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Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I'd like to ask a few questions of the youngest male, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home. **[IF NO MALE, ASK: May I please speak with the oldest female, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home?]**

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>
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>
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100

Q. 2 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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]**

		Sept	Sept	Jan	June	Oct	July	Oct	Sept	Aug	Newsweek
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	June 30-July 1
											<u>1993</u>
56	Approve	61	54	52	39	50	38	39	47	52	49
34	Disapprove	30	34	39	52	42	53	46	33	25	35
<u>10</u>	DK/Refused	<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

NOW A DIFFERENT KIND OF QUESTION...

Q.4 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of Al Gore. Tell me just the ONE best word that describes him. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

March		Sept		Early	
<u>1999</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>
Boring	66	Okay	59	Intelligent	20
Quiet	38	Good	52	Good	16
Good	38	Boring	42	Environmentalist	15
Okay	33	Stiff	30	Honest	14
Weak	29	Intelligent	27	Leadership	14
Honest	27	Honest	27	Smart	14
Dull	27	Fair	25	Quiet	13
Wimp	22	Quiet	24	Stiff	13
Competent	21	Wimp	24	Fair	12
Incompetent	20	Environmentalist	21	Boring	11
Stiff	19	Competent	21	Follower	11
Unknown	18	Nice	20	Nice	11
Intelligent	18	Invisible	19	Alright	9
Follower	17	Dull	18	Dull	9

Q. 4 CONTINUED ...

<u>March</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>	<u>Early</u> <u>Sept</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>
Environmentalist	17	Unknown	15	Personable	9
Idiot	16	Phony	14	Sincere	9
Alright	14	Alright	13	Wimp	8
Bland	13	Fine	13	OK	7
Puppet	11	Follower	13	Politician	6
Stupid	11	Adequate	13	Puppet	5
	(N=1786)		(N=2000)		(N=750)

* Q.4 "frequency" column is the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

ASK Q.5 OF FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.5 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of George W. Bush. Tell me just the ONE best word that describes him. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

<u>March</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Frequency*</u>
Good	42
Okay	25
Unknown	24
Leader	20
Honest	16
Great	15
Conservative	14
Fair	13
Old	11
Alright	11
Intelligent	10
Excellent	9
Republican	8
Potential	7
Interesting	7
Confident	6
Fine	6
Nice	6
Strong	6
Competent	6
	(N=893)

* Q.5 "frequency" column is the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

ASK Q.6 OF FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.6 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of Elizabeth Dole. Tell me just the ONE best word that describes her. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

March 1999		July 1996	
	<u>Frequency*</u>		<u>Frequency*</u>
Intelligent	21	Intelligent	21
Strong	20	Okay	18
Good	20	Good	14
Smart	18	Nice	13
Alright	13	Strong	11
Energetic	12	Honest	9
Okay	11	Unknown	8
Capable	11	Competent	8
Competent	10	Smart	7
Nice	9	Old	7
Interesting	9	Pushy	5
Dynamic	8	Responsible	5
Old	8	Rich	5
Ambitious	8	Fair	5
Honest	7	Capable	5
Outgoing	7	Loyalty	5
Woman	7	Alright	4
Great	7	Fine	4
Conservative	6	Pleasant	4
Impressive	6	Sincere	4
	(N=893)		(N=610)

* Q.6 "frequency" column is the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

Q.7 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]

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK (VOL.)</u>
ASK A-B FORM 1 ONLY (N=893):					
a. NATO air strikes against Serbian forces in Kosovo	43	32	15	9	1=100
February, 1999 ¹	11	30	28	30	1=100
Mid-January, 1999 ²	9	21	24	44	2=100
March, 1998 ³	5	12	26	55	2=100
b. Accusations that China stole nuclear technology from U.S. laboratories	19	24	24	32	1=100

¹ In February 1999, the story was listed "NATO efforts to end ethnic conflict in Kosovo, Serbia."

² In Mid-January, the story was listed as "The massacre of 45 people in Kosovo, Serbia."

³ In March 1998, the story was listed as "Ethnic conflict in Kosovo, Serbia."

Q.7 CONTINUED ...

