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EARLY SEPTEMBER 1998 POLITICAL POLL
FINAL TOPLINE
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N = 2266

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 "DON'T KNOW", ENTER AS CODE 9. 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 CODE 9.)**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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
February, 1995	44	44	12=100
December, 1994	41	47	12=100
November, 1994	48	40	12=100
October, 1994	41	47	12=100

Q.1 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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/disapprove) very strongly, or not so strongly?

		<i>--- Gallup ---</i>				
		Clinton		Reagan		Carter
		<u>3/98</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/86</u>	<u>6/83</u>	<u>4/78</u>
61	Approve	65	45	64	47	48
42	Very strongly	43	18	41	21	14
19	Not so strongly	21	27	21	26	34
0	Don't know	1	—	2	—	—
33	Disapprove	26	46	26	44	39
9	Not so strongly	6	17	9	15	22
24	Very strongly	19	29	17	29	17
0	Don't know	1	—	*	—	—
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1131]

Q.3F1 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Clinton Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

		----- Reagan -----	
		<i>Newsweek</i>	
		<u>May 1987</u>	<u>Feb 1987</u>
52	Accomplishments will outweigh failures	46	52
35	Failures will outweigh accomplishments	41	38
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=1135]

Q.4F2 In the long run, do you think Bill Clinton will be a successful or unsuccessful President, or do you think it is too early to tell?

		Feb <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	May <u>1994</u>	Jan <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1993</u>	Sept <u>1993</u>	Aug <u>1993</u>
38	Successful	18	14	21	21	18	22	13
24	Unsuccessful	34	35	26	19	25	22	25
35	Too early to tell	43	48	52	57	56	54	60
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.5 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>
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100
November, 1996	40	43	17=100
July, 1996	38	48	14=100
June, 1996	36	50	14=100
April, 1996	39	46	15=100
March, 1996	35	51	14=100
February, 1996	33	53	14=100
January, 1996	36	54	10=100
October, 1995	36	51	13=100
September, 1995	36	50	14=100
August, 1995	38	45	17=100
June, 1995	41	45	14=100
April, 1995	44	43	13=100
March 1995	43	39	18=100
December, 1994	52	28	20=100

Q.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? **[READ AND ROTATE LIST]**

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) DK
a. The investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct against President Clinton	36	36	17	10	1=100
Late August, 1998	33	39	19	8	1=100
Mid-August, 1998	26	30	20	24	*=100
Early August, 1998	29	34	22	14	1=100
June, 1998 ¹	28	32	24	15	1=100
April, 1998	27	39	20	14	*=100
March, 1998	30	35	25	9	1=100
February, 1998 ²	21	44	25	10	*=100
Early February, 1998	34	42	17	7	0=100
<i>Gallup</i> : 1/27/98	37	43	15	4	1=100
<i>CBS</i> : 1/26/98	38	41	15	5	1=100
b. News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district	17	32	28	23	*=100
Early August, 1998	13	30	28	28	1=100
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1=100
April, 1998 ³	16	33	24	27	*=100
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*=100
October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1=100
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1=100
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*=100
November, 1990 ⁴	38	34	17	11	*=100
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*=100
c. Reports about activities to prevent terrorism both here and abroad	33	38	19	10	*=100
d. Economic and political instability in Russia	18	30	28	24	*=100
Late August, 1998 ⁵	8	22	29	41	*=100

1 In June, April and March 1998, story was listed as "Allegations of sexual misconduct against Bill Clinton."

2 In February 1998, story was listed as "Allegations that President Clinton had an affair with former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky."

3 In April 1998, September 1994 and October 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and election campaigns in your state."

4 In November 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and elections in your state."

5 In Late August 1998, story was listed as "Economic problems in Russia."

Q.6 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) <u>DK</u>
[ITEM ASKED SEPT 1 - 10, 1998: N=768]					
e. Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market	32	31	20	17	*=100
Mid-August, 1998	17	23	21	39	*=100
November, 1997 ⁶	25	36	18	20	1=100
April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*=100
February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1=100

QUESTIONS 7 AND 8 ASKED AUGUST 27 - 31, 1998: [N=1498]

ROTATE Q.7/8 AND Q.9-13 IN BLOCKS

Q.7 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.8 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore, the Democrat or Bush, the Republican?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1164]

40 Gore/Lean Gore
53 Bush/Lean Bush
7 Undecided/Other
100

QUESTIONS P.1 AND P.2 ASKED SEPT 1-10,1998: [N=768]

ROTATE P.1/P.2 AND Q.9-13 IN BLOCKS

P.1 Thinking ahead to the next Presidential election, are you IN GENERAL more likely to vote for a Republican candidate for President, or for a Democratic candidate for President?

IF '3' OTHER, '4' DEPENDS, OR '9' DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK:

P.2 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more towards a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for President?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=589]

	<u>Nov 1997</u>
42 Republican/Lean Republican	42
43 Democrat/Lean Democrat	45
<u>15</u> Refused to lean	<u>13</u>
100	100

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

ASK ALL:

Q.9 If the 1998 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, ASK:

Q.10 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

	<u>Republican/ Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Democrat/ Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
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 ⁷	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.

