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-- FINAL TOPLINE --Nov. 12 - 16, 1997 N= 1,200

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]

| | Approve | <u>Disapprove</u> | Don't Know |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|
| 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 |
| February, 1995 | 44 | 44 | 12=100 |
| December, 1994 | 41 | 47 | 12=100 |
| November, 1994 | 48 | 40 | 12=100 |
| October, 1994 | 41 | 47 | 12=100 |
| Early October, 1994 | 38 | 47 | 15=100 |
| September, 1994 | 41 | 52 | 7=100 |
| July, 1994 | 45 | 46 | 9=100 |
| June, 1994 | 42 | 44 | 14=100 |
| May, 1994 | 46 | 42 | 12=100 |
| March, 1994 | 45 | 42 | 13=100 |
| January, 1994 | 51 | 35 | 14=100 |
| Early January, 1994 | 48 | 35 | 17=100 |

Q.1 CONTINUED ...

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

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

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

ASK Q.3 OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=601]:

Q.3F1 What do you think is the most important thing that has happened in Congress this year? (RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY, BUT NOT FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER)

| IF MO | IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER) April 1997 April 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|--------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10 | BALANCED BUDGET/TAX PACKAGE (NET) Balancing the budget/Balanced budget deal | April 1997 1 | April 1995 ² | | | | | | | |
| | 5 Trying to balance budget/Working on budget 5 Tax reform | 3 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Welfare reform/Change in welfare rules | 6 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | The trouble with the IRS/IRS hearings | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Health care system/Medicare/Health care reform | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | The concern regarding campaign fund-raising/Campaign finance investigation | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Trade/"Fast Track" legislation | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Iraq/Saddam Hussein | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Investigating Bill Clinton | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Pay raise for Congress | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | They were investigating Newt Gingrich/Gingrich's ethics problems/ Negative comment about Newt Gingrich | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Improving education/Education bill/Bill on education funding | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | The abortion issue/Abortion (unspecified) | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | The NAFTA deal | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Child care/Day care | | | | | | | | | |
| * | Environment/Global warming/Greenhouse effect | | | | | | | | | |
| * | Whitewater investigation | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | All other mentions | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Nothing | 11 | 16 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | I don't pay attention | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | Don't know/Refused | 61 | 37 | | | | | | | |
| | | (N=1206) | (N=900) | | | | | | | |

In April 1997 question was asked: "What do you think is the most important thing that has happened in the new Congress so far this year?"

In April 1995 question was asked: "What is the most important thing that has happened in the new Congress during the first 100 days?"

ASK Q.3a OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=599]:

Q.3aF2 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? (PROBE FOR CLARITY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION)(OPEN-END)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | April 1987 |
|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|
| 12 | Crime/Gangs/Justice system | 19 | 22 | 23 | 28 | 26 | 22 | 31 | 25 | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| 9 | Morality/Ethics/ Family values | 13 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | Iraq/Saddam Hussein | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Drugs/Alcohol | 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 23 | 6 |
| 6 | Unemployment/Lack of jobs | 7 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 23 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 7 | 9 | 13 |
| 5 | Education | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | Health care/Cost, availability of health care | 4 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 20 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 1 | * |
| 5 | Deficit/National debt/ Balanced budget | 7 | 9 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 12 |
| 4 | Dissatisfaction with government/politics | 8 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | Economy (general) | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 18 | 43 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| 3 | Poverty | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| 3 | Homeless | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 10 | * |
| 3 | Taxes | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | Stock market/Dow Jones | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Issues related to elderly | 2 | * | 1 | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | * | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 1 | Too much foreign aid/ Spend money at home | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | * | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | Child care/Day care | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Welfare abuse | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 1 | Concerns about war | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Q.3 CONTINUED ...

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | April |
|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | <u>1996</u> | <u>1995</u> | <u>1995</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1993</u> | <u>1993</u> | <u>1993</u> | <u>1993</u> | <u>1992</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1989</u> | <u>1987</u> |
| 1 | Free trade/NAFTA/ "Fast track" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Inflation/Difference between wages/Costs | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | * | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Environment/Pollution | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | * | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| 1 | Environment/Pollution | 1 | 1 | 1 | -4- | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4. | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | U |
| 1 | Campaign finance/ Campaign money | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • | cumpuign money | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Racism | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| * | Defense issues | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * | Terrorism | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Other | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | * | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 | None | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Don't know/No answer | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 18 | ECONOMIC (NET) | 18 | 28 | 30 | 27 | 26 | 22 | 26 | 33 | 47 | 53 | 58 | 76 | 26 | 28 | 35 |
| _ | POVERTY/HOMELES | | 0 | _ | _ | _ | | _ | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | (NET) | 5 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 6 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| | DEFENSE/INTER- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 (599) | NATIONAL (NET) | 1 (1216) | 9 (1500) | 2 (1800) | 5 (2052) | 7 (3800) | 4 (511) | 2 (989) | * (1479) | 4 (2000) | * (1507) | * (1011) | * (1220) | * (3004) | * (2048) | * (4244) |

