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More Americans are paying attention to Bosnia these days than at anytime since the bloody war in former Yugoslavia broke out. But Bosnia, Bob Dole's attack on Hollywood, and even O.J. Simpson take a back seat to public attentiveness to news about proposals to scale back spending on Medicare. And the attention to this debate isn't doing the Republican party much good. For the first time since last fall's election, the percentage of Americans saying they are happy that the GOP controls Congress has fallen below 50%, and public *disapproval* of GOP policies (45%) is now significantly greater than approval (41%). Ironically, this occurs at a time when President Clinton has joined the Republicans in calling for substantial reductions in the cost of Medicare and other social programs.

These are the findings of the latest Times Mirror Center survey which also finds fully 28% of respondents paying very close attention to the Medicare debate, and another 34% paying a fair amount of attention to the contentious issue. These are the highest levels of public attentiveness recorded this year to any news item about the 104th Congress. Comparatively, half as many citizens (15%) paid very close attention to passage of the Congressional budget resolutions. Fewer also paid close attention to Dole's charges against the entertainment industry (16%), Bosnia (22%), and the O.J. Simpson trial (15%).

(Of note: public attention to Bosnia was twice as great as it had been earlier in the year, while the Simpson figures represent a dramatic fall off in interest in the long running trial.)

Support for GOP Congressional policies has eroded most among older people, who naturally follow news about Medicare more closely than younger Americans. The poll found 53% of people 65 years of age and older paying very close attention to the Medicare story compared to only 13% among people under 30. Accordingly, disapproval of Republican policies among older Americans climbed by 22 percentage points compared to only 8 percentage points among younger people since the beginning of the year.

Overall, disapproval of Republican policies was almost twice as great as approval among those paying very close attention to the Medicare debate. Approval of the GOP outweighed disapproval among those not following this issue closely.

<u>Opinion of GOP Policies</u>	<u>Attention Paid to Medicare</u>	
	<u>Very Close</u>	<u>All Others</u>
Approve	32	44
Disapprove	61	39
DK	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>
	100	100

## Clinton Benefits

Opinion of Bill Clinton has not suffered as a consequence of increased disaffection with Republican policies. The current survey, conducted June 8-11, found 50% voicing approval of the way he has been handling his job as President, with only 40% disapproval. This is Clinton's best showing in a Times Mirror survey since early 1994. Since the Oklahoma bombing, approval of Clinton's performance has been significantly greater than disapproval in every comparably conducted nationwide survey.

### **Clinton Job Approval Ratings April-June 1995**

<i><u>Date</u></i>	<i><u>Approve</u></i>	<i><u>Disapprove</u></i>	<i><u>DK</u></i>
April 5-6	47	45	8=100
April 6-9	47	43	10=100
April 17-19	46	45	9=100
April 21-24	51	39	10=100
May 11-14	51	42	7=100
June 1-2	47	39	14=100
June 5-6	47	42	11=100
<i>June 8-11</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>10=100</i>

Sources: Times Mirror, Gallup/CNN/USA Today and PSRA/Newsweek

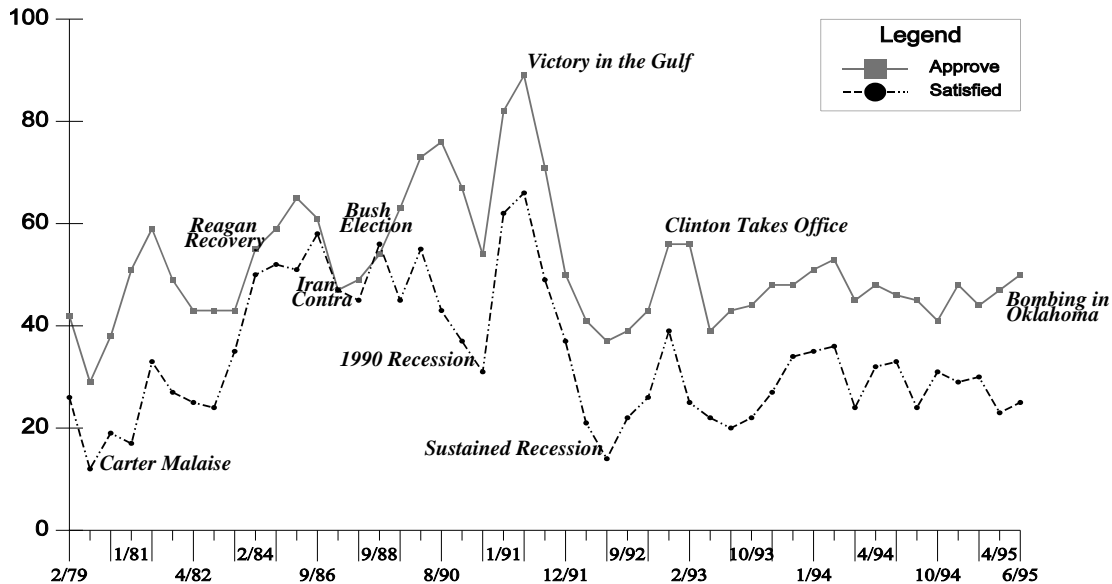
The President's better ratings are largely due to improved evaluations by women, especially older women. He also benefits from more favorable ratings from Independents, Perot voters and people in the Midwest.

## But Things Aren't Any Better

Unusually, Clinton's higher approval rating is not accompanied by an improvement in how Americans evaluate the state of the nation. Only one in four in the current survey are satisfied with conditions in the country, about the level found earlier in the year, when Clinton's approval score was 9 percentage points lower. This is not a typical polling pattern (see chart on next page). Generally, an improved opinion of a President is accompanied by more public contentment with the nation's course. Such an anomaly suggests that Clinton is benefiting more from Republican difficulties than from his own successes.

# Pres. Approval / National Satisfaction

## Trends - Gallup & Times Mirror



Trends in opinion about Clinton's handling of the economy and foreign policy lend support to this interpretation. The President's ratings on the economy are flat, and opinion of his stewardship of foreign policy is much more negative than it has been. The public continues to be evenly divided between those who approve (46%) and those who disapprove (46%) of Clinton's management of the economy. But the percentage approving of his handling of foreign policy fell from 50% in October 1994 to 39% in the current survey.

Discontent with Clinton's foreign policy is not a reflection of how the public feels about the President's tough trade position with the Japanese. Americans are as enthusiastic about the decision to impose tariffs on Japanese luxury cars (61% approval), as they are unenthusiastic about Mexican loan guarantees (60% disapproval). Between these extremes, the public on balance disapproves of the Administration's Bosnia policy, and of its support for financial aid to Russia. Despite the apparent success of the operation in Haiti, the public is still divided over the decision to send troops to that Caribbean nation.

Importantly, core Democratic groups do not give the Administration as much support for its foreign policy as they do for its economic policy. Women, blacks and self-identified Democrats rate Clinton much lower on the foreign policy dimension and for handling Bosnia specifically.

**Support for Clinton Policies: The Economy, Foreign Policy and Bosnia**  
**Percent Who Approve**

	<i><u>Economic Policy</u></i>	<i><u>Foreign Policy</u></i>	<i><u>Bosnia Policy</u></i>
<i><b>Sex</b></i>			
Male	44	39	40
Female	47	40	39
<i><b>Race</b></i>			
White	43	39	38
Non-White	59	45	47
<i><b>Party ID</b></i>			
Republican	25	22	27
Democrat	69	57	56
Independent	46	42	39

Dole, Dole, Dole

With only 11% of Americans paying close attention to the race for the GOP presidential nomination, the Senate Majority Leader has an overwhelming lead in this contest. Dole is the first choice of four in ten Republicans and Independents who lean Republican (42%) questioned by Times Mirror. Colin Powell was a distant second at 17%; no other candidate polled in the double digits, and that included Newt Gingrich (5%), Phil Gramm (6%), Pat Buchanan (6%), and Pete Wilson (4%). Two other findings stood out that further enhance Dole's current position. He was still the overwhelming favorite among the small percentage of Republicans who said they were paying very close attention to the race. Secondly, he holds an even stronger position when non-candidate Powell is factored out of the contest.

<b>First Choices:</b>	<b>Choices With Powell: <u>In Race</u></b>	<b><u>Out of Race</u></b>	<b><u>Paying Very Close Attention To Race</u></b>
Dole	42	50	48
Gramm	6	8	11
Alexander	2	3	2
Buchanan	6	7	3
Specter	2	2	0
Lugar	2	3	2
Wilson	4	6	8
Powell	17	n/a	11
Gingrich	5	7	3
Dornan	1	1	3
Keyes	2	3	2

BASED ON REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN

## Bosnia

Public attentiveness to the civil war in Bosnia doubled this month to about its highest level since the start of the Yugoslav conflict three years ago. Fully 22% of respondents said they followed news about the war "very closely" compared to merely 11% three months earlier. This is essentially the same level of interest as two years earlier, 23% in May, 1993, when the United States threatened to use force in support of United Nations resolutions on Bosnia. If anything, the attentiveness appears slightly greater now; the total number of respondents who followed the news "very closely" and those who followed it "fairly closely" is 64% now, compared to a total of 57% two years ago.

