

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS**  
**MAY 1996 RELIGION AND POLITICS SURVEY**  
**-- TOPLINE --**  
**May 31 - June 9, 1996**  
**N =1,975**

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?)**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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
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.1a Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress? (**IF DON'T KNOW," ENTER AS CODE 9. IF "DEPENDS," PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?)

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>1994</u> <sup>1</sup>
36	Approve	39	35	33	36	36	36	38	41	44	43	52
50	Disapprove	46	51	53	54	51	50	45	45	43	39	28
<u>14</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u> <u>100</u>	<u>14</u> <u>100</u>	<u>14</u> <u>100</u>	<u>10</u> <u>100</u>	<u>13</u> <u>100</u>	<u>14</u> <u>100</u>	<u>17</u> <u>100</u>	<u>14</u> <u>100</u>	<u>13</u> <u>100</u>	<u>18</u> <u>100</u>	<u>20</u> <u>100</u>

Q.2 How much thought have you given to the coming Presidential election... quite a lot or only a little?

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1992</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>	---- Gallup ----	
						<u>Aug</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1988</u>
43	Quite a lot	77	63	72	55	61	57
5	Some (VOL)	5	3	4	6	10	18
47	Only a little	16	31	23	36	27	23
4	None (VOL)	1	2	1	2	2	2
<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

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<sup>1</sup> In December the question asked "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

<sup>2</sup> The October 1992 and August 1992 figures are based on registered voters.

- Q.3 Suppose the 1996 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were Bill Clinton, the Democrat and Bob Dole, the Republican. Who would you vote for?
- Q.3a Do you support (INSERT CHOICE FROM Q.3) strongly or only moderately?  
**IF "OTHER/UNDECIDED" IN Q.3, ASK:**
- Q.4 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Clinton, the Democrat, or Dole, the Republican?

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1996</u>
<b>BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1500]</b>					
55	Clinton/Lean Clinton	54	53	52	53
22	Strongly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
29	Only moderately	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
40	Dole/Lean Dole	40	41	44	41
13	Strongly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
23	Only moderately	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<u>5</u>	Other/Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100
		(N=1277)	(N=1116)	(N=567)	(N=895)

- Q.5 What's your opinion of the presidential candidates this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>
9	Very satisfied	10	11	6
37	Fairly satisfied	41	42	31
31	Not too satisfied	33	31	35
19	Not at all satisfied	14	15	26
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.6 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 REGISTERED, ASK:**

Q.6a 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>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Early</u> <u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>
79	Yes, registered	76	76	73	77	76	79	76
75	Absolutely sure	73	74	70	74	72	75	73
4	Chance	3	2	2	3	4	4	3
0	Don't know	*	0	1	0	*	0	0
21	No	23	23	26	22	23	20	23
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Not sure/Don't know	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November?

**IF YES, ASK:**

Q.7a How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

**IF NO, ASK:**

Q.7b How certain are you that you will NOT vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

**-- Based on Registered Voters --**

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>
88	Yes -- <b>GO TO Q.7a</b>	98	98	97	89
71	Absolutely certain	91	85	89	75
15	Fairly certain	6	11	8	12
2	Not certain	1	2	*	2
8	No -- <b>GO TO Q.7b</b>	1	1	1	7
5	Absolutely certain	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
2	Fairly certain	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
1	Not certain	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
<u>4</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know/Refused -- <b>GO TO Q.8</b>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>4</u> <u>100</u>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 How often would you say you vote... **(READ)**

		<u>Feb</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1987</u>
41	Always	32	41	42	43	43	40	47	41	38	33	45	39	34
30	Nearly always	34	32	29	24	28	30	26	32	37	35	30	33	37
12	Part of the time	15	12	12	11	13	14	10	13	13	12	10	12	11
12	Seldom	11	11	11	13	10	11	11	11	9	10	8	8	6
1	<b>(VOL)</b> Other	1	*	*	1	5	*	1	*	0	1	1	1	2
4	<b>(VOL)</b> Never vote	6	3	6	8	1	5	5	3	3	8	6	6	9
$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$

Q.9 Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 1992?<sup>3</sup>

		<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1992</u>
41	More	55	57
35	Less	24	27
22	Same <b>(VOL)</b>	19	14
$\frac{2}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$

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<sup>3</sup> In 1992 question referenced politics in 1988.

