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N=1,202

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush 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 George W. Bush is handling his job as president? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK**]

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100
Clinton: April, 1993+	55	37	8=100
Bush: April, 1989+	58	16	26=100
Reagan: April, 1981+	67	19	14=100
Carter: April, 1977+	63	18	19=100

+ Gallup trend

Q.2 Do you (approve/disapprove) very strongly, or not so strongly?

		---- Gallup ----	
		Clinton	Reagan
		<u>April 1993¹</u>	<u>March 1981</u>
56	Approve	55	60
	34 Very strongly	18	35
	20 Not so strongly	37	25
	2 Don't know	--	--
27	Disapprove	37	24
	9 Not so strongly	16	9
	18 Very strongly	21	15
	* Don't know	--	--
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100

¹

In 1993 the question was worded "Do you approve/disapprove strongly or moderately?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.3F1 Based on what you've seen or heard so far, what, if anything, would you say you have LIKED most about George W. Bush? **[IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

		<u>Feb 2001</u>
22	Policy Positions and Proposals (NET)	14
8	Handling of China/spy plane incident	--
6	Tax proposals	7
1	Support of the military	3
1	Foreign policy	--
1	Education policy	2
1	Economic policy	*
1	Stand on abortion/Cutting funds for abortion clinics	2
1	Social Security	--
1	Elderly issues/Medicare	*
3	Other policy position/proposal	3
19	Personal Traits (NET)	22
6	Honesty/Integrity/Trustworthy	8
4	Way he presents himself/Relaxed/Calm/Dignified	3
3	His character/Good man/Wants to do the right thing/Moral	4
2	Straight talker/Can understand him	1
1	A Christian/Man of faith	3
1	Nice family/Wife/Dad	2
4	Other personal traits	3
8	Political Traits (NET)	13
	Leadership style/Takes charge/No nonsense/Sticks to	
5	his guns/Consistent	3
	Trying to keep campaign promises/Following	
1	his campaign agenda/Doing what he said he would	3
1	Republican/Conservative	2
1	Not always seeking the spotlight	--
*	Bipartisan/Reaches out/Conciliatory	2
*	Getting things done/Taken quick action	2
*	Other political trait	2
2	Everything	2
2	Appointments	2
2	Don't like him	2
1	Too early to tell/Hasn't been president long enough to judge	2
1	Just not Clinton	*
1	He's OK/Good President/Good job	2
1	I really like him	--
4	Other	8
16	Nothing	20
25	Don't know/Refused	17

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.4F2 Based on what you've seen or heard so far, what, if anything, would you say you have DISliked most about George W. Bush? **[IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

		<u>Feb 2001</u>
26	Policy Positions and Proposals (NET)	16
	8 Ideas on the environment	*
	5 Tax proposals	5
	5 Handling of China/spy plane incident	--
	2 Helps rich instead of poor	1
	1 Foreign policy	--
	1 Pro big business	--
	1 Economic policy	*
	1 Education policy	2
	1 Position on gun control	--
	1 Elderly/Senior citizen issues	1
	1 Social Security	1
	* Stand on abortion/Will take away a woman's right to choose	4
	3 Other policy position/proposal	3
10	Personal Traits (NET)	11
	3 Attitude/Arrogant/Self-righteous/Cocky	2
	2 Not articulate/Poor public speaker	2
	1 Stupid/Lack of knowledge	1
	1 His father/Never liked his dad	*
	* Deceitful/Don't trust him/Not trustful	1
	* His looks/Appearance/Dress	1
	* Past sins/(Cocaine use/DUI)	1
	2 Other personal traits	3
7	Political Traits (NET)	4
	3 Waffling/Changes his mind	--
	1 Republican/Not a Democrat	1
	1 Not a good leader	*
	* Inexperienced	1
	1 Other political traits	2
2	The way he got the job/Stole the election	4
2	Just don't like him	1
2	Too early to tell/Hasn't been president long enough to judge	3
1	Everything	2
1	Not doing a good job/Not accomplishing anything	--
*	Like him/The job he's doing	1
*	Appointments	2
3	Other	6
24	Nothing	39
25	Don't know/Refused	15

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2001	45	30	25=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100
September, 1999	35	48	17=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100
November, 1996	40	43	17=100
July, 1996	38	48	14=100
June, 1996	36	50	14=100
April, 1996	39	46	15=100
March, 1996	35	51	14=100
February, 1996	33	53	14=100
January, 1996	36	54	10=100
October, 1995	36	51	13=100

Q.5 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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

DP.1 How do you think the leaders of the Democratic Party are responding to George W. Bush's policies and proposals... do you think they are speaking out too much, speaking out too little, or speaking out about the right amount?

