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# **National Survey on Poverty in America**

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# Poverty in America

## Methodology

The National Public Radio/Kaiser Family Foundation/Kennedy School of Government Survey about Poverty in America is part of an ongoing project of National Public Radio, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Representatives of the three sponsors worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and to analyze the results, with NPR maintaining sole editorial control over its broadcasts on the surveys. The project team includes:

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The results of this project are based on a telephone survey conducted in English and Spanish between January 4 and February 27, 2001 among a nationally random representative sample of 1952 respondents 18 years of age and older. There was an oversample of 546 respondents who were identified as having an income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Overall the sample included 294 respondents having an income of less than 100% of the federal poverty level, 613 having an income of between 100% and 200% of the federal poverty level, and 1,045 with an income above 200% of the federal poverty level. The results for all groups are weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation. The fieldwork was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research. The results for all groups are weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.2 percentage points for total respondents, plus or minus 7.5 percentage points for those with an income of less than 100% of the federal poverty level, plus or minus 5.4 percentage points for those with an income of between 100% and 200% of the federal poverty level, and plus or minus 2.6 percentage points for those with an income above 200% of the federal poverty level. For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of error is higher.

When interpreting these findings, keep in mind that because this was a telephone survey, it under-represents groups less likely to have telephones, such as people with very low incomes.

*As shown, some questions were asked only of subsets of respondents (e.g., people who said they knew about the new welfare law). The tables identify whether the results reflect percentages of the overall population or percentages of a subset. In some cases results for particular income-level subgroups are not shown because there were too few respondents on which to report. An asterisk (\*) indicates a response of less than 1%. Question numbers are not always in numerical order, but all questions appear in the order they were asked of respondents.*

## I. General Background

(Results for total respondents)

### 1. What do you think are the two most important issues for the government to address?

|  | Total | <100% | 100-200% | 200%+ |
|--|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Healthcare (Net)   | 21    | 14    | 22       | 21    |
| Healthcare/healthcare reform                               | 15    | 10    | 13       | 16    |
| Medicare   | 4     | 1     | 5        | 3     |
| Prescription drug costs are too high                       | 3     | 2     | 5        | 3     |
| Other healthcare   | 1     | *     | *        | 1     |
| Economical (Net)   | 26    | 30    | 24       | 26    |
| The economy  | 11    | 10    | 4        | 13    |
| Better wages/increase minimum wage                         | 2     | 5     | 3        | 2     |
| Unemployment/create more jobs                              | 4     | 7     | 8        | 2     |
| Poverty/more help for the poor/homeless                    | 6     | 6     | 6        | 6     |
| Welfare/welfare reform                                     | 3     | 4     | 4        | 3     |
| Housing/better housing for low income                      | 1     | 2     | 1        | 1     |
| Other economical   | *     | 1     | *        | *     |
| Governmental/Political Issues (Net)                        | 20    | 14    | 15       | 22    |
| The election process/revamping the voting process          | 2     | 2     | 1        | 2     |
| National budget/deficit/reducing the nation's deficit      | 4     | 3     | 2        | 4     |
| Foreign policy/foreign relations                           | 3     | 3     | 2        | 4     |
| World peace/peace in the Middle East                       | 2     | *     | 1        | 2     |
| Military/national defense/strengthen our country's defense | 6     | 2     | 5        | 7     |
| Campaign finance reform                                    | 1     | *     | 1        | 1     |
| Honesty in Government                                      | 1     | 1     | 1        | 1     |
| Keep Government out of our lives                           | 1     | 1     | --       | 1     |
| Other Governmental/political issues                        | 2     | 2     | 3        | 2     |
| Unlawful (net)   | 12    | 12    | 11       | 12    |
| Crime/violence   | 5     | 6     | 5        | 5     |
| Drug problems  | 4     | 6     | 3        | 3     |
| Gun control/gun laws                                       | 3     | 1     | 3        | 3     |
| Racism/civil rights  | 1     | 1     | 2        | 1     |
| Other unlawful   | *     | 1     | *        | *     |

| Miscellaneous (Net)  | 63 | 55 | 64 | 64 |
|--|----|----|----|----|
| Education/school system/better schooling                           | 28 | 21 | 29 | 29 |
| Taxes/tax reform   | 20 | 10 | 18 | 22 |
| Social Security  | 12 | 12 | 14 | 12 |
| Environmental issues/lack of concern for the environment/pollution | 3  | 1  | 2  | 4  |
| Utility rates/gas, electric, and oil rates                         | 3  | 4  | 3  | 3  |
| Abortion issues  | 4  | 2  | 4  | 4  |
| Moral values   | 2  | 3  | 2  | 2  |
| Immigration/illegal alien issues (general)                         | 2  | 5  | 4  | 1  |
| Senior citizens/more help for the elderly                          | 3  | 5  | 3  | 3  |
| Energy crisis  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| Childcare/childcare reform   | 1  | 1  | 2  | 1  |
| Other  | 6  | 7  | 4  | 6  |
| Don't know   | 9  | 17 | 11 | 8  |
| Nothing  | 1  | *  | *  | 1  |

(Results for total respondents)

2. How big a problem is poverty in our society today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

|          | ---BIG/SOMEWHAT PROBLEM--- |     |          | --SMALL/NOT A PROBLEM- |       |     | Don't know |
|----------|----------------------------|-----|----------|------------------------|-------|-----|------------|
|          | NET                        | Big | Somewhat | NET                    | Small | Not |            |
| Total    | 88                         | 55  | 33       | 11                     | 8     | 2   | 1          |
| <100%    | 91                         | 67  | 24       | 7                      | 5     | 2   | 2          |
| 100-200% | 90                         | 63  | 27       | 9                      | 7     | 2   | *          |
| 200%+    | 87                         | 52  | 35       | 12                     | 9     | 2   | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

3. How satisfied are you with the way the economy is going these days – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

|          | -----SATISFIED----- |      |          | -----NOT SATISFIED----- |          |            | Don't know |
|----------|---------------------|------|----------|-------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
|          | NET                 | Very | Somewhat | NET                     | Not very | Not at all |            |
| Total    | 70                  | 14   | 57       | 29                      | 19       | 10         | 1          |
| <100%    | 57                  | 10   | 47       | 41                      | 22       | 19         | 2          |
| 100-200% | 62                  | 10   | 52       | 37                      | 23       | 14         | 1          |
| 200%+    | 74                  | 15   | 59       | 26                      | 17       | 8          | *          |