The downing and dramatic rescue of the U.S. F-16 pilot, Capt. Scott O'Grady, contributed to the upsurge of interest in Bosnia, but there were also signs of broader American knowledge about and concern for the embattled country. Asked if they knew the name of the ethnic group that has conquered much of Bosnia and surrounded Sarajevo, 47% of respondents named the Serbs, a rise from the 27% who answered correctly last year (February, 1994). Similarly, 42% of Americans now say they are "most sympathetic" to the Bosnians rather than the Serbs, up from 35% two years ago (September, 1993).

However, most Americans continue to favor a hands-off policy toward the war. A strong majority of 61% opposes the use of U.S. military force to help end the fighting in Bosnia, up somewhat from 55% a year ago (January, 1994). An equally strong majority of 64% says the United States does **not** have a responsibility to do something about the fighting there, up significantly from 49% in April, 1994 in a CBS poll and very similar to CBS results of 65% in December, 1993 and 67% in January, 1993. But a more recent CBS/NYT poll found a 58% to 35% public majority saying that it is the UN's responsibility to help end the fighting. In turn, reflecting America's sense of responsibility toward the United Nations peacekeepers, 65% of the public favors use of U.S. forces to help the peacekeepers move to safer places in Bosnia. Fully, 71% would commit U.S. forces to help if the peacekeepers came under attack there.

Heightened interest in Bosnia was found much more among men and among whites, perhaps reflecting their identification with Capt. O'Grady. Beyond that, greater attentiveness was apparent among those 50 years old and older, among both college graduates and those who did not finish high school, and among Democrats. The least rise in interest in Bosnia occurred among young people, non-whites, Independents and Perot voters.

### Other News Interest Index Findings

Sharply reduced interest in the Simpson trial -- from 23% in March to 15% now -- was found much more among women, among those under 30 years old, and among Republicans. Twice as many blacks as whites (27% vs. 13%) and almost three times more among the less educated (23% of those who did not finish high school vs. 8% of college graduates) said they are still following the case "very closely."

Of all the stories tested, most closely followed was the Oklahoma City bombing of April 19. Almost two months later, 58% of Americans said they followed news about it "very closely." Demographically, women were significantly more interested in it, as were persons 50 years old and older. A comparable level of public attentiveness was recorded in January, 1991, for stories about Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and the presence of U.S. forces in the region on the eve of the fighting there. In some 10 years of measuring public interest in various stories, the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986 registered highest: 80% followed it very closely six months after the tragedy.

Among other news stories tested for public interest, the most notable aspect about attentiveness to Dole's attack on the entertainment industry and to passage of the budget resolutions in Congress was the extremely low level of interest in them by younger people. Only half as many respondents under 30 years old followed the Dole story "very closely" compared to the average (8% vs. 16%), and only one-third of them followed the budget resolution story "very closely" compared to the average (5% vs. 15%).

## PERCENT FOLLOWING EACH NEWS STORY "VERY CLOSELY"

	Oklahoma City Bombing	Congressional Proposal to Reduce Medicare Spending	Reports About U.S. Economy	N
<i>Total</i>	58	28	26	1500
<i>Sex</i>				
Male	51	24	31	750
Female	64	32	22	750
<i>Race</i>				
White	58	27	27	1232
*Hispanic	60	31	16	113
Black	58	35	21	124
<i>Age</i>				
Under 30	51	13	15	313
30-49	56	21	26	651
50+	64	45	33	520
<i>Education</i>				
College Grad.	54	28	30	426
Other College	58	27	26	381
High School Grad	56	28	26	540
< H. S. Grad.	62	31	22	146
<i>Region</i>				
East	60	32	32	309
Midwest	58	28	25	369
South	57	28	25	512
West	56	25	22	310
<i>Party ID</i>				
Republican	58	23	27	463
Democrat	63	41	27	426
Independent	54	22	26	532

*Question: Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely.*

\*The designation, hispanic, is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

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## PERCENT FOLLOWING EACH NEWS STORY "VERY CLOSELY"

	Civil War in Bosnia	Dole's Charges About Moral decay	Budget Resolutions In Congress	N
<i>Total</i>	22	16	15	1500
<i>Sex</i>				
Male	25	14	16	750
Female	19	17	13	750
<i>Race</i>				
White	22	16	15	1232
*Hispanic	15	12	11	113
Black	21	19	17	124
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Under 30	18	8	5	313
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Democrat	29	18	19	426
Independent	19	13	11	532

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## PERCENT FOLLOWING EACH NEWS STORY "VERY CLOSELY"

	O.J. Simpson Trial	News About Republican Candidates	CBS's Firing of Connie Chung	N
<i>Total</i>	15	11	8	1500
<i>Sex</i>				
Male	14	13	6	750
Female	15	10	9	750
<i>Race</i>				
White	13	11	7	1232
*Hispanic	14	10	10	113
Black	27	17	9	124
<i>Age</i>				
Under 30	13	8	5	313
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South	15	12	10	512
West	13	12	6	310
<i>Party ID</i>				
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Democrat	22	13	11	426
Independent	12	7	4	532

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# **TABLES**

## Trend in Clinton Job Approval Percent Who Approve

	<u>December '94</u>	<u>June '95</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Total</b>	41	50	+9
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	41	48	+7
Female	41	52	+11
<b>Race</b>			
White	37	47	+10
Non-White	66	68	+2
<b>Age</b>			
Under 30	40	50	+10
30-49	40	51	+11
50-64	41	49	+8
65+	44	50	+6
<b>Education</b>			
College Grad.	45	50	+5
Some College	42	48	+6
High School Grad.	36	50	+14
< H.S. Grad.	45	54	+9
<b>Family Income</b>			
\$50,000+	41	47	+6
\$30,000-\$49,999	37	49	+12
\$20,000-\$29,999	45	51	+6
< \$20,000	47	54	+7
<b>Region</b>			
East	47	51	+4
Midwest	38	52	+14
South	38	49	+11
West	45	50	+5
<b>Party ID</b>			
Republican	16	25	+9
Democrat	74	76	+2
Independent	38	50	+12
<b>1992 Vote</b>			
Bush	12	18	+6
Clinton	75	81	+6
Perot	24	37	+13

Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as President?

## PERCENT HAPPY GOP CONTROLS CONGRESS

	<i>Dec.</i> <u>1994</u>	<i>April</i> <u>1995</u>	<i>June</i> <u>1995</u>	<i>Difference</i> <u>April To June</u>
<b>Total</b>	57	52	46	-6
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	62	58	54	-4
Female	53	47	40	-7
<b>Race</b>				
White	62	57	50	-7
Non-white	31	25	22	-3
<b>Age</b>				
Under 30	62	51	49	-2
30-49	56	55	48	-7
50-64	59	55	44	-11
65+	53	44	42	-2
<b>Education</b>				
College Grad.	59	59	55	-4
Some College	59	56	56	0
High School Grad.	60	51	41	-10
< H.S. grad. 48	43	35	-8	
<b>Family Income</b>				
\$50,000+	61	62	60	-2
\$30,000-\$49,999	60	58	54	-4
\$20,000-\$29,999	65	48	38	-10
< \$20,000	46	40	36	-4
<b>Region</b>				
East	52	48	40	-8
Midwest	59	49	49	0
South	61	57	45	-12
West	55	52	52	0
<b>Party ID</b>				
Republican	94	89	88	-1
Democrat	20	18	11	-7
Independent	57	50	45	-5
<b>1992 Vote</b>				
Bush	90	86	85	-1
Clinton	25	24	21	-3
Perot	74	62	61	-1

*Question: In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Congress?*

	<u>Dec.</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>April To June</u>
<b>1994 Congressional Vote</b>				
Republican	-	84	83	-1
Democrat	-	25	15	-10
Didn't Vote	-	48	41	-7
<b>Presidential Approval</b>				
Approve	32	34	31	-3
Disapprove	82	75	70	-5
No Opinion	46	39	30	-9
<b>Listens To Talk Radio</b>				
Regularly	-	57	61	+4
Sometimes	-	54	46	-8
Rarely/Never	-	50	43	-7

**Support for Clinton Administration Policies:  
Aid to Mexico vs. Sanctions on Japan**

	<i>Executive Order Granting Loan Guarantees to Mexico</i>		<i>Decision to Impose Tariffs on Japanese Luxury Cars</i>		<i>N</i>
	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	
<b>Total</b>	21	60	61	25	(1500)
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	23	64	66	26	(750)
Female	18	56	56	24	(750)
<b>Race</b>					
White	21	60	63	24	(1232)
Non-White	22	56	48	31	(255)
<b>Age</b>					
Under 30	19	50	54	25	(313)
30-49	23	61	63	25	(651)
50-64	20	64	66	24	(268)
65+	19	65	58	25	(252)
<b>Education</b>					
College Grad.	36	50	62	30	(426)
Some College	21	60	68	19	(381)
High School Grad.	15	64	62	24	(540)
< H.S. Grad.	14	63	48	29	(146)
<b>Family Income</b>					
\$50,000+	27	59	65	29	(399)
\$30,000-\$49,999	22	63	69	20	(365)
\$20,000-\$29,999	18	60	65	21	(251)
< \$20,000	19	57	51	27	(330)
<b>Region</b>					
East	18	61	63	24	(309)
Midwest	19	59	65	20	(369)
South	19	63	54	29	(512)
West	29	54	63	25	(310)

Question: Now I am going to read you a list of policy decisions made by the Clinton administration. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each of the following. If you are unaware of the decision please tell me that. Do you approve or disapprove of President Clinton's executive order granting loan guarantees to Mexico?... And how do you feel about his decision to impose tariffs on Japanese luxury cars?