ASK ALL:

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK (VOL.)</u>
c.	Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market	18	29	22	31	*=100
	January, 1999	24	28	19	28	1=100
	Early September, 1998	32	31	20	17	*=100
	Mid-August, 1998	17	23	21	39	*=100
	January, 1998	21	25	23	31	*=100
	November, 1997 ⁴	25	36	18	20	1=100
	September, 1997	14	22	23	40	1=100
	April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*=100
	February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1=100
d.	The death of former baseball player Joe DiMaggio	18	33	27	21	1=100
e.	The derailment of an Amtrak train in Illinois	29	39	19	12	1=100
f.	Charges of corruption against members of the International Olympic Committee	8	28	31	32	1=100
	February, 1999	11	33	27	29	*=100
	January, 1999 ⁵	9	28	29	33	1=100
g.	Reports about Monica Lewinsky's book tour and TV interviews	7	16	26	50	1=100

Next, I would like to ask you a few questions about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them.

Q.8 Do you happen to know which country in the Mideast has been the target of U.S. air attacks in recent months? (IF YES, ASK: Which country?)

30 Iraq
 36 Other answers
 24 No
10 Don't know/Refused
 100

⁴ In November 1997, April 1997 and February 1996, the story was listed as "Recent major ups and downs in the stock market."

⁵ In January 1999, the story was listed as "Charges that Salt Lake City used illegal practices to win the 2002 Winter Olympic games."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=893):

Q.9 Do you happen to know the name of the province in Yugoslavia where there is conflict between Serbians and ethnic Albanians? **(IF YES, ASK: Which province?)**

42 Kosovo
8 All other answers
50 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=893):

Q.10 Do you happen to know which country was recently accused of stealing nuclear technology from the United States? **(IF YES, ASK: Which country?)**

46 China
11 Other answers
33 No
10 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK ALL:

Q.11 As far as you know, does the United States currently have troops stationed in Bosnia, or not?

		November <u>1997</u>	<i>CNN/USA Today/Gallup</i> <u>June 1997</u>
66	Yes, in Bosnia	71	74
15	No, not in Bosnia	11	7
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
100		100	100

Q.12 As far as you know, does the United States currently have troops stationed in Haiti, or not?

32 Yes
25 No
43 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.13 Now I'd like your views on some people in the news. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of...(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
a. Bill Clinton	21	34	19	23	*	3=100
December, 1998	23	32	19	24	0	2=100
October, 1998 ⁶	15	37	20	24	0	4=100
Early September, 1998	18	39	18	23	0	2=100
Late August, 1998	18	36	20	24	0	2=100
March, 1998	22	40	19	16	*	3=100
November, 1997	19	44	21	14	0	2=100
October, 1997	15	47	20	16	*	2=100
September, 1997	18	44	21	14	0	3=100
August, 1997	16	45	21	17	0	1=100
April, 1997	17	44	21	16	*	2=100
January, 1997	17	49	18	14	*	2=100
October, 1996 ⁷	12	45	22	19	0	2=100
June, 1996	16	45	23	14	*	2=100
April, 1996	16	41	24	16	0	3=100
February, 1996	20	35	22	21	0	2=100
January, 1996	13	43	27	15	0	2=100
August, 1995	13	36	29	20	0	2=100
February, 1995	14	41	25	17	0	3=100
December, 1994	17	34	24	22	0	3=100
July, 1994	15	43	25	16	*	1=100
May, 1993	18	42	23	12	0	5=100
July, 1992	17	42	25	9	0	7=100
June, 1992	10	36	33	14	1	6=100
May, 1992	11	42	32	10	*	5=100
March, 1992	10	43	29	11	1	6=100
February, 1992	15	44	24	7	2	8=100
January, 1992	9	28	11	4	27	21=100
November, 1991	5	25	8	2	39	21=100

⁶ October 1998 based on registered voters.

⁷ October 1996 based on registered voters.