		<i>----- Party Id -----</i>		
		<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
15	Speaking out too much	27	7	17
23	Speaking out too little	8	36	20
45	Speaking out about the right amount	51	45	45
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>
100		100	100	100

DP.2 Who do YOU now think of as the leader of the Democratic Party... (**READ AND ROTATE**)?

		<i>----- Party Id -----</i>		
		<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
15	Bill Clinton	10	21	14
20	Al Gore	12	27	20
12	Joseph Lieberman	11	12	13
16	Dick Gephardt [OR]	23	14	17
8	Tom Daschle	14	5	7
2	Other (VOL)	1	2	1
8	Nobody is (VOL)	11	6	7
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>
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; ROTATE**]

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not Too Closely</u>	<u>Not At All Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	36	34	16	13	1=100
	February, 2001	30	39	18	12	1=100
	January, 2001	32	38	17	11	2=100
	June, 1995	26	41	22	11	*=100
	March, 1995	27	45	19	9	*=100
	February, 1995	23	41	22	13	1=100
	December, 1994	28	43	20	9	*=100
	October, 1994	27	40	20	12	1=100
	June, 1994	25	42	23	10	*=100
	May, 1994	33	40	16	10	1=100
	January, 1994	34	39	16	10	1=100
	Early January, 1994	36	44	13	7	*=100
	December, 1993	35	41	15	8	1=100
	October, 1993	33	38	20	9	*=100

Q.6 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not Too Closely</u>	<u>Not At All Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Item a Continued						
	September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
	Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
	August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100
	May, 1993	37	38	18	6	1=100
	February, 1993	49	36	10	5	*=100
	January, 1993	42	39	12	7	*=100
	September, 1992	43	37	13	6	*=100
	May, 1992	39	39	15	6	1=100
	March, 1992	47	38	11	4	*=100
	February, 1992	47	37	10	6	*=100
	January, 1992	44	40	11	5	*=100
	October, 1991	36	38	16	9	1=100
b.	The release of the U.S. air crew held in China	55	31	9	5	*=100
c.	The debate in Congress over campaign finance reform	14	27	25	33	1=100
d.	The debate in Congress over George W. Bush's budget and tax cut plan	24	38	20	18	*=100
	February, 2001 ²	31	35	19	14	1=100
e.	Continued violence in the Middle East	22	34	24	19	1=100
	Mid-October, 2000 ³	30	38	18	13	1=100
	Early October, 2000 ⁴	21	30	27	21	1=100
	January, 1997 ⁵	12	23	29	35	1=100
	May, 1988 ⁶	18	37	34	9	2=100
f.	The floods in the Midwest	20	34	24	22	*=100
	August, 1993	65	27	6	2	*=100
g.	Rioting in Cincinnati after an unarmed black man was shot by police	24	32	23	20	1=100
h.	The legalizing of medically-assisted suicide in the Netherlands	7	12	24	56	1=100

² In February 2001 the question was worded "George W. Bush's tax-cut plan."

³ In Mid-October 2000 the question was worded "Continued violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis."

⁴ In Early October 2000 the question was worded "Renewed violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis."

⁵ In January 1997 the story was listed as "Renewed tensions between Israelis and Palestinians over Hebron."

⁶ In May 1988 the story was listed as "The conflict in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis in the occupied territories."

On a different subject...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.7F1 Overall, has George W. Bush done better than you expected as president, worse than you expected, or about as you expected?

		<i>Newsweek</i>	<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>
		GW Bush	Clinton
		<u>Feb 2001⁷</u>	<u>April 1993</u>
22	Better than expected	24	12
7	Worse than expected	7	14
67	About as expected	61	73
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.8F2 So far, does George W. Bush seem to be a stronger leader than you expected, a weaker leader, or is he about as strong as you expected?

