

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS
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-- FINAL TOPLINE --
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Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I'd like to ask a few questions of the youngest male, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home. **[IF NO MALE, ASK: May I please speak with the oldest female, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home?]**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
May, 1997	57	34	9=100
April, 1997	55	34	11=100
February, 1997	60	32	8=100
Early February, 1997	57	30	13=100
January, 1997	59	31	10=100
July, 1996	54	38	8=100
June, 1996	54	38	8=100
April, 1996	53	39	8=100
March, 1996	55	38	7=100
February, 1996	51	39	10=100
January, 1996	50	43	7=100
October, 1995	48	42	10=100
September, 1995	45	42	13=100
August, 1995	44	44	12=100
June, 1995	50	40	10=100
April, 1995	47	43	10=100
March, 1995	44	44	12=100
February, 1995	44	44	12=100
December, 1994	41	47	12=100
November, 1994	48	40	12=100
October, 1994	41	47	12=100
Early October, 1994	38	47	15=100
September, 1994	41	52	7=100
July, 1994	45	46	9=100
June, 1994	42	44	14=100
May, 1994	46	42	12=100
March, 1994	45	42	13=100
January, 1994	51	35	14=100
Early January, 1994	48	35	17=100
December, 1993	48	36	16=100
October, 1993	44	42	14=100
September, 1993	49	35	16=100

Q.1 con't ...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Early September, 1993	43	43	14=100
August, 1993	39	46	15=100
May, 1993	39	43	18=100
Early May, 1993	45	37	18=100
April, 1993	49	29	22=100
February, 1993	56	25	19=100

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>April 1997</u>	<u>Feb 1997</u>	<u>Jan 1997</u>	<u>July 1996</u>	<u>June 1996</u>	<u>April 1996</u>	<u>March 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1996</u>	<u>Jan 1996</u>	<u>Oct 1995</u>	<u>Sept 1995</u>	<u>Aug 1995</u>	<u>June 1995</u>	<u>April 1995</u>	<u>March 1995</u>	<u>Dec 1994</u>
40 Approve	40	44	38	38	36	39	35	33	36	36	36	38	41	44	43	52
44 Disapprove	44	42	47	48	50	46	51	53	54	51	50	45	45	43	39	28
<u>16</u> DK/Refused 100	<u>16</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>10</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>17</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100

Q.3 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? **[READ AND ROTATE LIST]**

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) <u>DK</u>
a. The debate in Washington about the federal budget	16	38	23	22	1=100
February, 1997	19	28	22	29	2=100
March, 1996	24	35	23	18	*=100
January, 1996	32	42	17	9	*=100
September, 1995	20	35	27	18	*=100
August, 1995 ¹	18	34	27	20	1=100
b. Britain's Labor Party defeating the Conservative Party in general elections	5	19	25	50	1=100

¹

In this month the story was listed as "The debate in Congress over the federal budget."

Q.3 con't ...

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) DK
c. The trial of Timothy McVeigh, accused of bombing the federal building in Oklahoma City April, 1997	30 20	44 38	18 25	7 16	1=100 1=100
d. The debate in Congress over late term abortions ² October, 1996	21 21	32 27	23 26	23 26	1=100 *=100
e. Charges of improper campaign contributions to the Democrats by foreign business interests April, 1997 February, 1997 ³ January, 1997 December, 1996	18 19 18 17 22	33 37 27 29 26	23 22 21 26 22	25 21 33 28 30	1=100 1=100 1=100 *=100 *=100
f. News about the Whitewater investigation July, 1996 March, 1996 January, 1996 August, 1995 ⁴ May, 1994 ⁵ March, 1994 ⁶ January, 1994 ⁷ Early January, 1994	13 14 11 11 11 22 11 14 13	34 31 28 28 26 36 38 25 29	26 31 34 33 32 23 28 28 31	26 24 26 28 18 21 32 26	1=100 *=100 1=100 *=100 1=100 1=100 2=100 1=100 1=100

² In this month the story was listed as "The attempt by Congress to override President Clinton's veto of the 'partial-birth' or 'late-term' abortion ban."

³ In previous months story was listed as "Charges of improper campaign contributions to the Democrats by Indonesian business interests."

⁴ In this month the story was listed as "The Congressional hearings about Whitewater."

⁵ In this month the story was listed as "The Whitewater case and other issues about the personal finances of the Clintons'."

