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FINAL TOPLINE  
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N = 2002**

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>
March, 2002	50	40	10=100
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100
June, 2001	43	52	5=100
March, 2001	47	45	8=100
February, 2001	46	43	11=100
January, 2001	55	41	4=100
September, 2000	51	41	8=100
June, 2000	47	45	8=100
April, 2000	48	43	9=100
August, 1999	56	39	5=100
January, 1999	53	41	6=100
November, 1998	46	44	10=100
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 1998	46	50	4=100
September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 1997	49	46	5=100
January, 1997	38	58	4=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
March, 1996	28	70	2=100
October, 1995	23	73	4=100
June, 1995	25	73	2=100
April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
<i>Late February, 1991 (Gallup)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>3=100</i>
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

Q.2 Do you think people in general today lead as good lives - honest and moral - as they used to?

		<i>Wash Post/</i>			
		<i>Kaiser</i>	--- <i>Gallup</i> ---		<i>Gaffin</i>
		Nov	Jan	Nov	June
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1952</u>
21	Yes	26	30	39	47
73	No	71	66	52	46
<u>6</u>	Undecided	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.3 Do you think that young people today have as strong a sense of right and wrong as they did, say, fifty years ago?

		<i>Wash Post/</i>			
		<i>Hart</i>	<i>Kaiser</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gaffin</i>
		March	Aug	Nov	June
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1952</u>
19	Yes	15	20	41	57
76	No	82	78	46	34
<u>5</u>	Undecided	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.4 I'd like 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, OBSERVE FORM SPLITS**).

		Strongly	Strongly	DK/		
		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
					<u>Ref</u>	
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:</b>						
a.F1	The death penalty for persons convicted of murder	33	34	17	9	7=100
	March, 2001	30	36	17	10	7=100
	September, 1999	41	33	15	7	4=100
	June, 1996	43	35	11	7	4=100
<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:</b>						
b.F2	The death penalty for persons convicted of terrorism	48	28	12	6	6=100
<b>ASK ALL:</b>						
c.	Providing more generous government assistance to the poor	24	43	22	5	5=100
	March, 2001	28	45	17	6	4=100

**Q.4 CONTINUED...**

		Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
d.	Allowing churches and other houses of worship 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	26	44	18	9	3=100
	June, 2001	30	42	15	10	3=100
	March, 2001	30	45	13	8	4=100
	February, 2001	28	36	19	11	6=100
	September, 2000 <sup>1</sup>	32	35	17	12	4=100

**ROTATE Q.5 AND Q.6**

**RESULTS BASED ON Q.6 FOLLOWING Q.5 TO CORRESPOND TO GALLUP TREND ORDERING**

[N=985]:

Q.5 Would you favor or oppose requiring all young men to give one year of service to the nation - either in the military forces, or in non-military work here or abroad, such as the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or in a local community or city service program?

		----- Gallup <sup>2</sup> -----					
		Dec <u>1987</u>	March <u>1979</u>	Dec <u>1976</u>	Oct <u>1973</u>	Dec <u>1971</u>	Jan <u>1969</u>
61	Favor	55	60	62	65	68	78
35	Oppose	45	33	33	29	25	16
<u>4</u>	No opinion	*	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.6 Would you favor or oppose requiring all young women to give one year of service to the nation - either in the military forces, or in non-military work here or abroad, such as the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or in a local community or city service program?

		----- Gallup <sup>3</sup> -----		
		Dec <u>1987</u>	Dec <u>1976</u>	Jan <u>1969</u>
50	Favor	44	41	44
45	Oppose	56	51	49
<u>5</u>	No opinion	*	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100

<sup>1</sup> Based on registered voters. Item was worded "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."

<sup>2</sup> The Gallup trend from December 1987 was worded, "... such as VISTA, the Peace Corps, or in a local community or city service program?" The "oppose" and "no opinion" responses are combined and total 45% for this year. The trend for January 1969 to March 1979 was worded, "... such as VISTA or the Peace Corps?"

<sup>3</sup> For the Gallup trend from December 1987 the question was worded, "... such as VISTA, the Peace Corps, or in a local community or city service program?" The "oppose" and "no opinion" responses are combined and total 56% for this year. The trend for December 1976 was worded, "... such as VISTA or the Peace Corps?" The trend for January 1969 was worded, "... either in nursing or some other form of public help?"