ASK ALL:

Q.11 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district — national issues, local or state issues, the candidate's political party, or the candidate's character or experience? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?)**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

	National <u>Issue</u>	State/Local <u>Issue</u>	Political <u>Party</u>	Character/ <u>Experience</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>None</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
Early September, 1998	22	34	5	33	2	*	4=100
Early August, 1998	20	38	5	31	2	*	4=100
June, 1998	22	37	4	32	1	1	3=100
March, 1998	18	37	6	35	1	1	2=100
November, 1996	23	38	6	25	2	*	6=100
October, 1996	19	45	7	26	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	25	38	6	24	2	*	5=100
Early September, 1996	18	42	6	30	1	*	3=100
November, 1994	22	38	5	30	1	*	4=100
Late October, 1994	22	38	3	29	3	1	4=100
Early October, 1994	22	27	5	39	2	1	4=100
CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986	22	25	6	40	1	1	5=100
CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986	20	23	9	41	3	*	4=100

ROTATE Q.12 AND Q.13

Q.12 Thinking again about your vote for Congress this fall, will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	June <u>1998</u>
41 Yes, will be a factor	44	45
56 No, will not	53	51
<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100

Q.13 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for Bill Clinton, as a vote against Bill Clinton, or isn't Bill Clinton much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

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

Q.14 On another subject... All in all, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 1998	46	50	4=100
September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 1997	49	46	5=100
January, 1997	38	58	4=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
March, 1996	28	70	2=100
October, 1995	23	73	4=100
June, 1995	25	73	2=100
April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
<i>Late February, 1991 (Gallup)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>3=100</i>
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

ASK Q.15 AND Q.15a ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY DISSATISFIED: [N=929]

Q.15 What things are you most dissatisfied with? (OPEN-ENDED: ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS)

		<u>March</u>	<u>Oct</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
19	BILL CLINTON (NET)	--	--
9	Critical of Clinton		
6	Supportive of Clinton		
5	Neutral toward Clinton		
18	Moral crisis/Lack of family values/Too many babies being born out of wedlock	12	13
17	ECONOMY (NET)	25	21
14	Foreign Policy	5	8
12	Crime	18	20
12	The political system/Washington politics	16	17
9	The educational system	10	9
8	The economy	13	13
8	Taxes are too high	11	14
7	Government spends too much/Government is too big	10	12
6	Misc. Government	--	--
5	The health care system/lack of health care	10	21
5	Welfare reform	9	9
4	Lack of jobs	12	8

Q.15 CONTINUED ...

		March <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>
3	Social Security/Elderly	5	--
3	Judicial system/Court system	4	5
2	Homelessness/Poverty	3	--
2	Abortion	2	--
2	Race relations/Affirmative action	2	5
2	Media	--	--
2	Exporting jobs overseas	--	--
2	Distribution of wealth/Income gap	--	--
3	Other (SPECIFY)	4	12
7	Don't know/Refused/Nothing	4	4

Q.15a Generally, who do you think is most responsible for... (**IF RESPONDENT ONLY GAVE ONE ANSWER IN Q.15, INSERT "THIS"; IF MORE THAN ONE ANSWER, INSERT FIRST MENTION FROM Q.15**)? (**READ LIST AND ROTATE**)

		March <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>
18	The President	11	7
20	The Congress	35	35
5	Business corporations	6	8
10	The news media	7	6
5	The entertainment industry	3	3
3	Wall Street banks and investment companies	3	2
27	The people themselves	25	27
8	Or who? (SPECIFY)	4	8
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100
		(N=988)	(N=1392)

ASK ALL:

Q.16 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?

	<u>Most of The Time</u>	<u>Some of the Time</u>	<u>Only Now and Then</u>	<u>Hardly at All</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*=100
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*=100
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*=100
November, 1996 ⁸	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*=100
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*=100
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*=100
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1=100
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*=100
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*=100
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*=100

Q.16 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Most of The Time</u>	<u>Some of the Time</u>	<u>Only Now and Then</u>	<u>Hardly at All</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1=100
October, 1988	52	33	11	4	*=100
September, 1988	58	32	8	2	*=100
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3=100
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2=100
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1=100
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2=100
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1=100

Q.17 These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far?

IF YES, ASK:

Q.17a Are you absolutely certain you are registered to vote, or is there a chance your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

	<u>Yes, Registered</u>	<u>Absolutely Certain</u>	<u>Chance Lapsed</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>	<u>No, Not Registered</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
Early September, 1998	77	74	3	*	22	1=100
Late August, 1998	78	75	3	*	22	*=100
June, 1998	78	73	4	1	22	*=100
November, 1997	80	75	4	1	20	*=100
September, 1997	79	76	3	*	20	1=100
November, 1996	76	69	2	*	24	*=100
June, 1996	79	75	4	0	21	*=100
October, 1995	76	73	3	*	23	1=100
April, 1995	76	74	2	0	23	1=100
December, 1994	74	70	3	1	24	2=100
November, 1994	73	70	2	1	26	1=100
Late October, 1994	77	74	3	0	22	1=100
Early October, 1994	76	72	4	*	23	1=100
July, 1994	79	75	4	0	20	1=100
May, 1993	82	--	--	--	17	1=100
June, 1992	76	73	3	0	23	1=100
November, 1990	80	--	--	--	20	--=100

ASK ALL:

Q.18 How often would you say you vote... always, nearly always, part of the time or seldom?

