

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
CAMPAIGN 2000 TYPOLOGY SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
August 24 - September 10, 2000
N = 2,799 General Public
N = 1,999 Registered Voters

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS IN SURVEY, INCLUDING TREND FIGURES, ARE BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
September, 2000	52	42	6=100
June, 2000	47	46	7=100
April, 2000	47	44	9=100
August, 1999	58	38	4=100
January, 1999	53	40	7=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
October, 1995	24	72	4=100
September, 1988	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	40	55	5=100
January, 1988	38	56	6=100

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

	<u>Quite</u>	(VOL.)	<u>Only a</u>	(VOL.)	<u>DK/</u>
	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1=100
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*=100
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*=100
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1=100
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*=100
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1=100
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1=100
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*=100
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1=100
October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1=100
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1=100
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*=100
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1=100
Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0=100
Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0=100
Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0=100
Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0=100

Q.3 How closely have you been following news about the presidential election campaign... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref.
September, 2000	27	46	18	8	1=100
July, 2000 ¹	25	40	19	15	1=100
June, 2000	27	34	22	16	1=100
April, 2000	21	36	25	18	*=100
Early April, 2000	22	43	20	15	*=100
March, 2000	30	43	16	10	1=100
November, 1996	34	45	15	6	*=100
Early September, 1996	29	39	19	13	*=100
July, 1996	25	42	21	11	1=100
October, 1992	55	36	7	2	0=100
September, 1992	47	36	11	6	*=100
August, 1992	36	51	11	2	0=100
July, 1992	23	48	24	5	*=100
October, 1988	43	44	11	2	*=100
August, 1988	39	45	13	3	*=100

Q.4 How often would you say you vote... (READ)

	Always	Nearly Always	Part of The time	Seldom	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) Never Vote	DK/Ref.
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	*	2	*=100
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*=100
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	*	1	*=100
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	1	0	*=100
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	1	0	0=100
September, 1997	62	26	8	3	*	1	*=100
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	1	2	*=100
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*=100
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	1	2	*=100
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*=100
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*=100
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	*	1	*=100
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*=100
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	1	*	0=100
October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*=100
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*=100
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*=100
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	*	1	*=100
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	0	*	*=100
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	*	1	*=100
Gallup: November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*=100
Gallup: October, 1988	56	26	12	4	1	1	*=100
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	1	2	*=100
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	*	1	*=100
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*=100

¹ In March through July 2000 the question was worded "News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election."

Q.5 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 "1" YES, REGISTERED ASK:

Q.6 Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

BASED ON TOTAL VOTING AGE POPULATION: [N=2,799]

	Yes, <u>Registered</u>	Absolutely <u>Certain</u>	Chance <u>Lapsed</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	No, Not <u>Registered</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
September, 2000	75	69	5	1	25	*=100
June, 2000	79	75	4	*	21	*=100
Late September, 1999	74	69	5	*	24	2=100
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	0=100

- Q.7 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Democratic ticket of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Green Party ticket headed by Ralph Nader, or for the Reform Party ticket headed by Pat Buchanan?
- Q.7a Do you support (INSERT PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE FROM Q.7, DO NOT READ VP CHOICE) strongly or only moderately?
- Q.7b As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to Gore the Democrat, more to Bush the Republican, more to Nader of the Green Party or more to Buchanan the Reform party candidate?

		<u>July</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Late June</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Mid-June</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Gore-Bush Trial Heat</u> <u>Mid-June 2000</u>	
47	Gore/Lean Gore	41	35	42	46	Gore/Lean Gore
	25 Strongly	n/a	n/a	n/a	18	Strongly
	21 Only moderately	n/a	n/a	n/a	27	Only moderately
	1 Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	Don't know
41	Bush/Lean Bush	42	42	41	45	Bush/Lean Bush
	21 Strongly	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	Strongly
	19 Only moderately	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	Only moderately
	1 Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	Don't know
2	Nader/Lean Nader	6	2	4	<u>9</u>	Undecided/Other/DK
	1 Strongly	n/a	n/a	n/a	100	
	1 Only moderately	n/a	n/a	n/a		
	0 Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a		
1	Buchanan/Lean Buchanan	2	2	3		
	* Strongly	n/a	n/a	n/a		
	1 Only moderately	n/a	n/a	n/a		
	* Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a		
<u>9</u>	Undecided/Other/DK	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>		
100		100	100	100		

IF RESPONDENT CHOSE GORE/LIEBERMAN IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK: [N=918]

Q.8a Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Al Gore or more a vote AGAINST George W. Bush?

