TIMES MIRROR CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS OCTOBER 1995 TYPOLOGY SURVEY -- FINAL TOPLINE--October 25-30, 1995 N = 2,000

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 "DON'T KNOW," ENTER AS CODE 9. IF "DEPENDS," PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?)

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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 policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?)

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

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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?"

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

		April <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Mar <u>1994</u>	Oct 1993	Early Sept <u>1993</u>	June <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>	Nov <u>1991</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	Oct <u>1988</u>	May <u>1988</u>	
23	Satisfied	23	24	24	22	20	22	39	28	34	41	45	56	41	39
73	Dissatisfied	74	73	71	73	75	71	50	68	61	54	50	40	54	55
$\frac{4}{100}$	No Opinion	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{7}{100}$	$\frac{11}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{6}{100}$

ASK Q.3 AND Q.4 ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY DISSATISFIED:

Q.3 What things are you most dissatisfied with? (OPEN-ENDED: ACCEPT UP TO 3 MENTIONS)

- 21 The health care system/lack of health care
- 20 Crime
- 17 The political system/Washington politics
- 14 Taxes are too high
- 13 The economy
- 13 Moral crisis/Lack of family values/Too many babies being born out of wedlock
- 12 Government spends too much/Government is too big
- 9 Welfare reform
- 9 The educational system
- 8 Lack of jobs
- 8 Don't like cuts being made in social spending
- 8 Foreign Policy
- 5 The deficit
- 5 Race relations
- 5 Judicial system/Court system
- 2 Low wages
- 12 Other (**SPECIFY**)
- 3 Don't know/Refused
- 1 None/Nothing

21 ECONOMY (NET)

(N=1440)

Q.4 Generally, who do you think is most responsible for... (IF RESPONDENT ONLY GAVE ONE ANSWER IN Q.3, INSERT "THIS"; IF MORE THAN ONE ANSWER, INSERT FIRST MENTION FROM Q.3)? (READ LIST AND ROTATE)

- 7 The President
- 35 The Congress
- 8 Business corporations
- 6 The news media
- 3 The entertainment industry
- 2 Wall Street banks and investment companies
- 27 The people themselves
- 8 Or who? (**SPECIFY**)
- 4 Don't know/Refused

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(N=1392)

(NO QUESTION 5)

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NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 1996 ELECTIONS... ASK FORM 1 ONLY: (N=1021)

Q.6

F1 Generally speaking, would you say that <u>you personally</u> care a good deal who wins the 1996 presidential election OR that you don't care very much?

		Oct <u>1991²</u>	May <u>1987</u> ³
78	Care a good deal	73	76
19	Don't care very much	22	20
$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u> 100	$\frac{4}{100}$

Question worded "the 1992 presidential election."

Question worded "the presidential election in 1988."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: (N=979)

Q.6a

F2 Generally speaking, would you say that <u>you personally</u> care a good deal which party wins the 1996 presidential election OR that you don't care very much?

		$\frac{\text{Oct}}{1991^4}$	May <u>1987</u> 5
61	Care a good deal	55	54
36	Don't care very much	39	40
$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

ASK ALL:

Q.7 Looking ahead, would you like to see Bill Clinton re-elected, or would you like to see a Republican candidate, or an Independent candidate be elected President in 1996?

		Aug <u>1995</u>	March <u>1995</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>
31	Clinton	29	29	28	28
28	Republican	32	33	35	22
22	Independent	23	20	15	12
<u>19</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>16</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>22</u> 100	<u>38</u> 100

IF ANSWERED "DON'T KNOW" IN Q.7, ASK:

Q.7a Do you LEAN most to Clinton, a Republican candidate or an Independent candidate?

		Aug <u>1995</u>	March <u>1995</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
34	Clinton/Lean Clinton	32	31	33
33	Republican/Lean Republican	35	38	40
26	Independent/Lean Independent	26	23	18
<u>7</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u> 100	$\frac{8}{100}$	<u>9</u> 100

⁴ Question worded "the 1992 presidential election."

⁵ Question worded "the presidential election in 1988."

ASK ALL:

Q.8 As I read the names of some leaders who may possibly run for President next year, tell me how much of a chance there is that you would vote for this person. First (**INSERT ITEM: READ AND ROTATE**), is there a good chance, some chance or no chance that you would vote for him if he is one of the candidates for president next November? What about (**NEXT ITEM**)... is there a good chance, some chance or no chance that you would vote for him?

