	19	5	4	1=100
b.	Watch the national nightly network news on CBS, ABC or NBC? This is different from local news shows about the area where you live	40	33	16	11	*=100
	April, 1998	38	29	15	18	*=100
	February, 1997	41	31	14	14	*=100
	April, 1996	42	29	15	14	*=100
	March, 1995	48	28	14	10	*=100
	May, 1993	60	28	5	6	1=100
	February, 1993	58	23	10	9	*=100
c.	Watch cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC	30	35	15	20	*=100

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	<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
d. Watch news magazine shows such as 60 Minutes, 20/20 or Dateline ¹³	35	40	16	9	*=100
April, 1998	37	41	12	10	*=100
April, 1996	36	38	15	11	*=100
July, 1994	43	43	8	6	*=100
February, 1994	45	36	11	8	0=100
May, 1993	52	37	6	5	*=100
Feb, 1993	49	32	11	8	*=100
June, 1992	46	40	8	6	*=100
July, 1990	46	38	8	8	*=100
June, 1990	50	36	6	8	*=100
May, 1990	45	37	8	10	*=100
April, 1990	47	37	7	9	*=100
March, 1990	41	42	7	10	*=100
February, 1990	39	41	10	10	0=100
January, 1990	43	40	8	9	*=100

Q.32(B) How often, if ever, do you listen to radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues and politics...(READ)

	<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 1999	18	23	24	35	*=100
Early September, 1998	23	25	23	29	*=100
April, 1998	13	22	24	41	*=100
October, 1997	18	28	25	29	*=100
August, 1997	17	24	28	31	*=100
Early September, 1996	15	25	22	37	1=100
July, 1996	16	24	27	33	*=100
June, 1996	17	25	26	31	1=100
April, 1996	13	23	25	39	*=100
March, 1996	18	28	24	30	*=100
October, 1995	18	33	25	24	*=100
June, 1995	15	19	27	39	*=100
April, 1995	19	30	24	27	*=100
November, 1994	16	31	26	26	1=100
July, 1994	17	29	24	30	*=100
December, 1993	23	22	25	30	0=100
April, 1993	23	32	23	22	*=100

¹³ In previous months, the question was worded: "Watch news magazine shows such as 60 Minutes or 20/20."

Q.33(T) Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, or at home on at least an occasional basis?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 1999	67	33	*=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100

IF YES (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.33, ASK:

Q.34 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

		July	June	May	April	March	Feb	Jan	Early	Early	Early	July	June
		1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1998	1995 ¹⁴
52	Goes online	49	50	48	51	49	49	47	42	37	42	43	36
48	Does not go online	51	50	52	49	51	51	53	58	63	58	57	63
<u>0</u>	DK/Ref	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹⁴

The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions:

(1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?)

(2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?

IF YES (GO ONLINE) , ASK [N=2264]:

Q.35(T) How frequently do you go online to get NEWS...would you say every day, 3 to 5 days per week, 1 or 2 days per week, once every few weeks, or less often?

		July	June	Dec	Nov	April	June
		1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1995
22	Everyday	21	22	25	10	18	6
15	3-5 days per week	15	18	17	11	17	9
19	1-2 days per week	22	22	22	16	20	15
15	Once every few weeks	14	14	10	13	15	13
20	Less often	19	18	18	20	21	28
9	No/Never (VOL.)	9	7	8	30	9	29
*	Don't know/Refused	0	0	*	*	*	*
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.36(A)Have you EVER called, sent a letter, faxed a letter, or sent an e-mail to your Congressional representative or

opinion on an issue?¹⁵

Q.37(A)Have you done so IN JUST THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

		April	Oct	July	June	May	Mar	Jan	Dec	Sep
		1995 ¹⁶	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1993	1993
34	Yes, have ever	45	42	48	44	36	45	40	41	41
20	Yes, in past 12 months	12	22	26	26	21	23	22	22	21
14	No, in past 12 months	33	20	22	18	15	22	18	18	19
*	Don't Know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
66	No, have never	55	58	52	56	64	55	60	58	59
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹⁵ Question modified to include "sent an email."

¹⁶ Follow up wording: "Have you done so since January 1st, 1995?"

Q.38(T) 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>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
q.						
80	This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment	77	77	74	77	78
	67 Strongly	66	65	63	65	62
	13 Not Strongly	11	12	11	12	16
15	This country has gone too far in its efforts to protect the environment	18	20	22	19	19
	10 Strongly	13	13	15	13	12
	5 Not Strongly	5	7	7	6	7
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100
		<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
r.						
28	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	30	35	39	32	33
	19 Strongly	22	23	28	23	21
	9 Not Strongly	8	12	11	9	12
65	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost	63	61	57	62	62
	50 Strongly	51	47	44	49	45
	15 Not Strongly	12	14	13	13	17
<u>7</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100
		<u>July</u>				
		<u>1994</u>				
s.						
54	There are no real limits to growth in this country today	51				
	38 Strongly	33				
	16 Not strongly	18				
40	People in this country should learn to live with less	45				
	30 Strongly	30				
	9 Not strongly	15				
<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>4</u>				
100		100				

Q. 38 CONTINUED ...

		<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>									
t.	63	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want	52								
	47	Strongly	35								
	16	Not strongly	17								
	32	This country can't solve many of its important problems	45								
	24	Strongly	30								
	8	Not strongly	15								
	<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>								
	100		100								
			<u>Oct</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>	
			<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	
u.	49	Homosexuality is a way of life that should be accepted by society	46	45	44	44	45	47	46	46	
	33	Strongly	--	32	32	29	29	30	33	26	
	16	Not Strongly	--	13	12	15	16	17	13	20	
	44	Homosexuality is a way of life that should be discouraged by society	48	50	49	49	50	48	48	49	
	37	Strongly	--	43	42	42	41	40	41	41	
	7	Not Strongly	--	7	7	7	9	8	7	8	
	<u>7</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<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	100	
			<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>			
			<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>			
v.	52	Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries	46	44	46	45	42	46			
	43	Strongly	39	39	37	40	36	37			
	9	Not Strongly	7	5	9	5	6	9			
	45	Public school libraries should be allowed to carry any books they want	50	51	52	52	53	55			
	36	Strongly	40	43	41	44	47	39			
	9	Not Strongly	10	9	11	9	8	12			
	<u>3</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>			
	100		100	100	100	100	100	100			
w.	75	Religion is a very important part of my life									
	67	Strongly									
	8	Not Strongly									
	22	Religion is not that important to me									
	12	Strongly									
	10	Not Strongly									
	<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't Know									
	100										

Q. 38 CONTINUED ...

		<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
x.	We will all be called before God to						
83	to answer our sins ¹⁷	82	80	81	83	81	80
	77 Strongly	77	74	76	75	74	71
	6 Not Strongly	5	7	7	6	6	9
	I don't believe we will have to answer						
12	for our sins before God	13	13	13	14	14	16
	8 Strongly	9	9	9	9	10	9
	4 Not Strongly	4	4	4	5	4	7
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<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>April</u>	<u>July</u>			
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>			
y.	I'm generally satisfied with the way things						
64	are going for me financially	57	57	56			
	48 Strongly	43	44	36			
	16 Not Strongly	14	13	20			
34	I'm not very satisfied with my financial situation	41	42	43			
	28 Strongly	36	37	33			
	6 Not Strongly	5	5	10			
<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
100		100	100	100			
		<u>July</u>					
		<u>1994</u>					
z.	I often don't have enough money						
29	to make ends meet	36					
	22 Strongly	27					
	7 Not strongly	9					
	Paying the bills is generally						
68	not a problem for me	63					
	54 Strongly	43					
	14 Not strongly	20					
<u>3</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>1</u>					
100		100					

¹⁷

In June 1997, the statement was worded: "We will all be called before God on Judgment Day to answer for our sins; or I don't believe we will have to answer for our sins on Judgment Day."

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.39(T) Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...**(READ)**

	<u>Most of The Time</u>	<u>Some of the Time</u>	<u>Only Now and Then</u>	<u>Hardly at All</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*=100
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*=100
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*=100
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*=100
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*=100
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*=100
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*=100
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*=100
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1=100
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*=100
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*=100
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*=100
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1=100
October, 1988	52	33	11	4	*=100
September, 1988	58	32	8	2	*=100
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3=100
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2=100
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1=100
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2=100
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1=100

Q.40(T) Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

		Early						<i>ABC/Washington Post</i> ¹⁸	
		<u>Sept 1998</u>	<u>Aug 1997</u>	<u>July 1996</u>	<u>Oct 1995</u>	<u>April 1995</u>	<u>July 1994</u>	<u>Jan 1984</u>	<u>Sept 1982</u>
54	Agree	46	47	58	59	57	53	41	44
40	Disagree	47	46	37	37	38	43	48	44
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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In January 1984, the *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded: "Can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement: We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."
 In September 1982, the *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded: "I'm going to read a few statements. For each, can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with it, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statements... We should have a third party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

Q.41(A) Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

		Early Sept <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	April <u>1997</u>
15	More	25	18	23	10
20	Less	15	15	12	22
60	Same	55	60	59	59
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.42(T) In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

		Early														
		Nov <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>	Feb <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	Feb <u>1995</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June <u>1992</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
25	Republican	25	30	30	30	30	33	35	28	33	29	28	28	31	28	25
33	Democrat	32	33	32	30	29	30	31	31	30	33	32	33	38	38	37
37	Independent	38	34	32	35	37	33	30	35	32	35	36	28	23	26	28
3	No preference(VOL.)	3	2	3	3	3	--	--	4	--	2	1	9	7	6	8
*	Other party(VOL.)*	*	1	*	*	2	2	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	
<u>2</u>	Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.43(T) Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican, or NOT a strong Republican?