	<i>Executive Order Granting Loan Guarantees to Mexico</i>		<i>Decision to Impose Tariffs on Japanese Luxury Cars</i>		<i>N</i>
	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	
<i>Party ID</i>					
Republican	18	66	56	29	(463)
Democrat	25	53	67	21	(426)
Independent	20	62	63	25	(532)
<i>1992 Vote</i>					
Bush	20	65	59	29	(362)
Clinton	29	54	73	18	(439)
Perot	15	74	66	22	(153)
<i>1994 Congressional Vote</i>					
Republican	20	67	61	27	(412)
Democrat	28	55	73	18	(296)
Other/Didn't Vote	19	57	56	27	(671)
<i>Presidential Approval</i>					
Approve	26	52	66	21	(753)
Disapprove	15	70	56	31	(618)
Don't know	16	56	51	19	(129)
<i>Listens to Talk Radio</i>					
Regularly	19	69	59	31	(250)
Sometimes	21	61	60	27	(414)
Rarely/Never	21	57	62	23	(829)



**Interest in the Civil War in Bosnia**  
**(Percent Following the Story "Very Closely")**

	<u>March '95</u>	<u>June '95</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	11	22	+11
<b><i>Sex</i></b>			
Male	11	25	+14
Female	12	19	+7
<b><i>Race</i></b>			
White	11	22	+11
Non-White	16	21	+5
<b><i>Age</i></b>			
Under 30	12	18	+6
30-49	11	20	+9
50-64	14	27	+13
65+	8	27	+19
<b><i>Education</i></b>			
College Grad.	10	23	+13
Some College	13	22	+9
High School Grad.	11	20	+9
< H.S. Grad.	9	24	+15
<b><i>Family Income</i></b>			
\$50,000+	10	22	+12
\$30,000-\$49,999	10	23	+13
\$20,000-\$29,999	14	22	+8
< \$20,000	10	23	+13
<b><i>Region</i></b>			
East	12	23	+11
Midwest	11	23	+12
South	10	21	+11
West	11	20	+9
<b><i>Party ID</i></b>			
Republican	10	22	+12
Democrat	12	29	+17
Independent	13	19	+6

	<u>March '95</u>	<u>June '95</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><i>1992 Vote</i></b>			
Bush	8	24	+16
Clinton	12	29	+17
Perot	14	18	+4
<b><i>1994 Congressional Vote</i></b>			
Republican	9	25	+16
Democrat	12	27	+15
Other/Didn't Vote	12	19	+7
<b><i>Presidential Approval</i></b>			
Approve	12	23	+11
Disapprove	10	23	+13
Don't know	9	10	+1
<b><i>Listens to Talk Radio</i></b>			
Regularly	16	31	+15
Sometimes	13	25	+12
Rarely/Never	9	18	+9

## Support for Use of U.S. Military Force in Bosnia

	<i>Use of Force to Help End Fighting</i>		<i>Use of Force to Aid UN Peacekeepers</i>		<i>N</i>
	<i><u>Favor</u></i>	<i><u>Oppose</u></i>	<i><u>Favor</u></i>	<i><u>Oppose</u></i>	
<b>Total</b>	32	61	71	22	(747)
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	29	64	74	20	(369)
Female	34	59	67	24	(378)
<b>Race</b>					
White	32	61	72	21	(609)
Non-White	30	65	62	30	(128)
<b>Age</b>					
Under 30	31	64	75	23	(152)
30-49	36	58	74	19	(323)
50-64	32	61	66	26	(138)
65+	22	69	64	24	(125)
<b>Education</b>					
College Grad.	30	65	74	23	(215)
Some College	33	60	74	23	(182)
High School Grad.	30	64	68	24	(270)
< H.S. Grad.	36	54	68	18	(75)
<b>Family Income</b>					
\$50,000+	30	64	72	24	(186)
\$30,000-\$49,999	29	66	79	18	(177)
\$20,000-\$29,999	39	52	66	24	(137)
< \$20,000	32	63	72	22	(174)
<b>Region</b>					
East	29	62	62	28	(163)
Midwest	33	62	78	16	(186)
South	34	60	69	25	(256)
West	28	62	71	19	(142)

Question: Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. military force in Bosnia to help end the fighting there? Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. military force in Bosnia if United Nations peacekeepers come under attack there?

<i>Party ID</i>	<i>Use of Force to Help End Fighting</i>		<i>Use of Force to Aid UN Peacekeepers</i>		<i>N</i>
	<i>Favor</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Favor</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	
Republican	31	63	73	20	(227)
Democrat	35	59	68	26	(212)
Independent	30	65	74	21	(271)
<i>1992 Vote</i>					
Bush	29	66	70	26	(179)
Clinton	33	60	74	21	(204)
Perot	34	63	69	22	(79)
<i>1994 Congressional Vote</i>					
Republican	28	67	68	26	(193)
Democrat	34	59	72	23	(148)
Other/Didn't Vote	34	60	74	21	(339)
<i>Presidential Approval</i>					
Approve	37	58	73	20	(377)
Disapprove	28	66	68	26	(302)
Don't know	18	61	69	17	(68)
<i>Listens to Talk Radio</i>					
Regularly	28	67	58	33	(107)
Sometimes	37	59	74	22	(213)
Rarely/Never	30	62	72	20	(422)

**Interest in the O.J. Simpson Case**  
**(Percent Following the Story "Very Closely")**

	<u>March '95</u>	<u>June '95</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	23	15	-8
<b><i>Sex</i></b>			
Male	19	14	-5
Female	26	15	-11
<b><i>Race</i></b>			
White	21	13	-8
Non-White	34	24	-10
<b><i>Age</i></b>			
Under 30	30	13	-17
30-49	20	12	-8
50-64	23	18	-5
65+	22	18	-4
<b><i>Education</i></b>			
College Grad.	16	8	-8
Some College	24	15	-9
High School Grad.	26	15	-11
< H.S. Grad.	25	23	-2
<b><i>Family Income</i></b>			
\$50,000+	20	9	-11
\$30,000-\$49,999	19	16	-3
\$20,000-\$29,999	24	18	-6
< \$20,000	29	17	-12
<b><i>Region</i></b>			
East	21	18	-3
Midwest	23	13	-10
South	27	15	-12
West	19	13	-6
<b><i>Party ID</i></b>			
Republican	24	11	-13
Democrat	29	22	-7
Independent	17	12	-5

# **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

## ABOUT THIS SURVEY

The survey results are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates among a nationwide sample of 1,500 adults, 18 years of age or older, during the period June 8-11, 1995. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

## SURVEY METHODOLOGY IN DETAIL

The sample for this survey is a random digit sample of telephone numbers selected from telephone exchanges in the continental United States. The random digit aspect of the sample is used to avoid "listing" bias and provides representation of both listed and unlisted numbers (including not-yet-listed). The design of the sample ensures this representation by random generation of the last two digits of telephone numbers selected on the basis of their area code, telephone exchange, and bank number.

The telephone exchanges were selected with probabilities proportional to their size. The first eight digits of the sampled telephone numbers (area code, telephone exchange, bank number) were selected to be proportionally stratified by county and by telephone exchange within county. That is, the number of telephone numbers randomly sampled from within a given county is proportional to that county's share of telephone households in the U.S. Estimates of the number of telephone households within each county are derived from 1990 Census data on residential telephone incidence that have been updated with state-level information on new telephone installations and county-level projections of the number of households. Only working banks of telephone numbers are selected. A working bank is defined as 100 contiguous telephone numbers containing three or more residential listings.

The sample was released for interviewing in replicates. Using replicates to control the release of sample to the field ensures that the complete call procedures are followed for the entire sample.

