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Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton 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 Bill Clinton is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
June, 1999	55	35	10=100
May, 1999	56	34	10=100
April, 1999	56	38	6=100
March, 1999	62	31	7=100
February, 1999	64	30	6=100
Mid-January, 1999	66	29	5=100
January, 1999	63	30	7=100
Late December, 1998	71	27	2=100
Early December, 1998	61	32	7=100
November, 1998	65	29	6=100
September 21-22, 1998	62	33	5=100
September 19-20, 1998	55	36	9=100
Early September, 1998	61	33	6=100
Late August, 1998	62	32	6=100
Early August, 1998	63	28	9=100
June, 1998	59	32	9=100
May, 1998	62	28	10=100
April, 1998	62	28	10=100
March, 1998	65	26	9=100
Early February, 1998	71	26	3=100
January, 1998	61	30	9=100
November, 1997	58	31	11=100
September, 1997	58	29	13=100
August, 1997	59	32	9=100
June, 1997	54	34	12=100
May, 1997	57	34	9=100
April, 1997	55	34	11=100
February, 1997	60	32	8=100
Early February, 1997	57	30	13=100
January, 1997	59	31	10=100
November, 1996	57	34	9=100
July, 1996	54	38	8=100
June, 1996	54	38	8=100
April, 1996	53	39	8=100
March, 1996	55	38	7=100
February, 1996	51	39	10=100
January, 1996	50	43	7=100
October, 1995	48	42	10=100
September, 1995	45	42	13=100
August, 1995	44	44	12=100
June, 1995	50	40	10=100
April, 1995	47	43	10=100
March, 1995	44	44	12=100

Q.1 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
February, 1995	44	44	12=100
December, 1994	41	47	12=100
November, 1994	48	40	12=100
October, 1994	41	47	12=100
Early October, 1994	38	47	15=100
September, 1994	41	52	7=100
July, 1994	45	46	9=100
June, 1994	42	44	14=100
May, 1994	46	42	12=100
March, 1994	45	42	13=100
January, 1994	51	35	14=100
Early January, 1994	48	35	17=100
December, 1993	48	36	16=100
October, 1993	44	42	14=100
September, 1993	49	35	16=100
Early September, 1993	43	43	14=100
August, 1993	39	46	15=100
May, 1993	39	43	18=100
Early May, 1993	45	37	18=100
April, 1993	49	29	22=100
February, 1993	56	25	19=100

Q.2 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>
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

Q.2 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy? **[IF DON'T KNOW, ENTER AS DON'T KNOW. IF "DEPENDS", PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy? IF STILL DEPENDS, ENTER AS DON'T KNOW]**

		<i>Newsweek</i>												
		May 1999	April 1999	March 1999	Sept 1998	Sept 1997	Jan 1996	June 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994	Oct 1993	Sept 1993	Aug 1993	June 30-July 1 1993
52	Approve	46	51	56	61	54	52	39	50	38	39	47	52	49
37	Disapprove	43	39	34	30	34	39	52	42	53	46	33	25	35
<u>11</u>	DK/Refused	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.4 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **(PROBE FOR CLARITY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.)**

		May 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	June 1994	Mar 1994	Dec 1993	Sept 1993	June 1993	Jan 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	April 1987		
11	Crime/Gangs/Justice system	13	12	19	22	23	28	22	31	25	15	7	3	7	8	3		
11	Morality/Ethics/Family values		10	9	13	12	10	8	10	10	6	8	7	3	5	2	3	
7	Teen violence/Violence in schools	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
7	Education			9	5	6	6	7	2	4	5	5	4	5	2	4	4	0
6	Too many guns/ Gun control	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
5	Drugs/Alcohol			7	7	8	5	9	2	6	10	8	5	5	4	37	23	6

