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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 <u>youngest</u> male over 18 years old who is now at home. (IF NO MALE AT HOME, ASK: May I please speak with the <u>oldest</u> 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	$\frac{4/90}{74}$	<u>1/90</u> 81	$\frac{1/89}{55}$
24	Disapprove	16	11	12
$\frac{12}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{10}{100}$	$\frac{8}{100}$	$\frac{33}{100}$

Q.101 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

FORM II

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?

		5/88	1/88	5/87
29	Republican	26	30	28
30	Democratic	38	35	38
31	No difference (VOL)	22	24	24
$\frac{10}{100}$	Don't know	<u> 14</u> 100	<u>_11</u> 100	$\frac{10}{100}$

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:

a.	Economic conditions in this	Approve	Disapprove	DK
a.	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?

crue:		1/89	5/88	1/00
41	Satisfied	45	41	39 <u>1788</u>
54	Dissatisfied	50	54	55
$\frac{5}{100}$	Don't know	<u>5</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

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?

44	Better off	<u>1/89</u> 54	<u>5/88</u> 54	46 <u>1/88</u>
24	Worse off	15	10	18
27	SAME (VOL)	28	31	30
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know	<u>3</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

Q.106 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be <u>better</u> than they are at present, or <u>worse</u>, or just about the same as now?

18	Better	25 <u>1/89</u>	24 <u>5/88</u>	22 <u>1/88</u>
31	Worse	22	20	26
45	Same	49	46	45
<u>6</u> 100	Don't know	<u>4</u> 100	<u>10</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100

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

17	Housing	20 ^{1/89}
8	Day to day health care expenses	1
28	Health care expenses for a major illness or injury	*45
14	Long term care expenses for an elderly family member	I
14	Retirement	14
12	College education	15
5	None (VOLUNTEERED)	4
$\frac{2}{100}$	Don't know	<u>2</u> 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)

		Very Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Favorable	Very Favorable	DK
		-5 -4	-3 -2 -1	+1 +2 +3	+4 +5	0
a.	Canada	1	4	36	53	6=100
	5/87	*	3	37	57	3=100
b.	Soviet Union	14	30	44	7	5=100
	5/87	33	38	23	2	4=100
c.	Japan	12	27	44	12	5=100
	5/87	7	20	55	14	4=100
d.	Israel	14	31	35	9	11=100
	5/87	6	21	47	18	8
e.	China	22	39	27	4	8=100
	5/87	5	23	57	8	7=100
f.	South Africa	30	34	23	4	9=100
	5/87	27	36	24	5	8=100
g.	Germany	5	14	57	17	7=100
	West Germany 5	/87 3	13	56	19	9=100
h.	Mexico	11	31	43	8	7=100
	5/87	4	23	56	11	6=100
i.	Czechoslovakia	6	21	46	7	20=100
j.	Panama	17	39	30	4	10=100
k.	Iraq	43	34	9	2	12=100

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 1/89	* <u>8/84</u> 8
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	<u>3</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100

*Wall Street Journal

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?

28	Worst is behind us	23 <u>1/89</u>
59	Problem will get worse in the future	64
$\frac{13}{100}$	Don't know	<u>13</u> 100

Q.203 Today, which one of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power? (READ)

41	The United States?	29 ^{1/89}
4	The Soviet Union?	2
46	Japan? OR	58
4	The countries of the European Economic Community?	4
$\frac{5}{100}$	Don't know	<u>7</u> 100

Q.204 In the year 2000, which <u>one</u> of the following countries do you expect to be the world's leading economic power? **(READ)**

35	The United States?	33 <u>1/89</u>
4	The Soviet Union?	1
40	Japan? OR	45
12	The countries of the European Economic Community?	9
<u>9</u> 100	Don't know	<u>12</u> 100

- 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?
 - 20 Improved 21 $\frac{1/89}{21}$ 51 Gotten worse 47 25 No change 27 $\frac{4}{100}$ Don't know $\frac{5}{100}$

FORM I

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?

