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National Survey on the Public's Attitudes towards HIV/AIDS in the US and the World

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Methodology

The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership that began in 1995 as an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. Researchers at the *Washington Post*, Kaiser, and Harvard jointly design and analyze surveys examining public knowledge, perceptions, and misperceptions on major issues. The *Washington Post* then reports the results as well as facts to dispel myths and misperceptions. Our hope is that this project contributes to a better understanding of public knowledge on major issues facing the country as well as more effective efforts by the media to educate, inform, and engage citizens in national debates.

The results of this survey on the public's attitudes towards HIV/AIDS in the US and the world are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,402 respondents aged 18 or older. The survey also included an oversample of 100 African Americans and 101 Latinos (results are weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation). Respondents had the option to complete the interview in either Spanish or English. The survey was conducted by telephone between June 13 and 23, 2002. The margin of error for responses based on total respondents is +/-3 percentage points; for responses based on half-sample, it is +/-4 percentage points; for white non-Hispanic respondents, it is +/-3 percentage points; for African Americans, it is +/-8 percentage points; and for Latinos, it is +/-9 percentage points. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Fieldwork was conducted by PSRA/Princeton Survey Research Associates of Princeton, New Jersey.

The survey also included two additional questions asked separately by telephone June 21 to June 25, 2002 among a nationally representative sample of 1,014 respondents 18 years of age and older. These questions appear at the end of this topline report. The fieldwork for these questions was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, PA.

Representatives of *The Washington Post*, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. Each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name. The project team included Richard Morin, *The Washington Post* director of polling and Claudia Deane, assistant director of polling; Drew E. Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, Mollyann Brodie, vice president and director of public opinion and media research, and Annie Steffenson, senior research associate; and Robert J. Blendon, professor of health policy and political analysis at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard School of Public Health, and John M. Benson, deputy director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program in the Harvard School of Public Health.

Copies of the survey topline publication #3247 are available online at www.kff.org, or by calling the Foundation's publications request line at 1-800-656-4533.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

Current				
<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
68	73	40	61	Approve
19	16	40	19	Disapprove
12	9	18	21	Don't know/No opinion
1	1	2	0	NA/Refused

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

Current				
<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
49	51	41	50	Approve
31	30	40	29	Disapprove
19	18	18	21	Don't know/No opinion
1	1	2	0	NA/Refused

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives is handling his or her job?

Current				
<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
62	65	56	61	Approve
17	16	24	12	Disapprove
20	18	18	26	Don't know/No opinion
1	1	2	1	NA/Refused

- 4a. What do you think is the MOST urgent problem facing this nation TODAY? (**OPEN-END. WAIT FOR REPLY BEFORE PROBE**) Is there another problem you think is almost as urgent? (**RECORD UP TO 3 RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION**)

Based on Form 1

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>			
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
36	37	28	37	Terrorism/War
18	18	10	12	Economy/Stock market
14	14	12	13	Homeland/National Security
12	12	18	10	World situation/Foreign policy
10	9	10	13	Education
9	8	9	6	Health care/insurance/access/cost
7	4	15	12	Unemployment
6	6	6	5	Problems in Government/Politics
4	4	4	7	Hunger/Poverty/Homelessness
3	2	5	2	Concern/Care of children and senior citizens
3	3	5	0	Moral decline/Lack of values
3	4	1	0	Environment/Pollution
2	2	4	3	Crime/Violence
2	2	2	3	Drug Abuse
2	1	0	3	Immigration
1	1	3	1	Civil Rights/Racism
12	11	10	17	Other
8	8	11	7	Don't know/Refused
(682)	(465)	(102)	(91)	

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

- 4b. Now, thinking specifically about health... What do you think is the MOST urgent health problem facing this nation TODAY? **OPEN-END. PROBE:** Is there another health problem you think is almost as urgent? (**RECORD UP TO 3 RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION**)

