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## MUTED AND MIXED PUBLIC RESPONSE TO PEACE IN KOSOVO

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American reaction to the end of the air war in Kosovo is mixed. While public support for intervention rebounded in the closing days of the conflict, there is little indication of public exaltation at its end.

Two-thirds of the public (68\%) now says the United States and NATO did the right thing in conducting air strikes against Serbia, and approval for the strikes rose to $62 \%$ in the final days of the campaign, up nine percentage points since May. Now that the military conflict has ended, a 56\%$37 \%$ majority approves of American ground troops taking part in a NATO peacekeeping mission.

The peace agreement, however, brought no increase in President Clinton's job approval ratings, and only a thin $46 \%-40 \%$ plurality of

| Little Ratings Lift |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | March April <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> $\frac{1999}{\%}$ | $\frac{1999}{\%}$ | $\frac{1999}{\%}$ | $\frac{1999}{\%}$ |
| Clinton's job rating... |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 62 | 56 | 56 | 55 |
| Disapprove | 31 | 38 | 34 | 35 |
| Don't know | $\underline{7}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{10}$ | $\underline{10}$ |
| Air strikes against Serbia... | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |
| Approve | 60 | 62 | 53 | 62 |
| Disapprove | 29 | 29 | 38 | 32 |
| Don't know | $\underline{11}$ | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{6}$ |
|  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Americans think the U.S. and NATO achieved the goals they set out at the start of the air war.

The latest Pew Research Center poll reveals significant concern about the peacekeeping mission. Fewer than one-in-three Americans think the Serbs (30\%) and the Kosovo Liberation Army (32\%) will comply with the terms of the peace accords, and $40 \%$ are very worried that U.S. troops might suffer casualties. However, just $21 \%$ of the public expresses this level of concern about the financial costs of the peacekeeping mission.

Clinton's overall job approval rating remains at 55\%, showing no movement back toward its pre-Kosovo level of $60 \%$ or higher. However, approval of Clinton's conduct of foreign policy rose to $52 \%$ from a low of $46 \%$ in mid-May. At that time, in the aftermath of the accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, support for Clinton's foreign policy leadership and the Balkan intervention had dipped significantly.

The June 9-13, 1999 survey also found a strong partisan reaction to events in the Balkans. A 54\% majority of Democrats believe the U.S. and NATO achieved their goals in Kosovo, a view shared by only $41 \%$ of Republicans and $43 \%$ of Independents. Similarly, there is majority support for U.S. participation in peacekeeping among Democrats (66\%) and Independents (55\%), but only

49\% of Republicans concur. The poll also found less support for peacekeeping among women, young adults and less well-educated Americans. (See table, page 4.)

By roughly two-to-one margins, Americans say that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force to prevent genocide around the world. The public supports the use of force in Europe by 60\%-29\%; in Africa by 58\%-31\%; in Asia by 58\%-33\%. A clear 77\% majority of the public says that efforts should be made to arrest and try Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes.


## News Interest Apathy

Extensive media coverage of the peace agreement over the weekend did not raise public interest in news out of the region. Conducted mostly after the cessation of bombing, the poll found just $28 \%$ of the public are paying very close attention to news about the peace agreement, slightly less than the $32 \%$ who paid very close attention to the air strikes in the final weeks.

Public interest in the conflict in Serbia peaked at 47\% in April, when three U.S. soldiers were captured near Kosovo. Interest in the air campaign fluctuated between a high of $43 \%$ and a low of $32 \%$. Overall, American attention to Kosovo never rivaled that given the 1991 Gulf War. Twothirds of the public paid very close attention to that conflict.

Various debates about gun control in Congress and state legislatures drew nearly as much interest as Kosovo last week, with $28 \%$ of the public paying very close attention to news about these issues. The stories were of equal interest to men and women, and to Democrats and Republicans.

One-in-five people (21\%) are paying very close attention to news about allegations that China stole U.S. nuclear secrets, sustaining the level of interest found this spring when the news first broke. Republicans are much more interested in the story than Democrats, with 30\% paying very close attention compared to just $17 \%$ of Democrats.