IF RESPONDENT CHOSE BUSH/CHENEY IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK: [N=836]

Q.8b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR George W. Bush or more a vote AGAINST Al Gore?

<u>Direction of Support</u>	<u>1996 Election</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Early Sept</u>
47 Gore	Clinton	51	51	52
30 Pro-Gore	Pro-Clinton	33	33	35
14 Anti-Bush	Anti-other candidates	15	16	15
3 Undecided	Undecided	3	2	2
41 Bush	Dole	32	34	34
24 Pro-Bush	Pro-Dole	15	15	16
14 Anti-Gore	Anti-other candidates	15	18	17
3 Undecided	Undecided	2	1	1
<u>12</u>	Perot	9	8	8
100	Pro-Perot	4	4	3
	Anti-other candidates	5	4	5
	Undecided	*	*	0
	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
		100	100	100

IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE GORE IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK: [N=1,081]

Q.9 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Al Gore in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

		June	Clinton
		<u>2000</u>	<u>Sept 1996</u>
13	Chance might vote for him	14	10
35	Decided not to vote for him	34	34
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
53%		54%	48%

IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE BUSH IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK: [N=1,163]

Q.10 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for George W. Bush in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

		June	Dole
		<u>2000</u>	<u>Sept 1996</u>
15	Chance might vote for him	15	14
38	Decided not to vote for him	33	47
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
59%		54%	66%

IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE NADER IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK: [N=1,948]

Q.11 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Ralph Nader in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

13	Chance might vote for him
76	Decided not to vote for him
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
98%	

IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE BUCHANAN IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK: [N=1,977]

Q.12 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Pat Buchanan in November or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

9	Chance might vote for him
82	Decided not to vote for him
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
99%	

IF RESPONDENT CHOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK:

Q.13 What do you like most about (INSERT FROM Q.7 OR Q.7b), his personality, his leadership ability, his experience or his stand on issues?

	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on issues</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
Al Gore	9	15	22	48	6=100	(N=918)
June, 2000	7	13	29	42	9=100	
May, 2000	10	13	30	40	7=100	
March, 2000	10	14	28	40	8=100	
October, 1999	8	11	32	43	6=100	
George W. Bush	9	19	9	55	8=100	(N=836)
June, 2000	10	19	11	50	10=100	
May, 2000	12	22	8	51	7=100	
March, 2000	14	24	10	42	10=100	
October, 1999	13	25	11	42	9=100	
Ralph Nader	6	4	9	80	1=100	(N=51)
Pat Buchanan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		(N=22)

IF RESPONDENT CHOSE BUSH IN Q.7 OR Q.7b, ASK:

Q.14 What do you like LEAST about Al Gore, his personality, his leadership ability, his experience or his stand on issues?

	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on Issues</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
Al Gore	17	17	7	48	11=100	(N=836)
June, 2000	17	19	6	43	15=100	
May, 2000	22	22	6	41	9=100	
March, 2000	22	20	5	43	10=100	
October, 1999	24	22	5	39	10=100	

IF RESPONDENT CHOSE GORE IN Q. 7 OR Q.7b ASK:

Q.15 What do you like LEAST about George W. Bush, his personality, his leadership ability, his experience or his stand on issues?

	<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on Issues</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
George W. Bush	20	12	11	43	14=100	(N=918)
June, 2000	26	13	10	34	17=100	
May, 2000	25	13	13	35	14=100	
March, 2000	33	8	13	35	11=100	
October, 1999	19	11	13	41	16=100	

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.16 Have the presidential candidates been talking about the issues that are important to you in this campaign, or not?

		<u>Oct 1996</u>	
72	Yes		59
22	No	35	
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	
100		100	

Q.17 What's your impression... do George W. Bush and Al Gore take different positions on the issues, or are they pretty similar in their positions on the issues?

		<u>June 2000</u>	<u>July 1999</u>
56	Different	51	47
32	Similar	33	24
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>16</u>	<u>29</u>
100		100	100

QUESTION WAS ASKED SEPT 1-10, 2000 ONLY [N=835]

Q.17a Which candidate do you think has been running the more POSITIVE campaign so far — Al Gore or George W. Bush?

42	Al Gore
31	George W. Bush
6	Neither (VOL.)
10	Both (VOL.)
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.18 Now I'm 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 pair is... (**READ AND ROTATE**) (**AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE:** Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?)