Q. 13 CONTINUED ...

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
b. Al Gore	12	35	26	17	2	8=100
December, 1998	18	40	22	11	1	8=100
October, 1998 ⁸	16	37	25	13	1	8=100
Early September, 1998	13	44	22	13	1	7=100
Late August, 1998	11	44	23	14	1	7=100
March, 1998	17	42	19	11	2	9=100
November, 1997	12	43	26	12	1	6=100
September, 1997	11	35	28	15	1	10=100
August, 1997	15	39	22	15	1	8=100
April, 1997	12	45	24	12	1	6=100
January, 1997	18	47	21	8	1	5=100
July, 1994	18	49	19	7	2	5=100
August, 1992	22	44	15	5	2	12=100
July, 1992 ⁹	15	32	14	5	6	28=100
September, 1987	6	23	11	3	23	34=100
c. Texas Governor						
George W. Bush	21	40	14	7	4	14=100
November, 1997	13	41	12	6	9	19=100
d. Elizabeth Dole	18	40	17	7	5	13=100
January, 1999	21	45	13	7	3	11=100
April, 1996	11	32	17	9	5	26=100
e. Bill Bradley	7	26	14	4	31	18=100
August, 1995	8	25	14	5	20	28=100
June, 1992	8	27	17	6	22	20=100
May, 1990	6	23	6	2	40	23=100
f. Secretary of State						
Madeleine Albright	20	43	14	8	6	9=100
April, 1997	16	49	10	4	6	15=100
January, 1997	13	44	12	4	9	18=100

⁸ October 1998 based on registered voters.

⁹ July 1992 trend based on 461 respondents asked on July 9, 1992 only.

ROTATE Q.14/Q.14a AND Q.15/Q.15a

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.14 Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat and Texas Governor George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

IF '3' OTHER, '8' DON'T KNOW, OR '9' REFUSED, ASK:

Q.14a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore, the Democrat or Bush, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS (N=1324):

		January <u>1999</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>
41	Gore/Lean Gore	44	40
54	Bush/Lean Bush	50	53
<u>5</u>	Undecided/Other	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

Q.15 Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat and Elizabeth Dole, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

IF '3' OTHER, '8' DON'T KNOW, OR '9' REFUSED, ASK:

Q.15a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore, the Democrat or Dole, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS (N=1324):

		January <u>1999</u>
42	Gore/Lean Gore	43
52	Dole/Lean Dole	47
<u>6</u>	Undecided/Other	<u>10</u>
100		100

G.1 Now I am going to read you a series of statements. For each, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it, or completely disagree with it. (The first one is...) **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)**

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	I am tired of all the problems associated with the Clinton administration	46	28	15	8	3=100
b.	I wish Bill Clinton could run for a third term	16	13	19	50	2=100

ASK (c-d) FORM 1 ONLY (N=893):

c.	I like Bill Clinton better as a person than Al Gore	15	22	24	28	11=100
d.	Bill Clinton cares more than Al Gore about people like me	11	26	26	25	12=100

G.1 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>
ASK (e-f) FORM 2 ONLY(N=893):						
e.	I like Al Gore better as a person than Bill Clinton	20	32	19	16	13=100
f.	Al Gore cares more than Bill Clinton about people like me	7	27	31	19	16=100

G.2 In your opinion, how can we best avoid things like the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal in the future — by electing a president with high moral character, or by making sure that a president's private life remains private?

		<u>Dec 1998</u>
35	Electing a president with high moral character	34
59	Making sure a president's private life remains private	60
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100		100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.16a Now a few questions about the political parties. First, please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job handling the most important problem facing the country today.

38	Republican Party
42	Democratic Party
5	Both equally (VOL)
6	Neither (VOL)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.16 And which party could do a better job of...(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)

		<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Both Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
b.	Making wise decisions about foreign policy	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 ¹⁰	51	31	4	6	8=100
	December, 1993	49	23	n/a	10	18=100
	May, 1990	39	28	n/a	17	16=100

¹⁰ In July 1994 and May 1990, question was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

Q.16 CONTINUED ...

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Both <u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
c.	Improving our educational system	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
d.	Keeping the country prosperous	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 ¹¹	36	45	10	0	9=100
	October, 1990 ¹²	37	35	0	0	28=100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.16e Which of the following two statements best describes you: "I follow INTERNATIONAL news closely ONLY when something important or interesting is happening" OR "I follow INTERNATIONAL news closely most of the time, whether or not something important or interesting is happening"?

- 44 Follow INTERNATIONAL news closely ONLY when something important or interesting is happening
 - 53 Follow INTERNATIONAL news closely MOST of the time
 - 3 Don't know/Refused
- 100

Q.16f Do you think the NATO alliance should be maintained or is the alliance not necessary any more?

		Jan <u>1997</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>	June <u>1991</u>
74	Maintained	61	60	62
13	Not necessary	21	27	17
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>
100		100	100	100

¹¹ Gallup poll conducted Oct. 23-25, 1992 based on registered voters.

