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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>Don't Know</u>
January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic 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 Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
January, 2002	54	24	22=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		----- Clinton -----								-- Bush, Sr. --	
		Early Sept 2001	Feb 2001	Early Sept 1998	Sept 1997	Jan 1996	June 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994	Aug 1990	May 1990
60	Approve	47	50	71	60	50	46	45	38	40	42
28	Disapprove	44	22	23	34	42	46	46	56	52	47
12	Don't know/Refused	9	28	6	6	8	8	9	6	8	11
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

NO Q.4

Q.5 Next, I would like to ask you about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them. First, **[ROTATE ITEMS a AND b]**

a. Do you happen to know the name of the country in Latin America that recently has been in a political and economic crisis?

28 Argentina (*correct answer*)
 12 Another country
60 Don't know/Refused
 100

b. A dog owned by a former president was recently killed by an automobile. Do you happen to know the dog's name?

28 Buddy (*correct answer*)
 3 Another name
69 Don't know/Refused
 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]**

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a. The U.S. military effort in Afghanistan	51	35	9	4	1=100
December, 2001	44	38	12	5	1=100
Mid-November, 2001	49	36	11	3	1=100
Early November, 2001	45	36	12	6	1=100
Mid-October, 2001	51	35	10	3	1=100
January, 1991 ¹	67	28	4	1	0=100
b. Reports on the failed suicide bombing of an American Airlines jet coming from Paris	20	34	22	23	1=100
c. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	30	44	16	9	1=100
December, 2001	37	40	13	8	2=100
Mid-November, 2001	41	36	15	7	1=100
June, 2001	24	41	18	16	1=100
May, 2001	34	36	15	15	0=100
April, 2001	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
September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100

¹ In January 1991 the question was worded: "How closely have you been following news about the War in the Gulf?"

Q.6 CONTINUED ...

(Item c continued)

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
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
d. Tensions between India and Pakistan	23	36	24	17	*=100
e. Economic and political instability in Argentina	5	18	32	44	1=100

ITEM ASKED JAN 10-13 [N=841]:

f. The trial of a Massachusetts man accused of beating another father to death during a youth hockey practice	20	35	24	20	1=100
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ITEM ASKED JAN 14-15 [N=406]:

g. The ongoing investigation into the bankruptcy of the Enron corporation ²	19	24	20	35	2=100
December, 2001	11	23	28	36	2=100

Q.7 How have you been getting most of your news about national and international issues? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet? **[ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]**

	Sept 2001	Feb 2001	Oct 1999	Jan 1999	Jan 1996	Sept 1995	Jan 1994	Sept 1993	Jan 1993
82 Television	74	76	80	82	88	82	83	83	83
42 Newspapers	45	40	48	42	61	63	51	60	52
21 Radio	18	16	19	18	25	20	15	17	17
3 Magazines	6	4	5	4	8	10	10	9	5
14 Internet ³	13	10	11	6	--	--	--	--	--
2 Other (VOL)	1	2	2	2	2	1	5	3	1
* Don't know/Refused	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	*	1

² Current results from a separate survey conducted January 14-15, 2002. In December 2001 the question was worded "The bankruptcy of the Enron Corporation and its impact on the retirement investments of Enron employees."

³ Beginning in February 2001, "Internet" was substituted for "computer online sources."

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.7 ASK Q.8. IF NOT, SKIP TO Q.9⁴

ASK FORM A ONLY:

Q.8FA Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from network TV news, from local TV news, or from cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC, and the Fox News Channel? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE]

		Early								
		Sept	Feb	Oct	Jan	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan
		2001	2001	1999	1999	1996	1995 ⁵	1994	1993	1993
19	Network TV news	20	20	22	--	--	--	--	--	39
24	Local TV news	26	25	31	--	--	--	--	--	30
44	Cable news ⁶	34	35	35	--	--	--	--	--	38
4	Other	1	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	2
*	Don't know	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	1

ASK FORM B ONLY:

Q.8FB Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from network TV news, from local TV news, or from cable news networks? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE]

20	Network TV news
26	Local TV news
39	Cable news
2	Other (VOL)
1	Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM C ONLY:

Q.8FC Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from [READ, IN ORDER. ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

