

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS
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 -- FINAL TOPLINE --
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 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]**

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

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

		Oct 1995	Sept 1995	Aug 1995	June 1995	April 1995	March 1995	Dec 1994 ¹
36	Approve	36	36	38	41	44	43	52
54	Disapprove	51	50	45	45	43	39	28
<u>10</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>17</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100

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

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE RESPONSE CATEGORIES.

Q.2 What do you think is the most important news event that happened in the nation or in the world in the past 4 weeks? **(DO NOT READ)**

International Stories

37 International (NET)

28 Deployment of U.S. troops to Bosnia

8 Bosnian peace accord

1 Death of Francois Mitterand

* Situation in Chechnya

Domestic Stories

36 Domestic (NET)

12 Budget negotiations between the President and Congressional leaders

11 Blizzard in Northeast states

10 Federal government shutdown

2 Whitewater investigation

1 Debate over future of Medicare

* Republican presidential campaign

6 Other (**SPECIFY**)

3 None

18 Don't know/Refused

100

Q.3 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]

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) DK
a. The deployment of US troops to Bosnia	37	45	13	5	*=100
b. News about the Republican presidential candidates	10	34	31	24	1=100
September, 1995	12	36	30	22	*=100
August, 1995 ²	13	34	28	25	*=100
June, 1995	11	31	31	26	1=100
January, 1992	11	25	36	27	1=100
December, 1991	10	28	32	30	*=100
October, 1991	12	26	31	29	2=100
c. News about the Whitewater investigation	11	28	33	28	*=100
August, 1995 ³	11	26	32	30	1=100
May, 1994 ⁴	22	36	23	18	*=100
March, 1994 ⁵	11	38	28	21	2=100
January, 1994 ⁶	14	25	28	32	1=100
Early January, 1994	13	29	31	26	1=100
d. The debate in Washington about the federal budget	32	42	17	9	*=100
September, 1995	20	35	27	18	*=100
August, 1995 ⁷	18	34	27	20	1=100

² 1991 and 1992 trends refer to Democratic candidates.

³ In previous month story was listed as "The Congressional hearings about Whitewater."

⁴ In previous month story was listed as "The Whitewater case and other issues about the personal finances of the Clinton's."

⁵ In previous month story was listed "News stories about the Whitewater case and White House handling of it".

⁶ In previous months story was listed "Questions about Bill and Hillary Clinton's failed real estate investments in Arkansas".

⁷ In previous month story was listed as "The debate in Congress over the federal budget."

Q.3 con't ...

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) <u>DK</u>
e.	The debate in Washington over the future of the Medicare system September, 1995	30 31	36 40	22 18	12 11	*=100 *=100
f.	The shutdown of the federal government	42	38	14	6	*=100
g.	The announcement that AT&T will lay off up to 40,000 workers	16	32	26	26	*=100
h.	The marital problems between Prince Charles and Princess Diana	3	14	29	54	*=100
i.	The blizzard on the East coast	48	34	12	6	*=100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.4 Thinking about your own situation, compared to 4 years ago, would you say that you are better off financially today or worse off financially today?

		<u>Jan 1992</u>	<u>Nov 1991</u>	<u>May 1987⁸</u>
56	Better off	45	389	47
29	Worse off	41	44	20
14	Same (VOL.)	13	16	32
<u>1</u> 100	Don't know	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100

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In 1987 the question was asked, "Compared to five years ago, would you say you are better off financially, worse off financially or about the same?"

Q.5 Now looking ahead, do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?

		<u>Jan</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>
59	Better off	53	49	44	54	54	46
19	Worse off	24	26	24	15	10	18
17	Same (VOL.)	16	17	27	28	31	30
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know	<u>7</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

Q.6 How have you been getting most of your news about national and international issues? From television, from newspapers, from radio or from magazines? (ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES)

		<u>Sept</u> <u>1995⁹</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1993</u>	Early <u>Jan</u> <u>1993</u>
88	Television	82	83	83	82
61	Newspapers	63	51	60	52
25	Radio	20	15	17	17
8	Magazines	10	10	9	5
2	Other	1	5	3	1
*	Don't know	1	1	*	1

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In September 1995 question was asked as "How have you been getting most of you news about national issues?"

Q.7 In your opinion, who has been doing the best job of covering the news lately -- **(READ RESPONSES)**?

- 14 Newspapers,
 - 20 Local TV news,
 - 50 Network TV news,
 - 4 News Magazines, OR
 - 8 Radio
 - 4 None of above/Don't know **(VOL.)**
- 100

Q.8 In your opinion, which *TV network* has been doing the best job of covering the news lately -- ABC, CBS, NBC, or CNN?