Q. 4 CONTINUED ...

	May 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	June 1994	Mar 1994	Dec 1993	Sept 1993	June 1993	Jan 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	April 1987
5 War in Kosovo/Yugoslavia/ The Balkans/Serbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4 Other International issues	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4 Unemployment/Lack of jobs	6	6	7	10	9	9	12	12	15	23	19	22	7	9	13
4 Too much foreign aid/ Spend money at home	2	1	5	2	3	2	1	2	1	*	2	1	3	1	0
4 Other social issues	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4 Homeless	2	3	2	4	3	4	2	3	5	2	5	6	8	10	*
3 Dissatisfaction with government/politics	5	4	8	6	6	5	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	1	0
3 Youth/Teenage kids not acting responsible	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3 Health care/Cost, availability of health care	4	5	4	7	5	10	20	14	14	12	11	3	3	1	*
3 Poverty	3	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	4	6
3 Economy (general)	4	4	4	5	5	7	4	4	6	9	17	43	5	4	7
3 Issues related to elderly	3	1	2	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	2	1	2	2	0
2 Scandal/Corruption in government	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2 Taxes	4	3	3	3	4	2	1	3	2	3	4	1	3	2	0
2 China/Relations with China/ Stolen secrets/China spy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 Racism	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	1	2	0	0
1 Deficit/National debt/ Balanced budget	6	5	7	9	13	8	4	5	6	9	13	4	11	19	12
1 Other domestic issues	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 Welfare abuse	3	1	7	5	9	1	4	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
* Inflation/Difference between wages/Costs	2	1	2	3	2	2	*	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3

Q. 4 CONTINUED ...

	May 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	June 1994	Mar 1994	Dec 1993	Sept 1993	June 1993	Jan 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	April 1987
* Environment/Pollution	2	1	1	1	1	*	1	2	1	1	*	1	8	2	0
* Other defense issues	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
* AIDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
* Terrorism	*	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6 Other	5	6	2	2	3	4	2	2	*	2	4	1	5	9	1
1 None	*	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11 Don't know/No answer	12	7	6	3	3	5	5	4	6	4	2	3	1	3	3
8 ECONOMIC (NET)	16	18	18	28	30	27	22	26	33	47	53	76	26	28	35
6 POVERTY/HOMELESS (NET)	6	6	5	8	6	7	4	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
11 DEFENSE/INTER- NATIONAL (NET)	5 (981)	10 (599)	1 (1216)	9 (1500)	2 (1800)	5 (2052)	4 (511)	2 (989)	* (1479)	4 (2000)	* (1507)	* (1220)	* (3004)	* (2048)	* (4244)

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.5 Do you happen to know which country was recently accused of spying on the U.S. and stealing nuclear secrets?
(IF YES, ASK: Which country?)

	March 1999 ¹
67 China	46
5 Other answers	11
25 No	33
<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100	100

¹

In March 1999, the question was worded as: "Do you happen to know which country was recently accused of stealing nuclear technology from the United States?"

Q.6 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? **[INSERT ITEM; ALWAYS ASK "b1" and "b2" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING "a"; ALWAYS ASK "g" LAST; ROTATE REMAINING ITEMS]**

		Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK (VOL.)
a.	NATO air strikes against Serbian forces	32	42	15	10	1=100
	May, 1999	32	38	19	10	1=100
	Late April, 1999	41	39	13	7	*=100
	April, 1999	41	37	16	6	0=100
	March, 1999 ²	43	32	15	9	1=100
	February, 1999 ³	11	30	28	30	1=100
	Mid-January, 1999 ⁴	9	21	24	44	2=100
	March, 1998 ⁵	5	12	26	55	2=100

**ALWAYS ASK "b1" and "b2" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING "a":
ASKED WEDNESDAY ONLY [N=324]:**

b1. Efforts to reach a peace agreement with Serbia 30 35 23 12 0=100

ASKED THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=830]:

b2.	The peace agreement between NATO and Serbia	28	39	20	12	1=100
c.	Debates about gun control legislation in Congress and state legislatures	28	37	22	12	1=100
d.	Reports that Hillary Clinton might run for the U.S. Senate	14	32	31	22	1=100
	February, 1999	19	35	24	21	1=100
e.	The crash of an American Airlines flight in Arkansas	19	38	25	17	1=100
f.	News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election	11	25	29	34	1=100

ALWAYS ASK "g" LAST:

g.	Accusations that China stole nuclear technology from U.S. laboratories	21	34	22	21	2=100
	May, 1999	18	24	24	31	3=100
	March, 1999	19	24	24	32	1=100

² In March 1999, the story was listed as "NATO air strikes against Serbian forces in Kosovo."

³ In February 1999, the story was listed as "NATO efforts to end ethnic conflict in Kosovo, Serbia."

