## SPRING 1990 POLITICAL UPDATE

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INTRODUCTION: Hello, I'm representing Princeton Survey Research Associates of Princeton, New Jersey. We're conducting an important study about some issues that have been in the news lately, and I would like to talk to the youngest male over 18 years old who is now at home. (IF NO MALE AT HOME, ASK: May I please speak with the oldest female over age 18 who is now at home?)
Q. 100 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as President?

| 64 | Approve | $\frac{4 / 90}{74}$ | $\frac{1 / 90}{81}$ | $\frac{1 / 89}{55}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | Disapprove | 16 | 11 | 12 |
| $\frac{12}{100}$ | Don't know | $\frac{10}{100}$ | $\frac{8}{100}$ | $\frac{33}{100}$ |
| What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today? |  |  |  |  |

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Q. 102 Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you have just mentioned -- the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

| 29 | Republican | $\frac{5 / 88}{26}$ | $\frac{1 / 88}{30}$ | $\frac{5 / 87}{28}$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 30 | Democratic | 38 | 35 | 38 |
| 31 | No difference (VOL) | 22 | 24 | 24 |
| $\frac{10}{100}$ | Don't know | $\underline{14}$ | 100 | $\underline{11}_{100}$ |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |

Q. 103 Now let me ask you about some specific foreign and domestic problems. As I read off each problem, would you tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling that problem:

|  | Approve | Disapprove | DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Economic conditions in this country | 42 | 47 | 11=100 |
| b. Foreign policy | 58 | 30 | 12=100 |
| c. The federal budget deficit | 22 | 64 | 14=100 |
| d. Relations with the Soviet Union | 76 | 14 | 10=100 |
| e. The homeless | 23 | 64 | $13=100$ |
| f. Drugs | 44 | 50 | $6=100$ |
| g. Education | 45 | 45 | 10=100 |
| h. The environment | 44 | 45 | 11=100 |
| i. Health care | 30 | 59 | 11=100 |
| j. Abortion | 39 | 42 | 19=100 |
| k. Relations with China | 44 | 29 | $27=100$ |
| 1. Crime | 38 | 52 | 10=100 |

Q. 104 In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. at this time?

|  |  | 1/89 | 5/88 | 1/88 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | Satisfied | 45 | 41 | 39 |
| 54 | Dissatisfied | 50 | 54 | 55 |
| $\frac{5}{100}$ | Don't know | ${ }^{5} 100$ | ${ }^{5} 100$ | 6100 |

Q. 105 Now looking ahead -- do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?

|  |  | 1/89 | 5/88 | 1/88 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | Better off |  | 54 | 46 |
| 24 | Worse off | 15 | 10 | 18 |
| 27 | SAME (VOL) | 28 | 31 | 30 |
| $\frac{5}{100}$ | Don't know | $\underline{3}_{100}$ | $\underline{5}_{100}$ | $\underline{6}_{100}$ |

Q. 106 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?

|  |  | 1/89 | 5/88 | 1/88 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18 | Better | 25 | 24 |  |
| 31 | Worse | 22 | 20 | 26 |
| 45 | Same | 49 | 46 | 45 |
| $\frac{6}{100}$ | Don't know | 4100 | $\underline{10}_{100}$ | ${ }^{7} 100$ |

Q. 107 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD A) Which one of the items listed on this card do you most worry about being able to afford... (ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

| 17 | Housing | $20^{1 / 89}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | Day to day health care $\longrightarrow$ expenses |  |
| 28 | Health care expenses for a major illness or injury |  |
| 14 | Long term care expenses for an elderly family member |  |
| 14 | Retirement | 14 |
| 12 | College education | 15 |
| 5 | None (Volunteered) | 4 |
| $\frac{2}{100}$ | Don't know | ${ }^{2} 100$ |

*Asked in January, 1989 as just health care.
Q. 200 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD B) You notice that the ten boxes on this card go from the highest position of +5 for a country you have a very favorable opinion of all the way down to the lowest position of -5 for a country you have a very unfavorable opinion of. How far up the scale or how far down the scale would you rate . . . (READ LIST. CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)

Q. 201 We are interested in whether you feel more confidence or less confidence in our financial institutions. Compared to a few years ago, do you now have much more confidence, somewhat more confidence, somewhat less confidence, or much less confidence in the financial condition of large American banks and the safety afforded to their depositors?

| 4 | Much more confidence | $4 \underline{1 / 89}$ | $8^{*} \underline{8 / 84}$ |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | :---: |
| 20 | Somewhat more confidence | 19 | 29 |
| 38 | Somewhat less confidence | 40 | 33 |
| 25 | Much less confidence | 23 | 11 |
| 9 | Same (VoLUNTEERED) | 11 | 11 |
| $\frac{4}{100}$ | Don't know | -3 |  |
| 100 | $\underbrace{}_{100}$ |  |  |

