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Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF "DON'T KNOW", ENTER AS CODE 9. IF "DEPENDS," PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? IF STILL "DEPENDS," ENTER AS CODE 9.]

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

ROTATE Q.2 AND Q.3

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic 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 Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

50 Approve
 28 Disapprove
22 Don't know/Refused (VOL)
 100

Q.3 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>
June, 2001	40	40	20=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100
September, 1999	35	48	17=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100

Q. 3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early 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

On another subject...

Q.4 I'd like your views on the state of the nation. 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>
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

Q. 4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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

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

ASK FORM 1 RESPONDENTS ONLY: [N=600]

Q.5F1 Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. Senate?

		<u>Sept</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>
		<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
12	Republican	10	17	17
56	Democratic (<i>Correct Answer</i>)	57	52	55
<u>32</u>	Can't Say	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>28</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.6F1 Do you happen to know if the federal government is spending MORE money than it is taking in this year, or spending LESS money than it is taking in?

		<u>Feb 2000</u>	<u>Aug 1999</u>	<u>Feb 1989¹</u>
46	Spending more than it is taking in	34	41	81
19	Spending less than it is taking in (<i>Correct Answer</i>)	29	31	6
1	(DO NOT READ) About equal	1	1	3
<u>34</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY [N=600]:

Q.7F2 Compared to the citizens of Western Europe, do you think Americans pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes, a smaller percentage of their income in taxes, or don't you think there's much difference in the percentage of their income that they pay in taxes?

		<u>Feb 1989</u>
42	Americans pay more in taxes	38
22	Americans pay less in taxes (<i>Correct Answer</i>)	37
9	No difference	10
<u>27</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>15</u>
100		100

Q.8F2 Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

		<u>Aug 1999</u>	<u>Dec 1998</u>	<u>June 1997</u>	<u>April 1996</u>	<u>June 1995</u>
31	Republican (<i>Correct Answer</i>)	55	56	50	70	73
34	Democratic	8	11	6	8	5
<u>35</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>37</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

NO Q.9 OR Q.10

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In February 1989 the correct answer was "spending more than it is taking in."

ASK ALL:

Q.11 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? [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a. The decision by Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords to leave the Republican Party	21	27	18	34	*=100
b. George W. Bush's trip to Europe	10	25	27	37	1=100
c. The high price of gasoline these days	56	31	7	5	1=100
May, 2001	61	26	6	6	1=100
Early October, 2000	56	25	12	6	1=100
June, 2000 ²	61	25	9	5	*=100
March, 2000	58	28	10	4	*=100
October, 1990	62	26	8	4	*=100
September, 1990	56	28	11	5	*=100
August, 1990	57	27	10	5	1=100
d. President Bush's daughter using a fake ID to buy alcohol	17	29	27	26	1=100
e. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	24	41	18	16	1=100
May, 2001	34	36	15	15	0=100
April, 2001	36	34	16	13	1=100
February, 2001	30	39	18	12	1=100
January, 2001	32	38	17	11	2=100
June, 1995	26	41	22	11	*=100
March, 1995	27	45	19	9	*=100
February, 1995	23	41	22	13	1=100
December, 1994	28	43	20	9	*=100
October, 1994	27	40	20	12	1=100
June, 1994	25	42	23	10	*=100
May, 1994	33	40	16	10	1=100
January, 1994	34	39	16	10	1=100
Early January, 1994	36	44	13	7	*=100
December, 1993	35	41	15	8	1=100
October, 1993	33	38	20	9	*=100
September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100
May, 1993	37	38	18	6	1=100
February, 1993	49	36	10	5	*=100
January, 1993	42	39	12	7	*=100
September, 1992	43	37	13	6	*=100
May, 1992	39	39	15	6	1=100
March, 1992	47	38	11	4	*=100

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In August 1990 through June 2000 the question was worded "Recent increases in the price of gasoline."

Q.11 CONTINUED...

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
Item e cont.						
	February, 1992	47	37	10	6	*=100
	January, 1992	44	40	11	5	*=100
	October, 1991	36	38	16	9	1=100
f.	The Labour Party's victory in the British elections	4	11	21	63	1=100
g.	Timothy McVeigh's execution	31	34	23	11	1=100
	May, 2001 ³	32	39	20	8	1=100

On another subject...