Based on Form 1

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>11/00</u>				<u>10/97</u>		
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>
27	24	41	28	Cancer	35	35	41	37	38	36	24
19	20	10	12	Health care-cost	10	11	3	4	10	4	5
18	18	8	19	Health insurance/ The uninsured	9	10	8	5	9	4	4
17	13	35	30	AIDS or HIV	26	23	41	40	38	52	50
9	8	3	18	Health care-access	4	5	3	2	5	3	3
8	7	10	3	Heart Disease	11	11	14	9	16	13	7
7	3	22	12	Diabetes	4	3	7	11	2	3	4
7	9	1	5	Senior citizens care	4	5	2	1	2	*	2
6	5	17	2	Other specific disease	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
5	6	1	5	Drugs	2	2	2	10	5	6	11
5	5	4	5	Obesity	2	2	*	2	2	1	1
3	4	1	2	Smoking/Cigarettes	2	2	3	3	3	1	1
1	1	0	1	Hunger/ Malnutrition	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	1	1	2	STDs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
16	16	13	17	Other	16	15	16	16	14	10	10
9	11	4	6	Don't know/ Refused	9	8	10	14	8	8	12
(682)	(465)	(102)	(91)		(1320)	(778)	(221)	(246)	(1205)	(811)	(802)

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

5a. What do you think is the MOST urgent problem facing the world TODAY? (**OPEN-END. WAIT FOR REPLY BEFORE PROBE**) Is there another problem you think is almost as urgent? (**RECORD UP TO 3 RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION**)

Based on Form 2

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>			
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
42	44	30	36	Terrorism/War
27	27	29	19	World situation/Foreign policy
13	11	16	12	Economy/Distribution of wealth
10	9	12	5	Hunger/Poverty/Homelessness
6	6	6	3	Health care/insurance/access/cost
5	5	8	3	Education
5	5	8	2	Homeland/National Security
5	5	4	7	Moral decline/Lack of values
4	4	1	5	Crime/Violence
3	2	4	6	Drug Abuse
3	4	2	1	Environment/Pollution
3	3	1	4	Problems in Government/Politics
3	3	8	2	Unemployment
2	2	2	4	Concern/Care of children and senior citizens care
2	2	3	2	Racism/Human rights
1	1	0	1	Immigration
1	1	1	*	Overpopulation
11	12	11	6	Other
5	4	7	8	Don't know/Refused
(720)	(489)	(103)	(95)	

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

- 5b. What do you think is the MOST urgent HEALTH problem facing the world TODAY?
(OPEN-END. PROBE): Is there another health problem you think is almost as urgent?
(RECORD UP TO 3 RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION)

Based on Form 2

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>11/00</u>			
					<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>
35	35	38	38	Cancer	35	35	41	32
33	30	47	37	AIDS or HIV	37	35	49	41
11	13	4	10	Hunger/Malnutrition	6	7	2	8
10	11	5	7	Health care-cost	7	7	8	3
9	9	8	9	Heart Disease	12	13	14	6
8	8	7	9	Health insurance/ The uninsured	5	5	2	7
7	7	11	5	Other specific disease	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
6	4	9	7	Health care-access	3	3	1	3
5	3	9	7	Diabetes	4	4	3	8
4	5	2	3	Drugs	3	3	*	4
4	4	4	7	Senior citizens care	2	3	*	2
2	1	4	2	STDs	2	1	3	1
19	19	14	20	Other	16	16	14	18
7	7	3	12	Don't know/Refused	9	8	9	12
(720)	(489)	(103)	(95)		(1363)	(764)	(210)	(303)

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

6. Turning to the issue of foreign aid, do you think the United States is now spending too little on foreign aid, about the right amount, or too much on foreign aid?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>2/02¹</u>	<u>2/01²</u>
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>GP</u>	<u>GP</u>
8	6	13	14	Too little	8	9
22	23	22	23	Right amount	34	32
56	57	55	45	Too much	54	53
14	14	10	19	Don't know/Refused	4	6

