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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>
February, 2002	78	13	9=100
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

ROTATE Q.2 AND Q.3

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>
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
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 job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? [**IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK**]

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
February, 2002	56	24	20=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100

Q.3 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
March, 2000	38	43	19=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100
September, 1999	35	48	17=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100
November, 1996	40	43	17=100
July, 1996	38	48	14=100
June, 1996	36	50	14=100
April, 1996	39	46	15=100
March, 1996	35	51	14=100
February, 1996	33	53	14=100
January, 1996	36	54	10=100
October, 1995	36	51	13=100
September, 1995	36	50	14=100
August, 1995	38	45	17=100
June, 1995	41	45	14=100
April, 1995	44	43	13=100
March, 1995	43	39	18=100
December, 1994	52	28	20=100

Q.4 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a.	The U.S. military effort in Afghanistan	47	39	8	5	1=100
	January, 2002	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 about the condition of the U.S. economy	35	40	15	9	1=100
	January, 2002	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
	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

¹

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

Q.4 CONTINUED ...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
c. The ongoing investigation into the bankruptcy of the Enron corporation	28	33	19	19	1=100
January, 2002	19	24	20	35	2=100
December, 2001 ²	11	23	28	36	2=100
d. The Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah	22	30	21	26	1=100
October, 2000 ³	27	28	24	21	*=100
Early September, 1996	32	34	20	14	*=100
July, 1996	45	30	13	11	1=100
February, 1992	33	30	19	17	1=100
e. The abduction in Pakistan of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl	24	40	20	15	1=100
f. The debate in Congress over George W. Bush's budget and tax cut plan	17	31	28	23	1=100
April, 2001	24	38	20	18	*=100
February, 2001 ⁴	31	35	19	14	1=100

Now a few questions about politics...

Q.5 If the 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 RESPONDENT ANSWERED '3' OR '9' IN Q.5, ASK:

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=906]:

	Republican/ <u>Lean Rep.</u>	Democrat/ <u>Lean Dem.</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
February, 2002	46	45	9=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100
Early November, 2000	42	48	10=100
Early October, 2000	43	47	10=100
July, 2000	43	47	10=100
February, 2000	44	47	9=100
October, 1999	43	49	8=100
June, 1999	40	50	10=100
November, 1998	42	48	10=100
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100

² In December 2001 the question was worded "The bankruptcy of the Enron Corporation and its impact on the retirement investments of Enron employees."

³ In October 2000 the question was worded "The summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia." In early September and July 1996 the question was worded, "The summer Olympic Games in Atlanta." In February 1992 the question was worded, "The Winter Olympics."

⁴ In February 2001 the question was worded "George W. Bush's tax-cut plan."

Q.5/Q.5a CONTINUED ...

	Republican/ <u>Lean Rep.</u>	Democrat/ <u>Lean Dem.</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100
June, 1998	44	46	10=100
March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 1998	41	50	9=100
January, 1998	41	51	8=100
August, 1997	45	48	7=100
November, 1996 ⁵	44	48	8=100
October, 1996	42	49	9=100
Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
July, 1996	46	47	7=100
June, 1996	44	50	6=100
March, 1996	44	49	7=100
January, 1996	46	47	7=100
October, 1995	48	48	4=100
August, 1995	50	43	7=100
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

ROTATE Q.6 AND Q.7

ASK ALL:

Q.6 Thinking about your vote for Congress this fall, will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=906]:

		Early Oct <u>2000</u>	July <u>2000</u>	Late Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	June <u>1998</u>
46	Yes, will be a factor	46	46	46	47	41	44	45
49	No, will not	50	49	50	49	56	53	51
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

Q.7 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, as a vote against George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=906]:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	Not a <u>Factor</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
February, 2002	34	9	50	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6=100
Clinton: Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3=100
Clinton: Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2=100
Clinton: Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
Clinton: June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
Clinton: March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
Clinton: September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
Clinton: November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
Clinton: October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
<i>CBS/NYT (BUSH):</i> 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
<i>CBS/NYT (REAGAN):</i> 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7=100
<i>CBS/NYT (REAGAN):</i> 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
<i>CBS/NYT (REAGAN):</i> 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

Q.8 Now I am going to read you a few statements. For each, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE]