At least three attempts were made to complete an interview at every sampled telephone number. The calls were staggered over times of day and days of the week to maximize the chances of making a contact with a potential respondent. All interview breakoffs and refusals were re-contacted at least once in order to attempt to convert them to completed interviews. In each contacted household, interviewers asked to speak with the "youngest male 18 or older who is at home". If there is no eligible man at home, interviewers asked to speak with "the oldest woman 18 or older who lives in the household". This systematic respondent selection technique has been shown empirically to produce samples that closely mirror the population in terms of age and gender.

Non-response in telephone interview surveys produces some known biases in survey-derived estimates because participation tends to vary for different subgroups of the population, and these subgroups are likely to vary also on questions of substantive interest. In order to compensate for these known biases, the sample data are weighted in analysis.

The demographic weighting parameters are derived from a special analysis of the most recently available Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (March 1992). This analysis produced population parameters for the demographic characteristics of households with adults 18 or older, which are then compared with the sample characteristics to construct sample weights. The analysis only included households in the continental United States that contain a telephone.



The weights are derived using an iterative technique that simultaneously balances the distributions of all weighting parameters. After an optimum sample balancing solution is reached, the weights were constrained to fall within the range of 1 to 5. This constraint is useful to ensure that individual respondents do not exert an inordinate effect on the survey's overall results.

# **THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**TIMES MIRROR CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS**  
**FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**  
**June 8 - 11, 1995**  
**N=1,500**

Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I'd like to ask a few questions of the youngest male, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home. **[IF NO MALE, ASK: May I please speak with the oldest female, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home?]**

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]**

	April 1995	March 1995	Feb 1995	Dec 1994	Oct 1994	Early Oct 1994	Sept 1994	July 1994	May 1994	Mar 1994	Jan 1994	Early Jan 1994	Dec 1993	Oct 1993	Sept 1993	Aug 1993	June 1993	May 1993	April 1993	Feb 1993
50 Approve	47	44	44	41	41	38	41	45	46	45	51	48	48	44	49	39	39	45	49	56
40 Disapprove	43	44	44	47	47	47	52	46	42	42	35	35	36	42	35	46	43	37	29	25
<u>10</u> 100 Don't know	<u>10</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>17</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>22</u> 100	<u>19</u> 100

Q.1a Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress? **(IF "DON'T KNOW," ENTER AS CODE 9. IF "DEPENDS," PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the proposals and policies of the Republican leaders in Congress? IF STILL "DEPENDS," ENTER AS CODE 9.)**

	April 1995	March 1995	Dec 1994 <sup>1</sup>
41 Approve	44	43	52
45 Disapprove	43	39	28
<u>14</u> 100 Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100

<sup>1</sup> In December the question asked "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.2 All in all, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country these days?

		Early													
		April	July	Mar	Oct	Sept	June	Jan	Jan	Nov	May	Feb	Oct	May	Jan
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>
25	Satisfied	23	24	24	22	20	22	39	28	34	41	45	56	41	39
73	Dissatisfied	74	73	71	73	75	71	50	68	61	54	50	40	54	55
<u>2</u> 100	No Opinion	<u>3</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100	<u>11</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

Q.5 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? **[READ AND ROTATE LIST]**

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	(VOL) <u>DK</u>
a. The civil war in Bosnia	22	42	22	13	1=100
March, 1995	11	27	36	25	1=100
February, 1995	8	33	32	26	1=100
December, 1994	13	37	32	18	*=100
October, 1994	13	35	29	22	1=100
September, 1994	9	29	39	23	*=100
June, 1994	12	28	37	22	1=100
May, 1994	18	37	26	18	1=100
January, 1994	12	31	32	25	*=100
Early January, 1994	15	38	30	17	*=100
December, 1993	15	32	31	21	1=100
October, 1993	16	36	30	17	1=100
September, 1993	15	32	32	20	1=100
Early September, 1993	17	38	26	19	*=100
August, 1993	19	37	25	18	1=100
May, 1993	23	34	28	13	2=100
February, 1993	15	32	33	20	*=100
January, 1993	15	33	30	22	*=100
September, 1992	10	27	31	31	1=100
b. News about the Republican presidential candidates <sup>2</sup>	11	31	31	26	1=100
January, 1992	11	25	36	27	1=100
December, 1991	10	28	32	30	*=100
October, 1991	12	26	31	29	2=100
c. Reports about the condition of the U. S. economy	26	41	22	11	*=100
March, 1995	27	45	19	9	*=100
February, 1995	23	41	22	13	1=100
December, 1994	28	43	20	9	*=100
October, 1994	27	40	20	12	1=100
June, 1994	25	42	23	10	*=100
May, 1994	33	40	16	10	1=100
January, 1994	34	39	16	10	1=100
Early January, 1994	36	44	13	7	*=100
December, 1993	35	41	15	8	1=100
October, 1993	33	38	20	9	*=100
September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100
May, 1993	37	38	18	6	1=100
February, 1993	49	36	10	5	*=100

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<sup>2</sup> 1991 and 1992 trends refer to Democratic candidates.

**Q. 5 con't ...**

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<b>(VOL)</b> <u>DK</u>
c.	U.S. economy con't ...					
	January, 1993	42	39	12	7	*=100
	September, 1992	43	37	13	6	*=100
	May, 1992	39	39	15	6	1=100
	March, 1992	47	38	11	4	*=100
	February, 1992	47	37	10	6	*=100
	January, 1992	44	40	11	5	*=100
	October, 1991	36	38	16	9	1=100
d.	The O.J. Simpson trial	15	24	28	33	*=100
	March, 1995	23	30	23	23	1=100
	February, 1995	23	33	24	19	1=100
	December, 1994	23	29	25	22	1=100
	October, 1994	25	32	24	17	2=100
	September, 1994	30	33	22	15	*=100
	June, 1994 <sup>3</sup>	48	29	16	6	1=100
e.	The Oklahoma City bombing	58	32	8	2	*=100
f.	The passage of the budget resolutions in Congress	15	34	28	22	1=100
g.	CBS's firing of Connie Chung	8	17	29	44	2=100
h.	Charges by a US Senator that the entertainment industry has contributed to the moral decay of the nation	16	29	27	27	1=100
i.	A proposal in Congress to reduce the growth in the rate of spending on Medicare	28	34	23	14	1=100

**NOW, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ...**

6. In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Congress?

		<u>April 1995</u>	<u>March 1995</u>	<u>Dec 1994</u>
46	Happy	52	55	57
41	Unhappy	36	31	31
<u>13</u> 100	Don't know/refused	<u>12</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100

<sup>3</sup>

In previous month story was listed as "The arrest of O.J. Simpson for the alleged murder of his former wife and a male companion."

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN:**

Q.7 Now I am going to read you the names of some possible candidates for the Republican nomination for President in 1996. AFTER I READ ALL THE NAMES would you tell me which one you would most like to see nominated as the Republican party's candidate for President? **(PROBE: PLEASE WAIT UNTIL I READ THE ENTIRE LIST OF NAMES BEFORE YOU RESPOND).**  
 And who would be your SECOND choice? (READ LIST AGAIN IF NEEDED) **(READ AND ROTATE)**

	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1995</u>
Bob Dole			
First Choice	42	45	49
Second Choice	20	22	17
Phil Gramm			
First Choice	6	13	13
Second Choice	9	15	11
Lamar Alexander			
First Choice	2	3	4
Second Choice	2	3	4
Patrick Buchanan			
First Choice	6	11	7
Second Choice	9	18	14
Arlen Specter			
First Choice	2	3	2
Second Choice	2	2	3
Richard Lugar			
First Choice	2	3	n/a
Second Choice	3	2	n/a
Pete Wilson			
First Choice	4	8	6
Second Choice	5	8	5
Colin Powell			
First Choice	17	n/a	n/a
Second Choice	15	n/a	n/a
Newt Gingrich			
First Choice	5	n/a	n/a
Second Choice	11	n/a	n/a
Robert Dornan			
First Choice	1	n/a	n/a
Second Choice	1	n/a	n/a
Alan Keyes			
First Choice	2	n/a	n/a
Second Choice	2	n/a	n/a
None of them	4	n/a	n/a
	5	n/a	n/a
Don't know/Refused			
First Choice	7	14	12
Second Choice	16	16	29

**(N=703)**

**NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS. NOT EVERYONE WILL KNOW ABOUT THEM.**

Q.8 Do you happen to know who recently has accused the entertainment industry of contributing to the moral decay of the nation through its portrayal of sex and violence in movies, music and television?

35 Bob Dole  
 8 Other Answer  
57 Don't know  
 100

Q.9 Do you happen to know, has Bill Clinton officially vetoed any legislation passed by the new Congress, or hasn't he done that yet?

44 Yes, has vetoed  
 14 Other Answer  
42 Don't know  
 100

Q.10 Do you happen to know the name of the congressman who led Republican congressional candidates in signing the Contract With America last fall?

