

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS
NOVEMBER 1997 VALUES UPDATE SURVEY
-- FINAL TOPLINE --
Nov 5 - 9, 1997
Nov 13 - 17, 1997
N = 1,165

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>
November, 1997	57	30	13=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
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

Q.1 CONTINUED

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
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>
November, 1997	40	44	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

INTERVIEWER: FOR QUESTIONS Q.3 THRU Q.6, DETERMINE WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IT IS. IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS SUNDAY, SUBSTITUTE "FRIDAY." IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS NOT SUNDAY, READ "YESTERDAY".

I'd like to ask you a few questions about how you spent your day yesterday...

Q.3 Did you get a chance to read a daily newspaper yesterday, or not?

IF "YES" IN Q.3, ASK:

Q.3a About how much time did you spend reading a daily newspaper yesterday? (**DO NOT READ**)

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1965</u>
50	Read the paper	50	52	45	58	49	56	71
8	Less than 15 min.	7	7	9	7	7	n/a	n/a
14	15-29 min.	15	15	14	15	15	n/a	n/a
17	30-59 min.	18	18	16	21	17	n/a	n/a
10	1 hour or more	10	11	6	14	10	n/a	n/a
1	Don't know	*	1	0	1	*	n/a	n/a
50	Didn't read paper	50	48	55	42	50	44	29
<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Did you watch the news or a news program on television yesterday, or not?

IF "YES" IS Q.4, ASK:

Q.4a About how much time did you spend watching the news or any news programs on TV yesterday? (**DO NOT READ**)

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1965</u>
68	Watched TV News	59	64	61	74	72	68	55
4	Less than 15 min.	3	3	4	3	3	n/a	n/a
11	15-29 min.	6	8	9	8	8	n/a	n/a
23	30-59 min.	21	24	21	25	25	n/a	n/a
30	1 hour or more	29	28	27	37	36	n/a	n/a
*	Don't know	*	1	*	1	*	n/a	n/a
31	Did not watch	40	35	38	26	27	32	45
<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Apart from news, did you watch anything else on television yesterday or not?

IF "YES" IN Q.5, ASK:

Q.5a About how much time did you spend watching TV yesterday, not including the news? (**DO NOT READ**)

		<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>
64	Yes	59	69
2	A half hour or less	1	2
5	Thirty minutes or less than one hour	4	3
15	About an hour or more	10	11
7	More than one hour but less than two hours	6	7
16	Two hours to less than three hours	16	19
11	Three hours to less than four hours	10	12
8	Four hours or more	11	14
*	Don't know/Refused	1	1
36	Did not watch	40	31
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.6 About how much time, if any, did you spend listening to any news on the radio yesterday, or didn't you happen to listen to the news on the radio yesterday? (**DO NOT READ**)

		<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1965</u>
44	Yes, listened	44	42	47	47	47	44	58
12	Less than 15 min.	12	13	16	14	15	n/a	n/a
9	15-29 min.	11	9	12	11	10	n/a	n/a
9	30-59 min.	10	9	9	9	10	n/a	n/a
14	1 hour or more	11	11	10	13	12	n/a	n/a
55	Didn't Listen	55	56	52	52	52	56	42
<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

INTERVIEWER: IF THE DAY OF THE WEEK IS SUNDAY, BEGIN THIS SERIES WITH “Now thinking about yesterday...” **OTHERWISE BEGIN WITH** “Again, thinking about yesterday...”

Q.7 Did you spend any time reading a magazine?

IF “YES” IN Q.7, ASK:

Q.7a About how much time did you spend reading magazines yesterday? (**DO NOT READ**)

		<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>
32	Yes	31	33
	6 Less than 15 minutes	4	5
	8 15 to less 30 minutes	8	9
	9 30 minutes to less than one hour	11	10
	9 One hour or more	8	9
	* Don't know/Refused	*	*
68	No	69	67
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.8 Not including school or work related books, did you spend anytime reading a book yesterday? (**IF YES:** Was it a work of fiction or non-fiction?)

		<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>
35	Yes	30	31
	SUBJECT		
	16 Fiction	14	14
	17 Non-fiction	14	17
	1 Both	1	*
	1 Don't know	1	0
	TIME		
	2 Less than 15 minutes	1	2
	5 15 to less than 30 minutes	4	3
	10 30 minutes to less than one hour	8	9
	17 One hour or more	17	17
	1 Don't know	0	0
65	No — GO TO Q.9	70	69
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know/Refused — GO TO Q.9	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Now I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... **(READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)**