		1/89
39	Improve	46
23	Worsen	17
32	Stay the same	32
$\frac{6}{100}$	Don't know	<u>5</u> 100

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)

-	Improving and protosting	Increased	Same	Decreased	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	Improving and protecting the environment? 5/87	71 59	24 34	3 4	2=100 3=100
b.	Financial aid for college students? 5/87	51 43	37 41	10 13	2=100 3=100
c.	Social security? 5/87	63 64	32 31	3 3	2=100 2=100
d.	Research on AIDS? 5/87	59 69	30 21	8 7	3=100 3=100
e.	Aid to the new governments in Eastern Europe?	14	31	49	6=100
f.	Aid to the new government in Panama?	12	33	48	7=100
g.	Rebuilding highways, bridges and roads?	54	40	5	1=100
h.	Scientific research? 5/87	51 45	37 42	9 9	3=100 4=100
i.	Programs that assist blacks and other minorities? 5/87	35 35	42 44	20 18	3=100 3=100
j.	Improving the nation's health care? 5/87	80 72	16 23	3 3	1=100 2=100
k.	Reducing drug addiction? 5/87	73 66	20 24	6 8	1=100 2=100
1.	Improving the nation's public school system? 5/87	76 69	20 25	3 4	1=100 2=100
m.	Military armaments and defense? 5/87	18 24	39 44	40 29	3=100 3=100
n.	Programs for the homeless? 5/87	67 67	25 25	6 5	2=100 3=100
ο.	Aid to farmers? 5/87	50 58	34 28	13 10	3=100 4=100
p.	Government assistance to help with long term care for the elderly?	76	20	2	2=100
q.	Government assistance to help with childcare for working parents?	53	34	11	2=100

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 <u>Favor F</u>	<u>'avor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	Changing the laws to make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion 5/87 6/85	21 18 <u>Favor</u> 47	17 23		26 18 9	7 = 100 8 = 100
b.	A mandatory death penalty for major drug traffickers	42	31	18	6	3 = 100
c.	The "Star Wars" program to develop a space-based defense against nuclear attack 5/87 6/85	13 13 <u>Favor</u> 57	32 39		15 11 0 <u>se</u> 5	9 = 100 12 = 100
d.	Increasing environmental controls, even if it reduces employment opportunities	17	40	29	7	7 = 100
e.	Proposals to increase taxes on foreign imports to protect American jobs in certain industries 5/87	36 28	41 47	15 16	3 4	5 = 100 5 = 100
f.	Putting pressure on China to be more democratic, even if it means risking our long term relationship with them	18	35	29	6	12 = 100
g.	Restricting the sale of hand guns	38	27	20	13	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, <u>if any</u>, 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)

		Whites 1 	Catho- lics 2	Jews 3	Blacks 4	His- panics 5	Ind- ians 6	Asians 7	None 8	Can't Say 0
a.	Catholics	3	1	24	7	2	3	8	21	42
b.	Jews	14	16	2	17	8	4	9	16	38
c.	Blacks	53	6	11	2	18	7	10	8	25
d.	Hispanics	36	3	7	26	2	4	6	11	33
e.	American Indians	24	3	4	8	4	1	4	23	42
f.	Asians	29	5	8	17	10	4	1	14	42
g.	Whites	1	2	4	56	19	16	13	11	26

Q.303 What does it mean to you when someone says they are a <u>Republican</u>? (PROBE)

Q.304 What does it mean to you when someone says they are a <u>Democrat</u>? (PROBE)

- Q.305 Generally speaking, would you say that <u>you personally</u> 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 <u>Republican</u>, a <u>Democrat</u>, an <u>Independent</u>, or what?

		1/8	9 5/8	88 1/	88 5/87
28	Republican GO TO Q.307	31	28	27	25
33	Democrat GO TO Q.309	38	38	39	37
28	Independent	23	26	26	28
9	No preference	7	6	6	8
*	Other party	*	*	*	*
$\frac{2}{100}$	Don't know	<u> 1</u> 100	<u>2</u> 10	0 2 10	$0^{\frac{2}{100}}$

IF "REPUBLICAN" IN Q.306, ASK Q.307. Q.307 Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

13	Strong	<u>5/88</u> 13	<u>1/88</u> 12	<u>5/87</u> 11
<u>15</u> 28	Not strong	15	15	14

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)

		Yes	No	DK
a.	I usually think of myself as a Republican but I don't agree completely with what the party			_
	stands for 5/87	75 78	21 18	$4 = 100 \\ 4 = 100$
b.	I usually prefer Republican candidates but sometimes I			
	support Democrats 5/87	74 77	24 21	2 = 100 2 = 100
c.	With me it's more a matter of not liking the Democrats than			
	anything else 5/87	17 18	77 78	6 = 100 4 = 100

ALL REPUBLICANS GO TO Q.312.

IF "DEMOCRAT" IN Q.306, ASK Q.309.