ASK ALL: Q.4 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]

| | closely! [KEAD AND KOTATE LIST] | | | | | |
|----|---|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|
| | | Very | Fairly | Not too | Not at all | (VOL) |
| | | Closely | Closely | Closely | Closely | <u>DK</u> |
| a. | Chinese President Jiang Zemin's | | | | | |
| | visit to the United States | 10 | 29 | 28 | 32 | 1=100 |
| b. | Congressional hearings on improper | | | | | |
| | campaign contributions | 16 | 33 | 27 | 23 | 1=100 |
| | October, 1997 | 19 | 32 | 24 | 24 | 1=100 |
| | September, 1997 ³ | 17 | 30 | 26 | 27 | *=100 |
| | August, 1997 ⁴ | 10 | 28 | 26 | 35 | 1=100 |
| | May, 1997 | 18 | 33 | 23 | 25 | 1=100 |
| | April, 1997 | 19 | 37 | 22 | 21 | 1=100 |
| | February, 1997 | 18 | 27 | 21 | 33 | 1=100 |
| | January, 1997 ⁵ | 17 | 29 | 26 | 28 | *=100 |
| | December, 1996 | 22 | 26 | 22 | 30 | *=100 |
| c. | The elections in Virginia, New Jersey, | | | | | |
| | New York City and other localities | 7 | 14 | 22 | 55 | 2=100 |
| | November, 1989 | 13 | 25 | 28 | 34 | *=100 |
| d. | Recent major ups and downs in the | | | | | |
| | stock market | 25 | 36 | 18 | 20 | 1=100 |
| | April, 1997 | 17 | 21 | 22 | 40 | *=100 |
| | February, 1996 | 12 | 20 | 25 | 42 | 1=100 |
| e. | The trial of the British au pair accused | | | | | |
| | of murdering an 8-month old child | 29 | 36 | 20 | 14 | 1=100 |
| f. | Proposals in Congress to reform the I.R.S. | 25 | 34 | 18 | 22 | 1=100 |
| g. | The debate over U.S. policy | | | | | |
| | concerning global warming | 9 | 24 | 33 | 33 | 1=100 |
| h. | Iraq's refusal to let Americans | | | | | |
| | participate in weapons inspections | 44 | 32 | 10 | 13 | 1=100 |
| i. | The debate in Congress over "fast-track" | | | | | |
| | trade legislation allowing the president to | 1.1 | 22 | 20 | 25 | 0 100 |
| | negotiate trade agreements | 11 | 23 | 29 | 35 | 2 = 100 |

In this month, as well as May, April and February 1997, story was listed as "Charges of improper campaign contributions to the Democrats by foreign business interests."

In this month story was listed as "Senate hearings on improper foreign campaign contributions."

In January 1997 and December 1996 story was listed as "Charges of improper campaign contributions to the Democrats by Indonesian business interests."

Q.4 CONTINUED ...

| Q 0 0 | | Very <u>Closely</u> | Fairly <u>Closely</u> | Not too Closely | Not at all <u>Closely</u> | DK (VOL) |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| ITEMS j. | S j AND k ASKED OCT 17-21, 1997: [N=1, The discovery of videotapes of President Clinton's White House coffees with campaign contributors | 007] | 28 | 28 | 25 | 1=100 |
| k. | Preparations for storm and flooding expected from the weather phenomenon, El Nino | 1 25 | 37 | 20 | 16 | 2=100 |

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.5 Thinking ahead to the next Presidential election, are you IN GENERAL more likely to vote for a Republican candidate for President, or for a Democratic candidate for President?