		Nov <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June <u>1992</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
11	Strong	11	11	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
<u>14</u>	Not strong	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
25		25	30	30	31	29	28	28	31	28	27	25

Q.44(T) As I read each of the following statements, tell me if it comes close to what you mean when you say you are a Republican. **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS) (IF NECESSARY: Does that come close to what you mean when you say you are a Republican?)**

BASED ON REPUBLICANS [N=1068]:

		Yes, <u>comes close</u>	No, <u>does not</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	I usually think of myself as a Republican but I don't agree completely with what the party stands for	81	18	1=100
	May, 1990	75	21	4=100
	July, 1987	78	18	4=100
b.	I usually prefer Republican candidates but sometimes I support Democrats	78	21	1=100
	May, 1990	74	24	2=100
	July, 1987	77	21	2=100
c.	I involve myself in what the Republican Party is doing	44	55	1=100
	July, 1987	32	64	4=100
d.	With me it's more a matter of not liking the Democrats than anything else	20	79	1=100
	May, 1990	17	77	6=100
	July, 1987	18	78	4=100

Q.45(T) Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat, or NOT a strong Democrat?

		Nov <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June <u>1992</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
15	Strong	14	14	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
<u>18</u>	Not strong	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
33		32	30	29	32	33	32	33	38	38	39	37

Q.46(T) As I read each of the following statements, tell me if it comes close to what you mean when you say you are a Democrat. **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS) (IF NECESSARY: Does that come close to what you mean when you say you are a Democrat?)**

BASED ON DEMOCRATS [N=1233]:

		Yes, <u>comes close</u>	No, <u>does not</u>	Don't know <u>Refused</u>
a.	I usually think of myself as a Democrat but I don't agree completely with what the party stands for	76	23	1=100
	May, 1990	69	27	4=100
	July, 1987	70	25	5=100
b.	I usually prefer Democratic candidates but sometimes I support Republicans	73	27	*=100
	May, 1990	63	34	3=100
	July, 1987	66	32	2=100
c.	I involve myself in what the Democratic Party is doing	47	51	2=100
	July, 1987	36	61	3=100
d.	With me it's more a matter of not liking the Republicans than anything else	27	72	1=100
	May, 1990	22	73	5=100
	July, 1987	20	74	6=100

Q.47(T) As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

BASED ON INDEPENDENTS/OTHER (Q. 42=3,4,5,9) [N=1672]:

34	Republican
36	Democrat
24	Neither (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.48(T) When you were growing up, did your parents usually vote for Republicans or Democrats? **(IF PARENTS VOTED DIFFERENTLY, ASK: How did the parent you felt closer to usually vote?)**

		Nov <u>1997</u>	July <u>1994</u>
26	Republicans	28	28
43	Democrats	43	47
8	Both/Split ticket (VOL.)	6	6
5	Didn't vote/Not eligible (VOL.)	5	4
2	Other response	1	2
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100

Q.49

(A) Looking ahead to the next presidential election, would you like to see a president who offers policies and programs similar to those of the Clinton administration, OR would you like to see a president who offers different policies and programs?

		June <u>1999</u>	Feb <u>1999</u>
43	Policies and programs similar to Clinton Administration	43	54
50	Different policies and programs	50	41
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

Q.50

(A) Now I am going to read you some statements. For each, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it, or completely DISagree with it. (The first one is...) **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)**

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	I am tired of all the problems associated with the Clinton administration	34	36	20	7	3=100
	March, 1999	46	28	15	8	3=100
b.	I wish Bill Clinton could run for a third term	12	19	25	42	2=100
	March, 1999	16	13	19	50	2=100

ROTATE QUESTIONS 51 AND 52

Q.51

(A) Looking back, do you think Bill Clinton made the right decision to remain in office during the investigation into his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, OR do you think Clinton should have resigned?

		<u>July 1999</u>
63	Made right decision to remain in office	60
34	Clinton should have resigned	35
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

Q.52

(A) Looking back, do you think the House of Representatives made the right decision to impeach Bill Clinton, OR do you think the House should not have impeached Clinton?

		<u>July 1999</u>
41	Made right decision to impeach Clinton	44
55	Should not have impeached Clinton	51
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

Now thinking about your personal life...

Q.53(B) Please tell me which of the following activities, if any, you personally do. First, do you...(READ AND ROTATE)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Exercise regularly	65	35	*=100
b. Regularly watch the daytime talk shows Ricki Lake, Jerry Springer, or Jenny Jones	14	86	*=100
c. Trade stocks or bonds in the stock markets	25	75	*=100
d. Attend Bible study or prayer group meetings	34	66	*=100
e. Work with, lead, or coach a youth group	21	79	*=100
f. Follow professional or college sports closely	49	51	*=100
g. Do volunteer work for a charity or other non-profit organization	50	50	*=100
h. Attend theater, ballet, opera or classical music concerts	40	60	*=100

Q.54(B) For each description I read, please tell me if it applies to you or not. (First,)... (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Were you or either of your parents born in a country other than the United States or Canada?	15	84	1=100
b. Do you smoke cigarettes on a regular basis?	24	76	*=100
c. Are you the parent or guardian of a child who plays in an organized sports league?	22	78	*=100
d. Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member who is gay?	39	60	1=100
e. Are you the owner of a small business?	14	86	*=100
f. Are you a member of a country club?	5	95	*=100

Q.55(T) 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?

77	Yes, registered
22	No, not registered
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF "1" YES, REGISTERED ASK [N=3148]:

Q.56(T) 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?

95	Absolutely certain
5	Chance registration has lapsed
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.57(T) How often would you say you vote...(READ)

41	Always
27	Nearly always
14	Part of the time, OR
10	Seldom?
7	Never vote (VOLUNTEERED)
1	Other response (DO NOT READ)
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.58(T) Thinking back to the 1996 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Dole and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? (**IF YES, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Dole, or Perot?)

38	Yes, Clinton
20	Yes, Dole
8	Yes, Perot
1	Yes, other candidate
1	Yes, don't remember which candidate
27	No, didn't vote/too young
2	Don't Remember if voted
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.59(T) Thinking back to the 1992 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Bush and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? (IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for Clinton, Bush, or Perot?)

31	Yes, Clinton
28	Yes, Bush
6	Yes, Perot
*	Yes, other candidate
2	Yes, don't remember which candidate
28	No, didn't vote/too young
2	Don't Remember if voted
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.60(T) And just this past year, in the 1998 elections for CONGRESS, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

50	Yes, voted
44	No, didn't vote
3	No, too young to vote
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "1" YES, ASK [N=2100]:

Q.61(T) Are you absolutely certain you voted, or is there a chance you may not have?

92	Absolutely certain
7	Did not vote/ May not have voted
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "1" YES, CERTAIN, ASK [N=1939]:

Q.62(T) Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

43	Republican
45	Democrat
2	Other/Independent Candidate
1	Didn't vote for Congress
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
POLITICAL TYPOLOGY 1999 RE-INTERVIEW SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
OCTOBER 7-11, 1999
N=1,411**

Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. A few weeks ago we were conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country, and we spoke with a **(INSERT SEX AND AGE)** in your household. I'd like to ask **(HIM/HER)** a few additional questions to follow up on that previous interview. Is **(HE/SHE)** available?

[IF PEW RESPONDENT DOES NOT ANSWER THE PHONE, USE THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION WHEN HE OR SHE DOES GET ON THE LINE:]

Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. A few weeks ago you participated in a telephone opinion survey we were conducting for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I'd like to ask you a few additional questions to follow up on that previous interview.

ROTATE Q.1 AND Q.2

- Q.1 What MAN living in America today, who you've heard or read about, do you admire MOST? **(OPEN-END; RECORD RESPONSE. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE; IF ANSWERS DK, PROBE ONCE.)**
- Q.2 What WOMAN living in America today, who you've heard or read about, do you admire MOST? **(OPEN-END; RECORD RESPONSE. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE; IF ANSWERS DK, PROBE ONCE.)**

<u>Top 15 Men</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>	<u>Top 15 Women</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>
Bill Clinton	84	Hillary Clinton	161
Billy Graham	62	Elizabeth Dole	138
George Bush (unspecific)	52	Oprah Winfrey	80
Ronald Reagan	51	Barbara Bush	57
Colin Powell	45	Nancy Reagan	39
Bill Gates	41	My Wife	27
Jimmy Carter	38	Madeleine Albright	17
Jesse Ventura	34	My Mother	16
Bill Bradley	24	Maya Angelou	13
John McCain	24	Mother Theresa	10
My Father/Dad	21	Christie Todd Whitman	7
Al Gore	15	Shania Twain	6
Michael Jordan	13	Barbara Walters	4
George Bush, Sr.	12	Princess Diana	4
Donald Trump	12	Meryl Streep	2
None	28	None	19
Not Sure/DK/Refused	8	Not Sure/DK/Refused	15

* The "frequency" column is the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

On another subject...

Q.3 How closely have you been following news about the 2000 presidential election campaign... **(READ)**?