⁶ In this month the story was listed as "News stories about the Whitewater case and White House handling of it".

⁷ In this month the story was listed as "Questions about Bill and Hillary Clinton's failed real estate investments in Arkansas".

Q.3 con't ...

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	(VOL) <u>DK</u>
g.	Sexual harassment charges against Army sergeants	18	43	24	14	1=100
h.	The chess match between IBM's supercomputer, Deep Blue, and the current world chess champion	7	20	23	49	1=100
i.	The civil war in Zaire	4	19	30	46	1=100

Q.4 Now I'm going to read a list of names of people who have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard of them. For each one, please tell me if you happen to know who that person is. First, . . . **(INSERT NAME AND ROTATE) [IF NECESSARY, PROBE WITH: DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHO (NAME) IS]?**

INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR EACH ITEM, IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "YES", FOLLOW-UP WITH: Who is (INSERT NAME)?

ASK OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=615]

- a.F1 Alan Greenspan
40 Correct answer
60 Any other answer/DK
100
- b.F1 Trent Lott
15 Correct answer
85 Any other answer/DK
100
- c.F1 Louis Freeh
8 Correct answer
92 Any other answer/DK
100
- d.F1 John Huang
20 Correct answer
80 Any other answer/DK
100

Q.4 con't ...

e.F1 Tiger Woods
82 Correct answer
18 Any other answer/DK
100

f.F1 Kenneth Starr
20 Correct answer
80 Any other answer/DK
100

ASK OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=613]

g.F2 Tony Blair
10 Correct answer
90 Any other answer/DK
100

h.F2 Ralph Reed
9 Correct answer
91 Any other answer/DK
100

i.F2 Ellen DeGeneres **[PRONOUNCED DE GENEROUS]**
62 Correct answer
38 Any other answer/DK
100

j.F2 Webster Hubbell
15 Correct answer
85 Any other answer/DK
100

k.F2 Garry Kasparov
18 Correct answer
82 Any other answer/DK
100

l.F2 Dennis Rodman
80 Correct answer
20 Any other answer/DK
100

NO QUESTION 5

ASK ALL:

NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FEDERAL BUDGET . . .

Q.6 In your opinion, over the past few years have we made significant progress in reducing the federal budget deficit, or not?

		<u>Dec</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1989</u>
29	Yes	26	15
59	No	65	77
<u>12</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100

Q.7 If you were making up the federal budget this year, would you increase spending for (NAME OF ITEM), decrease spending for (NAME OF ITEM) or keep spending the same for this. What about for (NEXT ITEM) ...? [ROTATE ITEMS]

		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Keep Same</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
ASK ITEMS a. - g. OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=615]					
a.F1	Environmental protection	46	38	14	2=100
	December, 1994	40	40	17	3=100
	May, 1990	71	24	3	2=100
	May, 1987	59	34	4	3=100
b.F1	Financial aid for college students	53	35	10	2=100
	December, 1994	41	43	13	3=100
	May, 1990	51	37	10	2=100
	May, 1987	43	41	13	3=100
c.F1	Social Security	44	46	7	3=100
	December, 1994	46	45	7	2=100
	May, 1990	63	32	3	2=100
	May, 1987	64	31	3	2=100
d.F1	Research on AIDS	54	31	12	3=100
	December, 1994	55	33	9	3=100
	May, 1990	59	30	8	3=100
	May, 1987	69	21	7	3=100
e.F1	Government assistance for the unemployed	20	44	33	3=100
	December, 1994	25	49	23	3=100
	Feb, 1989	26	57	14	3=100
	May, 1987	41	41	15	3=100
f.F1	Medicare	44	44	8	4=100

Q.7 con't ...