30 Newt Gingrich  
 6 Other Answer  
64 Don't know  
 100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT . . .**

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's economy<sup>4</sup> **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's economy IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>
46	Approve	45	38
46	Disapprove	46	56
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100

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<sup>4</sup> In previous months question was stated as, "the way Bill Clinton is handling economic conditions in this country."



Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1993</u>	<b>Newsweek</b> <u>June 30-July 1</u> <u>1993</u>
39	Approve	50	38	39	47	52	49
52	Disapprove	42	53	46	33	25	35
<u>9</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100	<u>23</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100

Q.15 Now I am going to read you a list of policy decisions made by the Clinton administration. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each of the following. If you are unaware of the decision please tell me that. (First,) do you approve or disapprove of President Clinton's... **(READ AND ROTATE) REPEAT FOR NEXT ITEM:** And how do you feel about his...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Never Heard of/ Don't Know/ Refused</u>
a. Executive order granting loan guarantees to Mexico February, 1995	21 30	60 55	19=100 15=100
b. Decision to impose tariffs on Japanese luxury cars	61	25	14=100
c. Handling of the situation in Bosnia	39	46	15=100
October, 1993	36	43	21=100
Early September, 1993	38	39	23=100
d. Providing financial aid to Russia	36	54	10=100
e. Decision last September to send U.S. troops to Haiti	48	44	8=100
February, 1995	47	47	6=100

**JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT BOSNIA ...**

Q.28 Do you happen to know the name of the ethnic group that has conquered much of Bosnia and has surrounded the city of Sarajevo?

	<u>Feb 1994</u>	<u>Jan 1994</u>	<u>Sept 1993</u>	<u>Jan 1993</u>	<u>Sept 1992</u>
47 Serbs	27	28	25	21	20
<u>53</u> 100 Croats/Other/No/Don't know	<u>73</u> 100	<u>72</u> 100	<u>75</u> 100	<u>79</u> 100	<u>80</u> 100

Q.29 Which side are you most sympathetic to in the conflict in the former country of Yugoslavia - the Bosnians or the Serbs?

		<u>Sept</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1993</u>
42	Bosnians	35	30
10	Serbs	11	8
20	Neither ( <b>VOL</b> )	22	17
<u>28</u>	No Opinion	<u>32</u>	<u>45</u>
100		100	100

Q.30 Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting between the Serbs and Bosnians in what used to be Yugoslavia, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

		----- CBS Poll -----					
		<u>April</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1993</u>
30	U.S. has responsibility	41	36	26	37	37	24
64	U.S. doesn't have responsibility	49	53	65	51	52	67
<u>6</u>	Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**FORM 1:**

Q.32F1 Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. military force in Bosnia to help end the fighting there?

		<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>
32	Favor	32
61	Oppose	55
<u>7</u>	No Opinion	<u>13</u>
100		100
<b>(N=747)</b>		

Q.33F1 Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. military force in Bosnia if United Nations peacekeepers come under attack there?

71 Favor  
22 Oppose  
7 No Opinion  
100  
(N=747)

**FORM 2:**

Q.34F2 Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. military forces to help United Nations peacekeepers move to safer places in Bosnia?

65 Favor  
29 Oppose  
6 No Opinion  
100  
(N=753)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.35 How often if ever do you listen to radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues and politics -- regularly, sometimes, rarely or never?

15 Regularly  
26 Sometimes  
27 Rarely  
31 Never  
1 Don't Know/Refused  
100

***TIMES MIRROR DATABASE***  
***PUBLIC ATTENTIVENESS TO MAJOR NEWS STORIES***  
***(1986 - 1995)***

**PERCENT FOLLOWED  
VERY CLOSELY**

- 80 Explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger (July 86)
- 73 Destruction caused by the San Francisco earthquake (Nov 89)
- 70 Verdict in Rodney King case and following riots and disturbances (May 92)
- 69 Little girl in Texas who was rescued after falling into a well (Oct 87)
- 67 War's end and the homecoming of U.S. forces from the Gulf (March 91)
- 66 Hurricane Andrew (Sept 92)
- 66 Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the deployment of U.S. forces to Saudi Arabia (Aug 90)
- 65 The Floods in the Midwest (Aug 93)
- 63 Earthquake in Southern California (Jan 94)
- 63 Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and the deployment of U.S. forces to the Persian Gulf (Oct 90)
- 63 Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and the deployment of U.S. forces to the Persian Gulf (Sept 90)
- 62 Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and the presence of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf (Nov 90)
- 62 Recent increases in the price of gasoline (Oct 90)
- 60 Invasion of Panama (Jan 90)
- 60 Destruction caused by Hurricane Hugo (Oct 89)
- 59 Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and the presence of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf (Jan 91)
- 58 THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING (JUNE 95)**
- 58 U.S. air strikes against Libya (July 86)
- 57 The plight of the American hostages and other Westerners detained in Iraq (Sept 90)
- 57 Recent increase in the price of gasoline (Aug 90)
- 56 Recent increases in the price of gasoline (Sept 90)
- 53 Crash of a United Airlines DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa (Aug 89)
- 52 Deployment of U.S. Forces to Somalia (Jan 93)
- 52 Alaska Oil Spill (May 89)
- 51 News about cold weather in Northeast and Midwest (Jan 94)
- 51 The release of American hostages and other westerners from Iraq and Kuwait (Jan 91)
- 51 Supreme Court decision of flag burning (July 89)
- 50 Waco, Texas Incident (May 93)
- 50 Opening of the Berlin Wall between East and West Germany (Nov 89)
- 50 Flight of the space shuttle (Oct 88)
- 49 Clinton Admin.'s health care reform proposal (Sept 93)
- 49 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Mar 93)
- 49 The plight of American hostages and other Westerners detained in Iraq and Kuwait (Nov 90)
- 49 Murder of Marine Lt. Col. Higgins in Lebanon, and negotiations to free the other hostages in the Mideast (Aug 89)
- 49 Drought and its effects on American farmers (Aug 88)
- 49 Bill Clinton's economic plan (Mar 93)
- 48 The arrest of O.J. Simpson for the alleged murder of his former wife and a male companion (June 94)
- 48 TWA hostage crisis that took place last summer in Beirut, Lebanon (July 86)

**PERCENT FOLLOWED**

## VERY CLOSELY

- 47 Rodney King trial and verdict in Los Angeles (May 93)
- 47 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Apr 92)
- 47 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Feb 92)
- 47 Breakup of the Soviet Union following the failed coup to depose of Mikhail Gorbachev (Oct 91)
- 47 The plight of American hostages and other Westerners detained in Iraq and Kuwait (Oct 90)
- 47 Political upheaval in China (July 89)
- 47 Supreme Court decision on abortion (July 89)
- 46 Videotaped beating by Los Angeles police of a suspect they apprehended in an auto chase (March 91)
- 46 Nuclear accident at Chernobyl in the Soviet Union (July 86)
- 46 Freeing of two Americans who had been held hostage in the Mideast (May 90)
- 45 Attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan (Jan 94)
- 45 The Clinton administration's health care reform proposals (Dec 93)
- 45 Bill Clinton's attempts to lift the ban on gays in the military (Mar 93)
- 44 The fires in southern California (Dec 93)
- 44 Clinton Administration's health care reform proposals (Oct 93)
- 44 Bill Clinton's decision to ease ban on homosexuals in the military (Aug 93)
- 44 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Jan 92)
- 44 The release of the last American hostages being held in Lebanon (Dec 91)
- 43 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Sept 92)
- 43 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Dec 91)
- 43 News about the presidential campaign in 1988 (Oct 88)
- 42 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Jan 93)
- 42 The presidential election campaign (Sept 92)
- 42 Hot weather this summer and the greenhouse effect (Aug 88)
- 42 Downing of an Iranian passenger plane by a U.S. Navy ship (Aug 88)
- 41 News about the Outcome of the Elections (Dec 94)
- 41 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Aug 93)
- 41 News regarding harassment charges raised against supreme court nominee Clarence Thomas (Oct 91)
- 40 Amtrack train wreck (Sept 93)
- 40 Bush administration's plan to deal with this country's drug problem (Sept 89)
- 40 The stock market crash (Oct 87)
  
- 39 Passage of NAFTA (Dec 93)
- 39 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (May 92)
- 39 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Nov 90)
- 39 News about the presidential campaign in 1988 (Aug 88)
- 38 The U.S. Intervention in Haiti (Oct 94)
- 38 Clinton administration's health care reform proposals (Jan 94)
- 38 President Bush's heart problem (May 91)
- 38 News about the candidates and elections in your state (Nov 90)
- 38 Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to the U.S. for a Summit meeting (June 90)
- 38 Drug use and efforts to combat it (Jan 90)
- 38 U.S. Navy escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf (Sept 87)
- 37 The Floods in California (March 95)
- 37 Clinton administration's health care reform proposals (May 94)
- 37 Passage of Brady gun bill (Dec 93)
- 37 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Sept 93)