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	People like me don't have any say about what the government does	15	31	35	18	1=100
	July, 1994	22	32	31	15	*=100
	May, 1993	15	37	31	16	1=100
	June, 1992	14	36	32	17	1=100
	Nov, 1991	22	28	28	21	1=100
	May, 1990	19	38	31	11	1=100
	Feb, 1989	22	40	29	8	1=100
	May, 1988	16	39	33	11	1=100
	May, 1987	14	38	34	12	2=100
b.	Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly	32	44	18	5	1=100
	July, 1994	39	44	13	3	1=100
	May, 1993	29	53	13	3	2=100
	June, 1992	35	49	12	3	1=100
	Nov, 1991	41	43	11	4	1=100
	May, 1990	30	48	17	2	3=100
	Feb, 1989	30	50	16	2	2=100
	May, 1988	26	50	19	3	2=100
	May, 1987	22	51	21	3	3=100
c.	Most elected officials care what people like me think	6	35	38	19	2=100
	July, 1994	4	29	41	25	1=100
	May, 1993	5	35	42	16	2=100
	June, 1992	5	31	46	16	2=100
	Nov, 1991	7	29	39	23	2=100
	May, 1990	7	37	39	14	3=100
	Feb, 1989	5	39	42	12	2=100
	May, 1988	5	42	40	11	2=100
	May, 1987	5	42	40	9	4=100
d.	Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things	27	40	23	9	1=100
	July, 1994	24	42	21	11	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	42	15	9	2=100
	May, 1990	23	50	18	7	2=100
	Feb, 1989	25	48	20	5	2=100
	May, 1988	26	49	18	5	2=100
	May, 1987	23	55	15	4	3=100

Q.9 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
e.	Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control	10	23	37	28	2=100
	July, 1994	14	25	33	26	2=100
	May, 1993	11	30	41	16	2=100
	June, 1992	11	27	38	21	3=100
	May, 1990	11	29	39	18	3=100
	May, 1988	13	28	37	19	3=100
	May, 1987	8	30	41	16	5=100
f.	Hard work offers little guarantee of success	13	20	34	32	1=100
	July, 1994	15	24	32	28	1=100
	June, 1992	15	30	30	22	3=100
	Nov, 1991	20	24	29	25	2=100
	May, 1990	10	26	40	23	1=100
	Feb, 1989	14	27	36	21	2=100
	May, 1988	11	21	40	26	1=100
	May, 1987	7	22	44	24	3=100
g.	I admire people who get rich by working hard	52	37	7	3	1=100
	July, 1994	51	37	8	3	1=100
	June, 1992	47	42	7	3	1=100
h.	The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business	22	54	16	5	3=100
	July, 1994	26	52	15	5	2=100
	June, 1992	24	54	15	5	2=100
	Nov, 1991	29	47	15	6	3=100
	May, 1990	20	57	14	3	6=100
	Feb, 1989	23	54	14	4	5=100
	May, 1988	25	54	14	3	4=100
	May, 1987	16	60	16	3	5=100
i.	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good	20	37	32	5	6=100
	July, 1994	27	36	28	5	4=100
	June, 1992	19	42	28	5	6=100
	May, 1990	16	42	29	4	9=100
	May, 1988	17	40	31	4	8=100
	May, 1987	12	43	30	4	11=100
j.	The federal government should run ONLY those things that cannot be run at the local level	33	41	17	7	2=100
	July, 1994	38	40	14	5	3=100
	May, 1990	26	51	16	2	5=100
	May, 1987	22	53	16	3	6=100

Q.9 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
k.	When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful	27	37	27	7	2=100
	July, 1994	33	36	25	5	1=100
	May, 1993	24	45	24	5	2=100
	June, 1992	29	41	24	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	36	23	7	2=100
	May, 1990	22	45	25	4	4=100
	Feb, 1989	26	39	26	5	4=100
	May, 1988	24	42	26	3	5=100
	May, 1987	19	44	27	4	6=100
l.	The Federal Government controls too much of our daily lives	29	35	29	6	1=100
	July, 1994	37	32	25	5	1=100
	May, 1993	26	39	30	4	1=100
	June, 1992	28	36	29	5	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	31	28	7	2=100
	May, 1990	22	40	29	5	4=100
	Feb, 1989	22	35	34	9	3=100
	May, 1988	25	36	31	5	3=100
	May, 1987	18	40	32	5	5=100
m.	The government is really run for the benefit of all the people	9	39	35	15	2=100
	July, 1994	10	32	38	19	1=100
	June, 1992	8	36	37	17	2=100
	Nov, 1991	11	37	34	16	2=100
	May, 1990	10	42	35	10	3=100
	Feb, 1989	12	45	31	10	2=100
	May, 1988	11	42	34	10	3=100
	May, 1987	9	48	31	8	4=100
n.	Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest	7	38	40	12	3=100
	July, 1994	7	38	38	15	2=100
	June, 1992	5	35	42	14	4=100
	Nov, 1991	8	32	38	19	3=100
	May, 1990	5	38	37	13	7=100
	Feb, 1989	5	33	44	12	6=100
	May, 1988	6	36	39	13	6=100
	May, 1987	4	39	38	10	9=100

