

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
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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>
August, 1998	63	28	9=100
June, 1998	59	32	9=100
May, 1998	62	28	10=100
April, 1998	62	28	10=100
March, 1998	65	26	9=100
Early February, 1998	71	26	3=100
January, 1998	61	30	9=100
November, 1997	58	31	11=100
September, 1997	58	29	13=100
August, 1997	59	32	9=100
June, 1997	54	34	12=100
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
November, 1996	57	34	9=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

**Q.1 CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
May, 1994	46	42	12=100
March, 1994	45	42	13=100
January, 1994	51	35	14=100
Early January, 1994	48	35	17=100
December, 1993	48	36	16=100
October, 1993	44	42	14=100
September, 1993	49	35	16=100
Early September, 1993	43	43	14=100
August, 1993	39	46	15=100
May, 1993	39	43	18=100
Early May, 1993	45	37	18=100
April, 1993	49	29	22=100
February, 1993	56	25	19=100

Q.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>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100
November, 1996	40	43	17=100
July, 1996	38	48	14=100
June, 1996	36	50	14=100
April, 1996	39	46	15=100
March, 1996	35	51	14=100
February, 1996	33	53	14=100
January, 1996	36	54	10=100
October, 1995	36	51	13=100
September, 1995	36	50	14=100
August, 1995	38	45	17=100
June, 1995	41	45	14=100
April, 1995	44	43	13=100
March 1995	43	39	18=100
December, 1994	52	28	20=100

**NO QUESTION 3**

Q.4 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]**

**NOTE: ALWAYS ASK “C” IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING “B”; ALWAYS ASK “C2” IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING “C”. ROTATE ALL OTHER ITEMS**

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>
a. News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district	13	30	28	28	1=100
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1=100
April, 1998 <sup>1</sup>	16	33	24	27	*=100
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*=100
October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1=100
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1=100
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*=100
November, 1990 <sup>2</sup>	38	34	17	11	*=100
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*=100
b. The investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct against Bill Clinton	29	34	22	14	1=100
June, 1998 <sup>3</sup>	28	32	24	15	1=100
April, 1998	27	39	20	14	*=100
March, 1998	30	35	25	9	1=100
February, 1998 <sup>4</sup>	21	44	25	10	*=100
Early February, 1998	34	42	17	7	0=100
c. Monica Lewinsky’s agreement to testify in this matter in return for immunity from prosecution	24	33	22	19	2=100
<b>[ITEM ASKED JULY 30 TO AUGUST 2; N=877]</b>					
c.2 Bill Clinton’s decision to testify by videotape in the Lewinsky investigation	25	28	23	22	2=100
d. The heat wave and its impact throughout the country	38	39	14	8	1=100
e. The cloning of mice by scientists in Hawaii	6	15	24	52	3=100
April, 1997 <sup>5</sup>	17	33	26	23	1=100

<sup>1</sup> In April 1998, September 1994 and October 1990, story was listed as “Candidates and election campaigns in your state.”

<sup>2</sup> In November 1990, story was listed as “Candidates and elections in your state.”

<sup>3</sup> In June, April and March 1998 story was listed as “Allegations of sexual misconduct against Bill Clinton.”

<sup>4</sup> In February 1998, story was listed as “Allegations that President Clinton had an affair with former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky.”

<sup>5</sup> In April 1997, story was listed as “The cloning of a sheep by a Scottish biologist.”

**Q.4 CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<b>(VOL) DK</b>
f.	The shooting of two police officers at the United States Capitol	45	37	13	4	1=100
g.	President Clinton's trip to China	14	28	28	29	1=100
h.	The end of the United Auto Workers strike against General Motors	20	34	26	19	1=100

On another subject...