(Results for total respondents)

4. How would you rate your own financial situation today? Would you say it is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

|          | -----EXCELLENT/GOOD----- |           |      | -----FAIR/POOR----- |           |      | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------|---------------------|-----------|------|------------|
|          | NET                      | Excellent | Good | NET                 | Only fair | Poor |            |
| Total    | 50                       | 7         | 43   | 49                  | 38        | 11   | *          |
| <100%    | 16                       | 1         | 15   | 84                  | 44        | 40   | --         |
| 100-200% | 24                       | 2         | 22   | 75                  | 58        | 18   | *          |
| 200%+    | 60                       | 9         | 52   | 39                  | 33        | 6    | *          |

(Results for respondents who rate their own financial situation as excellent or good)

[Total =836 , <100% , 100-200% , 200%+ = too few respondents to report on]

5. Would you say you are doing well financially primarily because of your own effort and abilities, because of good luck, or because of things other people have done for you?

|       | My own efforts and abilities | Good luck | Things other people have done for me | Don't know |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total | 86                           | 3         | 9                                    | 2          |

(Results for respondents who rate their own financial situation as only fair or poor)

[Total =1105 , <100% =253, 100-200%= 465, 200%+ =387]

6. Would you say you are not doing so well financially because of something you yourself have done or failed to do, because of bad luck, or because of things other people have done to you?

|          | Something I have failed to do | Bad luck | Things other people have done to me | Don't know |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Total    | 43                            | 22       | 20                                  | 15         |
| <100%    | 34                            | 29       | 21                                  | 16         |
| 100-200% | 41                            | 24       | 20                                  | 15         |
| 200%+    | 46                            | 20       | 20                                  | 15         |

#### 4/5/6 Summary Table

|   | Total |
|---|-------|
| <b>Excellent/Good (NET)</b>                           | 50    |
| Because of my own efforts and abilities               | 43    |
| Because of good luck                                  | 2     |
| Because of things other people have done for me       | 4     |
| <b>Fair/Poor (NET)</b>                                | 49    |
| Because of something I have done or failed to do      | 20    |
| Because of bad luck                                   | 10    |
| Because of other things other people have done for me | 10    |
| <b>Don't know</b>                                     | *     |

## II. Why People Are Poor

(Results for total respondents)

8. In your opinion, which is the bigger cause of poverty today — that people are not doing enough to help themselves out of poverty, or that circumstances beyond their control cause them to be poor?

|          | People not doing enough | Circumstances | Both equal | Don't know |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total    | 48                      | 45            | NA         | 7          |
| <100%    | 39                      | 57            | NA         | 52         |
| 100-200% | 44                      | 46            | NA         | 10         |
| 200%+    | 50                      | 44            | NA         | 6          |

(Results for total respondents)

9. Now I have some more-detailed questions about poverty in America. Not everyone will have heard about all the issues I'm asking about. Please answer each question to the best of your knowledge, but if you're not sure about an answer, just say so. For each of the following, please tell me if this is a major cause of poverty, a minor cause of poverty, or not a cause at all. Is (READ FIRST ITEM) a major cause of poverty, a minor cause of poverty, or not a cause at all? How about (READ NEXT ITEMS)?

### Drug Abuse

|          | Major | Minor | Not a Cause | Don't know |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 70    | 24    | 5           | 2          |
| <100%    | 74    | 14    | 11          | 1          |
| 100-200% | 76    | 18    | 3           | 2          |
| 200%+    | 68    | 26    | 4           | 2          |

### Medical Bills

|          | Major | Minor | Not a Cause | Don't know |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 58    | 32    | 7           | 2          |
| <100%    | 71    | 21    | 6           | 2          |
| 100-200% | 68    | 23    | 7           | 2          |
| 200%+    | 54    | 35    | 8           | 3          |

### Too many jobs being part time or low wage

|          | Major | Minor | Not a Cause | Don't know |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 54    | 32    | 10          | 4          |
| <100%    | 70    | 20    | 7           | 3          |
| 100-200% | 61    | 25    | 9           | 5          |
| 200%+    | 50    | 36    | 11          | 3          |

**Too many single parent families**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 54           | 32           | 12                 | 2                 |
| <100%    | 64           | 22           | 10                 | 4                 |
| 100-200% | 59           | 27           | 10                 | 3                 |
| 200%+    | 52           | 35           | 12                 | 1                 |

**A shortage of jobs**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 34           | 41           | 23                 | 2                 |
| <100%    | 62           | 26           | 11                 | 1                 |
| 100-200% | 47           | 34           | 17                 | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 27           | 45           | 26                 | 2                 |

**The welfare system**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 46           | 37           | 11                 | 7                 |
| <100%    | 46           | 36           | 10                 | 7                 |
| 100-200% | 44           | 33           | 11                 | 11                |
| 200%+    | 47           | 37           | 11                 | 5                 |

**Too many immigrants**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 30           | 40           | 26                 | 4                 |
| <100%    | 42           | 32           | 21                 | 5                 |
| 100-200% | 38           | 33           | 22                 | 7                 |
| 200%+    | 27           | 42           | 28                 | 3                 |

**Poor people lacking motivation**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 52           | 35           | 9                  | 4                 |
| <100%    | 55           | 34           | 8                  | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 56           | 33           | 6                  | 5                 |
| 200%+    | 51           | 35           | 10                 | 4                 |

**Decline in moral values**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 57           | 29           | 12                 | 3                 |
| <100%    | 57           | 29           | 10                 | 4                 |
| 100-200% | 59           | 25           | 12                 | 4                 |
| 200%+    | 56           | 30           | 12                 | 2                 |



**Poor quality of public schools**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a Cause</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 47           | 36           | 13                 | 4                 |
| <100%    | 45           | 36           | 13                 | 6                 |
| 100-200% | 47           | 30           | 16                 | 8                 |
| 200%+    | 47           | 38           | 12                 | 3                 |

**(Results for respondents who mentioned more than one cause as major)**

**[Total =1869, <100% =288, 100-200%=587 , 200%+ =994]**

**9/9a Most Important Cause Summary: You mentioned (INSERT ITEMS [Q.9 = 1]) as major causes. Which one would you say is the MOST IMPORTANT CAUSE?**

