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George W. Bush continues to hold a slim edge over Al Gore in the final days of Campaign 2000. A Pew Research Center poll of 1,307 likely voters conducted November 1-4 finds 46\% favoring Bush, $43 \%$ Gore, with $3 \%$ for Ralph Nader and $1 \%$ for Pat Buchanan. These results are almost identical to those of a Center survey conducted October 25-29, which gave the Texas governor his first lead in Pew's polls since the summer.

The current survey continues to find a significant potential for last-minute changes in opinion. As many now are undecided or say they might change their minds as was the case a week ago - $8 \%$ are undecided, $7 \%$ say they could still vote for Bush, and $8 \%$ say that about Gore among registered voters. This is comparable to findings of a Center survey on the final weekend of the 1996 race between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole. That contest was not nearly as close, but as many as $11 \%$ of voters made up their minds in the final days of the 1996 contest, according to Voter News Service exit polls. Late deciders broke for Dole, giving Clinton a narrower victory than anticipated.

There is no indication that revelations of Bush's 1976 arrest for driving under the influence have had a material impact on voter attitudes.

| Presidential Trial Heat* |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oct | Oct |  |  |
|  | Sept | 4-8 | 18-22 | 25-29 | Nov |
| Registered | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| Gore | 47 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 45 |
| Bush | 41 | 43 | 43 | 45 | 42 |
| Nader | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Buchanan | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Undecided | $\underline{9}$ | 8 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| $\mathrm{N}=$ | (1999) | (1009) | (997) | (1508) | (1805) |
| Likely Voters |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gore | 48 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 43 |
| Bush | 43 | 45 | 45 | 47 | 46 |
| Nader | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Buchanan | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Undecided | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{7}$ |
|  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
|  | (1495) | (722) | (663) | (1062) | (1307) |
| * Includes leaners. Likely voters are identified by a seven question turnout scale which assumes that $50 \%$ of the voting age population will go to the polls. |  |  |  |  |  | Although 79\% of those interviewed Nov. 3-4 say they followed news stories about this to at least some extent, the vast majority (88\%) say this does not raise serious doubts in their minds about voting for Bush. Just $11 \%$ say the story has led them to question voting for Bush. However as many, $12 \%$, say the same about Gore, based on charges that the Democrats were behind the release of the story. Further, the poll found no meaningful difference in levels of candidate support before and after these disclosures.

As in previous polls Bush's supporters are more enthusiastic than those backing Gore. In fact, Bush registers the highest percentage of strong supporters in the final weekend of the campaign as any candidate since Ronald Reagan in 1984. While this may augur better for Republican than Democratic turnout, the survey finds the "ground war" is deadlocked. One-in-four voters say they have been urged to vote by a campaign - 13\% reported they were contacted by Bush or the Republicans, and 12\% say Gore or the Democrats had been in touch.

## Independents Dead Even

The new survey underscores several patterns that have been evident throughout the final month of the campaign, including a large Bush edge among men especially men under 50 - and divisions among independent voters.

Among likely voters, Bush enjoys a 12-point lead among men (50\%-38\%), twice the lead Gore holds among women (48\%-42\%). (See table on page 4.) Bush holds an especially strong 16-point lead among men under 50 (51\%35\%), and a narrower seven-point lead among men 50 or older ( $48 \%-41 \%$ ). In contrast, Gore has only a three-point lead among women under 50 ( $47 \%-44 \%$ ) and an eightpoint lead among women 50 and older (48\%-40\%).

Meanwhile, independents remain split, with 42\% favoring Gore and $41 \%$ supporting Bush. Bush holds a slight edge among the party faithful, with $89 \%$ of rank-and-file Republicans supporting the GOP nominee, compared to $83 \%$ of Democrats who support Gore.