1 Trend from Gallup poll conducted 2/4/02-2/6/02, sample size 1011 U.S. adults.

2 Trend from Gallup poll conducted 2/1/01-2/4/01, sample size 1003 U.S. adults.

7. Now I am going to read you a list of some things people say are potential threats to the quality of life here in the United States. As I read each one, please tell me how serious a threat you think it is to the quality of life here. (First) what about...**(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE?)**

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Is this a very serious threat, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a serious threat at all to the quality of life here in the United States?

	<u>Very Serious</u>	<u>Somewhat Serious</u>	<u>Not too Serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. AIDS in other countries					
Total:	43	37	14	3	3
White:	39	41	14	3	3
Black:	64	23	9	3	1
Latino:	56	20	15	4	5
<i>Items b-e Based on Form 1</i>					
b. Conflict between Israel and the Palestinians					
Total:	57	29	5	4	5
White:	57	30	6	3	4
Black:	55	25	4	8	9
Latino:	60	24	2	5	8
c. Environmental problems like global warming					
Total:	38	37	13	6	6
White:	33	40	15	7	6
Black:	51	27	12	0	9
Latino:	58	28	3	3	8
d. The spread of nuclear weapons					
Total:	66	22	7	2	3
White:	63	25	7	1	3
Black:	81	10	5	4	1
Latino:	78	11	1	2	9

Question 7 continued...

e. Terrorism

Total:	81	15	2	1	1
White:	81	15	2	1	1
Black:	85	13	2	0	0
Latino:	82	5	4	2	7

Items f-i Based on Form 2:

f. Conflict between India and Pakistan

Total:	57	26	9	3	5
White:	57	28	9	3	4
Black:	60	18	11	2	9
Latino:	59	20	11	1	10

g. Widespread poverty in developing countries

Total:	40	38	13	6	4
White:	36	41	14	4	4
Black:	53	31	11	4	1
Latino:	48	37	4	6	5

h. Anti-American sentiments in the Muslim world

Total:	61	22	6	3	7
White:	63	22	6	3	7
Black:	53	25	12	4	7
Latino:	59	20	5	4	13

i. Bioterrorism

Total:	74	17	4	1	3
White:	75	18	3	1	2
Black:	79	14	5	0	2
Latino:	73	16	3	0	8

8. Now I have some questions specifically about AIDS and H-I-V, the virus that causes AIDS... Thinking about the way the problem of HIV/AIDS affects THIS COUNTRY today, do you think the problem is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the country is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the country is LOSING GROUND?

9a. Would you say A LOT of progress or A LITTLE progress?

9b. Would you say A LOT of ground or A LITTLE ground?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>3/02³</u>	<u>10/97⁴</u>	<u>12/95⁵</u>	<u>3/94⁶</u>
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>GP</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GP</u>
20	20	19	21	About the same	25	14	15	22
49	51	35	45	Country making progress	37	52	32	23
17	17	13	17	A lot of progress				
30	32	22	26	A little progress				
2	2	0	2	Don't know/Refused				
26	23	43	28	Country losing ground	23	27	48	49
14	11	24	15	A lot of ground				
11	10	18	13	A little ground				
1	1	1	*	Don't know/Refused				
6	6	3	6	Don't know/Refused	15	7	5	6

10. In general, do you think the federal government spends TOO MUCH money on HIV/AIDS, TOO LITTLE money, or ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT?