The crash of an American Airlines flight in Arkansas drew similar interest last month, with $19 \%$ of the public paying very close attention to the story.

## PERCENT FOLLOWING EACH NEWS STORY "VERY CLOSELY"

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NATO } \\ & \text { Air } \\ & \text { Strikes } \\ & \hline \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Kosovo } \\ \text { Peace } \\ \text { Agreement } \end{array} \\ \frac{\%}{2} \end{gathered}$ | Gun <br> Control <br> $\frac{\text { Debates }}{\%}$ | China <br> Spy <br> Charges <br> $\%$ | Crash of American $\frac{\text { Airlines }}{\%}$ | (N) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 32 | 28 | 28 | 21 | 19 | (1153) |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 36 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 17 | (557) |
| Female | 29 | 27 | 26 | 17 | 21 | (596) |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 33 | 28 | 28 | 21 | 19 | (951) |
| *Hispanic | 29 | 35 | 27 | 23 | 22 | (76) |
| Black | 28 | 27 | 31 | 22 | 22 | (105) |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 30 | 26 | 21 | 23 | 13 | 9 | (264) |
| 30-49 | 31 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 18 | (490) |
| 50+ | 38 | 35 | 31 | 30 | 27 | (382) |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| College Grad. | 43 | 32 | 26 | 27 | 18 | (384) |
| Some College | 38 | 34 | 33 | 25 | 19 | (314) |
| High School Grad | 29 | 25 | 30 | 19 | 21 | (370) |
| < H. S. Grad. | 14 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 18 | (77) |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| East | 38 | 32 | 24 | 25 | 18 | (235) |
| Midwest | 32 | 23 | 29 | 21 | 17 | (274) |
| South | 32 | 31 | 30 | 22 | 25 | (414) |
| West | 29 | 25 | 25 | 17 | 13 | (230) |
| Party ID |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republican | 36 | 31 | 29 | 30 | 17 | (311) |
| Democrat | 33 | 32 | 31 | 17 | 25 | (391) |
| Independent | 32 | 23 | 24 | 20 | 16 | (389) |

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.

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## NATO'S MISSION IN KOSOVO

|  | Sending Peacekeeping Troops $\dagger$ |  | NATO Achieved Goals |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Favor | Oppose | $\underline{\text { Yes }}$ | No | (N) |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| Total | 56 | 37 | 46 | 40 | (1153) |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 63 | 32 | 47 | 43 | (557) |
| Female | 50 | 41 | 45 | 37 | (596) |
| Race |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 56 | 38 | 46 | 40 | (951) |
| Non-white | 57 | 34 | 45 | 39 | (186) |
| Black | 55 | 36 | 42 | 41 | (105) |
| Race and Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| White Men | 63 | 34 | 47 | 43 | (460) |
| White Women | 50 | 41 | 45 | 38 | (491) |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 30 | 46 | 48 | 44 | 43 | (264) |
| 30-49 | 62 | 32 | 49 | 39 | (490) |
| 50-64 | 62 | 35 | 45 | 40 | (226) |
| 65+ | 53 | 34 | 41 | 38 | (156) |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| College Grad. | 68 | 29 | 48 | 42 | (384) |
| Some College | 57 | 39 | 48 | 40 | (314) |
| High School Grad. | 53 | 41 | 47 | 39 | (370) |
| <H.S. Grad. | 45 | 37 | 33 | 42 | (77) |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$75,000+ | 65 | 33 | 50 | 43 | (187) |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 70 | 29 | 55 | 37 | (209) |
| \$30,000-\$49,999 | 60 | 37 | 51 | 38 | (273) |
| \$20,000-\$29,999 | 51 | 42 | 43 | 43 | (149) |
| <\$20,000 | 51 | 40 | 41 | 40 | (193) |

$\dagger$ This question was asked Thursday through Sunday only, Total $\mathrm{N}=840$.