*Wall Street Journal

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Q.202 In considering the financial difficulties of the savings and loans institutions, do you feel that it
    is a bad situation, but the worst is behind us, or do you think the problem may get worse in the
    future?
\begin{tabular}{lll}
28 & Worst is behind us & \(23 \underline{1 / 89}\) \\
59 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
Problem will get worse \\
in the future
\end{tabular} & 64 \\
\(\frac{13}{100}\) & Don't know & \(\underline{13} 100\)
\end{tabular}
Q. }203\mathrm{ Today, which one of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power? (READ)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline 41 & The United States? & 29 \\
\hline 4 & The Soviet Union? & 2 \\
\hline 46 & Japan? OR & 58 \\
\hline 4 & The countries of the European Economic Community? & 4 \\
\hline \(\frac{5}{100}\) & Don't know & \[
\underline{7}_{100}
\] \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Q. 204 In the year 2000, which one of the following countries do you expect to be the world's leading economic power? (READ)
\begin{tabular}{rlr}
35 & The United States? & 33 \\
4 & The Soviet Union? & 1 \\
40 & Japan? OR & 45 \\
& \begin{tabular}{l} 
The countries of the
\end{tabular} \\
12 & European Economic Community? & 9 \\
\(\frac{9}{100}\) & Don't know & \(\underline{12}\) \\
100
\end{tabular}
Q. 205 In the past ten years, do you think the ability of the U.S. to compete economically in the world marketplace has improved, gotten worse, or hasn't it changed much?
\begin{tabular}{lll}
20 & Improved & 21 1/89 \\
51 & Gotten worse & 47 \\
25 & No change & 27 \\
\(\frac{4}{100}\) & Don't know & -5
\end{tabular}
Q. 206 Looking to the future, do you think that the ability of the U.S. to compete economically in the world marketplace will improve, worsen, or stay about the same?
\begin{tabular}{llr}
39 & Improve & 46 1/89 \\
23 & Worsen & 17 \\
32 & Stay the same & 32 \\
\(\frac{6}{100}\) & Don't know & -5
\end{tabular}
Q. 300 If you had a say in making up the federal budget this year, for which of the following programs would you like to see spending increased, for which would you like to see spending decreased, or for which should spending be kept the same? First ... (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & Increased & Same & Decreased & Don't Know \\
\hline a. Improving and protecting & & & & \\
\hline the environment?
\[
5 / 87
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 71 \\
& 59
\end{aligned}
\] & 24
34 & 3
4 & \(2=100\)
\(3=100\) \\
\hline b. Financial aid for college & & & & \\
\hline students? & 51 & 37 & 10 & 2=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 43 & 41 & 13 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline c. Social security? & 63 & 32 & 3 & 2=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 64 & 31 & 3 & \\
\hline d. Research on AIDS? & 59 & 30 & 8 & 3=100 \\
\hline & 69 & 21 & 7 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline e. Aid to the new governments & & & & \\
\hline in Eastern Europe? & 14 & 31 & 49 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline f. Aid to the new government in Panama? & 12 & 33 & 48 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline g. Rebuilding highways, bridges and roads? & 54 & 40 & 5 & 1=100 \\
\hline h. Scientific research? & 51 & 37 & 9 & 3=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 45 & 42 & 9 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline i. Programs that assist & & & & \\
\hline blacks and other minorities? & 35 & 42 & 20 & 3=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 35 & 44 & 18 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline j. Improving the nation's & & & & \\
\hline health care? & 80 & 16 & 3 & 1=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 72 & 23 & 3 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline k. Reducing drug addiction? & 73 & 20 & 6 & \(1=100\) \\
\hline 5/87 & 66 & 24 & 8 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline l. Improving the nation's & & & & \\
\hline public school system?
\[
5 / 87
\] & 76
69 & 20
25 & 4 & \(1=100\)
\(2=100\) \\
\hline m. Military armaments and & 18 & 39 & 40 & 3=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 24 & 44 & 29 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline n. Programs for the & & & & \\
\hline o. Aid to farmers? & 50 & 34 & 13 & 3=100 \\
\hline 5/87 & 58 & 28 & 10 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline p. Government assistance & & & & \\
\hline to help with long term & & & & \\
\hline care for the elderly? & 76 & 20 & 2 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline q. Government assistance to help with childcare for & & & & \\
\hline working parents? & 53 & 34 & 11 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Q. 301 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD C) The following is a list of some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it. The first one is. . . (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
Strongly
Favor
Favor
Oppose \begin{tabular}{l} 
Strongly \\
Oppose
\end{tabular} Don't
a. Changing the laws to make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion

5/87
6/85
b. A mandatory death penalty for major drug traffickers
c. The "Star Wars"
program to develop
a space-based defense
against nuclear
attack
\(5 / 87\)
6/85
\(\begin{array}{lll}13 & & 32 \\ 13 \\ & \\ & \begin{array}{l}\text { Favor } \\ 57\end{array}\end{array}\)
\({ }^{31}{ }_{\frac{\text { Oppose }}{35}}{ }^{11}\)
\[
9=100
\]
\[
12=100
\]
d. Increasing
environmental
controls, even if it reduces employment opportunities
e. Proposals to increase
taxes on foreign
imports to protect
American jobs in
certain industries 5/87

36
\begin{tabular}{llll}
41 & 15 & 3 & \(5=100\) \\
47 & 16 & 4 & \(5=100\)
\end{tabular}
f. Putting pressure on China to be more democratic, even if it means risking our long term relationship with them

18
g. Restricting the sale of hand guns
\(2=100\)
Q. 302 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD D) We hear a lot these days about the tensions between various groups in this country. Look at the list of groups on this card. In your opinion which, if any, of these groups don't particularly like Catholics? (Just call of the number please.) Next, which of these groups don't particularly like.... (CONTINUE WITH LIST)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & Catho- & & & His- & Ind- & & & Can't \\
\hline Whites & lics & Jews & Blacks & panics & ians & Asians & None & Say \\
\hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 0 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline a. Catholics & 3 & 1 & 24 & 7 & 2 & 3 & 8 & 21 & 42 \\
\hline b. Jews & 14 & 16 & 2 & 17 & 8 & 4 & 9 & 16 & 38 \\
\hline c. Blacks & 53 & 6 & 11 & 2 & 18 & 7 & 10 & 8 & 25 \\
\hline d. Hispanics & 36 & 3 & 7 & 26 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 11 & 33 \\
\hline e. American Indians & 24 & 3 & 4 & 8 & 4 & 1 & 4 & 23 & 42 \\
\hline f. Asians & 29 & 5 & 8 & 17 & 10 & 4 & 1 & 14 & 42 \\
\hline g. Whites & 1 & 2 & 4 & 56 & 19 & 16 & 13 & 11 & 26 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Q. 303 What does it mean to you when someone says they are a Republican? (PROBE)
Q. 304 What does it mean to you when someone says they are a Democrat? (PROBE)
Q. 305 Generally speaking, would you say that you personally care a good deal which party wins control of Congress in the elections this fall or don't you care very much which party wins?

49 Care a good deal
46 Don't care very much
5 Don't know
Q. 306 In politics, as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?


IF "REPUBLICAN" IN Q.306, ASK Q. 307.
Q. 307 Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?
\begin{tabular}{llrrr}
13 & Strong & \(\frac{5 / 88}{13}\) & \(\frac{1 / 88}{12}\) & \(\frac{5 / 87}{11}\) \\
\(\frac{15}{28}\) & Not strong & 15 & 15 & 14
\end{tabular}
Q. 308 Do any of these statements come close to what you mean when you say you are a Republican? (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
a. I usually think of myself as a

Yes No DK Republican but I don't agree completely with what the party stands for
\(75 \quad 21 \quad 4=100\) 5/87
b. I usually prefer Republican candidates but sometimes I support Democrats
\(74 \quad 24\)
\(2=100\) 5/87
c. With me it's more a matter of not liking the Democrats than anything else
\(17 \quad 77 \quad 6=100\) 5/87
\begin{tabular}{lll}
18 & 78 & \(4=100\)
\end{tabular}

ALL REPUBLICANS GO TO Q. 312.