Based on Form 1

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>Total</u>	<u>11/00</u>			<u>GP</u>	<u>10/97</u>	
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>			<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>
7	8	8	1	Too much money	5	5	1	9	8	4	17
39	36	52	49	Too little money	55	53	76	48	51	66	44
39	40	26	40	About right	25	25	13	35	32	23	31
15	16	14	9	Don't know/Refused	15	16	11	9	9	7	8
(682)	(465)	(102)	(91)		(1320)	(778)	(221)	(246)	(598)	(406)	(401)

3 Trend from Pew Research Center poll conducted 3/14/02-3/19/02, sample size 1048 U.S. adults.

4 Trend from Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted 9/17/97-10/19/97, sample size 1205 U.S. adults.

5 Trend from Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted 11/27/95-12/17/95, sample size 1511 U.S. adults.

6 Trend from Pew Research Center poll conducted 3/16/94-3/21/94, sample size 2001 U.S. adults.

11. Compared with the amount of money the federal government spends on other health problems, such as heart disease and cancer, do you think federal spending on HIV/AIDS is too HIGH, too LOW, or ABOUT RIGHT?

Based on Form 2

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>11/01</u> ⁷	<u>Total</u>	<u>11/00</u>			<u>GP</u>	<u>10/97</u>	
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>GP</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>
11	12	8	9	Too high	8	8	8	2	13	11	7	16
29	24	55	36	Too low	40	43	41	62	41	40	54	35
42	45	26	41	About right	40	30	31	23	33	35	29	37
18	20	12	14	Don't know/Refused	12	19	20	13	13	14	10	12
(720)	(489)	(103)	(95)		(2000)	(1363)	(764)	(210)	(303)	(607)	(405)	(401)

12. Now thinking about the issue of HIV/AIDS in countries outside the United States and the AIDS problem worldwide... Which ONE of the following two statements comes CLOSER to your views...**(READ AND ROTATE):**

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
67	67	72	71	The HIV/AIDS problem worldwide is best described as "an epidemic."
				OR...
28	27	26	27	HIV/AIDS is a serious problem, but it is an exaggeration to call it "an epidemic."
5	6	2	2	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

13. Which ONE of the following parts of the world today do you think has been hardest hit with HIV/AIDS? Is it... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)? INTERVIEWERS NOTE: IF R ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION, SAY: "I mean the region where the largest share of the population is affected."**

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
78	80	78	61	Africa (or)
8	7	11	16	The United States (or)
2	2	1	1	Latin America (or)
2	1	2	9	Asia (or)
1	1	2	1	Eastern Europe (or)
8	9	6	13	Don't know (DO NOT READ)
*	*	0	0	Refused (DO NOT READ)

7 Trend from Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted 2/29/00-5/16/00, sample size 2000 U.S. adults.

14. Thinking about the way the problem of HIV/AIDS affects the world today, do you think the problem is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the world today is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the world today is LOSING GROUND?

15a. Would you say A LOT of progress or A LITTLE progress?

15b. Would you say A LOT of ground or A LITTLE ground?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
15	16	12	15	About the same
35	34	39	41	World making progress
9	7	14	18	A lot of progress
25	26	24	21	A little progress
1	1	1	2	Don't know/Refused
45	45	44	38	World losing ground
24	23	28	22	A lot of ground
20	21	16	15	A little ground
1	1	1	1	Don't know/Refused
5	5	5	6	Don't know/Refused

16a. Next, thinking about U.S. spending on foreign aid to deal with the problem of HIV/AIDS in developing countries such as those in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Do you think the U.S. is now spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on foreign aid to deal with the HIV/AIDS problem in developing countries?

Based on Form 1

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
20	21	18	13	Too much
25	21	38	38	Too little
35	37	32	31	Right amount
19	21	11	18	Don't know/Refused
(682)	(465)	(102)	(91)	

- 16b. Next, thinking about U.S. spending to deal with the problem of HIV/AIDS in developing countries such as those in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Do you think the U.S. is now spending too much, too little, or about the right amount to deal with the HIV/AIDS problem in developing countries?