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		Aug <u>1999</u>	June <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>
a.	Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient							
52		51	59	56	63	63	64	66
	43 Strongly	41	49	48	53	51	54	54
	9 Not Strongly	10	10	8	10	12	10	12
	Government often does a better job than people give it credit for							
40		43	36	39	34	34	32	31
	27 Strongly	28	23	25	20	19	19	17
	13 Not Strongly	15	13	14	14	15	13	14
	<u>8</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.18 con't ...

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		Aug 1999	Oct 1997	June 1997	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
f.	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days	28	25	33	28	37	34	34	32
31	22 Strongly	19	--	22	19	25	21	24	20
	9 Not Strongly	9	--	11	9	12	13	10	12
	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition	59	61	54	58	53	56	54	59
54	43 Strongly	46	--	41	45	38	40	40	43
	11 Not Strongly	13	--	13	13	15	16	14	16
<u>15</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		Aug 1999	Oct 1997	June 1997	June 1996	July 1994			
g.	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents	46	41	41	37	31			
50	36 Strongly	30	--	26	--	17			
	14 Not Strongly	16	--	15	--	14			
	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and health care	44	48	48	54	63			
38	29 Strongly	34	--	37	--	49			
	9 Not Strongly	10	--	11	--	14			
<u>12</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>			
100		100	100	100	100	100			
		Aug 1999	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994		
j.	We should all be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong	47	48	49	49	47	52		
48	41 Strongly	39	39	38	39	39	43		
	7 Not Strongly	8	7	11	10	8	9		
	It's acceptable to refuse to fight in a war you believe is morally wrong	47	47	48	47	47	45		
45	37 Strongly	38	39	38	38	37	35		
	8 Not Strongly	9	8	10	9	10	10		
<u>7</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>		
100		100	100	100	100	100	100		

Q.18 con't ...

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		<u>Aug</u>	<u>July</u>						
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1994</u>						
k.	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard	74	68						
73	66 Strongly	66	59						
	7 Not strongly	8	9						
	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people	23	30						
24	20 Strongly	18	22						
	4 Not strongly	5	8						
	<u>3</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>						
	100	100	100						
		<u>Aug</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>		
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>		
m.	Too much power is concentrated in the hands of a few large companies	77	75	77	75	73	76		
76	64 Strongly	62	61	62	59	58	59		
	12 Not Strongly	15	14	15	16	15	17		
	The largest companies do NOT have too much power	17	18	18	20	20	19		
18	12 Strongly	10	10	9	10	10	9		
	6 Not Strongly	7	8	9	10	10	10		
	<u>6</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>		
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
		<u>Aug</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>	
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	
n.	Business corporations make too much profit	52	51	51	53	51	50	52	
54	46 Strongly	42	43	43	44	42	40	43	
	8 Not Strongly	10	8	8	9	9	10	9	
	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit	42	43	42	43	44	44	43	
38	28 Strongly	29	28	27	27	26	28	27	
	10 Not Strongly	13	15	15	16	18	16	16	
	<u>8</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
		<u>Aug</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>July</u>	
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	
o.	Elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly	68	69	72	73	76	74	71	
66	53 Strongly	55	58	59	60	64	61	58	
	13 Not Strongly	13	11	13	13	12	13	13	
	Elected officials in Washington try hard to stay in touch with voters back home	26	25	23	24	21	22	25	
27	18 Strongly	16	15	14	14	12	13	14	
	9 Not Strongly	10	10	9	10	9	9	11	
	<u>7</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Q.18 con't ...

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		Aug 1999	June 1997	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
p.	Most elected officials care what people							
39	like me think	35	28	38	33	32	29	34
	26 Strongly	21	17	23	18	18	17	18
	13 Not Strongly	14	11	15	15	14	12	16
	Most elected officials don't care what							
55	people like me think	60	67	58	64	64	68	64
	44 Strongly	49	55	48	53	53	56	51
	11 Not Strongly	11	12	10	11	11	12	13
<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

On a different subject...