Q.9 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
o.	There is too much power concentrated in the hands of a few big companies	31	42	20	5	2=100
	July, 1994	31	42	22	4	1=100
	May, 1993	26	46	22	3	3=100
	June, 1992	30	47	18	3	2=100
	Nov, 1991	41	39	14	3	3=100
	May, 1990	29	48	15	3	5=100
	Feb, 1989	35	49	12	1	3=100
	May, 1988	35	44	15	2	4=100
	May, 1987	27	50	16	2	5=100
p.	Business corporations make too much profit	21	37	31	7	4=100
	July, 1994	22	39	28	7	4=100
	May, 1993	22	41	27	5	5=100
	June, 1992	21	39	29	5	6=100
	Nov, 1991	29	36	23	7	5=100
	May, 1990	23	40	24	6	7=100
	Feb, 1989	27	45	20	3	5=100
	May, 1988	25	40	25	4	6=100
	May, 1987	21	44	24	4	7=100
q.	It is time for Washington politicians to step aside and make room for new leaders	27	41	23	4	5=100
	July, 1994	34	45	14	4	3=100
	June, 1992	38	46	12	2	2=100
	Nov, 1991	32	45	16	4	3=100
	May, 1990	21	40	26	4	9=100
	Feb, 1989	20	38	30	4	8=100
	May, 1988	26	42	22	3	7=100
	May, 1987	16	46	26	3	9=100
r.	Dealing with a federal government agency is often not worth the trouble	21	44	27	4	4=100
	July, 1994	26	43	22	6	3=100
	June, 1992	21	43	27	4	5=100
	May, 1990	21	44	24	4	7=100
	May, 1988	20	43	27	4	6=100
	May, 1987	14	44	29	3	10=100
s.	Many people today think they can get ahead without working hard and making sacrifices	25	37	24	12	2=100
	July, 1994	27	38	22	12	1=100
	June, 1992	24	39	22	13	2=100

Q.9 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
t.	As Americans we can always find a way to solve our problems and get what we want	19	52	20	7	2=100
	July, 1994	20	48	24	6	2=100
	May, 1993	12	47	31	7	3=100
	June, 1992	16	50	24	8	2=100
	Nov, 1991	19	49	22	8	2=100
	May, 1990	13	52	24	6	5=100
	Feb, 1989	14	55	23	5	3=100
	May, 1988	15	51	23	7	4=100
	May, 1987	12	56	24	4	4=100
u.	I don't believe that there are any real limits to growth in this country today	17	39	31	10	3=100
	July, 1994	22	40	28	8	2=100
	May, 1993	14	42	34	7	3=100
	June, 1992	19	39	30	8	4=100
	Nov, 1991	24	38	26	9	3=100
	May, 1990	19	46	25	5	5=100
	Feb, 1989	22	46	23	5	4=100
	May, 1988	19	45	26	6	4=100
	May, 1987	17	50	24	4	5=100
v.	We need new people in Washington even if they are not as effective as experienced politicians	16	34	33	14	3=100
	July, 1994	20	40	28	10	2=100
	June, 1992	20	36	30	11	3=100
	May, 1990	13	34	37	10	6=100
	May, 1988	16	35	33	10	6=100
	May, 1987	9	35	38	10	8=100

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...

Q.10 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

		<u>May 1997</u>	<u>June 1996</u>	<u>Feb 1995</u>	<u>July 1994</u>	<u>Mar 1994</u>
55	Full-time	53	57	55	55	53
12	Part-time	12	13	11	12	14
33	Not employed -- GO TO Q.12	35	30	34	33	32
<u>* 100</u>	Don't know/Refused -- GO TO Q.12	<u>* 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>	<u>* 100</u>	<u>1 100</u>

Q.11 and Q.11a BASED ON THOSE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME:

Q.11 Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

		-- U.S. News & World Report --								
		<u>May</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Mar</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>
41	Yes	46	44	41	40	44	36	33	34	39
59	No	54	56	58	60	56	63	66	65	61
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>
(N=827)										

Q.11a 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>May</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</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>
33	Yes	34	34	35	34	33	35	36	34	34
24	No	18	20	20	24	20	36	25	28	22
<u>2</u> <u>59%</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u> <u>54%</u>	<u>2</u> <u>56%</u>	<u>3</u> <u>58%</u>	<u>2</u> <u>60%</u>	<u>3</u> <u>56%</u>	<u>5</u> <u>63%</u>	<u>5</u> <u>66%</u>	<u>3</u> <u>65%</u>	<u>5</u> <u>61%</u>

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Did you happen to use a personal computer at home yesterday?

IF "YES" IN Q.12, ASK:

Q.12a About how much time did you spend using a personal computer at home yesterday? (**DO NOT READ**)

		<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1994</u>
26	Yes	14	14
4	A half hour or less	3	-
6	30 minutes to less than one hour	3	-
6	About an hour	3	-
2	More than one but less than two hours	1	-
3	Two to less than three hours	2	-
3	Three to less than four hours	1	-
2	Four or more hours	1	-
*	Don't know/Refused	0	-
74	No — GO TO Q.13	86	86
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know/Refused — GO TO Q.13	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>	<u>0</u> <u>100</u>

ASK ALL:

- Q.13 Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with other computers over the Internet, with the World Wide Web, or with information services such as America Online or Prodigy? **(RECORD ALL THAT APPLY)**

		June 1995 ¹
37	Yes (NET)	14
23	Yes, work	-
8	Yes, school	-
19	Yes, home	-
63	No	86
<u>*</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u> 100

BASED ON ALL ONLINE USERS:

- Q.14 Did you happen to go on-line yesterday? [IF YES: From where did you go on-line... from work, school, home or some combination of these? — **RECORD ALL THAT APPLY**]

		June 1995
44	Yes (NET)	32
20	Yes, work	15
6	Yes, school	2
27	Yes, home	19
1	Yes, other locations	2
55	No — GO TO Q.15	67
<u>1</u> 100 (N=489)	Don't know/Refused — GO TO Q.15	<u>1</u> 100 (N=997)

¹

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?