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly Always</u>	<u>Part of The time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL) Other</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Early September, 1998	43	29	13	11	3	0	1=100
Late August, 1998	38	30	16	14	*	6	*=100
June, 1998	40	29	15	12	4	0	*=100
November, 1997	33	38	15	9	*	5	*=100
September, 1997	51	23	11	10	*	5	*=100
June, 1996	41	30	12	12	1	4	*=100
February, 1996	32	34	15	11	1	6	1=100
October, 1995	41	32	12	11	*	3	1=100
April, 1995	42	29	12	11	*	6	*=100
November, 1994	43	24	11	13	1	8	*=100
October, 1994	43	28	13	10	5	1	*=100
July, 1994	40	30	14	11	*	5	*=100
June, 1992	47	26	10	11	1	5	*=100
May, 1992	41	32	13	11	*	3	*=100
November, 1991	38	37	13	9	0	3	*=100
May, 1990	33	35	12	10	1	8	1=100
February, 1989	45	30	10	8	1	6	*=100
January, 1988	39	33	12	8	1	6	1=100
May, 1987	34	37	11	6	2	9	1=100

Q.19 Do you, yourself, plan to vote in the election this November?

Q.20 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain or not certain?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

	<u>Yes, Plan To Vote</u>	<u>Absolutely Certain</u>	<u>Fairly Certain</u>	<u>Not Certain</u>	<u>No, Don't Plan To</u>	<u>Can't Say/DK</u>
Early September, 1998†	95	78	17	*	2	3=100
Late August, 1998†	93	75	17	1	3	4=100
June, 1998†	95	74	19	2	3	2=100
November, 1996 ⁹	96	--	--	--	2	2=100
October, 1996	98	87	10	1	1	1=100
September, 1996	98	89	8	1	1	1=100
September, 1996	96	83	11	2	2	2=100
July, 1996	95	82	12	1	3	2=100
June, 1996	96	84	11	1	2	2=100
November, 1994†	71	--	--	--	26	3=100
October, 1994†	95	--	--	--	3	2=100
October, 1992	98	91	6	1	1	1=100
September, 1992	98	85	11	2	1	1=100
August, 1992	97	89	8	*	1	2=100
June, 1992	97	88	8	1	1	2=100
Gallup: November, 1988	97	87	9	1	2	1=100
Gallup: October, 1988	98	--	--	--	1	1=100

† Non-Presidential elections

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In November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

ASK ALL:

Q.21 What one issue would you most like to hear the candidates in your state or district talk about this fall?
(OPEN-ENDED; ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS)

		June <u>1998</u>
19	Education	20
10	Taxation	12
8	Crime/Crime control/All other crime issues	8
8	Economy/Economic issues	4
6	Health care	5
4	State/local issues	--
4	Jobs/Employment	5
4	Foreign policy/International relations	2
3	Social Security	8
3	Morality/Character issues	3
3	Politicians/Political system	--
3	Welfare reform	--
2	Abortion	4
2	Environment	3
2	Balanced budget	2
2	Poverty/Homelessness	2
2	Size/Scope of Government	--
1	Family/Child care issues	3
1	Highway improvement/Road construction	2
1	Caring for seniors/Elder care	--
1	Wages/salaries	--
*	None	*
24	No answer/DK/Refused	21

Q.22 Now I am going to read a list of things that have been in the news recently. For each, please tell me how often, if ever, it comes up in your conversations with family and friends. First how often do you talk about **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)**... frequently, occasionally, hardly ever or never? What about...

INTERVIEWERS: OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES

		Frequ- <u>ently</u>	Occasi- <u>onally</u>	Hardly <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a.	Problems with public education	48	31	15	6	*=100
b.	Problems with health insurance and HMOs	44	29	17	10	*=100
c.	Problems with the Social Security system	31	33	26	10	*=100
d.	The effect of the international economy on American jobs and prosperity	30	38	23	8	1=100
e.	The coming of the year 2000	29	31	28	12	*=100
f.	The allegations of sexual misconduct against Bill Clinton	46	30	17	7	*=100

Q.22 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Frequ-</u> <u>ently</u>	<u>Occasi-</u> <u>onally</u>	<u>Hardly</u> <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref.</u>
[N=1132]						
g.F1	The need to cut federal income taxes	33	32	24	10	1=100

[N=1139]

h.F2	The need to cut state and local taxes	36	32	24	8	*=100
i.	Declining moral standards in this country	50	27	15	7	1=100
j.	Crime in your area	42	35	18	5	*=100
k.	Poverty and homelessness	33	41	20	6	*=100
l.	Environmental problems	28	40	25	7	*=100
m.	Terrorist attacks against Americans at home or abroad	37	37	20	6	*=100

Q.23 Now a question about the growing ties between the economies of the U.S. and other countries. Do you think the trend toward a global economy is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

47	Good thing
30	Bad thing
5	Neither good or bad (VOL)
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.24 How do you think a global economy will affect the financial situation of you and your family in the future? Do you think it will... definitely help, probably help, probably hurt or definitely hurt your future financial situation?