IF "DEMOCRAT" IN Q.306, ASK Q. 309.
Q. 309 Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?
\begin{tabular}{lllll}
16 & Strong & \(\frac{5 / 88}{19}\) & \(\frac{1 / 88}{19}\) & \(\frac{5 / 87}{18}\) \\
\(\frac{17}{33}\) & Not strong & 17 & 19 & 19
\end{tabular}
Q. 310 Tell me if any of these statements come close to what you mean when you say you are a Democrat? (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
a. I usually think of myself as a Democrat
Yes No DK
but I don't agree completely with what
the party stands for \(\quad 69 \quad 27 \quad 4=100\)
5/87
b. I usually prefer Democratic candidates but sometimes I support Republicans
\(63 \quad 34 \quad 3=100\)
\(5 / 87 \quad 66 \quad 32 \quad 2=100\)
c. With me it's more a matter of
\begin{tabular}{llll} 
not liking the Republicans than & & \\
anything else & 22 & 73 & \(5=100\) \\
\(5 / 87\) & 20 & 74 & \(6=100\)
\end{tabular}

ALL DEMOCRATS GO TO Q. 312.

IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NO PREFERENCE" OR "OTHER" OR "DON'T KNOW" IN Q.306, ASK Q.311. OTHERS GO TO Q.312. Q. 311 Would you say you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?
\begin{tabular}{lllll}
13 & Republican & \(\frac{5 / 88}{12}\) & \(\frac{1 / 88}{11}\) & \(\frac{5 / 87}{13}\) \\
13 & Democratic & 12 & 13 & 13 \\
\(\frac{12}{38}\) & Don't know & 10 & 10 & 12
\end{tabular}

\section*{ASK EVERYONE:}
Q. 312 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD E) As I read each of the following statements, tell me if, for you, it applies more to the Democratic Party, more to the Republican Party, or neither party? The first one is. . . (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
Republican Democratic Neither Don't
a. Ever since I can remember
Party Party Party Know

I have been a member of
this party 24 20
37
\(35 \quad 4=100\)
5/87 20
41

36
\(3=100\)
b. I'm involved in this party in my own community 10
\begin{tabular}{ll}
16 & 71 \\
17 & 70
\end{tabular}
\(71 \quad 3=100\)

87
c. I generally like the policies of this party 33

32
\begin{tabular}{lll}
38 & 23 & \(6=100\) \\
43 & 20 & \(5=100\)
\end{tabular}
d. I like the kinds of
candidates
\(5 / 87\)

31
31
29
\(8=100\)
5/87 31
37
25
\(7=100\)
Q. 313 Thinking of 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?

24
A great deal
5/87

45 A fair amount
45

27
Hardly at all
25
\(\frac{4}{100}\)
No opinion/Don't know \(\quad 50\)
Q. 314 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD F) Now I'm going to read you a few phrases. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether you think that phrase better describes the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? How about the phrase (READ FIRST ITEM). Does that more accurately describe the Republican Party and its leaders or the Democratic Party and its leaders? (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
a. Well organized 5/88 \(1 / 88\)
\(5 / 87\)
b. Select good candidates for office 5/88 1/88 5/87
c. Is concerned with the needs and interests of the disadvantaged 5/87
d. Are forward looking, not old fashioned 5/87
e. Have a common-sense approach to problems 5/87
f. Able to manage the Federal Government well 5/88 1/88 5/87
g. Can bring the kind of changes the country needs 5/88 1/88 5/87
\begin{tabular}{lllll} 
Describes & Describes & (VOL) & (VOL) & DK/No \\
Republican & Democratic & BOTH & NEITHER & \(\underline{\text { Opinion }}\)
\end{tabular}
40
39
38
34
\begin{tabular}{ll}
16 & 2 \\
23 & 1 \\
20 & 1 \\
19 & 2 \\
& \\
22 & 2 \\
30 & 1 \\
24 & 1 \\
26 & 2
\end{tabular}
13
14
14
13
\(9=100\)
\(9=100\)
\(9=100\)
\(9=100\)
32
28
31
27
14
11
56
\begin{tabular}{ll}
56 & 12 \\
61 & 14
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{rl}
8 & \(=100\) \\
10 & \(=100\) \\
9 & \(=100\) \\
9 & \(=100\)
\end{tabular}
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\begin{aligned}
& 8=100 \\
& 7=100
\end{aligned}
\]
\[
7 \quad 7=100
\]
38
1
\[
\begin{array}{rl}
12 & 10=100 \\
9 & 10=100
\end{array}
\]
3
\[
8=100
\]
\[
8=100
\]
\[
9=100
\]
\[
\begin{aligned}
y & =100 \\
10 & =100 \\
10 & =100
\end{aligned}
\]
\[
10=100
\]
h. Is concerned with the needs and interests of business and other powerful groups owerful groups \(5 / 87\)

15
15
\(5 \quad 8=100\)
\(5 / 87 \quad 57\)

15
16 8 = 100
i. Is concerned with the needs of people like me 21 5/88 \begin{tabular}{l}
42 \\
51 \\
\hline
\end{tabular} 1/88 23
8
1 1
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\begin{aligned}
& 7=100 \\
& 7=100 \\
& 7=100
\end{aligned}
\]
Q. 315 (INTERVIEWER: RESPONDENT RETAINS CARD F) Which political party do you think could do a better job of: (REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM BELOW)
\(\left.\begin{array}{llllll} & \text { Republican } & \text { Democrat } & \begin{array}{c}\text { (VOL) } \\ \text { Neither }\end{array} & \text { DK } \\ \text { a. Keeping social security } \\ \text { financially sound }\end{array}\right)\)
Q. 316 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD G) Now I'd like to ask you a question about how you regard yourself. On a scale from 1 to 10, where "10" represents a description that is perfect for you, and "1" a description that is totally wrong for you, how well do each of the following describe you? First, to what extent do you regard yourself as. . . (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)