		Good <u>Chance</u>	Some <u>Chance</u>	No <u>Chance</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Bill Clinton	30	25	44	1=100
	September, 1995	29	24	45	2=100
b.	Bob Dole	17	30	48	5=100
	September, 1995	19	31	46	4=100
c.	Ross Perot	12	21	65	2=100
	September, 1995	11	20	68	1=100
d.	Colin Powell	27	38	28	7=100
	September, 1995	28	39	27	6=100
e.	Newt Gingrich	6	17	70	7=100
	September, 1995	7	18	70	5=100
f.	Patrick Buchanan	4	20	67	9=100
	September, 1995	3	17	71	9=100
g.	Phil Gramm	5	20	61	14=100
	September, 1995	6	18	62	14=100

Q.9 What one issue would you most like to hear presidential candidates talk about? (OPEN-ENDED: ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS)

		Oct <u>1991</u>
20	Health care reform/Health care in general	8
14	The economy	43
14	Balancing the budget/Budget deficit/National debt	8
9	Crime/Drugs	5
8	The moral crisis in this country	-
8	Cutting taxes/Taxes	6
8	Welfare reform	-
6	The job situation/Unemployment/Protecting US jobs	15
6	Education/Education reform	11
5	Foreign Policy	-
4	Reforming/Cleaning up the political system/Term limits/Campaign finance reform	-
2	Race relations	-
*	Bosnia	-
10	Other (SPECIFY)	27
6	Don't know/Refused	13
3	None	
28	DOWNSIZING GOVERNMENT (NET)	
19	ECONOMIC CONDITIONS (NET)	
26	SOCIAL ISSUES (NET)	

5 FOREIGN POLICY (NET)

- Q.10 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?
- Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

		Aug <u>1995</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	Early Oct <u>1994</u>	Sept <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>
48	Republican/Lean Republican	50	45	47	52	48	45
48	Democrat/Lean Democrat	43	43	44	40	46	47
<u>4</u> 100 (N=15)	Other candidate/Undecided (VOL.) 05)	<u>7</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100

ASK ALL:

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT:

- Q.11 In your opinion, what is the biggest threat to people like yourself in the future... The actions of... (INSERT ITEM: READ AND ROTATE)
 - 50 Government
 13 Business corporations
 15 The news media
 5 The entertainment industry (OR)
 8 Wall Street Banks and investment companies
 3 None of the above (VOL.) (DO NOT READ)
 6 100

(NO QUESTION 12)

NOW I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY...

Q.13 First, I'm going to read you a list of personal characteristics or qualities. If "5" represents an *absolutely essential* quality in a President and "1" a quality that is *not too important*, where on this scale of 5 to 1 would you rate... (INSERT ITEM: READ AND ROTATE)

		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(1-3)</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Sound judgment in crisis	76	12	10	2=100
b.	High ethical standards	67	18	13	2=100
c.	Compassion for the average citizen	64	19	16	1=100
d.	Willingness to compromise	34	29	35	2=100
e.	Experience in public office	30	23	46	1=100
f.	Experience in Washington	21	23	54	2=100
g.	Saying what one believes, even if unpopular	59	21	18	2=100
h.	Forcefulness and decisiveness	50	30	18	2=100
i.	Political savvy and know-how	31	26	41	2=100
j.	Having consistent positions on issues	51	28	19	2=100
k.	Loyalty to one's party	25	15	58	2=100

IF NO QUALITIES RATED 5, GO TO Q.18

FOR EACH QUALITY RATED 5 IN Q.13:

Q.14 Of all the qualities you think are absolutely essential (**READ BACK ALL RESPONSES WHICH WERE CODED 5 IN Q.13**), which ONE would you say is the most important for a President to have?