6	Definitely help
38	Probably help
26	Probably hurt
8	Definitely hurt
5	Neither hurt nor help (VOL)
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.25 On another subject... would you like to see your Representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

		March	Jan	Aug	Early	Oct	Late	Early	Nov	Oct	Early	--Gallup--
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Oct 25-28</u>
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1990</u>
63	Yes	63	66	66	60	62	55	62	58	55	49	62
20	No	21	23	22	16	19	17	19	25	30	29	22
1	Congressman is not running (VOL)	1	0	0	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
<u>16</u>	No opinion	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.26 Regardless of how you feel about your own Representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1754]

		March 1998	Jan 1998	Aug 1997	Early Sept 1996	Nov 1994	Late Oct 1994	Early Oct 1994
46	Yes	45	44	45	43	31	31	28
37	No	41	43	42	43	51	56	56
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.27 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) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very Unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")

		Very Favor- able	Mostly Favor- able	Mostly Unfavor- able	Very Unfavor- able	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
a.	Bill Clinton	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 ¹⁰	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

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October 1996 trend based on registered voters.

Q.27 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.	Hillary Clinton	24	40	18	13	0	5=100
	Late August, 1998	25	38	21	13	*	3=100
	March, 1998	26	39	17	14	*	4=100
	January, 1997	17	40	23	17	*	3=100
	June, 1996	13	40	26	17	*	4=100
	April, 1996	12	37	27	19	0	5=100
	February, 1996	14	28	27	27	0	4=100
	January, 1996	10	32	28	26	0	4=100
	October, 1995	14	44	24	14	—	4=100
	August, 1995	16	33	25	22	*	4=100
	December, 1994	17	33	25	20	1	4=100
	July, 1994	19	38	22	18	1	2=100
	May, 1993	19	41	18	11	1	10=100
c.	Al Gore	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 ¹¹	15	32	14	5	6	28=100
	September, 1987	6	23	11	3	23	34=100
d.	Newt Gingrich	7	34	28	19	4	8=100
	Late August, 1998	5	34	32	19	4	6=100
	March, 1998	6	30	29	20	6	9=100
	November, 1997	6	24	35	24	4	7=100
	August, 1997	6	24	35	27	2	6=100
	April, 1997	5	23	36	28	3	5=100
	January, 1997	4	24	39	26	2	5=100
	August, 1995	9	21	29	25	4	12=100
	February, 1995	12	29	22	15	10	12=100
	December, 1994	7	18	15	13	30	17=100
	July, 1994	2	12	8	4	65	9=100
e.	Trent Lott	5	22	17	6	34	16=100
	March, 1998	3	13	11	7	52	14=100
	November, 1997	3	16	14	5	51	11=100
	April, 1997	4	19	13	5	48	11=100

¹¹

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

Q.27 CONTINUED ...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
f.	Kenneth Starr	7	24	26	30	6	7=100
	Late August, 1998	7	22	26	33	5	7=100
	March, 1998	6	16	24	25	19	10=100
	<i>Gallup</i> , January 1998		24		24	29	23=100
g.	(INSERT STATE GOVERNOR) ¹²	22	43	14	9	6	6=100

Q.28 Which of these best describes you... (READ)

		Late Aug 1998	Early Feb 1998
31	I like Bill Clinton personally and I like his policies, OR	33	39
39	I don't like Bill Clinton personally but I like his policies, OR	35	30
25	I don't like Bill Clinton personally and I don't like his policies	27	23
2	(DO NOT READ) I like Bill Clinton personally but I don't like his policies	2	3
<u>3</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

On another subject...

Q.29 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

		Early Aug 1998	Nov 1997	April 1997
25	More	18	23	10
15	Less	15	12	22
55	Same	60	59	59
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100

IF ANSWERED "LESS" ASK: [N=366]

Q.29a Who do you think is most to blame for this... Republican leaders in Congress, Democratic leaders in Congress, or President Clinton?

		April 1997
41	Republican leaders	39
7	Democratic leaders	7
21	President Clinton	19
27	Some combination (VOL)	31
<u>4</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

¹²

Each respondent was read the name of the current governor of their state.

ASK ALL:

Q.30 Thinking about the major problems facing the country, would you say President Clinton has made progress toward solving these problems, tried but failed to solve these problems, not addressed these problems, or made these problems even worse?

		Oct <u>1995</u>
45	Made progress	24
34	Tried but failed	50
9	Not addressed	11
9	Made problems worse	12
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

Q.31 Now I'd like your opinion of some groups and organizations. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... **(INSERT ITEM. ROTATE START)** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")**
INTERVIEWERS: OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES:[FORM 1: N=1131; FORM 2: N=1135]

		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.	The Republican Party	9	47	26	11	*	7=100
	March, 1998	10	40	31	12	*	7=100
	August, 1997	9	38	36	11	*	6=100
	June, 1997	8	43	31	11	1	6=100
	January, 1997	8	44	33	10	*	5=100
	October, 1995	10	42	28	16	*	4=100
	December, 1994	21	46	19	8	*	6=100
	July, 1994	12	51	25	8	*	4=100
	May, 1993	12	42	25	10	0	11=100
	July, 1992	9	37	31	17	*	6=100
b.	The Democratic Party	13	47	25	8	*	7=100
	March, 1998	15	43	26	10	*	6=100
	August, 1997	11	41	32	10	0	6=100
	June, 1997	10	51	25	8	*	6=100
	January, 1997	13	47	28	7	*	5=100
	October, 1995	9	40	37	11	—	3=100
	December, 1994	13	37	31	13	*	6=100
	July, 1994	13	49	27	7	*	4=100
	May, 1993	14	43	25	9	0	9=100
	July, 1992	17	44	24	9	*	6=100
c.	Health maintenance organizations, HMOs	6	30	35	21	*	8=100