Women ask a:
a. A feminist


Men ask b:
b. A supporter of the
women's movement
Combination of \(a \& b\)
for \(5 / 87\) for 5/87
c. An environmentalist 5/87
d. Pro Palestinian
e. A Republican 5/87
f. A Democrat 5/87
g. A liberal 5/87
h. A conservative 5/87
i. A union supporter 5/87
j. A business supporter 5/87
\(\begin{array}{lllllllllll}14 & 4 & 5 & 5 & 17 & 11 & 10 & 11 & 5 & 12 & 6=100\end{array}\)
\begin{tabular}{rrrrrrrrrrr}
10 & 3 & 6 & 5 & 17 & 12 & 13 & 13 & 5 & 14 & \(2=100\) \\
10 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 18 & 11 & 11 & 14 & 7 & 8 & \(3=100\) \\
4 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 14 & 12 & 13 & 16 & 9 & 17 & \(6=100\) \\
2 & 2 & 5 & 6 & 16 & 12 & 15 & 15 & 10 & 14 & \(3=100\) \\
29 & 8 & 9 & 8 & 13 & 6 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 & \(19=100\) \\
32 & 5 & 5 & 4 & 12 & 6 & 5 & 7 & 5 & 13 & \(6=100\) \\
34 & 7 & 7 & 4 & 13 & 6 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 8 & \(4=100\) \\
22 & 6 & 6 & 5 & 13 & 6 & 5 & 7 & 5 & 19 & \(6=100\) \\
21 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 13 & 6 & 7 & 9 & 6 & 16 & \(4=100\) \\
21 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 15 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 4 & 9 & \(8=100\) \\
21 & 7 & 9 & 7 & 15 & 8 & 7 & 8 & 4 & 7 & \(7=100\) \\
14 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 13 & 9 & 8 & 10 & 7 & 11 & \(7=100\) \\
15 & 6 & 7 & 7 & 14 & 9 & 9 & 11 & 7 & 9 & \(6=100\) \\
18 & 6 & 7 & 7 & 13 & 8 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 15 & \(5=100\) \\
13 & 7 & 7 & 8 & 14 & 8 & 9 & 8 & 5 & 13 & \(3=100\) \\
5 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 15 & 12 & 11 & 15 & 8 & 18 & \(6=100\) \\
7 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 19 & 11 & 12 & 14 & 7 & 8 & \(4=100\) \\
11 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 45 & \(6=100\) \\
8 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 10 & 52 & \(2=100\) \\
18 & 6 & 8 & 7 & 16 & 8 & 7 & 5 & 3 & 7 & \(15=100\) \\
12 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 13 & 10 & 8 & 10 & 5 & 10 & \(11=100\) \\
& & & & & & & & & & \\
6 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 14 & 10 & 9 & 12 & 8 & 25 & \(6=100\) \\
6 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 13 & 9 & 12 & 15 & 10 & 22 & \(3=100\) \\
& & & & & & & & & & \\
26 & 7 & 4 & 4 & 12 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 21 & \(6=100\) \\
23 & 6 & 6 & 6 & 11 & 6 & 6 & 7 & 7 & 18 & \(4=100\) \\
& & & & & & & & & & \\
21 & 4 & 5 & 3 & 12 & 5 & 5 & 7 & 6 & 28 & \(5=100\)
\end{tabular}
Q. 400 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD H) Now I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please 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. . . (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
\begin{tabular}{llll} 
Completely & \begin{tabular}{l} 
Mostly \\
Agree
\end{tabular} & \(\underline{\text { Agree }}\) Mostly & Completely Don't \\
Disagree & Disagree
\end{tabular}
a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does 5/87
\begin{tabular}{ll}
19 & 38 \\
14
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{llll}
38 & 31 & 11 & \(1=100\) \\
38 & 34 & 12 & \(2=100\)
\end{tabular}
b. Generally speaking,
elected officials
in Washington lose
touch with the people pretty quickly 5/87

30
48
\(51-17\)
\(\begin{array}{ll}2 & 3=100 \\ 3 & 3=100\end{array}\)
. Most elected officials
care what people like me think

37
39
\(14 \quad 3=100\) 5/87

5
d. Voting gives people like me some say about how the government runs things 5/87
e. Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control 5/87
f. Hard work offers little guarantee of success 5/87
he federal government
should be able to overrule individual states on important matters 5/87
h. The strength of this
country today is mostly based on the success of American business
\[
\begin{aligned}
& 6=100 \\
& 5=100
\end{aligned}
\]
1. Government regulation
of business usually does more harm than good
Completely Mostly Mostly Completely Don't
j. When something is run
by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful 5/87
k. The federal government
should run only those things that cannot be run at the local level 5/87
l. The federal government controls too much of our daily lives 5/87
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 22 & 45 & 25 & 4 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline 19 & 44 & 27 & 4 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline 26 & 51 & 16 & 2 & \(5=100\) \\
\hline 22 & 53 & 16 & 3 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline 22 & 40 & 29 & 5 & 4=100 \\
\hline 18 & 40 & 32 & 5 & \(5=100\) \\
\hline 10 & 42 & 35 & 10 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline 9 & 48 & 31 & 8 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline 5 & 38 & 37 & 13 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline 4 & 39 & 38 & 10 & \(9=100\) \\
\hline 29 & 48 & 15 & 3 & \(5=100\) \\
\hline 27 & 50 & 16 & 2 & 5=100 \\
\hline 23 & 40 & 24 & 6 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline 21 & 44 & 24 & 4 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline 21 & 40 & 26 & 4 & \(9=100\) \\
\hline 16 & 46 & 26 & 3 & \(9=100\) \\
\hline 21 & 44 & 24 & 4 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline 14 & 44 & 29 & 3 & \(10=100\) \\
\hline 13 & 52 & 24 & 6 & 5=100 \\
\hline 12 & 56 & 24 & 4 & \(4=100\) \\
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Completely \\
Disagree
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\end{tabular}
t. I don't believe that
there are any real
limits to growth in this country today
\(5 / 87\)
\begin{tabular}{llll}
46 & 25 & 5 & \(5=100\) \\
50 & 24 & 4 & \(5=100\)
\end{tabular}
u. We need new people in Washington even if they are not as effective as experienced politicians 5/87
v. Our society should do what is necessary to
make sure that everyone
has an equal opportunity to succeed

5/87
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37
46
53
w. We have gone too far in
pushing equal rights in this country 5/87
\(21 \quad 4=100\)
x. It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves 5/87
\(y\). The government should
help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt 5/87

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\(2=100\)
\(2=100\)