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK (VOL)
October, 1999	10	35	38	17	0=100
September, 1999 ¹⁹	15	31	33	20	1=100
July, 1999	15	38	24	22	1=100
June, 1999	11	25	29	34	1=100

ROTATE Q.4/4a-4e AND Q.5/5a-5b IN BLOCKS

Q.4 Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

IF "3" OTHER, "8" DON'T KNOW, OR "9" REFUSED, ASK:

Q.4a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore, the Democrat or Bush, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1134]:

	Sept <u>1999</u>	July <u>1999</u>	March <u>1999</u> ²⁰	Jan <u>1999</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>
39 Gore/Lean Gore	39	42	41	44	40
54 Bush/Lean Bush	54	53	54	50	53
<u>7</u> Undecided/Other/DK	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.4b What do you like most about **(INSERT NAME FROM Q.4 OR Q.4a)** — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE GORE OR BUSH IN Q.4/4a:

	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	Stand on <u>issues</u>	<u>DK</u>	
Al Gore	8	11	32	43	6=100	(N=431)
George W. Bush	13	25	11	42	9=100	(N=625)
Bill Clinton						
September, 1996	14	24	6	49	7=100	
Bob Dole						
September, 1996	3	25	33	35	4=100	
Ross Perot						
September, 1996	8	17	13	54	8=100	

¹⁹ In previous months, the question asked: "News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election."

²⁰ In previous months, the question asked: "Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat and Texas governor George W. Bush, the Republican..."

Q.4c What do you like LEAST about (INSERT NAME NOT CHOSEN IN Q.4 OR Q.4a) — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE GORE OR BUSH IN Q.4/4a:

	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on Issues</u>	<u>DK</u>	
Al Gore	24	22	5	39	10=100	(N=625)
George W. Bush	19	11	13	41	16=100	(N=431)

Q.4d Which of the following is the most important reason why you (IF Q.4 OR Q.4a=1, ASK: support ; IF Q.4 OR Q.4a > 1, ASK: don't support) Al Gore for president — his personality and leadership abilities, OR his ties to the Clinton administration?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	<u>Why Support Gore</u>	<u>Why Don't Support Gore</u>
Personality and leadership abilities	55	38
Ties to the Clinton administration	36	51
(DO NOT READ) Other/Neither	7	7
Don't Know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
	100	100
	(N=431)	(N=703)

Q.4e Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the coming presidential election if the candidates are Al Gore and George W. Bush?

23	Al Gore
70	George W. Bush
1	Other (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	DK/Refused
100	

Q.5 Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Bill Bradley, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

IF "3" OTHER, "8" DON'T KNOW, OR "9" REFUSED, ASK:

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Bradley, the Democrat or Bush, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1134]:

	<u>July 1999</u>
41	Bradley/Lean Bradley ³⁶
54	Bush/Lean Bush
<u>5</u>	Undecided/Other
100	100

Q.5b What do you like (**IF Q.5 OR Q.5a=1, ASK: most ; IF Q.5 OR Q.5a =2, ASK: least**) about Bill Bradley — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	<u>Like Most About Bradley</u>	<u>Like Least About Bradley</u>
Personality	9	6
Leadership	15	8
Experience	14	13
Stand on Issues	49	36
Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u>	<u>37</u>
	100	100
	(N=453)	(N=617)

Still thinking about the 2000 elections...

Q.6 If the elections for U.S. CONGRESS were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "3" OR "9" ASK:

Q.6a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1134]:

	<u>Republican/ Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Democrat/ Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
October, 1999	43	49	8=100
June, 1999	40	50	10=100
November, 1998	42	48	10=100
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100
June, 1998	44	46	10=100
March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 1998	41	50	9=100
January, 1998	41	51	8=100
August, 1997	45	48	7=100
Early November, 1996 ²¹	44	48	8=100
October, 1996	42	49	9=100
Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
July, 1996	46	47	7=100
June, 1996	44	50	6=100
March, 1996	44	49	7=100
January, 1996	46	47	7=100
October, 1995	48	48	4=100
August, 1995	50	43	7=100
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

²¹ Early November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

ASK ALL:

Q.7 Generally speaking, would you say that YOU PERSONALLY care a good deal which party wins control of Congress in the elections this fall, or don't you care very much which party wins?

		<u>May 1990</u>
59	Care a good deal	49
40	Don't care very much	46
<u>1</u>	Don't know	<u>5</u>
100		100

On a different subject...

[THURSDAY RESPONDENTS ASKED SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WORDING FOR Q.8/Q.8a]²²

Q.8 As I read from a list, tell me which ONE of the following items is the most important thing for the next president to do. Please wait until I read the entire list before you respond. **(READ LIST; ROTATE ORDER)**

Q.8a And which should be the president's second highest priority? **(READ ITEMS AGAIN IF NECESSARY — USE SAME ORDER AS IN Q.8. OMIT RESPONSE FROM Q.8)**

		<u>First Priority</u>	<u>Second Priority</u>
	The economy	12	12
	Health care	11	15
	Education	15	15
13	Morality	7	
	Crime	7	10
	Taxes	6	8
	Poverty	9	8
	Social Security and Medicare	20	16
	The nuclear threat	4	6
	Other (DO NOT READ: SPECIFY)	2	2
	None of the above (DO NOT READ)	*	*
	Don't know (DO NOT READ)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		100	100
			(N=1399)²³

Q.9 Which political party do you think can do a better job of on — **(INSERT ITEM SELECTED IN Q.8)**? The Republican Party, or the Democratic Party?

36	Republican Party
46	Democratic Party
8	(DO NOT READ) No difference
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	
(N=1399)	

²² For Q.8 and Q.8a, respondents interviewed Thursday night ONLY (October 7, 1999) were read a slightly different list of items (using the same codes): "Keep the economy strong; Improve the nation's health care system; Improve the educational system; Deal with the moral breakdown in the country; Work to reduce crime; Deal with taxes; Deal with the problems of poor and needy people; Keep Social Security and Medicare financially strong; Prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction." The DO NOT READ codes 10 (Other), 11 (None of the above), and 99 (Don't Know/Refused) were the same.

²³ If respondent did not choose a first priority in Q.8, they were skipped out of this question.

ROTATE Q.10 AND Q.11

INTERVIEWER NOTE: LEAD OFF THE 1ST SERIES WITH “Now...” FOR THE SECOND SERIES INSERT THE WORD “more” BEFORE “pairs of opposite phrases.”

Q.10 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, tell me which ONE best reflects your impression of Al Gore so far. (First,) does Al Gore impress you as... **(READ AND ROTATE)**

- a. Trustworthy or NOT trustworthy?
59 Trustworthy
33 Not trustworthy
2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
6 Don't know/Refused
100

- b. Personally likeable or NOT personally likeable?
63 Personally likeable
31 Not personally likeable
2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
4 Don't know/Refused
100

- c. Someone who has new ideas or someone who DOESN'T have new ideas?
40 Has new ideas
49 Doesn't have new ideas
2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
9 Don't know/Refused
100

- d. Someone who cares about people like you or someone who DOESN'T care about people like you?
60 Cares about people like you
31 Doesn't care about people like you
2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
7 Don't know/Refused
100

- e. A strong leader or NOT a strong leader?
33 A strong leader
59 Not a strong leader
2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
6 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.11 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, tell me which ONE best reflects your impression of George W. Bush so far. (First,) does George W. Bush impress you as... **(READ AND ROTATE)**

a. Trustworthy or NOT trustworthy?
 63 Trustworthy
 29 Not trustworthy
 2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
6 Don't know/Refused
 100

b. Personally likeable or NOT personally likeable?
 74 Personally likeable
 20 Not personally likeable
 2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
4 Don't know/Refused
 100

c. Someone who has new ideas or someone who DOESN'T have new ideas?
 55 Has new ideas
 34 Doesn't have new ideas
 2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
9 Don't know/Refused
 100

d. Someone who cares about people like you or someone who DOESN'T care about people like you?
 54 Cares about people like you
 37 Doesn't care about people like you
 2 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
7 Don't know/Refused
 100

e. A strong leader or NOT a strong leader?
 68 A strong leader
 24 Not a strong leader
 3 Neither particularly **(VOLUNTEERED)**
5 Don't know/Refused
 100

On another subject...

Q.12 In your opinion, should the federal government create national standards to protect the rights of patients in HMOs and managed health care plans, OR would this get the government too involved in health care?

		Early Sept <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>
64	Government should create national standards	48	53
30	Too much government involvement	35	
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100

Q.13 I'd like your opinion of some programs and proposals being discussed in this country today. Please tell me if you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose each one. (The first one is...) **(READ AND ROTATE; ITEM c. SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST)**

	Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.45 an hour February, 1998 ²⁴	48 48	34 32	12 14	4 5	2=100 1=100
b. Banning the unlimited campaign contributions that corporations and unions can now make to political parties	29	27	24	15	5=100
c. Allowing patients to sue insurance companies which deny or delay medical treatments	47	35	11	4	3=100

Q.14 Now I'd like you to think about some concerns that people may have. How concerned are you, if at all, about **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)** ? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this? (What about...?)

	Very <u>Concerned</u>	Somewhat <u>Concerned</u>	Not too <u>Concerned</u>	Not at all <u>Concerned</u>	Does Not Apply (VOL)	Don't <u>Know</u>
a. Not having enough money for your retirement?	51	27	13	8	1	*=100
May, 1997	42	26	15	13	3	1=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	56	24	11	7	1	1=100
March, 1996	59	23	9	7	2	*=100
October, 1995	48	29	10	8	4	1=100
May, 1988	34	35	15	8	4	4=100
b. Being unable to save enough money to put a child through college?	47	23	11	13	6	*=100
May, 1997	39	17	10	14	19	1=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	47	18	9	13	12	1=100
October, 1995	44	19	9	12	15	1=100
May, 1988	23	22	11	11	29	4=100
c. Being unable to afford necessary health care when a family member gets sick?	60	19	13	7	1	*=100
May, 1997	50	20	16	13	1	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	61	18	12	7	1	1=100
March, 1996	68	16	10	6	*	*=100
October, 1995	66	17	9	7	1	*=100
d. Becoming a victim of a crime?	39	32	22	7	*	*=100
May, 1997	38	29	22	10	0	1=100
October, 1995	51	30	15	4	*	*=100
May, 1988	36	36	21	5	*	2=100

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Question wording: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.15 an hour."