Q.7 In your view, should the GOVERNMENT start up programs that encourage people to get and stay married, or should the GOVERNMENT stay out of this?

18 The government should start up programs that encourage marriage  
 79 The government should stay out  
3 Don't know/Refused  
 100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

Q.8F1 Do you think the United States has a moral responsibility to come to the aid of Afghanistan to help it recover from the war, or doesn't the United States have a moral responsibility to do this?

50 U.S. has a moral responsibility  
 39 No responsibility  
11 Don't know/Refused  
 100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

Q.9F2 Do you think the United States should come to the aid of Afghanistan to help it recover from the war, or should the United States not get involved?

49 U.S. should come to the aid of Afghanistan  
 43 U.S. should not get involved  
8 Don't know/Refused  
 100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Now I'm going to read you a couple of statements. Please tell if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree with each statement... **[ROTATE ITEMS, OBSERVE FORM SPLIT]**

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know/Ref.</u>
a. People should do much more than they do now to help others who are in need, even if it costs them their own time and money March, 2001	31 34	48 52	14 9	4 2	3=100 3=100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

b.F1 The government should help more needy people even if it means cuts in other programs

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know/Ref.</u>
b.F1	17	40	29	8	6=100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

c.F2 The government should help more needy people even if it means holding back on future tax cuts

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know/Ref.</u>
c.F2	25	41	19	9	6=100

\*\*\*\*\*Comparison trend for Q.10bF1/cF2\*\*\*\*\*

	Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know/Ref.</u>
The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt					
Late September, 1999	15	34	33	14	4=100
November, 1997	14	30	37	16	3=100
May, 1993	9	34	40	12	5=100
May, 1990	15	36	34	10	5=100
May, 1987	13	40	33	7	7=100

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

**ROTATE Q.11/12 WITH Q.13/14**

Q.11 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	Increasing <u>Influence</u>	Losing <u>Influence</u>	(VOL) <u>Same</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
March, 2002	37	52	3	8=100
December, 2001 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	71	24	2	3=100
Mid-November, 2001	78	12	3	7=100
March, 2001	37	55	4	4=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	58	0	5=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	56	4	3=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	27	69	2	2=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	36	49	6	9=100
June, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	42	39	14	6=100
December, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	48	10	5=100
December, 1974 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	31	56	8	5=100
April, 1968 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	19	67	8	7=100
February, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	33	45	13	8=100
February, 1962 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	45	32	17	7=100
March, 1957 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	69	14	10	6=100

**IF 1 "INCREASING" OR 2 "LOSING" INFLUENCE IN Q.11 ASK [N=1780]:**

Q.12 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

		BASED ON ...	
		Increasing <u>Influence</u>	Losing <u>Influence</u>
41	Good thing	85	10
53	Bad thing	10	84
1	Both (VOL)	1	1
2	Neither (VOL)	1	2
1	Depends (VOL)	1	1
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100
		(N=746)	(N=1034)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence in THE WORLD or losing its influence?

38 Increasing  
 50 Losing  
 3 Staying the same (VOL)  
 9 No opinion (VOL)  
 100

**IF 1 "INCREASING" OR 2 "LOSING" INFLUENCE IN Q.13 ASK [N=1751]:**

Q.14 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

		<b>BASED ON ...</b>	
		<u>Increasing</u>	<u>Losing</u>
		<u>Influence</u>	<u>Influence</u>
37	Good thing	73	9
56	Bad thing	18	85
1	Both (VOL)	2	1
2	Neither (VOL)	1	2
2	Depends (VOL)	4	1
2	Don't know/Refused	2	2
100		100	100
		(N=778)	(N=973)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Now I'd like your views on some groups and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of what I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS (FIRST a. THRU c., THEN d. THRU k., ITEM j/k 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 <u>Rate</u>
a.	The Christian conservative movement	10	35	18	11	12	15=100
	March, 2001	9	33	20	11	11	16=100
b.	Business corporations	10	52	23	6	1	8=100
	July, 2001	9	50	21	6	*	14=100
	March, 2001	9	56	19	6	1	9=100
	August, 1999	8	65	19	3	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	9	55	21	5	*	10=100
	October, 1997	11	55	23	5	*	6=100
	June, 1997	8	60	18	7	*	7=100
	May, 1997	9	50	21	7	1	12=100
	June, 1996	10	52	25	6	*	7=100
	February, 1996	9	50	24	10	1	6=100
	October, 1995	6	54	29	7	0	4=100
	July, 1994	8	62	19	5	*	6=100
	November, 1991	8	57	22	6	0	7=100
	January, 1988	6	53	27	5	*	9=100
	June, 1985	8	50	24	7	1	10=100