		<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>
		Clinton
		<u>Jan 1993</u>
21	Stronger leader than expected	13
13	Weaker leader than expected	12
59	About as strong as expected	68
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Tell me which of the following best reflects your impression of George W. Bush so far. **[READ RESPONSES]**

		<u>Feb 2001</u>
8	Liberal,	7
37	Middle of the road or	39
46	Conservative	44
3	Neither particularly (VOL)	2
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>
100		100

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February 2001 question was worded slightly different "From what you've seen or heard in the news about President Bush's first three months in office, is he doing a better job or worse job than you expected — or is his performance about what you expected?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

B.1F1 Over the course of George W. Bush's presidency, do you think he is likely or NOT likely to make real progress in protecting the environment?

CBS/N.Y. Times

Sept 2000⁸

39	Likely	42
54	Not likely	45
<u>7</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>13</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

B.2F2 Over the course of George W. Bush's presidency, do you think he will do a good job handling the nation's foreign policy, or not?

55	Good job
34	Not good job
<u>11</u>	Don't Know/Refused
100	

Now I'd like your reaction to the following statement...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.10F1 The Republican Party has become more compassionate and caring than it has been in the past. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with this statement?

Based on Registered Voters

Sept 2000

7	Completely agree	13
40	Mostly agree	34
27	Mostly disagree	27
19	Completely disagree	17
<u>7</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.11F2 George W. Bush is really more conservative than he lets on. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with this statement?

Based on Registered Voters

Sept 2000

16	Completely agree	18
42	Mostly agree	40
24	Mostly disagree	20
9	Completely disagree	8
<u>9</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>14</u>
100		100

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September 2000 is based on registered voters and was worded slightly different "If George W. Bush is elected president..."

Now on another subject...

Q.12 If you were making up the budget for the federal government this year, would you increase spending for (INSERT ITEM, ROTATE), decrease spending for (NAME OF ITEM) or keep spending the same for this? What about for (NEXT ITEM)?

		<u>Increase Spending</u>	<u>Decrease Spending</u>	<u>Keep Spending The Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:					
a.	Environmental protection	48	9	40	3=100
	May, 1997	46	14	38	2=100
	December, 1994	40	17	40	3=100
	May, 1990	71	3	24	2=100
	May, 1987	59	4	34	3=100
b.	Health care	71	4	23	2=100
	May, 1997	57	7	34	2=100
	December, 1994	52	11	33	4=100
	August, 1990	74	6	18	2=100
	May, 1990	80	3	16	1=100
	May, 1987	72	3	23	2=100
c.	Education	76	5	18	1=100
	May, 1997 ⁹	67	7	23	3=100
	December, 1994	64	6	28	2=100
	May, 1990	76	3	20	1=100
	May, 1987	69	4	25	2=100
d.	Scientific research	41	10	46	3=100
	May, 1997	45	14	38	3=100
	December, 1994	37	15	44	4=100
	May, 1990	51	9	37	3=100
	May, 1987	45	9	42	4=100
e.	Energy	52	9	35	4=100
f.	Housing and aid to cities	42	12	42	4=100
g.	The State Department and American Embassies	11	26	55	8=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:					
h.	Research on AIDS	55	6	36	3=100
	May, 1997	54	12	31	3=100
	December, 1994	55	9	33	3=100
	May, 1990	59	8	30	3=100
	May, 1987	69	7	21	3=100

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From May 1987 through May 1997 the item was "the public school systems."

Q.12 CONTINUED ...		Increase <u>Spending</u>	Decrease <u>Spending</u>	Keep Spending <u>The Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
i.	Combatting crime	55	5	37	3=100
	May, 1997	62	7	29	2=100
	December, 1994	71	4	23	2=100
j.	Military defense	47	11	40	2=100
	May, 1997	21	30	46	3=100
	December, 1994	31	23	44	2=100
	August, 1990	23	43	31	3=100
	May, 1990	18	40	39	3=100
	May, 1987	24	29	44	3=100
k.	Veterans benefits and services	58	3	34	5=100
l.	Transportation	30	12	52	6=100
m.	Agriculture	46	8	42	4=100
n.	Military and economic assistance to U.S. allies and needy third world countries	17	31	48	4=100
o.	Medicare	70	2	26	2=100
	May, 1997	44	8	44	4=100

ASK ALL:

Now some questions about the environment...