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\(6 \quad 4=100\)
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. The government should
guarantee every citizen
enough to eat and a
place to sleep
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22
aa. I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done
23 5/87
bb. I don't pay attention to whether a candidate calls
himself a liberal or a conservative 5/87
cc. I am very patriotic 5/87
\(42 \quad 23\)
\begin{tabular}{rll}
23 & 9 & \(4=100\) \\
26 & 7 & \(6=100\) \\
8 & 2 & \(2=100\) \\
7 & 1 & \(3=100\)
\end{tabular}

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dd. In the past few years
there hasn't been
much real improve-
ment in the position of
black people in this
country 10 5/87

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\(16 \quad 4=100\)
e. I think it's all right
for blacks and whites
to date each other
\(19 \quad 30\)
\begin{tabular}{llll}
30 & 18 & 26 & \(7=100\) \\
35 & 22 & 24 & \(6=100\)
\end{tabular}
ff. We should make every
possible effort to
improve the position of blacks and other
minorities, even if
it means giving them
preferential treatment 5/87
\begin{tabular}{lllll}
8 & 16 & 39 & 33 & \(4=100\) \\
6 & 18 & 43 & 28 & \(5=100\) \\
& & & & \\
5 & 26 & 42 & 23 & \(4=100\) \\
6 & 28 & 43 & 18 & \(5=100\)
\end{tabular}
hh. It is my belief that we
should get even with any
country that tries to
take advantage of the
United States 14
\(14 \quad 33\)

5/87
ii. The best way to ensure
peace is through military
strength
\(17 \quad 35\)
31
\(4=100\) 5/87
jj. American lives are worth
more than the lives of people in other countries
\(5 / 87\) \(\begin{array}{cc}\text { people in other countries } & 10 \\ 5 / 87\end{array}\)
kk. We all should be willing
to fight for our country,
whether it is right or wrong 5/87

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17
ll. I often worry about the chances of a nuclear war 5/87 21
23 31
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g. Discriminations against lacks are rare today

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43
\(5=100\)

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Completely Mostly Mostly Completely Don't
Agree \(\quad\) Agree Disagree Disagree Know
mm . Most of the countries
that have gotten
help from America
end up resenting us 5/87
nn. It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs 5/87
\(27 \quad 46\)

46
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\(1 \quad 4=100\)
oo. There is an international
communist conspiracy to rule the world 5/87

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qq. Communist countries are all alike

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\(7=100\)
\(8=100\)
pp. Communist and non-communist
countries can learn to
live together peacefully 28 5/87

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33
\(15 \quad 9=100\)
for a lot of the unrest in the United States today 5/87

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\(9=100\)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Q. 4 & (HAND RESPONDENT tell me which ca there will be so your opinion of & CARD I ategory me name (READ & Now, I this c on this M)? & like your d best ist that TERVIEWER & opinion cribes y you have CIRCLE & n som ur ove ever h NE NUMB & \begin{tabular}{l}
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\end{tabular} \\
\hline & & Very Favorable & Mostly Favorable & Mostly Unfavorable & Very Unfavorable & Never Heard of & Don't Know \\
\hline & Ronald Reagan & 18 & 44 & 20 & 16 & * & 2=100 \\
\hline & 5/88 & 16 & 40 & 22 & 18 & 7 & 3=100 \\
\hline & 1/88 & 17 & 42 & 24 & 13 & * & \(4=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 21 & 41 & 22 & 14 & * & 2=100 \\
\hline & 6/85 & 26 & 43 & 18 & 10 & 0 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline b. & Jesse Helms & 4 & 19 & 16 & 11 & 28 & 22=100 \\
\hline & 5/87 & 3 & 19 & 15 & 9 & 26 & 28=100 \\
\hline & 6/85 & 3 & 17 & 14 & 11 & 30 & \(25=100\) \\
\hline c. & Richard Nixon & 8 & 30 & 33 & 25 & 1 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 7 & 32 & 34 & 23 & * & \(4=100\) \\
\hline & Ted Kennedy & 18 & 43 & 19 & 15 & 1 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 21 & 43 & 21 & 10 & 1 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline & 6/85 & 17 & 42 & 22 & 12 & 1 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline & Jesse Jackson & 12 & 38 & 23 & 22 & 1 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline & 5/88 & 11 & 35 & 27 & 19 & 1 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 13 & 38 & 24 & 17 & 2 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline & Robert Dole & 7 & 45 & 15 & 5 & 13 & \(15=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 9 & 51 & 11 & 3 & 9 & \(17=100\) \\
\hline & Dan Quayle & 6 & 41 & 24 & 15 & 4 & \(10=100\) \\
\hline & Mario Cuomo & 9 & 28 & 12 & 5 & 30 & \(16=100\) \\
\hline & Richard Cheney & 3 & 17 & 8 & 3 & 44 & \(25=100\) \\
\hline & Richard Gephardt & 3 & 26 & 12 & 5 & 29 & \(25=100\) \\
\hline & Lloyd Bentsen & 6 & 28 & 14 & 7 & 26 & 19=100 \\
\hline & Thomas Foley & 3 & 17 & 6 & 3 & 45 & \(26=100\) \\
\hline & Bill Bradley & 6 & 23 & 6 & 2 & 40 & \(23=100\) \\
\hline n . & Jimmy Carter & 18 & 49 & 19 & 10 & 2 & 2=100 \\
\hline & 5/87 & 14 & 56 & 19 & 8 & * & \(3=100\) \\
\hline 0. & George Bush & 24 & 52 & 15 & 7 & 0 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline & 1/89 & 24 & 54 & 9 & 4 & & \(9=100\) \\
\hline & 10/88* & 23 & 35 & 20 & 17 & & 5=100 \\
\hline & 5/88 & 11 & 40 & 25 & 17 & & \(7=100\) \\
\hline & 1/88 & 11 & 41 & 26 & 13 & & \(9=100\) \\
\hline & 9/87 & 18 & 51 & 19 & 8 & & \(4=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 11 & 56 & 19 & 7 & & \(7=100\) \\
\hline p. & The Congress & 6 & 53 & 25 & 9 & 1 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline & 5/88 & 8 & 56 & 23 & 5 & 0 & \(8=100\) \\
\hline & 1/88 & 6 & 58 & 25 & 4 & 0 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline & 5/87 & 10 & 64 & 16 & 4 & * & \(6=100\) \\
\hline & Investment Bankers & 3 & 29 & 32 & 16 & 3 & \(17=100\) \\
\hline *Ba & sed on Registered Vot & oters & & & & ONTINU & D . . . \\
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\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & & Very Favorable & Mostly Favorable & Mostly Unfavorable & Very Unfavorable & \begin{tabular}{l}
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Heard \\
Of
\end{tabular} & Don't Know \\
\hline \(r\). & The Supreme Court & 10 & 55 & 18 & 7 & 1 & \(9=100\) \\
\hline S. & Mikhail Gorbachev & 10 & 52 & 15 & 12 & 2 & \(9=100\) \\
\hline t. & Pope John Paul II & 31 & 48 & 7 & 4 & 1 & \(9=100\) \\
\hline \multirow[t]{11}{*}{u.} & The daily newspaper you are most familiar with & 22 & 56 & 12 & 5 & * & 5=100 \\
\hline & familiar with & 25 & 5 & 12 & 5 & * & \(6=100^{5=100}\) \\
\hline & 1/89 & 22 & 56 & 13 & 4 & & \(5=100\) \\
\hline & 5/88 & 19 & 59 & 13 & 4 & & 5=100 \\
\hline & 1/27/88 & 19 & 62 & 11 & 3 & & \(5=100\) \\
\hline & 1/7-18/88 & 21 & 59 & 12 & 4 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 10/87 & 21 & 58 & 9 & 4 & & 8=100 \\
\hline & 5/87 & 22 & 59 & 12 & 3 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 1/87 & 19 & 57 & 13 & 6 & & 5=100 \\
\hline & 7/86 & 28 & 51 & 11 & 6 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 6/85 & 25 & 56 & 8 & 3 & & \(8=100\) \\
\hline v. & Network TV news & 22 & 60 & 12 & 3 & * & \(3=100\) \\
\hline & 8/89 & 28 & 54 & 11 & 3 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 1/89 & 21 & 61 & 12 & 3 & & \(3=100\) \\
\hline & 5/88 & 20 & 58 & 14 & 4 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 1/27/88 & 12 & 69 & 13 & 3 & & 3=100 \\
\hline & 1/7-18/88 & 18 & 60 & 14 & 4 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 10/87 & 19 & 62 & 10 & 3 & & 6=100 \\
\hline & 5/87 & 21 & 63 & 11 & 3 & & 2=100 \\
\hline & 1/87 & 19 & 55 & 16 & 6 & & 4=100 \\
\hline & 7/86 & 30 & 53 & 10 & 4 & & 3=100 \\
\hline & 6/85 & 25 & 59 & 8 & 2 & & \(6=100\) \\
\hline W. & The military & 18 & 55 & 15 & 6 & * & \(6=100\) \\
\hline X. & The CIA & 8 & 40 & 22 & 11 & 1 & \(18=100\) \\
\hline у. & The United Nations & 15 & 55 & 13 & 6 & 1 & \(10=100\) \\
\hline z. & The Church & 39 & 43 & 7 & 3 & 1 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline aa. & \begin{tabular}{l}
Vaclav Havel \\
(PRONUNCIATION VATS \\
SLAV HOVEL)
\end{tabular} & 5 & 10 & 2 & 2 & 62 & \(19=100\) \\
\hline bb. & The Klu Klux Klan & 2 & 2 & 10 & 81 & 2 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline CC. & Evangelical/ Christians & 12 & 31 & 19 & 19 & 7 & \(12=100\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Q. 402 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD J) Here are some statements on a different topic. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.
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\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Completely \\
Agree
\end{tabular} & Mostly Agree & \begin{tabular}{l}
Mostly \\
Disagree
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
Completely \\
Disagree
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
Don't \\
Know
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 46 & 31 & 16 & 6 & 1=100 \\
\hline 41 & 35 & 17 & 6 & 1=100 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
b. We all will be called before God at the judgment day to answer for our sins