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

IF YES IN Q.19, ASK:

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

	Yes, Plan To Vote	Absolutely Certain	Fairly Certain	Not Certain	No, Don't Plan To	Can't Say/ Don't know
September, 2000	95	84	10	1	3	2=100
June, 2000	95	84	10	1	2	3=100
Late October, 1998 [†]	91	--	--	--	6	3=100
Early October, 1998 [†]	92	--	--	--	4	4=100
Early September, 1998 [†]	95	--	--	--	2	3=100
Late August, 1998 [†]	93	75	17	1	3	4=100
June, 1998 [†]	95	74	19	2	3	2=100
November, 1996	96	--	--	--	2	2=100
October, 1996	98	87	10	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	98	89	8	1	1	1=100
Early 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 [†]	93	--	--	--	5	2=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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1,025]

Q.21F1 Now I'd like your opinion of some groups and organizations. (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 Rate
a.F1	The Republican Party	11	42	28	12	0	7=100
	August, 1999	8	47	31	11	*	3=100
	Early October, 1998	9	43	28	14	0	6=100
	Early September, 1998	9	48	27	10	*	6=100
	March, 1998	9	41	33	12	*	5=100
	October, 1995	10	43	28	17	*	2=100
	December, 1994	22	46	19	8	*	5=100
b.F1	The Democratic Party	16	44	23	12	*	5=100
	August, 1999	14	45	29	9	*	3=100
	Early October, 1998	11	45	29	9	*	6=100
	Early September, 1998	12	47	26	9	*	6=100
	March, 1998	15	44	25	11	*	5=100
	October, 1995	9	40	38	11	0	2=100
	December, 1994	13	36	33	13	*	5=100
c.F1	Congress	8	53	27	5	*	7=100
	August, 1999	8	55	27	8	*	2=100
	Early October, 1998	7	55	25	8	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	7	60	24	4	0	5=100
	October, 1995	4	39	42	13	0	2=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=974]

Q.22F2 Now I'd like your opinion of some religious groups. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE. ITEM SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST)** 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 Rate
d.F2	Evangelical Christians	21	42	13	3	3	18=100
	February, 1996	14	27	24	13	10	12=100
	May, 1990	13	33	20	17	6	11=100
e.F2	Jews	27	50	5	3	*	15=100
	June, 1997	25	59	6	2	*	8=100
f.F2	Catholics	29	49	6	3	*	13=100
g.F2	Muslim Americans	11	39	13	8	2	27=100
h.F2	Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God	8	24	20	32	*	16=100

On another subject...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1,025]

Q.23F1 These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and mosques contribute to solving important social problems... a great deal, some, not much, nothing at all?

28	A great deal
44	Some
21	Not much
4	Nothing at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=974]

Q.24F2 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?

		<u>June 1996</u>
13	YES, Republican	20
6	YES, Democratic	3
7	Both equally (VOL.)	5
65	NO, Neither is too closely tied	63
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.25 As I read from a list, tell me which ONE of the following items is the most important thing for the next president to do. Please wait until I read the entire list before you respond. **(READ LIST; ROTATE ORDER)**

12	The economy
19	Health care
21	Education
12	Morality
9	Taxes
24	Social Security and Medicare
2	(DO NOT READ) Other — SPECIFY
*	(DO NOT READ) None of the above
<u>1</u>	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1,025]

Q.26F1 As I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes George W. Bush or Al Gore. **(READ AND ROTATE; ITEM j SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST)**

		George W. Bush	Al Gore	Neither	Both Equally	DK/Ref.
a.	Would use good judgment in a crisis June, 2000	38 44	44 37	3 5	8 6	7=100 8=100
b.	Personally likable June, 2000	37 42	44 36	3 7	12 9	4=100 6=100
c.	Honest and truthful June, 2000	35 35	37 31	13 19	9 7	6=100 8=100
d.	Cares about people like me	31	47	9	7	6=100
e.	A strong leader	44	38	7	6	5=100
f.	A typical politician June, 2000	37 34	37 36	2 1	20 22	4=100 7=100
g.	Can get things done June, 2000	40 43	40 33	4 8	8 6	8=100 10=100
h.	Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular June, 2000	45 46	37 32	8 9	5 5	5=100 8=100
i.	He is experienced and knows a lot about the issues July, 2000	28 25	54 39	3 11	10 20	5=100 5=100
j.	Comes closest to my opinions on the most important issues to me	39	48	5	2	6=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=974]

Q.27F2 Regardless of who you support, which one of the Presidential candidates — Al Gore or George W. Bush — do you think would do the best job of **(INSERT ITEM. ROTATE. IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN GORE OR BUSH PROBE ONCE: "IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GORE AND BUSH...")** ?