97 MENTIONED ONE OR MORE

- 22 High ethical standards
- 19 Compassion for average citizens
- 18 Sound judgement in crisis
- 9 Saying what one believes, even if unpopular
- 8 Having consistent positions on issues
- 6 Forcefulness and decisiveness
- 5 Willingness to compromise
- 4 Loyalty to one's party
- 2 Political savvy and know-how
- 2 Experience in public office
- 2 Experience in Washington

<u>3</u> Not sure/Refused 100 (N=1904)

(NO QUESTION 15)

Q.16 Thinking of the candidates who are running or may run for President in 1996, who do you most identify with (**READ FIRST CHOICE, FROM Q.14**)? (**DO NOT READ LIST OF CANDIDATES**)

- 23 Bill Clinton
- 12 Bob Dole
- 9 Ross Perot
- 22 Colin Powell
- 3 Newt Gingrich
- 2 Patrick Buchanan
- 3 Phil Gramm
- * Malcolm Steve Forbes
- * Richard Lugar
- * Lamar Alexander
- 3 Other (**SPECIFY**)
- 23 Don't know/Refused 100 (N=1844)

(NO QUESTION 17)

ASK ALL:

- Q.18 Now, as I read from a list, tell me which ONE of the following items is the most important thing for the next President to do? Please wait until I read the entire list before you respond. (INSERT ITEM: READ AND ROTATE)
- Q.18a And which should be the President's second highest priority? (**READ ITEMS AGAIN, IF NECESSARY - SAME ORDER USED IN Q.18**)

	First <u>Priority</u>	Second Priority
Balance the budget	20	14
Improve the job situation	11	12
Reform Medicare	7	10
Improve the educational system	14	16
Deal with the moral breakdown in the country	17	10
Work to reduce crime	11	15
Deal with racial tensions	5	9
Deal with the problems of poor and needy people	12	11
Other/None/Don't know	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$

ASK QUESTIONS 19, AND 19a OF FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.19

F1 Thinking about problems such as families not staying together and children being born out of wedlock, do you think WHO is elected President can make a difference in dealing with these problems or not?

34 Yes -- GO TO Q.19a

62 No -- GO TO Q.21

<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused -- GO TO Q.21 100 (N=1021)

ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED "YES" IN Q.19:

Q.19a

- F1 In which way can the President make the biggest difference... (**READ RESPONSES**)
 - 19 By drawing national attention to these problems, OR
 - 52 By proposing policies that deal with these problems, OR
 - 26 By serving as a role model?

<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused 100 (N=357)

ASK QUESTIONS 20 AND 20a OF FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.20

F2 Thinking about problems such as low moral and ethical standards and a lack of respect for religion, do you think WHO is elected President can make a difference in dealing with these problems or not?

54 Yes -- GO TO Q.20a

40 No -- **GO TO Q.22**

<u>6</u> Don't know/Refused -- **GO TO Q.22** 100

(N=979)

ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED "YES" IN Q.20:

Q.20a.

F2 In which way can the President make the biggest difference... (**READ RESPONSES**)

- 18 By drawing national attention to these problems, OR
- 33 By proposing policies that deal with these problems, OR
- 47 By serving as a role model?
- <u>2</u> Don't know/Refused

(N=532)

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.21

F1 Thinking about the problems between racial and ethnic groups, do you think WHO is elected President can make a difference in dealing with these problems or not?

54 Yes
42 No
4 Don't know/Refused
(N=1021)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.22

F2 Thinking about the problem of the amount of violence in our society, do you think WHO is elected President can make a difference in dealing with this problem or not?

65 Yes

31 No

<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused

(N=979)

ASK ALL:

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.23 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views -- even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... (**READ AND ROTATE**) **AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE:** Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?

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e.	69	 The position of blacks in American society has improved in recent years 52 Strongly 17 Not Strongly There hasn't been much real progress for blacks in 	70 52 18	67 50 17	72 52 20
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	53	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostlyresponsible for their own condition38Strongly15Not Strongly	56 40 16	54 40 14	59 43 16
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	59	Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace 49 Strongly 10 Not Strongly	58 46 12	52 43 9	58 46 12
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j.	49	 We should all be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong 38 Strongly 11 Not Strongly 	49 39 10	47 39 8	52 43 9
	48	It's acceptable to refuse to fight in a war you believe is morally wrong 38 Strongly	47 38	47 37	45 35
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m.	77	 Too much power is concentrated in the hands of a few large companies 62 Strongly 15 Not Strongly 	75 59 16	73 58 15	76 59 17
	18	The largest companies do NOT have too much power 9 Strongly 9 Not Strongly	20 10 10	20 10 10	19 9 10
	<u>5</u> 100	Neither/Don't know	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{7}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$
n.	53	Business corporations make too much profit44Strongly9Not StronglyMost corporations make a fair and reasonable	51 42 9	50 40 10	52 43 9
	43	amount of profit 27 Strongly 16 Not Strongly	44 26 18	44 28 16	43 27 16
	$\frac{4}{100}$	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100
0.	73	Elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly 60 Strongly 13 Not Strongly	76 64 12	74 61 13	71 58 13
	24	Elected officials in Washington try hard to stay in touch with voters back home 14 Strongly 10 Not Strongly	21 12 9	22 13 9	25 14 11
	$\frac{3}{100}$	Neither/Don't know	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$
p.	33	Most elected officials care what people like me think18Strongly15Not StronglyMost elected officials don't care what people like	32 18 14	29 17 12	34 18 16
	64	me think 53 Strongly 11 Not Strongly	64 53 11	68 56 12	64 51 13
	<u>3</u> 100	Neither/Don't know	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$