Q.31 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>
d.	The Congress	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
e.F1	The United Nations	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
f.F2	The military	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

Q.31 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>
g.F1	The National Rifle Association	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
h.F2	Insurance companies	5	36	35	19	*	5=100
	July, 1994	6	34	38	20	*	2=100
i.F1	Tobacco companies	7	18	35	34	*	6=100
	April, 1996	4	16	33	42	*	5=100
	July, 1994	6	18	35	38	*	3=100
j.F2	Labor unions	12	40	25	13	*	10=100
	June, 1997	15	43	25	10	*	7=100
	May, 1997	15	34	26	13	*	12=100
	April, 1996	10	37	28	17	*	8=100
	February, 1996	17	37	27	14	*	5=100
	July, 1994	14	43	28	10	*	5=100
	January, 1988 ¹³	10	42	29	10	*	9=100
	July, 1985	9	37	30	17	*	7=100
k.F1	The Christian Coalition	13	33	19	13	6	16=100
	June, 1996	10	35	23	12	6	14=100
l.F2	The gay rights movement	7	27	22	30	*	14=100
	July, 1994	7	26	27	34	*	6=100
m.F1	Business corporations	9	55	21	5	*	10=100
	October, 1997	11	55	23	5	*	6=100
	June, 1997	8	60	18	7	*	7=100
	May, 1997	9	50	21	7	1	12=100
	June, 1996	10	52	25	6	*	7=100
	February, 1996	9	50	24	10	1	6=100
	October, 1995	6	54	29	7	0	4=100
	July, 1994	8	62	19	5	*	6=100
	November, 1991	8	57	22	6	0	7=100
	January, 1988	6	53	27	5	*	9=100
	June, 1985	8	50	24	7	1	10=100

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In January 1988, question was worded "Organized labor."

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.32 Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems... President Clinton or the Republican congressional leaders?

		Feb 1997	Nov 1996 ¹⁴	March 1996	April 1995	March 1995	Feb 1995	Dec 1994
47	President Clinton	48	45	47	48	40	40	39
32	Republican Congressional leaders	29	30	36	36	40	38	43
12	Both (VOL)	14	19	9	12	10	16	10
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.33 Right now, which is more important for President Clinton to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

		Jan 1997	Dec 1994	Oct 1993
56	Domestic policy	86	85	76
30	Foreign policy	7	7	13
0	Neither (VOL)	*	2	*
11	Both (VOL)	5	4	7
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1131]

Q.34aF1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the economy?

		Sept 1997	Jan 1996	June 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
71	Approve	60	50	46	45	38
23	Disapprove	34	42	46	46	56
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=1135]

Q.34bF2

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy?

		Sept 1997	Jan 1996	June 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994	Oct 1993	Sept 1993	Aug 1993	Newsweek June 30-July 1 1993
61	Approve	54	52	39	50	38	39	47	52	49
30	Disapprove	34	39	52	42	53	46	33	25	35
<u>9</u>	DK/Refused	<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

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November 1996 trend is based on voters.

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?

72 Approve
 20 Disapprove
 8 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.36 Now, I'd like your opinion of some programs and proposals being discussed in this country today. Please tell me if you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose each one. The first one is... **(READ AND ROTATE)**

INTERVIEWERS: OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES:[FORM 1: N=1131; FORM 2: N=1135]

		Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DK/ Ref.
a.	Banning abortions if the fetus is able to live outside the mother's womb, except if it is necessary to save the life of the mother or prevent serious harm to her health May, 1997 ¹⁵	35 58	25	16	16 29	8=100 13=100
b.F1	A constitutional amendment to permit prayer in the public schools July, 1994 May, 1993 April, 1987 June, 1985	37 40 31 30	31 34 38 41	14 15 19 17	14 9 7 8	4=100 2=100 5=100 4=100 68 28 4=100
c.F2	Requiring child proof safety devices on hand guns	69	18	6	5	2=100
d.F1	Extending the American military mission in Bosnia, if necessary, to maintain the peace there	17	41	23	13	6=100
e.	Giving President Clinton fast track authority to negotiate international trade deals that Congress can only approve or disapprove, but not change	13	30	29	18	10=100
f.	Doing away with bilingual education and requiring that all public school students are taught in English only	32	22	22	21	3=100
g.F2	Increasing federal taxes on cigarettes by \$1.10 a pack over the next five years Gallup: May, 1998	33 59	17	17	30 39	3=100 2=100

¹⁵

In May 1997 question was worded "Do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to perform an abortion once the fetus is able to live outside the mother's womb, except when necessary to save the live of the mother or prevent serious harm to her health?"

Q.36 CONTINUED ...

		Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
h.F1	A total ban on cigarette smoking in all public places July, 1994	39 34	20 23	18 21	21 21	2=100 1=100
i.F2	Restricting scientific research on human cloning	27	18	21	29	5=100
j.F1	Federal funding for vouchers to help low and middle income parents send their children to private and parochial schools	24	30	26	15	5=100
k.F2	Eliminating the inheritance tax	42	25	14	10	9=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1131]

Q.37F1 In your opinion, should the federal government create national standards to protect the rights of patients in HMOs and managed health care plans, OR would this get the government too involved in health care?