Question: The peace agreement calls for sending 7,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 50,000 troops, to help maintain peace in Kosovo now that the military conflict has ended. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?

Do you think that the U.S. and NATO have achieved the goals they started out with when they began the bombing campaign?

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|  | Sending Peacekeeping Troops $\dagger$ |  | NATO Achieved Goals |  | (N) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Favor | Oppose | $\underline{\text { Yes }}$ | No |  |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| Total | 56 | 37 | 46 | 40 | (1153) |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| East | 57 | 35 | 45 | 36 | (235) |
| Midwest | 59 | 34 | 47 | 37 | (274) |
| South | 53 | 39 | 46 | 42 | (414) |
| West | 59 | 38 | 44 | 42 | (230) |
| Religious Affiliation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total White Protestant | 54 | 39 | 48 | 38 | (516) |
| White Prot. Evangelical | 48 | 43 | 46 | 37 | (258) |
| White Prot. Non-Evangel. | 60 | 35 | 51 | 38 | (258) |
| White Catholic | 64 | 32 | 47 | 41 | (222) |
| Community Size |  |  |  |  |  |
| Large City | 56 | 37 | 45 | 39 | (234) |
| Suburb | 60 | 36 | 46 | 40 | (276) |
| Small City/Town | 54 | 38 | 49 | 40 | (406) |
| Rural Area | 58 | 36 | 41 | 39 | (224) |
| Party ID |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republican | 49 | 43 | 41 | 44 | (311) |
| Democrat | 66 | 29 | 54 | 33 | (391) |
| Independent | 55 | 40 | 43 | 44 | (389) |
| Clinton Approval |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 62 | 32 | 54 | 34 | (642) |
| Disapprove | 47 | 47 | 35 | 50 | (398) |
| GOP Congressional Approval |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 55 | 37 | 48 | 39 | (437) |
| Disapprove | 62 | 35 | 46 | 41 | (529) |

## ABOUT THIS SURVEY

Results for the survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates among a nationwide sample of 1,153 adults, 18 years of age or older, during the period June 9-13, 1999. 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 3.5 percentage points. For results based on either Form 1 ( $\mathrm{N}=582$ ) or Form $2(\mathrm{~N}=571)$, the sampling error is plus or minus 5 percentage points. For results based on either Form A ( $\mathrm{N}=384$ ), Form B ( $\mathrm{N}=393$ ) or Form C ( $\mathrm{N}=376$ ), the sampling error is plus or minus 6 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 numbers in the U.S. 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. The use of replicates also insures that the regional distribution of numbers called is appropriate. Again, this works to increase the representativeness of the sample.

At least five 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 is at home." 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 1998). 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.

# PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE \& THE PRESS JUNE 1999 NEWS INTEREST INDEX FINAL TOPLINE <br> June 9-13, 1999 <br> $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 1 5 3}$ 

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]