52
52
29
9
5=100 5/87
c. Even today miracles
are performed
by the power of God 5/87
d. I am sometimes very conscious of the presence of God 5/87
e. I never doubt the existence of God 5/87

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60

29
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24
\begin{tabular}{ll}
21 & \(6=100\) \\
14 & \(7=100\)
\end{tabular}
g. Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries 5/87
h. Nude magazines and

X-rated movies provide
harmless adult enter-
tainment for those
who enjoy it
5/87
i. Freedom of speech should not extend to groups
like the Communist party
or the Ku Klux Klan 5/87

12
14
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\(27 \quad 5=100\)

The police should be
allowed to search the houses of known drug dealers without a court order 5/87

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Completely
Agree \(\underline{\)\begin{tabular}{l}
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k. Women should return
to their traditional
role in society 5/87
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4=100
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1. Too many children are being raised in day care centers these days 5/87
\(m\). The government ought
to be able to censor
news stories that it
feels threaten
national security 5/87
\[
5=100
\]
n. The news media should
be free to report on
any stories they feel
are in the national
interest
5/87
o. AIDS might be God's
punishment for
immoral sexual
behavior
16
17
p. I have old-fashioned
values about family and marriage

49 5/87

45
q. There are clear guide-
lines about what's
good or evil that apply
to everyone regardless
of their situation 36
34
r. Labor unions are necessary to protect
the working person 5/87
s. Labor unions have too much power 5/87
\begin{tabular}{llll}
22 & 19 & 33 & \(10=100\) \\
26 & 22 & 25 & \(10=100\)
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{ll}
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5 & \(4=100\)
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{cc}
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2 & \\
& \begin{tabular}{l}
\(1=100\) \\
\(2=100\)
\end{tabular} \\
& \\
6 & \begin{tabular}{l}
\(4=100\) \\
4 \\
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\end{tabular} \\
6 & \\
& \\
& \(4=100\) \\
10 & \(6=100\) \\
7 & \(7=100\) \\
& \(8=100\)
\end{tabular}
t. Today it's really true
that the rich just
get richer while the
poor get poorer
38
31

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35 & \begin{tabular}{l}
\(3=100\) \\
29
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5 & \(5=100\) \\
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& \\
15 & \(4=100\) \\
13 & \(5=100\)
\end{tabular}
\(47 \quad 17\)

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Mostly \\
Disagree
\end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{l} 
Completely \\
Disagree
\end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{l} 
Don't \\
Know
\end{tabular}
u. I can usually tell
whether I'll have a lot
in common with someone by knowing how much education he or she has 5/87
v. I don't have much in
common with people of other races