Q.5 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '3' OR '9' IN Q.5, ASK:**

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=852]**

	<u>Republican/ Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Democrat/ Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
August, 1998	42	49	9=100
June, 1998	44	46	10=100
March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 1998	41	50	9=100
January, 1998	41	51	8=100
August, 1997	45	48	7=100
Early November, 1996 <sup>6</sup>	44	48	8=100
October, 1996	42	49	9=100
Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
July, 1996	46	47	7=100
June, 1996	44	50	6=100
March, 1996	44	49	7=100
January, 1996	46	47	7=100
October, 1995	48	48	4=100
August, 1995	50	43	7=100
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

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Based on likely voters.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district — national issues, local or state issues, the candidate's political party, or the candidate's character or experience? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?)**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=852]**

	National <u>Issue</u>	State/local <u>Issue</u>	Political <u>Party</u>	Character/ <u>Experience</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>None</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
August, 1998	20	38	5	31	2	*	4=100
June, 1998	22	37	4	32	1	1	3=100
March, 1998	18	37	6	35	1	1	2=100
November, 1996	23	38	6	25	2	*	6=100
October, 1996	19	45	7	26	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	25	38	6	24	2	*	5=100
Early September, 1996	18	42	6	30	1	*	3=100
November, 1994	22	38	5	30	1	*	4=100
Late October, 1994	22	38	3	29	3	1	4=100
Early October, 1994	22	27	5	39	2	1	4=100
CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986	22	25	6	40	1	1	5=100
CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986	20	23	9	41	3	*	4=100

**ROTATE QUESTIONS 7 AND 8.**

Q.7 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for Bill Clinton, as a vote against Bill Clinton, or isn't Bill Clinton much of a factor in your vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=852]**

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	Not a <u>Factor</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
CBS/NYT (BUSH): 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
CBS/NYT (REAGAN): 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7=100
CBS/NYT (REAGAN): 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
CBS/NYT (REAGAN): 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

Q.8 Thinking about your vote for Congress this fall, will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=852]**

	June <u>1996</u>
44 Yes, will be a factor	45
53 No, will not	51
<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100	100

Now I would like to ask you about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them...

Q.9 There has been some talk about George W. Bush as a possible candidate for president in the year 2000. Do you happen to know who he is? **(DO NOT READ RESPONSES)**

56	Correct Answer
24	Governor of Texas ( <i>correct</i> )
32	George Bush's son; son of former president ( <i>correct</i> )
17	Former president
1	Florida governor; candidate for governor in Florida
4	All other mentions
<u>22</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.10 Do you happen to know what country's team won the World Cup soccer tournament this year? **(DO NOT READ RESPONSES)**

38	France/French team ( <i>correct</i> )
4	Brazil
1	Italy
1	Germany
*	Croatia
6	All other mentions
<u>50</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**NOW, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.10a 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>
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	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

Q.11 In general, do you think news organizations get the facts straight, or do you think that their stories and reports are often inaccurate?

	<u>Feb</u> <u>1998</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1985</u>
33 Get facts straight	34	37	49	54	40	48	44	55
58 Stories often inaccurate	63	56	44	44	50	43	48	34
<u>9</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.12 Some journalists and news organizations have been in the news recently because of inaccurate or questionable reporting. Did you see or hear anything recently about CNN and Time magazine's admission that their story about possible nerve-gas use during the Vietnam War was inaccurate?

49	Aware
49	Not aware
<u>2</u>	Don't know
100	

Q.13 Do you think this case of inaccuracy is an isolated incident, OR do you think the news media as a whole is generally less accurate these days?

31 Isolated incidents  
 55 Media generally less accurate  
14 Don't know/Refused  
 100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT....**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N:595]**

Q.14F1 This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems, OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?

		Nov <u>1997</u>	Aug <u>1997</u>	June <u>1997</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	Aug <u>1993</u>
27	Working together more	38	43	34	21	20
51	Opposing each other more	45	46	49	72	57
8	Same as in past (VOL)	7	3	6	3	13
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=594]**

Q.15F2 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

		Nov <u>1997</u>	April <u>1997</u>
18	More	23	10
15	Less	12	22
60	Same	59	59
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 If it turns out that the federal government has a budget SURPLUS this year, in your opinion, which ONE of the following should be done with the available money? Should the money be used (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)

		June <u>1998</u>	Jan <u>1998</u>
10	For a tax cut;	9	11
19	To pay off the national debt more quickly;	17	22
29	For increased spending on domestic programs such as health, education, and the environment;	28	33
39	To help make the Social Security and Medicare programs financially sound;	44	32
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100



**ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=595]**

Q.17F1 Still thinking about the budget surplus, if there were only TWO options which would you prefer — a tax cut, or making Social Security financially sound?