Based on Form 2

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
16	17	11	18	Too much
31	25	56	36	Too little
34	36	27	28	Right amount
20	22	7	18	Don't know/Refused
(720)	(489)	(103)	(95)	

17. As you may know, the U.S. currently spends about one billion dollars to combat AIDS in developing countries. Would you favor or oppose doubling this amount, or do you feel you don't know enough about this to say?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
14	11	15	26	Favor
26	30	12	15	Oppose
59	58	72	56	Don't know enough to say
1	1	*	4	Don't know/Refused

18. Please tell me how much of a priority you think each of the following should be for U.S. spending on health care in Africa. (First,) what about...**(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Should this be a high priority, a moderate priority, a low priority, or not a priority at all for U.S. spending on health care in Africa?

	<u>High Priority</u>	<u>Moderate Priority</u>	<u>Low Priority</u>	<u>Not a priority at all</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	
a. HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment						
	Total:	51	32	8	6	3
	White:	48	34	9	7	3
	Black:	69	21	6	1	2
	Latino:	55	31	5	6	3

Question 18 continued...

b. Dealing with diseases like malaria and tuberculosis	Total:	40	39	10	6	4
	White:	37	41	11	7	4
	Black:	51	32	9	4	4
	Latino:	47	33	10	6	5
c. Providing family planning and population control	Total:	48	27	12	10	4
	White:	47	26	12	11	4
	Black:	46	27	15	9	2
	Latino:	55	29	7	7	2
d. Insuring that people have access to clean water	Total:	69	19	6	4	2
	White:	66	21	7	5	2
	Black:	83	11	5	1	0
	Latino:	74	15	4	6	2
e. Dealing with problems caused by hunger	Total:	59	27	7	5	3
	White:	56	29	8	4	3
	Black:	73	21	3	2	1
	Latino:	65	20	5	8	2

19. Which of the following do you think should be the MOST important priority for U.S spending on health care in Africa?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
23	22	27	23	Dealing with problems caused by hunger
21	20	24	25	Insuring that people have access to clean water
16	18	5	14	HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment
16	14	25	15	Providing family planning and population control
4	4	4	6	Dealing with diseases like malaria and tuberculosis
15	17	9	12	None of these
6	6	7	4	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

20. How serious a problem do you think AIDS in Africa is today? Is it...(READ)

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
72	71	83	69	Very serious
17	18	10	17	Somewhat serious
1	1	2	0	Not too serious, OR
1	*	1	2	Not serious at all
9	10	4	11	Don't know Refused (DO NOT READ)

21. Thinking about the AIDS situation in Africa, do you think Africans have put the worst of the problem behind them, or do you think the worst is yet to come?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
13	11	18	21	Worst is behind them
67	67	72	62	Worst is yet to come
20	22	10	17	Don't know Refused (DO NOT READ)

22. In general, do you think that spending more money on HIV/AIDS PREVENTION in Africa will lead to meaningful progress, OR that spending more money won't make much difference?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
40	34	62	60	Will lead to meaningful progress
47	52	27	32	Won't make much difference
5	5	8	4	It depends (VOL.)
8	9	3	4	Don't know Refused (DO NOT READ)

23. Now I will mention some things that may or may not be reasons why it has been difficult to control the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. For each, please tell me if you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason. (First) what about...**(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)**?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason (why it has been so difficult to control the spread of AIDS in Africa)?

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Not enough money from the U.S. and other developed countries to fund prevention and treatment programs				
Total:	25	46	21	8
White:	21	49	22	8
Black:	50	36	10	4
Latino:	30	43	19	8
b. African governments not doing enough themselves to fight AIDS				
Total:	74	13	3	10
White:	75	12	3	11
Black:	74	14	4	9
Latino:	65	21	7	7
c. Unwillingness of people to change their unsafe sexual practices				
Total:	82	10	3	5
White:	84	8	2	6
Black:	78	15	4	4
Latino:	80	11	5	4
d. Drug use				
Total:	49	26	9	16
White:	49	26	9	16
Black:	53	24	11	12
Latino:	50	29	9	12
e. Widespread poverty				
Total:	65	23	8	5
White:	65	23	7	4
Black:	68	20	8	4
Latino:	60	22	12	6