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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>
Late September, 1999	59	33	8=100
September, 1999	56	36	8=100
August, 1999	60	32	8=100
July, 1999	58	31	11=100
June, 1999	55	35	10=100
May, 1999	56	34	10=100
April, 1999	56	38	6=100
March, 1999	62	31	7=100
February, 1999	64	30	6=100
Mid-January, 1999	66	29	5=100
January, 1999	63	30	7=100
Late December, 1998	71	27	2=100
Early December, 1998	61	32	7=100
November, 1998	65	29	6=100
September 21-22, 1998	62	33	5=100
September 19-20, 1998	55	36	9=100
Early September, 1998	61	33	6=100
Late August, 1998	62	32	6=100
Early August, 1998	63	28	9=100
June, 1998	59	32	9=100
May, 1998	62	28	10=100
April, 1998	62	28	10=100
March, 1998	65	26	9=100
Early February, 1998	71	26	3=100
January, 1998	61	30	9=100
November, 1997	58	31	11=100
September, 1997	58	29	13=100
August, 1997	59	32	9=100
June, 1997	54	34	12=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

Q.1 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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
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>
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100
September, 1999	35	48	17=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100

Q.2 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=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

[FOR QUESTIONS Q.3 THRU Q.6, DETERMINE WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IT IS. IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS SUNDAY, SUBSTITUTE "FRIDAY." IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS NOT SUNDAY, READ "YESTERDAY".]

I'd like to ask you a few questions about how you spent your day yesterday...

Q.3 Did you get a chance to read a daily newspaper yesterday, or not?

IF "YES" IN Q.3, ASK:

Q.3a About how much time did you spend reading a daily newspaper yesterday? **(DO NOT READ)**

		<u>Nov</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>March</u>	<i>Gallup</i>
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1965</u>
47	Read the paper	47	48	50	50	52	45	58	49	56	71
9	Less than 15 min.	8	8	8	7	7	9	7	7	n/a	n/a
12	15-29 min.	11	14	14	15	15	14	15	15	n/a	n/a
16	30-59 min.	16	17	17	18	18	16	21	17	n/a	n/a
10	1 hour or more	11	9	10	10	11	6	14	10	n/a	n/a
*	Don't know	1	*	1	*	1	0	1	*	n/a	n/a
53	Didn't read paper	53	52	50	50	48	55	42	50	44	29
*	Don't know	*	*	0	*	*	*	0	1	*	0
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Did you watch the news or a news program on television yesterday, or not?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES, WATCHED IN Q.4 ASK:

Q.4a About how much time did you spend watching the news or any news programs on TV yesterday? **(DO NOT READ)**

		Nov 1998	April 1998	Nov 1997	April 1996	June 1995	March 1995	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	March 1991	Gallup 1965
62	Watched TV News	65	59	68	59	64	61	74	72	68	55
6	Less than 15 min.	5	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	n/a	n/a
7	15-29 min.	8	7	11	6	8	9	8	8	n/a	n/a
21	30-59 min.	21	21	23	21	24	21	25	25	n/a	n/a
28	1 hour or more	30	28	30	29	28	27	37	36	n/a	n/a
*	Don't know	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	n/a	n/a
37	Did not watch	35	41	31	40	35	38	26	27	32	45
<u>1</u>	Don't know	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Apart from news, did you watch anything else on television yesterday, or not?

IF "YES" (1) IN Q.5, ASK:

Q.5a About how much time did you spend watching TV yesterday, not including the news? **(DO NOT READ)**

		Nov 1997	June 1995	Feb 1994
63	Yes	64	59	69
1	A half hour or less	2	1	2
6	Thirty minutes or less than one hour	5	4	3
13	About an hour or more	15	10	11
6	More than one hour but less than two hours	7	6	7
18	Two hours to less than three hours	16	16	19
9	Three hours to less than four hours	11	10	12
10	Four hours or more	8	11	14
*	Don't know/Refused	*	1	1
37	Did not watch	36	40	31
<u>0</u>	Don't know	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.6 About 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 news on the radio yesterday? **(DO NOT READ)**

		Nov 1998	April 1998	Nov 1997	April 1996	June 1995	March 1995	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	March 1991	Gallup 1965
44	Yes, listened	41	49	44	44	42	47	47	47	44	58
12	Less than 15 min.	13	16	12	12	13	16	14	15	n/a	n/a
8	15-29 min.	8	9	9	11	9	12	11	10	n/a	n/a
10	30-59 min.	8	10	9	10	9	9	9	10	n/a	n/a
14	1 hour or more	12	14	14	11	11	10	13	12	n/a	n/a
56	Didn't Listen	57	51	55	55	56	52	52	52	56	42
<u>*</u>	Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**[IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS SUNDAY, BEGIN THIS SERIES WITH “Now thinking about yesterday...”
OTHERWISE BEGIN WITH “Again, thinking about yesterday...”]**

Q.7 Did you spend any time reading a magazine?

IF “YES” IN Q.7, ASK:

Q.7a About how much time did you spend reading magazines yesterday? **(DO NOT READ)**

		April <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	June <u>1995</u>	Feb <u>1994</u>
28	Yes	29	32	31	33
	4 Less than 15 minutes	4	6	4	5
	8 15 to less 30 minutes	7	8	8	9
	9 30 minutes to less than one hour	10	9	11	10
	7 One hour or more	8	9	8	9
	* Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*
72	No	71	68	69	67
*	Don't know	*	*	*	0
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.8 Not including school or work related books, did you spend anytime reading a book yesterday? **(IF YES: Was it a work of fiction or non-fiction?)**

IF “YES” IN Q.8, ASK:

Q.8a About how much time did you spend reading books yesterday? **(DO NOT READ)**

		Nov <u>1997</u>	June <u>1995</u>	Feb <u>1994</u>
35	Yes	35	30	31
	SUBJECT			
	16 Fiction	16	14	14
	16 Non-fiction	17	14	17
	2 Both	1	1	*
	1 Don't know	1	1	0
	TIME			
	3 Less than 15 minutes	2	1	2
	6 15 to less than 30 minutes	5	4	3
	9 30 minutes to less than one hour	10	8	9
	17 One hour or more	17	17	17
	* Don't know	1	0	0
65	No	65	70	69
<u>0</u>	Don't know/Refused	*	*	*
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.9 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. The first one is... **(READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)**

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does	16	31	35	17	1=100
November, 1997	15	31	35	18	1=100
July, 1994	22	32	31	15	*=100
May, 1993	15	37	31	16	1=100
June, 1992	14	36	32	17	1=100
Nov, 1991	22	28	28	21	1=100
May, 1990	19	38	31	11	1=100
Feb, 1989	22	40	29	8	1=100
May, 1988	16	39	33	11	1=100
May, 1987	14	38	34	12	2=100
b. Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly	28	49	16	5	2=100
November, 1997	32	44	18	5	1=100
July, 1994	39	44	13	3	1=100
May, 1993	29	53	13	3	2=100
June, 1992	35	49	12	3	1=100
Nov, 1991	41	43	11	4	1=100
May, 1990	30	48	17	2	3=100
Feb, 1989	30	50	16	2	2=100
May, 1988	26	50	19	3	2=100
May, 1987	22	51	21	3	3=100
c. Most elected officials care what people like me think	5	34	41	18	2=100
November, 1997	6	35	38	19	2=100
July, 1994	4	29	41	25	1=100
May, 1993	5	35	42	16	2=100
June, 1992	5	31	46	16	2=100
Nov, 1991	7	29	39	23	2=100
May, 1990	7	37	39	14	3=100
Feb, 1989	5	39	42	12	2=100
May, 1988	5	42	40	11	2=100
May, 1987	5	42	40	9	4=100
d. Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things	27	46	17	7	3=100
November, 1997	27	40	23	9	1=100
July, 1994	24	42	21	11	2=100
Nov, 1991	32	42	15	9	2=100
May, 1990	23	50	18	7	2=100
Feb, 1989	25	48	20	5	2=100
May, 1988	26	49	18	5	2=100
May, 1987	23	55	15	4	3=100

Q.9 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
e.	Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control	11	21	38	29	1=100
	November, 1997	10	23	37	28	2=100
	July, 1994	14	25	33	26	2=100
	May, 1993	11	30	41	16	2=100
	June, 1992	11	27	38	21	3=100
	May, 1990	11	29	39	18	3=100
	May, 1988	13	28	37	19	3=100
	May, 1987	8	30	41	16	5=100
f.	Hard work offers little guarantee of success	11	18	36	33	2=100
	November, 1997	13	20	34	32	1=100
	July, 1994	15	24	32	28	1=100
	June, 1992	15	30	30	22	3=100
	Nov, 1991	20	24	29	25	2=100
	May, 1990	10	26	40	23	1=100
	Feb, 1989	14	27	36	21	2=100
	May, 1988	11	21	40	26	1=100
	May, 1987	7	22	44	24	3=100
g.	I admire people who get rich by working hard	52	35	6	5	2=100
	November, 1997	52	37	7	3	1=100
	July, 1994	51	37	8	3	1=100
	June, 1992	47	42	7	3	1=100
h.	The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business	23	53	14	5	5=100
	November, 1997	22	54	16	5	3=100
	July, 1994	26	52	15	5	2=100
	June, 1992	24	54	15	5	2=100
	Nov, 1991	29	47	15	6	3=100
	May, 1990	20	57	14	3	6=100
	Feb, 1989	23	54	14	4	5=100
	May, 1988	25	54	14	3	4=100
	May, 1987	16	60	16	3	5=100
i.	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good	19	36	31	6	8=100
	November, 1997	20	37	32	5	6=100
	July, 1994	27	36	28	5	4=100
	June, 1992	19	42	28	5	6=100
	May, 1990	16	42	29	4	9=100
	May, 1988	17	40	31	4	8=100
	May, 1987	12	43	30	4	11=100