| Strength of Support In Presidential Elections (Based Likely Voters) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Strong |  | Total |
| 2000 | \% | \% | \% |
| Gore | 26 | 17 | $\Rightarrow 43$ |
| Bush | 32 | 14 | $\Rightarrow 46$ |
| 1996 |  |  |  |
| Clinton | 29 | 23 | $\Rightarrow 52$ |
| Dole | 20 | 18 | $\Rightarrow 38$ |
| 1988* |  |  |  |
| Bush | 27 | 26 | $\Rightarrow 53$ |
| Dukakis | 22 | 19 | $\Rightarrow 41$ |
| 1984 |  |  |  |
| Reagan | 39 | 18 | $\Rightarrow 57$ |
| Mondale | 25 | 14 | $\Rightarrow 39$ |
| 1980 |  |  |  |
| Reagan | 25 | 22 | $\Rightarrow 47$ |
| Carter | 20 | 24 | $\Rightarrow 44$ |
| 1976 |  |  |  |
| Ford | 26 | 23 | $\Rightarrow 49$ |
| Carter | 26 | 22 | $\Rightarrow 48$ |
| 1972 |  |  |  |
| Nixon | 41 | 20 | $\Rightarrow 61$ |
| McGovern | 19 | 16 | $\Rightarrow 35$ |
| 1968 |  |  |  |
| Nixon | 25 | 17 | $\Rightarrow 42$ |
| Humphrey | 22 | 18 | $\Rightarrow 40$ |
| 1964 |  |  |  |
| Johnson | 42 | 22 | $\Rightarrow 64$ |
| Goldwater | 15 | 14 | $\Rightarrow 29$ |
| 1960 |  |  |  |
| Kennedy | 33 | 16 | $\Rightarrow 49$ |
| Nixon | 35 | 13 | $\Rightarrow 48$ |

## Congressional Race Unchanged

Democrats continue to lead in the generic congressional ballot, $47 \%-43 \%$. The trend in the congressional race has remained stable all year. In early October and July, Democrats led by the same four-point margin. In February, Democrats held a 47\%-44\% advantage.

Overall, satisfaction with congressional incumbents remains high. Nearly six-in-ten voters (59\%) say they would like to see their own representative reelected, while $16 \%$ would not. In general, national issues and the tight battle for control of Congress have not weighed heavily on voters. In the Pew survey in early October, $42 \%$ said state and local issues would make the biggest difference in their congressional vote, against $21 \%$ who cited national issues.

## ABOUT THIS SURVEY AND ITS METHODOLOGY

The survey results are based on 2,248 telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates from a nationwide sample of the voting age population, from Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, through Saturday evening, Nov. 4, 2000. For results based on the total sample ( $\mathrm{N}=2,248$ ), there is $95 \%$ confidence that the error attributed to sampling and other random effects is $+/-2.5$ percentage points. For results based on registered voters ( $\mathrm{N}=1,805$ ), the sampling error is $+/-3$ percentage points, and for results based on likely voters $(\mathrm{N}=1,307)$, the sampling error is $+/-3$ 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.

The sample for this survey is a random digit sample of telephone numbers selected from telephone exchanges in the continental United States. The exchanges were selected with probabilities proportional to their size, with the first eight digits of the numbers selected to be proportionally stratified by county and by exchange within county.

At least four attempts were made to complete an interview at every sampled number, with calls staggered to maximize the chances of reaching a potential respondent. Non-response in telephone interview surveys produces some known biases in survey-derived estimates. To compensate, the sample data are weighted in analysis using parameters derived from a special analysis of the most recently available Census Current Population Survey.

## PRESIDENTIAL TRIAL HEAT*

(Based on Likely Voters)

|  | Gore | Bush | Nader | Buchanan | Undecided | (N) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| Total | 43 | 46 | 3 | 1 | $7=100$ | $(1,307)$ |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 38 | 50 | 4 | 1 | 7 | (635) |
| Female | 48 | 42 | 3 | * | 7 | (672) |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 40 | 49 | 3 | 1 | 7 | $(1,134)$ |
| Non-white | 72 | 17 | 4 | * | 7 | (150) |
| Black | 84 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 5 | (93) |
| Hispanict | 46 | 40 | 2 | 0 | 12 | (54) |
| Race and Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White Men | 35 | 53 | 4 | 1 | 7 | (553) |
| White Women | 44 | 46 | 3 | * | 7 | (581) |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 30 | 44 | 46 | 7 | 0 | 3 | (141) |
| 30-49 | 41 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 7 | (480) |
| 50-64 | 40 | 49 | 3 | 1 | 7 | (337) |
| 65+ | 51 | 37 | 2 | * | 10 | (323) |
| Sex and Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men under 50 | 35 | 51 | 4 | 2 | 8 | (321) |
| Women under 50 | 47 | 44 | 4 | * | 5 | (300) |
| Men 50+ | 41 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 7 | (307) |
| Women 50+ | 48 | 40 | 2 | * | 10 | (353) |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| College Grad. | 41 | 51 | 4 | * | 4 | (558) |
| Some College | 40 | 50 | 4 | 1 | 5 | (339) |
| H.S. Grad | 45 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 12 | (338) |
| Less than H.S.^ | 54 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 8 | (60) |