16	Local news programming
11	ABC Network news
11	CBS Network news
15	NBC Network news
28	CNN Cable news
8	MSNBC Cable news
16	The Fox News Cable Channel
4	CNBC Cable news
2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

⁴ On most surveys, form splits are determined at the beginning of the survey, and applied throughout. For the three-way form split on Q8, however, our field house programmers divided only those who answered '1: Television' in Q7 into three categories for the execution of Q8. Trend presents responses to Q8 as a percentage of the total population (or the total within the form, if there is a form split). Since the form was assigned only to those who answered '1: Television' in Q7 in this survey, this was impossible. In our long term trend, therefore, we impute the percentages for Q8FA, Q8FB and Q8FC by multiplying the results by .82 (the percent who said '1: Television'). This provides an approximation of the percent of the total population citing network, local and cable TV.

⁵ In September 1995, question wording did not include "international."

⁶ Beginning in October 1999, "cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC" was substituted for "CNN."

ASK ALL:

Q.9 In your opinion, who has been doing the best job of covering the news lately (**READ RESPONSES**)

		<u>Jan 1999</u>	<u>Jan 1996</u>
10	Newspapers,	13	14
13	Local TV news,	16	20
16	Network TV news,	21	50
38	Cable TV news,	31	--
1	News Magazines,	2	4
6	Radio, or	6	8
5	Online sources	3	--
<u>11</u>	None of above/Don't know (VOL)	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100

On a different subject...

Q.10 Compared with the past presidents, do you feel that Bill Clinton will turn out to have been one of the very best, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most of them?

		----- NBC/WSJ -----			
		March	Jan	Dec	Jan
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
12	One of the very best	13	16	13	12
39	Better than most	39	40	44	38
25	Not as good as most	23	24	24	26
19	Definitely worse than most	23	18	16	19
<u>5</u>	Not sure	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.11 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

		<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>									
		June	Jan	Jan	May	Feb	March	Oct	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
12	Improve a lot	11	11	17	12	11	10	9	6	8	9
53	Improve some	52	46	55	56	53	57	51	50	49	46
11	Stay the same (VOL)	14	12	14	17	17	16	15	14	13	16
15	Get a little worse	15	18	7	10	13	11	14	20	22	19
5	Get a lot worse	4	9	3	2	3	3	3	5	4	5
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.12 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

		<i>Newsweek</i>		<i>Newsweek Early</i>							
		Jan	June	Oct	Sept	May	Feb	Sept	May	Jan	Jan
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1984</u>
44	Better	18	15	16	18	18	25	24	24	22	35
17	Worse	33	24	22	17	31	22	16	20	26	13
36	Same	44	55	57	61	45	49	51	46	45	49
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q. 13 In your opinion, is President Bush doing as much as he can to improve economic conditions or do you think he could be doing more?

		--- Bush, Sr. ---	
		<u>March 1992</u>	<u>Jan 1992</u>
48	Doing all he can	21	21
46	Could be doing more	76	76
<u>6</u>	Can't say	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

Q.14 If you had to say, which do you think is mostly responsible for the nation's economic downturn... [READ, ROTATE]

48	The Sept. 11 terrorism attacks
	OR
46	Normal ups and downs of the economy
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

NO Q.15

Q.16 I'd like to ask you some questions about priorities for President Bush and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think the item that I read should be a priority. (First,) should **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE; OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES]** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **[INSERT ITEM]?**)

		<u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Important</u> <u>But lower</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Should Not</u> <u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK ITEMS a THRU I OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:						
a.F1	Improving the job situation	67	27	4	1	1=100
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2=100
	January, 2000 ⁷	41	35	16	4	4=100
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3=100
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4=100
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1=100
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1=100
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2=100
b.F1	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans	50	37	7	4	2=100
	Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2=100
	January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3=100
	January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4=100
	July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3=100
c.F1	Reducing crime	53	39	6	*	2=100
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*=100
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2=100
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1=100
	January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2=100
	January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1=100
	January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*=100
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2=100
d.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	35	44	13	3	5=100
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3=100
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3=100
e.F1	Reducing federal income taxes for the middle class	43	37	11	6	3=100
	January, 2001	66	26	4	3	1=100
	January, 2000	54	34	7	3	2=100
	July, 1999	57	30	8	4	1=100
	January, 1999	52	33	8	3	4=100
	January, 1998	54	33	8	3	2=100
	January, 1997	42	38	10	8	2=100
	December, 1994	53	32	9	3	3=100
f.F1	Reforming the campaign finance system	23	35	28	6	8=100
	Early September, 2001	29	35	23	8	5=100
	January, 2001	37	32	18	6	7=100
	January, 2000	32	34	20	6	8=100
	July, 1999	28	37	23	7	5=100
	January, 1999	29	36	21	6	8=100
	January, 1998	32	34	24	5	5=100
	January, 1997	31	37	23	5	4=100