		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Keep Same</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
g.F1	Programs that assist blacks and other minorities	27	46	21	6=100
	December, 1994	27	48	20	5=100
	May, 1990	35	42	20	3=100
	May, 1987	35	44	18	3=100
ASK ITEMS h. - n. OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=613]					
h.F2	Health care	57	34	7	2=100
	December, 1994	52	33	11	4=100
	August, 1990	74	18	6	2=100
	May, 1990	80	16	3	1=100
	May, 1987	72	23	3	2=100
i.F2	Combatting crime	62	29	7	2=100
	December, 1994	71	23	4	2=100
j.F2	The public school systems	67	23	7	3=100
	December, 1994	64	28	6	2=100
	May, 1990	76	20	3	1=100
	May, 1987	69	25	4	2=100
k.F2	Military defense	21	46	30	3=100
	December, 1994	31	44	23	2=100
	August, 1990	23	31	43	3=100
	May, 1990	18	39	40	3=100
	May, 1987	24	44	29	3=100
l.F2	Programs for the homeless	53	31	12	4=100
	December, 1994	53	34	9	4=100
	May, 1990	67	25	6	2=100
	May, 1987	67	25	5	3=100
m.F2	Re-training programs for displaced workers	54	31	11	4=100
	December, 1994	50	36	10	4=100
n.F2	Scientific research	45	38	14	3=100
	December, 1994	37	44	15	4=100
	May, 1990	51	37	9	3=100
	May, 1987	45	42	9	4=100

ASK ALL:

Q.8 Have you heard that President Clinton and the Republican leaders in Congress have reached a tentative agreement on how to balance the budget, or haven't you heard about this?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' HAVE HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT IN Q.8, ASK:

Q.9 From what you've heard or read, would you say you approve or disapprove of the budget agreement?

50 Have heard about the agreement -- **GO TO Q.9**
24 Approve
14 Disapprove
12 Don't know/Refused

49 Have not heard about the agreement -- **GO TO Q.10**

1
100 Don't know/Refused -- **GO TO Q.10**

ASK ALL:

Q.10 In your opinion... if the federal budget **IS** balanced in five years, do you think this will help you and your family financially, hurt you and your family financially, or not affect you and your family too much?

		Feb <u>1997</u>	Jan <u>1996</u> ⁸
32	Help	33	40
14	Hurt	19	20
47	Not much affect	40	35
<u>7</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100

Q.11 Do you think the federal budget will actually be balanced by the year 2002, or won't the budget be balanced by then?

		Feb <u>1997</u>
10	Will be balanced	9
85	Won't be balanced	18
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 28% ⁹

⁸ In January 1996, the question referred to a seven year balanced budget plan.

⁹ In February 1997 question was based on the percent of respondents who thought President Clinton and the Republican leaders in Congress would be able to reach an agreement (28% yes, 62% no, 2% depends, 8% don't know/refused).

**ROTATE Q.12 AND Q.12a
BEFORE FIRST QUESTION, READ "ON ANOTHER SUBJECT"**

Q.12 Lately, do you think the Republican party has compromised too much on its goals of reducing the size of government and cutting taxes, or don't you think so?

BASED ON REP/LEAN REP: [N=504]

35 Republican party has compromised too much

54 Republican party has NOT compromised too much

11 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.12a Lately, do you think the Democratic party has compromised too much on its goals of helping needy people and using government to solve important domestic problems, or don't you think so?

BASED ON DEM/LEAN DEM: [N=562]

33 Democratic party has compromised too much

57 Democratic party has NOT compromised too much

10 Don't know/Refused
100

ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC . . .

ASK Q.A1 AND Q.A2 OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=615]

Q.A1F1 Do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to perform a specific abortion procedure often referred to as a 'partial birth abortion', except when necessary to save the life of the mother?

Q.A2F1 Do you ever wonder whether your position on this issue is the right one, or are you certain about your position?

54 Favor law making procedure illegal
14 Wonder whether position is right
38 Are certain
2 Don't know/Refused

37 Oppose law making procedure illegal
12 Wonder whether position is right
24 Are certain
1 Don't know/Refused

9 Don't know/Refused --GO TO Q.13
100

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT. . .

ASK Q.A3 AND Q.A4 OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=613]

Q.A3F2 Do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to perform an abortion once the fetus is able to live outside the mother's womb, except when necessary to save the life of the mother or prevent serious harm to her health?

Q.A4F2 Do you ever wonder whether your position on this issue is the right one, or are you certain about your position?