|  | Approve | Disapprove | Don't Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June, 1999 | 55 | 35 | $10=100$ |
| May, 1999 | 56 | 34 | $10=100$ |
| April, 1999 | 56 | 38 | $6=100$ |
| March, 1999 | 62 | 31 | $7=100$ |
| February, 1999 | 64 | 30 | $6=100$ |
| Mid-January, 1999 | 66 | 29 | $5=100$ |
| January, 1999 | 63 | 30 | $7=100$ |
| Late December, 1998 | 71 | 27 | $2=100$ |
| Early December, 1998 | 61 | 32 | $7=100$ |
| November, 1998 | 65 | 29 | $6=100$ |
| September 21-22, 1998 | 62 | 33 | $5=100$ |
| September 19-20, 1998 | 55 | 36 | $9=100$ |
| Early September, 1998 | 61 | 33 | $6=100$ |
| Late August, 1998 | 62 | 32 | $6=100$ |
| Early August, 1998 | 63 | 28 | $9=100$ |
| June, 1998 | 59 | 32 | $9=100$ |
| May, 1998 | 62 | 28 | $10=100$ |
| April, 1998 | 62 | 28 | $10=100$ |
| March, 1998 | 65 | 26 | $9=100$ |
| Early February, 1998 | 71 | 26 | $3=100$ |
| January, 1998 | 61 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| November, 1997 | 58 | 31 | $11=100$ |
| September, 1997 | 58 | 29 | $13=100$ |
| August, 1997 | 59 | 32 | $9=100$ |
| June, 1997 | 54 | 34 | $12=100$ |
| May, 1997 | 57 | 34 | $9=100$ |
| April, 1997 | 55 | 34 | $11=100$ |
| February, 1997 | 60 | 32 | $8=100$ |
| Early February, 1997 | 57 | 30 | $13=100$ |
| January, 1997 | 59 | 31 | $10=100$ |
| November, 1996 | 57 | 34 | $9=100$ |
| July, 1996 | 54 | 38 | $8=100$ |
| June, 1996 | 54 | 38 | $8=100$ |
| April, 1996 | 53 | 39 | $8=100$ |
| March, 1996 | 55 | 38 | $7=100$ |
| February, 1996 | 51 | 39 | $10=100$ |
| January, 1996 | 50 | 43 | $7=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 48 | 42 | $10=100$ |
| September, 1995 | 45 | 42 | $13=100$ |
| August, 1995 | 44 | 44 | $12=100$ |
| June, 1995 | 50 | 40 | $10=100$ |
| April, 1995 | 47 | 43 | $10=100$ |
| March, 1995 | 44 | 44 | $12=100$ |

## Q. 1 CONTINUED ...

February, 1995
$\frac{\text { Approve }}{44}$
December, 1994
November, 1994
41

October, 1994
48
Early October, 1994
September, 1994
July, $1994 \quad 45$
June, $1994 \quad 42$
May, 1994
March, 1994
January, 1994
46

Early January, 199448
December, 199348
October, $1993 \quad 44$
September, 1993
Early September, 1993
August, 1993
49

39
May, $1993 \quad 39$
Early May, $1993 \quad 45$
April, $1993 \quad 49$
February, 199356

| Disapprove | Don't Know |
| :---: | :---: |
| 44 | 12=100 |
| 47 | $12=100$ |
| 40 | $12=100$ |
| 47 | $12=100$ |
| 47 | $15=100$ |
| 52 | $7=100$ |
| 46 | $9=100$ |
| 44 | $14=100$ |
| 42 | $12=100$ |
| 42 | $13=100$ |
| 35 | $14=100$ |
| 35 | $17=100$ |
| 36 | $16=100$ |
| 42 | $14=100$ |
| 35 | $16=100$ |
| 43 | $14=100$ |
| 46 | $15=100$ |
| 43 | $18=100$ |
| 37 | $18=100$ |
| 29 | $22=100$ |
| 25 | $19=100$ |

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

June, 1999
May, 1999
March, 1999
February, 1999
Mid-January, 1999
January, 1999
Late December, 1998
Early December, 1998
November, 1998
September 21-22, 1998
September 19-20, 1998
Early September, 1998
Late August, 1998
Early August, 1998
June, 1998
May, 1998
April, 1998
March, 1998
January, 1998
November, 1997
August, 1997
June, 1997
May, 1997
April, 1997

| Approve | Disapprove | Don't Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37 | 46 | $17=100$ |
| 38 | 44 | $18=100$ |
| 38 | 47 | $15=100$ |
| 37 | 51 | $12=100$ |
| 36 | 51 | $13=100$ |
| 38 | 50 | $12=100$ |
| 39 | 56 | $5=100$ |
| 38 | 49 | $13=100$ |
| 41 | 48 | $11=100$ |
| 44 | 44 | $12=100$ |
| 46 | 41 | $13=100$ |
| 44 | 37 | $19=100$ |
| 48 | 36 | $16=100$ |
| 43 | 37 | $20=100$ |
| 42 | 38 | $20=100$ |
| 40 | 41 | $19=100$ |
| 41 | 40 | $19=100$ |
| 43 | 39 | $18=100$ |
| 43 | 41 | $16=100$ |
| 41 | 43 | $16=100$ |
| 42 | 44 | $14=100$ |
| 33 | 50 | $17=100$ |
| 40 | 44 | $16=100$ |
| 40 | 44 | $16=100$ |