BASED ON ONLINE USERS WHO WENT ONLINE YESTERDAY:

Q.14a Counting all of your on-line sessions, about how much time did you spend on-line yesterday? **(DO NOT READ)**

		June <u>1995</u>
19	Less than a half hour	36
22	30 minutes to less than one hour	13
21	About an hour	17
9	More than one but less than two hours	8
10	Two to less than three hours	8
6	Three to less than four hours	4
12	Four or more hours	13
<u>1</u> 100 (N=226)	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u> 100 (N=321)

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Now I am going to read you another series of statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... **(READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)**

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment	41	40	13	5	1=100
	July, 1994	46	36	13	4	1=100
	June, 1992	55	35	7	2	1=100
b.	People should be willing to pay higher prices in order to protect the environment	17	38	29	14	2=100
	July, 1994	17	40	28	14	1=100
	May, 1993	12	45	31	10	2=100
	June, 1992	26	41	22	10	1=100
c.	Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed	52	38	6	3	1=100
	July, 1994	52	39	6	2	1=100
	June, 1992	59	34	4	2	1=100
	Nov, 1991	64	30	3	2	1=100
	May, 1990	45	46	6	1	2=100
	Feb, 1989	49	42	6	2	1=100
	May, 1988	48	43	6	1	2=100
	May, 1987	37	53	7	1	2=100
d.	We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country	17	28	32	21	2=100
	July, 1994	21	27	28	22	2=100
	May, 1993	14	29	34	20	3=100
	June, 1992	16	24	30	27	3=100
	Nov, 1991	16	22	32	27	3=100
	May, 1990	15	28	32	21	4=100
	Feb, 1989	17	24	34	22	3=100
	May, 1988	17	28	32	20	3=100
	May, 1987	11	31	37	16	5=100
e.	It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves	23	38	26	11	2=100
	July, 1994	20	37	26	15	2=100
	May, 1993	19	43	26	9	3=100
	June, 1992	28	41	20	8	3=100
	May, 1990	23	44	23	6	4=100
	May, 1988	26	48	17	6	3=100
	May, 1987	21	50	20	4	5=100

Q.15 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
f.	The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt	14	30	37	16	3=100
	July, 1994	13	28	37	19	3=100
	May, 1993	9	34	40	12	5=100
	June, 1992	18	35	31	12	4=100
	Nov, 1991	20	31	31	15	3=100
	May, 1990	15	36	34	10	5=100
	May, 1988	17	35	30	12	6=100
	May, 1987	13	40	33	7	7=100
g.	The government should guarantee every citizen enough to eat and a place to sleep	29	33	25	11	2=100
	July, 1994	27	32	25	14	2=100
	June, 1992	32	33	22	10	3=100
	Nov, 1991	41	32	16	9	2=100
	May, 1990	27	35	25	9	4=100
	Feb, 1989	35	30	22	10	3=100
	May, 1988	28	38	22	9	3=100
	May, 1987	22	40	26	7	5=100
h.	I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done	32	46	14	5	3=100
	May, 1990	23	48	17	6	6=100
	May, 1988	23	49	17	5	6=100
	May, 1987	16	56	16	4	8=100
i.	I am very patriotic	48	42	6	2	2=100
	July, 1994	51	40	6	2	1=100
	June, 1992	52	39	5	2	2=100
	Nov, 1991	58	33	5	2	2=100
	May, 1990	48	40	8	2	2=100
	Feb, 1989	51	40	6	1	2=100
	May, 1988	51	38	6	2	3=100
	May, 1987	43	46	7	1	3=100
j.	In the past few years there hasn't been much real improvement in the position of black people in this country	13	27	39	14	7=100
	July, 1994	14	33	35	14	4=100
	May, 1993	14	37	37	9	3=100
	June, 1992	21	36	30	9	4=100
	Nov, 1991	17	28	33	16	6=100
	May, 1990	10	28	42	16	4=100
	Feb, 1989	13	29	39	16	3=100
	May, 1988	12	25	41	18	4=100
	May, 1987	8	28	45	14	5=100