		George W. Bush	Al Gore	Neither	DK/Ref.
a.	Keeping the economy strong June, 2000	38 38	46 41	5 5	11=100 16=100
	March, 2000	42	46	4	8=100
b.	Making wise decisions about the country's defense policy June, 2000	46 42	40 36	4 6	10=100 16=100
c.	Keeping Social Security and Medicare financially sound June, 2000	36 36	49 43	4 5	11=100 16=100
	March, 2000	35	49	5	11=100

Q.27F2 con't ...

		George			
		<u>W. Bush</u>	<u>Al Gore</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
d.	Representing your views on gun control	39	37	5	19=100
	June, 2000	37	34	5	24=100
	March, 2000	36	45	5	14=100
e.	Improving conditions for minority groups	28	52	4	16=100
	March, 2000	25	58	4	13=100
f.	Improving the health care system	32	51	6	11=100
	June, 2000	31	44	6	19=100
	March, 2000	31	51	6	12=100
g.	Protecting and strengthening families	39	42	6	13=100
	June, 2000	38	38	7	17=100
	March, 2000	37	45	6	12=100
h.	Representing your views about abortion	34	38	7	21=100
	March, 2000	33	42	7	18=100
i.	Dealing with taxes	41	41	5	13=100
	June, 2000	41	34	7	18=100
	March, 2000	40	44	5	11=100
j.	Improving education	39	45	4	12=100
	June, 2000	34	44	5	17=100
	March, 2000	42	44	3	11=100
k.	Protecting the environment	24	58	4	14=100
	March, 2000	24	61	4	11=100
l.	Representing your views on America's role in world affairs	39	44	3	14=100

Q.28 As you may know, the federal government now has a budget SURPLUS. In your opinion, which ONE of the following should be done with the available money? Should the money be used **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)**...?

	<u>Tax Cut</u>	National <u>Debt</u>	Domestic <u>Programs</u>	Social Security/ <u>Medicare</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
September, 2000	14	21	25	38	2=100
February, 2000	12	20	21	45	2=100
Early August, 1998	10	20	26	42	2=100
June, 1998	10	19	25	44	2=100

Q.29 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?

		Oct <u>1999</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>
58	Government should create national standards	62	47	51
36	Too much government involvement	32	46	38
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100

Now on another subject...

Q.30 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)**

		Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Eliminating the inheritance tax	43	28	15	8	6=100
	Early September, 1998	44	25	13	9	9=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1,025]

b.F1	Giving government funding to religious organizations so they can provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them	21	33	27	17	2=100
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ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=974]

c.F2	Allowing religious organizations to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them	32	35	17	12	4=100
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ASK ALL:

d.	Federal funding for vouchers to help low and middle income parents send their children to private and parochial schools	24	29	27	17	3=100
	August, 1999	22	35	25	15	3=100
e.	Making prescription drug benefits part of the Medicare system	57	34	5	2	2=100

ASK ALL:

Q.31 Which do you favor more — cutting taxes for people in all income brackets, OR tax cuts targeted to lower and middle income families?

40	Cutting taxes for all income brackets
58	Tax cuts targeted to lower and middle income families
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.32 Do you think that we should increase our defense spending, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

		Aug <u>1999</u>	June <u>1999</u>
34	Increase	31	36
48	Keep same	53	47
14	Cut back	13	15
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100

Q.33 How much, if anything, have you heard about a proposal which would allow younger workers to invest a portion of their payroll taxes in private retirement accounts, which might include stocks or mutual funds, rather than having all of it go toward Social Security -- a lot, a little or nothing at all?

26	A lot
43	A little
30	Nothing at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.34 Generally, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Total <u>RV's</u>	Heard about <u>Proposal</u> ³	
70	71	Favor
21	23	Oppose
<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	
	(N=1,386)	

On a different subject...

Q.35 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?

		--- General Public ---		
		<u>June 1996</u>	<u>June 1996</u>	<u>Gallup: 1968</u>
45	Should keep out	44	43	53
51	Should express views	53	54	40
<u>4</u>	No opinion	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.36 Do you think it is ever right for clergymen to discuss political candidates or issues from the pulpit?

		--- General Public ---		
		<u>June 1996</u>	<u>June 1996</u>	<u>Gallup: 1965</u>
32	Yes	29	29	22
64	No	67	66	68
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

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Based on the percent who heard "A lot" or "A little" in Q.33.

Q.37 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?