	<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business	25	51	16	4	4=100
Late September, 1999	23	53	14	5	5=100
November, 1997	22	54	16	5	3=100
July, 1994	26	52	15	5	2=100
June, 1992	24	54	15	5	2=100
Nov, 1991	29	47	15	6	3=100
May, 1990	20	57	14	3	6=100
Feb, 1989	23	54	14	4	5=100
May, 1988	25	54	14	3	4=100
May, 1987	16	60	16	3	5=100
b. Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest	7	33	38	16	6=100
Late September, 1999	7	38	37	13	5=100
November, 1997	7	38	40	12	3=100
July, 1994	7	38	38	15	2=100
June, 1992	5	35	42	14	4=100
Nov, 1991	8	32	38	19	3=100
May, 1990	5	38	37	13	7=100
Feb, 1989	5	33	44	12	6=100
May, 1988	6	36	39	13	6=100
May, 1987	4	39	38	10	9=100

Q.8 CONTINUED ...

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
c. Today it's really true that the rich just get richer while the poor get poorer	37	31	20	9	3=100
Late September, 1999	33	39	20	6	2=100
November, 1997	34	36	22	6	2=100
July, 1994	33	38	20	7	2=100
June, 1992	38	40	16	4	2=100
Nov, 1991	45	35	13	5	2=100
May, 1990	38	40	16	3	3=100
Feb, 1989	40	38	15	4	3=100
May, 1988	34	42	18	3	3=100
May, 1987	31	43	19	3	4=100

On another subject...

Q.9 Do you think the media is giving TOO MUCH attention to the Enron case, TOO LITTLE attention, or about the right amount?

24 Too much
 8 Too little
 59 Right amount
9 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.10 Does the collapse of Enron make you more worried about your own retirement savings, or has it not affected the way you view your own retirement savings?

35 More worried
 60 Has not affected
5 Don't know/Refused
 100

NO Q.11 OR Q.12

Thinking more generally...

Q.13 If you were making up the budget for the federal government this year, would you increase spending for [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE], decrease spending for [ITEM], or keep spending the same for this? What about for [NEXT ITEM]...

		Increase <u>Spending</u>	Decrease <u>Spending</u>	Keep Spending <u>The Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Military defense	60	5	31	4=100
	April, 2001	47	11	40	2=100
	May, 1997	21	30	46	3=100
	December, 1994	31	23	44	2=100
	August, 1990	23	43	31	3=100
	May, 1990	18	40	39	3=100
	May, 1987	24	29	44	3=100
b.	Anti-terrorism defenses in the U.S.	63	4	29	4=100
c.	Environmental protection	43	9	45	3=100
	April, 2001	48	9	40	3=100
	May, 1997	46	14	38	2=100
	December, 1994	40	17	40	3=100
	May, 1990	71	3	24	2=100
	May, 1987	59	4	34	3=100
d.	Energy	34	9	49	8=100
	April, 2001	52	9	35	4=100
e.	Medicare	63	3	31	3=100
	April, 2001	70	2	26	2=100
	May, 1997	44	8	44	4=100
f.	Health care	69	4	24	3=100
	April, 2001	71	4	23	2=100
	May, 1997	57	7	34	2=100
	December, 1994	52	11	33	4=100
	August, 1990	74	6	18	2=100
	May, 1990	80	3	16	1=100
	May, 1987	72	3	23	2=100
g.	Education	73	3	22	2=100
	April, 2001	76	5	18	1=100
	May, 1997 ⁶	67	7	23	3=100
	December, 1994	64	6	28	2=100
	May, 1990	76	3	20	1=100
	May, 1987	69	4	25	2=100

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

Q.13 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Increase Spending</u>	<u>Decrease Spending</u>	<u>Keep Spending The Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
h.	Government assistance for the unemployed	40	14	41	5=100
	May, 1997	20	33	44	3=100
	December, 1994	25	23	49	3=100
	Feb, 1989	26	14	57	3=100
	May, 1987	41	15	41	3=100

NO Q.14

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=594]:

Q.15F1 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be a more important priority for this country...
[READ AND ROTATE]?

