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**AMERICA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD II**  
**GENERAL PUBLIC**  
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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>
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
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

**Q.1 con't ...**

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

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.4 What is America's most important international problem today? (**OPEN-END**)(**PROBE FOR CLARITY.**  
**IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION**)

**16 ECONOMICS (NET)**

- 9 Miscellaneous economy (Sub-Net)
  - 3 Assisting/Encouraging economic growth/Development worldwide
  - 1 Global economic relationships worldwide, unspecified
  - 4 All other economic mentions
- 7 Trade imbalance/Deficit (Sub-Net)
  - 2 Trade agreements/Trade relationships, unspecified
  - 2 Deficit imbalance/Reduction of trade deficit generally or unspecified
  - 1 Reduce/Lower trade barriers/Tariffs
  - \* Deficit imbalance/Reduction of trade deficit, etc. with Japan
  - \* NAFTA mentions
  - \* Free trade for/With all countries
  - \* Trade agreements/Trade relationships, with Europe/European countries
  - \* Trade agreements/Trade relationships, with Asia/Asian countries
  - 1 All other trade imbalance/Deficit mentions

**15 GLOBAL INSTABILITY (NET)**

- 8 International violence/Threats of terrorism
- 4 Maintaining world peace/Peace keeper/Resolution of international disputes
- 2 World conflicts/Wars/Chaos/World wide unrest/Ethnic conflicts, etc.
- 1 Nuclear proliferation
- \* Keeping U.S. out of war
- \* Weapons, unspecified
- \* Support UN efforts
- \* Political instability, unspecified
- \* Support NATO effects
- \* All other peace/World unrest mentions

**12 SPECIFIC GEOPOLITICAL CONCERNS (NET)**

- 8 Relating to the Middle East (Sub-Net)
  - 6 Situation in Israel/Situation with Israel and Arab neighbors
  - \* Situation in Iraq
  - 1 All other Middle East Mentions
- 2 Situation in Bosnia/Formal Yugoslavia/Reducing threat of conflict in Eastern Europe
- 1 Dealing with emerging China/Presence of a new China/Managing the relationship with China
- 1 All other specific global areas
- 1 Relating to the former USSR (Sub-Net)
  - \* Helping effect a peaceful transition/Evolution of the former USSR/Potential problems in former USSR, unspecific
  - \* Guiding Russia (or other republics) into a democratic direction
  - \* Resolution of post cold war conflicts
  - \* Helping Russia (or other republics) get on its feet economically
  - \* Other comments relating to the former USSR
- \* Situation in Somalia

**Q.4 con't ...**

7	International drug trafficking
6	All other social issues mentions
4	Interfering/Not minding our business/Too much overseas involvement
3	Immigration/Controlling immigration to the U.S.A./Displaced people
<b>3</b>	<b>U.S. LEADERSHIP ROLE (NET)</b>
2	Loss of leadership/Declining as a world leader/Power
1	Assuming/Maintaining leadership role in post cold war world
1	What it means/Responsibilities of being (a world's only) super power
*	All other U.S. leadership role mentions
2	Hunger/World hunger
1	Human rights issues
1	Loss of jobs to foreign workers/Foreign countries
1	Environmental issues
1	Re-establishing relationships with other countries, unspecified
*	Population/Over population
*	Loss of jobs to immigrants
*	Future of United States Armed Forces mentions
3	All other mentions
*	Nothing
24	Don't know/No answer

Q.5 All in all, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the WORLD these days?

		<u>Sept 1993</u>
29	Satisfied	28
65	Dissatisfied	66
4	Neither satisfied/dissatisfied ( <b>Vol</b> )	*
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u> 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>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>
a.	The recall of millions of pounds of possibly contaminated hamburger meat	40	37	16	7	*=100
b.	The end of the Teamsters Union strike against UPS	36	40	14	10	*=100
d.	Charges of improper campaign contributions to the Democrats by foreign business interests	17	30	26	27	*=100
	August, 1997 <sup>1</sup>	10	28	26	35	1=100
	May, 1997	18	33	23	25	1=100
	April, 1997	19	37	22	21	1=100
	February, 1997 <sup>2</sup>	18	27	21	33	1=100
	January, 1997	17	29	26	28	*=100
	December, 1996	22	26	22	30	*=100
e.	The problems aboard the Russian space station Mir	15	37	25	23	*=100
	August, 1997	14	39	24	23	*=100
f.	The death of Princess Diana	54	31	11	4	*=100
g.	Recent major ups and downs in the stock market	14	22	23	40	1=100
	April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*=100
	February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1=100
h.	Clashes between U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia and mobs of Bosnian Serbs	12	30	34	24	*=100
i.	The suicide bombing of a Jerusalem shopping area	13	30	29	27	1=100

**NO Q.7**

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<sup>1</sup> In this month story was listed as "Senate hearings on improper foreign campaign contributions."