Q.309 Would you call yourself a <u>strong</u> Democrat or a <u>not very strong</u> Democrat? 5/88 1/88 5/87

16	Strong	19	19	18	
$\frac{17}{33}$	Not strong	17	19	19	

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 but I don't agree completely with what	Yes	No	DK
	the party stands for 5/87	69 70	27 25	$4 = 100 \\ 5 = 100$
b.	I usually prefer Democratic candidates but sometimes I support Republicans 5/87	63 66	34 32	3 = 100 2 = 100
c.	With me it's more a matter of not liking the Republicans than anything else 5/87	22 20	73 74	5 = 100 6 = 100

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?

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13	Republi	.can	12	11	13
13	Democra	utic	12	13	13
<u>12</u> 38	Don't k	now	10	10	12

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 Party	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Neither <u>Party</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	Ever since I can remember I have been a member of this party 5/87	24 20	37 41	35 36	4 = 100 3 = 100
b.	I'm involved in this party in my own community 5/87	10 9	16 17	71 70	3 = 100 4 = 100
c.	I generally like the policies of this party 5/87	33 32	38 43	23 20	$6 = 100 \\ 5 = 100$
d.	I like the kinds of candidates run by this par 5/87	ty 31 31	32 37	29 25	8 = 100 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	25 <u>5/87</u>
45	A fair amount	45
27	Hardly at all	25
$\frac{4}{100}$	No opinion/Don't know	<u>5</u> 100

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 <u>Republican Party</u> or the <u>Democratic Party</u>? 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)

		Describes <u>Republican</u>	Describes <u>Democratic</u>	(VOL) <u>BOTH</u>	(VOL) <u>NEITHER</u>	DK/No <u>Opinion</u>
a.	Well organized 5/88 1/88 5/87	40 39 38 34	16 23 20 19	22 15 19 25	13 14 14 13	9 = 100 9 = 100 9 = 100 9 = 100
b.	Select good candidate for office 5/88 1/88 5/87	es 32 28 31 27	22 30 24 26	21 13 18 25	17 19 18 13	8 = 100 10 = 100 9 = 100 9 = 100
c.	Is concerned with the needs and interests of the disadvantaged 5/87		56 61	12 14	10 7	8 = 100 7 = 100
d.	Are forward looking, not old fashioned 5/87	28 27	33 38	17 16	12 9	10 = 100 10 = 100
e.	Have a common-sense approach to problems 5/87	29 28	30 35	15 15	18 14	$8 = 100 \\ 8 = 100$
f.	Able to manage the Federal Government we 5/88 1/88 5/87	ell 28 33 30 24	20 30 28 25	12 10 12 13	31 17 20 28	9 = 100 10 = 100 10 = 100 10 = 100
g.	Can bring the kind of changes the count: needs 5/88 1/88 5/87	ry 27 27 28 26	31 43 37 36	13 9 14 14	18 11 11 14	$11 = 100 \\ 10 = 100 \\ 10 = 100 \\ 10 = 100 \\ 10 = 100$
h.	Is concerned with the needs and intered of business and other powerful groups 5/87		15 15	15 16	5 3	8 = 100 8 = 100
i.	Is concerned with th needs of people like 5/88 1/88		42 51 47	12 8 11	18 11 13	7 = 100 7 = 100 7 = 100

Q.315 (INTERVIEWER: RESPONDENT RETAINS CARD F) Which political party do you think could do a better job of: (REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM BELOW)

		<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	(VOL) <u>Neither</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Keeping social security financially sound	28	41	16	15 = 100
b.	Improving our educational system	30	42	14	14 = 100
c.	Protecting U.S. jobs	30	40	16	14 = 100
d.	Dealing with the Soviet Union	55	17	11	17 = 100
e.	Protecting the environment	24	40	19	17 = 100
f.	Improving health care in the U.S.	20	50	16	14 = 100
g.	Reducing drug usage	32	23	30	15 = 100
h.	Making America competitive in the world economy	41	25	17	17 = 100
i.	Making America more respected in the world	41	26	16	17 = 100
j.	Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies	39	28	17	16 = 100
k.	Generating economic growth	40	29	14	17 = 100
1.	Dealing with the problem of the homeless	15	52	21	12 = 100
m.	Making wise decisions about the new situation in Eastern and Central Europe	39	20	16	25 = 100

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 <u>regard</u> yourself as. . . (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)