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Drug abuse                                | 13           | 22              | 12              | 11           |
| Medical bills                             | 6            | 10              | 9               | 5            |
| Too many jobs being part time or low wage | 13           | 17              | 13              | 12           |
| Too many single-parent families           | 8            | 6               | 8               | 7            |
| A shortage of jobs                        | 6            | 10              | 7               | 5            |
| The welfare system                        | 6            | 3               | 5               | 6            |
| Too many immigrants                       | 4            | 5               | 5               | 4            |
| Poor people lacking motivation            | 11           | 8               | 10              | 12           |
| Decline in moral values                   | 13           | 6               | 13              | 14           |
| Poor quality of public schools            | 16           | 9               | 12              | 17           |
| None of these                             | 1            | 1               | 2               | 1            |
| Don't know                                | 3            | 2               | 4               | 3            |
| No item a major cause                     | 2            | *               | 1               | 2            |

### III. Perceptions of Poor People

(Results for total respondents)

10. Do you think that most poor people in the United States are people who work but can't earn enough money, or people who don't work?

|          | Work | Don't work | Don't know |
|----------|------|------------|------------|
| Total    | 61   | 34         | 5          |
| <100%    | 70   | 28         | 2          |
| 100-200% | 61   | 33         | 6          |
| 200%+    | 60   | 34         | 5          |

(Results for total respondents)

11. Do you think poor people in this country are better off, worse off, or about the same as other Americans in terms of health care?

|          | Better off | Worse off | About the same | Don't know |
|----------|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Total    | 13         | 61        | 21             | 5          |
| <100%    | 14         | 56        | 27             | 2          |
| 100-200% | 14         | 53        | 27             | 6          |
| 200%+    | 13         | 63        | 19             | 5          |

(Results for total respondents)

12. In general, do you think poor people have higher, lower, or about the same moral values as other Americans?

|          | Higher | Lower | Same | Don't know |
|----------|--------|-------|------|------------|
| Total    | 8      | 21    | 67   | 5          |
| <100%    | 19     | 22    | 57   | 2          |
| 100-200% | 7      | 23    | 65   | 5          |
| 200%+    | 6      | 20    | 68   | 5          |

(Results for total respondents)

13. Do you think that poor people find it hard to get work, or do you think there are jobs available for anyone who is willing to work?

|          | Hard to get work | Jobs available | Don't know |
|----------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| Total    | 27               | 69             | 4          |
| <100%    | 44               | 50             | 6          |
| 100-200% | 29               | 68             | 3          |
| 200%+    | 25               | 72             | 3          |

(Results for total respondents)

14. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own views? (Rotate: Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return or poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently)

|          | Poor people have it easy | Poor people have hard lives | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total    | 46                       | 43                          | 11         |
| <100%    | 31                       | 59                          | 10         |
| 100-200% | 37                       | 51                          | 12         |
| 200%+    | 50                       | 39                          | 10         |

(Results for one half of total respondents)

15. I'd like to know what income level you think makes a family poor. Would you consider a family of four that makes (INSERT 1<sup>st</sup> AMOUNT) a year to be poor? How about (INSERT NEXT AMOUNT)? Would you consider a family of four making (INSERT AMOUNT) to be poor?

(Percentage answering YES to each level.)

|               | 2/01<br>Total | <100% | 100-<br>200% | 200%+ |
|---------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Not \$10,000* | 5             | 12    | 9            | 3     |
| \$10,000      | 95            | 88    | 91           | 97    |
| \$15,000      | 88            | 75    | 83           | 91    |
| \$20,000      | 64            | 39    | 50           | 71    |
| \$25,000      | 42            | 25    | 30           | 46    |
| \$30,000      | 20            | 12    | 14           | 22    |
| \$35,000      | 12            | 7     | 7            | 13    |
| \$40,000      | 6             | 4     | 3            | 7     |
| \$45,000      | 4             | 3     | 2            | 5     |
| \$50,000      | 2             | 2     | 1            | 2     |

\*This represents the group that said they did NOT consider a family of four making \$10,000 a year to be poor or said they did not know. That is 4% of total respondents said that they would not consider a family of four making \$10,000 a year to be poor and 1% either did not know or refused (DK/REF); 9% of those earning <100% of the federal poverty level said they would not consider a family of four making \$10,000 a year to be poor, and 3% said DK/REF. 8% of those earning 100-200% of the federal poverty level said they would not consider a family of four making \$10,000 a year to be poor and 1% said they did not know. 3% of those earning 200%+ of the federal poverty level said they would not consider a family making \$10,000 a year to be poor.

(Results for one half of total respondents)

16. I'd like to know what you think is the least amount of money a family of four can get by on in a year. Do you think a family of four could get by on (INSERT 1<sup>ST</sup> AMOUNT) a year? How about (INSERT NEXT AMOUNT)? Could a family of four get by on (INSERT AMOUNT)?

(Percentage answering NO to each level.)

|          | <b>2/01<br/>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-<br/>200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| \$10,000 | 91                    | 75              | 90                   | 93           |
| \$15,000 | 80                    | 53              | 69                   | 85           |
| \$20,000 | 50                    | 26              | 32                   | 57           |
| \$25,000 | 29                    | 11              | 15                   | 34           |
| \$30,000 | 14                    | 5               | 6                    | 17           |
| \$35,000 | 8                     | 2               | 3                    | 9            |
| \$40,000 | 4                     | *               | 2                    | 4            |
| \$45,000 | 2                     | *               | 1                    | 3            |
| \$50,000 | 1                     | *               | --                   | 1            |

## IV. Comparative Perspective

(Results for total respondents)

17. Compared with 10 years ago, do you think it is easier today or harder today for a person to start out poor, work hard, and to get out of poverty?

|          | Easier | Harder | Same | Don't know |
|----------|--------|--------|------|------------|
| Total    | 44     | 48     | NA   | 7          |
| <100%    | 34     | 62     | NA   | 4          |
| 100-200% | 34     | 59     | NA   | 7          |
| 200%+    | 48     | 44     | NA   | 8          |

(Results for total respondents)

17a. From what you know, what portion of poor people in this country do you think are African American? About a tenth, about a quarter, about half, or about three-quarters?