		Early Aug <u>1998</u>
48	Government should create national standards	53
44	Too much government involvement	35
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=1135]

Q.37aF2

Do you think the laws should be changed to allow patients to sue insurance companies which deny or delay medical treatments, OR do you think this would increase the cost of insurance too much?

		Early Aug <u>1998</u>
57	Laws should be changed	53
35	Would increase costs too much	35
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>
100		100

Q.38F2 In your opinion, should federal funds be used to provide vouchers to low and middle income parents so they can send their children to private or parochial schools, OR do you think this would weaken the public school system too much?

37	Support federal funding for vouchers
55	Would weaken public schools
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.39 If it turns out that the federal government has a budget SURPLUS this year, in your opinion, which ONE of the following should be done with the available money? Should the money be used (**INSERT ITEM; ROTATE**)

		Early Aug <u>1998</u>	June <u>1998</u>	Jan <u>1998</u>
13	For a tax cut;	10	9	11
20	To pay off the national debt more quickly; For increased spending on domestic programs such as health, education, and the environment;	19 29	17 28	22 33
26	To help make the Social Security and Medicare programs financially sound;	39	44	32
39	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2</u>				
100		100	100	100

Q.40 How much, if anything, have you heard about a proposal which would allow Americans to put a portion of their Social Security taxes into a personal savings account to be used for retirement — a lot, a little or nothing at all?

		June <u>1998</u>
16	A lot	16
39	A little	44
44	Nothing at all — GO TO Q.22	40
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused — GO TO Q.22	*
100		100

IF "A LOT" OR "A LITTLE" ASK: [N=1293]

Q.40a Generally, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

		June <u>1998</u>
71	Favor	69
20	Oppose	20
<u>9</u>	Don't know/refused	<u>11</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.41 Looking ahead, do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?

		Jan <u>1996</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>	Nov <u>1991</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Jan <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>
67	Better off	59	53	49	44	54	54	46
15	Worse off	19	24	26	24	15	10	18
14	Same (VOL)	17	16	17	27	28	31	30
<u>4</u>	Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.42 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

		May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	Sept <u>1988</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1984</u>
18	Better	18	25	24	24	22	35
17	Worse	31	22	16	20	26	13
61	Same	45	49	51	46	45	49
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.43 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

		Nov <u>1997</u>	May <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>	Feb <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Mar <u>1994</u>
55	Full-time	55	53	57	55	55	53
12	Part-time	12	12	13	11	12	14
33	Not employed	33	35	30	34	33	32
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.44 and Q.45 BASED ON THOSE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME: [N=1595]

Q.44 Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		<i>-- U.S. News & World Report --</i>									
		Nov <u>1997</u>	May <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>	Feb <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Mar <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1992</u>	Aug <u>1992</u>	May <u>1992</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>
43	Yes	41	46	44	41	40	44	36	33	34	39
57	No	59	54	56	58	60	56	63	66	65	61
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

IF ANSWERED "NO" IN Q.44, ASK:

Q.45 Do you think you will be able to earn enough money in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		<i>-- U.S. News & World Report --</i>									
		Nov <u>1997</u>	May <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>	Feb <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	March <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1992</u>	Aug <u>1992</u>	May <u>1992</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>
36	Yes	33	34	34	35	34	33	35	36	34	34
20	No	24	18	20	20	24	20	36	25	28	22
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
57%		59%	54%	56%	58%	60%	56%	63%	66%	65%	61%

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1131]

Q.46F1 Now, I'm going to read you some phrases. Please tell me if you think each one better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase.. **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)?**

		Republican	Democratic	Both	Neither	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
a.	Well organized	39	26	10	14	11=100
	August, 1997	39	30	6	16	9=100
	July, 1996	40	35	9	9	7=100
	July, 1994	48	27	7	13	5=100
	May, 1993	42	34	6	10	8=100
	July, 1992	47	24	6	14	9=100
	May, 1990	40	16	22	13	9=100
	May, 1988	39	23	15	14	9=100
	January, 1988	38	20	19	14	9=100
	May, 1987	34	19	25	13	9=100
b.	Selects good candidates for office	34	33	9	12	12=100
	March, 1998	32	33	12	12	11=100
	July, 1994	40	36	6	13	5=100
	May, 1993	36	38	5	9	12=100
	July, 1992	34	34	4	15	13=100
	May, 1990	32	22	21	17	8=100
	May, 1988	28	30	13	19	10=100
	January, 1988	31	24	18	18	9=100
	May, 1987	27	26	25	13	9=100
c.	Is concerned with the needs and interests of the disadvantaged	20	57	5	5	13=100
	March, 1998	16	64	6	6	8=100
	July, 1996	23	63	3	5	6=100
	July, 1994	21	65	4	5	5=100
	May, 1990	14	56	12	10	8=100
	May, 1987	11	61	14	7	7=100
d.	Able to manage the federal government well	37	32	8	12	11=100
	August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8=100
	July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7=100
	April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5=100
	July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5=100
	May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13=100
	July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10=100
	May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9=100
	May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10=100
	January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10=100
	May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10=100

Q.46F1 CONTINUED ...