<sup>2</sup> In previous months story was listed as "Charges of improper campaign contributions to the Democrats by Indonesian business interests."

**ASK Q.8 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1007]**

Q.8F1 Do you think the news media gives too much attention to foreign news, not enough attention to foreign news, or about the right amount of attention?

16	Too much
17	Not enough
62	Right amount
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

**ASK Q.8a OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=993]**

Q.8aF2 Generally speaking, do you think network television news gives too much attention to news about foreign countries, not enough attention, or about the right amount of attention to news about foreign countries?

		<i>ABC News</i> <u>Oct 1981</u>
19	Too much attention	24
19	Not enough attention	21
56	Right amount of attention	53
<u>6</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9 Now I'd like your views on some people and things in the news. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what 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- <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.	Bill Clinton	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 <sup>3</sup>	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
b.	Al Gore	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 <sup>4</sup>	15	32	14	5	6	28=100
	September, 1987	6	23	11	3	23	34=100
c.	Senator Fred Thompson	5	18	14	7	34	22=100

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<sup>3</sup> October 1996 trend based on registered voters.

<sup>4</sup> July 1992 trend based on 461 respondents asked on July 9, 1992 only.

**Q.9 con't ...**

		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.	Network television news	18	52	18	8	*	4=100
	February, 1997	15	58	18	5	*	4=100
	April, 1996	21	58	13	4	0	4=100
	January, 1996	25	58	11	4	*	2=100
	June, 1995	16	51	21	9	*	3=100
	July, 1994	17	52	22	7	*	2=100
	May, 1993	23	58	12	3	0	4=100
	January, 1992	27	55	11	2	0	5=100
	November, 1991	24	51	16	5	0	4=100
	March, 1991	40	51	5	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	22	60	12	3	*	3=100
	August, 1989	28	54	11	3		4=100
	February, 1989	21	61	12	3		3=100
	August <sup>5</sup> , 1988	29	52	9	5		5=100
	May, 1988	20	58	14	4		4=100
	January 27, 1988	12	69	13	3		3=100
	January 7-18, 1988	18	60	14	4		4=100
	October, 1987	19	62	10	3		6=100
	May, 1987	21	63	11	3		2=100
	January, 1987	19	55	16	6		4=100
	July, 1986	30	53	10	4		3=100
	August, 1985	30	51	8	2		7=100
	June, 1985	25	59	8	2		6=100
e.	The daily newspaper you are most familiar with	22	53	14	5	*	6=100
	February, 1997	21	53	15	4	0	7=100
	April, 1996	24	56	12	4	0	4=100
	January, 1996	27	52	11	5	*	5=100
	June, 1995	22	52	14	7	1	4=100
	July, 1994	23	57	13	5	*	2=100
	May, 1993	26	55	10	4	0	5=100
	January, 1992	27	51	13	5	0	4=100
	November, 1991	24	56	11	5	0	4=100
	March, 1991	30	55	7	3	*	5=100
	May, 1990	22	56	12	5	*	5=100
	August, 1989	25	52	12	5		6=100
	February, 1989	22	56	13	4		5=100
	August <sup>6</sup> , 1988	30	48	10	5		7=100
	May, 1988	19	59	13	4		5=100
	January 27, 1988	19	62	11	3		5=100
	January 7-18, 1988	21	59	12	4		4=100

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<sup>5</sup> Based on Registered Voters.

<sup>6</sup> Based on Registered Voters.