Q.24 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 ALWAYS STARTING WITH EITHER HILLARY CLINTON OR COLIN POWELL) 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.	Hillary Clinton	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
b.	Congress	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
c.	Colin Powell	21	55	11	3	2	8=100
	August, 1995	26	36	12	5	7	14=100
	February, 1995	31	36	8	3	12	10=100
	December, 1994	31	38	7	2	11	11=100
	July, 1994	33	41	6	2	10	8=100
	June, 1992	30	35	11	4	10	10=100
	March, 1991	51	28	2	1	7	11=100
d.	The Republican Party	10	42	28	16	*	4=100
	July, 1994	12	51	25	8	*	4=100
	May, 1993	12	42	25	10	0	11=100
	July, 1992	9	37	31	17	*	6=100
e.	The Democratic Party	9	40	37	11	-	3=100
	July, 1994	13	49	27	7	*	4=100
	May, 1993	14	43	25	9	0	9=100
	July, 1992	17	44	24	9	*	6=100
f.	Business Corporations	6	54	29	7	-	4=100
	July, 1994	8	62	19	5	*	6=100
	November, 1991	8	57	22	6	0	7=100
	January, 1988	6	53	27	5	*	9=100
	June, 1985	8	50	24	7	1	10=100

SPLIT FORM QUESTIONS 25 AND 26.

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO RATE YOURSELF AND OTHER PEOPLE ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 6. FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.25/26 If "1" represents someone who believes that government programs should be cut back very much in order to lower taxes and reduce the power of government, and "6" represents someone who feels that government programs that help needy people and deal with important national problems should be maintained, where on the scale of 1 to 6 would you place yourself? And where on the scale would you place...? (INSERT NAME, ROTATE b-f)

		Anti-Government	Government Activist	<u>Don't know</u>	Average Rating ⁶
a.	Self August, 1995	45 45	53 53	2=100 2=100	4
b.	Bill Clinton August, 1995	36 35	61 61	3=100 4=100	4
с.	Bob Dole August, 1995	55 55	35 30	10=100 15=100	3 3
d.	Newt Gingrich August, 1995	62 59	27 23	11=100 18=100	3 3
e.	Colin Powell August, 1995	39 32	45 34	16=100 34=100	4 4
f.	Al Gore August, 1995	38 33	52 53	10=100 14=100	4 4

		ARY OF CLINTON	SUMMA SELF vs		SUMMA SELF vs. G		SUMMARY OF SELF vs. POWELL
	Oct <u>1995</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>
Self more "Conservative"	40	40	28	24	23	21	28
Self less "Conservative"	33	35	44	43	49	48	31
Self same	23	19	17	18	15	13	24
Other	$\frac{4}{100}$	<u>6</u> 100	<u>11</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>17</u> 100

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Based among those who could rate each.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT:

Q.27 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican Parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

34	A great deal	July <u>1994</u> 23	May <u>1990</u> 24	May <u>1987</u> 25
46	A fair amount	51	45	45
18	Hardly at all	24	27	25
<u>2</u> 100	No opinion/Don't know	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$

Q.27a 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 <u>1993</u>
21	Working together more	20
72	Opposing each other more	57
3	Same as in past (VOL.)	13
$\frac{4}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{10}{100}$

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT:

Q.28 Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination? <u>As a group</u>, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, fair candidates or poor candidates?⁷

		<i>Demo</i> Oct <u>1991</u>	<i>cratic</i> Jan <u>1988</u>	<i>Republican</i> Jan <u>1988</u>
3	Excellent	2	3	3
29	Good	18	27	34
46	Fair	38	44	42
18	Poor	15	17	11
$\frac{4}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	<u>27</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>10</u> 100