| | | May 1988 | Jan <u>1988</u> | Sept 1987 | May 1987 | Newsweek Jan <u>1987</u> | Gallup Aug <u>1986</u> |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 34 | Republican | 33 | 33 | 33 | 30 | 31 | 37 |
| 36 | Democrat | 46 | 42 | 41 | 40 | 38 | 40 |
| 4 | Other (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 15 | Depends (VOL) | 11 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 23 | 14 |
| 11 100 | Don't know/Refused | <u>8</u> 100 | <u>9</u> 100 | 10 100 | <u>8</u> 100 | <u>7</u> 100 | <u>8</u> 100 |

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED 3, 4 OR 9 IN Q.5, ASK:

- Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more towards a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for President?
 - 41 Republican/Lean Republican
 - 44 Democrat/Lean Democrat
 - 15 Refused to lean 100

Q.6 Next, as I read you some problem areas, please tell me how you think each is affecting this country today. (First,) do you think the problem of...[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the country is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the country is LOSING GROUND? How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM], is it about the same, are we making progress, or are we losing ground?⁶

| | Making Progress | About The Same | Losing Ground | Don't <u>Know</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| ASK ITEM a - d OF ALL: [N=1200] | | | | |
| a. Environmental pollution | 38 | 32 | 27 | 3=100 |
| December, 1996 | 42 | 26 | 30 | 2 = 100 |
| April, 1995 | 43 | 26 | 30 | 1=100 |
| March, 1994 | 37 | 26 | 34 | 3=100 |
| March, 1989 | 32 | 20 | 42 | 6=100 |
| b. Conflict among racial, religious, | | | | |
| or ethnic groups | 31 | 39 | 27 | 3=100 |
| December, 1996 ⁷ | 27 | 31 | 39 | 3=100 |
| April, 1995 | 27 | 36 | 35 | 2 = 100 |
| March, 1994 | 21 | 32 | 41 | 3=100 |
| c. The quality of public education | 26 | 26 | 46 | 2=100 |
| December, 1996 | 24 | 22 | 52 | 2 = 100 |
| April, 1995 | 18 | 20 | 60 | 2 = 100 |
| March, 1994 | 17 | 19 | 61 | 3=100 |
| d. The federal budget deficit | 32 | 30 | 29 | 9=100 |
| December, 1996 | 23 | 24 | 48 | 5=100 |
| April 1995 | 15 | 21 | 60 | 4 = 100 |
| March 1994 | 11 | 21 | 60 | 8=100 |
| March 1989 | 16 | 27 | 56 | 7=100 |
| ASK ITEMS e i. OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601] | | | | |
| e.F1 Crime | 24 | 30 | 44 | 2 = 100 |
| December, 1996 | 15 | 23 | 61 | 1=100 |
| April, 1995 | 9 | 13 | 77 | 1=100 |
| March, 1994 | 7 | 15 | 77 | 1=100 |
| March, 1989 | 15 | 19 | 64 | 2=100 |
| f.F1 AIDS | 48 | 22 | 22 | 8=100 |
| April, 1995 | 25 | 22 | 48 | 5=100 |
| March, 1994 | 23 | 22 | 49 | 6=100 |
| March, 1989 | 38 | 17 | 40 | 5=100 |

In December 1996 question was "Now I'd like to ask some questions about some of the problems we face in this country today. For each problem I mention, please tell me how much you think each is affecting this country today, and how much this is affecting you personally. (First/Next) (INSERT AND ROTATE)... Do you think the problem of (INSERT) is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the country is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the country is LOSING GROUND?"

This month the question was asked "Conflict among racial groups."

Q.6 CONTINUED ...