Q.15 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
k.	I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other	37	33	13	13	4=100
	July, 1994	35	33	13	16	3=100
	June, 1992	33	31	14	18	4=100
	Nov, 1991	35	31	12	18	4=100
	May, 1990	19	30	18	26	7=100
	Feb, 1989	21	29	20	25	5=100
	May, 1988	21	28	18	28	5=100
	May, 1987	13	35	22	24	6=100
l.	We should make every possible effort to improve the position of blacks and other minorities, even if it means giving them preferential treatment	10	21	34	31	4=100
	July, 1994	10	19	35	34	2=100
	May, 1993	8	26	41	22	3=100
	June, 1992	11	23	36	27	3=100
	Nov, 1991	10	20	33	34	3=100
	May, 1990	8	16	39	33	4=100
	Feb, 1989	8	20	36	32	4=100
	May, 1988	7	19	36	35	3=100
	May, 1987	6	18	43	28	5=100
m.	Discriminations against blacks are rare today	7	17	47	27	2=100
	July, 1994	6	18	45	28	3=100
	June, 1992	6	13	43	35	3=100
	May, 1990	5	26	42	23	4=100
	May, 1988	7	25	41	24	3=100
	May, 1987	6	28	43	18	5=100
n.	We should restrict and control people coming into our country to live more than we do now	39	34	18	6	3=100
	July, 1994	47	35	12	5	1=100
	June, 1992	42	34	15	6	3=100
o.	It is my belief that we should get even with any country that tries to take advantage of the United States	17	32	32	14	5=100
	July, 1994	19	24	35	19	3=100
	June, 1992	19	27	34	15	5=100
	Nov, 1991	21	24	31	20	4=100
	May, 1990	14	33	33	13	7=100
	Feb, 1989	20	34	30	12	4=100
	May, 1988	19	34	29	11	7=100
	May, 1987	11	33	37	10	9=100

Q.15 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
p.	The best way to ensure peace is through military strength	23	34	29	11	3=100
	July, 1994	20	35	27	17	1=100
	May, 1993	16	38	33	10	3=100
	June, 1992	21	33	30	13	3=100
	Nov, 1991	21	31	29	16	3=100
	May, 1990	17	35	31	13	4=100
	Feb, 1989	22	39	26	10	3=100
	May, 1988	22	37	25	12	4=100
	May, 1987	14	40	30	10	6=100
q.	American lives are worth more than the lives of people in other countries	8	11	31	47	3=100
	July, 1994	12	14	31	42	1=100
	Nov, 1991	11	12	28	46	3=100
	May, 1990	10	18	32	36	4=100
	Feb, 1989	8	15	31	43	3=100
	May, 1988	9	15	34	39	3=100
	May, 1987	7	17	39	32	5=100
r.	We all should be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong	21	31	26	19	3=100
	July, 1994	25	28	25	20	2=100
	May, 1993	21	34	29	13	3=100
	June, 1992	24	33	25	14	4=100
	Nov, 1991	30	30	21	16	3=100
	May, 1990	22	33	24	16	5=100
	Feb, 1989	22	35	23	15	5=100
	May, 1988	23	34	24	14	5=100
	May, 1987	17	37	27	13	6=100
s.	I often worry about the chances of nuclear war	21	27	31	19	2=100
	July, 1994	24	24	32	19	1=100
	May, 1990	21	31	29	16	3=100
	May, 1988	28	33	25	12	2=100
	May, 1987	23	39	27	0	2=100
t.	Most of the countries that have gotten help from America end up resenting us	24	43	23	3	7=100
	July, 1994	29	43	21	3	4=100
	June, 1992	30	43	19	3	5=100
	May, 1990	27	46	18	2	7=100
	May, 1988	32	44	16	2	6=100
	May, 1987	21	50	19	2	8=100

Q.15 CONTINUED....

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
u.	It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs	48	43	6	2	1=100
	July, 1994	51	39	7	2	1=100
	May, 1993	33	54	9	1	3=100
	June, 1992	47	44	5	2	2=100
	Nov, 1991	54	38	4	2	2=100
	May, 1990	39	50	6	1	4=100
	Feb, 1989	51	42	3	1	3=100
	May, 1988	47	43	6	1	3=100
	May, 1987	32	55	7	1	5=100
v.	Poor people have become too dependent on government assistance programs	35	44	14	4	3=100
	July, 1994	46	39	10	3	2=100
	May, 1993	31	49	15	3	2=100
	June, 1992	35	44	14	4	3=100
w.	Japan has taken unfair advantage of the United States	23	38	23	4	12=100
	July, 1994	29	37	21	5	8=100
	June, 1992	34	35	21	6	4=100
x.	We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home	40	38	17	3	2=100
	July, 1994	46	38	12	3	1=100
	May, 1993	40	45	12	2	1=100
	June, 1992	48	40	9	2	1=100

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT...

Q.16 In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

		Early																
		June 1996	Feb 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Mar 1995	Feb 1995	Dec 1994	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
25	Republican	30	30	30	30	35	33	35	28	31	33	29	28	28	31	28	27	25
32	Democrat	33	32	30	29	28	30	31	31	32	30	33	32	33	38	38	39	37
38	Independent	34	32	35	37	32	33	30	35	33	32	35	36	28	23	26	26	28
3	No preference	2	3	3	3	-	-	-	4	3	-	2	1	9	7	6	6	8
*	Other party	*	1	*	*	2	2	2	*	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know	<u>1</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>3</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>1</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100	<u>2</u> 100

Q.17 AND Q.18 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED “REPUBLICAN” OR “DEMOCRAT” IN Q.16

Q.17 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican, or NOT a strong Republican?

		Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
11	Strong	11	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
<u>14</u>	Not strong	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
25		30	30	31	29	28	28	31	28	27	25

Q.18 Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat, or NOT a strong Democrat?