⁷

Trends from January 2000 and all previous years are not entirely comparable due to a change in the placement of this question within the survey.

Q.16 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Important</u> <u>But lower</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Should Not</u> <u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
g.F1	Developing a national missile defense system to protect against missile attacks	39	35	15	7	4=100
	Early September, 2001	35	39	14	11	1=100
	January, 2001	41	32	14	9	4=100

NO ITEM h

i.F1	Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage	54	34	8	3	1=100
	Early September, 2001	60	31	6	2	1=100
	January, 2001	73	19	4	2	2=100
	January, 2000	54	31	9	3	3=100
j.F1	Protecting the environment	44	42	12	1	1=100
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1=100
	January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1=100
	July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1=100
	January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1=100
	January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1=100
	January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1=100
k.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	83	15	1	*	1=100
l.F1	Taking steps to stimulate the economy	61	30	4	1	4=100

ASK ITEMS m THRU x OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:

m.F2	Improving the educational system	66	27	4	1	2=100
	Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1=100
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1=100
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1=100
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2=100
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*=100
n.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	62	32	3	1	2=100
	Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2=100
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1=100
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1=100
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1=100
o.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	55	38	5	1	1=100
	January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2=100
	January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2=100
	July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2=100
	January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1=100
	January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1=100

NO ITEM p

Q.16 CONTINUED ...

		Top Priority	Important But lower Priority	Not too Important	Should Not Be Done	DK/Ref
q.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	44	46	7	2	1=100
	January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2=100
	January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2=100
	July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1=100
	January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1=100
	January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1=100
	January, 1997	57	35	6	2	*=100
r.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	45	32	12	7	4=100
	January, 2001	51	27	10	7	5=100
	January, 2000	48	34	9	6	3=100
	July, 1999	55	28	8	5	4=100
	January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4=100
	January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2=100
	January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3=100
s.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	52	37	7	2	2=100
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2=100
t.F2	Dealing with global trade issues	25	55	13	2	5=100
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6=100
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7=100
u.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	71	26	2	*	1=100
	Early September, 2001 ⁸	80	18	1	*	1=100
	January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1=100
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1=100
v.F2	Providing health insurance to the uninsured	43	45	7	3	2=100
	January, 2001	61	31	4	2	2=100
	January, 2000	55	32	8	2	3=100
w.F2	Waging the military campaign to destroy terrorist groups around the world	64	27	5	1	3=100
x.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	42	46	7	2	3=100
	Early September, 2001 ⁹	46	41	6	2	5=100

ASK ALL:

On a different question...

Q.17 Now thinking about President Bush's upcoming State of the Union address... Do you consider this year's State of the Union to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

		--- Clinton ---	
		Jan 2000	Jan 1999
54	More important	16	27
4	Less important	22	16
36	Same	53	51
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100

⁸ In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded "Keeping the economy strong."

⁹ In Early September 2001 the item was worded "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:

Q.18F1 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

		----- Clinton -----			
		Early Sept	Jan	Dec	Oct
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
52	Domestic policy	56	86	85	76
34	Foreign policy	30	7	7	13
*	Neither (VOL)	0	*	2	*
11	Both (VOL)	11	5	4	7
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:

Q.19F2 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or the war on terrorism?

33	Domestic policy
52	War on terrorism
*	Neither (VOL)
13	Both (VOL)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.20 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

IF "2" IN Q.20, ASK:

Q.20a Who do you think is more to blame for this... Republicans or Democrats?