**Q.15 CONTINUED...**

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
c.	Labor unions	15	44	23	9	1	8=100
	July, 2001	12	39	26	10	1	12=100
	March, 2001	16	47	21	7	1	8=100
	August, 1999	12	47	27	9	*	5=100
	Early September, 1998	12	40	25	13	*	10=100
	June, 1997	15	43	25	10	*	7=100
	May, 1997	15	34	26	13	*	12=100
	April, 1996	10	37	28	17	*	8=100
	February, 1996	17	37	27	14	*	5=100
	July, 1994	14	43	28	10	*	5=100
	January, 1988	10	42	29	10	*	9=100
	July, 1985	9	37	30	17	*	7=100

Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT FIRST ITEM IN ROTATED d. THRU i. SERIES. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

d.	Catholics	19	55	9	4	*	13=100
	Mid-November, 2001	29	49	5	3	*	14=100
	March, 2001	19	55	10	3	1	12=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	29	49	6	3	*	13=100
e.	Jews	18	56	7	2	*	17=100
	Mid-November, 2001	24	51	5	2	*	18=100
	March, 2001	16	56	8	2	*	18=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	27	50	5	3	*	15=100
	June, 1997	26	56	7	2	1	8=100
f.	Evangelical Christians	13	42	13	5	7	20=100
	March, 2001	13	42	12	4	8	21=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	21	42	13	3	3	18=100
	February, 1996	13	26	23	15	11	12=100
	July, 1994	10	33	22	10	11	14=100
	May, 1990	12	31	19	19	7	12=100
g.	Protestants	20	54	6	2	1	17=100
	Mid-November, 2001	28	49	3	2	1	17=100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

h.F1	Muslim Americans	8	46	14	8	2	22=100
	Mid-November, 2001	15	44	12	5	1	23=100
	March, 2001	7	38	16	8	4	27=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	11	39	13	8	2	27=100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

i.F2	Muslims	7	40	18	11	1	23=100
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**Q.15 CONTINUED...**

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:</b>							
j.F1	Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God	5	29	23	31	*	12=100
	Mid-November, 2001	7	25	21	28	*	19=100
	March, 2001	4	25	22	35	*	14=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	8	24	20	32	*	16=100
<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:</b>							
k.F2	People who are not religious	9	42	19	11	*	19=100

And what do you think...

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

Q.16F1 Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

		Early Oct 2001 <sup>4</sup>
16	Too much	12
24	Too little	22
53	Right amount	60
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

Q.17F2 Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of showing of the American flag?

		Early Oct 2001
16	Too much	8
16	Too little	17
66	Right amount	73
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>
100		100

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For Q.16 and Q.17 in Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, "As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention."



**ASK ALL:**

Now, a few questions about your religious affiliation.

Q.18 What is your religious preference — do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian such as Buddhist or Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or don't you have a religious preference?

		March	June
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1996</u> <sup>5</sup>
82	Christian	82	84
1	Jewish	1	1
*	Muslim	1	*
1	Other non-Christian	2	3
1	Atheist	1	*
2	Agnostic	2	*
2	Something else (SPECIFY)	1	*
10	No preference	8	11
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

**IF CHRISTIAN IN Q.18, ASK:**

Q.19 Are you Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox — such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, or something else?

		March	June
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1996</u>
52	Protestant	53	53
24	Catholic	23	23
2	Mormon	2	2
*	Orthodox	1	1
0	Non-Denominational	0	1
2	Something else (SPECIFY)	*	1
0	Not practicing any religion	0	1
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
82%	Christian	82%	84%

**IF CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE IN Q.18, ASK:**

Q.20 Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

		March	June	
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1996</u>	
36	Yes		36	34
44	No	43	47	
<u>5</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	
85%	Christian/Something else	83%	84%	

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In 1996, question was worded: "What is your religious preference – do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian, or don't you have a religious preference?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 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?

		Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>	March <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>2000</u> <sup>6</sup>	June <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>
15	More than once a week	16	17	17	12	14
25	Once a week	26	26	28	26	25
17	Once or twice a month	14	17	16	17	17
18	A few times a year	17	17	17	20	21
15	Seldom	16	15	13	15	13
9	Never	10	7	8	10	9
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.22 How important would you say religion is in your own life — very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not very Important</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
March, 2002	63	24	12	1=100
Mid-November, 2001	61	24	14	1=100
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	70	22	7	1=100

**IF RESPONDENT ATTENDS CHURCH AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (Q.21=1-4), ASK [N=1,523]:**

Q.23 Aside from attending religious services, how involved are you in activities at your church or house of worship... would you say you're very involved, somewhat involved, not too involved, or not at all involved?

		<u>March 2001</u>	<u>Sept 2000</u> <sup>7</sup>
22	Very involved	23	25
31	Somewhat involved	31	34
28	Not too involved	26	25
19	Not at all involved	20	16
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*
100		100	100

<sup>6</sup> September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

<sup>7</sup> Based on registered voters who attend church at least a few times a year. Question was worded: "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?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 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?

		<u>March 2001</u>	<u>June 1996</u>
35	Several times a day	37	29
24	Once a day	22	22
15	A few times a week	17	19
16	Once a week or less	14	18
8	Never	8	10
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100

Q.25 During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

22	Should come out in favor of candidates
70	Should not come out in favor of candidates
<u>8</u>	No Opinion
100	

Q.26 Do you consider the United States a Christian nation, or not?

		<u>June 1996</u>
67	Yes	60
25	No	34
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100		100

On another subject...

Q.27 How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices? **[READ IN ORDER]**

		<u>Mid-November 2001</u>
5	A great deal	6
29	Some	32
37	Not very much	37
28	Nothing at all	24
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

**FORM 1:**

**ASK ONLY IF R HAS A RELIGION OTHER THAN ISLAM (1,2,4,7 IN Q.18) [N=919]:**

Q.28F1 From what you know, do you think that the Muslim religion and your own religion have a lot in common, or do you think that the Muslim religion and your religion are very different?

		<u>Mid-November 2001</u>
27	A lot in common	31
57	Very different	52
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>17</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

Q.28F2 Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam?

		<i>-----ABC/Beliefnet-----</i>	
		<u>Jan 2002</u>	<u>Oct 2001</u>
38	Favorable	41	47
33	Unfavorable	24	39
<u>29</u>	No Opinion	<u>35</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

Q.29F1 What's your impression - how many Muslims around the world are anti-American? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

6	Almost all
12	Most
18	About half
24	Some
21	Just a few
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

Q.29F2 What's your impression - how many Muslims in this country are anti-American? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

4	Almost all
5	Most
11	About half
23	Some
39	Just a few
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.30 Next, I would like to ask you some questions about the Muslim religion. Not everyone will know about them. First **[ROTATE ITEMS]**

	<u>Correct Answer</u>	<u>Incorrect Answer</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
a. Do you happen to know what name Muslims use to refer to God? [ <i>Allah</i> ]	47	11	42=100
b. Do you happen to know the name of the Islamic equivalent to the Bible? [ <i>Koran</i> ]	43	8	49=100

Q.31 Some people think that the United States has had SPECIAL PROTECTION from God for most of its history. Other people think the United States has had no SPECIAL PROTECTION from God. Which comes closer to your view?

**IF YES IN Q.31 ASK:**

Q.32 Do other nations have special protection from God in the same way, or not?

48	The U.S. has had special protection from God
37	Yes, other nations receive special protection from God
7	No
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
40	The U.S. has NOT had special protection from God
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Some people think the terrorist attacks on the United States were a signal that God is no longer protecting the United States as much as in the past. Do you think this is true, or not?