**Q.9 con't ...**

		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>
e.	The daily newspaper you are most familiar with ( <b>Con't</b> )						
	October, 1987	21	58	9	4	8=100	
	May, 1987	22	59	12	3	4=100	
	January, 1987	19	57	13	6	5=100	
	July, 1986	28	51	11	6	4=100	
	August, 1985	25	52	10	5	8=100	
	June, 1985	25	56	8	3	8=100	
f.	The United Nations	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
g.	NATO	9	44	19	9	4	15=100
	June, 1995	8	53	18	7	4	10=100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's foreign policy? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. 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 DK]**

		Jan <u>1996</u>	June <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1993</u>	Sept <u>1993</u>	Aug <u>1993</u>	Newsweek June 30-July 1 <u>1993</u>
54	Approve	52	39	50	38	39	47	52	49
34	Disapprove	39	52	42	53	46	33	25	35
<u>12</u> 100	DK/Refused	<u>9</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100	<u>23</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100

**ASK QUESTIONS 11 - 13 OF FORM 1 ONLY. ROTATE. [N=1007]**

Q.11F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling international trade issues? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling international trade issues? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<i>Newsweek</i>		
		Sept	Aug	June 30-July 1
		<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>
44	Approve	38	49	36
38	Disapprove	39	25	37
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.12F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the situation in Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the situation in Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		Oct	Sept
		<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>
46	Approve	36	38
34	Disapprove	43	39
<u>20</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
100		100	100

**(N=1007)**

Q.13F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is dealing with China? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is dealing with China? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

37	Approve
37	Disapprove
<u>26</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**(N=1007)**

**ASK QUESTIONS 14 - 16 OF FORM 2 ONLY. ROTATE. [N=993]**

Q.14F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is dealing with Mexico? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is dealing with Mexico? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<i>CBS News</i> <u>Oct 1996</u> <sup>7</sup>
35	Approve	43
40	Disapprove	31
<u>25</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>26</u> 100

Q.15F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the situation in the Middle East? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the situation in the Middle East? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>		
		<u>Oct 1-2</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct 2-3</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>
50	Approve	52	51	56
36	Disapprove	34	35	35
<u>14</u> 100 (N=993)	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100

Q.16F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the economy? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the economy? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<u>Jan</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
60	Approve	50	46	45	38
34	Disapprove	42	46	46	56
<u>6</u> 100 (N=993)	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

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<sup>7</sup>

In September the question was worded "... Clinton is handling relations with Mexico."

**ASK ALL**

Q.19 Now, I'm going to read to you a list of dangers in the world and after I finish, tell me which ONE of them you think is most dangerous to world stability? **(READ AND ROTATE)**

Q.20 And which would you name second? **(READ ITEMS AGAIN, IF NECESSARY -- SAME ORDER AS USED IN Q.19)**

Sept 1993

Nationalism and ethnic hatreds

16	First	27
16	Second	19

Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

19	First	24
22	Second	24

International trade conflicts

3	First	7
5	Second	10

Religious fanaticism

8	First	11
10	Second	12

Environmental pollution

11	First	18
14	Second	21

Population growth

7	First	10
8	Second	10

International drug and crime cartels

32	First	n/a
20	Second	n/a

Other **(VOL - DO NOT READ; SPECIFY)**

1	First	*
*	Second	1

Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

3	First	3
5	Second	3

Q.21 Do you think the danger of attack on the United States with a nuclear, biological, or chemical weapon is greater now than it was 10 years ago, less now than it was 10 years ago, or is it about the same?

36 Greater

30 Less

32 Same

$\frac{2}{100}$  Don't know/Refused

**[INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY, "ON THE U.S."]**

Q.22 These days, do you think there is more of a danger of a nuclear attack by a foreign military power, a foreign-sponsored terrorist, or by a domestic terrorist?

12 Foreign military power

54 Foreign-sponsored terrorist

26 Domestic terrorist

$\frac{8}{100}$  Don't know/Refused

Q.23 Do you think the United States plays a more important and powerful role as a world leader today compared to ten years ago, a less important role, or about as important a role as a world leader as it did ten years ago?

		Chicago Council on Foreign Relations							
		Dec	Oct	Sept	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Dec
		<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1974</u>
35	More important	40	37	37	37	41	27	29	28
23	Less important	27	26	30	35	26	25	41	39
40	As important	29	33	31	24	29	44	24	27
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100

Q.24 What kind of leadership role should the United States play in the world? Should it be the single world leader, or should it play a shared leadership role, or shouldn't it play any leadership role?