|          | A tenth | A quarter | Half | Three-quarters | Don't know |
|----------|---------|-----------|------|----------------|------------|
| Total    | 12      | 33        | 31   | 10             | 14         |
| <100%    | 9       | 26        | 36   | 20             | 10         |
| 100-200% | 9       | 31        | 33   | 10             | 17         |
| 200%+    | 13      | 34        | 30   | 9              | 14         |

## V. The Government's Role

(Results for total respondents)

19. In terms of the amount of money we as a country are spending on assistance to poor people, do you think we are spending too much, too little, or about the right amount?

|          | Too much | Too little | Right amount | Don't know |
|----------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Total    | 18       | 38         | 36           | 8          |
| <100%    | 12       | 47         | 32           | 9          |
| 100-200% | 14       | 39         | 37           | 10         |
| 200%+    | 20       | 36         | 36           | 7          |

(Results for total respondents)

20. If the government were willing to spend whatever it thought was necessary to eliminate poverty in the United States, do you think that this is something that could be accomplished, or not?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 47  | 49 | 4          |
| <100%    | 65  | 29 | 6          |
| 100-200% | 55  | 39 | 6          |
| 200%+    | 43  | 54 | 3          |

(Results for total respondents)

21. Do you think government programs that try to improve the condition of poor people in this country are generally making things better, are making things worse, or aren't having much impact one way or another?

|          | Making things better | Making things worse | Not much impact one way or the other | Don't know |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total    | 34                   | 13                  | 48                                   | 4          |
| <100%    | 43                   | 11                  | 44                                   | 2          |
| 100-200% | 35                   | 11                  | 48                                   | 6          |
| 200%+    | 33                   | 14                  | 49                                   | 4          |

(Results for respondents who think it is easier or harder than it was ten years ago for poor people to get out of poverty)

22. Earlier in this interview you said it's (easier/harder) than it was ten years ago for poor people to get out of poverty by working hard. How much (credit/blame) do you give the federal government for making it (easier/harder) — a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

**Easier: [Total =819, <100% =101, 100-200%= 215, 200%+ =503]**

|          | A lot | Some | Not much | None at all | Don't know |
|----------|-------|------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 15    | 51   | 21       | 12          | 2          |
| <100%    | 26    | 51   | 13       | 9           | 1          |
| 100-200% | 19    | 51   | 21       | 6           | 3          |
| 200%+    | 13    | 51   | 21       | 13          | 2          |

**Harder: [Total =1000, <100% =181, 100-200%= 362, 200%+ =457]**

|          | A lot | Some | Not much | None at all | Don't know |
|----------|-------|------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 26    | 47   | 15       | 8           | 4          |
| <100%    | 33    | 42   | 16       | 8           | 2          |
| 100-200% | 26    | 45   | 16       | 8           | 5          |
| 200%+    | 24    | 49   | 15       | 8           | 4          |

**17/22 Combined**

|                     | Total | <100% | 100-200% | 200%+ |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| <b>Easier (NET)</b> | 44    | 34    | 34       | 48    |
| A lot of credit     | 6     | 9     | 6        | 6     |
| Some credit         | 23    | 17    | 18       | 24    |
| Not much credit     | 9     | 4     | 7        | 10    |
| No credit at all    | 5     | 3     | 2        | 6     |
| <b>Harder (NET)</b> | 48    | 62    | 59       | 44    |
| A lot of blame      | 12    | 20    | 15       | 11    |
| Some blame          | 23    | 26    | 26       | 22    |
| Not much blame      | 7     | 10    | 9        | 7     |
| No blame at all     | 4     | 5     | 4        | 4     |
| <b>Don't know</b>   | 7     | 4     | 7        | 8     |

(Results for one half of total respondents)

[Total = 977 , <100% = 146, 100-200%= 308, 200%+ = 523]

23a. Here is a list of things the government could do to directly help the poor in America. Please tell me if you support or oppose each. Do you support or oppose (INSERT 1<sup>ST</sup> ITEM)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEMS)?

**Increasing the minimum wage**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 85             | 14            | 1                 |
| <100%    | 93             | 7             | *                 |
| 100-200% | 91             | 9             | *                 |
| 200%+    | 82             | 17            | 1                 |

**Increasing tax credits for low-income workers**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 80             | 17            | 3                 |
| <100%    | 80             | 17            | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 79             | 18            | 4                 |
| 200%+    | 81             | 16            | 3                 |

**Increasing cash assistance for families**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 54             | 40            | 6                 |
| <100%    | 75             | 22            | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 58             | 36            | 6                 |
| 200%+    | 51             | 43            | 7                 |

**Expanding subsidized daycare**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 85             | 12            | 4                 |
| <100%    | 90             | 7             | 2                 |
| 100-200% | 76             | 14            | 10                |
| 200%+    | 86             | 12            | 2                 |

**Spending more for medical care for poor people**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 83             | 14            | 2                 |
| <100%    | 88             | 11            | 1                 |
| 100-200% | 83             | 14            | 3                 |
| 200%+    | 83             | 15            | 3                 |

**Spending more for housing for poor people**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 75             | 23            | 2                 |
| <100%    | 84             | 16            | --                |
| 100-200% | 79             | 18            | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 72             | 25            | 3                 |



**Making food stamps more available to poor people**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 61             | 35            | 4                 |
| <100%    | 78             | 18            | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 71             | 25            | 4                 |
| 200%+    | 57             | 39            | 4                 |

**Guaranteeing everyone a minimum income**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 57             | 39            | 5                 |
| <100%    | 71             | 26            | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 61             | 31            | 7                 |
| 200%+    | 54             | 42            | 4                 |

(Results for one half of total respondents)

[Total = 977 , <100% = 146, 100-200%= 308, 200%+ = 523]

**23b. Here is a list of things the government could do that some people say would reduce poverty in America. Do you support or oppose the government doing each? How about (INSERT ITEM) do you support or oppose the government doing this?**

**Requiring public schools teach about moral values and the work ethic**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 83             | 15            | 2                 |
| <100%    | 87             | 10            | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 85             | 12            | 3                 |
| 200%+    | 82             | 16            | 2                 |

**Expanding public employment programs**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 82             | 14            | 4                 |
| <100%    | 88             | 7             | 5                 |
| 100-200% | 87             | 9             | 4                 |
| 200%+    | 79             | 17            | 4                 |

**Expanding job-training programs**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 94             | 5             | 1                 |
| <100%    | 95             | 3             | 2                 |
| 100-200% | 94             | 4             | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 94             | 5             | 1                 |