Q.29 So far, do you think news organizations are giving too much coverage to the 1996 presidential campaign, too little coverage to the campaign, or the right amount of coverage?⁸

		Sept <u>1992</u>	Feb <u>1992</u>	Oct <u>1991</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Nov <u>1987</u>
18	Too much	22	19	12	24	21
18	Too little	11	15	22	7	16
60	Right amount	62	62	58	62	58
$\frac{4}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{8}{100}$	$\frac{7}{100}$	<u>5</u> 100

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In trends the questions were asked about the men running for the Democratic presidential nomination.

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In trends the questions were asked about the 1992 and 1988 Presidential elections.

ASK ONLY OF FORM 1:

Q.30

F1 In reporting on a presidential candidate, what <u>one</u> factor do you think news organizations should pay the most attention to: (**READ CATEGORIES 1-3**)

9	A candidate's personal character,	Oct <u>1991</u> 7	Nov <u>1987</u> 9
66	A candidate's stand on issues, OR	46	41
24	A candidate's past experiences and qualifications	42	45
<u>1</u> 100 (N=10 2	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 21)	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$

ASK ONLY OF FORM 2:

Q.30a

F2 In reporting on a presidential candidate, what <u>one</u> factor do you think news organizations should pay the most attention to: (**READ CATEGORIES 1-3**)

- 6 What a candidate is like as a person,
- 69 What a candidate believes about important issues, OR
- 23 What a candidate has accomplished in the past
- <u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (**DO NOT READ**) 100

(N=979)

ASK ALL:

Q.31 Thinking about the issue of crime, do you think the press exaggerates the amount of crime there is in the country these days, or do you think the press accurately reflects how much crime there is?

		March <u>1994</u>	Jan <u>1994</u>
31	Exaggerates	29	28
64	Accurate	63	64
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{8}{100}$	$\frac{8}{100}$

Q.31a Some people feel that the freedom of the press portion of the Constitution mainly protects news organizations and their interests. Others feel that the freedom of the press portion protects the people and the public interest more. Which position is closer to your opinion?

		Aug <u>1989</u>
48	Protects news organizations more	32
46	Protects public interest more	56
2	Both equally (VOL.)	6
$\frac{4}{100}$	Don't know	<u>6</u> 100

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT BUSINESS CORPORATIONS...

Q.32 How much confidence do you have in business living up to its responsibility to the American public -- a great deal of confidence, some confidence, or no real confidence?

		Time-Yankelovich Dec. 1979
10	Great deal of confidence	14
65	Some confidence	57
23	No real confidence	25
$\frac{2}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{4}{100}$

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.33

- F1 These days, whose interests do business corporations put first,...the interests of... (**READ**)?
 - 46 Their stockholders
 - 34 Their top executives
 - 4 Their employees
 - 6 Their customers, OR
 - 6 The communities they are located in?
 - 1 None of the above (VOL. -- DO NOT READ)
 - <u>3</u> Don't know/Refused (**DO NOT READ**) 100

(N=1021)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.34

F2 In your opinion, whose interests should business corporations put FIRST,...the interests of...(READ)?

- 15 Their stockholders
- 4 Their top executives
- 30 Their employees
- 31 Their customers, OR
- 18 The communities they are located in?
- * None of the above (VOL. -- DO NOT READ)

<u>2</u> 100 Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

(N=979)

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Now I'd like to ask how things are going in your personal life today. Some of these things may not apply to you. First, how satisfied are with... (INSERT ITEM: ROTATE STARTING POINT): Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied?

		Very <u>Satisfied</u>	Some- what <u>Satisfied</u>	Not too <u>Satisfied</u>	Not at all <u>Satisfied</u>	Does Not <u>Apply</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	The amount of money you earn?	17	43	19	14	7	*=100
	March, 1994	23	39	15	14	8	1=100
b.	The kind of work you do?	46	28	6	4	16	*=100
	March, 1994	45	25	5	5	20	*=100
c.	The amount of leisure time you						
	have?	36	36	18	9	1	*=100
	March, 1994	41	32	16	10	*	1=100
d.	Your ability to balance your job and your family life?	38	35	10	5	12	*=100

Q.36 Now I'd like you to think about some concerns that people may have. How concerned are you, if at all, about (**INSERT ITEM: ROTATE**)? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this? What about (**NEXT ITEM**)...?