		<u>June 1997</u>	<u>June 1996</u>
17	More than once a week	13	15
28	Once a week	29	28
16	Once or twice a month	17	17
17	A few times a year	19	20
13	Seldom	13	12
8	Never	9	7
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	*	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

IF RESPONDENT ATTENDS CHURCH AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (Q.37=1-4), ASK: [N=1,584]

Q.38 Aside from attending religious services, how involved are you in church activities, would you say you're very involved, somewhat involved, not too involved, or not at all involved

25	Very involved
34	Somewhat involved
25	Not too involved
16	Not at all involved
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1,025]

Q.39F1 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**)

		<u>June 1996</u>
39	The Republicans	47
30	The Democrats	32
6	Neither (VOL.)	8
7	Both equally (VOL.)	3
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=974]

Q.40F2 Thinking about the two major political parties in this country, which one would you say is most concerned with protecting religious freedom... the Republicans or the Democrats? (**ROTATE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS**)

32	The Republicans
35	The Democrats
5	Neither (VOL.)
6	Both equally (VOL.)
<u>22</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

On a different subject...

Q.41 Now I'd like you to think about some concerns that people may have. How concerned are you, if at all, about **(INSERT ITEM: ROTATE)**? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this? What about **(NEXT ITEM)**...?

		(VOL.)					
		Very <u>Concerned</u>	Somewhat <u>Concerned</u>	Not too <u>Concerned</u>	Not at all <u>Concerned</u>	Does Not <u>Apply</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	Not having enough money for your retirement?	55	24	11	8	1	1=100
	October, 1999	49	28	14	8	1	*=100
	October, 1996	56	24	11	7	1	1=100
	March, 1996	58	22	10	8	2	*=100
	October, 1995	47	29	11	8	5	*=100
	March, 1994	40	30	15	12	2	1=100
	May, 1988	32	37	14	9	5	3=100

BASED ON THOSE WHO GAVE AN ANSWER: [N=1,750]

b.	Being unable to save enough money to put a child through college?	52	25	10	13=100	--	--
	October, 1999	47	25	12	16=100	--	--
	October, 1996	53	21	11	15=100	--	--
	October, 1995	51	22	10	17=100	--	--
	March, 1994	49	22	11	18=100	--	--
	May, 1988	33	34	16	17=100	--	--
c.	Being unable to afford necessary health care when a family member gets sick?	63	19	8	8	2	*=100
	October, 1999	58	20	14	7	1	*=100
	October, 1996	61	18	12	7	1	1=100
	March, 1996	65	17	11	7	*	0=100
	October, 1995	64	18	10	7	1	*=100
	March, 1994	48	23	16	11	1	1=100

BASED ON THOSE WHO GAVE AN ANSWER: [N=1,657]

d.	Not having adequate child care when you go to work?	43	21	11	25=100	--	--
	October, 1995	38	22	16	24=100	--	--
	March, 1994	34	20	16	30=100	--	--

Q.42 Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements. 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 pair is... **(READ AND ROTATE)** **(AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?)**

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		Aug 1999	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
q.	This country should do whatever it takes						
78	to protect the environment	80	77	77	74	77	78
	67 Strongly	67	66	65	63	65	62
	11 Not Strongly	13	11	12	11	12	16
	This country has gone too far in its efforts						
17	to protect the environment	15	18	20	22	19	19
	12 Strongly	10	13	13	15	13	12
	5 Not Strongly	5	5	7	7	6	7
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

		Aug 1999	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
r.	Stricter environmental laws and regulations						
31	cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	28	30	35	39	32	33
	22 Strongly	19	22	23	28	23	21
	9 Not Strongly	9	8	12	11	9	12
	Stricter environmental laws and regulations						
61	are worth the cost	65	63	61	57	62	62
	50 Strongly	50	51	47	44	49	45
	11 Not Strongly	15	12	14	13	13	17
<u>8</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

		Aug 1999	July 1994
t.	As Americans, we can always find ways		
59	to solve our problems and get what we want	63	52
	46 Strongly	47	35
	13 Not strongly	16	17
	This country can't solve many of its		
36	important problems	32	45
	29 Strongly	24	30
	7 Not strongly	8	15
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

Q.42 con't ...

