

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**LEWINSKY TESTIMONY**  
**— TOPLINE RESULTS —**  
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**N=1,016**

Margin of error: +/- 3.5 percentage points

Q.1 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. (First,...) (Next,...) **(INSERT ITEM)**  
**(IF NECESSARY: Did you happen to follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?)**

	<u>Very</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>Fairly</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Closely</u>	<b>(VOL)</b> <b>DK</b>
a. The investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct against Bill Clinton					
Early August, 1998	26	30	20	24	*=100
June, 1998 <sup>1</sup>	29	34	22	14	1=100
April, 1998	28	32	24	15	1=100
March, 1998	27	39	20	14	*=100
February, 1998 <sup>2</sup>	30	35	25	9	1=100
Early February, 1998	21	44	25	10	*=100
<i>Gallup</i> : 1/27/98	34	42	17	7	0=100
<i>CBS</i> : 1/26/98	37	43	15	4	1=100
<i>CBS</i> : 1/26/98	38	41	15	5	1=100
b. Monica Lewinsky's testimony in this matter					
Early August, 1998 <sup>3</sup>	17	24	21	37	1=100
Early August, 1998 <sup>3</sup>	24	33	22	19	2=100
c. Bill Clinton's decision to testify in the Lewinsky investigation					
Early August, 1998 <sup>4</sup>	21	24	23	31	1=100
Early August, 1998 <sup>4</sup>	25	28	23	22	2=100
d. Recent major ups and downs in the stock market					
November, 1997	17	23	21	39	*=100
November, 1997	25	36	18	20	1=100
April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*=100
February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1=100

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

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

<sup>3</sup> In August 1998 story was listed as "Monica Lewinsky's agreement to testify in this matter in return for immunity from prosecution."

<sup>4</sup> In August 1998 story was listed as "Bill Clinton's decision to testify by videotape in the Lewinsky investigation."

**Q.1 CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>
e.	The current dispute with Iraq over UN weapons inspections	18	31	23	27	1=100
	February, 1998 <sup>5</sup>	36	40	16	8	*=100
	January, 1998 <sup>6</sup>	32	35	18	15	*=100
	November, 1997 <sup>7</sup>	44	32	10	13	1=100
f.	Reports about two babies who were switched at birth in a Virginia hospital	13	32	27	27	1=100
g.	The bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania	27	37	18	18	*=100

Q.2 Now a few questions about the allegations of sexual misconduct against President Clinton. Thinking specifically about these allegations, 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?

		Early				--- CBS News ---	
		Aug	March	Feb	Early Feb	Jan 26th	Jan 24-25
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>
24	Great importance	22	26	22	25	39	40
21	Some importance	22	24	25	27	28	21
49	Very little importance	51	46	50	45	28	35
3	None (VOL)	3	2	3	1	2	3
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100
						<b>(N=609)</b>	<b>(N=943)</b>

Q.3 Now I'm going to describe some of the allegations being made in this matter. As I read each one, please say whether you think it is definitely true, probably true, probably not true, or definitely not true. First, the allegation that Bill Clinton had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky? **(IF NECESSARY: Do you think this is definitely true, probably true, probably not true, or definitely not true?)**

	<u>Definitely True</u>	<u>Probably True</u>	<u>Probably Not True</u>	<u>Definitely Not True</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-August, 1998	22	50	13	6	9=100
Early August, 1998	19	51	14	7	9=100
February, 1998	9	43	29	10	9=100

<sup>5</sup> In February 1998 story was listed as "The conflict in Iraq over UN weapons inspectors and U.S. threats to retaliate with air strikes."

<sup>6</sup> This month the story was listed as "The conflict in Iraq over UN weapons inspectors"

<sup>7</sup> This month the story was listed as "Iraq's refusal to let Americans participate in weapons inspections."

Q.4 Next, the allegation that Bill Clinton lied under oath about having an affair with Monica Lewinsky? **(IF NECESSARY: Do you think this is definitely true, probably true, probably not true, or definitely not true?)**

	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably Not True	Definitely Not True	DK/Ref
Mid-August, 1998	21	45	18	5	11=100
Early August, 1998	20	46	16	8	10=100
February, 1998	9	40	31	11	9=100
Gallup: Jan 28, 1998	9	37	31	13	10=100
Gallup: Jan 25-26, 1998	18	38	23	13	8=100
Gallup: Jan 23-24, 1998	15	40	26	10	9=100
Gallup: Jan 21, 1998	8	41	28	15	8=100

Q.5 Next, the allegation that Bill Clinton participated in an effort to obstruct justice by getting Monica Lewinsky to lie under oath about the affair? **(IF NECESSARY: Do you think this is definitely true, probably true, probably not true, or definitely not true?)**

	Definitely True	Probably True	Probably Not True	Definitely Not True	DK/Ref
Mid-August, 1998	13	34	30	12	11=100
Early August, 1998	14	34	28	14	10=100
February, 1998	8	32	36	16	8=100
Gallup: Jan 28, 1998	6	30	36	16	12=100
Gallup: Jan 25-26, 1998	14	34	28	16	8=100
Gallup: Jan 23-24, 1998	11	35	31	14	9=100
Gallup: Jan 21, 1998	6	33	33	18	10=100

Q.6 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?

	Early Aug 1998	March 1998	Early Feb 1998
29 Yes, should be impeached	31	40	50
65 No, should not	63	55	46
6 Don't know	6	5	4
100	100	100	100

Q.7 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?

	Early Aug 1998	March 1998	Early Feb 1998
39 Yes, should be impeached	41	48	48
55 No, should not	53	47	47
6 Don't know	6	5	5
100	100	100	100