Q.9 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
j.	The federal government should run ONLY those things that cannot be run at the local level	32	42	17	5	4=100
	November, 1997	33	41	17	7	2=100
	July, 1994	38	40	14	5	3=100
	May, 1990	26	51	16	2	5=100
	May, 1987	22	53	16	3	6=100
k.	When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful	23	36	31	7	3=100
	November, 1997	27	37	27	7	2=100
	July, 1994	33	36	25	5	1=100
	May, 1993	24	45	24	5	2=100
	June, 1992	29	41	24	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	36	23	7	2=100
	May, 1990	22	45	25	4	4=100
	Feb, 1989	26	39	26	5	4=100
	May, 1988	24	42	26	3	5=100
	May, 1987	19	44	27	4	6=100
l.	The Federal Government controls too much of our daily lives	30	30	32	6	2=100
	November, 1997	29	35	29	6	1=100
	July, 1994	37	32	25	5	1=100
	May, 1993	26	39	30	4	1=100
	June, 1992	28	36	29	5	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	31	28	7	2=100
	May, 1990	22	40	29	5	4=100
	Feb, 1989	22	35	34	9	3=100
	May, 1988	25	36	31	5	3=100
	May, 1987	18	40	32	5	5=100
m.	The government is really run for the benefit of all the people	11	38	34	14	3=100
	November, 1997	9	39	35	15	2=100
	July, 1994	10	32	38	19	1=100
	June, 1992	8	36	37	17	2=100
	Nov, 1991	11	37	34	16	2=100
	May, 1990	10	42	35	10	3=100
	Feb, 1989	12	45	31	10	2=100
	May, 1988	11	42	34	10	3=100
	May, 1987	9	48	31	8	4=100

Q.9 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
n. Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest	7	38	37	13	5=100
November, 1997	7	38	40	12	3=100
July, 1994	7	38	38	15	2=100
June, 1992	5	35	42	14	4=100
Nov, 1991	8	32	38	19	3=100
May, 1990	5	38	37	13	7=100
Feb, 1989	5	33	44	12	6=100
May, 1988	6	36	39	13	6=100
May, 1987	4	39	38	10	9=100
o. There is too much power concentrated in the hands of a few big companies	31	43	20	3	3=100
November, 1997	31	42	20	5	2=100
July, 1994	31	42	22	4	1=100
May, 1993	26	46	22	3	3=100
June, 1992	30	47	18	3	2=100
Nov, 1991	41	39	14	3	3=100
May, 1990	29	48	15	3	5=100
Feb, 1989	35	49	12	1	3=100
May, 1988	35	44	15	2	4=100
May, 1987	27	50	16	2	5=100
p. Business corporations make too much profit	23	33	32	7	5=100
November, 1997	21	37	31	7	4=100
July, 1994	22	39	28	7	4=100
May, 1993	22	41	27	5	5=100
June, 1992	21	39	29	5	6=100
Nov, 1991	29	36	23	7	5=100
May, 1990	23	40	24	6	7=100
Feb, 1989	27	45	20	3	5=100
May, 1988	25	40	25	4	6=100
May, 1987	21	44	24	4	7=100
q. It is time for Washington politicians to step aside and make room for new leaders	29	44	19	3	5=100
November, 1997	27	41	23	4	5=100
July, 1994	34	45	14	4	3=100
June, 1992	38	46	12	2	2=100
Nov, 1991	32	45	16	4	3=100
May, 1990	21	40	26	4	9=100
Feb, 1989	20	38	30	4	8=100
May, 1988	26	42	22	3	7=100
May, 1987	16	46	26	3	9=100

Q.9 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
r.	Dealing with a federal government agency is often not worth the trouble	21	38	29	6	6=100
	November, 1997	21	44	27	4	4=100
	July, 1994	26	43	22	6	3=100
	June, 1992	21	43	27	4	5=100
	May, 1990	21	44	24	4	7=100
	May, 1988	20	43	27	4	6=100
	May, 1987	14	44	29	3	10=100
s.	Many people today think they can get ahead without working hard and making sacrifices	22	41	24	12	1=100
	November, 1997	25	37	24	12	2=100
	July, 1994	27	38	22	12	1=100
	June, 1992	24	39	22	13	2=100
t.	As Americans we can always find a way to solve our problems and get what we want	15	55	20	7	3=100
	November, 1997	19	52	20	7	2=100
	July, 1994	20	48	24	6	2=100
	May, 1993	12	47	31	7	3=100
	June, 1992	16	50	24	8	2=100
	Nov, 1991	19	49	22	8	2=100
	May, 1990	13	52	24	6	5=100
	Feb, 1989	14	55	23	5	3=100
	May, 1988	15	51	23	7	4=100
	May, 1987	12	56	24	4	4=100
u.	I don't believe that there are any real limits to growth in this country today	20	42	26	8	4=100
	November, 1997	17	39	31	10	3=100
	July, 1994	22	40	28	8	2=100
	May, 1993	14	42	34	7	3=100
	June, 1992	19	39	30	8	4=100
	Nov, 1991	24	38	26	9	3=100
	May, 1990	19	46	25	5	5=100
	Feb, 1989	22	46	23	5	4=100
	May, 1988	19	45	26	6	4=100
	May, 1987	17	50	24	4	5=100
v.	We need new people in Washington even if they are not as effective as experienced politicians	15	34	34	13	4=100
	November, 1997	16	34	33	14	3=100
	July, 1994	20	40	28	10	2=100
	June, 1992	20	36	30	11	3=100
	May, 1990	13	34	37	10	6=100
	May, 1988	16	35	33	10	6=100
	May, 1987	9	35	38	10	8=100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.10 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

		Early							
		Aug	Sept	Nov	May	June	Feb	July	March
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
56	Full-time	58	55	55	53	57	55	55	53
13	Part-time	11	12	12	12	13	11	12	14
31	Not employed	30	33	33	35	30	34	33	32
*	DK/Ref	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.11 and Q.11a BASED ON THOSE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME [N=1829]:

Q.11 Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		Early								<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>			
		Aug	Sept	Nov	May	June	Feb	July	March	Oct	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
42	Yes	39	43	41	46	44	41	40	44	36	33	34	39
58	No	60	57	59	54	56	58	60	56	63	66	65	61
*	DK/Ref	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

IF "2" DO NOT NOW EARN ENOUGH MONEY IN Q.11 ASK:

Q.11a Do you think you will be able to earn enough money in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		Early								<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>			
		Aug	Sept	Nov	May	June	Feb	July	March	Oct	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
33	Yes	38	36	33	34	34	35	34	33	35	36	34	34
23	No	19	20	24	18	20	20	24	20	36	25	28	22
<u>2</u>	DK/Ref	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
58%		60%	57%	59%	54%	56%	58%	60%	56%	63%	66%	65%	61%

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Did you happen to use a personal computer at home yesterday?

IF "YES" IN Q.12, ASK:

Q.12a About how much time did you spend using a personal computer at home yesterday? (**DO NOT READ**)

		Nov	April	Nov	June	Feb
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
34	Yes	19	29	26	14	14
5	A half hour or less	4	--	4	3	--
7	30 minutes to less than one hour	3	--	6	3	--
9	About an hour	5	--	6	3	--
3	More than one but less than two hours	2	--	2	1	--
5	Two to less than three hours	2	--	3	2	--
2	Three to less than four hours	2	--	3	1	--
3	Four or more hours	1	--	2	1	--
*	Don't know/Refused	*	--	*	0	--
66	No/Doesn't have home PC	81	71	74	86	86
*	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

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

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Late September, 1999	68	32	*=100
September, 1999	70	30	*=100
August, 1999	67	33	*=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100

IF YES (USE A COMPUTER), ASK:

Q.14 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

	<u>Goes Online</u>	<u>Doesn't Go Online</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Late September, 1999	52	48	*=100
September, 1999	53	47	0=100
August, 1999	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	49	51	0=100
June, 1999	50	50	*=100
May, 1999	48	52	0=100
April, 1999	51	49	*=100
March, 1999	49	51	*=100
February, 1999	49	51	*=100
January, 1999	47	53	*=100
Early December, 1998	42	58	0=100
November, 1998	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	42	58	*=100
Early August, 1998	43	57	*=100
November, 1997	36	63	1=100
July, 1996	23	77	0=100
June, 1995 ²⁵	14	86	*=100

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The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions:

(1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?)

(2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards,

IF YES (GO ONLINE), ASK [N=535]:

Q.14a Did you happen to go online yesterday? (IF YES, ASK: From where did you go online... home, work, school, or some combination of these?) (ENTER ALL THAT APPLY)

		Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1996</u>	June <u>1995</u>
60	Yes (NET)	43	44	38	32
37	Yes, home (INTERVIEWER: home business/work at home would go here)	32	27	26	19
21	Yes, work	12	20	15	15
4	Yes, school	2	6	3	2
5	Yes, other locations	1	1	1	2
40	No, didn't go online	56	55	62	67
<u>0</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK OF ALL WHO WENT ONLINE YESTERDAY (1-4 IN Q.14a) [N=829]:

Q.14b Counting all of your online sessions, about how much time did you spend online yesterday?

		Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	June <u>1995</u>
19	A half hour or less	29	19	36
27	Thirty minutes to less than one hour	18	22	13
20	About an hour	23	21	17
9	More than one but less than two hours	8	9	8
11	Two to less than three hours	12	10	8
5	Three to less than four hours	4	6	4
9	Four or more hours	6	12	13
<u>*</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Now I am going to read you another series of statements on some different topics. 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. The first one is... **(READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)**

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a. There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment	41	42	12	4	1=100
November, 1997	41	40	13	5	1=100
July, 1994	46	36	13	4	1=100
June, 1992	55	35	7	2	1=100
b. People should be willing to pay higher prices in order to protect the environment	15	41	29	13	2=100
November, 1997	17	38	29	14	2=100
July, 1994	17	40	28	14	1=100
May, 1993	12	45	31	10	2=100
June, 1992	26	41	22	10	1=100
c. Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed	50	40	7	2	1=100
November, 1997	52	38	6	3	1=100
July, 1994	52	39	6	2	1=100
June, 1992	59	34	4	2	1=100
Nov, 1991	64	30	3	2	1=100
May, 1990	45	46	6	1	2=100
Feb, 1989	49	42	6	2	1=100
May, 1988	48	43	6	1	2=100
May, 1987	37	53	7	1	2=100
d. We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country	20	28	29	21	2=100
November, 1997	17	28	32	21	2=100
July, 1994	21	27	28	22	2=100
May, 1993	14	29	34	20	3=100
June, 1992	16	24	30	27	3=100
Nov, 1991	16	22	32	27	3=100
May, 1990	15	28	32	21	4=100
Feb, 1989	17	24	34	22	3=100
May, 1988	17	28	32	20	3=100
May, 1987	11	31	37	16	5=100
e. It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves	20	42	21	14	3=100
November, 1997	23	38	26	11	2=100
July, 1994	20	37	26	15	2=100
May, 1993	19	43	26	9	3=100
June, 1992	28	41	20	8	3=100
May, 1990	23	44	23	6	4=100
May, 1988	26	48	17	6	3=100
May, 1987	21	50	20	4	5=100

Q.15 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
f.	The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt	15	34	33	14	4=100
	November, 1997	14	30	37	16	3=100
	July, 1994	13	28	37	19	3=100
	May, 1993	9	34	40	12	5=100
	June, 1992	18	35	31	12	4=100
	Nov, 1991	20	31	31	15	3=100
	May, 1990	15	36	34	10	5=100
	May, 1988	17	35	30	12	6=100
	May, 1987	13	40	33	7	7=100
g.	The government should guarantee every citizen enough to eat and a place to sleep	29	35	22	11	3=100
	November, 1997	29	33	25	11	2=100
	July, 1994	27	32	25	14	2=100
	June, 1992	32	33	22	10	3=100
	Nov, 1991	41	32	16	9	2=100
	May, 1990	27	35	25	9	4=100
	Feb, 1989	35	30	22	10	3=100
	May, 1988	28	38	22	9	3=100
	May, 1987	22	40	26	7	5=100
h.	I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done	32	45	15	4	4=100
	November, 1997	32	46	14	5	3=100
	May, 1990	23	48	17	6	6=100
	May, 1988	23	49	17	5	6=100
	May, 1987	16	56	16	4	8=100
i.	I am very patriotic	49	38	8	3	2=100
	November, 1997	48	42	6	2	2=100
	July, 1994	51	40	6	2	1=100
	June, 1992	52	39	5	2	2=100
	Nov, 1991	58	33	5	2	2=100
	May, 1990	48	40	8	2	2=100
	Feb, 1989	51	40	6	1	2=100
	May, 1988	51	38	6	2	3=100
	May, 1987	43	46	7	1	3=100
j.	In the past few years there hasn't been much real improvement in the position of black people in this country	10	28	37	16	9=100
	November, 1997	13	27	39	14	7=100
	July, 1994	14	33	35	14	4=100
	May, 1993	14	37	37	9	3=100
	June, 1992	21	36	30	9	4=100
	Nov, 1991	17	28	33	16	6=100
	May, 1990	10	28	42	16	4=100
	Feb, 1989	13	29	39	16	3=100
	May, 1988	12	25	41	18	4=100
	May, 1987	8	28	45	14	5=100

Q.15 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
k.	I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other	43	30	12	11	4=100
	November, 1997	37	33	13	13	4=100
	July, 1994	35	33	13	16	3=100
	June, 1992	33	31	14	18	4=100
	Nov, 1991	35	31	12	18	4=100
	May, 1990	19	30	18	26	7=100
	Feb, 1989	21	29	20	25	5=100
	May, 1988	21	28	18	28	5=100
	May, 1987	13	35	22	24	6=100
l.	We should make every possible effort to improve the position of blacks and other minorities, even if it means giving them preferential treatment	12	19	34	31	4=100
	November, 1997	10	21	34	31	4=100
	July, 1994	10	19	35	34	2=100
	May, 1993	8	26	41	22	3=100
	June, 1992	11	23	36	27	3=100
	Nov, 1991	10	20	33	34	3=100
	May, 1990	8	16	39	33	4=100
	Feb, 1989	8	20	36	32	4=100
	May, 1988	7	19	36	35	3=100
	May, 1987	6	18	43	28	5=100
m.	Discriminations against blacks are rare today	5	17	47	26	5=100
	November, 1997	7	17	47	27	2=100
	July, 1994	6	18	45	28	3=100
	June, 1992	6	13	43	35	3=100
	May, 1990	5	26	42	23	4=100
	May, 1988	7	25	41	24	3=100
	May, 1987	6	28	43	18	5=100
n.	We should restrict and control people coming into our country to live more than we do now	38	34	18	6	4=100
	November, 1997	39	34	18	6	3=100
	July, 1994	47	35	12	5	1=100
	June, 1992	42	34	15	6	3=100
o.	It is my belief that we should get even with any country that tries to take advantage of the United States	17	25	35	16	7=100
	November, 1997	17	32	32	14	5=100
	July, 1994	19	24	35	19	3=100
	June, 1992	19	27	34	15	5=100
	Nov, 1991	21	24	31	20	4=100
	May, 1990	14	33	33	13	7=100
	Feb, 1989	20	34	30	12	4=100
	May, 1988	19	34	29	11	7=100
	May, 1987	11	33	37	10	9=100

Q.15 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
p.	The best way to ensure peace is through military strength	23	32	30	12	3=100
	November, 1997	23	34	29	11	3=100
	July, 1994	20	35	27	17	1=100
	May, 1993	16	38	33	10	3=100
	June, 1992	21	33	30	13	3=100
	Nov, 1991	21	31	29	16	3=100
	May, 1990	17	35	31	13	4=100
	Feb, 1989	22	39	26	10	3=100
	May, 1988	22	37	25	12	4=100
	May, 1987	14	40	30	10	6=100
q.	American lives are worth more than the lives of people in other countries	7	10	31	49	3=100
	November, 1997	8	11	31	47	3=100
	July, 1994	12	14	31	42	1=100
	Nov, 1991	11	12	28	46	3=100
	May, 1990	10	18	32	36	4=100
	Feb, 1989	8	15	31	43	3=100
	May, 1988	9	15	34	39	3=100
	May, 1987	7	17	39	32	5=100
r.	We all should be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong	21	28	28	18	5=100
	November, 1997	21	31	26	19	3=100
	July, 1994	25	28	25	20	2=100
	May, 1993	21	34	29	13	3=100
	June, 1992	24	33	25	14	4=100
	Nov, 1991	30	30	21	16	3=100
	May, 1990	22	33	24	16	5=100
	Feb, 1989	22	35	23	15	5=100
	May, 1988	23	34	24	14	5=100
	May, 1987	17	37	27	13	6=100
s.	I often worry about the chances of nuclear war	22	30	28	18	2=100
	November, 1997	21	27	31	19	2=100
	July, 1994	24	24	32	19	1=100
	May, 1990	21	31	29	16	3=100
	May, 1988	28	33	25	12	2=100
	May, 1987	23	39	27	0	2=100
t.	Most of the countries that have gotten help from America end up resenting us	24	40	23	4	9=100
	November, 1997	24	43	23	3	7=100
	July, 1994	29	43	21	3	4=100
	June, 1992	30	43	19	3	5=100
	May, 1990	27	46	18	2	7=100
	May, 1988	32	44	16	2	6=100
	May, 1987	21	50	19	2	8=100

Q.15 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
u.	It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs	45	43	8	2	2=100
	November, 1997	48	43	6	2	1=100
	July, 1994	51	39	7	2	1=100
	May, 1993	33	54	9	1	3=100
	June, 1992	47	44	5	2	2=100
	Nov, 1991	54	38	4	2	2=100
	May, 1990	39	50	6	1	4=100
	Feb, 1989	51	42	3	1	3=100
	May, 1988	47	43	6	1	3=100
	May, 1987	32	55	7	1	5=100
v.	Poor people have become too dependent on government assistance programs	34	43	14	5	4=100
	November, 1997	35	44	14	4	3=100
	July, 1994	46	39	10	3	2=100
	May, 1993	31	49	15	3	2=100
	June, 1992	35	44	14	4	3=100
w.	Japan has taken unfair advantage of the United States	19	32	26	5	18=100
	November, 1997	23	38	23	4	12=100
	July, 1994	29	37	21	5	8=100
	June, 1992	34	35	21	6	4=100
x.	We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home	39	41	15	4	1=100
	November, 1997	40	38	17	3	2=100
	July, 1994	46	38	12	3	1=100
	May, 1993	40	45	12	2	1=100
	June, 1992	48	40	9	2	1=100