**Improving public schools in low-income areas.**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 94             | 5             | 1                 |
| <100%    | 93             | 5             | 2                 |
| 100-200% | 94             | 4             | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 94             | 5             | 1                 |

**Making it harder to get divorced.**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 38             | 55            | 7                 |
| <100%    | 42             | 44            | 13                |
| 100-200% | 47             | 48            | 5                 |
| 200%+    | 36             | 58            | 6                 |

**Putting more police in low-income areas.**

|          | <b>Support</b> | <b>Oppose</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 72             | 25            | 3                 |
| <100%    | 78             | 17            | 5                 |
| 100-200% | 80             | 18            | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 69             | 28            | 3                 |

**(Results for total who support programs that can directly help the poor/reduce poverty in America and could cost money)**

**[Total =1926, <100% =291, 100-200%=607, 200%+ =1028]**

**24. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes to pay for more of such government spending to help the poor?**

|          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Total    | 57         | 40        | 3                 |
| <100%    | 60         | 36        | 4                 |
| 100-200% | 55         | 40        | 5                 |
| 200%+    | 57         | 40        | 2                 |

**(Results for respondents who would be willing to pay more in taxes for more government spending to help the poor)**

**[Total =1127,<100% =187, 100-200%= 338, 200%+ =602]**

**25. Would you be willing to pay \$200 a year more in taxes?**

|          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Total    | 78         | 19        | 3                 |
| <100%    | 66         | 30        | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 71         | 25        | 4                 |
| 200%+    | 80         | 17        | 3                 |

**[Total =1926, <100% =291, 100-200%= 607, 200%+ =1028]**

**24/25 Summary**

|          | -----YES----- |                      |                          | No | Don't know |
|----------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----|------------|
|          | NET           | Willing to pay \$200 | Not willing to pay \$200 |    |            |
| Total    | 57            | 44                   | 11                       | 40 | 3          |
| <100%    | 60            | 40                   | 18                       | 36 | 4          |
| 100-200% | 55            | 39                   | 14                       | 40 | 5          |
| 200%+    | 57            | 46                   | 10                       | 40 | 2          |

## 23/24/25 Summary

|                                    | <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Support Programs (NET)</b>      | 99           | 99              | 99              | 98           |
| Willing to pay more in taxes (NET) | 56           | 59              | 54              | 56           |
| Willing to pay \$200               | 44           | 39              | 39              | 45           |
| Not willing to pay \$200           | 11           | 18              | 14              | 9            |
| Not willing to pay more in taxes   | 39           | 36              | 40              | 40           |
| <b>Do not support programs</b>     | 1            | 1               | 1               | 2            |
| <b>Don't know</b>                  | --           | --              | --              | --           |

## VI. Perceptions of Welfare and Welfare Recipients

(Results for total respondents)

**27. In your opinion, do you think that most people who receive money from welfare today could get along without it if they tried, or do you think that most of them really need this help?**

|          | <b>Get along without it</b> | <b>Really need this help</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 44                          | 47                           | 9                 |
| <100%    | 35                          | 60                           | 6                 |
| 100-200% | 40                          | 49                           | 10                |
| 200%+    | 46                          | 45                           | 9                 |

(Results for total respondents)

**28. In general, do you think people on welfare have higher, lower, or about the same moral values as other Americans?**

|          | <b>Higher</b> | <b>Lower</b> | <b>About the same</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 3             | 29           | 63                    | 5                 |
| <100%    | 6             | 34           | 56                    | 4                 |
| 100-200% | 3             | 31           | 61                    | 5                 |
| 200%+    | 3             | 28           | 64                    | 5                 |

(Results for total respondents)

29. Do you think that most welfare recipients today really want to work or not?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 47  | 44 | 9          |
| <100%    | 52  | 41 | 7          |
| 100-200% | 42  | 47 | 11         |
| 200%+    | 48  | 43 | 9          |

(Results for total respondents)

30. Do you think there are jobs available for most welfare recipients who really want to work or not?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 78  | 18 | 4          |
| <100%    | 73  | 25 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 74  | 19 | 7          |
| 200%+    | 79  | 17 | 4          |

(Results for respondents who think there are jobs available for most welfare recipients who really want to work)

[Total =1477, <100% =211, 100-200%= 455, 200%+ =811]

31. Do you think most of the jobs they can get pay enough to support a family or not?

|          | Yes | No | Depends | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|---------|------------|
| Total    | 35  | 59 | NA      | 6          |
| <100%    | 35  | 60 | NA      | 5          |
| 100-200% | 30  | 62 | NA      | 8          |
| 200%+    | 36  | 59 | NA      | 5          |

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|          | -----JOBS AVAILABLE----- |                 |                        |                   | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|
|          | NET                      | Jobs pay enough | Jobs do not pay enough | No jobs available |            |
| Total    | 78                       | 27              | 46                     | 18                | 4          |
| <100%    | 73                       | 25              | 44                     | 25                | 1          |
| 100-200% | 74                       | 22              | 46                     | 19                | 7          |
| 200%+    | 79                       | 28              | 46                     | 17                | 4          |

(Results for total respondents)

**32. Do you think that welfare encourages women to have more children than they would have if they were not able to get welfare, or not?**

|          | Yes | No | Depends | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|---------|------------|
| Total    | 57  | 36 | NA      | 7          |
| <100%    | 47  | 45 | NA      | 8          |
| 100-200% | 55  | 37 | NA      | 8          |
| 200%+    | 58  | 35 | NA      | 7          |

## VII. Perceptions of the New Welfare Law

Now I have some specific questions about the welfare system. Not everyone will have heard about all the issues I'm asking about. Please answer each question to the best of your knowledge, but if you're not sure about an answer, just say so.