- Q.10 Suppose the 1996 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?
- Q.11 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=1500]**

		March <u>1996</u>	Jan <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	Early Oct <u>1994</u>	Sept <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>
44	Republican/Lean Republican	44	46	48	50	45	47	52	48	45
50	Democrat/Lean Democrat	49	47	48	43	43	44	40	46	47
<u>6</u> 100	Other candidate/Undecided ( <b>VOL.</b> )	<u>7</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>7</u> 100	<u>12</u> 100	<u>9</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>6</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100

**(NO QUESTION 12)**

- Q.13 Now I am going to read you a list of some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it. The first one is... (**READ AND ROTATE**).

		Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	The death penalty for persons convicted of murder ( <b>Influence</b> )	43	35	11	7	4=100
b.	Restricting the sale of handguns	29	24	26	19	2=100
	July, 1994	35	23	19	21	2=100
	May, 1993	28	27	26	17	2=100
	May, 1990	38	27	20	13	2=100
c.	President Clinton's decision to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of an international peacekeeping force ( <b>Influence</b> )	8	35	32	20	5=100
d.	Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally ( <b>Influence</b> )	6	21	24	41	8=100
e.	Denying welfare benefits to unwed teenagers who have children	11	25	40	16	8=100
	September, 1995		39		53	8=100
f.	Allowing Christmas nativity scenes and Christmas carols in public schools during the holidays	45	45	5	3	2=100

**Q.13 con't ...**

		<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>DK</u>
g.	Allowing public schools to provide students with information on birth control methods	37	39	13	9	2=100

Q.14 Which comes closer to your view?... Abortion should be generally available to those who want it; Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now; Abortion should be against the law except in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life; Abortion should not be permitted at all. **(Influence)**

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32	Generally available	36
24	Available, but under stricter limits	22
33	Against law except rape/incest/save life	34
9	Abortion should not be permitted at all	7
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100

**NOW, ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...**

Q.15 I am going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the **FIRST** statement or the **SECOND** statement comes closer to your own views -- even if neither is exactly right. The first is ...**(READ AND ROTATE)**

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
a.						
	48	49	47	46	50	48
	47	44	47	47	43	47
	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100
			<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
b.						
	31		37	34	34	32
	57		53	56	54	59
	<u>12</u>		<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
	100		100	100	100	100
c.						
	77		77	74	77	78
	19		20	22	19	19
	<u>4</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100		100	100	100	100
d.						
	76					
	19					
	<u>5</u>					
	100					
					<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	
e.						
	37					31
	54					63
	<u>9</u>					<u>6</u>
	100					100

--- INFLUENCE SUMMARY TABLE ---

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR QUESTIONS 13-15, THE FOLLOWING FOLLOW-UP QUESTION WILL BE USED WHERE THE DESIGNATION "Influence" IS LISTED.**

Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on this issue... **(READ AND ROTATE)**: 1) A personal experience, 2) The views of your friends and family, 3) What you have seen or read in the media, 4) Your religious beliefs, 5) Your education, 6) OR Something else **(ALWAYS END WITH THIS)**, 9) Don't know/Refused.

	<u>Personal Experience</u>	<u>Friends/ Family Views</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Religious Belief</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Some-thing Else</u>	<u>DK</u>
13a. The death penalty for persons convicted of murder	13	6	21	18	21	18	3=100
13c. President Clinton's decision to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of an international peacekeeping force	15	7	35	6	18	16	3=100
13d. Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally	10	7	9	37	17	17	3=100
14. Which comes closer to your view?... Abortion should be generally available, ... available but under stricter limits, ... against the law except in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life, ... not permitted at all.	18	7	7	28	22	16	2=100
15a. The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy	26	7	22	6	24	13	2=100
15c. This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment This country has gone too far in its efforts to protect the environment	22	3	24	3	36	10	2=100
15d. Society has been improved because women are now represented in the work place, Society made a mistake in encouraging so many women with families to work	45	8	7	4	23	11	2=100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.16 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 ITEMS a.-h.; i.-k.)** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")**

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
a.	Bill Clinton	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.	Hillary Clinton	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
	July, 1994	19	38	22	18	1	2=100
	May, 1993	19	41	18	11	1	10=100
c.	Louis Farrakhan	3	13	25	30	21	8=100
	July, 1994	2	8	14	24	44	8=100
d.	Bob Dole	10	42	27	15	*	6=100
	April, 1996	10	38	29	15	1	7=100
	February, 1996	12	43	24	15	1	5=100
	January, 1996	8	44	28	15	*	5=100
	August, 1995	12	37	26	12	2	11=100
	February, 1995	17	41	18	10	4	10=100
	December, 1994	17	41	18	10	5	9=100
	July, 1994	14	45	19	9	6	7=100
	May, 1993	11	37	20	8	11	13=100
	May, 1990	7	45	15	5	13	15=100
	May, 1987	9	51	11	3	9	17=100