		Very Con- <u>cerned</u>	Somewhat Con- <u>cerned</u>	Not too Con- <u>cerned</u>	Not at all Con- <u>cerned</u>	Does Not <u>Apply</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>				
ASK ITEMS ad. OF FORM 1 ONLY: (N=1021) a F1 Not having enough money for											
a.F1	Not having enough money for	10	20	10	o	4	1_100				
	your retirement? March 1994	48 42	29 29	10 14	8 12	4 3	1 = 100 1 = 100				
	May 1988	42 34	35	14	8	4	4=100				
b.F1	Being unable to save enough money to put a child through										
	college?	44	19	9	12	15	1=100				
	March, 1994	37	16	8	12	26	1=100				
	May, 1988	23	22	11	11	29	4=100				
c.F1	Losing your home because you can't afford to keep it or Being able to own your own										
	home	38	19	20	19	4	*=100				
	March, 1994	31	16	20	28	4	1=100				
d.F1	Losing your job or taking a										
	cut in pay?	34	17	16	17	16	*=100				
	March, 1994	28	16	14	21	21	*=100				
	May, 1988 ⁹	18	16	23	18	22	3=100				
	TEMS eh. OF FORM 2 ONLY: (N=	=979)									
e.F2	Becoming a victim of crime?	51	30	15	4	*	*=100				
	March, 1994	50	30	14	6	*	*=100				
	May, 1988	36	36	21	5	*	2=100				
f.F2	Not having adequate child	• •				• •					
	care when you go to work?	30	15	11	15	29	*=100				
	March, 1994	21	13	9	16	40	1 = 100				
	May, 1988	17	11	10	12	47	3=100				
g.F2	Being unable to afford necessary health care when a										
	family member gets sick?	66	17	9	7	1	*100				
	March, 1994	50	22	15	11	1	1=100				
h.F2	Your children not having			_		10					
	good job opportunities?	57	23	6	4	10	-=100				
	March, 1994	51	21	8	8	12	*=100				

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In 1988 question asked only about losing your job.

ASK ALL:

Q.37 On another subject, how do you think more free trade agreements with other countries, such as NAFTA, would affect the job situation here? Would they help the job situation a lot, help it a little, HURT it a little, or hurt the job situation a lot?

		March <u>1994</u> ¹⁰
9	Help a lot	20
27	Help a little	32
28	Hurt a little	14
27	Hurt a lot	18
1	Would not affect (VOL.)	1
<u>8</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u> 100

¹⁰ 1994 question was part of a series: Tell me how you think each of the following measures would affect the countries overall job situation ... more free trade agreements with other countries, such as NAFTA?

Q.38 Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views -- even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... (READ AND ROTATE) AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?

			April <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>
q.		This country should do whatever it takes to protect			
1.	77	the environment	74	77	78
		65 Strongly	63	65	62
		12 Not Strongly	11	12	16
		This country has gone too far in its efforts to protect			
	20	the environment	22	19	19
		13 Strongly	15	13	12
		7 Not Strongly	7	6	7
	3	Neither/Don't know	4	4	3
	100		100	100	100
r.		Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too			
	35	many jobs and hurt the economy	39	32	33
		23 Strongly	28	23	21
		12 Not Strongly	11	9	12
		Stricter environmental laws and regulations are			
	61	worth the cost	57	62	62
		47 Strongly	44	49	45
		14 Not Strongly	13	13	17
	4	Neither/Don't know	4	6	5
	100		100	100	100
u.		Homosexuality is a way of life that should be			
	45	accepted by society	47	46	46
		29 Strongly	30	33	26
		16 Not Strongly	17	13	20
		Homosexuality is a way of life that should be			
	50	discouraged by society	48	48	49
		41 Strongly	40	41	41
		9 Not Strongly	8	7	8
	<u>5</u> 100	Neither/Don't know	5	6	<u>5</u> 100
	100		100	100	100
v.		Books that contain dangerous ideas should be			
	46	banned from public school libraries	45	42	46
		37 Strongly	40	36	37
		9 Not Strongly	5	6	9
		Public school libraries should be allowed to			
	52	carry any books they want	53	55	51
		41 Stronlgy	44	47	39
		11 Not Strongly	9	8	12
	2	Neither/Don't know	2	3	<u>3</u>
	100		100	100	100