		Oct 1995	April 1995	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
14	Strong	14	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
<u>18</u>	Not strong	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
32		30	29	32	33	32	33	38	38	39	37

Q.19 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED “INDEPENDENT,” “NO PREFERENCE,” “OTHER,” OR “DK,” IN Q.16

Q.19 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

		June 1996	Feb 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
13	Republican	11	13	14	18	13	14	17	14	13	9	12	11	13
16	Democratic	17	13	16	14	13	12	14	13	13	11	12	13	13
<u>14</u>	Neither	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>
43		37	38	40	41	41	34	38	40	39	31	34	34	38

ASK ALL:

Q.20 When you were growing up, did your parents usually vote for Republicans or Democrats? **(IF PARENTS VOTED DIFFERENTLY, ASK: How did the parent you felt closer to usually vote?)**

		<u>July 1994</u>
28	Republicans	28
43	Democrats	47
6	Both/Split ticket (VOL)	6
5	Didn't vote/Not eligible (VOL)	4
1	Other response	2
<u>17</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u> 100

Q.21 I'm going to read you some more statements on a different topic. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements. The first one is... **(READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE)** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a.	Prayer is an important part of my daily life	53	25	14	7	1=100
	July, 1994	52	26	14	8	*=100
	Nov, 1991	50	30	13	6	1=100
	May, 1990	46	31	16	6	1=100
	May, 1988	46	32	15	6	1=100
	May, 1987	41	35	17	6	1=100
b.	We all will be called before God at the Judgment Day to answer for our sins	64	21	7	5	3=100
	July, 1994	61	23	7	7	2=100
	May, 1993	56	26	6	5	7=100
	June, 1992	62	21	7	7	3=100
	May, 1990	52	29	9	5	5=100
	Feb, 1989	62	22	6	5	5=100
	May, 1988	52	28	8	6	6=100
	May, 1987	52	29	9	5	5=100
c.	Even today miracles are performed by the power of God	61	24	8	4	3=100
	July, 1994	58	26	8	6	2=100
	June, 1992	58	25	8	6	3=100
	May, 1990	49	33	9	4	5=100
	Feb, 1989	53	30	7	5	5=100
	May, 1988	51	29	9	6	5=100
	May, 1987	47	35	9	4	5=100

Q.21 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
d.	I never doubt the existence of God	71	17	8	3	1=100
	July, 1994	72	16	6	5	1=100
	Nov, 1991	71	17	8	3	1=100
	May, 1990	60	27	8	3	2=100
	Feb, 1989	66	22	6	4	2=100
	May, 1988	63	24	7	4	2=100
	May, 1987	60	28	7	3	2=100
e.	School boards ought to have the right to fire teachers who are known homosexuals	20	13	29	34	4=100
	July, 1994	24	15	29	29	3=100
	May, 1993	17	17	34	26	6=100
	June, 1992	24	16	27	28	5=100
	Nov, 1991	23	16	28	28	5=100
	May, 1990	29	20	24	21	6=100
	Feb, 1989	28	20	26	21	5=100
	May, 1988	29	22	25	18	6=100
	May, 1987	27	24	28	14	7=100
f.	Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries	32	18	23	23	4=100
	July, 1994	30	21	23	24	2=100
	May, 1993	26	26	23	21	4=100
	June, 1992	30	18	22	27	3=100
	Nov, 1991	29	20	20	28	3=100
	May, 1990	29	21	24	21	5=100
	Feb, 1989	26	24	23	23	4=100
	May, 1988	29	22	22	22	5=100
	May, 1987	24	26	25	19	6=100
g.	Nude magazines and X-rated movies provide harmless entertainment for those who enjoy it	14	27	26	30	3=100
	July, 1994	15	29	25	29	2=100
	May, 1990	12	29	27	27	5=100
	May, 1988	15	30	28	23	5=100
	May, 1987	14	34	26	21	5=100
h.	Freedom of speech should not extend to groups like the Communist Party or the Ku Klux Klan	21	17	31	26	5=100
	July, 1994	21	20	29	28	2=100
	May, 1990	17	18	32	27	6=100
	May, 1988	17	20	32	26	5=100
	May, 1987	16	23	36	19	6=100

Q.21 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Agree</u>	<u>Mostly Disagree</u>	<u>Completely Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
i.	The police should be allowed to search the houses of known drug dealers without a court order	31	18	23	26	2=100
	July, 1994	33	18	22	26	1=100
	May, 1990	33	24	23	18	2=100
	May, 1988	31	23	21	22	2=100
	May, 1987	25	26	27	18	4=100
j.	Women should return to their traditional roles in society	10	14	30	43	3=100
	July, 1994	12	18	27	40	3=100
	Nov, 1991	10	13	26	49	2=100
	May, 1990	10	20	32	35	3=100
	Feb, 1989	10	16	30	41	3=100
	May, 1988	11	20	30	36	3=100
	May, 1987	9	21	37	29	4=100
k.	Too many children are being raised in day care centers these days	39	35	17	6	3=100
	July, 1994	39	36	16	7	2=100
	May, 1990	26	47	17	5	5=100
	May, 1988	29	40	19	7	5=100
	May, 1987	23	45	22	5	5=100
l.	AIDS might be God's punishment for immoral sexual behavior	13	19	22	41	5=100
	July, 1994	17	22	21	36	4=100
	May, 1993	13	22	24	33	8=100
	June, 1992	17	19	19	38	7=100
	May, 1990	16	22	19	33	10=100
	May, 1988	20	24	20	28	8=100
	May, 1987	17	26	22	25	10=100
m.	I have old-fashioned values about family and marriage	50	35	8	6	1=100
	July, 1994	53	31	10	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	49	32	10	8	1=100
	May, 1990	49	38	8	4	1=100
	Feb, 1989	46	37	9	6	2=100
	May, 1988	50	35	9	4	2=100
	May, 1987	45	42	9	2	2=100

Q.21 CONTINUED....