**Q.16 con't ...**

		<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>Can't Rate</u>
e.	Pope John Paul II	28	48	9	4	1	10=100
	May, 1990	31	48	7	4	1	9=100
	May, 1987	28	48	10	4	1	9=100
f.	Pat Robertson	5	24	30	18	15	8=100
	September, 1987	5	22	24	18	11	20=100
g.	The Congress	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
	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
h.	The Christian Coalition	10	35	23	12	6	14=100
i.	Business Corporations	10	52	25	6	*	7=100
	February, 1996	9	50	24	10	1	6=100
	October, 1995	6	54	29	7	-	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

**ASK Q.17 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=998]**

Q.17F1 Thinking about the two major political parties in this country, which one would you say is most concerned with protecting religious values... the Republicans or the Democrats? (**ROTATE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS**)

45	The Republicans
34	The Democrats
8	Neither ( <b>VOL</b> )
3	Both equally ( <b>VOL</b> )
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK Q.18 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=977]**

Q.18F2 In your opinion, is either the Democratic party or the Republican party too closely tied to religious leaders these days, or not? **IF YES, ASK:** Which party would you say is too closely tied to religious leaders these days?

19	Republican
4	Democrat
5	Both equally ( <b>VOL</b> )
62	Neither is too closely tied
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...**

Q.19 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

		Feb <u>1995</u>	March <u>1994</u>
57	Full-time	55	53
13	Part-time	11	14
30	Not employed	34	32
<u>*</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

**IF EMPLOYED, ASK: [ N=1440]**

Q.20 Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		<i>-- U.S. NEWS &amp; WORLD REPORT --</i>					
		<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jan</u>
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
44	Yes		41	44	36	33	34
39							
56	No	58	56	63	66	65	61
<u>*</u>	Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100
		<b>(N=816)</b>					

**IF EMPLOYED, ASK:**

Q.21 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 &amp; WORLD REPORT --</i>					
		<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jan</u>
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
34	Yes	35	33	35	36	34	34
20	No	20	20	23	25	28	22
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
56%		58%	54%	63%	66%	65%	61%
(N=1440)		(N=816)	(N=2001)	(N=817)	(N=777)	(N=852)	(N=1002)

**ASK ALL:**

**NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.**

Q.22 What is your religious preference -- do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian, or don't you have a religious preference?

84	Christian
1	Jewish
*	Muslim
3	Other non-Christian
11	No preference
*	Something else [SPECIFY] ( <b>VOL</b> )
*	Agnostic ( <b>VOL</b> )
*	Atheist ( <b>VOL</b> )
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused
100	

**IF CHRISTIAN, ASK:**

Q.22a Are you Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox -- such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, or something else?

53	Protestant
23	Catholic -- <b>GO TO Q.23</b>
2	Mormon -- <b>GO TO Q.23</b>
1	Orthodox -- <b>GO TO Q.23</b>
1	Non-Denominational
1	Something else [SPECIFY]
1	Not practicing any religion ( <b>VOL</b> )
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused -- <b>GO TO Q.23</b>
84%	Christian

**IF 1 "PROTESTANT" OR 5 "SOMETHING ELSE", ASK:**

Q.22b As I read a list, tell me which if any of these denominations you are affiliated with. **(READ LIST)**

18 Baptist  
10 Methodist  
6 Lutheran  
4 Presbyterian  
3 Congregational or United Church of Christ  
5 Nondenominational or Independent Church  
3 Pentecostal  
2 Episcopalian  
\* Reformed  
2 Other [SPECIFY] **(DO NOT READ)**  
1 Nothing in particular **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**  
54% Protestant/Something else

**ASK ONLY THOSE WHO ANSWERED 1 "CHRISTIAN" OR 6 "SOMETHING ELSE" IN Q. 22**

Q.23 Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

34 Yes  
47 No  
3 Don't Know/Refused  
84% Christian/Something else

**IF "YES", ASK:**

Q.23a By "born again" do you mean a specific, one-time conversion experience or a gradual development of faith over time?