Q.13 First, 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]

		<u>A Lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A Little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	George W. Bush	21	33	24	18	4=100
	Clinton: November, 1997	22	39	25	12	2=100
b.	The Republicans in Congress	14	37	29	15	5=100
	November, 1997	14	41	27	14	4=100
c.	The Democrats in Congress	21	40	22	12	5=100
	November, 1997	15	42	26	13	4=100
d.	Labor unions	13	28	29	23	7=100
	November, 1997	13	25	33	25	4=100
e.	Business groups	12	31	32	20	5=100
	November, 1997	10	33	38	15	4=100
f.	Environmental groups	27	34	23	13	3=100
	November, 1997	30	36	22	9	3=100

Q.14 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 <u>Deal</u>	Fair <u>Amount</u>	Only <u>A Little</u>	Not <u>At All</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The "greenhouse effect" or global warming	30	29	24	14	3=100
	November, 1997	24	30	26	15	5=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1997	24	26	29	17	4=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	30	27	20	16	6=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	35	28	18	12	7=100
b.	Damage to the earth's ozone layer	41	27	20	11	1=100
	November, 1997	40	28	21	9	2=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1997	33	27	25	13	2=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	43	28	15	10	4=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	51	26	13	8	2=100
c.	Contamination of soil and water by toxic waste	57	26	13	3	1=100
	November, 1997	59	24	13	4	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	63	22	10	5	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	69	21	7	3	*=100
d.	Air pollution	47	30	17	5	1=100
	November, 1997	47	34	14	4	1=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1997	42	34	18	5	1=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	58	29	9	4	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	63	25	8	4	*=100
e.	Pollution of rivers, lakes, and reservoirs	57	27	12	3	1=100
	November, 1997	61	27	9	3	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	64	23	9	4	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	72	19	5	3	1=100
f.	The loss of tropical rain forests	41	25	21	11	2=100
	November, 1997	44	26	19	10	1=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	40	24	19	14	3=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	42	25	18	12	3=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

g.F1	The loss of natural habitat for wildlife	44	30	18	7	1=100
	November, 1997	46	32	16	5	1=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1990	51	30	12	7	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1989	58	27	9	5	1=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

h.F2	Commercial development of open space	30	26	28	14	2=100
	November, 1997	29	30	24	15	2=100

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. First,

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.15F1 To the best of your knowledge, did the Senate approve George W. Bush's 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut proposal, did they vote for a LARGER tax cut or did they vote for a SMALLER tax cut?

7 Approved Bush's 1.6 trillion dollar proposal
9 Voted for a larger tax cut
46 Voted for a smaller tax cut *{correct answer}*
38 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.16F1 Do you happen to know whether the Senate passed the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, or did they vote it down?

21 Senate passed the bill *{correct answer}*
15 Senate voted it down
64 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.17F1 Do you happen to know whether George W. Bush has decided to place limits on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, or has he decided NOT to do this?

		<u>March 2001</u> ¹⁰
9	He has decided to place limits on emissions	8
28	He has decided not to do this <i>{correct answer}</i>	33
<u>63</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>59</u>
100		100

ASKED APRIL 18 ONLY [N=198]:

Q.18F1 Do you happen to know whether George W. Bush has decided to TIGHTEN regulations on the amount of arsenic that can be allowed in drinking water, or has he decided to make these regulations LESS stringent?

12 Has decided to tighten regulations
20 Has decided to make regulations less stringent *{correct answer}*
5 Has left regulations unchanged (VOL.)
63 Don't know/Refused
100

ASKED APRIL 19-22 ONLY [N=400]:

Q.18F1 How much, if anything, have you heard about George W. Bush's decisions regarding the amount of arsenic that should be allowed in drinking water? Would you say you've heard... (READ)?

12 A lot
35 A little, or
50 Nothing at all
3 Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)
100

¹⁰ March 2001 question was worded slightly different "Has President Bush decided to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants or has he decided not to do this?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.19F2 Do you know whether George W. Bush has decided that the U.S. will continue to SUPPORT the global warming agreement, enacted in Kyoto, Japan in 1997, or has he decided to WITHDRAW U.S. support from that agreement?

6 Decided to continue to support the agreement
20 Decided to withdraw U.S. support *{correct answer}*
74 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.20F2 Do you happen to know whether Slobodan Milosevic, the former president of Yugoslavia, has been arrested, or not?

46 Has been arrested *{correct answer}*
7 Has not been arrested
47 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.21F2 In his budget proposal, do you happen to know whether George W. Bush proposed INCREASING spending on education, DECREASING spending on education, or keeping spending on education about the same?