* Includes leaners.
$\dagger$ The designation Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization. Note small sample size.
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Question: If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Democratic ticket of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Green Party ticket headed by Ralph Nader, or for the Reform Party ticket headed by Pat Buchanan? As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore the Democrat, more to Bush the Republican, more to Nader of the Green Party or more to Buchanan the Reform Party candidate?

|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 43 | 46 | 3 | 1 | $7=100$ | $(1,307)$ |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$75,000+ | 42 | 51 | 3 | 1 | 3 | (307) |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 38 | 58 | 2 | * | 2 | (206) |
| \$30,000-\$49,999 | 42 | 45 | 5 | 2 | 6 | (290) |
| \$20,000-\$29,999 | 48 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 7 | (130) |
| <\$20,000 | 56 | 38 | 2 | 0 | 4 | (119) |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| East | 53 | 39 | 3 | 0 | 5 | (272) |
| Midwest | 43 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 9 | (301) |
| South | 39 | 51 | 2 | 1 | 7 | (456) |
| West | 41 | 46 | 5 | * | 8 | (278) |
| Religious Affiliation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total White Protestant | 33 | 57 | 2 | 1 | 7 | (643) |
| White Protestant Evangelical | 27 | 64 | 1 | 1 | 8 | (313) |
| White Prot. Non-Evangelical | 39 | 50 | 3 | 1 | 7 | (330) |
| White Catholic | 47 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 6 | (265) |
| Secular | 53 | 25 | 14 | 0 | 8 | (104) |
| Community Size |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Large City | 54 | 32 | 5 | 0 | 9 | (243) |
| Suburb | 43 | 50 | 3 | * | 4 | (354) |
| Small City/Town | 41 | 45 | 4 | 2 | 8 | (441) |
| Rural Area | 36 | 54 | 3 | 1 | 6 | (245) |
| Party ID |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republican | 6 | 89 | 1 | 1 | 3 | (447) |
| Democrat | 83 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | (437) |
| Independent | 42 | 41 | 9 | 1 | 7 | (339) |
| Party and Ideology |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservative Republican | 3 | 93 | * | 1 | 3 | (326) |
| Moderate/Liberal Republican | 15 | 80 | 2 | 0 | 3 | (115) |
| Conservative/Moderate Dem. | 80 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | (285) |
| Liberal Democrat | 87 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 4 | (131) |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married | 40 | 50 | 2 | 1 | 7 | (805) |
| Unmarried | 49 | 39 | 5 | 1 | 6 | (474) |
| Parental Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parent | 41 | 50 | 2 | 1 | 6 | (420) |
| Non-Parent | 44 | 43 | 4 | 1 | 8 | (873) |
| Labor Union |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Union Household | 54 | 34 | 5 | 1 | 6 | (206) |
| Non-Union Household | 41 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 7 | $(1,076)$ |

# PROFILE OF REGISTERED AND LIKELY VOTERS 

(1996 vs. 2000)


# PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS NOVEMBER 2000 ELECTION WEEKEND SURVEY <br> - FINAL TOPLINE - <br> November 1-4, 2000 <br> N = 2,248 General Public <br> N = 1,805 Registered Voters 

## NOTE: ALL NUMBERS IN SURVEY, INCLUDING TREND FIGURES, ARE BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

Q. 1 How much thought have you given to next Tuesday's election, quite a lot, or only a little?

Early November, 2000
Late October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
July, 2000
June, 2000
May, 2000
November, 1996
October, 1996
Late September, 1996
Early September, 1996
July, 1996
June, 1996
October, 1992
September, 1992
August, 1992
June, 1992
Gallup: November, 1988
Gallup: October, 1988
Gallup: August, 1988
Gallup: September, 1988

| Quite | (VOL.) | Only a | (VOL.) | DK/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A lot | Some | Little | None | Ref. |
| 71 | 5 | 21 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 66 | 6 | 24 | 4 | *=100 |
| 67 | 9 | 19 | 4 | $1=100$ |
| 60 | 8 | 27 | 4 | $1=100$ |
| 59 | 8 | 29 | 3 | $1=100$ |
| 46 | 6 | 45 | 3 | *=100 |
| 46 | 6 | 43 | 5 | *=100 |
| 48 | 4 | 42 | 5 | $1=100$ |
| 67 | 8 | 22 | 3 | *=100 |
| 65 | 7 | 26 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 61 | 7 | 29 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 56 | 3 | 36 | 4 | $1=100$ |
| 55 | 3 | 41 | 1 | *=100 |
| 50 | 5 | 41 | 3 | $1=100$ |
| 77 | 5 | 16 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 69 | 3 | 26 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 72 | 4 | 23 | 1 | * $=100$ |
| 63 | 6 | 29 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 73 | 8 | 17 | 2 | $0=100$ |
| 69 | 9 | 20 | 2 | $0=100$ |
| 61 | 10 | 27 | 2 | $0=100$ |
| 57 | 18 | 23 | 2 | $0=100$ |

