

IF "NONE" OR "DON'T KNOW/REFUSED" IN Q.1, GO TO Q.3 [N=978]:

Q.2 Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you just mentioned – the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

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		Jan 1999 ¹	April 1998	July 1996	April 1995	July 1994	June 1993	Jan 1992 ²	May 1990	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
38	Republican Party	33	40	36	42	36	28	32	29	26	30	28
27	Democratic Party	43	42	35	32	33	35	41	30	38	35	38
21	No difference (VOL)	n/a	10	18	17	16	23	12	31	22	24	24
14	Don't know	24	8	11	9	15	14	15	10	14	11	10
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.3 Next, as I read you some problem areas, please tell me how you think each is affecting this country today. (First,) do you think the problem of [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE] is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the country is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the country is LOSING GROUND?

		<u>Making Progress</u>	<u>About The Same</u>	<u>Losing Ground</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a.	Crime	27	34	35	4=100
	February, 2001	29	31	38	2=100
	November, 1997	24	30	44	2=100
	December, 1996	15	23	61	1=100
	April, 1995	9	13	77	1=100
	March, 1994	7	15	77	1=100
	March, 1989	15	19	64	2=100
b.	AIDS	37	25	23	15=100
	November, 1997	48	22	22	8=100
	April, 1995	25	22	48	5=100
	March, 1994	23	22	49	6=100
	March, 1989	38	17	40	5=100
c.	The way the health care system is working	16	25	54	5=100
	February, 2001	13	29	53	5=100
	November, 1997	16	26	54	4=100
	December, 1996	20	25	52	3=100
	April, 1995	14	30	53	3=100
	March, 1994	16	31	49	4=100
d.	Conflict among racial, religious or ethnic groups	40	35	21	4=100
	February, 2001	29	38	29	4=100
	November, 1997	31	39	27	3=100
	December, 1996 ³	27	31	39	3=100
	April, 1995	27	36	35	2=100
	March, 1994	21	32	41	3=100
e.	Political corruption	15	43	34	8=100
	November, 1997	9	38	47	6=100
	December, 1996	12	36	49	3=100
	April, 1995	12	41	44	3=100
	March, 1994	12	39	46	3=100

1 In January 1999, the "no difference" and "don't know" categories are combined.

2 Based on registered voters.

3 In December 1996, the item was worded: "Conflict among racial groups."

Q.3 CONTINUED...

		<u>Making Progress</u>	<u>About The Same</u>	<u>Losing Ground</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
f.	Low moral and ethical standards	14	28	53	5=100
	November, 1997	9	28	56	7=100
	December, 1996	12	24	62	2=100
	April, 1995	7	20	70	3=100
	March, 1994	6	29	63	2=100
g.	International terrorism	40	14	40	6=100
	April, 1995	19	40	36	5=100
	March, 1994	18	24	53	5=100
h.	Poverty, hunger, and homelessness	20	33	42	5=100
	November, 1997	18	40	37	5=100
	December, 1996	14	30	54	2=100
	April, 1995	11	30	57	2=100
	March, 1994	9	32	56	3=100
	March, 1989	22	23	53	2=100
i.	The availability of good-paying jobs	21	22	51	6=100
	February, 2001	33	26	36	5=100
	November, 1997	31	28	37	4=100
	December, 1996	19	26	51	4=100
	April, 1995	17	24	55	4=100
	March, 1994	10	23	63	4=100
j.	The quality of public education	27	22	45	6=100
	February, 2001	23	20	53	4=100
	November, 1997	26	26	46	2=100
	December, 1996	24	22	52	2=100
	April, 1995	18	20	60	2=100
	March, 1994	17	19	61	3=100