58 Favor law making late term abortions illegal
18 Wonder whether position is right
38 Are certain
2 Don't know/Refused

29 Oppose law making late term abortions illegal
8 Wonder whether position is right
20 Are certain
1 Don't know/Refused

13 Don't know/Refused -- **GO TO Q.13**
100

ASK ALL:

Q.13 Now I'd like your opinion of some 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)** 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>
ASK ITEMS a. - e. OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=615]							
a.F1	Congress	5	44	32	10	*	9=100
	February, 1997	6	46	31	9	*	8=100
	January, 1997	6	50	32	8	*	4=100
	June, 1996	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
b.F1	The U.S. Court system ¹⁰	10	39	30	16	0	5=100
	February, 1997	5	37	33	18	*	7=100
	January, 1996	4	31	37	25	0	3=100
	June, 1995	6	37	34	20	*	3=100
	February, 1995	8	35	31	19	0	7=100
	January, 1994	2	41	35	18		4=100

¹⁰

Trends for January 1996 and January 1994 refer to "the court system in this country."

Q.13 con't ...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
c.F1	The CIA (INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY , the Central Intelligence Agency)	4	35	23	10	*	28=100
	June, 1995	8	47	25	8	1	11=100
	February, 1995	9	34	24	11	1	21=100
	November, 1991	8	42	26	9	0	15=100
	May, 1990	8	40	22	11	1	18=100
	May, 1987	5	35	35	11	*	14=100
	January, 1987	6	32	23	11	0	28=100
	July, 1986	7	43	18	6	1	25=100
	July, 1985	7	42	23	10	2	16=100
d.F1	The police department in your area	33	48	9	8	0	2=100
e.F1	Business corporations	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	-	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 ITEMS f. - j. OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=613]							
f.F2	The FBI (INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY , the Federal Bureau of Investigations)	12	48	21	7	0	12=100
	August, 1995	16	48	19	9	*	8=100
	May, 1995 (<i>ABC/W. Post</i>)	34	48	3	6	*	9=100
g.F2	Labor unions	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
	June, 1985	9	37	30	17	*	7=100
h.F2	The Supreme Court	16	56	17	5	0	6=100
	July, 1994	18	62	13	3	*	4=100
	May, 1993	17	56	14	4	0	9=100
	November, 1991	18	54	16	5	0	7=100
	May, 1990	10	55	18	7	1	9=100
	January, 1988	14	65	11	2	*	8=100
	May, 1987	13	63	15	2	*	7=100

Q.13 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>
i.F2	The military	23	57	11	5	0	4=100
	February, 1996	33	49	12	4	*	2=100
	July, 1994	30	57	8	3	*	2=100
	May, 1993	32	53	8	2	0	5=100
	March, 1991	60	34	2	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	18	55	15	6	*	6=100
	January, 1988	20	57	14	3	*	6=100
	April, 1987	17	63	12	4	0	4=100
	January, 1987	19	54	11	5	*	11=100
	July, 1986	32	53	7	3	0	5=100
	June, 1985	24	53	13	5	*	5=100
j.F2	Wall Street investors	6	42	19	7	2	24=100
	February, 1996	10	40	23	11	2	14=100
	July, 1994	8	51	18	4	2	17=100
	April, 1987	5	33	30	11	2	19=100

INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR ITEMS b., d., AND f. of Q.13, IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS 1-4, FOLLOW-UP WITH Q.14.

Q.14 Why do you feel that way? (*open-end*)

U.S. COURT SYSTEM

Favorable Responses (N=298)

31	Doing a good job/Doing the best they can
14	The system works well
12	Give a fair trial/Even-handed
11	Like the way they vote/Agree with decisions
5	Better here than in other countries
1	Judges are good/Fair/Have integrity
9	Other
21	Don't know/No answer

U.S. COURT SYSTEM con't

Unfavorable Responses (N=287)

32	Too lenient on criminals/Criminals get away with too much
14	Justice is not always served/Not even handed
12	System favors those with money
7	Don't like/Disagree with the decisions
6	System is too slow
5	Mentions of the O. J. Simpson trial(s)
4	Victims are treated unfairly/Victims are victimized
3	Too much bias in the court/Opinionated
3	Too liberal
2	Lawyers run the courts/Have control
2	It cost the tax payers too much money
2	Too much red tape/Bureaucracy
2	Too many unnecessary/Frivolous lawsuits
2	Mentions of race/Racism
21	Other
5	Don't know/No answer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Favorable Responses (N=498)

57	They do a good job/Do the best they can
11	Crime rate is low in the area
10	Always around when you need them/Very visible/Patrol a lot
10	Fast response when I call
5	They make me feel safe/Protected
4	Good/Honest people/Hard workers
3	Involved in the community
12	Other
5	Don't know/No answer