Q. 2 How closely have you been following news about the presidential election... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

| Early November, 2000 | 38 | 44 | 13 | 5 | *=100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 40 | 37 | 15 | 8 | * $=100$ |
| Early October, 2000 | 42 | 36 | 15 | 6 | $1=100$ |
| September, 2000 | 27 | 46 | 18 | 8 | $1=100$ |
| July, 2000 ${ }^{1}$ | 25 | 40 | 19 | 15 | $1=100$ |
| June, 2000 | 27 | 34 | 22 | 16 | $1=100$ |
| April, 2000 | 21 | 36 | 25 | 18 | * $=100$ |
| Early April, 2000 | 22 | 43 | 20 | 15 | *=100 |
| March, 2000 | 30 | 43 | 16 | 10 | $1=100$ |
| November, 1996 | 34 | 45 | 15 | 6 | * $=100$ |
| Early September, 1996 | 29 | 39 | 19 | 13 | *=100 |
| July, 1996 | 25 | 42 | 21 | 11 | $1=100$ |
| October, 1992 | 55 | 36 | 7 | 2 | $0=100$ |
| September, 1992 | 47 | 36 | 11 | 6 | * $=100$ |
| August, 1992 | 36 | 51 | 11 | 2 | $0=100$ |
| July, 1992 | 23 | 48 | 24 | 5 | * $=100$ |
| October, 1988 | 43 | 44 | 11 | 2 | *=100 |
| August, 1988 | 39 | 45 | 13 | 3 | * $=100$ |

Q. 3 Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

|  |  | Late Oct | Mid-Oct | Early O | Late O | Early O | Nov | Late Sep | Nov |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{1998}$ | 1998 | 1996 | $\underline{1996}$ | $\underline{1994}$ |
| 84 | Yes | 81 | 82 | 84 | 86 | 87 | 85 | 85 | 91 |
| 16 | No | 19 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 9 |
| * | Don't know/Refused | * | 0 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## RESPONDENTS IN THE 701 AREA CODE (N. DAKOTA) SHOULD BE SKIPPED TO Q.6.

Q. 4 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 RESPONDENT ANSWERED "YES" IN Q. 4 AND IS NOT IN SELECTED AREA CODE, ASK:
Q. 5 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?

| BASED ON VOTING AGE POPULATION: $\mathbf{[ N = 2 , 2 4 8 ]}$ | Nov 1996 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 79 | Yes, registered | 76 |  |
|  | 71 | Absolutely certain | 69 |
|  | 2 | Chance registration has lapsed | 2 |
|  | 6 | Can register Election Day | 4 |
|  | $*$ | Don't know/Refused | 1 |
| 21 | No, not registered | 24 |  |
| 0 | Don't have to register (VOL.) | $*$ |  |
| $*$ | Don't know/Refused | $*$ |  |
| 100 |  | 100 |  |

## IF RESPONDENT IS IN SELECTED AREA CODE AND ANSWERED "NO, NOT REGISTERED" OR "DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER IN Q.4, ASK:

Q.5a Next Tuesday, do you plan to register so that you can vote in the election?

BASED ON TOTAL VOTING AGE POPULATION IN SELECTED AREA CODE: [N=27]
48 Yes
42 No
10 Don't know/Refused
100
Q. 6 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 CHOICES)
$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Most of } \\ \text { The Time }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Some of } \\ \text { the Time }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Only Now } \\ \text { and Then }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Hardly } \\ \text { at All }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { DK/Ref. }\end{array} \\ \text { Early November, 2000 } & 50 & 33 & & 12 & & 5\end{array}\right)$
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## Q. 6 CONTINUED ...

May, 1990
October, 1988
May, 1988
January, 1988
May, 1987

| Most of The Time | Some of the Time | Only Now and Then | Hardly at All | DK/Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 43 | 36 | 15 | 6 | *=100 |
| 52 | 33 | 12 | 3 | *=100 |
| 42 | 37 | 15 | 4 | $2=100$ |
| 42 | 35 | 17 | 5 | 1=100 |
| 47 | 35 | 13 | 4 | $1=100$ |