(Results for total respondents)

**33. To the best of your knowledge, has there been a major change in welfare laws in the past five years, or not?**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 50  | 18 | 32         |
| <100%    | 54  | 21 | 25         |
| 100-200% | 43  | 18 | 39         |
| 200%+    | 51  | 18 | 31         |

(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)

[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%= 290, 200%+ =564]

**34. Just to refresh your memory. The new welfare law, which Congress passed in 1996, ends the federal guarantee of public assistance for the poor. It also requires able-bodied recipients to work within two years. It sets a lifetime limit on federal benefits of five years for most people. And it gives the states a lot of flexibility. All in all, do you think the new welfare law is working well, or not?**

|          | Working well | Not working well | Both | Don't know |
|----------|--------------|------------------|------|------------|
| Total    | 61           | 23               | 2    | 15         |
| <100%    | 53           | 35               | 3    | 9          |
| 100-200% | 54           | 26               | 1    | 18         |
| 200%+    | 63           | 20               | 2    | 15         |

(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)

[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%= 290, 200%+ =564]

35. The number of Americans receiving public assistance has dropped significantly over the last few years. Do you think this is mainly because the strong economy has created lots of new jobs in the past few years, or because changes in the welfare laws have forced more people to go to work?

|          | Strong economy has created lots of new jobs in the past few years | Changes in the welfare laws have forced more people to go to work | Both | Don't know |
|----------|---|---|------|------------|
| Total    | 23  | 62  | 11   | 4          |
| <100%    | 16  | 73  | 5    | 6          |
| 100-200% | 18  | 71  | 7    | 4          |
| 200%+    | 25  | 59  | 13   | 3          |

(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)

[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%=290, 200%+ =564]

36. In general, has the new welfare law resulted in more or less respect for people on welfare or has it had no impact on this?

|          | More respect | Less respect | No impact | Don't know |
|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Total    | 33           | 11           | 44        | 12         |
| <100%    | 39           | 19           | 34        | 8          |
| 100-200% | 39           | 13           | 35        | 12         |
| 200%+    | 31           | 10           | 47        | 12         |

(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)

[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%=290, 200%+ =564]

37. In general, do you think the new welfare law has given the poor themselves more SELF-respect, less self-respect, or has it had no impact on this?

|          | More self-respect | Less self respect | No impact | Don't know |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Total    | 57                | 8                 | 25        | 9          |
| <100%    | 52                | 20                | 23        | 5          |
| 100-200% | 59                | 12                | 24        | 6          |
| 200%+    | 57                | 6                 | 26        | 11         |

**(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)**

**[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%=290, 200%+ =564]**

**39. In general, do you think most people who have left the welfare rolls have gotten out of poverty, or do you think they are still poor, even if they have found jobs?**

|          | <b>Out of poverty</b> | <b>Still poor</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 19                    | 73                | 8                 |
| <100%    | 16                    | 77                | 7                 |
| 100-200% | 19                    | 74                | 7                 |
| 200%+    | 19                    | 72                | 9                 |

**(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)**

**[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%=290, 200%+ =564]**

**39a. Do you think the new welfare law has led women on welfare to have more children than they would have otherwise, fewer children, or has it made no difference?**

|          | <b>More children</b> | <b>Fewer children</b> | <b>No difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 17                   | 26                    | 47                   | 9                 |
| <100%    | 25                   | 24                    | 46                   | 5                 |
| 100-200% | 18                   | 29                    | 43                   | 10                |
| 200%+    | 16                   | 26                    | 48                   | 10                |

**(Results for respondents who believe there has been a major change in the welfare laws in the past 5 years)**

**[Total =1024, <100% =170, 100-200%=290, 200%+ =564]**

**40. Do you think the new welfare law has made it easier to get public assistance, harder to get public assistance, or hasn't it made much of a difference at all?**

|          | <b>Easier</b> | <b>Harder</b> | <b>No difference</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 9             | 56            | 25                   | 10                |
| <100%    | 14            | 63            | 19                   | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 13            | 55            | 22                   | 9                 |
| 200%+    | 7             | 55            | 27                   | 11                |

(Results for respondents who think the new welfare law is working well)

[Total =613, <100% =97, 100-200%=165, 200%+ =351]

**40A. Earlier in this survey you said that, all in all, the new welfare law is working (well/both working well and not). There are many reasons people give for why they think the new law is working well. I'm going to read you a few of them. Please tell me whether each is a major reason you think the new law is working well, a minor reason, or not a reason at all:**

**The law has substantially cut the welfare rolls.**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a reason</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 64           | 27           | 7                   | 2                 |
| <100%    | 63           | 19           | 10                  | 8                 |
| 100-200% | 56           | 32           | 11                  | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 66           | 27           | 6                   | 2                 |

**The law requires people to go to work.**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a reason</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 87           | 9            | 3                   | 1                 |
| <100%    | 75           | 16           | 6                   | 3                 |
| 100-200% | 79           | 13           | 8                   | 1                 |
| 200%+    | 89           | 8            | 2                   | 1                 |

**Welfare departments are now doing more to help poor people.**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a reason</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 52           | 28           | 14                  | 6                 |
| <100%    | 64           | 17           | 12                  | 7                 |
| 100-200% | 52           | 35           | 5                   | 9                 |
| 200%+    | 50           | 28           | 16                  | 5                 |

**There is now less stigma attached to receiving welfare.**

|          | <b>Major</b> | <b>Minor</b> | <b>Not a reason</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 28           | 40           | 27                  | 5                 |
| <100%    | 42           | 30           | 17                  | 10                |
| 100-200% | 35           | 38           | 22                  | 5                 |
| 200%+    | 25           | 42           | 28                  | 5                 |



**(Results for those who think the new welfare law is working well)**

**[Total =613, <100% =97, 100-200%=165, 200%+ =351]**

**40a/40b Major Reason Summary: You mentioned (INSERT ITEMS [ Q.40A = 1]) as major reasons. Which one would you say is the most important reason?**

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| The law has substantially cut the welfare rolls.            | 12           | 6               | 10              | 14           |
| The law requires people to go to work.                      | 64           | 49              | 59              | 66           |
| Welfare departments are now doing more to help poor people. | 13           | 31              | 20              | 10           |
| There is now less stigma attached to receiving welfare.     | 4            | 4               | 4               | 4            |
| None of these   | 6            | 10              | 8               | 6            |
| Don't know  | --           | --              | --              | --           |

**(Results for respondents who think the new welfare law is not working well or both not working well and working well)**

**[Total =271, <100%, 100-200%, 200%+ = too few respondents to report on]**

**40C. Earlier in this survey you said that, all in all, the new welfare law is not working well. Some people believe the new law isn't working well because it is denying too many people the help they really need. Others believe it is not working well because it still hasn't cut enough people from the welfare rolls. Which belief is closer to YOUR view?**

|       | <b>Denying too many people the help they really need</b> | <b>Still hasn't cut enough people from the welfare rolls</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|-------|--|--|-------------------|
| Total | 64   | 31   | 5                 |