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Both <u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
e.	Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs	34	40	7	8	11=100
	March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8=100
	August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7=100
	July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6=100
	April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4=100
	July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5=100
	May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9=100
	July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11=100
	May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11=100
	May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10=100
	January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10=100
	May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10=100
f.	Is concerned with the needs and interests of business and other powerful groups	57	23	8	2	10=100
	March, 1998	63	20	7	2	8=100
	July, 1996	65	19	8	2	6=100
	July, 1994	66	23	5	1	5=100
	May, 1990	57	15	15	5	8=100
	May, 1987	58	15	16	3	8=100
g.	Is concerned with the needs of people like me	31	46	5	9	9=100
	March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7=100
	August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7=100
	July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6=100
	April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3=100
	July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4=100
	May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7=100
	May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7=100
	January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7=100
h.	Governs in an honest and ethical way	31	28	6	23	12=100
	March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9=100
	August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8=100
	July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5=100
	April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6=100
	July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6=100

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.47 How often, if ever, do you listen to radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues and politics -- regularly, sometimes, rarely or never?

	<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 1998	23	25	23	29	*=100
April, 1998	13	22	24	41	*=100
October, 1997	18	28	25	29	*=100
August, 1997	17	24	28	31	*=100
Early September, 1996	15	25	22	37	1=100
July, 1996	16	24	27	33	*=100
June, 1996	17	25	26	31	1=100
April, 1996	13	23	25	39	*=100
March, 1996	18	28	24	30	*=100
October, 1995	18	33	25	24	*=100
June, 1995	15	19	27	39	*=100
April, 1995	19	30	24	27	*=100
November, 1994	16	31	26	26	1=100
July, 1994	17	29	24	30	*=100
December, 1993	23	22	25	30	0=100
April, 1993	23	32	23	22	*=100

Q.48 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, or at home on at least an occasional basis?

		Late	Early											
		Aug	Aug	April	Jan	Nov	June	Late	Early	July	April	March	Feb	Jan
		1998	1998	1998	1998	1997	1997	Sept 96 ¹⁶	Sept 96	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996
64	Yes	66	66	61	65	66	60	59	56	56	58	61	60	59
36	No	34	34	39	35	34	40	41	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

IF YES (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.48:

Q.49 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?¹⁷

		Late	Early										
		Aug	Aug	April	Jan	Nov	July	April	March	Feb	Jan	June	
		1998	1998	1998	1998	1997	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995 ¹⁸	
BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:													
42	Goes online	43	41	36	37	36	23	21	22	21	21	14	
22	Does not go online	23	25	25	28	29	33	37	39	39	38	86	
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*	0	0	1	0	*	0	*	0	*	
36	Not a computer user	34	34	39	35	34	44	42	39	40	41	n/a	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

IF YES IN Q.49: [N=1075]

Q.50 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?

		May	June
		1998	1995
23	Everyday	18	6
16	3-5 days per week	17	9
21	1-2 days per week	20	15
14	Once every few weeks	15	13
19	Less often	21	28
7	No/Never (VOL)	9	29
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*
100		100	100

¹⁶ Based on registered voters only.

¹⁷ From January 1996 to April 1998 the question was worded "Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with computers over the Internet, the World Wide Web, or with information services such as America Online or Prodigy?"

¹⁸ 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?

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=1135]

Q.51F2 Next, 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; ITEM 1 SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST — USE DIFFERENT INTRO.)**

		Republican	Democratic	Both	Neither	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
a.	Improving our educational system	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
b.	Keeping the country prosperous	40	38	8	4	10=100
	March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5=100
	October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10=100
	October, 1992 ¹⁹	36	45	10	0	9=100
	October, 1990 ²⁰	37	35	0	0	28=100
c.	Reducing crime	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.	Making wise decisions about foreign policy	40	31	11	5	13=100
	March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10=100
	October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11=100
	July, 1994 ²¹	51	31	4	6	8=100
	December, 1993	49	23	n/a	10	18=100
	May, 1990	39	28	n/a	17	16=100
e.	Making America competitive in the world economy	45	32	9	3	11=100
	March, 1998	44	34	11	3	8=100
	July, 1994	48	35	4	5	8=100
	January, 1992	41	38	n/a	7	14=100
	May, 1990	41	25	n/a	17	17=100
f.	Protecting the environment	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

¹⁹ Gallup poll conducted Oct. 23-25, 1992 based on registered voters.

²⁰ Gallup poll Oct 25-28, 1990.

²¹ In July 1994 and May 1990, question was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

Q.51F2 CONTINUED ...

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Both <u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
g.	Reforming the U.S. health care system	31	43	7	7	12=100
	March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8=100
	October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10=100
	July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8=100
	December, 1993 ²²	25	47	n/a	10	18=100
h.	Promoting morality and personal responsibility	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
i.	Protecting traditional American values	46	30	9	6	9=100
	July, 1994	47	35	4	7	7=100
j.	Keeping Social Security financially sound	37	42	7	5	9=100
	May, 1990	28	41	n/a	16	15=100
k.	Dealing with taxes	41	37	7	5	10=100
	March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8=100
	October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9=100
l.	And finally, which party comes closest to your views on homosexuality	35	34	2	6	23=100

ASK ALL:

Q.52 In general, would you describe your political views as... **(READ)**

		May <u>1998</u>	June <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>	April <u>1996</u>	July <u>1994</u>
8	Very conservative	7	7	7	7	7
30	Conservative	30	30	32	31	32
38	Moderate	37	40	38	39	39
15	Liberal, OR	15	14	14	14	15
6	Very liberal?	6	5	6	5	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

²²

In December 1993 question was worded "Reforming health care."