| Q.O CONTENDED | Making Progress | About The Same | Losing Ground | Don't Know |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| g.F1 Political corruption | 9 | 38 | 47 | 6=100 |
| December, 1996 | 12 | 36 | 49 | 3=100 |
| April, 1995 | 12 | 41 | 44 | 3=100 |
| March, 1994 | 12 | 39 | 46 | 3=100 |
| h.F1 Poverty, hunger, and homelessness | 18 | 40 | 37 | 5=100 |
| December, 1996 | 14 | 30 | 54 | 2 = 100 |
| April, 1995 | 11 | 30 | 57 | 2 = 100 |
| March, 1994 | 9 | 32 | 56 | 3=100 |
| March, 1989 | 22 | 23 | 53 | 2=100 |
| i.F1 The way the welfare system is working | 38 | 22 | 34 | 6=100 |
| December, 1996 | 31 | 21 | 45 | 3=100 |
| April, 1995 | 13 | 17 | 67 | 3=100 |
| March, 1994 | 11 | 23 | 60 | 6=100 |
| ASK ITEMS j n. OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599] | | | | |
| j.F2 Drugs | 15 | 25 | 58 | 2 = 100 |
| December, 1996 | 13 | 21 | 64 | 2 = 100 |
| April, 1995 | 10 | 22 | 66 | 2 = 100 |
| March, 1994 | 13 | 22 | 62 | 3=100 |
| March, 1989 | 17 | 12 | 69 | 2=100 |
| k.F2 The way the health care system is working | 16 | 26 | 54 | 4=100 |
| December, 1996 | 20 | 25 | 52 | 3=100 |
| April, 1995 | 14 | 30 | 53 | 3=100 |
| March, 1994 | 16 | 31 | 49 | 4=100 |
| 1.F2 Low moral and ethical standards | 9 | 28 | 56 | 7=100 |
| December, 1996 | 12 | 24 | 62 | 2 = 100 |
| April, 1995 | 7 | 20 | 70 | 3=100 |
| March, 1994 | 6 | 29 | 63 | 2=100 |
| m.F2 The availability of good paying jobs | 31 | 28 | 37 | 4=100 |
| December, 1996 | 19 | 26 | 51 | 4 = 100 |
| April, 1995 | 17 | 24 | 55 | 4 = 100 |
| March, 1994 | 10 | 23 | 63 | 4=100 |
| n.F2 Illegal immigration | 13 | 29 | 48 | 10=100 |
| December, 1996 | 15 | 32 | 47 | 6=100 |
| April, 1995 | 9 | 23 | 62 | 6=100 |
| March, 1994 | 9 | 22 | 58 | 11=100 |

ASK ALL:

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS. NOT EVERYONE WILL HAVE HEARD ABOUT THEM.

- Q.7 There has been some discussion lately concerning the "greenhouse effect". Based on what you have heard or read, how would you describe the "greenhouse effect"... as a new advance in agriculture; as an environmental danger; or as a new architectural style?
 - 62 Correct answer
 - 38 Any other answer/DK

100

- Q.8 As you may know, the President now can use the line-item veto to reject some items in a spending bill without rejecting the entire bill. As far as you know, has President Clinton used the line-item veto this year, or hasn't he? [PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "DID NOT USE" AND "DON'T KNOW IF USED OR NOT"]
 - 53 Correct answer
 - 47 Any other answer/DK

100

ASK Q.9 AND Q.10 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601]

Q.9F1 As far as you know, does the United States currently have troops stationed in Bosnia, or not?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED 1 'YES, IN BOSNIA' IN Q.9, ASK:

Q.10F1 Thinking about these troops in Bosnia, do you happen to know if they were sent for a specified time period, or were they sent to secure peace in Bosnia no matter how long it takes?

CNN/USA Today/Gallup June 1997

| 71 | Yes, in Bosnia 32 Specified time period 31 Secure peace no matter how long it takes 8 Don't know/Refused | 74 n/a n/a n/a |
|-----------|--|-------------------------|
| 11 | No, not in Bosnia | 7 |
| 18 100 | Don't know/Refused | <u>19</u> 100 |

ASK Q.11 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599]

Q.11F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the presence of U.S. troops in Bosnia?

| | | CNN/USA Today/Gallup | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--|--|--|
| | | June | May | Jan | Dec | | | |
| | | <u>1997</u> | <u> 1996</u> | <u> 1996</u> | 1995 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 50 | Approve | 39 | 42 | 36 | 41 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Disapprove | 53 | 51 | 58 | 54 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Don't know/Refused | <u>8</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>5</u> | | | |
| 100 | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | |

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Now I'd like your views on some people in the news. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of...

(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")