		Descr: Total Wrong		on					Des	Per	tion fect 	DK
Wom	en ask a:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
a.	A feminist	14	4	5	5	17	11	10	11	5	12	6=100
Men b.	ask b: A supporter of the women's movement Combination of a & b for 5/87	10 10	3 6	6 6	5 6	17 18	12 11	13 11	13 14	5 7	14 8	2=100 3=100
c.	An environmentalist 5/87	4 2	1 2	4 5	4 6	14 16	12 12	13 15	16 15	9 10	17 14	6=100 3=100
d.	Pro Palestinian	29	8	9	8	13	б	3	2	1	2	19=100
e.	A Republican 5/87	32 34	5 7	5 7	4 4	12 13	6 6	5 6	7 7	5 4	13 8	6=100 4=100
f.	A Democrat 5/87	22 21	6 6	6 6	5 6	13 13	6 6	5 7	7 9	5 6	19 16	6=100 4=100
g.	A liberal 5/87	21 21	6 7	7 9	6 7	15 15	8 8	8 7	8 8	4 4	9 7	8=100 7=100
h.	A conservative 5/87	14 15	6 6	7 7	8 7	13 14	9 9	8 9	10 11	7 7	11 9	7=100 6=100
i.	A union supporter 5/87	18 13	6 7	7 7	7 8	13 14	8 8	8 9	7 8	6 5	15 13	5=100 3=100
j.	A business supporter 5/87	5 7	2 4	3 6	5 8	15 19	12 11	11 12	15 14	8 7	18 8	6=100 4=100
k.	An anti-communist 5/87	11 8	3 2	3 2	2 2	6 6	4 3	5 5	7 8	8 10	45 52	6=100 2=100
1.	Pro Israel 5/87	18 12	6 4	8 6	7 6	16 13	8 10	7 8	5 10	3 5	7 10	15=100 11=100
m.	A supporter of the civil rights movement 5/87	6 6	2 2	3 4	5 4	14 13	10 9	9 12	12 15	8 10	25 22	6=100 3=100
n.	A supporter of the anti-abortion movement 5/87	26 23	7 6	4 6	4 6	12 11	5 6	5 6	6 7	4 7	21 18	6=100 4=100
0.	A supporter of the anti-smoking movement	21	4	5	3	12	5	5	7	6	28	5=100

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 <u>completely</u> agree with it, <u>mostly</u> agree with it, mostly <u>disagree</u> with it or <u>completely</u> disagree with it. The first one is. . . (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)

		Completely Agree	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely Disagree	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	People like me don't have any say about what the government does 5/87	19 14	38 38	31 34	11 12	1=100 2=100
b.	Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly 5/87	30 22	48 51	17 21	2 3	3=100 3=100
c.	Most elected officials care what people like me think 5/87	7 5	37 42	39 40	14 9	3=100 4=100
d.	Voting gives people like me some say about how th government runs things 5/87		50 55	18 15	7 4	2=100 3=100
e.	Success in life is prett much determined by force outside our control 5/87		29 30	39 41	18 16	3=100 5=100
f.	Hard work offers little guarantee of success 5/87	10 7	26 22	40 44	23 24	1=100 3=100
g.	The federal government should be able to overrule individual states on important matters 5/87	11 8	32 36	31 33	17 14	9=100 9=100
h.	The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business 5/87	20 16	57 60	14 16	3 3	6=100 5=100
i.	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good 5/87	16 12	42 43	29 30	4 4	9=100 11=100

		Completely Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely Disagree	Don't Know
j.	When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful 5/87	22 19	45 44	25 27	4 4	4=100 6=100
k.	The federal government should run <u>only</u> those things that cannot be run at the local level 5/87	26 22	51 53	16 16	2 3	5=100 6=100
1.	The federal government controls too much of our daily lives 5/87	22 18	40 40	29 32	5 5	4=100 5=100
m.	The government is really run for the benefit of all the people 5/87	10 9	42 48	35 31	10 8	3=100 4=100
n.	Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest 5/87	5 4	38 39	37 38	13 10	7=100 9=100
ο.	There is too much power concentrated in the hand of a few big companies 5/87	s 29 27	48 50	15 16	3 2	5=100 5=100
p.	Business corporations make too much profit 5/87	23 21	40 44	24 24	6 4	7=100 7=100
q.	It is time for Washington politicians to step aside and make room for new leaders 5/87	21 16	40 46	26 26	4 3	9=100 9=100
r.	Dealing with a federal government agency is often not worth the trouble 5/87	21 14	44 44	24 29	4 3	7=100 10=100
s.	As Americans we can always find a way to solve our problems and get what we want 5/87	13 12	52 56	24 24	6 4	5=100 4=100