Q.12 What is the biggest problem facing you and your family these days? [**OPEN END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION**]

		<i>(RVs)</i>			<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>		
		Sept 1996	March 1994	Dec 1993	Aug 1992	May 1992	Jan 1992
26	Not enough money/Paying bills/Making ends meet	22	28	27	22	20	24
10	High prices/High cost of living and housing	4	4	6	7	8	10
9	High gas/Fuel prices	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	Unemployment/Low paying jobs	8	9	12	28	26	28
8	Taxes/High taxes	14	5	6	7	8	8
7	Economy/Recession/Business (general)	5	2	4	16	30	19
6	Healthcare/High cost of health insurance	8	7	15	10	8	10
3	Child care/Costs of education	3	5	3	3	5	4
3	Family/Personal/Health problems	5	8	5	2	3	4
2	Fear of Crime/Violence	5	4	6	*	*	*
2	Government/Government corruption	1	1	1	5	4	*
2	Issues facing the elderly	7	3	3	2	*	*
2	Quality of Education/What's going on in schools	3	2	1	2	*	*
2	Morality/Family values	3	1	1	2	*	*
1	Environment	*	*	*	1	1	*
1	Recession	*	--	--	--	--	--
19	Other	2	2	7	2	10	4
18	No problems/Don't know	21	28	16	12	7	11

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In May, 2001, the question was worded "The delay in Timothy McVeigh's execution."

Now, thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.13 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape?

		<i>(RVs)</i>							<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>				
		June	Aug	May	Sept	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Oct	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
6	Excellent shape	9	6	7	8	8	5	5	4	6	5	4	4
38	Good shape	43	43	43	47	39	41	34	33	34	30	35	32
39	Only fair shape	35	41	38	34	38	40	45	46	40	47	45	45
16	OR poor shape	11	9	11	10	14	13	15	16	19	17	15	18
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.14 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?

		Jan	Jan	May	Feb	March	<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>			
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jan</u>
		<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
11	Improve a lot	11	17	12	11	10	9	6	8	9
52	Improve some	46	55	56	53	57	51	50	49	46
14	Stay the same (VOL)	12	14	17	17	16	15	14	13	16
15	Get a little worse	18	7	10	13	11	14	20	22	19
4	Get a lot worse	9	3	2	3	3	3	5	4	5
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.15 In general, how easy is it for you to afford the things in life that you want — very easy, easy, difficult or very difficult?

		<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>
		<u>Jan 1992</u>
7	Very Easy	4
43	Easy	35
36	Difficult	46
12	Very Difficult	12
<u>2</u>	Don't Know	<u>3</u>
100		100

Q.16 Have there been times during the last year when you did not have enough money [INSERT ITEM] your family needed?

[ROTATE ITEMS A-C FIRST]		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	To buy food	16	84	*=100
	<i>Gallup: May, 1998</i>	11	89	*=100
	<i>Gallup: June, 1989</i>	13	87	*=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1987</i>	15	84	1=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1984</i>	20	79	1=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1976</i>	14	86	*=100
b.	To buy clothing	21	78	1=100
	<i>Gallup: May, 1998</i>	18	82	*=100
	<i>Gallup: June, 1989</i>	17	83	*=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1987</i>	19	80	1=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1984</i>	26	73	1=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1976</i>	19	81	*=100
c.	To pay for medical and health care	27	72	1=100
	<i>Gallup: May, 1998</i>	22	78	*=100
	<i>Gallup: June, 1989</i>	21	79	*=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1987</i>	21	78	1=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1984</i>	25	74	1=100
	<i>Gallup: January, 1976</i>	15	85	*=100

**[ROTATE ITEMS D-F ...
ALWAYS FOLLOWING ITEMS A-C]**

d.	To make home-payments or pay the rent	17	83	*=100
e.	To pay for gasoline or other transportation costs	25	74	1=100
f.	To pay electric or gas utility bills	23	77	*=100

Q.17 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

		Late		Early							
		Jan	Sept	Aug	Sept	Nov	May	June	Feb	July	March
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
54	Full-time	52	56	58	55	55	53	57	55	55	53
11	Part-time	12	13	11	12	12	12	13	11	12	14
35	Not employed	35	31	30	33	33	35	30	34	33	32
*	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

ASK OF NOT EMPLOYED ONLY (3 in Q.17):

Q.17a Is that because you are retired, because you choose not to work, or because you've lost or quit a job?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

17	Retired
4	Choose not to work
4	Lost or quit a job
10	Other reason (VOL)
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
35%	

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Do you or does anyone else in your household work at more than one job?