⁴ In Mid-January, 1999, the story was listed as "The massacre of 45 people in Kosovo, Serbia."

⁵ In March 1998, the story was listed as "Ethnic conflict in Kosovo, Serbia."

ASK ALL:

NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT POLITICS...

Q.7 Suppose the 2000 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 '3' OTHER, '8' DON'T KNOW, OR '9' REFUSED IN Q.7, ASK:

Q.8 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=851]:

	<u>Republican/ Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Democrat/ Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
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
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
Early November, 1996 ⁶	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

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Early November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

- Q.9 Next, I'm going to read you a list of some people who have been in the news lately. Not everyone will have heard of them. For each one that I name, please tell me whether or not you have heard of this person. (First, **(INSERT NAME; ROTATE ITEMS)**, have you heard of this person or not? **(IF YES, ASK Q.10; IF NO, DK, SKIP TO NEXT ITEM.)** [NOTE: ASK ITEMS A-I AND ITEMS J-K IN BLOCKS; ROTATE BLOCKS, AND ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS WITHIN BLOCKS]
- Q.10 How much of a chance is there that you would vote for **(INSERT NAME)** if (he/she) is a candidate for president in 2000 — is there a good chance, some chance, or no chance?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=851]:

		Have	Have not	DK/	<i>Based on Those Who Have Heard</i>					
		Heard	Heard	Ref.	Good	Some	No	DK/	(N)	
					Chance	Chance	Chance	Ref.		
a.	Dan Quayle	95	5	*=100	9	28	61	2=100	(815)	
	May, 1999	97	3	0=100	9	29	58	4=100		
	February, 1999	97	3	0=100	9	33	54	4=100		
b.	George W. Bush	96	4	*=100	34	35	27	4=100	(819)	
	May, 1999	95	4	1=100	34	34	28	4=100		
	February, 1999	95	5	*=100	32	36	27	5=100		
c.	Elizabeth Dole	92	8	*=100	19	42	36	3=100	(787)	
	May, 1999	93	7	*=100	20	43	33	4=100		
	February, 1999	91	9	*=100	26	38	33	3=100		
d.	Steve Forbes	75	25	*=100	9	31	53	7=100	(664)	
	May, 1999	70	29	1=100	9	34	51	6=100		
	February, 1999	71	29	*=100	8	35	52	5=100		
e.	Patrick Buchanan	84	15	1=100	4	25	65	6=100	(732)	
	May, 1999	85	15	*=100	5	29	60	6=100		
	February, 1999	83	15	2=100	6	26	63	5=100		
f.	John McCain	43	56	1=100	15	40	36	9=100	(382)	
	May, 1999	36	63	1=100	16	37	39	8=100		
	February, 1999	32	67	1=100	16	42	35	7=100		
g.	John Kasich	21	78	1=100	11	22	56	11=100	(197)	
	May, 1999	22	77	1=100	11	26	52	11=100		
	February, 1999	21	78	1=100	16	31	45	8=100		
h.	Gary Bauer	20	79	1=100	9	25	55	11=100	(187)	
	May, 1999	19	80	1=100	10	17	60	13=100		
	February, 1999	18	81	1=100	12	26	51	11=100		
i.	Lamar Alexander	52	47	1=100	3	26	63	8=100	(475)	
	May, 1999	48	51	1=100	6	27	59	8=100		
	February, 1999	42	57	1=100	6	27	60	7=100		
j.	Al Gore	98	2	*=100	22	32	43	3=100	(832)	
	May, 1999	97	3	0=100	20	27	49	4=100		
	February, 1999	98	2	0=100	22	30	45	3=100		

Q.9/Q.10 CONTINUED ...

		<i>Based on Those Who Have Heard</i>							
		Have	Have not	DK/	Good	Some	No	DK/	
		<u>Heard</u>	<u>Heard</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Chance</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	
									<u>(N)</u>
k.	Bill Bradley	61	38	1=100	15	38	37	10=100	(531)
	May, 1999	60	38	2=100	12	39	40	9=100	
	February, 1999	55	44	1=100	14	41	39	6=100	

Q.11 When you think about **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)**... what issues or policies come to mind? What about...
(OPEN-END, RECORD VERBATIM, PROBE FOR CLARITY ONLY. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR THEM. ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES)

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [FORM 1 N=438; FORM 2 N=413]

	George W. <u>Bush</u>	Elizabeth <u>Dole</u>	Al <u>Gore</u>	Bill <u>Bradley</u>
Listed an issue or policy	20	16	32	10
Other answer	23	25	19	13
Don't know/Refused	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>77</u>
	100	100	100	100
	(Form 1)	(Form 2)	(Form 1)	(Form 2)

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Still thinking about the elections next year, how important is it to you which party wins control of the U.S. Congress? Is it ...