3
w. I often don't have enough money to make ends meet 5/87

19
14
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 7 & 23 & 46 & 21 & 3=100 \\
\hline 5 & 23 & 49 & 18 & \(5=100\) \\
\hline 5 & 19 & 50 & 22 & 4=100 \\
\hline 3 & 20 & 54 & 18 & 5=100 \\
\hline 19 & 28 & 41 & 11 & 1=100 \\
\hline 14 & 29 & 44 & 11 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline 18 & 35 & 35 & 11 & 1=100 \\
\hline 13 & 34 & 39 & 12 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline 9 & 49 & 28 & 13 & 1=100 \\
\hline 11 & 52 & 27 & 8 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline 50 & 35 & 9 & 4 & 2=100 \\
\hline 46 & 39 & 9 & 3 & \(3=100\) \\
\hline 33 & 49 & 12 & 4 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline 28 & 53 & 12 & 3 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline 12 & 36 & 38 & 12 & \(2=100\) \\
\hline 8 & 34 & 41 & 13 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline 17 & 53 & 23 & 6 & 1=100 \\
\hline 16 & 54 & 22 & 4 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline 7 & 28 & 46 & 16 & 3=100 \\
\hline 5 & 26 & 50 & 15 & \(4=100\) \\
\hline 30 & 37 & 22 & 8 & 3=100 \\
\hline 25 & 41 & 22 & 6 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline 12 & 41 & 27 & 15 & 5=100 \\
\hline 9 & 44 & 28 & 13 & \(6=100\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
ff. Sometimes I vote for a candidate without really knowing enough about him or her 5/87

NO QUESTIONS 500-599
Q. 600 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 most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 39 & Most of the time & \(\frac{1 / 89}{47}\) & \[
\frac{5 / 88}{37}
\] & \[
\frac{1 / 88}{37}
\] & \(\frac{5 / 87}{41}\) \\
\hline 34 & Some of the time & 34 & 37 & 35 & 35 \\
\hline 18 & Only now and then & 14 & 17 & 18 & 15 \\
\hline 9 & Hardly at all & 4 & 6 & 8 & 7 \\
\hline \(\stackrel{*}{100}\) & Don't know & 1 & \[
3
\] & 2 & \(\underline{2}\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Q. 601 Is your name now recorded in the registration book of the voting precinct or election district where you now live? (That is, are you registered to vote?)

Q. 602 Do you plan to register so that you can vote in the elections next fall?
\begin{tabular}{rlrrc}
14 & Yes & 12 & \(\frac{5 / 88}{13} \frac{1 / 88}{}\) & 13 \\
8 & No & 6 & 6 & 6 \\
\(*\) & Other & \(*\) & \(*\) & \(*\) \\
\(\frac{3}{25}\) & Don't know & -3 & 21 & 22
\end{tabular}
Q. 603 If the elections for Congress were being held TODAY, which party would you like to see win in this Congressional district, the Democratic party, or the Republican Party?
\begin{tabular}{clc}
48 & Democratic & 49 \\
42 & Republican & 43 \\
\(\frac{10}{100}\) & Other/Undecided/Refused & -8 \\
100
\end{tabular}
*Gallup Poll
Q. 604 As of today, do you lean more to the Democratic party or more to the Republican party?
2 Democratic

4 Republican
1 Other
6 Undecided
\(\frac{*}{13}\) Refused
ASK EVERYONE:
Q. 605 How often would you say you vote -- always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Q. 606 In the election in November 1988, when George Bush ran against Michael Dukakis, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? For whom?

Q. 607 Some people are so busy that they don't get to read a newspaper every day. How about you -- do you get a chance to read a newspaper just about every day, or not?
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & & & & 5/88 & & 5/87 & 6/85 \\
\hline 59 & Yes & 60 & 63 & & 66 & 60 & \\
\hline 41 & No & 40 & 36 & & 33 & 39 & \\
\hline \(\stackrel{*}{100}\) & Don't know & & & \[
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\end{tabular}
Q. 608 We're interested in how often people watch the major TV network evening news programs -- by this we mean ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, CBS Evening News with Dan Rather, and NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. Do you happen to watch network TV evening news programs regularly, or not?

Q. 609 Do you sometimes watch network TV evening news programs, or do you hardly ever watch them?

Q. 610 (INTERVIEWER: RESPONDENT RETAINS CARD J) For each statement please 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. . . (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)
Completely
Agree \begin{tabular}{lll} 
Mostly \\
Agree
\end{tabular}\(\quad\)\begin{tabular}{l} 
Mostly \\
Disagree
\end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{l} 
Completely
\end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{l} 
Disagree 't
\end{tabular}
a. I often don't become
aware of political
candidates until
I see their advertising
\begin{tabular}{lllrrr}
17 & 45 & 28 & 7 & \(3=100\) \\
on television & 17 & 42 & 34 & 10 & \(4=100\)
\end{tabular}
b. I get some sense of
what a candidate is
like through his or her
\begin{tabular}{clllll} 
TV commercials & 9 & 49 & 30 & 8 & \(4=100\) \\
\(5 / 87\) & 7 & 50 & 31 & 8 & \(4=100\)
\end{tabular}
c. I like to have a picture
of a candidate in my
mind when I go to
\begin{tabular}{clllll} 
vote for him or her & 21 & 53 & 14 & 6 & \(6=100\) \\
\(5 / 87\) & 16 & 54 & 16 & 6 & \(8=100\)
\end{tabular}

We are interested in how people get to know about political candidates. . .
Q. 611 Which gives you a better idea of where a candidate stands on issues: news reports on TV or candidates' TV commercials?
\begin{tabular}{llc}
74 & News reports & \(79 \underline{5 / 87}\) \\
17 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
Candidates' TV \\
commercials
\end{tabular} & 13 \\
\(\frac{9}{100}\) & Don't know & -8 \\
100
\end{tabular}
Q. 612 Which gives you a better idea of what a candidate is like personally: news reports on TV or candidates' TV commercials?