Unfavorable Responses (N=105)

21	Never around when you need them/Not visible/Don't patrol much
17	They go after the wrong people/Don't pay enough attention to big crime problems like drugs, murder
10	Have bad attitudes/"Power Hungry"/Overstep their authority
7	Department is corrupt
7	Not well trained/Not good cops
7	Mentions of race/Racism
6	They are slow to respond when I call
25	Other
3	Don't know/No answer

FBI (FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS)

Favorable Responses (N=373)

50	They do a good job/Hard job, but they do it well
12	We need them/Perform an important service
5	Haven't heard anything bad about them
3	Have no personal problems with them'
2	They assist the local law enforcement
2	Did a good job with WACO/Did the right thing
2	They handled the Oklahoma bombing incident well
14	Other
14	Don't know/No answer

Unfavorable Responses (N=177)

25	Not doing a good job
11	Bad reputation/Heard bad stories
10	They cover up too much/Don't tell us enough/Keep too many secrets
9	Infringe on people's rights/Invade their privacy
8	They botch too many investigations
4	Too quick to accuse/Harass/They jump the gun
3	Mishandled WACO/Did a bad job
26	Other
12	Don't know/No answer

(N=177)

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT . . .

Q.15 Would you favor proposed laws that would result in more juvenile offenders aged 14 and over being tried as adults, or do you think most juvenile offenders should continue to be tried in juvenile courts?

66	Favor juveniles being tried as adults
27	Think juveniles should be tried in juvenile courts
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused

100

AND ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.16 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in...(READ)

		---- U.S. News & World Report ----							
		<u>Sept</u> <u>1996¹¹</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1992</u>
7	Excellent shape?	8	5	5	4	6	5	4	4
43	Good shape?	47	41	34	33	34	30	35	32
38	Only fair shape?	34	40	45	46	40	47	45	45
11	OR poor shape?	10	13	15	16	19	17	15	18
<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100

Q.17 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

		---- U.S. News & World Report ----					
		<u>Feb</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1992</u>
12	Improve a lot	11	10	9	6	8	9
56	Improve some	53	57	51	50	49	46
17	Stay the same (VOL)	17	16	15	14	13	16
10	Get a little worse	13	11	14	20	22	19
2	Get a lot worse	3	3	3	5	4	5
<u>3</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>8</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100	<u>4</u> 100	<u>5</u> 100

¹¹

Percentages based on Registered Voters.

Q.18 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

		<u>Sept 1996¹²</u>	<u>June 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1995</u>	<u>March 1994</u>
53	Full-time	52	57	55	53
12	Part-time	12	13	11	14
35	Not employed	36	30	34	32
<u>* 100</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>* 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>	<u>1 100</u>

ASK Q.19 AND Q.20 OF EMPLOYED RESPONDENTS ONLY (1 OR 2 IN Q.18) [N=837]

Q.19 Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		<u>June 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1995</u>	<u>March 1994</u>	<i>---- U.S. News & World Report ----</i>			
					<u>Oct 1992</u>	<u>Aug 1992</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>Jan 1992</u>
46	Yes	44	41	44	36	33	34	39
54	No	56	58	56	63	66	65	61
<u>* 100</u>	Don't know	<u>* 100</u>	<u>1 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>	<u>1 100</u>	<u>1 100</u>	<u>1 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>

Q.20 Do you think you will be able to earn enough money in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		<u>June 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1995</u>	<u>March 1994</u>	<i>---- U.S. News & World Report ----</i>			
					<u>Oct 1992</u>	<u>Aug 1992</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>Jan 1992</u>
34	Yes	34	35	33	35	36	34	34
18	No	20	20	20	23	25	28	22
<u>2 54% (N=837)</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2 56% (N=1440)</u>	<u>3 58% (N=816)</u>	<u>3 54% (N=2001)</u>	<u>5 63% (N=817)</u>	<u>5 66% (N=777)</u>	<u>3 65% (N=852)</u>	<u>5 61% (N=1002)</u>

¹²

Percentages based on Registered Voters.

ASK ALL:

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT . . .

Q.21 Do you approve of Attorney General Janet Reno's decision NOT to appoint an independent counsel to investigate campaign fundraising abuses in last year's Presidential campaign, or do you think she should have appointed an independent counsel?

- 28 Approve of decision
- 57 Think Reno should have appointed independent counsel
- 15 Don't know/Refused
- 100

NOW A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT WHITEWATER...