24. Which of the following do you think is the MOST important reason why it has been difficult to control the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
42	44	35	36	Unwillingness of people to change their unsafe sexual practices
22	22	24	20	African governments not doing enough themselves to fight AIDS
19	19	20	19	Widespread poverty
5	5	4	6	Drug use
3	1	13	5	Not enough money from the U.S. and other developed countries to fund prevention and treatment programs
3	2	2	7	None of these
6	6	3	6	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

25. Now I'm going to read you two statements and ask whether you agree or disagree with each. Here's the (first/next) one...**(INSERT—READ AND ROTATE)** (Do you agree or disagree?)

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. The U.S. should address problems at home first rather than spending more money to deal with the HIV/AIDS epidemic in developing countries.			
Total:	78	18	5
White:	78	18	4
Black:	81	17	2
Latino:	74	16	9
b. The United States is a global leader and has a responsibility to spend more money to help fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in developing countries.			
Total:	44	51	5
White:	41	54	5
Black:	58	40	2
Latino:	44	46	10

25c. Which of these two statements do you agree with MORE STRONGLY? **(READ AND ROTATE)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
71	72	71	67	The U.S. should address problems at home first rather than spending more money to deal with the HIV/AIDS epidemic in developing countries. (or)
22	21	22	26	The United States is a global leader and has a responsibility to spend more money to help fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in developing countries. (or)
3	3	4	2	Disagree with both
4	3	3	5	Don't know Refused (DO NOT READ)

26. Do you think HIV/AIDS prevention programs will make a lot of difference, some difference, not much difference, or no difference at all in reducing the spread of the virus in developing countries?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
30	25	46	51	A lot of difference
48	52	39	30	Some difference
13	14	9	9	Not much difference
6	5	3	7	No difference at all
3	4	2	2	Don't know/Refused

26a. In your opinion, which ONE of the following do you think is the BIGGER reason why it has been difficult to control the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa... **(READ AND ROTATE):**

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
74	76	60	73	African governments have not effectively used the money they have to fund HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs. OR...
10	7	26	11	The U.S. and other developed countries have not given African governments enough money to fund HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs.
17	17	14	16	Don't know Refused (DO NOT READ)

27. Please tell me how likely you think it is that each of the following will happen as a result of the HIV/AIDS problem. (First,) what about...**(INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE)**?

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Is this very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely to happen as a result of the HIV/AIDS problem?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Uncontrolled spread of the disease worldwide					
Total:	37	40	16	3	4
White:	34	42	17	3	4
Black:	52	30	14	1	3
Hispanic	50	35	5	5	4
b. Large numbers of refugees trying to enter the United States to escape problems in their own countries					
Total:	46	32	13	6	4
White:	44	33	13	6	4
Black:	56	25	12	4	3
Hispanic	53	30	9	8	0
c. Damage to the U.S. economy					
Total:	21	33	29	11	6
White:	19	32	32	11	6
Black:	31	31	25	9	4
Hispanic	24	39	16	14	7
d. Collapse of governments in countries affected by AIDS					
Total:	21	34	27	11	7
White:	19	35	30	10	6
Black:	31	30	21	13	5
Hispanic	31	29	21	11	8

28. In general, do you think the news media are paying too much attention to HIV/AIDS, not enough attention, or about the right amount of attention?

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
7	8	6	5	Too much
40	35	59	49	Too little
48	52	32	44	Right amount
5	6	3	2	Don't know/Refused

29. Please tell me whether you think the following statement about AIDS is true or false – OR if you don't know whether it's true or false: “There is no cure for AIDS at present.”