		Completely Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't Know
t.	I don't believe that there are any real limits to growth in this country today 5/87	19 17	46 50	25 24	5 4	5=100 5=100
u.	We need new people in Washington even if they are not as effective as experienced politicians 5/87	13 9	34 35	37 38	10 10	6=100 8=100
v.	Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal <u>opportunity</u> to succeed 5/87	45 37	46 53	6 7	1 1	2=100 2=100
w.	We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country 5/87	15 11	28 31	32 37	21 16	4=100 5=100
x.	It is the responsibility of the government to tak care of people who can't take care of themselves 5/87	e 23 21	44 50	23 20	6 4	4=100 5=100
у.	The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt 5/87	15 13	36 40	34 33	10 7	5=100 7=100
z.	The government should guarantee every citizen enough to eat and a place to sleep 5/87	27 22	35 40	25 26	9 7	4=100 5=100
aa.	I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done 5/87	23 16	48 56	17 16	6 4	6=100 8=100
bb.	I don't pay attention to whether a candidate call himself a liberal or a conservative 5/87	s 22 14	42 47	23 26	9 7	4=100 6=100
cc.	I am very patriotic 5/87	48 43	40 46	8 7	2 1	2=100 3=100

		Completely Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't Know
dd.	In the past few years there hasn't been much real improve- ment in the position of black people in this country	10	28 28	42 45	16 14	4=100
ee.	5/87 I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other 5/87	8 19 13	30 35	18 22	26 24	5=100 7=100 6=100
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	8 6	16 18	39 43	33 28	4=100 5=100
gg.	Discriminations against blacks are rare today 5/87	5 6	26 28	42 43	23 18	4=100 5=100
hh.	It is my belief that we should get even with any country that tries to take advantage of the United States 5/87	14 11	33 33	33 37	13 10	7=100 9=100
ii.	The best way to ensure peace is through militar strength 5/87	У 17 14	35 40	31 30	13 10	4=100 6=100
jj.	American lives are worth more than the lives of people in other countrie 5/87		18 17	32 39	36 32	4=100 5=100
kk.	We all should be willing to fight for our country whether it is right or wrong 5/87		33 37	24 27	16 13	5=100 6=100
11.	I often worry about the chances of a nuclear war 5/87	21 23	31 39	29 27	16 0	3=100 2=100

		Completely Agree	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't Know
mm.	Most of the countries that have gotten help from America end up resenting us 5/87	27 21	46 50	18 19	2 2	7=100 8=100
nn.	It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs 5/87	39 32	50 55	6 7	1 1	4=100 5=100
00.	There is an internationa communist conspiracy to rule the world 5/87	1 11 22	26 38	33 21	16 7	14=100 12=100
pp.	Communist and non-commun countries can learn to live together peacefully 5/87		49 50	12 18	5 6	6=100 8=100
đđ.	Communist countries are all alike 5/87	8 9	23 28	41 40	17 11	11=100 12=100
rr.	Communists are responsib for a lot of the unrest the United States today 5/87		30 39	33 27	15 8	9=100 9=100

Q.401 (HAND RESPONDENT CARD I) Now, I'd like your opinion on some people. As I read from a list, please tell me which category on this card best describes your <u>overall</u> opinion of who I name. Probably, there will be some names on this list that you have never heard of. First, how would you describe your opinion of (READ ITEM)? (INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)

a.	Ronald Reagan 5/88 1/88 5/87 6/85	Very Favor- <u>able</u> 18 16 17 21 26	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u> 44 40 42 41 43	Mostly Unfa- 20 22 24 22 18	Very Unfa- 16 18 13 14 10	Never Heard Of 7 * * 0	Don't <u>Know</u> 2=100 3=100 4=100 2=100 3=100
b.	Jesse Helms 5/87 6/85	4 3 3	19 19 17	16 15 14	11 9 11	28 26 30	22=100 28=100 25=100
c.	Richard Nixon 5/87	8 7	30 32	33 34	25 23	1 *	3=100 4=100
d.	Ted Kennedy 5/87 6/85	18 21 17	43 43 42	19 21 22	15 10 12	1 1 1	4=100 4=100 6=100
e.	Jesse Jackson 5/88 5/87	12 11 13	38 35 38	23 27 24	22 19 17	1 1 2	4=100 7=100 6=100
f.	Robert Dole 5/87	7 9	45 51	15 11	5 3	13 9	15=100 17=100
g.	Dan Quayle	6	41	24	15	4	10=100
h.	Mario Cuomo	9	28	12	5	30	16=100
i.	Richard Cheney	3	17	8	3	44	25=100
j.	Richard Gephardt	3	26	12	5	29	25=100
k.	Lloyd Bentsen	6	28	14	7	26	19=100
l.	Thomas Foley	3	17	6	3	45	26=100
m.	Bill Bradley	6	23	6	2	40	23=100
n.	Jimmy Carter 5/87	18 14	49 56	19 19	10 8	2 *	2=100 3=100
ο.	George Bush 1/89 10/88* 5/88 1/88 9/87 5/87	24 23 11 11 18 11	52 54 35 40 41 51 56	15 9 20 25 26 19 19	7 4 17 17 13 8 7	0	2=100 9=100 5=100 7=100 9=100 4=100 7=100
p.	The Congress 5/88 1/88 5/87	6 8 6 10	53 56 58 64	25 23 25 16	9 5 4 4	1 0 0 *	6=100 8=100 7=100 6=100
q.	Investment Bankers	3	29	32	16	3	17=100
*Ba	sed on Registered V	oters			(CONTINU	ED

		Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfa- <u>vorable</u>	Very Unfa- <u>vorable</u>	Never Heard <u>Of</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
r.	The Supreme Court	10	55	18	7	1	9=100
s.	Mikhail Gorbachev	10	52	15	12	2	9=100
t.	Pope John Paul II	31	48	7	4	1	9=100
u. v.	The daily newspaper you are most familiar with 8/89 1/89 5/88 1/27/88 1/7-18/88 10/87 5/87 1/87 7/86 6/85 Network TV news 8/89 1/89 5/88 1/27/88 1/27/88 1/27/88 1/7-18/88 10/87 5/87 1/87 7/86 6/85	r 22 25 22 19 19 21 21 21 21 22 19 28 25 22 28 21 20 12 18 19 21 19 30 25	56 52 59 59 59 51 50 51 50 51 50 51 50 51 50 60 53 50 53 55 53 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55 55	12 12 13 13 11 12 9 12 13 11 8 12 11 12 14 13 14 13 14 10 11 16 10 8	5 5 4 4 3 4 4 3 6 6 3 3 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 3 6 4 2	*	5=100 6=100 5=100 5=100 4=100 4=100 4=100 3=100 3
w.	The military	18	55	15	6	*	6=100
x.	The CIA	8	40	22	11	1	18=100
у.	The United Nations	15	55	13	6	1	10=100
z.	The Church	39	43	7	3	1	7=100
aa.	Vaclav Havel (PRONUNCIATION VAT: SLAV HOVEL)	5 5	10	2	2	62	19=100
bb.	The Klu Klux Klan	2	2	10	81	2	3=100
cc.	Evangelical/ Christians	12	31	19	19	7	12=100

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.

		Completely Agree	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely Disagree	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	Prayer is an important part of my daily life 5/87	46 41	31 35	16 17	6 6	1=100 1=100
b.	We all will be called before God at the judgment day to answer for our sins 5/87	52 52	29 29	9 9	5 5	5=100 5=100
c.	Even today miracles are performed by the power of God 5/87	49 47	33 35	9 9	4 4	5=100 5=100
d.	I am sometimes very conscious of the presence of God 5/87	45 41	35 39	12 12	5 4	3=100 4=100
e.	I never doubt the existence of God 5/87	60 60	27 28	8 7	3 3	2=100 2=100
f.	School boards ought to have the right to fire teachers who are known homosexuals 5/87	29 27	20 24	24 28	21 14	6=100 7=100
g.	Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries 5/87	29 24	21 26	24 25	21 19	5=100 6=100
h.	Nude magazines and X-rated movies provide harmless adult enter- tainment for those who enjoy it 5/87	12 14	29 34	27 26	27 21	5=100 5=100
i.	Freedom of speech should not extend to groups like the Communist party or the Ku Klux Klan 5/87		18 23	32 36	27 19	6=100 6=100
j.	The police should be allowed to search the houses of known drug dealers without a court order	33	24	23	18	2=100
	5/87 CONTINUED	25	24	27	18	4=100