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- 37 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (May 93)
- 37 U.S. Navy escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf (Oct 87)
- 37 Stories about Dan Quayle, the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate (Aug 88)
- 37 Sentencing of Oliver North (July 89)
- 36 The Movement of Iraqi Troops Toward the Kuwait Border (Oct 94)
- 36 Congressional ban on assault weapons (May 94)
- 36 Death and funeral of Richard M. Nixon (May 94)
- 36 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Dec 93)
- 36 Tourists murders in Florida (Sept 93)
- 36 Congressional check bouncing scandal (Apr 92)
- 36 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Oct 91)
- 36 The situation of the Kurds in northern Iraq and allied attempts to help them (May 91)
- 36 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (March 91)
- 36 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Jan 91)
- 36 The murder of five people by a serial killer around the University of Florida campus in Gainesville (Sept 90)
- 35 Race for the Democratic presidential nomination (Apr 92)
- 35 Federal Reserve Bank's interest rate reduction (Jan 92)
- 35 The major job cuts announced by General Motors (Jan 92)
- 35 The Standoff in Baghdad between the Iraqis and UN weapons inspectors (Oct 91)
- 35 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (July 91)
- 35 Attempts to change the abortion laws (Dec 89)
- 35 Hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship in the Mediterranean (July 86)
- 35 Explosion and fire on the U.S. Battleship Iowa (May 89)
- 34 The Clinton administration's health care reform proposals (June 94)
- 34 Reports about condition of the U.S. Economy (Jan 94)
- 34 Situation in Somalia (Oct 93)
- 34 Statements by Japanese leaders that American workers are lazy (Feb 92)
- 34 Civil war in Iraq between Shiite Iraqis and forces loyal to Saddam Hussein (March 91)
- 34 Congressional and administration efforts to reach a budget deficit agreement (Nov 90)
- 34 Attempts by Congress and the Administration to find ways to reduce the budget deficit (Oct 90)
- 34 Reports about flooding in Texas and other southwestern states (June 90)
- 34 The war between the Colombian government and the major drug traffickers (Sept 89)
- 33 Condition of the U.S. Economy (May 94)
- 33 Condition of the U.S. economy (Oct 93)
- 33 The winter Olympics (Feb 92)
- 33 The nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court of Clarence Thomas to replace retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall (July 91)
- 33 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (May 91)
- 33 Crash of the Colombian airliner near Kennedy airport in New York (Feb 90)
- 33 Congressional hearings about the Iran-Contra affair (Sept 87)
- 33 Guilty verdict in the trial of televangelist Jim Bakker (Oct 89)
- 32 The Debate in Congress about Health Care Reform (Oct 94)
- 32 The Clinton administration's health care reform proposals (Sept 94)
- 32 Caning of American youth in Singapore (May 94)
- 32 The Presidential election campaign (May 92)
- 32 Mike Tyson's rape trial (Feb 92)

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- 32 Criticisms of George Bush for being inconsistent in what he said about taxes and what he said about Persian Gulf policy (Nov 90)
- 31 Deployment of U.S. Forces to Haiti (Dec 94)
- 31 Mikhail Gorbachev's resignation as the Soviet Union came to an official end (Jan 92)
- 31 Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Dec 91)
- 31 President Bush's announcement of major nuclear arms reductions (Oct 91)
- 31 The closing of military bases around the country (July 91)
- 31 Celebration of Earth Day (May 90)
- 31 The World Series (Oct 88)
- 31 Flight of East German refugees to West Germany (Oct 89)
- 31 Oliver North trial (May 89)
- 30 The O.J. Simpson case (Sept 94)
- 30 Passage of the crime bill in Congress (Sept 94)
- 30 The debate in Congress over Bill Clinton's budget (Aug 93)
- 30 Reports about the White House task force on health care reform headed by Hillary Clinton (May 93)
- 30 The end of Mikhail Gorbachev's rule, as a new commonwealth was formed to replace the Soviet Union (Dec 91)
- 30 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Aug 90)
- 30 Freeing of jailed black South African leader Nelson Mandela (March 90)
- 30 Banishment of Pete Rose from baseball for life (Sept 89)
- 30 The Democratic convention (Aug 88)
- 30 President Bush's call for higher taxes to help reduce the federal deficit (July 90)
  
- 29 The flight of Cuban refugees (Sept 94)
- 29 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Sept 90)
- 29 Reports about the fires in Southern California (July 90)
- 29 Lithuania's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union and Moscow's response (April 90)
- 29 Suicide in Boston of Charles Stuart who murdered his pregnant wife and blamed it on a black man (Feb 90)
- 29 Political changes taking place in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and East Germany (Jan 90)
- 29 Political changes in East Germany and the flight of refugees to West Germany (Nov 89)
- 29 Attack and sexual assault on a female jogger in Central Park, New York, by a group of youths (May 89)
- 29 Failed coup attempt against Panamanian strongman Noriega (Oct 89)
- 28 A PROPOSAL IN CONGRESS TO REDUCE THE GROWTH IN THE RATE OF SPENDING ON MEDICARE (JUNE 95)**
- 28 Reports about the Condition of the U.S. Economy (Dec 94)
- 28 Reports about the White House task force on health care headed by Hillary Clinton (June 93)
- 28 Accounts about U.S. troops in Somalia (Mar 93)
- 28 Creation of White House task force on health care reform headed by Hillary Clinton (Mar 93)
- 28 Supreme Court deliberations re legality of PA abortion restrictions (May 92)
- 28 The death of 87 people in a fire at a social club in the Bronx, New York (April 90)
- 28 Political changes taking place in the Soviet Union (March 90)
- 28 Arrest of Washington's Mayor Barry on drug use charges (Feb 90)
- 28 The revolution in Romania (Jan 90)
- 28 Political changes taking place in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and East Germany (Dec 89)



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- 28 Problems at nuclear reactor plants (Oct 88)
- 28 The end of Gary Hart's candidacy and the Donna Rice allegations (Sept 87)
- 27 Reports about the condition of the U.S. Economy (March 95)
- 27 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy (Oct 94)
- 27 Reports about N. Korea's building of nuclear weapons and refusal to allow UN inspections (June 94)
- 27 Reports about the White House task force on health care reform headed by Hillary Clinton (Aug 93)
- 27 Republican opposition to Bill Clinton's economic stimulus package (May 93)
- 27 The Clinton administration's decision to allow women to serve in naval and air combat roles (May 93)
- 27 William Kennedy Smith rape trial (Dec 91)
- 27 Deployment of U.S. marines to Liberia to protect the lives of Americans caught in the civil war (Aug 90)
- 27 Lithuania's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union and Moscow's response (May 90)
- 27 Acquittal of the owners of the McMartin Day Care Center in California who were charged with sexually abusing children (Feb 90)
- 27 The NFL playoffs (Jan 90)
- 27 The Republican convention (Aug 88)
- 26 *REPORTS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE U.S. ECONOMY (JUNE 95)***
- 26 The gas attack on the Tokyo subway (March 95)
- 26 Passage of Proposition 187 (Dec 94)
- 26 Bill Clinton's State of the Union address (Jan 94)
- 26 Trial of Lorena Bobbitt for sexual mutilation of husband (Jan 94)
- 26 Court ruling that ordered baby Jessica to her natural parents (Aug 93)
- 26 Networks decision to broadcast parental warning before violent programs (Aug 93)
- 26 The Clinton administration's policies about the situation in Bosnia (June 93)
- 26 Russia and the U.S. reach an agreement to sharply reduce their nuclear arsenals (Jan 93)
- 26 President Bush's state of the union address (Feb 92)
- 26 Charges that the White House Chief of Staff used military airplanes and government cars for personal trips (July 91)
- 26 Concerns about Dan Quayle's ability to serve as President (May 91)
- 26 Bush/Gorbachev summit meeting in Helsinki (Sept 90)
- 26 The death of Hank Gathers, a college basketball player, during a game (April 90)
- 26 Political changes taking place in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and East Germany (Feb 90)
- 26 Passage in Congress of a bill to bail out ailing savings and loan institutions (Aug 89)
- 25 The Earthquake in Japan (Feb 95)
- 25 The O.J. Simpson Case (Oct 94)
- 25 Reports about the condition of the U.S. Economy (June 94)
- 25 Case of Virginia woman accused of sexually mutilating her husband (Dec 93)
- 25 Supreme court decision allowing laws that bar federally funded agencies from discussing abortion (July 91)
- 25 Supreme Court's hearing of arguments in a Missouri abortion case (May 89)
- 24 Recent Violence in Abortion Clinics (Feb 95)
- 24 The debate about whether to use U.S. airstrikes against Serbian forces in Bosnia (May 93)
- 24 Controversy over Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood hiring illegal aliens (Mar 93)
- 24 Bill Clinton's cabinet choices and other high level appointments (Jan 93)
- 24 Race for the Republican presidential nomination (Apr 92)
- 24 The breast implant controversy (Feb 92)
- 24 Charges that Reagan campaign officials made a deal with Iran to hold up release of the hostages until after the 1980 Presidential campaign (July 91)
- 24 Charges that White House Chief of Staff used military airplanes for personal trips (May 91)
- 24 Supreme Court decision that found laws against flag burning unconstitutional and the attempt in Congress to amend the Constitution (July 90)
- 24 Nelson Mandela's visit to the U.S. (July 90)