38 Specific experience  
55 Gradual over time  
7 Don't know/Refused  
100

**IF PROTESTANT (Q.22a=1), ASK:**

Q.24 As I read from a list, please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you. **(READ ALL ITEMS)**

- 10 Fundamentalist Christian
- 5 Pentecostal or Charismatic Christian, OR
- 14 Progressive Christian
- 9 None of the above **(DO NOT READ)**
- 4 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**  
42% Protestant<sup>4</sup>

**IF CATHOLIC (Q.22a=2), ASK:**

Q.24a As I read from a list, please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you. **(READ ALL ITEMS)**

- 11 Traditional Catholic, OR
- 10 Progressive Catholic
- 1 None of the above **(DO NOT READ)**
- 1 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**  
23% Catholic

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<sup>4</sup> Respondents who answered some specific Protestant denomination in Q.22a (such as Baptist, Lutheran, etc.) were not asked Q.24. These respondents were eventually included in the "Protestant" category.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

14 More than once a week

25 Once a week

17 Once or twice a month

21 A few times a year

13 Seldom

9 Never

$\frac{1}{100}$  Don't know/Refused

Q.26 Did you yourself happen to attend church, synagogue or any other place of worship in the last seven days?

42 Yes

58 No

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

Q.27 When you were growing up, were you and your family active members of a church, synagogue, or other place of religious worship?

82 Yes

18 No -- **GO TO Q.29**

0 Don't remember (VOL) -- **GO TO Q.29**

$\frac{*}{100}$  Don't know/Refused -- **GO TO Q.29**

**IF "YES", ASK:**

Q.28 What faith or denomination did you and your family belong to? (open-end) **(IF RESPONDENT GIVES A GENERAL RESPONSE SUCH AS PROTESTANT OR CHRISTIAN, PROBE FOR DENOMINATION)**

24	Catholic
19	Baptist
9	Methodist
6	Lutheran
4	Presbyterian
4	Protestant
3	Congregational or United Church of Christ
2	Pentecostal
2	Episcopalian
1	Mormon
1	Nondenominational or Independent Church
1	Jewish
*	Assemblies of God
*	Reformed
*	Orthodox
*	Seventh Day Adventist
*	Muslim
1	Other non-Christian
4	Other [SPECIFY] <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
*	Can't remember <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
82%	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.29 How important would you say religion is in your own life -- very important, fairly important, or not very important?

		-- Gallup --
		<u>1965</u>
59	Very important	70
26	Fairly important	22
15	Not very important	7
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u>
100		100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.30 In your opinion, should the churches keep out of political matters -- or should they express their views on day-to-day social and political questions?

-- Gallup --  
1968

43	Should keep out	53
54	Should express views	40
$\frac{3}{100}$	No opinion	$\frac{7}{100}$

Q.31 Do you think it is ever right for clergymen to discuss political candidates or issues from the pulpit?

-- Gallup --  
1965

29	Yes	22
66	No	68
$\frac{5}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{10}{100}$

**ASK ONLY THOSE WHO ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (Q.25=1,2,3),  
[N=1138]**

Q.32 As I read a list of issues, please tell me whether or not the clergy at your place of worship speaks out on this issue... First, **(READ AND ROTATE)**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Abortion	60	39	1=100
b.	Hunger and poverty	87	12	1=100
c.	World trouble spots ... such as Bosnia or Rwanda	59	39	2=100
d.	Prayer in public schools	56	41	3=100
e.	Pornography laws	41	56	3=100
f.	The death penalty	27	70	3=100
g.	Right to die laws	29	66	5=100
h.	Health care reform	26	71	3=100
i.	Candidates and elections	21	77	2=100
j.	Laws regarding homosexuals	36	62	2=100

**--- FOLLOW-UP SUMMARY TABLE ---**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR ITEMS d., i., j. IN Q.32, IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "YES," ASK THIS FOLLOW-UP QUESTION:**

Do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that your clergy speaks out on this issue?

		<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK</u>
32d.	Prayer in public schools	92	5	2	1=100
32i.	Candidates and elections	78	14	6	2=100
32j.	Laws regarding homosexuals	83	10	3	4=100

**ASK ALL:**

**ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...**

Q.33 Do you consider the United States a Christian nation, or not?

60 Yes

34 No

$\frac{6}{100}$  Don't know/Refused

**ASK Q.34-35 ONLY THOSE WHO ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH**

**(Q.25=1,2,3), [N=1138]**

Q.34 Now, thinking back to the 1994 congressional elections in your state, did the clergy at your place of worship or any other religious groups urge you to vote a particular way?