Q.53 Some people who plan to vote can't always get around to it on election day. With your own personal daily schedule in mind, rate the chances that you will vote in the U.S. House of Representatives election this November. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, less than 50-50, or don't you think you will vote in the House of Representatives election this November?

		June <u>1998</u>	-- ABC/Wash. Post -- <u>July 1990</u> ²³
57	Absolutely certain to vote	52	53
19	Will probably vote	20	21
12	Chances 50-50	17	15
4	Less than 50-50	5	4
7	Don't think will vote	6	6
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	*	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.54 Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

		Aug <u>1997</u>	July <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	<i>ABC/Washington Post</i> ²⁴	
							Jan <u>1984</u>	Sept <u>1982</u>
46	Agree	47	58	59	57	53	41	44
47	Disagree	46	37	37	38	43	48	44
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1131]

Q.55F1 In your opinion, are the news organizations you are familiar with being fair or unfair to the Clinton administration?

		Feb <u>1998</u>	Sept <u>1994</u>	May <u>1994</u>	Aug <u>1993</u>	June <u>1993</u>	Feb <u>1993</u>
52	Fair	49	67	52	66	51	72
40	Unfair	44	26	36	21	43	17
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

23 The *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded "Some people have busier schedules than others. Because of this, some people who plan to vote can't always get around to it on election day. With your own personal daily schedule in mind, I'd like to rate the chances that you will vote in the U.S. House of Representatives election in November in the Congressional district where you live: are you absolutely certain to vote ..."

24 In January 1984 the *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded "Can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement, of if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement: We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans." In September 1982 the *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded "I'm going to read a few statements. For each, can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with it, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement... We should have a third major party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=1131]

Q.56F2 In your opinion, is there so much press criticism of Bill Clinton that it is very difficult for Clinton to succeed in Washington or don't you think that the press criticism of Bill Clinton is having such a serious effect?

		June <u>1993</u>
54	So much	40
41	Not so serious	52
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Now, a few questions about the allegation that President Clinton lied under oath about a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Thinking specifically about this allegation, how important an issue do you think this whole situation is to the nation — of great importance, of some importance, or of very little importance?

		Late Aug <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>
34	Great importance	33	27
20	Some importance	23	21
42	Very little importance	42	46
3	None (VOL)	2	3
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.58F1 If you had to choose, which do you think would be better for the country — if Clinton were to remain in office until the end of his term, OR if Clinton were to resign now, and turn the presidency over to Al Gore?

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.59F2 If you had to choose, which do you think would be better for the country — if Clinton were to resign now, and turn the presidency over to Al Gore, OR if Clinton were to remain in office until the end of his term?

		----- Gallup -----				
		Late Aug <u>1998</u>	Aug 17 <u>1998</u>	Jan 25-26 <u>1998</u>	Jan 24-25 <u>1998</u>	Jan 23-24 <u>1998</u>
76	Remain in office	75	72	68	67	71
20	Resign	21	23	26	25	23
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.60 If Congress decided to begin impeachment hearings against President Clinton, how would you feel about the members who voted in FAVOR of beginning these hearings? Would your opinion of them be very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Late Aug <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>
14	Very favorable	12	12
22	Mostly favorable	24	22
26	Mostly unfavorable	25	25
31	Very unfavorable	32	32
2	Depends/Depends on what's in the report	--	--
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

Q.61 If it turns out that President Clinton lied under oath about having a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, do you think that he should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

		Late Aug <u>1998</u>	Mid-Aug <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	March <u>1998</u>	Early Feb <u>1998</u>
31	Yes, should be impeached	30	29	31	40	50
65	No, should not	66	65	63	55	46
<u>4</u>	Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.62 If it turns out that President Clinton encouraged Monica Lewinsky to lie under oath about the nature of their relationship, do you think that he should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

		Late Aug <u>1998</u>	Mid-Aug <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	March <u>1998</u>	Early Feb <u>1998</u>
42	Yes, should be impeached	41	39	41	48	48
53	No, should not	55	55	53	47	47
<u>5</u>	Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

IF VERY OR MOSTLY UNFAVORABLE IN Q.60, ASK Q.63 THRU Q.65; OTHERWISE GO TO D.1:
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Q.63 Earlier you said you would have an unfavorable opinion of most members of Congress who voted in favor of impeachment hearings. Do you feel this way more because you don't want to see the country go through an impeachment process, OR more because you don't think Clinton's actions are serious enough for impeachment?

27	Don't want to see country go through impeachment
62	Clinton's actions not serious enough
2	Neither (VOL)
7	Both (VOL)
1	Other (SPECIFY)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ROTATE Q.64 AND Q.65:

Q.64 If your OWN representative in Congress came out in favor of beginning impeachment hearings, would this make you more likely to support impeachment hearings, or not?

7	Yes, more likely
90	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.65 If the Democratic leaders in Congress came out in favor of beginning impeachment hearings, would this make you more likely to support impeachment hearings, or not?

9	Yes, more likely
88	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	