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Mar</u> ¹⁰ <u>1991</u>
18	ABC	16	20	17	17	15	15	20	20	19	17	18	18	12
12	CBS	13	17	14	18	16	13	14	17	18	14	14	13	8
16	NBC	14	15	17	14	15	12	14	14	14	13	13	14	10
41	CNN	41	34	35	34	41	43	40	36	37	42	41	41	58
<u>13</u>	DK	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY:

Q.8a Did you happen to see any news reports about President Clinton's trip to Bosnia?

- 65 Yes, saw reports
 - 35 No, did not see reports
 - 0 Don't know/Refused
- 100
(N=303)

¹⁰ In March, 1991 respondents were asked which network was doing the best job of covering the "crisis in the Gulf".

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.9 Suppose the 1996 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Bill Clinton, the Democrat and Bob Dole, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

IF ANSWERED "DON'T KNOW" IN Q.9 ASK:

Q.9b Do you LEAN most to Clinton, the Democrat or Dole, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

53	Clinton/Lean Clinton
41	Dole/Lean Dole
<u>6</u>	Other/Don't know/Refused
100	
(N=895)	

Q.9a At this point, why would you vote for (INSERT RESPONSE FROM Q.9 -- BILL CLINTON/BOB DOLE)? (OPEN-ENDED -- ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Dole</u>	Party
17	18	
5	4	Strong leader
3	3	Experience
6	5	Character
4	0	Compassionate
13	15	Policy positions
2	6	Want a change
33	2	Has done a good job so far
5	1	Will protect important programs
1	4	Will balance budget
1	0	Will create jobs
0	*	War hero
0	51	Anti-Clinton vote
28	0	Anti-Dole vote
4	2	Other (SPECIFY)
3	2	Don't know/Refused
(N=427)	(N=337)	

ASK ALL:

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

Q.10 In the budget negotiations going on in Washington, do you happen to know who has proposed a BIGGER tax cut ...President Clinton or the Republican leaders in Congress?

15 Clinton

46 GOP leaders (*correct answer*)

39
100 Don't know/Refused

Q.11 And do you happen to know who has proposed BIGGER cuts in the rate of growth in spending on Medicare...President Clinton or the Republican leaders in Congress?

18 Clinton

57 GOP leaders (*correct answer*)

25
100 Don't know/Refused

Q.12 In Bosnia...do you happen to know whether U.S. troops will make up most of the NATO peace keeping forces there, about half of the peace keeping forces, or less than half of the peace keeping forces?

31 Most

29 About half

21 Less than half (*correct answer*)

19
100 Don't know/Refused

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.13 Suppose the 1996 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican party's candidate or the Democratic party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF ANSWERED "OTHER" OR "DON'T KNOW" IN Q.13 ASK:

Q.13a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

		Oct 1995	Aug 1995	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	Early Oct 1994	Sept 1994	July 1994
46	Republican/Lean Republican	48	50	45	47	52	48	45
47	Democrat/Lean Democrat	48	43	43	44	40	46	47
<u>7</u> 100	Other candidate/Undecided (VOL.)	<u>4</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100

(N=1505)

ASK ALL:

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.14 Generally, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican party won control of the U.S. Congress in November 1994?

		Aug 1995	June 1995	April 1995	March 1995	Dec 1994
47	Happy	50	46	52	55	57
43	Unhappy	39	41	36	31	31
<u>10</u> 100	Don't know/refused	<u>11</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100

Q.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the economy?¹¹

		<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
50	Approve	46	45	38
42	Disapprove	46	46	56
<u>8</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

Q.16 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling foreign policy?

		<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1993</u>	Newsweek June 30-July 1 <u>1993</u>
52	Approve	39	50	38	39	47	52	49
39	Disapprove	52	42	53	46	33	25	35
<u>9</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100	<u>23</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100

¹¹

In 1994 question was stated as, "the way Bill Clinton is handling economic conditions in this country."