57 Proposed increasing spending *{correct answer}*
3 Proposed decreasing spending
15 Proposed keeping spending the same
25 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.21a

F2 Do you happen to know whether George W. Bush has decided to impose STRICTER regulations on manufacturers who release LEAD into the environment, or has he decided to make these regulations LESS stringent?

19 Decided to impose stricter regulations *{correct answer}*
21 Decided to make regulations less stringent
3 Left regulations unchanged (**VOL**)
57 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK ALL:

Q.22 As you may know, Timothy McVeigh, the man responsible for the Oklahoma City bombing, is scheduled to be executed next month. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for Timothy McVeigh?

75 Favor
18 Oppose
7 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.22a

F1 Do you think Timothy McVeigh's execution should be broadcast on television for the American public to watch, or not?

24 Should be broadcast for public to watch

73 Should not be broadcast

3 Don't know/Refused

100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.23F2 Do you happen to know whether the families of the bombing victims will be allowed to watch the execution on a closed-circuit TV, or won't they be able to do this?

69 Families will be able to watch *{correct answer}*

6 Families won't be able to watch

25 Don't know/Refused

100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.24F1 As you may know, George W. Bush has proposed a 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut. Do you approve or disapprove of this proposal?

60 Approve

34 Disapprove

6 Don't know/Refused

100

Q.25F1 As you may know, George W. Bush has decided NOT to place limits on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

21 Approve

67 Disapprove

12 Don't know/Refused

100

ASKED APRIL 18 ONLY [N=198]:

Q.26F1 As you may know, George W. Bush has decided to make the regulations on the amount of arsenic that can be allowed in drinking water LESS stringent. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

32 Approve

57 Disapprove

11 Don't know/Refused

100

ASKED APRIL 19-22 ONLY [N=400]:

Q.26F1 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush has handled the issue of the amount of arsenic that should be allowed in drinking water?

26 Approve
31 Disapprove
43 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.27F2 As you may know, George W. Bush has decided that the U.S. should WITHDRAW its support from the global warming agreement, adopted in Kyoto, Japan in 1997. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

25 Approve
47 Disapprove
28 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.28F2 As you may know, George W. Bush has proposed INCREASING spending for education in his new budget. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

90 Approve
6 Disapprove
4 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.28a

F2 As you may know, George W. Bush has decided to impose STRICTER regulations on manufacturers who release lead into the environment. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

80 Approve
12 Disapprove
8 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK ALL:

Q.29 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush handled the recent situation with China, where a U.S. naval air crew was detained for several days and then released?

72 Approve
20 Disapprove
8 Don't know/Refused
100

On another subject...

Q.30 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?

		<u>Nov 1997</u>
58	Join other countries	55
38	Set standards independently	41
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

Q.31 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?

		<u>Nov 1997</u>
45	More	45
8	Less	9
16	The same	23
<u>31</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>23</u>
100		100

Q.32 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?

		<u>Nov 1997</u>
24	Poorer countries should not have to bear as much of the burden	19
67	All countries should make the same changes	70
3	Both/Neither (VOL)	3
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>
100		100

Now a few questions about the nation's food supply...

Q.33 Do you think the food supply in this country is SAFER than it was 10 years ago, LESS safe, or about as safe?

		<i>Newsweek</i>
		<u>Aug 1997</u>
24	Safer	19
36	Less safe	44
36	About as safe	30
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

Q.34 In general how concerned are you about the safety of the food you eat? Would you say... (**READ RESPONSES**)?

		<i>Newsweek</i>
		<u>Aug 1997</u>
42	Very concerned	48
27	Somewhat concerned	25
20	Only a little concerned, or	18
11	Not at all concerned	8
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>1</u>
100		100

Q.35 Compared to a year ago, how worried are you that the food you eat may be contaminated? Would you say you are... (**READ RESPONSES**)?

		<i>----- Newsweek -----</i>	
		<u>Aug 1997</u>	<u>March 1989</u>
38	More worried	38	38
10	Less worried, or	7	6
51	About as worried as a year ago	54	53
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

Q.36 Do you think it is necessary to take precautions in the home against food poisoning, or do you think government regulations on food are such that we are protected quite adequately from food poisoning?