		Completely Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't Know
k.	Women should return to their traditional role in society 5/87	10 9	20 21	32 37	35 29	3=100 4=100
1.	Too many children are being raised in day care centers these days 5/87	26 23	47 45	17 22	5 5	5=100 5=100
m.	The government ought to be able to censor news stories that it feels threaten	24	2.0	10	1 5	4-100
	national security 5/87	19	38 42	19 21	15 13	4 = 100 5 = 100
n.	The news media should be free to report on any stories they feel are in the national		45	15	_	
	interest 5/87	28 25	47 49	17 17	5 5	3=100 4=100
ο.	AIDS might be God's punishment for immoral sexual behavior 5/87	16 17	22 26	19 22	33 25	10=100 10=100
p.	I have old-fashioned values about family and					
	marriage 5/87	49 45	38 42	8 9	4 2	1=100 2=100
q.	There are clear guide- lines about what's good or evil that apply to everyone regardless of their situation 5/87	36 34	43 45	11 12	6 4	4=100 5=100
r.	Labor unions are necessary to protect the working person 5/87	25 19	46 48	19 21	6 6	4=100 6=100
s.	Labor unions have too much power 5/87	18 19	37 40	28 26	10 7	7=100 8=100
t.	Today it's really true that the rich just get richer while the poor get poorer 5/87	38 31	40 43	16 19	3 3	3=100 4=100

		Completely Agree	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely Disagree	Don't <u>Know</u>
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	7 5	23 23	46 49	21 18	3=100 5=100
v.	I don't have much in common with people of other races 5/87	5 3	19 20	50 54	22 18	4=100 5=100
w.	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet 5/87	19 14	28 29	41 44	11 11	1=100 2=100
x.	Money is one of my most important concerns 5/87	18 13	35 34	35 39	11 12	1=100 2=100
у.	I'm pretty well satisfie with the way things are going for me financially 5/87		49 52	28 27	13 8	1=100 2=100
z.	I feel it's my duty as a citizen to always vote 5/87	50 46	35 39	9 9	4 3	2=100 3=100
aa.	I'm interested in keepin up with national affairs 5/87	g 33 28	49 53	12 12	4 3	2=100 4=100
bb.	I'm generally bored by what goes on in Washingt 5/87	on 12 8	36 34	38 41	12 13	2=100 4=100
cc.	I'm pretty interested in following <u>local</u> politics 5/87		53 54	23 22	6 4	1=100 4=100
dd.	Most issues discussed in Washington don't affect me personally 5/87	7 5	28 26	46 50	16 15	3=100 4=100
ee.	I feel guilty when I don't get a chance to vote 5/87	30 25	37 41	22 22	8 6	3=100 6=100
ff.	Sometimes I vote for a candidate without really knowing enough about him or her		41	27	15	5=100
	5/87	9	44	28	13	6=100

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?

39	Most of the time	$\frac{1/89}{47}$	$\frac{5/88}{37}$	$\frac{1/88}{37}$	<u>5/87</u> 41	
34	Some of the time	34	37	35	35	
18	Only now and then	14	17	18	15	
9	Hardly at all	4	б	8	7	
<u>*</u> 100	Don't know	<u>_1</u> 10	$\frac{3}{0}$ 10	0 2	100 <u>2</u>	100

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?)

74	Yes GO TO Q.603	76 <u>5/</u>	88 75 1/	88 <u>5/87</u> 77	/
25	No CONTINUE	21	22	21	
*	Don't have to register	1	1	1	
$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know	<u>2</u> 10	$0^{\frac{2}{10}}$	$0^{\frac{1}{100}}$	

Q.602 Do you plan to register so that you can vote in the elections next fall? $\frac{5/88}{1/88} \frac{1/88}{5/87}$

14	Yes	12	13	13	
8	No	б	6	б	
*	Other	*	*	*	
<u>3</u> 25	Don't know	<u>3</u> 2	<u>3</u> 1 2	2 21	

- 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?
 - *<u>6/86</u> 49 48 Democratic 42 Republican 43 <u>8</u> 100 10 Other/Undecided/Refused 100

*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
 - б Undecided
 - * Refused 13

ASK EVERYONE: Q.605 How often would you say you vote -- always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

33	<u>1/89</u> Always	45 45	<u>3</u> 34	<u>1/88</u> 39	<u>5/87</u> 34
35	Nearly always	30	35	33	37
12	Part of the time	10	13	12	11
10	Seldom	8	7	8	6
1	OTHER (SPECIFY):	1	2	1	2
8	Never vote (VOL)	6	8	б	9
$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know 100	* 100	1	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100

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?

		1/89
41	Bush	37
24	Dukakis	33
2	Other	2
2	Voted, don't remember for whom	2
30	Did not vote	25
$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't remember if voted	<u> </u>

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?

59	Yes	60 <u>1/89</u>	9 63	<u>8 5/8</u> 66	60 <u>6/85</u>
41	No	40	36	33	39
* 100	Don't know	* 100	<u> 1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u> </u>

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 <u>regularly</u>, or not?