14	Yes
86	No
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK OF EMPLOYED ONLY (1 or 2 in Q.17) [N=784]:

Q.19 How would you rate the financial condition of the company or organization that employs you? Would you say it is in excellent financial shape, good shape, only fair shape or in poor shape?

		<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>			
		<u>Oct 1992</u>	<u>Aug 1992</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>Jan 1992</u>
31	Excellent shape	27	23	25	22
39	Good shape	38	40	40	39
20	Only fair shape	23	26	22	24
7	Poor shape	10	9	11	12
2	Does not apply (VOL)	--	--	--	--
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.20 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

		<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>		
		<u>Aug 1992</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>Jan 1992</u>
42	Plenty of jobs available	15	16	12
44	Jobs are difficult to find	76	77	79
8	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL)	6	4	6
<u>6</u>	Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.21 All in all, over the last five years, would you say that prices have been going up a lot, a little, or not much at all?

63 A lot
 31 A little
 5 Not much at all
 0 Prices have gone down (VOL)
1 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.22 How would you judge business conditions in your community? Would you say that local businesses are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape?

		<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>			
		<u>Oct 1992</u>	<u>Aug 1992</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>Jan 1992</u>
4	Excellent shape	3	3	3	2
42	Good shape	29	28	32	25
41	Only fair shape	48	49	49	51
10	Poor shape	19	18	15	20
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.23 What's your impression about the real estate market in your community? Is housing very affordable, fairly affordable, not too affordable, or not at all affordable?

9 Very affordable
 48 Fairly affordable
 25 Not too affordable
 12 Not at all affordable
6 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.24 Some people think of American society as divided into two groups, the "haves" and the "have-nots," while others think it's incorrect to think of America that way. Do you, yourself, think of America as divided into haves and have-nots, or don't you think of America that way?

		--- Gallup ---		<i>CBS/NY Times</i>
		<u>Oct 1999</u>	<u>Aug 1988</u>	<u>Aug 1984</u>
44	Yes, divided into "haves" and "have-nots"	39	26	31
53	No	59	71	61
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.25 If you had to choose, which of these groups are you in, the haves or the have-nots?

		--- Gallup ---	
		<u>Oct 1999</u>	<u>Aug 1988</u>
52	Haves	67	59
32	Have-nots	24	17
10	Neither (VOL)	6	15
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

Q.26 On the whole, do you think the Bush Administration is doing more to help the haves or the have-nots, or do you think it is treating both groups about the same?

		Reagan <i>Gallup</i> <u>Aug 1988⁴</u>
43	Helping the haves	49
4	Helping the have-nots	4
40	About the same	39
2	Neither (VOL)	2
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100		100

NO Q.27 OR Q.28

Now I have a couple questions about the economy...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=600]:

M.1F1 When the Government LOWERS interest rates, is it done to encourage consumers to spend more or to encourage them to spend less?

85	Encourage consumers to spend more (<i>Correct Answer</i>)
9	Encourage consumers to spend less
2	Neither (VOL)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

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Question was worded "On the whole, do you think the Reagan Administration has done more to help the haves or the have-nots, or do you think it has treated both groups about the same?"

M.2F1 To the best of your knowledge, what is the current NATIONAL minimum wage? Is it **[READ RESPONSES, IN ORDER]**

- * About \$3 an hour
- 4 About \$4 an hour
- 51 About \$5 an hour (*Correct Answer: \$5.15*)
- 28 About \$6 an hour
- 8 About \$7 an hour
- 3 OR over \$7 an hour?
- 6 Don't know/Refused
- 100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=600]:

M.3F2 When unemployment is low, do wages usually go up or do wages usually go down?

- 39 Wages usually go up (*Correct Answer*)
- 37 Wages usually go down
- 8 Neither/Depends (**VOL**)
- 16 Don't know/Refused
- 100

M.4F2 If you had to guess, what would you say is the annual income in the typical American household today, before taxes. Would you say it is **[READ RESPONSES, IN ORDER]**

- 17 About \$20,000 a year
- 38 About \$30,000 a year
- 23 About \$40,000 a year (*Correct Median: \$40,816 in 1999*)
- 13 About \$50,000 a year
- 3 About \$75,000 a year
- 1 OR About \$100,000 a year
- 5 Don't know/Refused
- 100

Q.29 Thinking about the money you owe on credit cards and installment loans (excluding your mortgage), would you say you...