Q. 7 How often would you say you vote? (READ CHOICES)
(VOL.)

|  | Always | Nearly Always | Part of The time | Seldom | (VOL.) <br> Other | Never Vote | DK/Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early November, 2000 | 58 | 25 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | *=100 |
| Late October, 2000 | 52 | 30 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | $0=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 54 | 27 | 10 | 6 | * | 3 | *=100 |
| Early October, 2000 | 51 | 29 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | *=100 |
| September, 2000 | 61 | 21 | 9 | 7 | * | 2 | *=100 |
| June, 2000 | 58 | 26 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | *=100 |
| Late September, 1999 | 40 | 47 | 9 | 3 | * | 1 | *=100 |
| Early September, 1998 | 53 | 33 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 0 | *=100 |
| June, 1998 | 49 | 33 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 0 | $0=100$ |
| September, 1997 | 62 | 26 | 8 | 3 | * | 1 | *=100 |
| November, 1996 | 55 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | *=100 |
| October, 1996 | 52 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | *=100 |
| Late September, 1996 | 52 | 31 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 2 | *=100 |
| June, 1996 | 52 | 33 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | *=100 |
| February, 1996 | 42 | 41 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | *=100 |
| October, 1995 | 53 | 35 | 7 | 4 | * | 1 | *=100 |
| April, 1995 | 53 | 34 | 9 | 4 | * | * | *=100 |
| November, 1994 | 58 | 28 | 8 | 5 | 1 | * | $0=100$ |
| October, 1994 | 55 | 32 | 10 | 3 | * | * | *=100 |
| July, 1994 | 52 | 34 | 10 | 4 | * | * | *=100 |
| June, 1992 | 60 | 29 | 7 | 3 | 1 | * | *=100 |
| May, 1992 | 50 | 35 | 10 | 4 | * | 1 | *=100 |
| November, 1991 | 46 | 41 | 9 | 4 | 0 | * | *=100 |
| May, 1990 | 42 | 42 | 11 | 4 | * | 1 | *=100 |
| Gallup: November, 1988 | 57 | 26 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | *=100 |
| Gallup: October, 1988 | 56 | 26 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | *=100 |
| May, 1988 | 43 | 41 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 | *=100 |
| January, 1988 | 49 | 39 | 9 | 2 | * | 1 | *=100 |
| May, 1987 | 43 | 43 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 1 | *=100 |

Q.7a Do you happen to know where people in your neighborhood go to vote?

|  |  | Late Early |  |  | Oct | Nov | -- Gallup -- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Nov | Oct |  |  |
|  |  | 1998 | 1998 | 1996 | 1996 | 1994 | 1988 | 1988 |
| 84 | Yes - gives answer |  |  |  | 90 | 87 | 88 | 85 | 93 | 89 | 88 |
| 16 | No/Don’t know/Refused/No Answer | 10 | 13 | $\underline{12}$ | 15 | 7 | 11 | 12 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

SPLIT FORM FOR Q. 8 \& Q.9:
FORM 1, ASK GORE, THEN BUSH, THEN NADER, THEN BUCHANAN; FORM 2, ASK BUSH, THEN GORE, THEN NADER, THEN BUCHANAN .
Q. 8 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Democratic ticket of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Green Party ticket headed by Ralph Nader, or for the Reform Party ticket headed by Pat Buchanan?
Q. 9 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore the Democrat, more to Bush the Republican, more to Nader of the Green Party or more to Buchanan the Reform Party candidate?
Q. 14 Do you support (INSERT PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE FROM Q.8; DO NOT READ VP CHOICE) strongly or only moderately?

|  |  |  | Late <br> Oct | MidOct | Early Oct | Sept | July | Late June | Mid June |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | 2000 | 2000 | $\underline{2000}$ | 2000 |
| 45 |  | ean Gore | 43 | 45 | 44 | 47 | 41 | 35 | 42 |
|  | 25 | Strongly | 24 | 22 | 22 | 25 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | 19 | Only moderately | 19 | 23 | 22 | 21 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | 1 | Don't know | * | * | * | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 42 | Bush/Lean Bush |  | 45 | 43 | 43 | 41 | 42 | 42 | 41 |
|  | 27 | Strongly | 29 | 25 | 26 | 21 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | 15 | Only moderately | 16 | 18 | 17 | 19 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | * | Don't know | * | * | * | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 4 | Nader/Lean Nader |  | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
|  | 2 | Strongly | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | 2 | Only moderately | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | * | Don't know | * | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 1 | Buchanan/Lean Buchanan |  | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
|  | * | Strongly | * | * | 0 | * | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | 1 | Only moderately | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
|  | 0 | Don't know | 0 | 0 | 0 | * | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 8 | Undecided/Other/DK |  | 7 | 7 | 8 | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{9}$ | 19 | 10 |
| 100 |  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## SPLIT FORM FOR Q. 15 \& Q.16:

FORM 1, ASK REPUBLICAN FIRST; FORM 2, ASK DEMOCRAT FIRST.
Q. 15 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?
Q. 16 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

| Early November, 2000 | Republican/ <br> Lean Rep. | Democrat/ <br> Lean Dem. | Other/ <br> Undecided |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Early October, 2000 | 43 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| July, 2000 | 43 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| February, 2000 | 44 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| October, 1999 | 43 | 49 | $9=100$ |
| June, 1999 | 40 | 50 | $8=100$ |
| November, 1998 | 42 | 48 | $10=100$ |
| Late October, 1998 | 40 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| Early October, 1998 | 43 | 44 | $13=100$ |
| Early September, 1998 | 45 | 46 | $13=100$ |
| Late August, 1998 | 44 | 45 | $9=100$ |
| Early August, 1998 | 42 | 49 | $11=100$ |
| June, 1998 | 44 | 46 | $9=100$ |
| March, 1998 | 40 | 52 | $10=100$ |
| February, 1998 | 41 | 50 | $8=100$ |
| January, 1998 | 41 | 51 | $9=100$ |
| August, 1997 | 45 | 48 | $8=100$ |
| November, 1996 |  | $7=100$ |  |
| October, 1996 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ |
| Late September, 1996 | 42 | 49 | $9=100$ |
| Early September, 1996 | 43 | 49 | $8=100$ |
| July, 1996 | 43 | 51 | $6=100$ |
| June, 1996 | 46 | 47 | $7=100$ |
| March, 1996 | 44 | 50 | $6=100$ |
| January, 1996 | 44 | 49 | $7=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 46 | 47 | $7=100$ |
| August, 1995 | 48 | 48 | $4=100$ |
| November, 1994 | 50 | 43 | $7=100$ |
| October, 1994 | 45 | 43 | $12=100$ |
| Early October, 1994 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ |
| September, 1994 | 42 | 40 | $8=100$ |
| July, 1994 | 45 | 46 | $6=100$ |
|  | 47 | $8=100$ |  |

## IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "REPUBLICAN" OR "DEMOCRATIC" IN Q.15, ASK:

Q. 17 Do you support the (INSERT: Democratic/Republican) candidate strongly or only moderately?

|  |  | Late Oct 1998 | Nov 1996 | Nov 1994 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 43 | Republican/Lean Rep | 40 | 41 | 45 |
|  | 20 Strongly | 19 | 18 | 19 |
|  | 23 Moderately | 21 | 23 | 26 |
|  | Don't know/Refused |  | * | -- |
| 47 | Democrat/Lean Dem | 47 | 48 | 43 |
|  | 23 Strongly | 24 | 22 | 17 |
|  | 23 Moderately | 23 | 25 | 26 |
|  | 1 Don't know/Refused | d | 1 | -- |
| 10 | Other/Undecided | 13 | 11 | $\underline{12}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## [NOTE SPECIAL INSTRUCTION: NON-REGISTERED VOTERS ('2' IN Q. 4 AND NOT IN SELECTED AREA CODE, OR '9' IN Q.4, OR '2' OR '9' IN Q.5, OR 2 OR 9 IN Q.5a) SHOULD NOW SKIP TO D.1]

Now thinking about the presidential election again...
IF RESPONDENT CHOSE GORE/LIEBERMAN IN Q. 8 OR Q. 14 ASK: [N=790]
Q. 18 Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Al Gore or more a vote AGAINST George W. Bush? IF RESPONDENT CHOSE BUSH/CHENEY IN Q. 8 OR Q. 14 ASK: [N=780]
Q. 19 Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR George W. Bush or more a vote AGAINST Al Gore?

| Direction of Support |  |  | Sept 2000 | 1996 Election | Nov | Oct | Sept |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | Gore |  | 47 | Clinton | 51 | 51 | 52 |
|  | 28 | Pro-Gore | 30 | Pro-Clinton | 33 | 33 | 35 |
|  | 14 | Anti-Bush | 14 | Anti-other candidates | 15 | 16 | 15 |
|  | 3 | Undecided | 3 | Undecided | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 42 | Bush |  | 41 | Dole | 32 | 34 | 34 |
|  | 27 | Pro-Bush | 24 | Pro-Dole | 15 | 15 | 16 |
|  | 12 | Anti-Gore | 14 | Anti-other candidates | 15 | 18 | 17 |
|  | 3 | Undecided | 3 | Undecided | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| $\frac{13}{100}$ | Other/Don't know/Refused |  | 12 | Perot | 9 | 8 | 8 |
|  |  |  | 100 | Pro-Perot | 4 | 4 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | Anti-other candidates | 5 | 4 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | Undecided | * | * | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | Don't know/Refused | 8 | 7 | $\underline{6}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

FOR ALL RESPONDENTS WHO DIDN'T ANSWER 18 OR 19, READ TRANSITION:
Now thinking about the presidential election again...

## IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE GORE IN Q. 8 ASK: [ $\mathbf{N}=1,015$ ]

Q. 20 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Al Gore next Tuesday or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

|  |  | Late Oct | Mid-Oct | Early Oct | Sept | June | Clinton |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{10}$ |
| 8 | Chavce might vote for him | 9 | 1096 |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | Decided not to vote for him | 44 | 40 | 38 | 35 | 34 | 6 |
| $\frac{6}{55 \%}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{7}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ |

## IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE BUSH IN Q.8, ASK: [N=1,025]

Q. 21 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for George W. Bush next Tuesday or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

|  |  | Late Oct | Mid-Oct | Early Oct | Sept | June | Dole |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{12}$ |
| 7 | Chance might vote for him | 10996 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | Decided not to vote for him | 41 | 40 | 39 | 38 | 33 | 8 |
| $\frac{7}{58 \%}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{7}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ |

ASK ALL:
Q. 22 Do you, yourself, plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?

|  | Yes, Plan To Vote | No, Don't Plan To | Can't Say/ <br> Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early November, 2000 | 95 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| Late October, 2000 | 97 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 96 | 2 | $2=100$ |
| Early October, 2000 | 97 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| September, 2000 | 95 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| June, 2000 | 95 | 2 | $3=100$ |
| Late October, 1998† | 91 | 6 | $3=100$ |
| Early October, 1998† | 92 | 4 | $4=100$ |
| Early September, 1998† | 95 | 2 | $3=100$ |
| Late August, 1998† | 93 | 3 | $4=100$ |
| June, 1998† | 95 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| November, 1996 | 96 | 2 | $2=100$ |
| October, 1996 | 98 | 1 | 1=100 |
| Late September, 1996 | 98 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| Early September, 1996 | 96 | 2 | $2=100$ |
| July, 1996 | 95 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| June, 1996 | 96 | 2 | $2=100$ |
| November, 1994† | 93 | 5 | $2=100$ |

## Q. 22 CONTINUED ...

October, 1994 $\dagger$
October, 1992
September, 1992
August, 1992
June, 1992
Gallup: November, 1988
Gallup: October, 1988

| Yes, Plan <br> To Vote | No, Don't <br> Plan To | Can't Say/ <br> Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 95 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| 98 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 98 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 97 | 1 | $2=100$ |
| 97 | 1 | $2=100$ |
| 97 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 98 | 1 | $1=100$ |

$\dagger$ Non-Presidential elections
Q. 23 Next, I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in Tuesday's election on a scale of 10 to 1 . If 10 represents a person who definitely will vote and 1 represents a person who definitely will not vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

Early November, 2000
Late October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
Late October, 1998
Early October, 1998
November, 1996

| Definitely | Definitely |
| :--- | :--- |
| will vote | will not vote |

October, 1996
Late September, 1996
November, 1994
October, 1994
Gallup: September, 1992
Gallup: November, 1988
Gallup: October, 1988

| $\frac{10}{80}$ | $\frac{9}{6}$ | $\frac{8}{5}$ | $\frac{7}{2}$ | $\frac{6}{1}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ | $\frac{4}{*}$ | $\frac{3}{1}$ | $\frac{2}{*}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{1=100}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 83 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | $*$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | $*=100$ |
| 80 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 78 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | $*$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 70 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | $1=100$ |
| 64 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 77 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 2 | $*$ | 1 | $*$ | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 77 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | $*=100$ |
| 78 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 67 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| 66 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | $*$ | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 77 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | $*$ | 1 | $*$ | 4 | $*=100$ |
| 77 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | 2 | $2=100$ |
| 73 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | $2=100$ |

Thinking again about the congressional elections...
Q. 24 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected on Tuesday, or not?