34	Very important
36	Fairly important
19	Not too important
9	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.13 Now I'd like your opinion of some groups and organizations. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of...
(INSERT ITEM. ROTATE) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?
(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")

ITEMS "a" THRU "g" ASKED FORM 1 ONLY [N=582]:

ITEMS "h" THRU "m" ASKED FORM 2 ONLY [N=571]:

		Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Very Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Never Heard <u>Of</u>	Can't <u>Rate</u>
a.F1	Congress	9	47	30	9	*	5=100
	February, 1999	4	48	36	8	0	4=100
	January, 1999	7	41	30	15	0	7=100
	Early December, 1998	11	41	29	12	0	7=100
	October, 1998+	7	55	25	8	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	7	59	22	5	0	7=100
	October, 1997	5	48	33	11	0	3=100
	August 1997	6	44	33	11	0	6=100
	June, 1997	4	48	34	8	0	6=100
	May, 1997	5	44	32	10	*	9=100
	February, 1997	6	46	31	9	*	8=100
	January, 1997	6	50	32	8	*	4=100
	June, 1996	6	39	38	12	*	5=100
	April, 1996	6	39	37	13	0	5=100
	January, 1996	4	38	38	16	*	4=100
	October, 1995	4	38	42	13	0	3=100
	August, 1995	5	40	34	13	*	7=100
	June, 1995	8	45	31	11	*	5=100
	February, 1995	10	44	27	10	0	9=100
	July, 1994	7	46	34	9	*	4=100
	May, 1993	8	35	35	13	0	9=100
	November, 1991	7	44	34	9	0	6=100
	March, 1991	16	50	19	7	0	8=100
	May, 1990	6	53	25	9	1	6=100
	May, 1988	8	56	23	5	0	8=100
	January, 1988	6	58	25	4	0	7=100
	May, 1987	10	64	16	4	*	6=100
	January, 1987	7	52	23	8	0	10=100
	June, 1985	9	58	21	5	*	7=100

+ Based on registered voters.

Q.13 CONTINUED ...

		Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Very Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Never Heard <u>Of</u>	Can't <u>Rate</u>
b.F1	The military	36	47	11	2	0	4=100
	September, 1998	29	57	7	3	0	4=100
	October, 1997	22	56	13	5	0	4=100
	May, 1997	23	57	11	5	0	4=100
	February, 1996	33	49	12	4	*	2=100
	July, 1994	30	57	8	3	*	2=100
	May, 1993	32	53	8	2	0	5=100
	March, 1991	60	34	2	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	18	55	15	6	*	6=100
	January, 1988	20	57	14	3	*	6=100
	April, 1987	17	63	12	4	0	4=100
	January, 1987	19	54	11	5	*	11=100
	July, 1986	32	53	7	3	0	5=100
	June, 1985	24	53	13	5	*	5=100
c.F1	The National Rifle Association	17	29	24	21	1	8=100
	September, 1998	16	32	22	18	2	10=100
	August, 1995	16	28	24	21	1	10=100
	June, 1995	16	28	24	24	2	6=100
	July, 1994	19	36	21	16	1	7=100
d.F1	The United Nations	19	51	16	7	0	7=100
	September, 1998	14	55	16	7	*	8=100
	September, 1997	11	53	19	9	*	8=100
	February, 1996	19	46	20	9	1	5=100
	June, 1995	14	53	20	8	*	5=100
	February, 1995	13	49	18	8	*	12=100
	July, 1994	21	55	14	5	1	4=100
	May, 1993	21	52	13	4	0	10=100
	May, 1990	15	55	13	6	1	10=100
e.F1	The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI	17	54	13	7	*	9=100
	October, 1997	13	54	17	8	*	8=100
	May, 1997	12	48	21	7	0	12=100
	August, 1995	16	48	19	9	*	8=100
	<i>ABC/W.Post</i> , May 1995	34	48	3	6	*	9=100
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	28	50	14	3		5=100
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	25	50	13	4		8=100
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	24	48	15	5		8=100
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	30	47	14	5		4=100
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1983	29	46	14	5		6=100