		<i>Gallup/US News & World Report/CNN</i>		<i>Roper</i>
		<u>Aug 1995</u>	<u>Feb 1982</u>	
74	Necessary to take precautions	74	65	
22	Government regulations are adequate	23	32	
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
100		100	100	

Q.37 Have you heard about the problems with the meat supply in Europe, where animals are infected with diseases such as foot-and-mouth?

IF YES, ASK:

Q.38 Do you worry that this could happen to the meat supply in the United States, or not?

94	Yes, have heard
76	Yes, worry
18	No, don't worry
*	Don't know/Refused
6	No, have not heard
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

On another subject...

As you may know, the U.S. Census was completed last year and many of the findings have recently been released.

Q.39 Did you happen to hear that between 1990 and 2000, the U.S. experienced the largest population increase in its history, or didn't you hear about this?

35	Yes, heard about this
63	No, didn't hear about this
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.40 In general, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

32	Good thing
50	Bad thing
10	Neither (VOL)
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=598]:

Q.41F1 Did you happen to hear that in California, African-Americans, Hispanics and people of Asian descent now make up a majority of the population, or didn't you hear about this?

67	Yes, heard about this
32	No, didn't hear about this
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.42F1 In general, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

42	Good thing
28	Bad thing
21	Neither (VOL)
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=604]:

Q.43F2 Did you happen to hear that the number of Hispanics in the country is now about equal to the number of African Americans, or didn't you hear about this?

58	Yes, heard about this
41	No, didn't hear about this
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.44F2 In general, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

39	Good thing
26	Bad thing
24	Neither (VOL)
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.45 Did you happen to hear that American neighborhoods are *STILL* mostly racially segregated, or didn't you hear about this?

50	Yes, heard about this
49	No, didn't hear about this
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.46 In general, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

12	Good thing
71	Bad thing
11	Neither (VOL)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.47 Did you happen to hear that, in this census for the first time, Americans were allowed to classify themselves as belonging to more than one race, or didn't you hear about this?

39	Yes, heard about this
60	No, didn't hear about this
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.48 In general, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

50	Good thing
27	Bad thing
13	Neither (VOL)
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.49 Compared to the immigrants of the early 1900s, are TODAY'S immigrants more able to adapt to the American way of life, less able to adapt to the American way of life, or are they about as able to adapt to the American way of life?

		<u>April 1997</u>
43	More	34
21	Less	31
31	Same	28
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only...

Q.50 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
April, 2001	72	28	*=100
February, 2001	72	28	0=100
January, 2001	71	29	*=100
July, 2000	68	31	1=100
June, 2000	68	31	1=100
April, 2000	68	32	*=100
March, 2000 ¹¹	72	28	0=100
February, 2000	67	33	*=100
January, 2000	68	32	*=100
December, 1999	67	33	*=100
October, 1999	67	33	*=100
Late September, 1999	68	32	*=100
September, 1999	70	30	*=100
August, 1999	67	33	*=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100
Late August, 1998	66	34	0=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100

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In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.50, ASK:

Q.51 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

	<u>Goes Online</u>	<u>Doesn't Go Online</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2001	62	38	0=100
February, 2001	60	40	*=100
January, 2001	61	39	0=100
July, 2000	55	45	*=100
June, 2000	56	44	*=100
April, 2000	54	46	*=100
March, 2000	61	39	0=100
February, 2000	52	48	0=100
January, 2000	52	48	*=100
December, 1999	53	47	0=100
October, 1999	50	50	0=100
Late September, 1999	52	48	*=100
September, 1999	53	47	0=100
August, 1999	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	49	51	0=100
June, 1999	50	50	*=100
May, 1999	48	52	0=100
April, 1999	51	49	*=100
March, 1999	49	51	*=100
February, 1999	49	51	*=100
January, 1999	47	53	*=100
Early December, 1998	42	58	0=100
November, 1998	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	42	58	*=100
Late August, 1998	43	57	*=100
Early August, 1998	41	59	*=100
April, 1998	36	64	0=100
January, 1998	37	63	0=100
November, 1997	36	63	1=100
July, 1996	23	77	0=100
April, 1996	21	79	*=100
March, 1996	22	78	0=100
February, 1996	21	79	*=100
January, 1996	21	79	0=100
June, 1995 ¹²	14	86	*=100

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The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions:

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

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