		<u>Jan 2001</u>
53	Work together	41
39	Bicker and oppose one another more than usual	50
10	Republicans	n/a
11	Democrats	n/a
12	Both (VOL)	n/a
2	Neither (VOL)	n/a
4	Don't know/Refused	n/a
5	Same as in the past (VOL)	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

Q.21 When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more... [READ, ROTATE]

		<u>Jan 2001</u>
38	Conservative members of his party	48
	OR	
40	Moderate members of his party	37
<u>22</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u>
100		100

Q.22 As I read a list of issues, please tell me which party you think has the best ideas. (First), on the issue of **[READ AND ROTATE]** who has the best ideas... the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? **[REPEAT FOR NEXT ITEM:]** And who has the best ideas on...

		Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL) Neither	DK/Ref
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:					
a.	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	28	40	6	26=100
	January, 2001	36	44	7	13=100
	January, 1999	27	46	7	20=100
b.	Cutting taxes for the middle class	35	40	5	20=100
	January, 2001	41	42	6	11=100
	January, 1999	32	45	6	17=100
c.	Improving the educational system	37	34	6	23=100
	January, 2001	40	41	7	12=100
	January, 1999	26	46	7	21=100
d.	Dealing with the economy	43	34	5	18=100
	May, 2001 ¹⁰	33	44	13	10=100
	Gallup: May, 2000 ¹¹	41	45	0	14=100
	June, 1999	37	43	11	9=100
	March, 1999	39	44	8	9=100
	September, 1998	40	38	12	10=100
	March, 1998	40	40	15	5=100
	Gallup: October, 1997	39	45	10	6=100
	October, 1994	45	33	12	10=100
	Gallup: October, 1992 (RV's)	36	45	10	9=100
	Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	0	28=100
e.	Dealing with the terrorist threat at home	48	18	6	28=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:					
f.	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans	20	45	6	29=100
	January, 2001	30	47	7	16=100
	January, 1999	25	46	7	22=100
g.	Providing prescription drug benefits to senior citizens on Medicare	18	46	5	31=100
	January, 2001	30	49	5	16=100
h.	Dealing with the global economy	36	29	5	30=100
	January, 2001	39	37	5	19=100
	January, 1999	33	38	6	23=100
i.	Improving morality in this country	38	27	8	27=100
	January, 2001	49	26	11	14=100
	January, 1999	37	29	17	17=100
j.	Dealing with the military efforts to destroy terrorist groups overseas	51	16	6	27=100

¹⁰ Trend was worded: "Tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... keeping the country prosperous?"

¹¹ Gallup trend for 2000 and 1997 was worded: "Do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems... the economy?"

ASK ALL:

Q.23 Who do YOU now think of as the leader of the Democratic Party... **(READ AND ROTATE)?**

		---- Current ----			----- April 2001 -----			
		---- Party Id ----			---- Party Id ----			
		<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
14	Bill Clinton	6	21	14	15	10	21	14
15	Al Gore	11	17	17	20	12	27	20
10	Joseph Lieberman	9	13	10	12	11	12	13
9	Dick Gephardt [OR]	11	7	10	16	23	14	17
29	Tom Daschle	39	23	27	8	14	5	7
1	Other (VOL)	1	*	1	2	1	2	1
3	Nobody is (VOL)	4	3	3	8	11	6	7
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

NO Q.24

Now a few questions about the war on terrorism...

Q.25 How well is the MILITARY effort to destroy the terrorist groups going? **[READ]**

		<u>Early Nov, 2001</u>	<u>Oct 15-21, 2001</u>	<u>Oct 10-14, 2001</u>
38	Very well	30	38	45
51	Fairly well	45	45	35
6	Not too well	12	9	6
3	Not at all well	4	2	4
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.26 How would you rate the job the government is doing in BUILDING DEFENSES at home to prevent future terrorist attacks? Would you say the government is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

		<u>Early Nov, 2001</u>	<u>Oct 15-21, 2001</u>	<u>Oct 10-14, 2001</u>
13	Excellent	15	18	20
47	Good	47	51	47
31	Only fair	25	22	22
6	Poor	7	5	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.27 If you had to choose, what should get a higher priority now? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		<u>Early Nov 2001</u>	<u>Oct 15-21 2001</u>	<u>Oct 10-14 2001</u>	<u>Late Sept 2001</u>
44	Building our defenses at home to prevent future terrorist attacks OR	42	37	36	33
40	Taking military action to destroy terrorist networks around the world	42	48	45	44
12	Both (VOL)	11	13	13	16
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

NO Q.28

Q.29 If Osama bin Laden is captured or killed, do you think that the terrorism threat will be mostly over or do you think we will have to take further military actions to reduce the threat of terrorism to the United States?