## VIII. Personal Experience with Economic Problems

(Results for respondents who rate their own financial situation today as only fair or poor)

[Total =1105, <100% =253, 100-200%=465, 200%+ =387]

41. When you think of your situation today, do you think of yourself as poor or not?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 35  | 64 | 1          |
| <100%    | 77  | 21 | 2          |
| 100-200% | 44  | 54 | 2          |
| 200%+    | 20  | 80 | 1          |

### 4/41 Summary Table

|          | Financial situation is excellent/good | -FINANCIAL SITUATION IS FAIR/POOR-- |                           |                                  | Don't know |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
|          |                                       | NET                                 | Think of yourself as poor | Do not think of yourself as poor |            |
| Total    | 50                                    | 49                                  | 17                        | 32                               | *          |
| <100%    | 16                                    | 84                                  | 65                        | 18                               | --         |
| 100-200% | 24                                    | 75                                  | 33                        | 41                               | *          |
| 200%+    | 60                                    | 39                                  | 8                         | 31                               | *          |

(Results for total respondents)

42. Thinking about your own family — both your immediate family living here and your other close relatives like aunts, uncles, cousins and so on — as far as you know, is anyone in your family poor?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 36  | 63 | 1          |
| <100%    | 54  | 46 | *          |
| 100-200% | 41  | 59 | 1          |
| 200%+    | 32  | 67 | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

43. Do you have any close friends who are poor?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 48  | 50 | 1          |
| <100%    | 71  | 28 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 59  | 39 | 2          |
| 200%+    | 43  | 56 | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

46. In the past year, have you or someone in your immediate family had a **SERIOUS** problem with any of the following? Have you or someone in your immediate family had a serious problem with (INSERT 1<sup>st</sup> ITEM). How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

**Being unable to find child care or being forced to take your child out of childcare because you can't pay.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 15  | 82 | 2          |
| <100%    | 21  | 77 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 21  | 76 | 3          |
| 200%+    | 13  | 85 | 2          |

**Falling behind in your rent or mortgage payments.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 28  | 71 | 1          |
| <100%    | 42  | 56 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 31  | 69 | *          |
| 200%+    | 26  | 73 | 1          |

**Falling behind in your gas, electric, or phone bills.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 33  | 65 | 1          |
| <100%    | 53  | 47 | *          |
| 100-200% | 41  | 56 | 2          |
| 200%+    | 29  | 70 | 1          |

**Being unable to pay for adequate transportation to get to work or school.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 18  | 81 | 1          |
| <100%    | 40  | 57 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 22  | 77 | 1          |
| 200%+    | 14  | 85 | 1          |

**Being unable to get medical care because of the cost.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 32  | 67 | 1          |
| <100%    | 51  | 48 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 40  | 59 | 1          |
| 200%+    | 27  | 72 | 1          |

**Having trouble paying a credit card balance.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 40  | 58 | 2          |
| <100%    | 38  | 59 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 39  | 59 | 1          |
| 200%+    | 40  | 57 | 2          |

**Having too little money to buy enough food.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 23  | 76 | 1          |
| <100%    | 52  | 47 | 2          |
| 100-200% | 35  | 65 | *          |
| 200%+    | 17  | 82 | *          |

**Getting divorced or separated, in part because of financial problems.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 13  | 85 | 2          |
| <100%    | 18  | 81 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 14  | 84 | 3          |
| 200%+    | 13  | 85 | 2          |

**Being a victim of a crime.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 17  | 83 | 1          |
| <100%    | 22  | 76 | 2          |
| 100-200% | 16  | 84 | 1          |
| 200%+    | 16  | 84 | *          |

**Having a problem with alcohol or drug abuse.**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 20  | 79 | 1          |
| <100%    | 22  | 78 | *          |
| 100-200% | 17  | 82 | *          |
| 200%+    | 21  | 79 | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

**47. Have you or has anyone in your immediate family ever received welfare or public assistance benefits?**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 38  | 61 | 1          |
| <100%    | 64  | 35 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 47  | 51 | 2          |
| 200%+    | 33  | 66 | 1          |

(Results for respondents who have or someone in their immediate family has received welfare or public assistance benefits)

[Total =864, <100% =200, 100-200%=310, 200%+ =354]

**47a. Are you or is anyone in your immediate family receiving such benefits now?**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 33  | 65 | 2          |
| <100%    | 59  | 40 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 35  | 60 | 5          |
| 200%+    | 26  | 72 | 2          |

(Results for respondents who have or someone in their immediate family has received welfare or public assistance benefits)

[Total =864, <100% =200, 100-200%=310, 200%+ =354]

47b. What about five years ago? (IF NECESSARY: Were you or anyone in your immediate family receiving welfare or public assistance benefits then?)

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 45  | 54 | 2          |
| <100%    | 57  | 41 | 2          |
| 100-200% | 43  | 55 | 2          |
| 200%+    | 42  | 56 | 2          |

**47/47a/47b/47c Summary**

|          | -----Respondent/Family Received Welfare/Benefits----- |     |             |                |               | Do not receive benefits | Don't know |
|----------|---|-----|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
|          | NET   | Now | 5 years ago | 5-10 years ago | 10+ years ago |                         |            |
| Total    | 38  | 12  | 17          | 5              | 10            | 61                      | 1          |
| <100%    | 64  | 38  | 37          | 5              | 5             | 35                      | 1          |
| 100-200% | 47  | 17  | 20          | 7              | 9             | 51                      | 2          |
| 200%+    | 33  | 8   | 14          | 5              | 10            | 66                      | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

48. Do you have any close friends who have ever received welfare or public assistance?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 50  | 47 | 4          |
| <100\$   | 61  | 36 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 52  | 42 | 6          |
| 200%+    | 48  | 49 | 3          |

(Results for respondents who have close friends who have ever received welfare or public assistance)

[Total =1051, <100% =186, 100-200%=349, 200%+ =516]

48a. Are any of them now receiving welfare or public assistance?