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=594]**

Q.18F2 Still thinking about the budget surplus, if there were only TWO options which would you prefer — making Social Security financially sound, or a tax cut?

22 Tax cut  
76 Make Social Security financially sound  
1 Both/some of each (**VOL-- DO NOT READ**)  
1 Don't know/Refused  
100  
(N=1189)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 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?

53 Government should create national standards  
35 Too much government involvement  
12 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.20 Do you think the laws should be changed to allow patients to sue insurance companies which deny or delay medical treatments, OR do you think this would increase the costs of insurance too much?

53 Laws should be changed  
35 Would increase costs too much  
12 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.20a Who do you have the most confidence in to do the right thing regarding the regulation of HMOs and managed care plans — the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress?

29 Republicans  
39 Democrats  
32 Don't know  
100

Q.21 Next, I'd like your overall opinion of some foreign countries. First, is your overall opinion of (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE) very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly Unfavorable, or very unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
<b>ASK ALL:</b>							
a.	China	5	27	34	19	1	14=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> June 1998	5	34	42	9		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> June 1997	5	28	36	14		17=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	6	33	35	16		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1994	4	37	38	15		7=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> November 1993	5	36	39	12		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1991	5	30	35	18		12=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> August 1989	5	26	35	23		11=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1989	12	60	10	3		15=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> September 1979 <sup>7</sup>	18	46	18	7		10=100
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=595]</b>							
b.	India	4	25	27	15	1	28=100
c.	Russia	4	33	32	14	*	17=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> November 1997	7	49	29	7		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	6	46	29	10		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> April 1995	5	44	32	12		7=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1994	8	48	28	11		5=100
d.	Germany	13	52	14	5	*	16=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	17	58	13	3		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> June 1993	10	53	19	9		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1992	17	57	14	6		6=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1991	16	62	11	3		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1991	15	60	13	3		9=100
e.	Great Britain	23	50	6	5	1	15=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	30	51	8	2		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1991	49	40	4	1		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1991	45	45	3	1		6=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1989	29	57	4	3		7=100

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In September 1979 question referred to "Mainland China"; categories were "somewhat" instead of "mostly."

**Q.21 CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Very</u> <u>Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly</u> <u>Favorable</u>	<u>Mostly</u> <u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never</u> <u>Heard Of</u>	<u>Can't</u> <u>Rate</u>
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=594]</b>							
f.	Japan	9	53	15	8	1	14=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	12	53	18	7		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> November 1995	4	42	34	11		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> Early June 1994	6	40	32	12		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> Mid June 1994	7	53	20	9		11=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> Early February 1994	8	62	19	8		4=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> Late February 1994	7	47	28	14		4=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> June 1993	7	41	30	16		6=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1992	9	38	28	22		3=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> November 1991	7	41	29	12		11=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1991	10	55	19	7		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1991	11	51	21	9		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> August 1989	10	48	23	10		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1989	12	57	16	7		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> December 1987	21	51	15	6		7=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> September 1979	32	50	8	4		7=100
g.	Mexico	8	38	27	13	1	13=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	11	46	23	9		11=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> June 1993	7	36	35	14		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1991	12	53	18	4		13=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1989	7	55	21	6		11=100
h.	Iran	1	10	35	40	1	13=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	1	5	38	46		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> August 1991	1	12	44	35		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1991	3	11	41	35		10=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> February 1991	2	11	39	40		8=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> August 1989	1	4	27	62		6=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1989	1	4	27	62		6=100
i.	Pakistan	1	15	32	21	2	29=100
j.	Cuba	3	18	36	26	1	16=100
	<i>CBS:</i> January 1998 <sup>8</sup>	3	20	35	24		18=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> March 1996	2	8	40	41		9=100
	<i>Gallup:</i> April 1977	3	30	31	21		15=100

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In January 1998 and April 1977 categories were "somewhat" instead of "mostly."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 From what you know or have read, do you think that China's government is becoming more democratic and is allowing more freedoms for Chinese citizens, or do you think this is not happening?