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- 24 Deployment of the Hubble Space Telescope (May 90)
- 24 Difficulties the government is having in getting people to fill out Census forms (May 90)
- 24 The NCAA Basketball playoffs (April 90)
- 24 Supreme Court decision regarding a person's right to die (July 90)
- 23 The Activities of the New Republican Leaders in Congress (March 95)
- 23 The O.J. Simpson Case (March 95)
- 23 The Drop in the Value of the American Dollar (March 95)
- 23 Reports about the Condition of the U.S. Economy (Feb 95)
- 23 The O.J. Simpson Case (Feb 95)
- 23 The O.J. Simpson Case (Dec 94)
- 23 News about Candidates and Election Campaigns in Your State and District (Oct 94)
- 23 Discussion of a U.S. invasion of Haiti (Sept 94)
- 23 Peace accords between Israel & PLO (Sept 93)
- 23 Civil war in Bosnia (May 93)
- 23 George Bush's presidential pardon of Weinberger and five others involved in Iran Contra affair (Jan 93)
- 23 Cyclone that devastated Bangladesh (May 91)
- 23 Attempt in Idaho to pass a bill that would severely restrict abortions (April 90)
- 23 Greyhound bus drivers' strike (April 90)
- 23 Discussion of the reunification of Germany (March 90)
- 23 The World Series (Nov 89)
- 22 CIVIL WAR IN BOSNIA (JUNE 95)**
- 22 The Defeat in Congress of the Balanced Budget Amendment (March 95)
- 22 Questions about Bill and Hillary Clinton's failed Whitewater real estate investment in Arkansas (May 94)
- 22 Election in South Africa (May 94)
- 22 Bill Clinton's economic conference in Little Rock with leading economists, policy experts and business leaders (Jan 93)
- 22 Protests and demonstrations at abortion clinics in Wichita, Kansas (Oct 91)
- 22 Congressional hearings about U.S. Persian Gulf policy (Jan 91)
- 22 Reunification of Germany (Oct 90)
- 22 Washington Mayor Barry's trial (July 90)
- 22 The 54 year old Oregon woman suffering from Alzheimer's who ended her life by using a suicide machine (July 90)
- 22 President Bush's visit to Colombia to attend a drug summit (March 90)
- 22 The Super Bowl (Feb 90)
- 22 Letter bombings of federal judges (Jan 90)
- 22 Discoveries made by the spacecraft Voyager 2 (Sept 89)
- 22 Trial of televangelist Jim Bakker (Sept 89)
- 22 April hijacking of a Kuwaiti airplane by Shiite Moslems (May 88)
- 22 Cease fire in the war between Iran and Iraq (Aug 88)
- 22 News about the presidential campaign in 1988 (May 88)
- 22 Charges that Pete Rose has bet on baseball games (July 89)
- 21 Debate about NAFTA (Oct 93)
- 21 Debate about NAFTA (Sept 93)
- 21 Bill Clinton's nomination and then withdrawal of Lani Guinier as civil rights division head (June 93)
- 21 U.S. and its allies establishing a no fly zone over the skies of southern Iraq (Sept 92)
- 21 Execution in CA of convicted killer Robert Alton Harris (May 92)
- 21 Alleged rape of a young woman at the Kennedy family's Palm Beach estate (May 91)
- 21 Controversy surrounding the way Roseanne Barr sang the National Anthem at a San Diego Padres baseball game (Aug 90)
- 21 Tensions between Moscow and the Baltic Republics of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania who wish to secede from the Soviet Union (June 90)

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- 21 Discussions about German reunification (April 90)
- 21 Political changes taking place in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany and other countries of Eastern and Central Europe (March 90)
- 21 Scandal involving HUD (Aug 89)
- 20 Mikhail Gorbachev's political problems in the Soviet Union (March 91)
- 20 Resignation of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the election of her successor (Jan 91)
- 20 The murder on a New York subway platform of a Utah man attempting to protect his family from attack by teenage muggers (Sept 90)
- 20 Earthquake in Iran (July 90)
- 20 Gorbachev/Bush summit (Dec 89)
- 20 Attempts by the U.S. government to depose General Noriega in Panama (May 88)
- 20 Post-season baseball playoffs (Oct 89)
  
- 19 The Activities of the New Republican Leaders in Congress (Feb 95)
- 19 Recent Comments by Sen. Jesse Helms about President Clinton (Dec 94)
- 19 News about the candidates and election campaigns in your state (Sept 94)
- 19 Yeltsin's conflict with the Russian Parliament (Oct 93)
- 19 Confrontation between Haitian military leaders and the U.S. and UN (Oct 93)
- 19 The civil war in Bosnia (Aug 93)
- 19 The Republican primary in New Hampshire (Feb 92)
- 19 The Democratic primary in New Hampshire (Feb 92)
- 19 Attempts by Congress and the Administration to find ways to reduce the budget deficit (Aug 90)
- 19 Elections in Nicaragua (March 90)
- 19 Coup attempt against the Filipino government (Dec 89)
- 19 Attempts in Congress to repeal the new catastrophic health insurance plan (Oct 89)
- 19 Incidents of racial violence in New York City and Virginia Beach (Sept 89)
- 19 Discussions of a U.S. Soviet arms agreement (Sept 87)
- 18 The civil war in Bosnia (May 94)
- 18 Reports of sexual abuses by Catholic priests (Dec 93)
- 18 Yeltsin's decision to dissolve Russian Parliament (Sept 93)
- 18 Nomination of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court (Aug 93)
- 18 The controversy over Bill Clinton's \$200 haircut on the runway in Los Angeles (June 93)
- 18 Tennis star Arthur Ashe's announcement that he has AIDS (May 92)
- 18 News about the candidates and election campaigns in your state (Oct 90)
- 18 Special meetings between the Bush Administration and Congressional Leaders to find ways to reduce the federal deficit (June 90)
- 18 Continuing news about the Savings and Loan scandal (June 90)
- 18 Reports about renewed inflation and rising interest rates (May 90)
- 18 Senator Moynihan's proposal to cut social security taxes (Feb 90)
- 18 The stock market crash (May 88)
- 18 Conflict in the Middle East between Palestinians and the Israelis in the occupied territories (May 88)
- 17 Retirement of Michael Jordan (Oct 93)
- 17 President Bush's decision to lift the trade embargo on South Africa (July 91)
- 17 Racial tension in New York City resulting from the Bensonhurst trial verdict and the black boycott of Korean grocers (June 90)
- 17 Discussions between the American and Japanese governments about trade issues (April 90)
- 17 A custody case involving a mother who went to jail and a little child taken to New Zealand by her grandparents (March 90)
- 17 Nomination of Robert Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court (Sept 87)
- 16 CHARGES BY A U.S. SENATOR THAT THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MORAL DECAY OF THE NATION (JUNE 95)**
- 16 The Debate over the International Trade Agreement Called GATT (Dec 94)
- 16 Civil war in Bosnia (Oct 93)