Q.38 con't ... April Oct July Miracles are performed by the power of God w. Strongly Not Strongly There is no such thing as a miracle performed by God Strongly Not Strongly <u>5</u> 100 <u>5</u> 100 $\frac{4}{100}$ Neither/Don't know We will all be called before God on Judgment х. Day to answer for our sins Strongly Not Strongly I don't believe we will have to answer for our sins on Judgment Day Strongly Not Strongly <u>5</u> 100 Neither/Don't know $\frac{4}{100}$

 $\frac{4}{100}$

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

Q.39 I am going to read some statements that candidates may be making next year in the election campaign. For each statement tell me whether you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... (**READ AND ROTATE**).

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't <u>Know</u>
ASK I	TEMS ad. OF FORM 1 ONLY: (N=	1021)				
a.F1	There should be a limit on					
	how many terms a person					
	can serve in Congress.	45	34	12	8	1 = 100
	November, 1991	55	25	10	8	2=100
b.F1	Government should play an active role in improving health care, housing and education					
	for middle income families.	36	42	16	4	2 = 100
	November, 1991	52	32	10	4	2 = 100
c.F1	A woman's right to decide about abortion should be					
	preserved.	49	22	10	17	2=100
	November, 1991	55	19	8	15	3=100
d.F1	Illegal immigrants and their children should NOT be allowed to receive education, health and welfare benefits.	29	29	25	15	2=100
ASK I	TEMS ei. OF FORM 2 ONLY: (N=9	979)				
e.F2	Government should play an active role in improving health care, housing and education				_	
	for low income families.	35	46	14	5	*=100
	November, 1991	53	35	7	4	1=100
f.F2	Everyone should be taxed at the same rate, regardless of how much money they make.	26	26	22	24	2=100
g.F2	In order to overcome the effects of past discrimination, qualified blacks, women and other minorities should be given special preferences in	8	29	27	25	2,100
	hiring and education.	ð	28	37	25	2=100

Q.39 con't ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't <u>Know</u>
h.F2	The U.S. should play a leading role in dealing with the world's problems.	15	49	27	8	1=100
i.F2	Mergers of big companies should be looked at more closely by the government.	28	44	20	6	2=100

ASK ALL:

ROTATE Q.40 AND Q.41: ELIMINATE INTRODUCTORY CLAUSE ("THINKING ABOUT THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY") FOR SECOND QUESTION.

- Thinking about the major problems facing the country, would you say President Clinton has made progress Q.40 toward solving these problems, tried but failed to solve these problems, not addressed these problems, or made these problems even worse?
 - 24 Made progress
 - 50 Tried but failed
 - 11 Not addressed
 - 12 Made problems worse
 - <u>3</u> 100 Don't know/Refused
- Q.41 (Thinking about the major problems facing the country,) would you say the Republican leaders in Congress have made progress toward solving these problems, tried but failed to solve these problems, not addressed these problems, or made these problems even worse?
 - 20 Made progress
 - 40 Tried but failed
 - 14 Not addressed
 - 21 Made problems worse
 - <u>5</u> 100 Don't know/Refused

Q.42	In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

		Early													
		April				Nov		Oct	-			Feb	May	Jan	May
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
30	Republican	30	35	33	35	28	31	33	29	28	28	31	28	27	25
30	Democrat	29	28	30	31	31	32	30	33	32	33	38	38	39	37
35	Independent	37	32	33	30	35	33	32	35	36	28	23	26	26	28
3	No preference	3	-	-	-	4	3	-	2	1	9	7	6	6	8
*	Other party	*	2	2	2	*	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$

Q.43 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican, or NOT a strong Republican?

		1		-		May <u>1990</u>				2
11	Strong	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
<u>19</u> 30	Not strong	<u>15</u> 30	<u>15</u> 31	<u>16</u> 29	<u>17</u> 28	<u>15</u> 28	<u>16</u> 31	<u>15</u> 28	<u>15</u> 27	<u>14</u> 25

Q.44 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat, or NOT a strong Democrat?