¹² Gallup poll Oct 25-28, 1990.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.17 As I read a list of SPECIFIC foreign policy problems, tell me whether each one should have top priority in the U.S. government, a priority but not top priority, or no priority. (First,.../How about...) **[READ AND ROTATE]**

ASK ALL:		<u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>A</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
a.	Ending the warfare in the Balkans?	34	42	16	8=100
	June, 1995 ¹³	32	43	22	3=100
	September, 1993	22	47	24	7=100
b.	Getting Saddam Hussein out of Iraq?	60	28	10	2=100
	September, 1993	54	28	17	2=100
ASK (c-k) FORM 1 ONLY (N=893): [NO ITEMS d OR g]					
c.	Insuring democracy succeeds in Russia and the other former Soviet states?	30	43	21	6=100
	June, 1995	14	54	29	3=100
	September, 1993	23	53	21	3=100
e.	Making the world financial system more stable?	60	31	7	2=100
f.	Bringing about a permanent settlement between Israel and the Arabs?	35	42	19	4=100
	September, 1993	34	45	19	2=100
h.	Protecting the global environment?	62	30	5	3=100
	June, 1995	55	37	6	2=100
	September, 1993	63	31	5	1=100
i.	Better managing our trade and economic disputes with Japan?	38	50	8	4=100
	June, 1995	40	48	9	3=100
	September, 1993	48	43	7	2=100
j.	Monitoring the emergence of China as a world power?	42	38	14	6=100
	September, 1993	33	45	20	3=100
k.	Stopping international drug trafficking?	72	23	4	1=100
	June, 1995	75	20	4	1=100
	September, 1993	82	14	4	*=100

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In June 1995, the story was listed "Ending the warfare in Bosnia (former Yugoslavia)."

ASK (1-q) FORM 2 ONLY (N=893):

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>A Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
l.	Countering the threat of North Korean militarism? September, 1993	29 20	49 49	14 25	8=100 6=100
m.	Reducing the threat of international terrorism June, 1995	75 71	20 23	2 5	3=100 1=100
n.	Stopping the spread of AIDS around the world	65	29	4	2=100
o.	Preventing human rights abuses in other countries	37	46	13	4=100
p.	Better managing our trade and economic disputes with Europe?	40	47	8	5=100
q.	Keeping a close watch on the development of China as a world power?	52	37	8	3=100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

IF ANSWERED "1" (YES) IN Q.11 , ASK:

Q.18a Do you approve or disapprove of the presence of U.S. troops in Bosnia?

IF ANSWERED "2,9" (NO, DON'T KNOW) IN Q.11 , ASK:

Q.18b As you may know, the United States currently has troops stationed in Bosnia. Do you approve or disapprove of the presence of U.S. troops in Bosnia?

		<i>CNN/USA Today/Gallup</i>					
		Jan	Nov	June	May	Jan	Dec
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
57	Approve	43	50	39	42	36	41
34	Disapprove	50	42	53	51	58	54
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

[NO QUESTIONS 19, 20, OR 21]

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.22 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today. . . Do you think China is (**READ**):

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

Q.23 What is your impression... These days are relations between the U.S. and China improving, getting worse, or staying about the same?

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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=893):

Q.24 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?

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

ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=893):

Q.25 Do you think that China's economy is becoming more like the kind of free-market system found in the United States and other Western countries, or do you think this is not happening?

		Early Aug <u>1998</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>Oct 1997</u>
34	More free-market	41	34
47	Not happening	44	55
<u>19</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u> 100	<u>11</u> 100

ASK ALL:

Q.26 In your opinion, has the Clinton administration been too tough, not tough enough, or about right in its dealings with China?

2 Too tough
44 Not tough enough
43 About right
11 Don't know/Refused
100

ROTATE Q.27 AND Q.28

Q.27 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?

47 Contain China as military power
42 Maintain normal relations
11 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.28 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?

45 Cooperate with China to maintain peace
44 Take a firm stand with China
11 Don't know/Refused
100

[NO QUESTION 29]

[FOR WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY RESPONDENTS, Q.32 AND Q.33 WERE ROTATED AND WERE ASKED AFTER Q.30 AND Q.31. FOR FRIDAY-TUESDAY RESPONDENTS, SERIES WAS ASKED IN THIS ORDER: Q.33a (REPLACED Q.33), Q.32, Q.30, Q.31]

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT,

WED-THURS ONLY (N=737):

Q.33 Do you approve or disapprove of NATO air strikes against Serbia to force the Serbs to agree to the terms of the peace agreement to end the fighting in Kosovo?