Q.17 Now I'd like your views on some people and things in the news. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... **(INSERT ITEM. ROTATE a-d; THEN ROTATE e-i)** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")**

		Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Very Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Never Heard <u>Of</u>	Can't <u>Rate</u>
a.	Bill Clinton	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
b.	Hillary Clinton	10	32	28	26	0	4=100
	October, 1995	14	44	24	14	-	4=100
	August, 1995	16	33	25	22	*	4=100
	July, 1994	19	38	22	18	1	2=100
	May, 1993	19	41	18	11	1	10=100
c.	Bob Dole	8	44	28	15	*	5=100
	August, 1995	12	37	26	12	2	11=100
	February, 1995	17	41	18	10	4	10=100
	December, 1994	17	41	18	10	5	9=100
	July, 1994	14	45	19	9	6	7=100
	May, 1993	11	37	20	8	11	13=100
	May, 1990	7	45	15	5	13	15=100
	May, 1987	9	51	11	3	9	17=100
d.	Publisher and Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes	5	25	21	10	18	21=100

Q.17 con't ...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
e.	Congress	4	38	38	16	*	4=100
	October, 1995	4	38	42	13	-	3=100
	August, 1995	5	40	34	13	*	7=100
	June, 1995	8	45	31	11	*	5=100
	February, 1995	10	44	27	10	0	9=100
	July, 1994	7	46	34	9	*	4=100
	May, 1993	8	35	35	13	0	9=100
	November, 1991	7	44	34	9	0	6=100
	May, 1990	6	53	25	9	1	6=100
	May, 1988	8	56	23	5	0	8=100
	January, 1988	6	58	25	4	0	7=100
	May, 1987	10	64	16	4	*	6=100
	January, 1987	7	52	23	8	0	10=100
	June, 1985	9	58	21	5	*	7=100
f.	The court system in this country	4	31	37	25	0	3=100
	January, 1994	2	41	35	18	0	4=100
g.	Network TV news	25	58	11	4	*	2=100
	June, 1995	16	51	21	9	*	3=100
	July, 1994	17	52	22	7	*	2=100
	May, 1993	23	58	12	3	0	4=100
	January, 1992	27	55	11	2	0	5=100
	November, 1991	24	51	16	5	0	4=100
	March, 1991	40	51	5	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	22	60	12	3	*	3=100
	August, 1989	28	54	11	3		4=100
	February, 1989	21	61	12	3		3=100
	August ¹² , 1988	29	52	9	5		5=100
	May, 1988	20	58	14	4		4=100
	January 27, 1988	12	69	13	3		3=100
	January 7-18, 1988	18	60	14	4		4=100
	October, 1987	19	62	10	3		6=100
	May, 1987	21	63	11	3		2=100
	January, 1987	19	55	16	6		4=100
	July, 1986	30	53	10	4		3=100
	August, 1985	30	51	8	2		7=100
	June, 1985	25	59	8	2		6=100

¹² Based on Registered Voters

Q.17 con't ...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
h.	The daily newspaper (you are most familiar with)	27	52	11	5	*	5=100
	June, 1995	22	52	14	7	1	4=100
	July, 1994	23	57	13	5	*	2=100
	May, 1993	26	55	10	4	0	5=100
	January, 1992	27	51	13	5	0	4=100
	November, 1991	24	56	11	5	0	4=100
	March, 1991	30	55	7	3	*	5=100
	May, 1990	22	56	12	5	*	5=100
	August, 1989	25	52	12	5	6=100	
	February, 1989	22	56	13	4	5=100	
	August ¹³ , 1988	30	48	10	5	7=100	
	May, 1988	19	59	13	4	5=100	
	January 27, 1988	19	62	11	3	5=100	
	January 7-18, 1988	21	59	12	4	4=100	
	October, 1987	21	58	9	4	8=100	
	May, 1987	22	59	12	3	4=100	
	January, 1987	19	57	13	6	5=100	
	July, 1986	28	51	11	6	4=100	
	August, 1985	25	52	10	5	8=100	
	June, 1985	25	56	8	3	8=100	
i.	Local TV news	28	56	10	4	*	2=100
	March, 1991	37	52	6	2	*	3=100
	August, 1989	27	53	11	4	5=100	
	July, 1985	27	57	9	2	5=100	

NOW A QUESTION ABOUT WHITEWATER...

Q.18 Do you think the Clinton Administration is knowingly covering up information about Whitewater that could be damaging to the President or Hillary Clinton?

		March 1994	Newsweek March 1994
61	Yes, cover-up	52	52
23	No cover-up	28	29
<u>16</u> 100	Don't know	<u>20</u> 100	<u>19</u> 100

Q.18a A number of questions have been raised about Hillary Clinton's ethical conduct in the White House and before that in Arkansas. Why do you think these questions have been raised... because Bill Clinton's political opponents are trying to make her look bad, OR because she may have really done something wrong?

48 Trying to make her look bad
 43 May have really done something wrong
9 Don't know/Refused
 100

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

Q.19 From what you know about it, whose position on the budget issue comes closer to your own... Bill Clinton's or the Republicans' in Congress?