67	Yes GO TO Q.610	71 5/87	7 <u>6/85</u> 59
32	No	28	39
$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know	<u>1</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100

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

17	Sometimes	$16 \frac{5/87}{18}$	
1/	Sometimes	10 18	
14	Hardly ever	10 18 BASED ON THOSE WHO DO NOT REGULARL	Y
2	Never (VOLUNTEERED)	2 4 WATCH NETWORK TV EVENING NEWS	-
* 33	Don't know	$\frac{1}{29}$ $\frac{1}{41}$	

Q.610 (INTERVIEWER: RESPONDENT RETAINS CARD J) For each statement please tell me whether you <u>completely</u> agree with it, <u>mostly</u> agree with it, mostly <u>disagree</u> with it, or <u>completely</u> disagree with it. The first one is. . . (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM)

		Completely Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Completely Disagree	Don't Know
a.	I often don't become aware of political candidates until I see their advertising on television 5/87	9 17 10	45 42	28 34	7 10	3=100 4=100
b.	I get some sense of what a candidate is like through his or her TV commercials 5/87	9 7	49 50	30 31	8 8	4=100 4=100
c.	I like to have a pictur of a candidate in my mind when I go to vote for him or her 5/87	21 16	53 54	14 16	6 6	6=100 8=100

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?

74	News reports	79 <u>5/87</u>
17	Candidates' TV commercials	13
<u>9</u> 100	Don't know	<u>8</u> 100

Q.612 Which gives you a better idea of what a candidate is like personally: news reports on TV or candidates' TV commercials?

65	News reports	67 <u>5/87</u>
26	Candidates' TV commercials	24
$\frac{9}{100}$	Don't know	<u>9</u> 100

SPRING 1990 POLITICAL UPDATE REINTERVIEW

SEX: 1[]Male 2[]Female	INTERVIEWER'S NAME:
TIME STARTED:	DATE:
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n=1,001	August 18-25, 1990
New Jersey. A couple of months interviewed a (AGE) year old (we few more questions I'd like to ask	calling for Princeton Survey Research of Princeton, ago an interviewer from our company came to your house and oman/man) living there about some topics in the news. I have a (her/him) on this subject. It will take less than 5 minutes of le 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 ______ 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?

		May
		1990
76	Approve	64
17	Disapprove	24
7	Don't know	<u>12</u>
100		100

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	country May, 1990	40 42	52 47	8 = 100 11 = 100
b.	The situation in the Mideast	71	22	7 = 100
c.	The savings & loan crisis	24	54	22 = 100

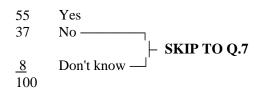
Q.3 In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. at this time?

		May
		<u>1990</u>
47	Satisfied	41
48	Dissatisfied	54
5	Don't know	5
100		100

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?

		May
		<u>1990</u>
46	Better off	44
35	Worse off	24
12	SAME (VOL.)	27
7	Don't know	<u>5</u>
100		100

Q.5 Right now do you think the U.S. is in an economic recession, or not?



- 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?
 - 30 Yes, someone is responsible GO TO Q.6b
 64 No, no one is responsible GO TO Q.7
 6 Don't know GO TO Q.7

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**)

		Very <u>Favorable</u>	Favorable	<u>Unfavorable</u>	Very <u>Unfavorable</u>	DK
a.	Japan	3	60	28	2	7=100
	May, 1990	12	44	27	12	5=100
b.	Israel	3	46	35	3	13=100
	May, 1990	9	35	31	14	11=100
c.	Germany	6	71	14	1	8=100
	May, 1990	17	57	14	5	7=100

- 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 GO TO Q.9
 14 Don't know GO TO Q.9
- 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?

		May
		<u>1990</u>
74	Increased	80
6	Decreased	16
18	Kept the same	3
2	Don't know	<u> </u>
100		100

Q.12 What about military armaments and defense? Would you like to see spending increased, decreased or kept the same?

		May
		<u>1990</u>
23	Increased	18
31	Decreased	39
43	Kept the same	40
3	Don't know	3
100		100

- 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
 - 100

Q.14 As I read some types of foreign aid, tell me whether you favor or oppose them.

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Food and medical assistance to people in needy countries	80	17	3=100
b.	Aid that helps needy countries develop their economies	66	29	5=100
c.	Aid that encourages foreign countries to buy U.S. products	75	20	5=100
d.	Economic and military aid to countries that are important allies of the U.S.	70	24	6=100