**IF ANSWERED 2 "SHARED LEADERSHIP ROLE", IN Q.24 ASK:**

Q.25 Should the United States be the most active of the leading nations, or should it be about as active as other leading nations?<sup>8</sup>

		June 1995	Oct 1993	Early Sept 1993
12	Be the single world leader, or	13	9	10
73	Should it play a shared leadership role	74	78	81
22	Most active	25	23	27
50	About as active	47	53	52
1	Don't know/Refused	2	2	2
11	Shouldn't it play any leadership role	9	9	7
<u>4</u> 100	Don't know (VOL)	<u>4</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 As I read a list of possible LONG-RANGE foreign policy goals which the United States might have, tell me how much priority you think each should be given. First, (**READ AND ROTATE**), do you think this should have top priority, some priority, or no priority at all:<sup>9</sup>

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Some Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
<b>ASK ITEMS A - F OF FORM 1 ONLY:[N=1007]</b>					
a.	Preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction	70	23	6	1=100
	June, 1995	68	21	9	2=100
	September, 1993	69	24	5	1=100
b.	Insuring adequate energy supplies for the U.S.	58	36	3	3=100
	June, 1995	59	34	3	4=100
	September, 1993	60	34	4	2=100
c.	Promoting democracy in other nations	22	57	18	3=100
	June, 1995	16	57	24	3=100
	September, 1993	22	52	24	2=100

<sup>8</sup> In trend questions the answer categories were "... most active, or should it be no more or less active than other leading nations?"

<sup>9</sup> In trend question the answer categories were "... should have top priority, priority but not top priority, or no priority at all."

**Q.26 con't ...**

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Some Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
d.	Aiding the interests of US businesses abroad	16	62	20	2=100
	June, 1995	26	50	20	4=100
	September, 1993	27	51	19	3=100
e.	Protecting the jobs of American workers	77	20	2	1=100
	June, 1995	80	17	2	1=100
	September, 1993	85	13	2	*=100
f.	Strengthening the United Nations	30	53	14	3=100
	June, 1995	36	45	17	2=100
	September, 1993	41	46	11	2=100

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g.	Reducing our trade deficit with foreign countries	42	48	7	3=100
h.	Promoting and defending human rights in other countries	27	56	15	2=100
	June, 1995	21	56	20	3=100
	September, 1993	22	54	22	2=100
i.	Protecting weaker nations against foreign aggression even if U.S. vital interests are not at stake	16	60	22	2=100
	June, 1995 <sup>10</sup>	21	60	16	3=100
	September, 1993	17	55	25	3=100
j.	Combating international drug trafficking	67	24	7	2=100
k.	Reducing illegal immigration	42	47	9	2=100
l.	Improving the global environment	50	42	6	2=100
	June, 1995	56	36	6	2=100
	September, 1993	56	37	6	1=100
m.	Helping improve the living standards in developing nations	23	63	13	1=100
	June, 1995	16	59	22	3=100
	September, 1993	19	60	20	1=100

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<sup>10</sup>

In June the question was "Protecting weaker nations against foreign aggression."

Q.27 Do you think that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, is a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?

47 Good thing

30 Bad thing

23 Don't know/Refused  
100

**NOW 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.28 Do you happen to know which Canadian province has held several votes on whether or not to separate from Canada?

31 Quebec

2 Any other

67 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.29 This summer, three countries were invited to join NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Do you happen to recall the names of any of them? [**Accept multiple responses**]

10 Recall any  
3 Hungary  
7 Poland  
5 The Czech Republic; Czechoslovakia

90 Other/Don't know/Refused  
100



Q.30 What is the name of the President of Russia?

		June <u>1995</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Feb <u>1994</u>
47	Boris Yeltsin; Yeltsin	44	46	47
<u>53</u> 100	Anything else/Other/DK/Refused	<u>56</u> 100	<u>54</u> 100	<u>53</u> 100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT:**

Q.31 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

			<i>Chicago Council on Foreign Relations</i>		
		Sept <u>1993</u>	Oct-Nov <u>1990</u>	Oct-Nov <u>1982</u>	Nov <u>1978</u>
48	Israel	45	34	41	39
13	Palestinians	21	13	17	12
5	Both (VOL)	3	7	8	8
16	Neither (VOL)	18	26	19	15
<u>18</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100

Q.32 Generally, do you approve or disapprove of expanding NATO to include Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary?

63	Approve
18	Disapprove
<u>19</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

# **NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR DEFENSE POLICIES...**

Q.33 Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?<sup>11</sup>

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

\* *Council on Foreign Relations* trend.