		<u>May 2001</u>
45	Protecting the environment [OR]	42
48	Developing new sources of energy	49
<u>7</u>	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

Q.16F2 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for U.S. energy
policy... [READ AND ROTATE]

		<u>May 2001</u>
37	Expanding exploration, mining and drilling, and the construction of new power plants [OR]	44
54	More energy conservation and regulation on energy use and prices	49
<u>9</u>	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.17 I'm going to read you some 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... **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE] [AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?]**

		<u>Aug</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
a.							
50	Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest	48	45	45	43	38	41
	35 Strongly	32	29	28	25	24	24
	15 Not Strongly	16	16	17	18	14	17
41	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good	44	46	50	51	55	54
	31 Strongly	32	33	37	38	41	39
	10 Not Strongly	12	13	13	13	14	15
<u>9</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

b.							
77	Too much power is concentrated in the hands of a few large companies	77	75	77	75	73	76
	62 Strongly	62	61	62	59	58	59
	15 Not Strongly	15	14	15	16	15	17
17	The largest companies do NOT have too much power	17	18	18	20	20	19
	9 Strongly	10	10	9	10	10	9
	8 Not Strongly	7	8	9	10	10	10
<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

		<u>Aug</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
c.								
54	Business corporations make too much profit	52	51	51	53	51	50	52
	44 Strongly	42	43	43	44	42	40	43
	10 Not Strongly	10	8	8	9	9	10	9
39	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit	42	43	42	43	44	44	43
	24 Strongly	29	28	27	27	26	28	27
	15 Not Strongly	13	15	15	16	18	16	16
<u>7</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.18 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?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>	<i>Time-Yankelovich</i> <u>Dec 1979</u>
12	Great deal of confidence	10	14
64	Some confidence	65	57
21	No real confidence	23	25
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=594]:

Q.19F1 These days, whose interests do business corporations put first? The interests of... **[READ]**?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>
37	Their stockholders	46
43	Their top executives	34
3	Their employees	4
5	Their customers, OR	6
5	The communities they are located in?	6
2	None of the above (VOL -- DO NOT READ)	1
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

Q.20F2 In your opinion, whose interests should business corporations put first? The interests of... **[READ]**?

		<u>Oct 1995</u>
14	Their stockholders	15
3	Their top executives	4
31	Their employees	30
27	Their customers, OR	31
19	The communities they are located in?	18
1	None of the above (VOL -- DO NOT READ)	*
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>
100		100

NO Q.21

ASK ALL:

More specifically about the Enron situation...

Q.22 How important an issue do you think the collapse of the Enron Corporation is to the nation – of great importance, of some importance, or of very little importance?

		<i>CBS News/NYT</i> <u>Jan 2002</u>
49	Great importance	39
38	Some importance	44
8	Very little importance	8
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

**IF NOT FOLLOWING ENRON INVESTIGATION VERY CLOSELY (ANSWERED 2, 3, 4 OR 9 IN Q.4c),
ASK [N=840]:**

Q.23 We are interested in finding out why many people have not paid much attention to the Enron case. As I read a list, tell me if this reason applies to you, or not. First, **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE]**. Is this a reason why you haven't paid more attention, or not? ... Here's another... **[NEXT ITEM]** Is this a reason why you haven't paid more attention, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	It's hard to follow the business and financial dealings that occurred	55	40	5=100
b.	There was no serious wrongdoing	12	78	10=100
c.	It's just another example of the wealthy taking advantage of the system	49	45	6=100
d.	It doesn't affect me	42	54	4=100

ASK ALL:

Q.24 As you may know, Vice President Dick Cheney has said he will not provide Congress with information on energy meetings that included Enron officials. Do you think... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

26	The vice president is right to insist on the confidentiality of these meetings OR do you think]
66	He should release the information to Congress
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.25 To what extent do you think Enron executives were able to influence **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE, WITH ITEM C ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ITEM B]**. Would you say they had a great deal of influence, a fair amount, not much, or no influence at all?

		<u>A Great Deal</u>	<u>A Fair Amount</u>	<u>Not Much</u>	<u>No Influence</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Leaders of the Democratic Party	19	39	21	5	16=100
b.	Leaders of the Republican Party	31	37	14	4	14=100
c.	The Bush administration	26	35	18	7	14=100

Q.26 Which of the following statements best describes your view of members of the Bush administration's involvement with the Enron corporation **[READ AND ROTATE]**:

		---- Gallup ----	
		<u>1/25-27/02</u>	<u>1/11-14/02</u>
24	They did something illegal	15	10
36	They did something unethical, but nothing illegal [OR]	32	36
21	They did not do anything seriously wrong	28	28
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
100		100	100

Q.27 Regardless of what they may or may not have done, do you think Bush administration officials are hiding something, or don't you think they're hiding anything?