Q.13 CONTINUED ...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
f. F1	Network television news	20	48	22	6	*	4=100
	February, 1998	16	60	17	5	*	2=100
	February, 1997	15	58	18	5	*	4=100
	April, 1996	21	58	13	4	0	4=100
	January, 1996	25	58	11	4	*	2=100
	June, 1995	16	51	21	9	*	3=100
	July, 1994	17	52	22	7	*	2=100
	May, 1993	23	58	12	3	0	4=100
	January, 1992	27	55	11	2	0	5=100
	November, 1991	24	51	16	5	0	4=100
	March, 1991	40	51	5	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	22	60	12	3	*	3=100
	August, 1989	28	54	11	3	4=100	
	February, 1989	21	61	12	3	3=100	
	August, 1988 ⁷	29	52	9	5	5=100	
	May, 1988	20	58	14	4	4=100	
	January 27, 1988	12	69	13	3	3=100	
	January 7-18, 1988	18	60	14	4	4=100	
	October, 1987	19	62	10	3	6=100	
	May, 1987	21	63	11	3	2=100	
	January, 1987	19	55	16	6	4=100	
	July, 1986	30	53	10	4	3=100	
	August, 1985	30	51	8	2	7=100	
	June, 1985	25	59	8	2	6=100	
g.F1	Local television news	25	49	15	7	*	4=100
	February, 1998	19	62	12	4	0	3=100
	February, 1997	25	56	12	3	0	4=100
	April, 1996	26	58	10	3	*	3=100
	January, 1996	28	56	10	4	*	2=100
	March, 1991	37	52	6	2	*	3=100
	August, 1989	27	53	11	4	5=100	
	July, 1985	27	57	9	2	5=100	
h.F2	Health maintenance organizations, HMOs	11	27	30	22	1	9=100
	September, 1998	6	30	35	21	*	8=100
i.F2	NATO	17	50	17	8	2	6=100
	September, 1997	9	44	19	9	4	15=100
	June, 1995	8	53	18	7	4	10=100

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Based on Registered voters.

Q.13 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard Of</u>	<u>Can't Rate</u>
j.F2	The daily newspaper you are most familiar with	24	55	11	6	*	4=100
	February, 1998	18	56	13	5	*	8=100
	February, 1997	21	53	15	4	0	7=100
	April, 1996	24	56	12	4	0	4=100
	January, 1996	27	52	11	5	*	5=100
	June, 1995	22	52	14	7	1	4=100
	July, 1994	23	57	13	5	*	2=100
	May, 1993	26	55	10	4	0	5=100
	January, 1992	27	51	13	5	0	4=100
	November, 1991	24	56	11	5	0	4=100
	March, 1991	30	55	7	3	*	5=100
	May, 1990	22	56	12	5	*	5=100
	August, 1989	25	52	12	5	6=100	
	February, 1989	22	56	13	4	5=100	
	August ⁸ , 1988	30	48	10	5	7=100	
	May, 1988	19	59	13	4	5=100	
	January 27, 1988	19	62	11	3	5=100	
	January 7-18, 1988	21	59	12	4	4=100	
	October, 1987	21	58	9	4	8=100	
	May, 1987	22	59	12	3	4=100	
	January, 1987	19	57	13	6	5=100	
	July, 1986	28	51	11	6	4=100	
	August, 1985	25	52	10	5	8=100	
	June, 1985	25	56	8	3	8=100	
k.F2	The Central Intelligence Agency	9	40	23	10	1	17=100
	February, 1998	7	44	25	7	1	16=100
	<i>Roper</i> , 1987	12	40	29	9	10=100	
	<i>Roper</i> , 1986	14	47	20	6	13=100	
	<i>Roper</i> , 1985	15	38	22	11	15=100	
	<i>Roper</i> , 1984	17	41	22	8	11=100	
l.F2	Video game manufacturers	8	25	34	21	1	11=100
m.F2	The motion picture and entertainment television industry	12	48	26	12	0	2=100

NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POLITICAL PARTIES...