60 Approve
31 Disapprove
9 Don't know/Refused
100

FRI-TUES ONLY (N=1049):

Q.33a Do 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 to end the fighting in Kosovo?

60 Approve
29 Disapprove
11 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK ALL:

Q.32 There's been some talk about sending 4,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 30,000 troops, to help secure peace in Kosovo, Serbia. Do you approve or disapprove of sending U.S. troops to Kosovo?

44 Approve
49 Disapprove
7 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=893):

Q.30 Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting between ethnic groups in Kosovo, a province of Serbia, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

		June <u>1995</u> ¹⁴
47	U.S. has responsibility	30
46	Doesn't have responsibility	64
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=893):

Q.31 Do you think NATO, including the United States, has a responsibility to do something about the fighting between ethnic groups in Kosovo, a province of Serbia, or doesn't NATO have this responsibility?

61 NATO has responsibility
26 Doesn't have responsibility
13 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=744):

QUESTION 34a ASKED THURSDAY THRU TUESDAY

Q.34a Here are some reasons being given for using U.S. troops to help secure peace in Kosovo, Serbia. For each one, please tell me whether, in your opinion, it is a very important reason, a somewhat important reason, a not too important reason, or not at all important reason for the use of U.S. troops. How about... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)** — is this a very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important reason for the use of U.S. troops?

		<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not too Important</u>	<u>Not at all Important</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>
a.	To prevent a larger war involving other countries in that part of Europe	53	29	9	6	3=100
b.	To prevent the killing of innocent citizens in Kosovo	67	21	4	6	2=100
c.	To prevent starvation and a major refugee problem in that region	56	29	6	6	3=100

¹⁴ In June, 1995 this question was listed as "Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting between the Serbs and Bosnians in what used to be Yugoslavia, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=743):

QUESTION 35a ASKED THURSDAY THRU TUESDAY

Q.35a Here are some reasons being given for launching U.S. air strikes to help secure peace in Kosovo, Serbia. For each one, please tell me whether, in your opinion, it is a very important reason, a somewhat important reason, a not too important reason, or not at all important reason for launching U.S. air strikes. How about... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)** — is this a very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important reason for launching U.S. air strikes?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not too Important</u>	<u>Not at all Important</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
a. To prevent a larger war involving other countries in that part of Europe	58	24	7	6	5=100
b. To prevent the killing of innocent citizens in Kosovo	71	18	4	5	2=100
c. To prevent starvation and a major refugee problem in that region	56	26	8	6	4=100

ROTATE Q.36 and Q.37

Q.36 How worried are you that U.S. troops in Kosovo might suffer casualties — very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

55 Very worried
 31 Somewhat worried
 9 Not too worried
 3 Not at all worried
2 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.37 How worried are you about the financial cost of sending U.S. troops to Kosovo — very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

21 Very worried
 33 Somewhat worried
 26 Not too worried
 17 Not at all worried
3 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.38 Finally, turning to the situation in Iraq...Over the past several months, there have been repeated U.S. and British air strikes against Iraq. In general, do you approve or disapprove of these air strikes?

68 Approve
 25 Disapprove
7 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.39 Do you think these air strikes will be effective in preventing Iraq from increasing its military power, or don't you think they will be effective?

50 Air strikes will be effective
 42 Will not be effective
 8 Don't know/Refused
 100

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

Q.40 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, or at home on at least an occasional basis?

				Early	Early	Late	Early	Early									
		Feb	Jan	Dec	Sept	Aug	Aug	April	Jan	Nov	June	Sept	July	April	March	Feb	Jan
		1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1997	1997	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996
68	Yes	68	69	64	64	66	66	61	65	66	60	56	56	58	61	60	59
32	No	32	31	36	36	34	34	39	35	34	40	44	44	42	39	40	41
*	DK/Ref	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	0	0
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

IF YES (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.40, ASK:

Q.41. Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

				Early	Early	Early				
		Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Sept	Aug	Nov	July	June
		1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1998	1997	1996	1995 ¹⁵
49	Goes online	49	47	42	37	42	43	36	23	14
51	Does not go online	51	53	58	63	58	57	63	77	86
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*	0	*	*	*	1	0	*
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?