## Q. 2 CONTINUED ...

February, 1997

| Approve | Disapprove | Don't Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | 42 | 14=100 |
| 38 | 47 | $15=100$ |
| 40 | 43 | $17=100$ |
| 38 | 48 | $14=100$ |
| 36 | 50 | $14=100$ |
| 39 | 46 | $15=100$ |
| 35 | 51 | $14=100$ |
| 33 | 53 | $14=100$ |
| 36 | 54 | $10=100$ |
| 36 | 51 | $13=100$ |
| 36 | 50 | $14=100$ |
| 38 | 45 | $17=100$ |
| 41 | 45 | $14=100$ |
| 44 | 43 | $13=100$ |
| 43 | 39 | $18=100$ |
| 52 | 28 | $20=100$ |

Q. 3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy? [IF DON'T KNOW, ENTER AS DON'T KNOW. 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 DON'T KNOW]

Newsweek

|  |  | May April March |  |  | Sept | Sept | Jan | Jun | Oct | July | Oct | Sept | Aug | June 30-July 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | 1994 | 1994 | 1993 | 1993 | 1993 | 1993 |
| 52 | Approve | 46 | 51 | 56 | 61 | 54 | 52 | 39 | 50 | 38 | 39 | 47 | 52 | 49 |
| 37 | Disapprove | 43 | 39 | 34 | 30 | 34 | 39 | 52 | 42 | 53 | 46 | 33 | 25 | 35 |
| 11 | DK/Refused | 11 | 10 | 10 | $\underline{9}$ | 12 | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{9}$ | 8 | $\underline{9}$ | 15 | $\underline{20}$ | $\underline{23}$ | $\underline{16}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Q. 6 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? [INSERT ITEM; ALWAYS ASK "b1" and "b2" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING "a"; ALWAYS ASK "g" LAST; ROTATE REMAINING ITEMS]

|  |  | Very Closely | Fairly Closely | Not too Closely | Not at all Closely | $\begin{gathered} \text { DK } \\ \text { (VOL.) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | NATO air strikes against Serbian forces | 32 | 42 | 15 | 10 | 1=100 |
|  | May, 1999 | 32 | 38 | 19 | 10 | $1=100$ |
|  | Late April, 1999 | 41 | 39 | 13 | 7 | *=100 |
|  | April, 1999 | 41 | 37 | 16 | 6 | $0=100$ |
|  | March, 1999 ${ }^{1}$ | 43 | 32 | 15 | 9 | 1=100 |
|  | February, 1999 ${ }^{2}$ | 11 | 30 | 28 | 30 | 1=100 |
|  | Mid-January, 1999 ${ }^{3}$ | 9 | 21 | 24 | 44 | $2=100$ |
|  | March, 1998 ${ }^{4}$ | 5 | 12 | 26 | 55 | $2=100$ |

## ALWAYS ASK "b1" and "b2" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING "a":

 ASKED WEDNESDAY ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=324$ ]:b1. Efforts to reach a peace agreement with Serbia $30 \quad 35 \quad 23 \quad 12$ 0=100
ASKED THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=830]:

| b2. | The peace agreement between NATO and Serbia 28 | 28 | 39 | 20 | 12 | $1=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c. | Debates about gun control legislation in Congress and state legislatures | 28 | 37 | 22 | 12 | $1=100$ |
| e. | The crash of an American Airlines flight in Arkansas | 19 | 38 | 25 | 17 | $1=100$ |

## ALWAYS ASK "g" LAST:

g. Accusations that China stole nuclear technology from U.S. laboratories

May, 1999
March, 1999
$21 \quad 3$

| 34 | 22 | 21 | $2=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 24 | 24 | 31 | $3=100$ |
| 24 | 24 | 32 | $1=100$ |