Q.34 Would you approve or disapprove of the use of U.S. forces in the following situations:

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	If Iraq invaded Saudi Arabia September, 1993	54 53	41 40	5=100 6=100
b.	If the Mexican government was about to fall because of revolution or civil war September, 1993 <sup>12</sup>	43 41	49 52	8=100 7=100
c.	If North Korea invaded South Korea September, 1993	35 31	58 63	7=100 6=100
d.	If Arab forces invaded Israel September, 1993	45 45	47 48	8=100 7=100

<sup>11</sup> In previous months the question was worded "Do you think that we should expand our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?"

<sup>12</sup> In September question was worded "If Mexican government were threatened by revolution or civil war."

Q.35 Do you think Bill Clinton has explained the situation in Bosnia well enough so that you feel you understand why the United States has sent troops to Bosnia, or hasn't he?<sup>13</sup>

		<i>CBS/NYT</i>	
		<u>Dec 1995</u>	<u>Nov 1995</u>
32	Has explained well enough	51	45
55	Hasn't explained well enough	43	39
<u>13</u> 100	Don't know/No answer	<u>6</u> 100	<u>16</u> 100

Q.36 Do you believe that sending U.S. and other NATO forces to Bosnia has improved the chances of finding a way to permanently end the fighting there, or not?

27	Yes, improved chances of ending fighting
61	No, has not
<u>12</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Q.37 If peace in Bosnia depended on the continued presence of U.S. troops, would you support an extension of the American military mission there, or would you oppose it?

48	Support
46	Oppose
<u>6</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

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*CBS/NYT* trend was worded "...is sending troops to Bosnia."

**ON ANOTHER TOPIC...**

Q.38 The United States has had strong political, economic and military ties with the nations of Europe, on the one hand, and with Japan and the Pacific Rim nations of Asia, on the other hand. Which area do you think is most important to the United States: **[READ LIST]**

		<u>Sept 1993</u> <sup>14</sup>
49	Europe or	50
31	The Pacific Rim	31
6	Both/Equal ( <b>VOL</b> )	8
<u>14</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u> 100

Q.39 Do you think Japan has a fair trade policy or an unfair trade policy with the United States?

		<u>Sept 1993</u>	<u>Jan 1989</u>
19	Fair	14	22
64	Unfair	72	63
1	Both	1	*
*	U.S. unfair ( <b>VOL</b> )	1	*
<u>16</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100

Q.40 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today. . . Do you think China is: (**READ**)

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

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Question was worded "... ties with friendly nations of Europe ..."

**ASK Q.41 AND Q.42 OF FORM 1 ONLY. ROTATE. [N=1007]**

Q.41F1 How much of an impact does what happens in Western Europe have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

8	A great deal
28	A fair amount
36	Not very much
25	None at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.42F1 How much of an impact does what happens in Mexico have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

13	A great deal
29	A fair amount
32	Not very much
23	None at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

(N=1007)

**ASK Q.43 AND Q.44 OF FORM 2 ONLY. ROTATE. [N=993]**

Q.43F2 How much of an impact does what happens in Asia have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

9	A great deal
26	A fair amount
36	Not very much
25	None at all
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.44F2 How much of an impact does what happens in Canada have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

8	A great deal
23	A fair amount
39	Not very much
27	None at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	
(N=993)	

**ASK Q.45 OF FORM 1 ONLY. ROTATE ITEMS. [N=1007]**

Q.45F1 As I read some types of foreign aid, tell me whether you favor or oppose them:

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
a.	Food and medical assistance to people in needy countries	86	12	2=100
	August, 1990	80	17	3=100
b.	Aid that helps needy countries develop their economies	76	21	3=100
	August, 1990	66	29	5=100
c.	Aid to support family planning and birth control in developing nations	68	30	2=100
d.	Military aid to countries that are important allies of the U.S. <sup>15</sup>	73	22	5=100
	August, 1990	70	24	6=100

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<sup>15</sup>

In August the question was worded "Economic and military aid to countries that are important allies of the U.S."

**ASK Q.46 OF FORM 2 ONLY. ROTATE ITEMS. [N=993]**

Q.46F2 As I read some things the U.S. can do to help other countries, tell me whether you favor or oppose them:

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
a.	Food and medical assistance to people in needy countries	86	12	2=100
b.	Aid that helps needy countries develop their economies	73	23	4=100
c.	Aid to support family planning and birth control in developing nations	70	26	4=100
d.	Military aid to countries that are important allies of the U.S.	76	18	6=100