Q.14 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of...(READ AND ROTATE)

		Repub. <u>Party</u>	Democ. <u>Party</u>	Both Equally <u>(VOL.)</u>	Neither <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't Know
ASK ALL:						
a.	Making wise decisions about foreign policy	37	36	7	6	14=100
	March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11=100
	September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13=100
	March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10=100
	October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11=100
	July, 1994 ⁹	51	31	4	6	8=100
	December, 1993	49	23	n/a	10	18=100
	May, 1990	39	28	n/a	17	16=100
ASK ITEMS "b" THRU "f" FORM 1 ONLY [N=582]:						
b.F1	Keeping the country prosperous	37	43	8	3	9=100
	March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9=100
	September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10=100
	March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5=100
	October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10=100
	October, 1992 ¹⁰	36	45	10	0	9=100
	October, 1990 ¹¹	37	35	0	0	28=100
c.F1	Reducing crime	35	35	12	6	12=100
	September, 1998	39	32	10	7	12=100
	March, 1998	35	34	11	10	10=100
	October, 1994	38	34	7	10	11=100
	December, 1993	29	35	n/a	17	19=100
	January, 1992	32	32	n/a	18	18=100
d.F1	Improving our educational system	29	52	7	5	7=100
	March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10=100
	September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10=100
	March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7=100
	July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8=100
	January, 1992	28	48	n/a	10	14=100
	May, 1990	30	42	n/a	14	14=100

⁹ In July 1994 and May 1990, question was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

¹⁰ Gallup poll conducted Oct. 23-25, 1992 based on registered voters.

¹¹ Gallup poll Oct 25-28, 1990.

Q. 14 CONTINUED ...

		Repub. <u>Party</u>	Democ. <u>Party</u>	Both Equally <u>(VOL.)</u>	Neither <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
e.F1	Promoting morality and personal responsibility	40	33	7	11	9=100
	September, 1998	45	27	8	9	11=100
	March, 1998	43	29	9	11	8=100
	October, 1994	40	35	6	8	11=100
	July, 1994	46	34	4	8	8=100
f.F1	Keeping the federal budget balanced ¹²	37	41	5	8	9=100
	July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7=100
ASK ITEMS "g" THRU "I" FORM 2 ONLY [N=571]:						
g.F2	Protecting the environment	27	45	7	5	16=100
	September, 1998	25	51	8	4	12=100
	March, 1998	22	56	8	5	9=100
	July, 1994	28	56	4	4	8=100
	December, 1993	22	46	n/a	12	20=100
	May, 1990	24	40	n/a	19	17=100
h.F2	Doing the right thing about regulating HMOs and managed care	30	40	6	7	17=100
	August 1998 ¹³	29	39	--	--	32=100
i.F2	Reflecting your views about gun control	34	42	4	8	12=100
	December, 1993	32	42	--	8	18=100
j.F2	Keeping Social Security financially sound	33	41	4	9	13=100
	September, 1998	37	42	7	5	9=100
	May, 1990	28	41	n/a	16	15=100
k.F2	Dealing with taxes	38	38	5	7	12=100
	September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10=100
	March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8=100
	October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9=100
ALWAYS ASK ITEM "I" LAST						
l.F2	Dealing with China	37	30	6	6	21=100

¹² In July 1994, the item was listed as: "Reducing the federal budget deficit."

¹³ In August 1998, question was worded: "Who do you have the most confidence in to do the right thing regarding the regulation of HMOs and managed care plans — the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress?"

ASK ALL:

Q.15 There has been some talk that Hillary Clinton might run for the U.S. Senate in New York. Would you like to see her do this or not?

		Dec <u>1998</u> ¹⁴
48	Yes	38
34	No	57
16	(VOL.-DO NOT READ) Don't Care	--
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

NOW THINKING ABOUT SOME POLICY AREAS...