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## ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=582$ ]:
Q.21F1 (WEDNESDAY ASK: "Do"/THURSDAY-SUNDAY ASK: "Did") you approve or disapprove of NATO forces, including the United States, conducting air strikes against Serbia to force the Serbs to agree to the terms of the peace agreement and end the fighting in Kosovo (PRON: KO-seh-vo) ?

|  |  | May | April | March |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{1999}$ | $\underline{1999}$ | $\underline{1999}$ |
| 62 | Approve | 53 | 62 | 60 |
| 32 | Disapprove | $\underline{9}$ | 29 | 29 |
| $\frac{6}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | 100 | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{11}$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N = 5 7 1 ] : ~}$

Q.22F2 All things considered, do you think that the U.S. and NATO made the right decision of the wrong decision to conduct air strikes against Serbia to force them to agree to the terms of the peace agreement and end the fighting in Kosovo (PRON: KO-seh-vo) ?

| 68 | Right decision |
| :--- | :--- |
| 22 | Wrong decision |
| $\frac{10}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## ASK ALL:

## ASKED WEDNESDAY ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=313$ ]

Q.23a There's been some talk about sending 7,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 50,000 troops, to help maintain peace in Kosovo once the military conflict has ended. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?

| 46 | Favor |
| :--- | :--- |
| 49 | Oppose |
| $\frac{5}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=840]:

Q.23b The peace agreement calls for sending 7,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 50,000 troops, to help maintain peace in Kosovo now that the military conflict has ended. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?

| 56 | Favor |
| :--- | :--- |
| 37 | Oppose |
| $\frac{7}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## ROTATE Q.23c and Q.23d

ASK THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=840]:
Q.23c How worried are you that U.S. troops might suffer casualties as part of their peacekeeping mission in Kosovo - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

| 40 | Very worried |
| :---: | :--- |
| 39 | Somewhat worried |
| 14 | Not too worried |
| 6 | Not at all worried |
| $\frac{1}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## ASK THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=840]:

Q.23d How worried are you about the financial cost of sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a peacekeeping mission - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

21 Very worried
36 Somewhat worried
24 Not too worried
17 Not at all worried
$\underline{2}$ Don't know/Refused
100
Q. 24 Do you think that the U.S. and NATO have achieved the goals they started out with when they began the bombing campaign?

| 46 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 40 | No |
| $\frac{14}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

ROTATE Q. 25 AND Q.26:
Q. 25 Do you think the Kosovo Liberation Army will comply with the terms of the peace agreement or not?

| 32 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 51 | No |
| $\frac{17}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

Q. 26 Do you think the Serbs will comply with the terms of the peace agreement or not?

| 30 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 56 | No |
| $\frac{14}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

Q. 27 Do you think efforts should be made to arrest and try Yugoslav President Milosevic (PRON: Mee-LOH-sohvich) for war crimes or not?

| 77 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 14 | No |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## ASK FORM A ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=384$ ]:

Q.28FA In the future, do you think that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force IN EUROPE, if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another, or don't you think so?

| 60 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 29 | No |
| $\frac{11}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## ASK FORM B ONLY [N=393]:

Q.29FB In the future, do you think that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force IN AFRICA, if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another, or don't you think so?

| 58 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 31 | No |
| $\frac{11}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## ASK FORM C ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 6}$ ]:

Q.30FC In the future, do you think that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force IN ASIA, if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another, or don't you think so?

| 58 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 33 | No |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |


[^0]:    * Small sample size. The designation, Hispanic, is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

[^1]:    1
    In March 1999, the story was listed as "NATO air strikes against Serbian forces in Kosovo."
    2
    In February 1999, the story was listed as "NATO efforts to end ethnic conflict in Kosovo, Serbia."
    3
    In Mid-January, 1999, the story was listed as "The massacre of 45 people in Kosovo, Serbia."
    4
    In March 1998, the story was listed as "Ethnic conflict in Kosovo, Serbia."