U.S. News & World Report

Jan 1992

- | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 13 | Owe a lot more than you can afford? | 7 |
| 15 | Owe a little more than you can afford? | 14 |
| 31 | Owe about what you can afford? | 32 |
| 18 | OR owe less than you can afford? | 19 |
| 12 | Do not have any debts (VOL — DO NOT READ) | 16 |
| 10 | No credit cards or loans (VOL — DO NOT READ) | 11 |
| <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused | <u>1</u> |
| 100 | | 100 |

Q.30 How satisfied are you with each of the following — very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied? [**READ AND ROTATE LIST**] (Would you say you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?) What about [**NEXT ITEM**]...?

		Very <u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	Very <u>Dissatisfied</u>	(VOL) <u>N/A</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	The housing you are able to afford	21	57	14	6	2	*=100
	<i>US News & World Rpt: Jan 1992</i>	10	68	16	5	1	*=100
b.	The amount of money you have for going out	11	52	23	11	2	1=100
	<i>US News & World Rpt: Jan 1992</i>	4	47	30	13	5	1=100
c.	The kind of car you can afford	14	54	18	10	4	*=100
	<i>US News & World Rpt: Jan 1992</i>	7	56	24	9	4	*=100
d.	Your ability to purchase new home furnishings and appliances	12	51	23	11	2	1=100
	<i>US News & World Rpt: Jan 1992</i>	3	45	32	13	6	1=100
e.	The amount of money you have for vacations	8	39	28	20	4	1=100
	<i>US News & World Rpt: Jan 1992</i>	3	33	37	20	6	1=100

Q.31 Do you currently own shares in a mutual fund that includes stock?

Q.32 Do you currently own stock in any individual companies besides a company that you or someone else in your household works for?

		<u>April 2000</u>	<u>Nov 1997</u>
45	Yes, own mutual fund or stock (NET)	49	40
42	Yes, own mutual fund	45	36
26	Yes, own stocks	30	22
53	No, don't own	50	58
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100

Q.33 Do you, personally, ever trade stocks -- that is, buy or sell individual stocks through a broker or online account? [**IF YES, ASK:** When is the last time you bought or sold a stock? Was it within the last week, within the last month, within the last six months, within the last year, or more than a year ago?]

		<u>April 2000</u>	
17	Yes		20
2	Yes, within last week	4	
4	Yes, within last month	6	
5	Yes, within last 6 months	5	
3	Yes, within last year	2	
3	Yes, More than a year ago	2	
*	Don't know	1	
82	No	79	
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	
100		100	

ASK OF THOSE WHO OWN STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS (1 “YES” in Q.31 or Q.32) [N=578]:

Q.34 Over the past year, has the value of your stock and mutual fund investments gone up a lot, gone up a little, stayed about the same, gone down a little, or gone down a lot?

3	Gone up a lot
20	Gone up a little
16	Stayed about the same
27	Gone down a little
32	Gone down a lot
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK OF THOSE WHO OWN STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS (1 “YES” in Q.31 or Q.32) [N=578]:

Q.35 As a result of what's been happening with the stock market, have you [INSERT ITEM: ROTATE], or haven't you done this? Have you [NEXT ITEM], or haven't you done this?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Delayed or canceled plans to buy a new home or make major home improvements	18	81	1=100
b.	Delayed or canceled plans to buy a new car	18	81	1=100
c.	Delayed or canceled plans to make a major purchase for your household, such as a computer or appliance	17	82	1=100
d.	Cut back on planned spending for vacation travel	30	69	1=100
e.	Adjusted your plans for retirement	25	74	1=100

ASK OF THOSE WHO DO NOT OWN STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS (2,9 “No/DK” in Q.31 AND Q.32) [N=622]:

Q.36 As a result of what's been happening with the economy, have you [INSERT ITEM: ROTATE], or haven't you done this? Have you [NEXT ITEM], or haven't you done this?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Delayed or canceled plans to buy a new home or make major home improvements	33	66	1=100
b.	Delayed or canceled plans to buy a new car	33	66	1=100
c.	Delayed or canceled plans to make a major purchase for your household, such as a computer or appliance	34	66	*=100
d.	Cut back on planned spending for vacation travel	48	51	1=100
e.	Adjusted your plans for retirement	21	75	4=100

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.37 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 ITEMS a THROUGH d, WITH e ALWAYS LAST)**

		Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DK/Ref
a.	Making prescription drug benefits part of the Medicare system	50	39	5	3	3=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	57	34	5	2	2=100
b.	An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.45 an hour	49	38	8	4	1=100
	October, 1999	48	34	12	4	2=100
	February, 1998 ⁵	48	32	14	5	1=100
c.	Allowing patients to sue insurance companies which deny or delay medical treatments	40	37	12	5	6=100
	October, 1999	47	35	11	4	3=100
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?	30	42	15	10	3=100
	March, 2001	30	45	13	8	4=100
	February, 2001	28	36	19	11	6=100
	September, 2000 ⁶	32	35	17	12	4=100
e.	Banning the unlimited campaign contributions that corporations and unions can now make to political parties	29	25	24	12	10=100
	October, 1999	29	27	24	15	5=100

Q.38 In your view, how important is it that campaign finance reform is signed into law this year? Do you think this should be a top priority, some priority, or little or no priority?

25	Top priority
42	Some priority
25	Little or no priority
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

⁵ In February 1998, the question was worded: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.15 an hour."

⁶ 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."

Q.39 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?

		(RVs)		Early	Early
		Sept	Oct	Sept	Aug
		<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>
58	Government should create national standards	58	64	48	53
30	Too much government involvement	36	30	44	35
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.40 As you may know, most Americans will be receiving a tax rebate from the Government later this year. Have you been looking forward to getting your federal income tax rebate, or hadn't you thought much about it to this point?

36	Looking forward to getting rebate
57	Hadn't thought much about it
2	Didn't know about it (VOL)
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

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

Q.41 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>Don't Know</u>
June, 2001	72	28	*=100
May, 2001	75	25	*=100
April, 2001	72	28	*=100
February, 2001	72	28	0=100
January, 2001	71	29	*=100
July, 2000	68	31	1=100
June, 2000	68	31	1=100
April, 2000	68	32	*=100
March, 2000 ⁷	72	28	0=100
February, 2000	67	33	*=100
January, 2000	68	32	*=100
December, 1999	67	33	*=100
October, 1999	67	33	*=100
Late September, 1999	68	32	*=100
September, 1999	70	30	*=100
August, 1999	67	33	*=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100
Late August, 1998	66	34	0=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100

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In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.41, ASK:

Q.42 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON TOTAL RESPONDENTS:

	<u>Goes Online</u>	<u>Doesn't Go Online</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2001	62	38	0=100
May, 2001	64	36	0=100
April, 2001	62	38	0=100
February, 2001	60	40	*=100
January, 2001	61	39	0=100
July, 2000	55	45	*=100
June, 2000	56	44	*=100
April, 2000	54	46	*=100
March, 2000	61	39	0=100
February, 2000	52	48	0=100
January, 2000	52	48	*=100
December, 1999	53	47	0=100
October, 1999	50	50	0=100
Late September, 1999	52	48	*=100
September, 1999	53	47	0=100
August, 1999	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	49	51	0=100
June, 1999	50	50	*=100
May, 1999	48	52	0=100
April, 1999	51	49	*=100
March, 1999	49	51	*=100
February, 1999	49	51	*=100
January, 1999	47	53	*=100
Early December, 1998	42	58	0=100
November, 1998	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	42	58	*=100
Late August, 1998	43	57	*=100
Early August, 1998	41	59	*=100
April, 1998	36	64	0=100
January, 1998	37	63	0=100
November, 1997	36	63	1=100
July, 1996	23	77	0=100
April, 1996	21	79	*=100
March, 1996	22	78	0=100
February, 1996	21	79	*=100
January, 1996	21	79	0=100
June, 1995 ⁸	14	86	*=100

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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?

D.15 Which of the following labels best describes your household: **[READ ITEMS, IN ORDER]**

29	Professional or Business Class
47	Working Class
15	or a Struggling Family or Household?
2	More than One Apply (VOL)
4	None Apply (VOL)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	