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- 16 The gay march on Washington (May 93)
- 16 David Duke's announcement that he will run for the Republican presidential nomination (Dec 91)
- 16 Nomination of David Souter to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace Justice William Brennan (Aug 90)
- 16 Washington DC Mayor Marion Barry's trial ending in a mistrial (Aug 90)
- 16 Financial troubles of Donald Trump (July 90)
- 16 Dispute between the President and Congress over allowing Chinese students to remain in America (Feb 90)
- 15 THE PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTIONS IN CONGRESS (JUNE 95)**
- 15 O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL (JUNE 95)**
- 15 The Sinking of the Finnish Ferry Boat in the Baltic Sea (Oct 94)
- 15 The Baseball Strike (Oct 94)
- 15 Paula Jones' sexual harassment charges against Bill Clinton (May 94)
- 15 Civil war in Bosnia (Dec 93)
- 15 Michael Jackson's personal problems (Dec 93)
- 15 Civil war in Bosnia (Sept 93)
- 15 The civil war in Bosnia (Mar 93)
- 15 The civil war in Bosnia (Jan 93)
- 15 Charges that Ark. Governor Clinton has had extra-marital affairs (Feb 92)
- 15 President Bush's decision to postpone loan guarantees to Israel (Oct 91)
- 15 Resignation of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze (Jan 91)
- 15 Senate confirmation of Supreme Court Justice David Souter (Oct 90)
- 15 Controversy over the exclusion of blacks from membership in many country clubs at which national golf championship matches are played (Aug 90)
- 15 Education Summit held by Bush and the nation's Governors (Oct 89)
- 15 Ethics committee's investigation of Speaker of the House Jim Wright (May 89)
- 15 News about the Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination (Oct 87)
- 15 Conflict of interest allegations about Attorney General Ed Meese (May 88)
- 15 Scandal involving HUD (July 89)
- 14 President Clinton's decision to provide loan guarantees to Mexico (Feb 95)
- 14 Continued unrest and violence in Haiti (May 94)
- 14 Questions about Bill and Hillary Clinton's failed Whitewater real estate Investment in Arkansas (Jan 94)
- 14 Resignation of head of national United Way on charges of financial wrong-doing (Apr 92)
- 14 President Bush's educational reform plan (May 91)
- 14 Political unrest and the worsening economic situation in the Soviet Union (May 91)
- 14 Renewed fighting between government and the rebels in El Salvador (Dec 89)
- 14 House approval of a cut in the capital gains tax (Oct 89)
- 14 Spy scandal involving a U.S. Diplomat in Vienna (Aug 89)
- 14 Coverage of Democratic and Republican candidates for the Presidential nomination (Sept 87)
- 14 Pending divorce between Mike Tyson and Robin Givens (Oct 88)
- 13 The Civil War in Bosnia (Dec 94)
- 13 The Civil War in Bosnia (Oct 94)
- 13 The baseball strike (Sept 94)
- 13 Gore's program to reform federal government (Sept 93)
- 13 Embezzlement charges made against Congressman Rostenkowski (Aug 93)
- 13 Suicide of White House aide Vincent Foster, Jr. (Aug 93)
- 13 The controversy over the management of the White House travel office (June 93)
- 13 Attacks on foreigners in Germany by neo-nazis (Jan 93)
- 13 Debate and discussion about the free trade agreement between the U.S., Mexico and Canada (Sept 92)
- 13 Referendum on ending white rule in South Africa (Apr 92)
- 13 Celebration of Earth Day (May 92)

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- 13 End of UAW strike against Caterpillar Tractor (May 92)
- 13 The BCCI international banking scandal (Oct 91)
- 13 U.S. Department of Education prohibition of racially based college scholarships (Jan 91)
- 13 Worsening economic conditions in the Soviet Union (Sept 90)
- 13 Civil unrest and ethnic violence in Soviet Azerbaijan (Feb 90)
- 13 Resumption of fighting in Nicaragua between the Contras and government forces (Nov 89)
- 13 Elections in Virginia, New Jersey, New York City and other localities (Nov 89)
- 13 News about the Republican candidates for the Presidential nomination (Oct 88)
- 12 The Financial and Political Instability in Mexico (March 95)
- 12 The Debate in Congress over the Balanced Budget Amendment (Feb 95)
- 12 Negotiations to end the baseball strike (Feb 95)
- 12 The civil war in Bosnia (June 94)
- 12 Tribal massacre in Rwanda (May 94)
- 12 Trial of Menendez brothers for murder of their parents (Jan 94)
- 12 Civil war in Bosnia (Jan 94)
- 12 The debate in Congress over Bill Clinton's budget (June 93)
- 12 Nomination of Robert Gates to head the CIA (Oct 91)
- 12 News about the democratic candidates for the presidential nomination (Oct 91)
- 12 Russian President Boris Yeltsin's election victory and visit to the U.S. (July 91)
- 12 The findings of the committee that investigated five senators for doing favors for Charles Keating in exchange for campaign contributions (March 91)
- 12 Major League Baseball's decision to force George Steinbrenner to give up active control of the New York Yankees (Aug 90)
- 12 Pledge of Nelson Mandela's African National Congress to end the armed struggle in South Africa (Aug 90)
- 12 Marital breakup of Donald and Ivana Trump (March 90)
- 12 Solidarity's role in governing Poland (July 89)
- 11 *NEWS ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES (JUNE 95)***
- 11 The Civil War in Bosnia (March 95)
- 11 The Debate about Federal Funding for Public Broadcasting and the Arts (Feb 95)
- 11 The Outbreak of Plague in India (Oct 94)
- 11 Bill Clinton's summit meetings in Europe and Russia(JAN 94)
- 11 Announcement from London that marriage between Prince Charles and Diana is over (Jan 93)
- 11 Civil War and famine in Somalia (Sept 92)
- 11 The controversy re Governor Clinton's joining ROTC to avoid the draft in 1969 (Feb 92)
- 11 The outbreak of civil war in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia (Jan 92)
- 11 News about the Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination (Jan 92)
- 11 Debate in Washington about a new civil rights bill (July 91)
- 11 Conflict between the Yugoslavian Republics (July 91)
- 11 The incident in Gaza in which a deranged Israeli killed seven Palestinians and the West bank riots that followed (June 90)
- 11 Legalization of banned black opposition groups in South Africa and the promise to free Nelson Mandela (Feb 90)
- 10 Russia's fighting in Chechnya (Feb 95)
- 10 The voter referendum in Russia (May 93)
- 10 Israel's expulsion of 400 muslim fundamentalists following the murder of an Israeli soldier in the West Bank (Jan 93)
- 10 Civil war in Bosnia (Sept 92)
- 10 Mario Cuomo's decision not to seek the Democratic presidential nomination (Jan 92)
- 10 News about the Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination (Dec 91)
- 10 Japanese purchase of Rockefeller center in New York City (Dec 89)
- 10 The spending and tax proposals made by Congressman Dan Rostenkowski to help reduce the budget deficit (April 90)

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- 10 Academy Awards (April 90)
- 9 The civil war in Bosnia (Sept 94)
- 9 The World Population Conference in Cairo (Sept 94)
- 9 Discovery of scientific evidence of the beginnings of the universe (May 92)
- 9 Purchase of entertainment giant, MCA by the Japanese consumer electronics company, Matsushita (Jan 91)
- 9 The investigation of five U.S. Senators for doing favors for Charles Keating in exchange for campaign contributions (Jan 91)
- 9 Aids conference in San Francisco (July 90)
- 9 May day protests in Moscow (May 90)
- 9 Bankruptcy of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. (March 90)
- 9 Trial of Hotel owner Leona Helmsley for tax evasion (Sept 89)
- 9 Stories about the 20th anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival (Aug 89)
- 8 CBS'S FIRING OF CONNIE CHUNG (JUNE 95)**
- 8 The civil war in Bosnia (Feb 95)
- 8 The Debate over the International Trade Agreement Called GATT (Oct 94)
- 8 The IRA cease-fire announcement (Sept 94)
- 8 The resignation of White House Chief of Staff John Sununu (Dec 91)
- 8 Conflict between the Yugoslavian Republics (Oct 91)
- 8 The release of the Kitty Kelley biography of Nancy Reagan (May 91)
- 8 The murder in New York city of Jewish militant rabbi Meir Kahane (Nov 90)
- 7 Suicide of rock star Kurt Cobain (May 94)
- 7 Bobby Inman's withdrawal as nominee for Secretary of Defense (Jan 94)
- 7 Summit meeting in Seattle between Bill Clinton and leaders of Asian nations (Dec 93)
- 7 G7 Summit meeting in Tokyo (Aug 93)
- 7 Trial of alleged N.Y. mafia boss John Gotti (Apr 92)
- 7 First reports from the 1990 U.S. census (Sept 90)
- 7 Pat Buchanan's announcement that he will run for the Republican presidential nomination (Dec 91)
- 6 Stock market crash in Japan (May 92)
- 6 William Bennett's change of mind about heading the Republican National Committee (Jan 91)
- 6 Continuing political unrest in the Ukraine and in other republics of the Soviet Union (Nov 90)
- 6 United Nations Children's Summit held in New York (Oct 90)
- 6 Elections in Romania (June 90)
- 6 The visit to the United States of Vaclav Havel, the new president of Czechoslovakia (March 90)
- 6 Trip of high ranking officials to China (Jan 90)
- 6 Scandal involving the Japanese Prime Minister and other high ranking officials (May 89)
- 6 The scandal involving Congressman Barney Frank and a male prostitute (Oct 89)
- 5 Passage of the National Service Act (Sept 93)
- 5 Scandals in the British royal family involving the Duchess of York - Fergie and Princess Diana (Sept 92)
- 5 The conflict between the Yugoslavian Republics (Dec 91)
- 4 Marital break-up of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson (Apr 92)
- 4 Dismissal of Pakistan's Prime Minister Bhutto by Pakistan's President (Aug 90)
- 4 Civil war in Cambodia (May 90)
- 3 Woody Allen and Mia Farrow's family breakup (Sept 92)
- 2 Tom Cruise's separation from his wife (April 90)