Q.22 From what you've heard or read about Bill and Hillary Clinton's involvement in Whitewater, do you think the Clintons are . . . **(READ)**¹³

		<i>--- Newsweek Poll ---</i>			
		<u>Aug</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>Jan</u>
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
9	NOT guilty of any wrongdoing	15	13	14	19
49	Guilty of only MINOR offenses	48	52	44	31
OR					
26	Guilty of SERIOUS offenses	24	15	20	14
<u>16</u>	Don't know	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>36</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.23 Do you think the Clinton Administration is knowingly covering up information about Whitewater that could be damaging to the President or Hillary Clinton?

		<i>Newsweek Poll</i>		
		<u>Jan</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
65	Yes, cover-up	61	52	52
21	No cover-up	23	28	29
<u>14</u>	Don't know	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
100		100	100	100

¹³ Question wording for trend figures: "From what you've heard or read about Bill and Hillary Clinton's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation and a failed Savings and Loan bank in Arkansas, do you think the Clintons are ..."

Q.24 Do you think the media is giving TOO MUCH attention to the Whitewater case and the White House handling of it, TOO LITTLE attention, or about the right amount?

		<i>Newsweek Poll</i>		
		Aug	March	March 11
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
43	Too much attention	45	55	44
14	Too little attention	15	7	10
39	About the right amount	37	33	36
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.25 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, not at all concerned about this? What about **(NEXT ITEM)**...?

		Very	Some-	Not too	Not at	Does	
		Con-	what Con-	Con-	all Con-	Not	Don't
		<u>cerned</u>	<u>cerned</u>	<u>cerned</u>	<u>cerned</u>	<u>Apply</u>	<u>Know</u>
						(VOL)	
a.	Not having enough money for your retirement?	42	26	15	13	3	1=100
	October, 1996 ¹⁴	56	24	11	7	1	1=100
	March, 1996	59	23	9	7	2	*=100
	October, 1995	48	29	10	8	4	1=100
	March, 1994	42	29	14	12	2	1=100
	May, 1988	34	35	15	8	4	4=100
b.	Being unable to save enough money to put a child through college?	39	17	10	14	19	1=100
	October, 1996 ¹⁵	47	18	9	13	12	1=100
	October, 1995	44	19	9	12	15	1=100
	March, 1994	37	16	8	12	26	1=100
	May, 1988	23	22	11	11	29	4=100

¹⁴ Percentages based on Registered Voters.

¹⁵ Percentages based on Registered Voters.

Q.25 con't ...

		<u>Very</u> <u>Con-</u> <u>cerned</u>	<u>Some-</u> <u>what Con-</u> <u>cerned</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Con-</u> <u>cerned</u>	<u>Not at</u> <u>all Con-</u> <u>cerned</u>	<u>Does</u> <u>Not</u> <u>Apply</u> <u>(VOL)</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
c.	Being unable to afford necessary health care when a family member gets sick?	50	20	16	13	1	*=100
	October, 1996 ¹⁶	61	18	12	7	1	1=100
	March, 1996	68	16	10	6	*	*=100
	October, 1995	66	17	9	7	1	*=100
	March, 1994	50	22	15	11	1	1=100
d.	Losing your job or taking a cut in pay	30	15	19	20	16	*=100
	March, 1996	47	16	14	15	8	*=100
	October, 1995	34	17	16	17	16	*=100
	March, 1994	28	16	14	21	21	*=100
	May, 1988 ¹⁷	18	16	23	18	22	3=100
e.	Your children not having good job opportunities	44	21	14	10	10	1=100
	March, 1996	67	18	7	5	3	*=100
	October, 1995	57	23	6	4	10	-=100
	March, 1994	51	21	8	8	12	*=100
f.	Losing your home because you can't afford to keep it or Being able to own your own home	30	16	21	28	4	1=100
	October, 1995	38	19	20	19	4	*=100
	March, 1994	31	16	20	28	4	1=100
g.	Becoming a victim of a crime?	38	29	22	10	0	1=100
	October, 1995	51	30	15	4	*	*=100
	March, 1994	50	30	14	6	*	*=100
	May, 1988	36	36	21	5	*	2=100

¹⁶ Percentages based on Registered Voters.

¹⁷ In 1988 question asked only about losing your job.