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

Q.16 In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL) No Preference	(VOL) Other Party	<u>Don't know</u>
Late September, 1999	24	31	36	5	1	3=100
August, 1999	25	33	37	3	*	2=100
November, 1997	25	32	38	3	*	2=100
June, 1996	30	33	34	2	*	1=100
February, 1996	30	32	32	3	1	2=100
October, 1995	30	30	35	3	*	2=100
April, 1995	30	29	37	3	*	1=100
March, 1995	35	28	32	--	2	3=100
February, 1995	33	30	33	--	2	2=100
December, 1994	35	31	30	--	2	2=100
November, 1994	28	31	35	4	*	2=100
October, 1994	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
Early October, 1994	33	30	32	-	2	3=100
July, 1994	29	33	35	2	*	1=100
June, 1992	28	32	36	1	*	3=100
May, 1990	28	33	28	9	*	2=100
February, 1989	31	38	23	7	*	1=100
May, 1988	28	38	26	6	*	2=100
January, 1988	27	39	26	6	*	2=100
May, 1987	25	37	28	8	*	2=100

Q.17 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "REPUBLICAN" IN Q.16:

Q.17 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican, or NOT a strong Republican?

		<u>Aug</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1997</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>June</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1987</u>
10	Strong	11	11	11	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
<u>14</u>	Not strong	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
24		25	25	30	30	31	29	28	28	31	28	27	25

Q.18 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "DEMOCRAT" IN Q.16:

Q.18 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat, or NOT a strong Democrat?

		<u>Aug</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1997</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>June</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1987</u>
15	Strong	15	14	14	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
<u>16</u>	Not strong	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
31		33	32	30	29	32	33	32	33	38	38	39	37

Q.19 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED “INDEPENDENT,” “NO PREFERENCE,” “OTHER,” OR “DK,” IN Q.16

Q.19 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

BASED ON INDEPENDENTS/OTHER (Q.16=3,4,5,9) [N=450]:

31	Republican
34	Democrat
27	Neither (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.20 When you were growing up, did your parents usually vote for Republicans or Democrats? (IF PARENTS VOTED DIFFERENTLY, ASK: How did the parent you felt closer to usually vote?)

		<u>Aug 1999</u>	<u>Nov 1997</u>	<u>July 1994</u>
25	Republicans	26	28	28
43	Democrats	43	43	47
8	Both/Split ticket (VOL)	8	6	6
6	Didn't vote/Not eligible (VOL)	5	5	4
3	Other response	2	1	2
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.21 I'm going to read you some more statements on a different topic. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. The first one is... (READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)
Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a.	Prayer is an important part of my daily life	55	23	15	6	1=100
	November, 1997	53	25	14	7	1=100
	July, 1994	52	26	14	8	*=100
	Nov, 1991	50	30	13	6	1=100
	May, 1990	46	31	16	6	1=100
	May, 1988	46	32	15	6	1=100
	May, 1987	41	35	17	6	1=100

Q.21 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
b. We all will be called before God at the Judgment Day to answer for our sins	61	22	7	6	4=100
November, 1997	64	21	7	5	3=100
July, 1994	61	23	7	7	2=100
May, 1993	56	26	6	5	7=100
June, 1992	62	21	7	7	3=100
May, 1990	52	29	9	5	5=100
Feb, 1989	62	22	6	5	5=100
May, 1988	52	28	8	6	6=100
May, 1987	52	29	9	5	5=100
c. Even today miracles are performed by the power of God 58	26	6	5	5=100	
November, 1997	61	24	8	4	3=100
July, 1994	58	26	8	6	2=100
June, 1992	58	25	8	6	3=100
May, 1990	49	33	9	4	5=100
Feb, 1989	53	30	7	5	5=100
May, 1988	51	29	9	6	5=100
May, 1987	47	35	9	4	5=100
d. I never doubt the existence of God	69	19	6	4	2=100
November, 1997	71	17	8	3	1=100
July, 1994	72	16	6	5	1=100
Nov, 1991	71	17	8	3	1=100
May, 1990	60	27	8	3	2=100
Feb, 1989	66	22	6	4	2=100
May, 1988	63	24	7	4	2=100
May, 1987	60	28	7	3	2=100
e. School boards ought to have the right to fire teachers who are known homosexuals	20	12	26	36	6=100
November, 1997	20	13	29	34	4=100
July, 1994	24	15	29	29	3=100
May, 1993	17	17	34	26	6=100
June, 1992	24	16	27	28	5=100
Nov, 1991	23	16	28	28	5=100
May, 1990	29	20	24	21	6=100
Feb, 1989	28	20	26	21	5=100
May, 1988	29	22	25	18	6=100
May, 1987	27	24	28	14	7=100

Q.21 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
f.	Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries	36	19	20	23	2=100
	November, 1997	32	18	23	23	4=100
	July, 1994	30	21	23	24	2=100
	May, 1993	26	26	23	21	4=100
	June, 1992	30	18	22	27	3=100
	Nov, 1991	29	20	20	28	3=100
	May, 1990	29	21	24	21	5=100
	Feb, 1989	26	24	23	23	4=100
	May, 1988	29	22	22	22	5=100
	May, 1987	24	26	25	19	6=100
g.	Nude magazines and X-rated movies provide harmless entertainment for those who enjoy it	15	28	24	29	4=100
	November, 1997	14	27	26	30	3=100
	July, 1994	15	29	25	29	2=100
	May, 1990	12	29	27	27	5=100
	May, 1988	15	30	28	23	5=100
	May, 1987	14	34	26	21	5=100
h.	Freedom of speech should not extend to groups like the Communist Party or the Ku Klux Klan	21	18	28	29	4=100
	November, 1997	21	17	31	26	5=100
	July, 1994	21	20	29	28	2=100
	May, 1990	17	18	32	27	6=100
	May, 1988	17	20	32	26	5=100
	May, 1987	16	23	36	19	6=100
i.	The police should be allowed to search the houses of known drug dealers without a court order	28	17	22	31	2=100
	November, 1997	31	18	23	26	2=100
	July, 1994	33	18	22	26	1=100
	May, 1990	33	24	23	18	2=100
	May, 1988	31	23	21	22	2=100
	May, 1987	25	26	27	18	4=100
j.	Women should return to their traditional roles in society	9	16	23	48	4=100
	November, 1997	10	14	30	43	3=100
	July, 1994	12	18	27	40	3=100
	Nov, 1991	10	13	26	49	2=100
	May, 1990	10	20	32	35	3=100
	Feb, 1989	10	16	30	41	3=100
	May, 1988	11	20	30	36	3=100
	May, 1987	9	21	37	29	4=100

Q.21 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
k.	Too many children are being raised in day care centers these days	39	36	15	7	3=100
	November, 1997	39	35	17	6	3=100
	July, 1994	39	36	16	7	2=100
	May, 1990	26	47	17	5	5=100
	May, 1988	29	40	19	7	5=100
	May, 1987	23	45	22	5	5=100
l.	AIDS might be God's punishment for immoral sexual behavior	13	19	20	41	7=100
	November, 1997	13	19	22	41	5=100
	July, 1994	17	22	21	36	4=100
	May, 1993	13	22	24	33	8=100
	June, 1992	17	19	19	38	7=100
	May, 1990	16	22	19	33	10=100
	May, 1988	20	24	20	28	8=100
	May, 1987	17	26	22	25	10=100
m.	I have old-fashioned values about family and marriage	53	31	9	5	2=100
	November, 1997	50	35	8	6	1=100
	July, 1994	53	31	10	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	49	32	10	8	1=100
	May, 1990	49	38	8	4	1=100
	Feb, 1989	46	37	9	6	2=100
	May, 1988	50	35	9	4	2=100
	May, 1987	45	42	9	2	2=100
n.	There are clear guidelines about what's good or evil that apply to everyone regardless of their situation	47	35	11	5	2=100
	November, 1997	45	37	10	6	2=100
	July, 1994	44	36	12	6	2=100
	June, 1992	41	35	12	9	3=100
	Nov, 1991	42	34	13	9	2=100
	May, 1990	36	43	11	6	4=100
	May, 1988	38	41	12	6	4=100
	May, 1987	34	45	12	4	5=100
o.	Labor unions are necessary to protect the working person	28	42	18	7	5=100
	November, 1997	29	41	19	8	3=100
	May, 1990	25	46	19	6	4=100
	May, 1988	26	43	19	7	5=100
	May, 1987	19	48	21	6	6=100
p.	Labor unions have too much power	18	34	30	10	8=100
	November, 1997	20	34	29	11	6=100
	May, 1990	18	37	28	10	7=100
	May, 1988	20	38	26	8	8=100
	May, 1987	19	40	26	7	8=100