5	Yes, attacks were a signal
91	No
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.34 Now I'm going to read you some 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. **[ROTATE ITEMS a. THRU d. WITH ITEM e./f. ALWAYS LAST]**

- a. 18 My religion is the one, true faith leading to eternal life  
-OR-  
75 Many religions can lead to eternal life  
3 Neither (**VOL**)  
4 Don't know/Refused  
100
- b. 61 Children are more likely to grow up to be moral adults when they are raised in a religious faith  
-OR-  
Children are just as likely to grow up to be moral adults whether or not they are raised in a  
35 religious faith  
2 Neither (**VOL**)  
2 Don't know/Refused  
100
- c. 50 It IS NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values  
-OR-  
47 It IS necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values  
1 Neither (**VOL**)  
2 Don't know/Refused  
100
- d. 58 The strength of American society is based on the religious faith of its people  
-OR-  
36 Our society would be strong even if most Americans did not have a religious faith  
2 Neither (**VOL**)  
4 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

- e.F1 47 Some religions are more likely than others to encourage violence among believers  
-OR-  
41 Religions are all about the same in this regard  
4 Neither (**VOL**)  
8 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

- f.F2 25 The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers  
-OR-  
51 The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others  
3 Neither (**VOL**)  
21 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.35 In your view, which is the bigger lesson to be taken from the September 11 terrorist attacks? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

28 Religion has too much influence in the world these days [OR]  
51 Religion has too little influence in the world these days  
2 Both (**VOL -- DO NOT READ**)  
11 Neither (**VOL -- DO NOT READ**)  
8 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.36 How much of a role does religion play in causing most wars and conflicts in the world? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

34 A great deal  
31 A fair amount  
20 Only a little [OR]  
9 None at all  
6 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

Q.37F1 All in all, do you think a person can be a good American if he or she does not have religious faith?

84 Yes  
13 No  
3 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

Q.38F2 All in all, do you think a person can be a good American if he or she does not believe in basic Judeo-Christian values?

80 Yes  
14 No  
6 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.39 Generally, how would you rate the honesty and ethical standards of **[READ AND ROTATE]** these days? Would you give them a very high rating, a high rating, a low rating, or a very low rating for honesty and ethical standards?

		<u>Very High</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Very Low</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:</b>						
a.F1	Public officials in Washington March, 1995	3 *	31 18	43 53	17 24	6=100 5=100
b.F1	Heads of major companies March, 1995	1 2	23 31	50 39	16 12	10=100 16=100
c.F1	Religious leaders March, 1995	5 10	50 45	30 26	6 10	9=100 9=100
<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:</b>						
d.F2	Military leaders March, 1995	15 10	55 53	16 22	5 5	9=100 10=100
e.F2	Members of large corporations' boards of directors	2	23	46	18	11=100
f.F2	Journalists	5	39	37	11	8=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Just your best guess, would you say that most business executives try to obey the laws governing their profession or would you say most business executives try to find a way around the laws governing their profession?

		<i>ABC/</i>	
		<i>Wash Post</i>	<i>ABC</i>
		Oct	Feb
		<u>1997<sup>8</sup></u>	<u>1987</u>
35	Try to obey the laws	39	45
58	Try to find a way around the laws	51	48
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

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The 1987 and 1997 ABC/Washington Post questions asked about "stock brokers on Wall Street" instead of "business executives."



Q.41 Do you think the recent Enron case is a sign that morals in American business have been declining in the last few years, or not? [**IF YES, ASK:** Is that a major decline or a minor decline?]

		<i>ABC</i>
		<u>Feb 1987<sup>9</sup></u>
38	Yes, major decline	30
22	Yes, minor decline	20
2	Yes, in between ( <b>VOL</b> )	2
1	Yes, don't know ( <b>VOL</b> )	2
28	No, not a sign of declining morals	36
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

On a different subject...

Q.42 Have you, or has your family ever received welfare benefits? [**IF YES, ASK:**] Are you or your family NOW receiving welfare benefits?

		<u>March 1994</u>
4	Yes, current welfare recipient -- <b>GO TO Q.44</b>	7
13	Yes, past welfare recipient	16
82	No	76
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

Q.43 Do you personally know someone who is NOW receiving welfare benefits?

		<u>March 1994</u>
4	Yes, self/family current welfare recipient	7
38	Yes, know someone now receiving welfare	49
56	No, don't know someone on welfare	43
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

**ROTATE ITEMS Q.44 AND Q.45**

Q.44 On balance, do you think the current welfare system... [**READ IN ORDER**]

		<u>March 1994</u>
32	Changes things for the better by helping people who are unable to support themselves [OR do you think the welfare system...]	12
53	Changes things for the worse by making able-bodied people too dependent on government aid?	75
8	Both equally ( <b>VOL, DO NOT READ</b> )	9
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

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<sup>9</sup>

The 1987 ABC question asked about "the recent cases of insider trading on Wall Street."