5	Mostly over
92	Take further military actions
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:

Q.30F1 As part of the U.S. war on terrorism, would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule?

		Against Terrorists*	
		Mid-Nov	Mid-Sept
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>
73	Favor	85	82
16	Oppose	8	8
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100

*** Note: For Mid-November and Mid-September 2001, the question was worded: "Do you favor or oppose taking military action, including the use of ground troops, to retaliate against whoever is responsible for the terrorist attacks?"**

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:

Q.31F2 As part of the U.S. war on terrorism, would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule, even if it meant that U.S. forces might suffer thousands of casualties?

		Against Terrorists**	
		Mid-Nov	Mid-Sept
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>
56	Favor	77	77
31	Oppose	14	9
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100

****Note: For Mid-November and Mid-September 2001, the question was worded: "Do you favor or oppose taking military action, including the use of ground troops, to retaliate against whoever is responsible for the terrorist attacks, even if it means that U.S. armed forces might suffer thousands of casualties?"**

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Here are some reasons given for using military force against Iraq. As I read a reason, tell me if it is a very important, fairly important, or not important reason to justify the use of military force against Iraq. First, **(READ ITEM)**, would that be a very important reason, fairly important reason, or not important reason to justify the use of military force against Iraq?

		<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	If we learned that Iraq is developing nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction	77	15	5	3=100
b.	If we learned that Iraq helped the terrorists attack the United States on September 11 th	83	11	3	3=100
c.	If we learned that Iraq was harboring other terrorists	75	18	4	3=100

NO Q.33

C.1 What do you think the U.S. should do to try to get Saddam Hussein to accept weapons inspections? Should we offer to remove economic sanctions against Iraq, or should we threaten him with a military attack?

33	Offer to remove sanctions
49	Threaten military attack
4	Both (VOL)
3	Neither (VOL)
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF "1" IN C.1, ASK [N=402]:

C.2 If Saddam Hussein will not accept weapons inspections in exchange for lifting economic sanctions, would you favor or oppose using military force against Iraq?

67	Favor
27	Oppose
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF FAVOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE ("2" IN C.1 OR "1" IN C.2), ASK [N=843]:

C.3 In that case, should we attack Iraq only if our major allies agree to join us, or attack Iraq even if allies do not want to join us?

53	Attack only if allies agree
41	Attack even if allies won't join
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:

Q.34a

F1 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. taking military action to destroy terrorist groups in Somalia?

65	Favor
16	Oppose
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:

Q.34b

F2 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. taking military action to destroy terrorist groups in Sudan?

73	Favor
14	Oppose
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.34c Would you favor or oppose the U.S. providing military aid to the Philippines and Indonesia to combat terrorist groups in those countries?

69	Favor
21	Oppose
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:

Q.34d

F1 These days, are you more sympathetic or less sympathetic to Russia in its war against Islamic rebels in Chechnya, or hasn't your opinion about this changed?

27 More Sympathetic
 8 Less Sympathetic
 44 No change
21 Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:

Q.34e

F2 These days, are you more sympathetic or less sympathetic to China in its efforts to combat Islamic rebels in western China, or hasn't your opinion about this changed?

15 More Sympathetic
 12 Less Sympathetic
 51 No change
22 Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Do you think the United States should keep military forces in Afghanistan in order to maintain civil order there, or should the United States not do this?

68 Yes, keep forces in Afghanistan
 26 No
6 Don't know/Refused
 100

On another subject...

Q.36 In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?

		Mid-Sept <u>2001</u>	April <u>1997</u>	March <u>1996</u>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>April 1995</u>
55	Yes, it will be necessary	55	29	30	49
39	No, it will not be necessary	35	62	65	43
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.37 What concerns you more right now? That the government will fail to enact strong, new anti-terrorism laws, or that the government will enact new anti-terrorism laws which excessively restrict the average person's civil liberties?