		<i>Gallup</i>
		<u>Oct 1997</u>
35	Becoming more democratic	26
51	Not happening	64
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100		100

Q.23 Do you think that China's economy is becoming more like the kind of free-market system found in the United States and other Western countries, or do you think this is not happening?

		<i>Gallup</i>
		<u>Oct 1997</u>
41	More free-market	34
44	Not happening	55
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>
100		100

**ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=751]**

Q.24F1 Now, a few questions about the allegations of sexual misconduct against President Clinton. Thinking specifically about these allegations, how important an issue do you think this whole situation is to the nation — of great importance, of some importance, or of very little importance?

		--- CBS News ---				
		March	Feb	Early Feb	Jan 26th	Jan 24-25
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>
22	Great importance	26	22	25	39	40
22	Some importance	24	25	27	28	21
51	Very little importance	46	50	45	28	35
3	None (VOL)	2	3	1	2	3
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	*	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100
					(N=609)	(N=943)

**QUESTION ASKED JULY 30 TO AUGUST 2:**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:[N=438]**

Q.24a2

F2 Now, a few questions about the allegation that President Clinton lied under oath about a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Thinking specifically about this allegation, how important an issue do you think this whole situation is to the nation — of great importance, of some importance, or of very little importance?

27	Great importance
21	Some importance
46	Very little importance
3	None (VOL)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Do you think Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has taken MORE time than necessary in his investigation of possible sexual misconduct by President Clinton, or don't you think this is the case?

70 More time than necessary  
24 Not the case  
6 Don't know  
100

Q.25a Do you think President Clinton has delayed this investigation more than necessary by not saying more about the nature of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, or don't you think this is the case?

56 Delayed investigation  
38 Not the case  
6 Don't know  
100

Q.26 What do you think is most likely to happen when Kenneth Starr reports to Congress on his investigation? Will the report lead to impeachment hearings, OR will it simply embarrass the president but not lead to impeachment hearings, OR will it clear the president of any wrongdoing?

13 Lead to impeachment hearings  
55 Embarrass the president  
20 Clear the president of any wrongdoing  
12 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.27 If Congress decides to begin impeachment hearings against President Clinton, how would you feel about the members who voted in FAVOR of beginning these hearings? Would your opinion of them be very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

12 Very favorable  
22 Mostly favorable  
25 Mostly Unfavorable  
32 Very Unfavorable  
9 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.28 Now I'm going to describe some of the allegations being made in this matter. As I read each one, please say whether you think it is definitely true, probably true, probably not true, or definitely not true. (First,...) (Next,...) **(DO NOT ROTATE)**

	Definitely <u>True</u>	Probably <u>True</u>	Probably <u>Not True</u>	Definitely <u>Not True</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a. The allegation that Bill Clinton had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky February, 1998	19 9	51 43	14 29	7 10	9=100 9=100
b. The allegation that Bill Clinton lied under oath about having an affair with Monica Lewinsky February, 1998	20 9	46 40	16 31	8 11	10=100 9=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 28, 1998</i>	9	37	31	13	10=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 25-26, 1998</i>	18	38	23	13	8=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 23-24, 1998</i>	15	40	26	10	9=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 21, 1998</i>	8	41	28	15	8=100
c. The allegation that Bill Clinton participated in an effort to obstruct justice by getting Monica Lewinsky to lie under oath about the affair February, 1998	14 8	34 32	28 36	14 16	10=100 8=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 28, 1998</i>	6	30	36	16	12=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 25-26, 1998</i>	14	34	28	16	8=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 23-24, 1998</i>	11	35	31	14	9=100
<i>Gallup: Jan 21, 1998</i>	6	33	33	18	10=100

Q.28a1 Still thinking about these allegations, if Monica Lewinsky claims that she and Bill Clinton had a sexual relationship and he claims that they did not, who would you believe more — Monica Lewinsky or Bill Clinton?