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		Aug 1999	Oct 1997	June 1997	Oct 1996	April 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994
u.	Homosexuality is a way of life									
50	that should be accepted by society	49	46	45	44	44	45	47	46	46
	35 Strongly	33	--	32	32	29	29	30	33	26
	15 Not Strongly	16	--	13	12	15	16	17	13	20
	Homosexuality is a way of life that									
41	should be discouraged by society	44	48	50	49	49	50	48	48	49
	35 Strongly	37	--	43	42	42	41	40	41	41
	6 Not Strongly	7	--	7	7	7	9	8	7	8
<u>9</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		Aug 1999	June 1997	Oct 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994		
v.	Books that contain dangerous ideas should									
48	be banned from public school libraries	52	46	44	46	45	42	46		
	41 Strongly	43	39	39	37	40	36	37		
	7 Not Strongly	9	7	5	9	5	6	9		
	Public school libraries should be allowed									
48	to carry any books they want	45	50	51	52	52	53	55		
	40 Strongly	36	40	43	41	44	47	39		
	8 Not Strongly	9	10	9	11	9	8	12		
<u>4</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
		Aug 1999								
w.	Religion is a very important part of my life	75								
	69 Strongly	67								
	6 Not Strongly	8								
23	Religion is not that important to me	22								
	15 Strongly	12								
	8 Not Strongly	10								
<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't Know	<u>2</u>								
100		100								
		Aug 1999	Oct 1996	April 1996	July 1994					
y.	I'm generally satisfied with the way									
59	things are going for me financially	64	57	57	56					
	46 Strongly	48	43	44	36					
	13 Not Strongly	16	14	13	20					
	I'm not very satisfied with my financial									
39	situation	34	41	42	43					
	33 Strongly	28	36	37	33					
	6 Not Strongly	6	5	5	10					
<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>					
100		100	100	100	100					

Q.42 con't ...

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		Aug	July
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1994</u>
z.	I often don't have enough money		
37	to make ends meet	29	36
	30 Strongly	22	27
	7 Not strongly	7	9
	Paying the bills is generally not a		
59	problem for me	68	63
	48 Strongly	54	43
	11 Not strongly	14	20
<u>4</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.43 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>Most of</u>	<u>Some of</u>	<u>Only Now</u>	<u>Hardly</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
	<u>The Time</u>	<u>the Time</u>	<u>and Then</u>	<u>at All</u>	
September, 2000	51	34	10	4	1=100
June, 2000	46	31	15	8	*=100
Late September, 1999	46	32	17	5	*=100
August, 1999	48	34	13	5	*=100
Late October, 1998	57	29	10	4	*=100
Early October, 1998	51	33	11	5	*=100
Early September, 1998	52	33	11	4	*=100
June, 1998	42	33	18	7	*=100
November, 1997	47	35	14	4	*=100
November, 1996	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996	43	37	13	6	1=100
October, 1995	52	33	11	4	*=100
April, 1995	49	34	13	4	*=100
November, 1994	57	30	10	3	*=100
October, 1994	52	34	10	4	0=100
July, 1994	51	32	13	4	*=100
May, 1990	43	36	15	6	*=100
October, 1988	52	33	12	3	*=100
May, 1988	42	37	15	4	2=100
January, 1988	42	35	17	5	1=100
May, 1987	47	35	13	4	1=100

Q.44 THRU Q.47 AND TREND FIGURES ARE BASED ON TOTAL GENERAL PUBLIC

Q.44 In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>Preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>Party</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
September, 2000	27	34	30	6	*	3=100
February, 2000	27	30	34	6	1	2=100
Late September, 1999	24	31	36	5	1	3=100
August, 1999	25	33	37	3	*	2=100
November, 1997	25	32	38	3	*	2=100
June, 1996	30	33	34	2	*	1=100
February, 1996	30	32	32	3	1	2=100
October, 1995	30	30	35	3	*	2=100
April, 1995	30	29	37	3	*	1=100
March, 1995	35	28	32	--	2	3=100
February, 1995	33	30	33	--	2	2=100
December, 1994	35	31	30	--	2	2=100
November, 1994	28	31	35	4	*	2=100
October, 1994	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
Early October, 1994	33	30	32	-	2	3=100
July, 1994	29	33	35	2	*	1=100
June, 1992	28	32	36	1	*	3=100
May, 1990	28	33	28	9	*	2=100
February, 1989	31	38	23	7	*	1=100
May, 1988	28	38	26	6	*	2=100
January, 1988	27	39	26	6	*	2=100
May, 1987	25	37	28	8	*	2=100

ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "REPUBLICAN" IN Q.44: [N=796]

Q.45 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican, or NOT a strong Republican?