		Mid-Sept <u>2001</u>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>April 1995</u>
40	Fail to enact strong laws	39	40
45	Enact laws that restrict civil liberties	34	44
3	Neither (VOL)	10	4
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100

Q.38 From what you've seen or heard in the news, do you approve or disapprove of the Bush Administration's plan to put non-U.S. (United States) citizens charged with terrorism on trial in special military tribunals rather than in the regular criminal court system?

		<i>Newsweek</i> <u>11/29-30/01</u>
65	Approve	68
23	Disapprove	22
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>10</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:

Q.39F1 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? [READ]

		Dec <u>2001</u>	Oct 15-21 <u>2001</u>	Oct 10-14 <u>2001</u>	Early Oct <u>2001</u>
20	Very worried	13	29	27	28
42	Somewhat worried	39	42	40	45
28	Not too worried	27	18	19	15
9	Not at all worried	19	10	12	11
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:

Q.40F2 All in all, how worried are you that you or someone in your family might become a victim of a terrorist attack? Would you say you are [READ]

		Early Nov <u>2001</u>	Oct 10-14 <u>2001</u>	Late Sept <u>2001</u>	----- <i>Gallup</i> -----				
					9/14-15 <u>2001</u> ¹²	9/11 <u>2001</u> ¹³	Aug <u>1998</u>	July <u>1996</u>	April <u>1995</u> ¹⁴
12	Very worried	13	18	17	18	23	10	13	14
26	Somewhat worried	27	32	36	33	35	22	26	28
38	Not too worried	35	29	31	35	24	38	34	33
24	Not at all worried	24	19	15	13	16	29	27	24
*	Already victim (VOL)	0	0	*	*	1	--	--	--
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.41 Thinking about the Mideast situation these days, do you think the U.S. should take Israel's side more, less or about as much as it has in the past?

		<u>Oct 15-21, 2001</u>
22	More	16
14	Less	19
53	As much as in the past	56
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

NO Q.42, Q.43 OR Q.44

¹² For the September 14-15 Gallup trend the question started with wording, "I'd like to ask you a few questions about the events that occurred this past Tuesday in New York City and Washington, DC..."

¹³ For the September 11 Gallup trend the question started with wording, "I'd like to ask you a few questions about the events that occurred today in New York City and Washington, DC..."

¹⁴ For the April 1995 Gallup trend the question was worded, "How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack similar to the bombing in Oklahoma City?"

Q.45 As I read from a list tell me how important each of the following is as a way to reduce terrorism in the future. (First), **[READ AND ROTATE]** is this very important, fairly important, not too important, or not at all important as a way to reduce terrorism in the future?

		<u>Very</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Fairly</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:						
a.F1	Decrease American dependence on oil imported from the Middle East	53	29	9	4	5=100
b.F1	Encourage more democracy in Mideast countries like Egypt and Saudi Arabia	42	35	11	5	7=100
c.F1	Take military action to wipe out facilities of countries attempting to build nuclear weapons	54	27	9	5	5=100
d.F1	Increase foreign aid to countries that help the U.S. combat terrorism	41	40	11	4	4=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=601]:						
e.F2	Purchase and destroy nuclear wastes and weapons in former Soviet Republics	40	33	17	5	5=100
f.F2	Increase defense spending to maintain our military preparedness	54	33	7	3	3=100
g.F2	Attempt to reduce poverty with foreign aid as a way of combating terrorism in poor Mideast countries	24	41	21	10	4=100
h.F2	Increase military aid to countries that help the U.S. combat terrorism	39	40	12	5	4=100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

Q.46 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>
January, 2002	73	27	0=100
Mid-November, 2001	73	27	0=100
Mid-September, 2001	72	28	*=100
June, 2001	72	28	*=100
May, 2001	75	25	*=100
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 ¹⁵	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

¹⁵

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

IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.46, ASK:

Q.47 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>
January, 2002	62	38	0=100
Mid-November, 2001	62	38	0=100
Mid-September, 2001	62	38	*=100
June, 2001	62	38	0=100
May, 2001	64	36	0=100
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 ¹⁶	14	86	*=100

¹⁶

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?