43 Lewinsky  
41 Clinton  
7 Neither (VOL)  
9 Don't know/Refused  
100

**QUESTION ASKED JULY 30 TO AUGUST 2: [N=877]**

Q.28b1 When Bill Clinton testifies, what do think he will say? Will he continue to deny any sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, OR do you think he will say he did have a sexual relationship with her?

73 Will continue to deny sexual relationship  
13 Will say he did have sex  
14 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=595]**

Q.29 If it turns out that President Clinton lied under oath about having a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, do you think that he should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

		March	Early Feb
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>
31	Yes, should be impeached	40	50
63	No, should not	55	46
<u>6</u>	Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=595]**

Q.30 If it turns out that President Clinton encouraged Monica Lewinsky to lie under oath about the nature of their relationship, do you think that he should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

		March	Early Feb
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>
41	Yes, should be impeached	48	48
53	No, should not	47	47
<u>6</u>	Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=594]**

Q.31 If there were conclusive proof that President Clinton lied under oath about having a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, do you think that he should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

		March
		<u>1998</u>
36	Yes, should be impeached	45
58	No, should not	48
<u>6</u>	Don't know	<u>7</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=594]**

Q.32 If there were conclusive proof that President Clinton encouraged Monica Lewinsky to lie under oath about the nature of their relationship, do you think that he should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

		March
		<u>1998</u>
44	Yes, should be impeached	54
49	No, should not	38
<u>7</u>	Don't know	<u>8</u>
100		100

**QUESTION ASKED JULY 30 TO AUGUST 2:**

**IF "2" IN Q.28a, ASK: [N=335]**

Q.32a If Monica Lewinsky were to provide physical evidence to the grand jury, such as tape recorded messages Bill Clinton left on her answering machine or personal gifts that he gave her, would you still believe Clinton more than Lewinsky?

57	Yes, would still believe Clinton
32	No, would not
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**QUESTION ASKED JULY 30 TO AUGUST 2: [N=877]**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.32b If Bill Clinton were to tell the American public that he had an affair with Monica Lewinsky but lied about it under oath to protect his family, in your opinion should this be enough to end the matter, OR do think Congress should still consider impeachment hearings?

60	Enough to end the matter
32	Congress should still consider impeachment hearings
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	



**ASK ALL:**

**FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Q.33 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, or at home on at least an occasional basis?

		April 1998	Jan 1998	Nov 1997	June 1997	Late Sept 96 <sup>9</sup>	Early Sept 96	July 1996	April 1996	March 1996	Feb 1996	Jan 1996
66	Yes	61	65	66	60	59	56	56	58	61	60	59
34	No	39	35	34	40	41	44	44	42	39	40	41
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**IF YES (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.33 AND FORM 1, ASK: [N=595]**

Q.34F1 Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with computers over the Internet, the World Wide Web, or with information services such as America Online or Prodigy?

**IF YES (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.33 AND FORM 2, ASK: [N=594]**

Q.35F2 Do you ever go online to send or receive email or to access the Internet or World Wide Web?

**NOTE: Trend numbers are for Q.34F1 only.**

		April 1998	Jan 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	April 1996	March 1996	Feb 1996	Jan 1996	June 1995 <sup>10</sup>
<b>BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:</b>										
41	Goes online	36	37	36	23	21	22	21	21	14
25	Does not go online	25	28	29	33	37	39	39	38	86
*	Don't know/Refused	0	0	1	0	*	0	*	0	*
34	Not a computer user	39	35	34	44	42	39	40	41	n/a
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(N=1189)

<sup>9</sup> Based on registered voters only.

<sup>10</sup> The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions:  
 (1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?)  
 (2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?