| AND "CAN'I RATE") | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| | Very | Mostly | Mostly | Very | Never | |
| | Favor- | Favor- | Unfavor- | Unfavor- | Heard | Can't |
| | <u>able</u> | <u>able</u> | <u>able</u> | <u>able</u> | <u>Of</u> | Rate |
| a. Bill Clinton | 19 | 44 | 21 | 14 | 0 | 2 = 100 |
| September, 1997 | 18 | 44 | 21 | 14 | 0 | 3=100 |
| August, 1997 | 16 | 45 | 21 | 17 | 0 | 1=100 |
| April, 1997 | 17 | 44 | 21 | 16 | * | 2 = 100 |
| January, 1997 | 17 | 49 | 18 | 14 | * | 2 = 100 |
| October, 1996 ⁸ | 12 | 45 | 22 | 19 | 0 | 2 = 100 |
| June, 1996 | 16 | 45 | 23 | 14 | * | 2 = 100 |
| April, 1996 | 16 | 41 | 24 | 16 | 0 | 3=100 |
| February, 1996 | 20 | 35 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 2=100 |
| January, 1996 | 13 | 43 | 27 | 15 | 0 | 2=100 |
| August, 1995 | 13 | 36 | 29 | 20 | 0 | 2=100 |
| February, 1995 | 14 | 41 | 25 | 17 | 0 | 3=100 |
| December, 1994 | 17 | 34 | 24 | 22 | 0 | 3=100 |
| July, 1994 | 15 | 43 | 25 | 16 | * | 1=100 |
| May, 1993 | 18 | 42 | 23 | 12 | 0 | 5=100 |
| July, 1992 | 17 | 42 | 25 | 9 | 0 | 7=100 |
| June, 1992 | 10 | 36 | 33 | 14 | 1 | 6=100 |
| May, 1992 | 11 | 42 | 32 | 10 | * | 5=100 |
| March, 1992 | 10 | 43 | 29 | 11 | 1 | 6=100 |
| February, 1992 | 15 | 44 | 24 | 7 | 2 | 8=100 |
| January, 1992 | 9 | 28 | 11 | 4 | 27 | 21=100 |
| November, 1991 | 5 | 25 | 8 | 2 | 39 | 21=100 |
| 110 (6111001, 1991 | J | 25 | O | 2 | 37 | 21 100 |
| b. Al Gore | 12 | 43 | 26 | 12 | 1 | 6=100 |
| September, 1997 | 11 | 35 | 28 | 15 | 1 | 10=100 |
| August, 1997 | 15 | 39 | 22 | 15 | 1 | 8=100 |
| April, 1997 | 12 | 45 | 24 | 12 | 1 | 6=100 |
| January, 1997 | 18 | 47 | 21 | 8 | 1 | 5=100 |
| July, 1994 | 18 | 49 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 5=100 |
| August, 1992 | 22 | 44 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 12=100 |
| July, 1992 ⁹ | 15 | 32 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 28=100 |
| September, 1987 | 6 | 23 | 11 | 3 | 23 | 34=100 |
| 2 of 1000000, 2,5 o. | - | | | _ | | |
| c. Newt Gingrich | 6 | 24 | 35 | 24 | 4 | 7=100 |
| August, 1997 | 6 | 24 | 35 | 27 | 2 | 6=100 |
| April, 1997 | 5 | 23 | 36 | 28 | 3 | 5=100 |
| January, 1997 | 4 | 24 | 39 | 26 | 2 | 5=100 |
| August, 1995 | 9 | 21 | 29 | 25 | 4 | 12=100 |
| February, 1995 | 12 | 29 | 22 | 15 | 10 | 12=100 |
| December, 1994 | 7 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 30 | 17=100 |
| July, 1994 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 65 | 9=100 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | _ | | Ü | • | | , 100 |

⁸ October 1996 trend based on registered voters.

July 1992 trend based on 461 respondents asked on July 9, 1992 only.

Q.12 CONTINUED ...

| OMINGED | V | M = =41=. | M = =41 | V | N | |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| | Very Favor- | Mostly Favor- | Mostly Unfavor- | Very Unfavor- | Never Heard | Can't |
| | | - ** . * - | | | | |
| | <u>able</u> | <u>able</u> | <u>able</u> | <u>able</u> | <u>Of</u> | Rate |
| d. Fred Thompson | 4 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 52 | 10=100 |
| September, 1997 | 5 | 18 | 14 | 7 | 34 | 22=100 |
| e. Trent Lott | 3 | 16 | 14 | 5 | 51 | 11=100 |
| April, 1997 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 5 | 48 | 11=100 |
| f. Richard Gephardt | 4 | 28 | 20 | 8 | 25 | 15=100 |
| March, 1991 | 11 | 35 | 11 | 3 | 17 | 23=100 |
| May, 1990 | 3 | 26 | 12 | 5 | 29 | 25 = 100 |
| September, 1987 | 6 | 31 | 11 | 3 | 17 | 32=100 |
| g. Texas Gov. George W. Bush | 13 | 41 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 19=100 |
| h. Dan Quayle | 8 | 35 | 32 | 14 | 2 | 9=100 |
| December, 1994 | 13 | 33 | 28 | 18 | 1 | 7=100 |
| July, 1994 | 10 | 39 | 31 | 15 | 1 | 4=100 |
| July, 1992 | 6 | 23 | 33 | 31 | * | 7 = 100 |
| June, 1992 | 7 | 26 | 34 | 27 | 1 | 5=100 |
| November, 1991 | 9 | 40 | 28 | 15 | 1 | 7=100 |
| May, 1990 | 6 | 41 | 24 | 15 | 4 | 10=100 |
| October, 1988 ¹⁰ | 10 | 33 | 21 | 24 | 12=1 | 100 |
| September, 1988 | 9 | 32 | 17 | 15 | 27=1 | 100 |
| August, 1988 | 12 | 38 | 19 | 9 | 22=1 | 100 |