49 Think they're hiding something
 35 Don't think they're hiding anything
16 Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=594]:

Q.28a From what you know so far, what do you think is the worst thing about the Enron case [READ AND ROTATE]?

ASK IF RESPONSE GIVEN (1,2,3,4,5) IN Q.28a:

Q.28b What would you say is the SECOND worst thing about the Enron case? [READ REMAINING OPTIONS]

	Worst <u>Thing</u>	Second <u>Worst</u>	<u>Combined</u>
That many Enron employees lost their retirement funds	47	25	70
That top political leaders might be involved	7	17	23
That the reports of accounting firms may not be trustworthy	12	15	26
That Enron executives may have enriched themselves as the company collapsed	23	39	59
Other (VOL)	2	2	3
Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	10
	100	100	
		(N=554)	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

Q.29a From what you know so far, what do you think is the biggest lesson we should learn from the Enron case [READ AND ROTATE]?

ASK IF RESPONSE GIVEN (1,2,3,4,5) IN Q.29a:

Q.29b What would you say is the SECOND biggest lesson we should learn from the Enron case? [READ REMAINING OPTIONS]

	Biggest <u>Lesson</u>	Second <u>Biggest</u>	<u>Combined</u>
That retirement accounts are not as safe as many think they are	33	28	58
That business corporations have too much influence in Washington	19	19	37
That business corporations are not regulated enough	17	16	32
That corporate executives are too focused on profits	20	29	47
Other (VOL)	4	4	5
Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	11
	100	100	
		(N=562)	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=594]:

Q.30F1 How much confidence do you have in the president and Congress to write new laws that would reduce the role of money in politics AND be fair to ALL candidates -- including challengers, third parties and independents? Do you have a lot of confidence, some, only a little or no confidence in them to write such laws?

		Feb <u>2000</u>	Sept <u>1997</u>	<i>Ctr for Responsive Politics</i> <u>April 1997</u>
12	A lot of confidence	4	6	10
39	Some confidence	35	28	32
27	Only a little confidence	37	34	32
20	No confidence	22	29	25
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

Q.31F2 In general, do you think new laws COULD BE written that would be effective in reducing the role of money in politics, OR don't you think any new laws would be effective?

		Feb <u>2000</u>	Sept <u>1997</u>	<i>Ctr for Responsive Politics</i> <u>April 1997</u>
55	Yes, new laws would be effective	59	62	62
34	No, new laws would not be effective	34	32	32
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

And a couple questions about China...

Q.32 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today... Do you think China is **[READ, IN ORDER]**:

		Early Sept <u>2001</u>	May <u>2001</u>	March <u>2000</u>	June <u>1999</u>	March <u>1999</u>	Sept <u>1997</u>
17	An adversary	23	19	17	18	20	14
39	A serious problem, but not an adversary	48	51	44	53	48	46
33	OR, Not much of a problem	23	22	26	22	25	32
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.33 What is your impression... These days are relations between the U.S. and China improving, getting worse, or staying about the same?

		May <u>2001</u>	March <u>2000</u>	June <u>1999</u>	March <u>1999</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>
16	Improving	6	13	7	13	16
14	Getting worse	40	19	35	19	22
61	Staying about the same	48	55	50	60	53
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

And one last subject...

Q.34 As you may know, President Bush has proposed large increases in the budget for military defense and homeland security. Which one of the following do you think is the BEST way to pay for these increases, if they are to happen? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

- 24 Add to the budget deficit
 - 22 Reduce spending on domestic programs [OR]
 - 42 Postpone or reduce last year's tax cuts
 - 2 None (VOL)
 - * Multiple (VOL)
 - 1 Other (VOL)
 - 9 Don't know/Refused
- 100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

Q.35 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>
February, 2002	71	29	*=100
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 ⁷	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

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

Q.35 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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

IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.35, ASK:

Q.36 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>
February, 2002	62	38	0=100
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

Q.36 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Goes Online</u>	<u>Doesn't Go Online</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁸	14	86	*=100

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The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions:

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

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