Candidates' TV commercials 24
\(\qquad\) Don't know
\(\underline{9}_{100}\)

\section*{SPRING 1990 POLITICAL UPDATE REINTERVIEW}

SEX: 1[]Male 2[]Female
TIME STARTED: \(\qquad\)
TIME FINISHED: \(\qquad\)
LENGTH: \(\qquad\)
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INTERVIEWER'S NAME:

DATE: \(\qquad\)

Hello. I'm \(\qquad\) calling for Princeton Survey Research of Princeton, New Jersey. A couple of months ago an interviewer from our company came to your house and interviewed a (AGE) year old (woman/man) living there about some topics in the news. I have a few more questions I'd like to ask (her/him) on this subject. It will take less than 5 minutes of (his/her) time. Is (he/she) available now? (IF NO: What would be a good time to call back?) (IF PERSON ANSWERING PHONE IS RESPONDENT, GO TO Q. 1, OTHERWISE READ THIS INTRODUCTION FIRST: Hello. I'm \(\qquad\) calling for Princeton Survey Research of Princeton, New Jersey. A couple of months ago an interviewer from our company came to your house and interviewed you about some topics in the news. I have a few more questions I'd like to ask on this subject. It will take less than 5 minutes of your time.)
Q. 1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as President?
\begin{tabular}{llr} 
& & \begin{tabular}{c} 
May
\end{tabular} \\
76 & Approve & \(\underline{1990}\) \\
17 & Disapprove & 24 \\
\(\frac{7}{100}\) & Don't know & \(\underline{12}\) \\
\hline 100
\end{tabular}
Q. 2 Now let me ask you about some specific foreign and domestic problems. As I read off each problem, would you tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling that problem:
a. Economic conditions in this country
May, 1990

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52
\[
8=100
\]
42
47
\(11=100\)
b. The situation in the Mideast
71
22
\(7=100\)
c. The savings \& loan crisis
24
54
\(22=100\)

Approve Disapprove DK
Q. 3 In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. at this time?
\begin{tabular}{llr} 
& & \begin{tabular}{c} 
May \\
\\
47 \\
48
\end{tabular} \\
Satisfied & \(\underline{1990}\) \\
\hline 1 \\
\(\underline{5}\) & Dissatisfied & 54 \\
100 & Don't know & \(\underline{5}\)
\end{tabular}
Q. 4 Now looking ahead -- do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?
\begin{tabular}{llr} 
& & May \\
46 & Better off & \(\underline{1990} 44\) \\
35 & Worse off & 24 \\
12 & SAME (VOL.) & 27 \\
\(\underline{7}\) & Don't know & \(\underline{5}\) \\
100 & & 100
\end{tabular}
Q. 5 Right now do you think the U.S. is in an economic recession, or not?

55 Yes
\(37 \quad\) No \(\longrightarrow\) SKIP TO Q. 7
\(\frac{8}{100}\)
Q.6a Is there any particular political leader, political party or special interest group that you feel is responsible for the recession, or is there no one in particular to blame?

Q.6b Who do you blame most for the recession? (DO NOT READ)

11 George Bush
11 Ronald Reagan
17 The Congress
39 Republicans
21 Democrats
3 Wall Street, financial institutions
2 Politicians/Government
1 Business corporations
17 Other (SPECIFY)
6 Don't know
Q. 7 I'd like your opinion of some countries. For each that I name tell me if you have a very favorable, favorable, unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of each. First...(READ AND ROTATE)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & & \begin{tabular}{l}
Very \\
Favorable
\end{tabular} & Favorable & Unfavorable & \begin{tabular}{l}
Very \\
Unfavorable
\end{tabular} & DK \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{a.} & Japan & 3 & 60 & 28 & 2 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline & May, 1990 & 12 & 44 & 27 & 12 & \(5=100\) \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{b.} & Israel & 3 & 46 & 35 & 3 & \(13=100\) \\
\hline & May, 1990 & 9 & 35 & 31 & 14 & \(11=100\) \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{c.} & Germany & 6 & 71 & 14 & 1 & \(8=100\) \\
\hline & May, 1990 & 17 & 57 & 14 & 5 & \(7=100\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Q.8a Is there any particular political leader, political party or special interest group that you feel is responsible for the savings \& loan crisis, or is there no one in particular to blame?

37 Yes, someone is responsible - GO TO Q.8b
49 No, no one is responsible 14 Don't know TO Q. 9
100
Q. 8 Who do you blame most for the savings \& loan crisis? (DO NOT READ)

8 George Bush
13 Ronald Reagan
21 The Congress
22 Republicans
7 Democrats
19 Wall Street, financial institutions
8 Politicians/Government
3 Business corporations
13 Other (SPECIFY)
6 Don't know
Q. 9 Which political party, the Republican Party or the Democratic Party do you think can do a better job of handling the savings \& loan crisis?

29 Republicans
32 Democrats
22 Neither (VOLUNTEERED)
17 Don't know
100
Q. 10 Which political party, the Republican Party or the Democratic Party does a better job of representing your views on abortion?

30 Republicans
40 Democrats
12 Neither (VOLUNTEERED)
18 Don't know
100
Q. 11 If you had a say in making up the federal budget this year, would you like to see spending increased, decreased or kept the same for improving the nation's health care?
\begin{tabular}{clr} 
& & \begin{tabular}{c} 
May \\
\(\underline{1990}\)
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 74 & Increased & 80 \\
6 & Decreased & 16 \\
18 & Kept the same & 3 \\
\(\frac{2}{100}\) & Don't know & \(\underline{1}\) \\
\hline 100
\end{tabular}
Q. 12 What about military armaments and defense? Would you like to see spending increased, decreased or kept the same?
\begin{tabular}{llr} 
& & \begin{tabular}{c} 
May \\
\\
23
\end{tabular} \\
Increased & \(\underline{1990}\) \\
31 & Decreased & 39 \\
43 & Kept the same & 40 \\
\(\underline{3}\) & Don't know & \(\underline{3}\) \\
\(\mathbf{1 0 0}\) & & 100
\end{tabular}
Q. 13 What is your impression... How much of the federal budget is devoted to aid to other countries? Would you say five percent or less, about ten percent, about 25 percent or a third or more?

12 Five percent or less
24 About ten percent
26 About 25 percent
21 About a third or more
17 Don't know
Q. 14 As I read some types of foreign aid, tell me whether you favor or oppose them.
\begin{tabular}{llccc} 
& Favor & Oppose & DK \\
a. \begin{tabular}{llll} 
Food and medical assistance to people \\
in needy countries
\end{tabular} & 80 & 17 & \(3=100\) \\
b. \begin{tabular}{llll} 
Aid that helps needy countries develop \\
their economies
\end{tabular} & 66 & 29 & \(5=100\) \\
c. \begin{tabular}{llll} 
Aid that encourages foreign countries \\
to buy U.S. products
\end{tabular} & 75 & 20 & \(5=100\) \\
d. \begin{tabular}{l} 
Economic and military aid to countries that \\
are important allies of the U.S.
\end{tabular} & 70 & 24 & \(6=100\)
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