48 Clinton
 42 Republicans
 3 Neither (**VOL.**)
7 No opinion/DK/Ref
 100

Q.20 How important is it to you that Congress balance the federal budget... is it very important to you, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?¹⁴

		Gallup July <u>1995</u>
62	Very important	62
28	Somewhat important	26
6	Not too important	7
3	Not important at all	2
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

¹⁴ The question was worded as "Next, I'm going to read you some issues that are facing Congress. For each one, please tell me whether it is very important to you, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all ... That Congress balance the federal budget deficit."

Q.21 Recently leaders in Washington have been saying that Medicare faces serious financial problems in the future. Do you think this is true, or do you think leaders in Washington are only saying this because they want to cut Medicare benefits as a way of balancing the budget?

		Aug <u>1995</u> ¹⁵
56	True, Medicare faces financial difficulties	52
39	Leaders only saying this as a way to balance budget	37
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u> 100
		(N=1293)

-- NO QUESTION 22 --

Q.23 What's your opinion...if the federal budget is balanced in seven years, do you think this will *help* you and your family financially, *hurt* you and your family financially, or *not affect* you and your family too much?

40	Help
20	Hurt
35	Not Much affect
<u>5</u> 100	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

Q.24 What about Medicare...if the proposed changes to Medicare that are being discussed in Washington are enacted, do you think this will *help* you and your family financially, *hurt* you and your family financially, or *not affect* you and your family too much?

15	Help
40	Hurt
40	Not Much affect
<u>5</u> 100	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

¹⁵ Based on those who had heard about financial problems faced by Medicare.

Q.25 If the President and Republican leaders in Congress are able to agree on a plan to balance the federal budget in 7 years, who will deserve the most CREDIT for making this happen...(READ RESPONSES)?

- 31 President Clinton OR
- 47 Republican leaders in Congress
- 9 Both equally (VOL.)
- 3 Neither (VOL.)
- $\frac{10}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

Q.25a If the President and Republican leaders in Congress are NOT able to agree on a plan to balance the federal budget in 7 years, who will deserve the most BLAME for this... (READ RESPONSES)?

- 39 President Clinton OR
- 40 Republican leaders in Congress
- 14 Both equally (VOL.)
- 2 Neither (VOL.)
- $\frac{5}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

Q.26 Do you think leaders in Washington should put off deciding how to balance the budget until after the Presidential election in November, OR do you think it is important that the President and Republican leaders find a way to do this now?

- 13 Should put off balancing budget
- 85 Should find a way to balance budget now
- $\frac{2}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

Q.26a Thinking about the country as a whole, do you think we spend too much, too little or the right amount on health care?

		<u>June</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1993</u>
33	Too much	38	36
44	Too little	40	49
20	Right amount	13	8
<u>3</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100

Q.27 Were you or a member of your family personally inconvenienced by the recent partial shutdown of the federal government or not? **IF YES:** Was it a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?¹⁶

--- ABC News ---			
		<u>Jan</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1995</u>
7	Yes, major	5	6
9	Yes, minor/not sure	6	6
84	No, hasn't has any impact	88	88
<u>*</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100

ASK ALL:

NOW I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA

Q.28 Do you approve or disapprove of President Clinton's decision to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of an international peacekeeping force?

48	Approve
49	Disapprove
<u>3</u> 100	Don't know

¹⁶ The question was worded as "Have you personally been inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government or not? If yes: Is it a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?"

Q.29 Do you think that U.S. forces will become involved in a major shooting war in Bosnia, or do you think the peace will hold in Bosnia?

38 Shooting war likely

52 Peace will hold

10 No opinion
100

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

Q.30 How often if ever do you listen to radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues and politics -- regularly, sometimes, rarely or never?

17 Regularly

22 Sometimes

28 Rarely

33 Never

* Don't Know/Refused
100

Q.31 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school or at home on at least an occasional basis?

59 Yes

41 No (**GO TO D.1**)

0 Don't know/Refused (**GO TO D.1**)
100

IF YES:

Q.32 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?

36 Yes

64 No (**GO TO D.1**)

0 Don't know/Refused (**GO TO D.1**)

100

(**N=736**)

IF YES:

Q.33 Do you ever go on-line to get information on current events, public issues and politics? **IF YES:** How often do you go on-line for this type of information... every day, 3 to 5 days per week, 1 or 2 days per week, once every few weeks, less often, or never?

7 Everyday

9 3-5 days per week

17 1-2 day per week

14 Once every few weeks

6 Less often

47 No/Never

* Don't know/Refused

100

(**N= 272**)