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>Total</u>	<u>11/00⁸</u>			<u>10/97⁹</u>	<u>1992¹⁰</u>
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>			<u>GP</u>	<u>GP</u>			
71	73	56	68	True	89	91	81	85	86	93
15	14	25	18	False	8	7	12	10	11	2
14	13	18	14	Don't know/ Refused	3	2	7	5	3	5
					(1320)	(778)	(221)	(246)		

30a. Do you expect we will discover a cure for AIDS in the next 10 years, or not?

Based on Form 1 respondents who don't think there is a cure for AIDS

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
58	58	59	66	Yes
29	28	32	22	No
13	14	9	12	Don't know/Refused
(588)	(408)	(80)	(79)	

8 Trend based on ½ sample, sample size 1320.

9 Trend from Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted 9/17/97-10/19/97, sample size 1205 U.S. adults.

10 Trend from National Center for Health Statistics conducted 1/1/92-12/31/92, sample size 20,974.

30b. Do you expect we will discover a cure for AIDS in your lifetime?

Based on Form 2 respondents who don't think there is a cure for AIDS

<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>	
59	60	59	55	Yes
32	32	33	35	No
9	8	8	10	Don't know/Refused
(594)	(417)	(71)	(77)	

31. Turning now to the impact of HIV/AIDS in your own life, how serious a problem do you think AIDS is for people you know? Is it...(READ)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Current</u>				<u>Total</u>	<u>11/00</u>			<u>GP</u>	<u>10/97</u>	
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>			<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>		<u>Black</u>	<u>Latino</u>
22	15	44	45	A very serious problem	25	19	35	54	34	56	67
19	18	19	13	A somewhat serious problem	15	14	17	15	19	16	14
20	23	10	15	Not too serious a problems	17	18	18	11	17	9	8
36	41	24	19	Not a serious problem at all	39	44	27	16	25	12	9
4	3	3	8	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	4	3	4	5	7	2

32. Bearing in mind the different ways people can be infected with HIV, how concerned are you PERSONALLY about becoming infected with HIV? Are you...(READ)

Total	Current				Total	11/00			GP	10/97	
	White	Black	Latino			White	Black	Latino		Black	Latino
18	11	43	32	Very concerned	19	14	37	34	24	50	46
15	15	12	19	Somewhat concerned	18	19	19	19	17	16	18
21	23	18	16	Not too concerned	22	23	17	17	21	16	18
46	51	27	32	Not at all concerned	39	44	27	29	38	17	18
*	0	*	0	Already have AIDS/HIV (VOL.)	*	*	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	1	*	1	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	*	*	*	*	1	*

33. As I read you some statements about AIDS, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one. Here's the (first/next) one...(READ AND ROTATE)

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. In general, it's people's own fault if they get AIDS.			
Total:	40	55	4
White:	40	55	5
Black:	40	57	3
Latino:	48	48	4
GP 10/97 ¹¹ :	40	57	3
GP 5/91:	33	63	4
GP 11/87:	51	44	5
b. I sometimes think that AIDS is a punishment for the decline in moral standards			
Total:	26	70	4
White:	25	71	4
Black:	31	64	5
Latino:	27	72	2
GP 10/97:	31	66	3
GP 5/91:	34	62	4
GP 11/87:	43	50	7

11 Trends for this question: 1997 figures from Gallup/CNN survey, 872 U.S. adults; 1991 figures from Gallup survey, 1014 U.S. adults; 1987 figures from Gallup survey, 1569 U.S. adults.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX:

- 47 Male
- 53 Female

D2. Now I have a few final questions so we can describe the people who took part in this survey... What is your religion -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church, or some other religion?

D3. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

D4. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

- 60 Total Protestant/Christian
- 32 Evangelical
- 28 Non-evangelical
- 24 Roman Catholic
- 2 Jewish
- 1 Mormon
- 1 Orthodox Church
- 4 Other religion
- 8 No religion/Atheist/Agnostic (VOL.)
- 1 Don't know/Refused

D5. In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or Independent?