Early November, 2000
Early October, 2000
July, 1999
Late October, 1998
Early October, 1998
Early September, 1998
March, 1998
January, 1998
August, 1997
November, 1996
October, 1996
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| $\frac{\text { Yes }}{59}$ | $\frac{\text { No }}{16}$ | $\frac{\text { Not running }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { No Opinion }}{23}=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 60 | 17 | 1 | $22=100$ |
| 66 | 23 | $*$ | $11=100$ |
| 64 | 19 | 1 | $16=100$ |
| 58 | 20 | 2 | $20=100$ |
| 63 | 20 | 1 | $16=100$ |
| 63 | 21 | 1 | $15=100$ |
| 66 | 23 | 0 | $11=100$ |
| 66 | 22 | 0 | $12=100$ |
| 60 | 16 | 3 | $21=100$ |
| 62 | 19 | 2 | $17=100$ |

## Q. 24 CONTINUED ...

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Congressperson

|  | $\frac{\text { Yes }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { No }}{17}$ | $\frac{\text { Not running }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { No Opinion }}{26=100}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Late September, 1996 | 55 | 17 | 2 | $17=100$ |
| Early September, 1996 | 62 | 19 | 1 | $16=100$ |
| November, 1994 | 58 | 25 | 2 | $13=100$ |
| October, 1994 | 55 | 30 | 2 | $20=100$ |
| Early October, 1994 | 49 | 29 | 2 | $14=100$ |
| Gallup: October 1990 | 62 | 22 |  |  |

Thinking about the presidential election again...
Q. 25 In your opinion, is the outcome of this presidential election especially important, or is it no more important than any other presidential election?

|  |  | Nov 1996 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Especially important | 61 |
| 31 | No more important than the others | 38 |
| $\frac{1}{100}$ | Don't Know/Refused | $\frac{1}{100}$ |

Q. 26 Regardless of who you support, who do you think WILL be elected president, Al Gore or George W. Bush?

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Late Oct } \\ & \underline{2000} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Early Oct } \\ \underline{2000} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Oct | Late Sept 1996 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1999{ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | Al Gore |  | 38 | 46 | 33 | 23 | 79 | $\Rightarrow$ Clinton |
| 44 | George W. Bush | 48 | 33 | 51 | 70 | 12 | $\Rightarrow$ Dole |
| n/a | Other | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 | 1 | $\Rightarrow$ Perot |
| $\underline{24}$ | Don't know/Refused | 14 | $\underline{21}$ | 16 | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{8}$ | $\Rightarrow$ Don't know/Refused |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |

Q. 27 Recently, have you been contacted over the phone by any candidates, campaigns or other groups urging you to vote in a particular way in the upcoming elections?

## IF YES, ASK:

Q. 28 And were you urged to vote for Al Gore and/or other Democratic candidates OR George W. Bush and/or other Republican candidates?

| 24 | Yes |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 6 | Gore/Democrats |
|  | 7 | Bush/Republicans |
|  | 2 | Other (VOL.) |
|  | 6 | Both (VOL.) |
|  | 3 | Don't know/Refused |
| 75 | No |  |
| $\frac{1}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |  |

In October 1999 the wording was: "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?"

## IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "UNDECIDED" (Q. 9 = 9), ASK:

One last question about your opinion of the candidates ...
Q. 29 I have been asked to try to get a choice for president from everyone I interview. Even though you may not have made up your mind, could you make a guess so I will have something to put down? The candidates are Gore and Lieberman, the Democrats, Bush and Cheney, the Republicans, Ralph Nader of the Green Party and Pat Buchanan of the Reform party.

2 Gore/Lean Gore
1 Bush/Lean Bush

* Nader/Lean Nader
* Buchanan/Lean Buchanan

4 Undecided/Other/DK
93 Question not asked
100

## Q. 30 THROUGH Q. 32 ASKED NOV. 3-4, 2000: [N=794]

Q. 30 How closely have you been following news reports that George W. Bush was arrested for drunk driving in 1976? Have you been following this very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

25 Very closely
28 Fairly closely
26 Not too closely
19 Not at all closely
$\underline{2}$ Don't know/Refused
100

## IF FOLLOWING STORY ("1, 2 or 3" IN Q.30), ASK : [N=638]

Q. 31 Has this story raised serious doubts in your mind about voting for George W. Bush, or is this not a serious consideration for you?

| 11 | Raised serious doubts about voting for Bush |
| :--- | :--- |
| 88 | Not a serious consideration |
| $\frac{1}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## IF FOLLOWING STORY ("1, 2 or 3" IN Q.30), ASK : [N=638]

Q. 32 Some have accused the Democrats of being behind the release of this story because it's so close to the election. Has this charge against the Democrats raised serious doubts in your mind about voting for Al Gore, is this not a serious consideration for you, or have you not heard this charge?

| 12 | Raised serious doubts about voting for Gore |
| :---: | :--- |
| 77 | Not a serious consideration |
| 9 | Has not heard charge |
| $\frac{2}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