		1		2	June 1992	2		2		2
14	Strong	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
<u>16</u> 30	Not strong	<u>15</u> 29	$\frac{14}{32}$	<u>18</u> 33	<u>18</u> 32	<u>17</u> 33	<u>21</u> 38	<u>19</u> 38	<u>20</u> 39	<u>19</u> 37

Q.45 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

					July <u>1994</u>						
14	Republican	18	13	14	17	14	13	9	12	11	13
16	Democratic	14	13	12	14	13	13	11	12	13	13
$\frac{10}{40}$	Neither	$\frac{9}{41}$	<u>15</u> 41	<u>8</u> 34	$\frac{7}{38}$	<u>13</u> 40	<u>13</u> 39	<u>11</u> 31	<u>10</u> 34	<u>10</u> 34	<u>12</u> 38

ASK ALL:

- Q.46 How often, if ever, do you listen to radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues and politics... (**READ**)
 - 18 Regularly
 33 Sometimes
 25 Rarely
 24 OR never?
 * Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

(NO Q.47)

Q.48 Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

		April <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	ABC/Washington Post ¹¹ Jan Sept <u>1984</u> <u>1982</u>
59	Agree	57	53	41 44
37	Disagree	38	43	48 44
$\frac{4}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u> 100	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{11}{100}$ $\frac{12}{100}$

¹¹ Trends based on a somewhat different question wording: "Tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with [the following statement], or if perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement -- 'We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

Q.49 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs... (**READ**)

		April <u>1995</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
46	Most of the time	43	49	45	46	39	47	37	37	41
35	Some of the time	35	30	35	33	34	34	37	35	35
14	Only now and then	16	13	14	15	18	14	17	18	15
5	Hardly at all	6	7	6	6	9	4	6	8	7
* 100	Don't know	$\frac{*}{100}$	<u>1</u> 100	* 100	* 100	* 100	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$

Q.50 In the 1992 Presidential election, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **IF VOTED, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Bush or Perot?

35	Yes, Clinton
25	Yes, Bush
11	Yes, Perot
1	Yes, other candidate
1	Yes, don't remember which candidate
22	No, didn't vote/Too young
1	Don't remember if voted
4	Refused

100

Q.51 In the 1994 elections for Congress last November, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

		April <u>1995</u>
62	Yes, voted	62
35	No, didn't vote/Too young GO TO Q.43	37
$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't Remember if voted/Refused GO TO Q.43	$\frac{1}{100}$

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED YES IN Q.51, ASK:

Q.52 Are you absolutely certain you voted, or is there a chance you may not have?

		April <u>1995</u>
57	Absolutely certain	58
$\frac{5}{62}$	Didn't vote/may not have voted GO TO Q.43	$\frac{4}{62}$

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED YES, CERTAIN, IN Q.52, ASK:

Q.53 Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

		April <u>1995</u>
47	Republican	50
43	Democrat	40
1	Other/Independent candidate	2
*	Didn't vote for Congress	1
6	Don't Remember which candidate	5
<u>3</u> 100 (N=121)	Refused 9)	<u>2</u> 100 (N=1101)

ASK ALL:

- Q.54 These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register... Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far?
- Q.55 Are you absolutely certain you are registered to vote, or is there a chance your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

		April <u>1995</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	Early Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June 1992
76	Yes, registered	76	73	77	76	79	76
	73 Absolutely sure3 Chance* Don't know	74 2 0	70 2 1	74 3 0	72 4 *	75 4 0	73 3 0
23	No	23	26	22	23	20	23
$\frac{1}{100}$	Not sure/Don't know	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$

ASK ALL:

Q.56 If there is a primary election in your state next year, how likely is that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for President? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

		Sept <u>1987</u>	May <u>1987</u>
63	Very likely	60	65
20	Somewhat likely	23	18
6	Not too likely	6	7
8	Not at all likely	9	6
1	No primary (VOL.)	*	1
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$

Q.57 How often would you say you vote... (READ)

		April <u>1995</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June <u>1992</u>	May <u>1992</u>	Nov <u>1991</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
41	Always	42	43	43	40	47	41	38	33	45	39	34
32	Nearly always	29	24	28	30	26	32	37	35	30	33	37
12	Part of the time	12	11	13	14	10	13	13	12	10	12	11
11	Seldom	11	13	10	11	11	11	9	10	8	8	6
*	(VOL.) Other	*	1	5	*	1	*	0	1	1	1	2
3	(VOL.) Never vote	6	8	1	5	5	3	3	8	6	6	9
$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	* 100	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$