ASK Q.13 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601]

Q.13F1 This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems, OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?

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

^{10 1988} trends based on Registered Voters.

ASK Q.14 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599]

Q.14F2 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

| | | April <u>1997</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------|
| 23 | More | 10 |
| 12 | Less | 22 |
| 59 | Same | 59 |
| <u>6</u> 100 | DK/Refused | 9 100 |

NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTROVERSY IN WASHINGTON: ASK Q.15 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601]

Q.15F1 Do you think the Congress is giving TOO MUCH attention to this issue, TOO LITTLE attention, or about the right amount?

| | | About Whitewater Aug 1995 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 40 | Too much attention | 49 |
| 19 | Too little attention | 12 |
| 35 | About the right amoun | at 36 |
| <u>6</u> 100 | Don't know/Refused | <u>3</u> 100 |

NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTROVERSY IN WASHINGTON: ASK Q.16 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599]

Q.16F2 Do you think the news media is giving TOO MUCH attention to this issue, TOO LITTLE attention, or about the right amount?

| | | | About Whitewater | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | May <u>1997</u> | _ | March 1994 | <i>Newsweek</i> <u>March 1994</u> | | | | |
| 41 | Too much | 43 | 45 | 55 | 44 | | | | |
| 14 | Too little | 14 | 15 | 7 | 10 | | | | |
| 42 | Right amount | 39 | 37 | 33 | 36 | | | | |
| <u>3</u> 100 | Don't know/Refused | <u>4</u> 100 | <u>3</u> 100 | <u>5</u> 100 | <u>10</u> 100 | | | | |

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED 2, 3, 4 OR 9 IN Q.4b, ASK: [N=992]

Q.17 We are interested in finding out why many people have not paid much attention to the campaign finance hearings. As I read a list, tell me if this reason applies to you, or not. First, [INSERT ITEM. ROTATE], is this a reason why you haven't paid more attention, or not? How about . . . [INSERT NEXT ITEM], is this a reason why you haven't paid more attention, or not?

| | | Yes | <u>No</u> | DK/ <u>Ref.</u> |
|----|--|-----|-----------|--------------------|
| a. | It's hard to follow the charges and accusations | 52 | 41 | 7=100 |
| b. | Politicians always find ways to stretch the campaign finance rules | 61 | 32 | 7=100 |
| c. | The hearings are just partisan politics | 62 | 30 | 8=100 |
| d. | There was no serious wrongdoing | 28 | 62 | 10=100 |

NO Q.18

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT . . . ASK Q.19 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601]

Q.19F1 Do you think that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, is a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?

| | | Sept. 1997 |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 45 | Good thing | 47 |
| 34 | Bad thing | 30 |
| <u>21</u> 100 | Don't know/Refused | <u>23</u> 100 |

ASK Q.20 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599]

Q.20F2 Do you think that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada, is a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?

- 50 Good thing
- 35 Bad thing
- $\frac{15}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED 1 OR 2 IN Q.19 OR Q.20, ASK:

Q.21 Why do you feel that way? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE ONCE. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID "GOOD THING": [N=599]

- General positive (I think its good/It doesn't hurt me)
- 14 Trade is always good/We need trade/I like free trade
- 9 Improves the relationship between each country
- 7 Opens border for free trade/Increases trade
- 6 It will strengthen our economy/Has strengthened economy
- 6 This helps other countries/This helps Mexico, Canada
- 6 Creates more jobs
- 5 This provides more markets
- 4 We get to sell them products and buy their products
- We can't isolate ourselves/We are in global market
- 1 We should help other countries
- 1 General Negative (I'm not happy/I don't like it)
- 1 Balances out trade between each country
- I want to keep the Mexicans out/I don't like Mexicans
- 1 Taking our jobs away
- 1 The agreement favors the other countries
- 1 Increase the trade deficit/We import more than we export/They aren't buying our products
- 1 Helps us to expand/Grow
- * Keep it in our borders/Keep our people and money here
- * Put America first/Look out for America first
- * Get lower quality products imported/Fewer restrictions means poorer quality
- * Flood of goods will raise prices
- * Increases the drug trafficking/Has, will increase drug trafficking
- 8 Other
- 16 Don't know/No answer