Q.45 In 1996, welfare reform legislation was passed that made many changes to the welfare system in America. In your view, does the current welfare system work better or worse than the system in place before 1996?

46 Better  
17 Worse  
5 No difference (VOL)  
32 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.46 Some say that most poor people are poor because of society's failures. Others say that most poor people are poor because of their own individual failures. Which comes closer to your point of view?

22 Society's failures  
61 Individual failures  
11 Both (VOL)  
1 Other (VOL)  
5 No opinion  
100

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1058]:**

Q.47F1 Which is the bigger reason for American children being raised in poverty these days? Is it because of social and economic problems or is it because of the failure of their parents as individuals?

31 Social and economic problems  
50 Failure of parents as individuals  
14 Both (VOL)  
1 Other (VOL)  
4 No opinion  
100

**ASK FORM 2 [N=944]:**

Q.48F2 Which is the bigger reason more than ten-million American children are being raised in poverty these days? Is it because of social and economic problems or is it because of the failure of their parents as individuals?

31 Social and economic problems  
49 Failure of parents as individuals  
13 Both (VOL)  
1 Other (VOL)  
6 No opinion  
100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 How much, if anything, have you heard about recent criminal trials involving Catholic priests who have been accused of child sexual abuse – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

39 A lot  
46 A little  
14 Nothing at all  
1 Don't know/Refused  
100

**IF 1 “A LOT” OR 2 “A LITTLE” IN Q.49 ASK [N=1730]:**

Q.50 Based on what you have heard, how would you evaluate the Catholic Church’s handling of these cases of alleged sexual abuse by priests? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

62 Have church leaders mostly tried to cover up the problem  
--OR--  
26 Have church leaders mostly tried to deal with the problem  
3 Both (**VOL -- DO NOT READ**)  
\* Neither (**VOL -- DO NOT READ**)  
9 Don’t know/Refused  
100

And one last subject...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Do you favor or oppose scientific experimentation on the cloning of human beings?

17 Favor  
77 Oppose  
6 Don’t know/Refused  
100

**IF 2 ‘OPPOSE’ IN Q.51 ASK [N=1530]:**

Q.52 Is your objection to research on human cloning based more on **[READ AND ROTATE]**

19 The belief that the science is not yet safe enough but could be in the future  
72 The belief that it is morally wrong  
6 Both equally (**VOL -- DO NOT READ**)  
2 Other (**VOL -- DO NOT READ**)  
1 Don’t know/Refused  
100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 As you may know, the federal government has debated whether to fund certain kinds of medical research known as ‘stem cell research’ ... How much have you heard about this? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

27 A lot  
52 A little [OR]  
20 Nothing at all  
1 Don’t know/Refused  
100

Q.54 Do you think the federal government should or should not fund stem cell research?

		<i>Gallup</i> <u>Aug 2001</u>
43	Should	55
35	Should not	29
4	Depends (VOL)	3
<u>18</u>	No opinion	<u>13</u>
100		100

**IF ANSWER GIVEN (1,2,3) IN Q.54, ASK: [N=1667]**

Q.55 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on this issue... **[READ IN ORDER]**

		<b>BASED ON ...</b>	
		<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>
7	A personal experience	10	4
4	The views of your friends and family	4	3
34	What you have seen or read in the media	41	27
18	Your religious beliefs	5	34
22	Your education	28	13
13	OR Something else	11	15
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100
		<b>(N=906)</b>	<b>(N=672)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 All in all, which is more important... **[READ, IN ORDER]**

43	Conducting stem cell research that might result in new medical cures [OR]
38	Not destroying the potential life of human embryos involved in this research
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**IF 1 IN Q.56 ASK [N=873]:**

Q.57 Can you ever imagine yourself thinking that protecting human embryos is more important than conducting medical research on stem cells, or can't you imagine changing your mind on this issue?

46	Can imagine thinking differently on this issue
45	Can't imagine changing mind on this issue
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**IF 2 IN Q.56 ASK [N=761]:**

Q.58 Can you ever imagine yourself thinking that discovering medical cures from stem cell research is more important than the potential life of human embryos, or can't you imagine changing your mind on this issue?

23	Can imagine thinking differently on this issue
67	Can't imagine changing mind on this issue
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	