- 29 Republican
- 34 Democrat
- 30 Independent
- 1 Other party (VOL.)
- 3 No party/Not interested in politics (VOL.)
- 1 Don't know
- 1 Refused

D6. Would you say your views in most political matters are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

- 7 Very liberal
- 21 Somewhat liberal
- 31 Moderate
- 26 Somewhat conservative
- 10 Very conservative
- 4 Don't know
- 1 Refused

D7. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

- 80 Yes, registered to vote
- 19 No, not registered to vote
- * Don't have to register (**VOL.**)
- * Don't know/Refused

D8. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November election for U.S. Congress from your district. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, or are the chances 50-50 or less that you will vote?

- 55 Absolutely certain
- 22 Probably will vote
- 21 50-50 or less
- 2 Don't know/Refused

D9. As you may know, around half the public does not vote in presidential elections. How about you—did you vote in the presidential election in 2000, when George W. Bush ran against Al Gore, Ralph Nader, and Pat Buchanan, or did you skip that one?

- 71 Yes, voted
- 29 No, did not vote
- 1 Don't know/Refused

D10. Thinking back to the election for U.S. Congress four years ago in November 1998, did things come up to keep you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

- 60 Yes, voted
- 35 No, did not vote
- 5 Don't know/Refused

D11. What is the last grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

- 3 None, or grade 1 to 8
- 11 High school incomplete (grade 9-11)
- 33 High school graduate
- 3 Business, technical or vocational school after high school
- 24 Some college, but no four-year degree
- 15 College graduate, four-year degree
- 10 Post-graduate or professional schooling after college
- * Don't know
- * Refused

D12. What is your age?

- 20 18-29
- 42 30-49
- 21 50-64
- 16 65 or older
- 1 Don't know/Refused

D13. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

D14. Is your background mainly Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican or some other Latin American nationality? **(PROBE BEFORE ACCEPTING A MIXED OR A NON-HISPANIC NATIONALITY: What ONE Hispanic or Latino nationality do you MOST identify with?)**

D15. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? **IF R SAYS "HISPANIC" OR "LATINO" ASK: Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino? THEN CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF R REFUSES TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, CODE AS OTHER (4)**

- 73 White, non-Hispanic
- 11 Black, non-Hispanic
- 10 Hispanic/Latino background
- 6 Mexican
- 1 Puerto Rican
- * Cuban
- * Dominican
- 2 Other/Mixed **(VOL.)**
- * Don't know/Refused
- 2 Asian
- 2 Other/Mixed race **(VOL.)**
- 1 Don't know/Refused

D16. Last year, that is in 2001, what was your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

- 6 Less than \$10,000
- 11 \$10,000 to under \$20,000
- 12 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
- 12 \$30,000 to under \$40,000
- 9 \$40,000 to under \$50,000
- 17 \$50,000 to under \$75,000
- 19 \$75,000 or more
- 5 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D17a. Again, this is a confidential survey and no information will be shared by anyone without your consent. Reporters from THE WASHINGTON POST may want to call people in our survey back to talk about some of the issues we discussed in this survey. Would you be willing to talk with a reporter at a later date?

- 59 Yes
- 40 No
- 1 Don't know/Refused

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(ASK WP-1 OF HALF SAMPLE)

WP-1. Would you favor or oppose the federal government spending \$500 million over three years in Africa and elsewhere in the world on programs to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS from mothers to infants?

Base: One-half of Total Respondents (n=507)

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
6/25/02	71	21	8
Republican	60	29	11
Democrat	75	19	5
Independent	77	20	4

(ASK WP-2. OF HALF SAMPLE)

WP-2. As you may know, President Bush has proposed spending \$500 million over three years in Africa and elsewhere in the world on programs to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS from mothers to infants. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base: One-half of Total Respondents (n=507)

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
6/25/02	74	19	7
Republican	75	17	8
Democrat	83	13	4
Independent	68	24	8



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