Q.16 Do you think that we should increase our defense spending, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

		Sept <u>1997</u> ¹⁵	Feb <u>1995</u> ¹⁶	Oct <u>1994</u> [*]	Sept <u>1993</u>	Oct-Nov <u>1990</u> [*]	Oct-Nov <u>1986</u> [*]	Oct-Nov <u>1982</u> [*]	Nov <u>1978</u> [*]	Dec <u>1974</u> [*]
31	Increase	17	19	18	10	12	21	22	32	13
47	Keep same	57	56	53	52	53	55	52	45	47
19	Cut back	24	24	26	36	32	23	24	16	33
<u>3</u>	DK/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* *Gallup trend.*

Q.17 What do you think is more important — to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

		May <u>1999</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>
33	Protect right of Americans to own guns	30	34
62	Control gun ownership	65	57
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

¹⁴ In December 1998, the question was worded: "Would you like to see Hillary Clinton run for high political office someday or not?"

¹⁵ In September 1997, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?"

¹⁶ In February 1995 and in previous months, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should expand our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?"

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.18 If a television news magazine such as 60 Minutes or 20/20 was doing an in-depth program about a candidate running in the next election, who would you MOST want to watch a program about... **(READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES; ROTATE RESPONSE CATEGORIES)?**

10	Bill Bradley
30	George W. Bush
16	Hillary Clinton
14	Elizabeth Dole
15	Al Gore
5	John McCain
5	None of the above (VOL. — DO NOT READ)
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. — DO NOT READ)
100	

Q.19 Looking ahead to the next presidential election, would you like to see a president who offers policies and programs similar to those of the Clinton administration, OR would you like to see a president who offers different policies and programs?

		February
		<u>1999</u>
43	Policies and programs similar to Clinton Administration	54
50	Different policies and programs	41
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

Q.20 Now thinking about both the strengths and weaknesses of Bill Clinton as a person, would you like to see the next president have personal qualities similar to Bill Clinton, OR would you like to see a president who has different personal qualities?

		February
		<u>1999</u>
12	Similar personal qualities	17
83	Different personal qualities	78
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=582]:

Q.21F1 **(WEDNESDAY ASK: "Do"/THURSDAY-SUNDAY ASK: "Did")** you approve or disapprove of NATO forces, including the United States, conducting air strikes against Serbia to force the Serbs to agree to the terms of the peace agreement and end the fighting in Kosovo **(PRON: KO-seh-vo) ?**

		May	April	March
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>
62	Approve	53	62	60
32	Disapprove	38	29	29
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=571]:

Q.22F2 All things considered, do you think that the U.S. and NATO made the right decision of the wrong decision to conduct air strikes against Serbia to force them to agree to the terms of the peace agreement and end the fighting in Kosovo (**PRON: KO-seh-vo**) ?

68	Right decision
22	Wrong decision
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

ASKED WEDNESDAY ONLY [N=313]

Q.23a There's been some talk about sending 7,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 50,000 troops, to help maintain peace in Kosovo once the military conflict has ended. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?

46	Favor
49	Oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=840]:

Q.23b The peace agreement calls for sending 7,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 50,000 troops, to help maintain peace in Kosovo now that the military conflict has ended. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?

56	Favor
37	Oppose
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ROTATE Q.23c and Q.23d

ASK THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=840]:

Q.23c How worried are you that U.S. troops might suffer casualties as part of their peacekeeping mission in Kosovo — very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

40	Very worried
39	Somewhat worried
14	Not too worried
6	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK THURSDAY - SUNDAY ONLY [N=840]:

Q.23d How worried are you about the financial cost of sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a peacekeeping mission — very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

21	Very worried
36	Somewhat worried
24	Not too worried
17	Not at all worried
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.24 Do you think that the U.S. and NATO have achieved the goals they started out with when they began the bombing campaign?

46	Yes
40	No
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ROTATE Q.25 AND Q.26:

Q.25 Do you think the Kosovo Liberation Army will comply with the terms of the peace agreement or not?

32	Yes
51	No
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.26 Do you think the Serbs will comply with the terms of the peace agreement or not?

30	Yes
56	No
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.27 Do you think efforts should be made to arrest and try Yugoslav President Milosevic (**PRON: Mee-LOH-soh-vich**) for war crimes or not?

77	Yes
14	No
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM A ONLY [N=384]:

Q.28FA In the future, do you think that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force IN EUROPE, if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another, or don't you think so?

60	Yes
29	No
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM B ONLY [N=393]:

Q.29FB In the future, do you think that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force IN AFRICA, if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another, or don't you think so?

58	Yes
31	No
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM C ONLY [N=376]:

Q.30FC In the future, do you think that the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force IN ASIA, if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another, or don't you think so?