		<u>Completely</u> <u>Agree</u>	<u>Mostly</u> <u>Agree</u>	<u>Mostly</u> <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Completely</u> <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
n.	There are clear guidelines about what's good or evil that apply to everyone regardless of their situation	45	37	10	6	2=100
	July, 1994	44	36	12	6	2=100
	June, 1992	41	35	12	9	3=100
	Nov, 1991	42	34	13	9	2=100
	May, 1990	36	43	11	6	4=100
	May, 1988	38	41	12	6	4=100
	May, 1987	34	45	12	4	5=100
o.	Labor unions are necessary to protect the working person	29	41	19	8	3=100
	May, 1990	25	46	19	6	4=100
	May, 1988	26	43	19	7	5=100
	May, 1987	19	48	21	6	6=100
p.	Labor unions have too much power	20	34	29	11	6=100
	May, 1990	18	37	28	10	7=100
	May, 1988	20	38	26	8	8=100
	May, 1987	19	40	26	7	8=100
q.	Today it's really true that the rich just get richer while the poor get poorer	34	36	22	6	2=100
	July, 1994	33	38	20	7	2=100
	June, 1992	38	40	16	4	2=100
	Nov, 1991	45	35	13	5	2=100
	May, 1990	38	40	16	3	3=100
	Feb, 1989	40	38	15	4	3=100
	May, 1988	34	42	18	3	3=100
	May, 1987	31	43	19	3	4=100
r.	I can usually tell whether I'll have a lot in common with someone by knowing how much education he or she has	8	22	43	26	1=100
	July, 1994	8	25	42	25	*=100
	Nov, 1991	10	22	40	27	1=100
	May, 1990	7	23	46	21	3=100
	Feb, 1989	8	25	42	22	3=100
	May, 1988	6	24	44	23	3=100
	May, 1987	5	23	49	18	5=100
s.	I don't have much in common with people of other races	3	9	48	38	2=100
	July, 1994	3	9	45	41	2=100
	May, 1990	5	19	50	22	4=100
	May, 1988	6	19	46	26	3=100
	May, 1987	3	20	54	18	5=100

Q.21 CONTINUED....

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
t.	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet	18	22	40	19	1=100
	July, 1994	19	24	37	19	1=100
	May, 1993	25	29	30	14	2=100
	June, 1992	26	26	31	16	1=100
	Nov, 1991	27	24	32	16	1=100
	May, 1990	19	28	41	11	1=100
	Feb, 1989	20	30	37	12	1=100
	May, 1988	17	28	42	12	1=100
	May, 1987	14	29	44	11	2=100
u.	Money is one of my most important concerns	13	26	38	23	*=100
	July, 1994	15	25	36	24	*=100
	Nov, 1991	23	29	29	18	1=100
	May, 1990	18	35	35	11	1=100
	Feb, 1989	19	34	32	14	1=100
	May, 1988	17	35	35	12	1=100
	May, 1987	13	34	39	12	2=100
v.	I'm pretty well satisfied with the way things are going for me financially	18	47	23	12	*=100
	July, 1994	17	47	24	11	1=100
	May, 1993	12	46	28	13	1=100
	June, 1992	16	42	25	16	1=100
	Nov, 1991	16	41	26	16	1=100
	May, 1990	9	49	28	13	1=100
	Feb, 1989	13	49	25	12	1=100
	May, 1988	13	52	25	9	1=100
	May, 1987	11	52	27	8	2=100
w.	I feel it's my duty as a citizen to always vote	63	26	7	4	*=100
	July, 1994	66	27	4	3	*=100
	May, 1993	66	28	4	1	1=100
	June, 1992	69	22	6	2	1=100
	Nov, 1991	72	21	4	2	1=100
	May, 1990	50	35	9	4	2=100
	Feb, 1989	64	26	6	2	2=100
	May, 1988	56	32	7	2	3=100
	May, 1987	46	39	9	3	3=100
x.	I'm interested in keeping up with national affairs	40	46	10	3	1=100
	July, 1994	46	43	9	2	*=100
	June, 1992	51	40	6	2	1=100
	Nov, 1991	46	44	7	2	1=100
	May, 1990	33	49	12	4	2=100
	Feb, 1989	34	50	12	2	2=100
	May, 1988	39	47	10	2	2=100
	May, 1987	28	53	12	3	4=100

Q.21 CONTINUED....