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID "BAD THING": [N=401]

- 46 Taking our jobs away
- General negative (I'm not happy/I don't like it)
- Too many companies will leave the United States
- 7 The agreement favors the other countries
- 7 Put America first/Look out for America first
- 6 Increase the trade deficit/We import more than we export/They aren't buying our products
- 4 Keep it in our borders/Keep our people and money here
- 4 Gets lower quality products imported/Fewer restrictions means poorer quality
- We are exploiting other countries
- 2 Increase the drug trafficking/Has, will increase drug trafficking
- 1 Flood of goods will raise prices
- 1 Trade is always good/We need trade/I like free trade
- 1 Opens border for free trade/Increases trade
- 1 I want to keep the Mexicans out/I don't like Mexicans
- 1 Creates more jobs
- * General positive(I think its good/It doesn't hurt me)
- * This provides more markets
- * Balances out trade between each country
- * This helps other countries/This helps Mexico, Canada
- 5 Other
- 7 Don't know/No answer

ASK ALL:

Q.22 I'm going to read you a list of environmental problems. As I read each one, please tell me if you personally worry about this problem a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all? First, how much do you

personally worry about... [INSERT ITEM. ROTATE] . . a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all? How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]

| | Great | Fair | Only | Not | DK/ |
|---|-------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|
| | <u>Deal</u> | Amount | A Little | At All | <u>Ref.</u> |
| a. The "greenhouse effect" or global warming | 24 | 30 | 26 | 15 | 5=100 |
| Gallup: October, 1997 | 24 | 26 | 29 | 17 | 4=100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 30 | 27 | 20 | 16 | 6=100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 35 | 28 | 18 | 12 | 7=100 |
| b. Damage to the earth's ozone layer | 40 | 28 | 21 | 9 | 2=100 |
| Gallup: October, 1997 | 33 | 27 | 25 | 13 | 2 = 100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 43 | 28 | 15 | 10 | 4 = 100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 51 | 26 | 13 | 8 | 2=100 |
| c. Contamination of soil and water by toxic waste | 59 | 24 | 13 | 4 | *=100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 63 | 22 | 10 | 5 | *=100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 69 | 21 | 7 | 3 | *=100 |
| d. Air pollution | 47 | 34 | 14 | 4 | 1=100 |
| Gallup: October, 1997 | 42 | 34 | 18 | 5 | 1=100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 58 | 29 | 9 | 4 | *=100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 63 | 25 | 8 | 4 | *=100 |
| e. Pollution of rivers, lakes, and reservoirs | 61 | 27 | 9 | 3 | *=100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 64 | 23 | 9 | 4 | *=100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 72 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 1=100 |
| f. The loss of tropical rain forests | 44 | 26 | 19 | 10 | 1=100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 40 | 24 | 19 | 14 | 3=100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 42 | 25 | 18 | 12 | 3=100 |
| FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601] | | | | | |
| g.F1 The loss of natural habitat for wildlife | 46 | 32 | 16 | 5 | 1=100 |
| Gallup: April, 1990 | 51 | 30 | 12 | 7 | *=100 |
| Gallup: May, 1989 | 58 | 27 | 9 | 5 | 1=100 |
| FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599] | | | | | |
| h.F2 Commercial development of open space | 29 | 30 | 24 | 15 | 2=100 |

- Q.23 Do you think the United States should join other countries in setting standards to improve the global environment, or should the United States set its own environmental standards independently?
 - Join other countries
 - 41 Set standards independently
 - <u>4</u> Don't know/Refused

NO Q.24

- Q.25 As you may know, carbon dioxide is one of the primary gases thought to cause global warming. Do you happen to know if the U.S. produces more carbon dioxide than other countries with as many people, less carbon dioxide than other countries with as many people, or about the same amount?
 - 45 More
 - 9 Less
 - The same
 - 23 Don't know/Refused