58	Yes
33	No
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ALL:
ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.31 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today. . . Do you think China is (**READ**):

		March <u>1999</u>	Sept <u>1997</u>
18	An adversary	20	14
53	A serious problem, but not an adversary	48	46
22	OR, Not much of a problem	25	32
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=582]:

Q.32F1 As you may know, the United States grants a trade status to most nations it trades with known as normal trade relations treatment. In your opinion, should the U.S. grant this same status to China, or not?

32	Yes
54	No
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=571]:

Q.33F2 As you may know, the United States grants a trade status to most nations it trades with known as Most Favored Nation status. In your opinion, should the U.S. grant this same status to China, or not?

		--- Gallup ---	
		July	May
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
29	Yes	35	36
57	No	55	53
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.34 What is your impression... These days are relations between the U.S. and China improving, getting worse, or staying about the same?

		March	August
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1995</u>
7	Improving	13	16
35	Getting worse	19	22
50	Staying about the same	60	53
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

Q.35 From what you know or have read, do you think that China's government is becoming more democratic and is allowing more freedoms for Chinese citizens, or do you think this is not happening?

		March	Early Aug	<i>Gallup</i>
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Oct 1997</u>
26	Becoming more democratic	23	35	26
60	Not happening	65	51	64
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.36 Do you think that trade between China and Western nations will lead to China becoming more democratic, or don't you think so?

39	Yes
47	No
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.37 In your opinion, has the Clinton administration been too tough, not tough enough, or about right in its dealings with China?

		March
		<u>1999</u>
1	Too tough	2
51	Not tough enough	44
35	About right	43
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=582]:

Q.38F1 In your opinion, which is more important — to contain China's growth as a military power, OR to maintain normal relations with China as a trading partner, even if it means overlooking some of their military developments?

		March
		<u>1999</u>
44	Contain China as military power	47
43	Maintain normal relations	42
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=571]:

Q.39F2 In your opinion, which is more important — to cooperate with China in order to help maintain peace and prevent the spread of nuclear weapons in Asia, OR to take a firm stand with China against human rights abuses there, even if it increases tensions between the U.S. and China?

		March
		<u>1999</u>
37	Cooperate with China to maintain peace	45
49	Take a firm stand with China	44
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>
100		100

IF FOLLOWING CHINA STORY (1, 2 OR 3 IN Q.6g), ASK [N=915]:

Q.40 From what you have read or heard, do you think that the nuclear secrets China stole from the United States represent a major threat to U.S. national security, a minor threat, or no threat at all?

45 Major threat
 44 Minor threat
 6 No threat at all
5 Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK ALL:

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only...

Q.41 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, or at home on at least an occasional basis?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
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
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100

IF YES (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.41, ASK:

Q.42 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

	May 1999	April 1999	March 1999	Feb 1999	Jan 1999	Early Dec 1998	Nov 1998	Sept 1998	Early Aug 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995 ¹⁷
50 Goes online	48	51	49	49	47	42	37	42	43	36	23	14
50 Does not go online	52	49	51	51	53	58	63	58	57	63	77	86
* Don't know/Refused	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	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?

IF YES (GO ONLINE) IN Q.42, ASK [N=655]:

Q.43 How frequently do you go online to get NEWS... would you say every day, 3 to 5 days per week, 1 or 2 days per week, once every few weeks, or less often?

		Dec	Nov	April	June
		1998	1998	1998	1995
22	Everyday	25	10	18	6
18	3-5 days per week	17	11	17	9
22	1-2 days per week	22	16	20	15
13	Once every few weeks	10	13	15	13
18	Less often	18	20	21	28
7	No/Never (VOL.)	8	30	9	29
0	Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*
100		100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.44 If "6" represents someone who is very liberal in politics and "1" represents someone who is very conservative, where on this scale of 6 to 1 would you rate yourself? [IF ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW" DO NOT PROBE.]

	--- Conservative ---			---- Liberal ----			Could
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Not Rate
Yourself	18	13	29	22	11	7=100	5%
May, 1999	13	12	30	20	11	14=100	
September, 1996	17	10	31	18	13	11=100	
September, 1988	14	15	29	20	12	10=100	
<i>Newsweek</i> : 1984	16	9	31	19	12	13=100	