7 Yes

91 No

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

Q.35 Was information on candidates or parties made available in your place of worship before the election?

14 Yes

83 No

$\frac{3}{100}$  Don't know/Refused

**(NO QUESTION 36)**

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

Q.37 Do you believe in a God? **IF "YES" ASK:** How strong would you say this belief is? Are you absolutely certain there is a God, fairly sure there is, not quite sure but like to think there is, OR not at all sure but not sure there isn't?

-- Gallup --  
1965

72	Believe in God absolutely certain	81
14	Believe in a God fairly sure	12
8	Believe in a God not quite sure	3
1	Believe in God not at all sure	1
4	Do not believe	2
<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100

Q.38 Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

35	The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, OR The Bible is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word,
47	OR
14	The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.
2	Other ( <b>VOL</b> )
<u>2</u> 100	Don't Know/Refused

Q.39 Do you think your soul will live on after death?

-- Gallup --  
1965

80	Yes	75
10	No -- <b>GO TO Q.41</b>	10
<u>10</u> 100	Don't know -- <b>GO TO Q.41</b>	<u>15</u> 100

**IF "YES" IN Q.39, ASK:**

Q.40 Do you think there is a heaven, where people who have led good lives are eternally rewarded?

		-- Gallup --
		<u>1965</u>
70	Yes, Believe in heaven	68
7	No, Don't believe in heaven	3
<u>3</u> 80%	Don't know if believe in heaven/Refused	<u>4</u> 75%

Q.40a Do you think there is a hell, to which people who have led bad lives and die without being sorry are eternally damned?

		-- Gallup --
		<u>1965</u>
57	Yes, Believe in hell	54
18	No, Don't believe in hell	13
<u>5</u> 80%	Don't know if believe in hell/Refused	<u>8</u> 75%

**ASK ALL:**

Q.41 Which do you think is most important for the church to do -- to convert people to a spiritual belief so that they can earn a happy life after death, or to teach people how to live better every day with all other people?

14	Convert to spiritual belief
73	Teach people how to live better
10	Both (VOL)
1	Neither (VOL)
<u>2</u> 100	Undecided

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.42 People practice their religion in different ways... Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week or less, or never?

29	Several times a day
22	Once a day
19	A few times a week
18	Once a week or less
10	Never
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**(NO QUESTION 43)**

Q.44 At your family meals at home, does anyone say grace, or give thanks to God aloud, before the meal?

		-- Gallup --
		<u>July 1962</u>
60	Yes	60
39	No	36
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

**(NO QUESTION 45 OR 46)**

Q.47 Now I am going to read you a list of some political figures. For each name that I read, please tell me how religious you think that person is -- very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious. First, **(INSERT NAME; ROTATE)**.

**ASK ITEMS a., c., e. OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=998]; ASK ITEMS b., d., f. OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=977].**

		<u>Very</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Not too</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a.F1	Bill Clinton	16	52	14	7	11=100
b.F2	Ronald Reagan	18	50	11	5	16=100
c.F1	Bob Dole	11	51	12	5	21=100
d.F2	Hillary Clinton	11	45	18	7	19=100
e.F1	Newt Gingrich	5	30	22	13	30=100
f.F2	Jimmy Carter	48	30	5	2	15=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Now I'm going to mention certain groups and organizations. Please tell me whether you would like to see them have MORE influence in government and political matters than they have now, or LESS influence than they have now. **(READ AND ROTATE)**

		<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>(VOL) About Right</u>	<u>DK</u>
1.	The Protestants	33	44	7	16=100
2.	The Roman Catholics	27	53	7	13=100
3.	The Jews	27	49	8	16=100
4.	Evangelical Christians	27	51	5	17=100

Q.49 Which of the following, if any, do you personally do... (First,) do you... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>
a.	Watch religious TV programs or listen to religious radio shows	45	55	*=100
b.	Listen to Christian music on radio, CD, or cassette	45	55	*=100

**Q.49 con't ...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>
c. Attend prayer group meetings or Bible study groups	31	69	*=100
d. Send a son or daughter to a religious school	15	84	1=100

**FILTER ITEM e. BASED ON CHURCH ATTENDANCE (Q.25=1,2,3), [N=1138]**

e. Do community volunteer work through your place of worship	55	45	0=100
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**ASK ALL:**