		Late Sept <u>1999</u>	Aug <u>1999</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June <u>1992</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
14	Strong	10	11	11	11	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
<u>13</u>	Not strong	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
27%		24%	25%	25%	30%	30%	31%	29%	28%	28%	31%	28%	27%	25%

ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "DEMOCRAT" IN Q.44: [N=946]

Q.46 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat, or NOT a strong Democrat?

		Late Sept <u>1999</u>	Aug <u>1999</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	April <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1994</u>	July <u>1994</u>	June <u>1992</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	May <u>1987</u>
19	Strong	15	15	14	14	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
<u>15</u>	Not strong	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
34%		31%	33%	32%	30%	29%	32%	33%	32%	33%	38%	38%	39%	37%

**ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED INDEPENDENT/NO PREFERENCE/OTHER/DON'T KNOW
(Q. 44=3,4,5,9): [N=1,057]**

Q.47 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
September, 2000	28	33	27	12=100
Late September, 1999	31	34	27	8=100
August, 1999	34	36	24	6=100

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (Q.44=1 OR Q.47=1): [N=864]

Q.48 How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

6	Excellent
43	Good
44	Only fair
5	Poor
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (Q.44=2 OR Q.47=2): [N=968]

Q.49 How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

11	Excellent
52	Good
32	Only fair
4	Poor
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.50 Now I am going to read some statements about the candidates and political parties. For each, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it, or completely DISagree with it. (The first one is...) **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)**

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
ASK ITEMS a THRU i OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1,025]						
a.F1	I like Al Gore personally more than I did earlier in the year	23	33	17	19	8=100
b.F1	The Republican party has become more compassionate and caring than it has been in the past	13	34	27	17	9=100
c.F1	George W. Bush may not be up to the job of president	23	23	25	23	6=100
d.F1	Laura Bush is very impressive	16	32	20	10	22=100
e.F1	Al Gore is really more liberal than he lets on	24	34	20	7	15=100
f.F1	I really like Joe Lieberman	17	30	18	11	24=100
g.F1	Al Gore is too partisan and too divisive	18	21	34	14	13=100
h.F1	It makes me uncomfortable when politicians talk about how religious they are	25	25	26	19	5=100
i.F1	I am tired of all the problems associated with the Clinton administration	48	24	16	8	4=100
	August, 1999	36	35	19	8	2=100
	March, 1999	48	26	15	8	3=100
ASK ITEMS j THRU r OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=974]						
j.F2	The Democrats care more about ordinary people than the Republicans	26	26	22	19	7=100
k.F2	I have a lot of confidence in Al Gore's abilities to deal with difficult issues	23	34	21	18	4=100
l.F2	George W. Bush seems like a real person rather than a politician	19	34	23	19	5=100
m.F2	Tipper Gore is very impressive	18	38	21	12	11=100
n.F2	George W. Bush is really more conservative than he lets on	18	40	20	8	14=100
o.F2	I really like Dick Cheney	12	32	19	13	24=100
p.F2	I like George W. Bush personally more than I did earlier in the year	13	33	24	22	8=100

Q.50 con't ...

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
q.F2	It's important to me that a president have strong religious beliefs	35	35	17	10	3=100
r.F2	I wish Bill Clinton could run for a third term	16	11	16	55	2=100
	August, 1999	12	16	24	47	1=100
	March, 1999	16	12	17	54	1=100

ASK ALL:

Q.51 In general, would you describe your political views as... **(READ)**

		April <u>2000</u>	Oct <u>1999</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>	April <u>1998</u>	April <u>1996</u>
9	Very conservative	8	7	9	8	7
29	Conservative	32	28	32	33	33
40	Moderate	37	42	39	36	40
14	Liberal, OR	14	15	13	15	12
5	Very liberal?	5	5	4	5	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.52 Thinking back to the 1996 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Dole and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **(IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for Clinton, Dole, or Perot?)**

45	Yes, Clinton
24	Yes, Dole
8	Yes, Perot
2	Yes, other candidate
2	Yes, don't remember which candidate
16	No, didn't vote/too young
1	Don't Remember if voted
<u>2</u>	Refused
100	

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

Q.53 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home, or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
September, 2000	72	28	0=100

IF YES (USE A COMPUTER), ASK:

Q.54 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web, or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS:

	<u>Goes Online</u>	<u>Doesn't Go Online</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
September, 2000	60	40	0=100