		Completely <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Agree</u>	Mostly <u>Disagree</u>	Completely <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
y.	I'm generally bored by what goes on in Washington	14	37	34	14	1=100
	July, 1994	17	34	33	15	1=100
	June, 1992	20	35	31	13	1=100
	Nov, 1991	16	36	30	16	2=100
	May, 1990	12	36	38	12	2=100
	Feb, 1989	10	37	37	13	3=100
	May, 1988	11	37	38	12	2=100
	May, 1987	8	34	41	13	4=100
z.	I'm pretty interested in following local politics	20	48	25	6	1=100
	July, 1994	24	52	18	5	1=100
	June, 1992	26	47	21	5	1=100
	Nov, 1991	29	48	16	5	2=100
	May, 1990	17	53	23	6	1=100
	Feb, 1989	24	49	21	5	1=100
	May, 1988	21	51	22	5	1=100
	May, 1987	16	54	22	4	4=100
aa.	Most issues discussed in Washington don't affect me personally	8	27	45	19	1=100
	July, 1994	5	25	42	27	1=100
	June, 1992	7	26	43	22	2=100
	Nov, 1991	8	25	41	23	3=100
	May, 1990	7	28	46	16	3=100
	Feb, 1989	7	26	44	20	3=100
	May, 1988	7	29	45	17	2=100
	May, 1987	5	26	50	15	4=100
bb.	I feel guilty when I don't get a chance to vote	36	32	17	12	3=100
	July, 1994	38	32	18	9	3=100
	June, 1992	39	30	16	9	6=100
	Nov, 1991	46	28	14	8	4=100
	May, 1990	30	37	22	8	3=100
	Feb, 1989	38	34	17	7	4=100
	May, 1988	32	37	18	8	5=100
	May, 1987	25	41	22	6	6=100
cc.	Sometimes I vote for a candidate without really knowing enough about him or her	14	38	26	20	2=100
	July, 1994	14	38	27	20	1=100
	June, 1992	14	38	25	20	3=100
	Nov, 1991	18	36	22	22	2=100
	May, 1990	12	41	27	15	5=100
	Feb, 1989	15	41	24	17	3=100
	May, 1988	12	44	24	15	15=100
	May, 1987	9	44	28	13	6=100

Q.22 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...(READ)

		<u>Nov*</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct*</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1994</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1987</u>
41	Most of the time	52	43	46	43	49	45	46	39	37	37	41
36	Some of the time	32	37	35	35	30	35	33	34	37	35	35
16	Only now and then	12	13	14	16	13	14	15	18	17	18	15
7	Hardly at all	4	6	5	6	7	6	6	9	6	8	7
<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	Don't know	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>1</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>*</u> <u>100</u>	<u>3</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>	<u>2</u> <u>100</u>
*Based on Registered Voters												

Q.23 Thinking back to the 1996 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Dole and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **IF YES, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Dole or Perot?

37	Yes, Clinton
22	Yes, Dole
8	Yes, Perot
1	Yes, other candidate
2	Yes, don't remember which candidate
26	No, didn't vote/Too young -- GO TO Q.24
1	Don't Remember if voted -- GO TO Q.24
<u>3</u> <u>100</u>	Refused -- GO TO Q.24

Q.23a In that same 1996 election, did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

41	Republican
42	Democrat
*	Other candidate
3	Didn't vote for Congress/Only voted for President
13	Don't Remember which candidate
<u>1</u>	Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Thinking back to the 1992 presidential election, when Clinton ran against Bush and Perot, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote? **IF YES, ASK:** Did you vote for Clinton, Bush or Perot?

31	Yes, Clinton
28	Yes, Bush
9	Yes, Perot
*	Yes, other candidate
1	Yes, don't remember which candidate
26	No, didn't vote/Too young
2	Don't Remember if voted
<u>3</u>	Refused
100	

- Q.25 These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register... Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far?
- Q.26 Are you absolutely certain you are registered to vote, or is there a chance your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

		June 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Dec 1994	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	Early Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992
80	Yes, registered	79	76	76	74	73	77	76	79	76
75	Absolutely certain	75	73	74	70	70	74	72	75	73
4	Chance registration has lapsed	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	3
1	Don't know/Refused	0	*	0	1	1	0	*	0	0
20	No, not registered	21	23	23	24	26	22	23	20	23
$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know/Refused	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$

ASK ALL:

- Q.27 How often would you say you vote...(READ)

		June 1996	Feb 1996	Oct 1995	April 1995	Nov 1994	Oct 1994	July 1994	June 1992	May 1992	Nov 1991	May 1990	Feb 1989	Jan 1988	May 1987
33	Always	41	32	41	42	43	43	40	47	41	38	33	45	39	34
38	Nearly always	30	34	32	29	24	28	30	26	32	37	35	30	33	37
15	Part of the time	12	15	12	12	11	13	14	10	13	13	12	10	12	11
9	Seldom	12	11	11	11	13	10	11	11	11	9	10	8	8	6
*	(VOL) Other	1	1	*	*	1	5	*	1	*	0	1	1	1	2
5	(VOL) Never vote	4	6	3	6	8	1	5	5	3	3	8	6	6	9
$\frac{*}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$