**NOW ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SUBJECT...**

Q.50 In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

		Early															
		Feb 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Mar 1995	Feb 1995	Dec 1994	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
30	Republican	30	30	30	35	33	35	28	31	33	29	28	28	31	28	27	25
33	Democrat	32	30	29	28	30	31	31	32	30	33	32	33	38	38	39	37
34	Independent	32	35	37	32	33	30	35	33	32	35	36	28	23	26	26	28
2	No preference	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	3	-	2	1	9	7	6	6	8
*	Other party	1	*	*	2	2	2	*	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>1</u> 100	Don't know	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100

**(NO QUESTION 51 OR 52)**

Q.53 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

		Feb 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
11	Republican	13	14	18	13	14	17	14	13	9	12	11	13
17	Democratic	13	16	14	13	12	14	13	13	11	12	13	13
<u>9</u> 37%	Neither	<u>12</u> 38	<u>10</u> 40	<u>9</u> 41	<u>15</u> 41	<u>8</u> 34	<u>7</u> 38	<u>13</u> 40	<u>13</u> 39	<u>11</u> 31	<u>10</u> 34	<u>10</u> 34	<u>12</u> 38

**ASK ALL:**

Q.54 In general, would you describe your political views as...(READ)

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

Q.54a Do you consider yourself a member of the Religious Right political movement, or not?

7	Yes
88	No
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Q.55 How often, if ever, do you listen to radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues and politics... (READ)

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1993</u>
17	Regularly	13	18	18	19	16	17	23	23
25	Sometimes	23	28	33	30	31	29	22	32
26	Rarely	25	24	25	24	26	24	25	23
31	Never	39	30	24	27	26	30	30	22
<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100	<u>0</u> 100	<u>*</u> 100

(NO QUESTION 56)

Q.57 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... **(READ)**

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1987</u>
41	Most of the time	46	43	49	45	46	39	47	37	37	41
34	Some of the time	35	35	30	35	33	34	34	37	35	35
17	Only now and then	14	16	13	14	15	18	14	17	18	15
8	Hardly at all	5	6	7	6	6	9	4	6	8	7
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>3</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>

Q.58 In the 1992 Presidential election, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **IF VOTED, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Bush or Perot?

		<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>
33	Yes, Clinton	35
25	Yes, Bush	25
11	Yes, Perot	11
*	Yes, other candidate	1
1	Yes, don't remember which candidate	1
27	No, didn't vote/Too young	22
0	Don't remember if voted	1
<u>3</u> <u>100</u>	Refused	<u>4</u> <u>100</u>

Q.59 In the 1994 elections for Congress last November, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>
58	Yes, voted	62	62
38	No, didn't vote/Too young	35	37
$\frac{4}{100}$	Don't Remember if voted/Refused	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "YES" IN Q.59, ASK:**

Q.59a Are you absolutely certain you voted, or is there a chance you may not have?

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>
53	Absolutely certain	57	58
$\frac{5}{58\%}$	Didn't vote/may not have voted	$\frac{5}{62\%}$	$\frac{4}{62\%}$

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "YES, CERTAIN" IN Q.59a, ASK:**

Q.59b Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

		<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>
45	Republican	47	50
46	Democrat	43	40
1	Other/Independent candidate	1	2
*	Didn't vote for Congress	*	1
7	Don't Remember which candidate	6	5
$\frac{1}{100}$	Refused	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$
(N=2262)		(N=1219)	(N=1101)

(NO QUESTION 60)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.61 In 1994, did you go to any political meetings, rallies, speeches, dinners, or things like that in support of a particular candidate?

8 Yes

91 No

$\frac{1}{100}$  Don't know/Refused

**(NO QUESTION 62)**

**ASK Q.63 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=998]**

Q.63F1 Sometimes the media are accused of being biased for or against certain people or groups of people. For example, do you think television and the newspapers and magazines and radio are fair in their treatment of fundamentalist Christians or do you think they make them look better than they are, or make them look worse than they are?

18 Better

29 Fair

36 Worse

$\frac{17}{100}$  DK/Refused

**ASK Q.64 OF FORM 2 ONLY:[ N=977]**

Q.64F2 Sometimes the media are accused of being biased for or against certain people or groups of people. For example, do you think television and the newspapers and magazines and radio are fair in their treatment of very religious people, or do you think they make them look better than they are, or make them look worse than they are?

19 Better

29 Fair

35 Worse

$\frac{17}{100}$  DK/Refused