NO Q.26

- Q.27 Some people say that since poorer countries did not cause much pollution, they should not have to bear as much of the burden in dealing with global warming. Others say that every country, rich or poor, should make the same changes now in order to limit future global warming, no matter how much of the pollution they created originally. Which of these views comes closer to your own?
 - 19 Developing countries should not have to bear as much of the burden
 - All countries should make the same changes
 - 3 Both/Neither (**VOL**)
 - 8 Don't know/Refused

ASK Q.28 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599]

Q.28F2 How much confidence do you have in [INSERT ITEM. ROTATE] to strike the right balance between protecting the environment and keeping the economy growing. . . a lot, some, a little, or none? [REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM]

| | A lot | Some | <u>A little</u> | None | DK/ <u>Ref.</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| a. President Clinton | 22 | 39 | 25 | 12 | 2=100 |
| b. The Republicans in Congress | 14 | 41 | 27 | 14 | 4=100 |
| c. The Democrats in Congress | 15 | 42 | 26 | 13 | 4=100 |
| d. Labor unions | 13 | 25 | 33 | 25 | 4=100 |
| e. Business groups | 10 | 33 | 38 | 15 | 4=100 |
| f. Environmental groups | 30 | 36 | 22 | 9 | 3=100 |

ASK Q.29 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601]

Q.29F1 Would you be willing to pay 5 cents more per gallon of gasoline if it would significantly reduce global warming, or wouldn't you?

- 73 Yes
- 24 No
- 3 Don't know/Refused

ASK Q.30 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=599]

Q.30F2 Would you be willing to pay 25 cents more per gallon of gasoline if it would significantly reduce global warming, or wouldn't you?

- 60 Yes
- 37 No
- $\frac{3}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:
Q.31 In your household, how often do you ...[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never? (How often do you...)

| | Regularly | Some- times | Hardly <u>Ever</u> | <u>Never</u> | DK <u>Ref.</u> |
|--|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| a. Recycle newspapers, aluminum, or glass | 69 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 1=100 |
| b. Car pool | 16 | 14 | 12 | 55 | 3=100 |
| c. Adjust the temperature in your house to save energy | 68 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 2=100 |
| d. Look for recycled products when buying paper or plastic goods | 40 | 29 | 14 | 16 | 1=100 |
| e. Buy organic or pesticide-free foods | 17 | 30 | 24 | 24 | 5=100 |

JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT TRADE . . . ASK Q.31a OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=601]

Q.31aF1 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM. ROTATE]** to propose good trade policies. . . a lot, some, a little, or none? **[REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM]**

| | A lot | Some | A little | None | DK <u>Ref.</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|----------|------|-------------------|
| a. President Clinton | 20 | 42 | 21 | 14 | 3=100 |
| b. The Republicans in Congress | 9 | 43 | 27 | 15 | 6=100 |
| c. The Democrats in Congress | 14 | 44 | 25 | 12 | 5=100 |
| d. Labor unions | 13 | 29 | 29 | 23 | 6=100 |
| e. Business groups | 18 | 38 | 26 | 13 | 5=100 |

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, or at home on at least an occasional basis?

| | | July <u>1996</u> | April <u>1996</u> | March 1996 | Feb <u>1996</u> | Jan <u>1996</u> |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 66 | Uses a PC at home, work or school | 56 | 58 | 61 | 60 | 59 |
| 34 | Does not use PC | 44 | 42 | 39 | 40 | 41 |
| * 100 | Don't know/Refused | * 100 | * 100 | * 100 | <u>0</u> 100 | <u>0</u> 100 |

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN Q.32, ASK:

Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with other computers over the Internet, Q.33 with the World Wide Web, or with information services such as America Online or Prodigy?¹¹

| | | July <u>1996</u> | April <u>1996</u> | March <u>1996</u> | Feb <u>1996</u> | Jan <u>1996</u> |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | O ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS: | | | | | |
| 36 | Goes on-line | 23 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 21 |
| 29 | Does not go on-line | 33 | 37 | 39 | 39 | 38 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused | 0 | * | 0 | * | 0 |
| 34 100 | Not a computer user | <u>44</u> 100 | <u>42</u> 100 | <u>39</u> 100 | <u>40</u> 100 | <u>41</u> 100 |

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN Q.33, ASK:

Did you ever go online or to the Internet to get information about the trial of the British au pair accused of Q.34 murdering an 8 month old child?

- Yes
- 32 No
- Not an on-line user 64
- $\frac{0}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

¹¹ 1996 question was asked, "Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?"