Q.21 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
q.	Today it's really true that the rich just get richer while the poor get poorer	33	39	20	6	2=100
	November, 1997	34	36	22	6	2=100
	July, 1994	33	38	20	7	2=100
	June, 1992	38	40	16	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	45	35	13	5	2=100
	May, 1990	38	40	16	3	3=100
	Feb, 1989	40	38	15	4	3=100
	May, 1988	34	42	18	3	3=100
	May, 1987	31	43	19	3	4=100
r.	I can usually tell whether I'll have a lot in common with someone by knowing how much education he or she has	8	21	42	27	2=100
	November, 1997	8	22	43	26	1=100
	July, 1994	8	25	42	25	*=100
	Nov, 1991	10	22	40	27	1=100
	May, 1990	7	23	46	21	3=100
	Feb, 1989	8	25	42	22	3=100
	May, 1988	6	24	44	23	3=100
	May, 1987	5	23	49	18	5=100
s.	I don't have much in common with people of other races	3	9	45	40	3=100
	November, 1997	3	9	48	38	2=100
	July, 1994	3	9	45	41	2=100
	May, 1990	5	19	50	22	4=100
	May, 1988	6	19	46	26	3=100
	May, 1987	3	20	54	18	5=100
t.	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet	16	20	40	22	2=100
	November, 1997	18	22	40	19	1=100
	July, 1994	19	24	37	19	1=100
	May, 1993	25	29	30	14	2=100
	June, 1992	26	26	31	16	1=100
	Nov, 1991	27	24	32	16	1=100
	May, 1990	19	28	41	11	1=100
	Feb, 1989	20	30	37	12	1=100
	May, 1988	17	28	42	12	1=100
	May, 1987	14	29	44	11	2=100
u.	Money is one of my most important concerns	11	26	39	23	1=100
	November, 1997	13	26	38	23	*=100
	July, 1994	15	25	36	24	*=100
	Nov, 1991	23	29	29	18	1=100
	May, 1990	18	35	35	11	1=100
	Feb, 1989	19	34	32	14	1=100
	May, 1988	17	35	35	12	1=100
	May, 1987	13	34	39	12	2=100

Q.21 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
v.	I'm pretty well satisfied with the way things are going for me financially	16	52	22	9	1=100
	November, 1997	18	47	23	12	*=100
	July, 1994	17	47	24	11	1=100
	May, 1993	12	46	28	13	1=100
	June, 1992	16	42	25	16	1=100
	Nov, 1991	16	41	26	16	1=100
	May, 1990	9	49	28	13	1=100
	Feb, 1989	13	49	25	12	1=100
	May, 1988	13	52	25	9	1=100
	May, 1987	11	52	27	8	2=100
w.	I feel it's my duty as a citizen to always vote	64	27	5	3	1=100
	November, 1997	63	26	7	4	*=100
	July, 1994	66	27	4	3	*=100
	May, 1993	66	28	4	1	1=100
	June, 1992	69	22	6	2	1=100
	Nov, 1991	72	21	4	2	1=100
	May, 1990	50	35	9	4	2=100
	Feb, 1989	64	26	6	2	2=100
	May, 1988	56	32	7	2	3=100
	May, 1987	46	39	9	3	3=100
x.	I'm interested in keeping up with national affairs	37	45	12	4	2=100
	November, 1997	40	46	10	3	1=100
	July, 1994	46	43	9	2	*=100
	June, 1992	51	40	6	2	1=100
	Nov, 1991	46	44	7	2	1=100
	May, 1990	33	49	12	4	2=100
	Feb, 1989	34	50	12	2	2=100
	May, 1988	39	47	10	2	2=100
	May, 1987	28	53	12	3	4=100
y.	I'm generally bored by what goes on in Washington	19	39	28	12	2=100
	November, 1997	14	37	34	14	1=100
	July, 1994	17	34	33	15	1=100
	June, 1992	20	35	31	13	1=100
	Nov, 1991	16	36	30	16	2=100
	May, 1990	12	36	38	12	2=100
	Feb, 1989	10	37	37	13	3=100
	May, 1988	11	37	38	12	2=100
	May, 1987	8	34	41	13	4=100

Q.21 CONTINUED ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
z.	I'm pretty interested in following local politics	18	48	26	6	2=100
	November, 1997	20	48	25	6	1=100
	July, 1994	24	52	18	5	1=100
	June, 1992	26	47	21	5	1=100
	Nov, 1991	29	48	16	5	2=100
	May, 1990	17	53	23	6	1=100
	Feb, 1989	24	49	21	5	1=100
	May, 1988	21	51	22	5	1=100
	May, 1987	16	54	22	4	4=100
aa.	Most issues discussed in Washington don't affect me personally	8	30	42	18	2=100
	November, 1997	8	27	45	19	1=100
	July, 1994	5	25	42	27	1=100
	June, 1992	7	26	43	22	2=100
	Nov, 1991	8	25	41	23	3=100
	May, 1990	7	28	46	16	3=100
	Feb, 1989	7	26	44	20	3=100
	May, 1988	7	29	45	17	2=100
	May, 1987	5	26	50	15	4=100
bb.	I feel guilty when I don't get a chance to vote	36	32	20	9	3=100
	November, 1997	36	32	17	12	3=100
	July, 1994	38	32	18	9	3=100
	June, 1992	39	30	16	9	6=100
	Nov, 1991	46	28	14	8	4=100
	May, 1990	30	37	22	8	3=100
	Feb, 1989	38	34	17	7	4=100
	May, 1988	32	37	18	8	5=100
	May, 1987	25	41	22	6	6=100
cc.	Sometimes I vote for a candidate without really knowing enough about him or her	12	42	26	17	3=100
	November, 1997	14	38	26	20	2=100
	July, 1994	14	38	27	20	1=100
	June, 1992	14	38	25	20	3=100
	Nov, 1991	18	36	22	22	2=100
	May, 1990	12	41	27	15	5=100
	Feb, 1989	15	41	24	17	3=100
	May, 1988	12	44	24	15	15=100
	May, 1987	9	44	28	13	6=100

Q.22 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...(READ)

	<u>Most of The Time</u>	<u>Some of the Time</u>	<u>Only Now and Then</u>	<u>Hardly at All</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*=100
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*=100
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*=100
October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*=100
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*=100
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*=100
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*=100
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*=100
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*=100
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*=100
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1=100
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*=100
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*=100
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*=100
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1=100
October, 1988	52	33	11	4	*=100
September, 1988	58	32	8	2	*=100
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3=100
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2=100
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1=100
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2=100
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1=100

Q.23 Thinking back to the 1996 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Dole and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **IF YES, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Dole or Perot?

	<u>Nov 1997</u>	
39	Yes, Clinton	37
22	Yes, Dole	22
6	Yes, Perot	8
1	Yes, other candidate	1
1	Yes, don't remember which candidate	2
27	No, didn't vote/Too young	26
1	Don't Remember if voted	1
<u>3</u>	Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Thinking back to the 1992 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Bush and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **IF YES, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Bush or Perot?

31 Yes, Clinton
29 Yes, Bush
6 Yes, Perot
* Yes, other candidate
1 Yes, don't remember which candidate
28 No, didn't vote/Too young
2 Don't Remember if voted
3 Refused
100

Q.24a And just this past year, in the 1998 elections for CONGRESS, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "1" YES, ASK:

Q.24b Are you absolutely certain you voted, or is there a chance you may not have?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "1" YES, CERTAIN, ASK:

Q.24c Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

51 Yes, voted
90 Absolutely certain
46 Republican
44 Democrat
2 Other/Independent Candidate
* Didn't vote for Congress
8 Don't know/Refused
9 Did not vote/ may not have voted
1 Don't know/Refused
45 No, didn't vote
2 No, too young to vote
2 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.25 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?

IF YES, ASK:

Q.26 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>Yes, Registered</u>	<u>Absolutely Certain</u>	<u>Chance Lapsed</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>	<u>No, Not Registered</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
Late September, 1999	74	69	5	*	24	2=100
Early September, 1998	77	74	3	*	22	1=100
Late August, 1998	78	75	3	*	22	*=100
June, 1998	78	73	4	1	22	*=100
November, 1997	80	75	4	1	20	*=100
September, 1997	79	76	3	*	20	1=100
November, 1996	76	69	2	*	24	*=100
June, 1996	79	75	4	0	21	*=100
October, 1995	76	73	3	*	23	1=100
April, 1995	76	74	2	0	23	1=100
December, 1994	74	70	3	1	24	2=100
November, 1994	73	70	2	1	26	1=100
Late October, 1994	77	74	3	0	22	1=100
Early October, 1994	76	72	4	*	23	1=100
July, 1994	79	75	4	0	20	1=100
May, 1993	82	--	--	--	17	1=100
June, 1992	76	73	3	0	23	1=100
November, 1990	80	--	--	--	20	--=100

ASK ALL:

Q.27 How often would you say you vote...(READ)

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly Always</u>	<u>Part of The time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL) Other</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
Late September, 1999	28	41	15	9	1	5	1=100
Early September, 1998	43	29	13	11	3	0	1=100
Late August, 1998	38	30	16	14	*	6	*=100
June, 1998	40	29	15	12	4	0	*=100
November, 1997	33	38	15	9	*	5	*=100
September, 1997	51	23	11	10	*	5	*=100
June, 1996	41	30	12	12	1	4	*=100
February, 1996	32	34	15	11	1	6	1=100
October, 1995	41	32	12	11	*	3.	1=100
April, 1995	42	29	12	11	*	6	*=100
November, 1994	43	24	11	13	1	8	*=100
October, 1994	43	28	13	10	5	1	*=100
July, 1994	40	30	14	11	*	5	*=100
June, 1992	47	26	10	11	1	5	*=100
May, 1992	41	32	13	11	*	3	*=100
November, 1991	38	37	13	9	0	3	*=100
May, 1990	33	35	12	10	1	8	1=100
February, 1989	45	30	10	8	1	6	*=100
January, 1988	39	33	12	8	1	6	1=100
May, 1987	34	37	11	6	2	9	1=100