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 41  | 50 | 8          |
| <100\$   | 60  | 30 | 9          |
| 100-200% | 49  | 40 | 11         |
| 200%+    | 37  | 56 | 7          |

48/48a Summary Table

|          | -----YES----- |                        |                        | No | Don't know |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|----|------------|
|          | NET           | Now receiving benefits | Not receiving benefits |    |            |
| Total    | 50            | 21                     | 25                     | 47 | 4          |
| <100%    | 61            | 37                     | 19                     | 36 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 52            | 26                     | 21                     | 42 | 6          |
| 200%+    | 48            | 17                     | 27                     | 49 | 3          |

(Results for total respondents)

49. Some people tell us that they worry about becoming poor. What do you think?

Does the possibility of becoming poor worry you a great deal, worry you a little, or doesn't it worry you at all?

|          | Worries you a great deal | Worries you a little | Doesn't worry you at all | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Total    | 18                       | 35                   | 46                       | 1          |
| <100%    | 35                       | 33                   | 31                       | 1          |
| 100-200% | 27                       | 34                   | 37                       | 2          |
| 200%+    | 15                       | 35                   | 50                       | *          |

(Results for total respondents)

51. How would you rate (READ ITEM) Would you say it is excellent, good, only fair or poor?

**The housing you currently live in**

|          | -----EXCELLENT/GOOD----- |           |      | -----ONLY FAIR/POOR----- |           |      | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------|--------------------------|-----------|------|------------|
|          | NET                      | Excellent | Good | NET                      | Only fair | Poor |            |
| Total    | 82                       | 33        | 49   | 18                       | 15        | 3    | *          |
| <100%    | 63                       | 18        | 45   | 37                       | 29        | 8    | *          |
| 100-200% | 72                       | 21        | 51   | 28                       | 25        | 3    | *          |
| 200%+    | 87                       | 38        | 49   | 13                       | 11        | 2    | *          |

**Your health-care coverage**

|          | -----EXCELLENT/GOOD----- |           |      | -----ONLY FAIR/POOR----- |           |      | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------|--------------------------|-----------|------|------------|
|          | NET                      | Excellent | Good | NET                      | Only fair | Poor |            |
| Total    | 69                       | 28        | 41   | 28                       | 19        | 9    | 2          |
| <100%    | 52                       | 12        | 41   | 45                       | 24        | 21   | 3          |
| 100-200% | 53                       | 17        | 36   | 44                       | 30        | 14   | 3          |
| 200%+    | 75                       | 32        | 43   | 23                       | 16        | 7    | 2          |

**The safety of your neighborhood**

|          | -----EXCELLENT/GOOD----- |           |      | -----ONLY FAIR/POOR----- |           |      | Don't know |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------|--------------------------|-----------|------|------------|
|          | NET                      | Excellent | Good | NET                      | Only fair | Poor |            |
| Total    | 82                       | 39        | 43   | 18                       | 14        | 4    | *          |
| <100%    | 55                       | 16        | 39   | 44                       | 33        | 11   | 1          |
| 100-200% | 75                       | 27        | 48   | 25                       | 20        | 5    | *          |
| 200%+    | 87                       | 44        | 43   | 13                       | 11        | 2    | *          |

(Results for total respondents)

52. I'd like to ask you some questions about where you live. Is there a (INSERT 1<sup>ST</sup> ITEM) convenient for you?

How about a (INSERT NEXT ITEM)

**Bank**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 93  | 7  | *          |
| <100%    | 89  | 11 | --         |
| 100-200% | 91  | 9  | --         |
| 200%+    | 93  | 6  | *          |

**Supermarket**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 92  | 8  | *          |
| <100%    | 86  | 13 | *          |
| 100-200% | 90  | 10 | --         |
| 200%+    | 93  | 7  | *          |

(Results for total respondents)

53. What is your employment status? Are you ...?

|                                     | Total | <100% | 100-200% | 200%+ |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Employed (NET)                      | 64    | 37    | 49       | 70    |
| Employed full time                  | 55    | 22    | 39       | 62    |
| Employed part time                  | 9     | 15    | 10       | 8     |
| Retired                             | 20    | 25    | 27       | 17    |
| Homemaker                           | 6     | 13    | 8        | 5     |
| Student                             | 4     | 6     | 5        | 4     |
| Unemployed and looking for work     | 3     | 6     | 5        | 2     |
| Unemployed and not looking for work | 2     | 11    | 4        | 1     |
| Don't know                          | 1     | 2     | 3        | 1     |

(Results for total respondents)

53a. What was your employment status five years ago? Were you ...?

|                                     | Total | <100% | 100-200% | 200%+ |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Employed (NET)                      | 66    | 52    | 57       | 70    |
| Employed full time                  | 56    | 39    | 46       | 61    |
| Employed part time                  | 10    | 13    | 12       | 9     |
| Retired                             | 13    | 15    | 18       | 12    |
| Homemaker                           | 5     | 8     | 9        | 4     |
| Student                             | 11    | 9     | 9        | 11    |
| Unemployed and looking for work     | 2     | 5     | 3        | 1     |
| Unemployed and not looking for work | 2     | 9     | 3        | 1     |
| Don't know                          | 1     | 2     | 1        | 1     |

(Results for total who are employed full or part time)

[Total =1213, <100% =123, 100-200%=336, 200%+ =754]

53b. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do? Would you say you are very satisfied, moderately satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

|                           | Total | <100% | 100-200% | 200%+ |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| <b>Satisfied (NET)</b>    | 90    | 74    | 85       | 92    |
| Very satisfied            | 51    | 29    | 36       | 55    |
| Moderately satisfied      | 39    | 45    | 49       | 37    |
| <b>Dissatisfied (NET)</b> | 10    | 26    | 14       | 8     |
| A little dissatisfied     | 7     | 14    | 12       | 6     |
| Very dissatisfied         | 3     | 11    | 3        | 2     |
| <b>Don't know</b>         | *     | --    | *        | --    |



**53/53b Summary**

|                       | <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Employed (NET)</b> | 64           | 37              | 49              | 70           |
| Satisfied (NET)       | 57           | 27              | 41              | 64           |
| Very satisfied        | 32           | 11              | 18              | 38           |
| Moderately satisfied  | 25           | 17              | 24              | 26           |
| Dissatisfied (NET)    | 6            | 9               | 7               | 6            |
| A little dissatisfied | 5            | 5               | 6               | 4            |
| Very dissatisfied     | 2            | 4               | 1               | 1            |
| <b>Not employed</b>   | 35           | 61              | 49              | 29           |
| <b>Don't know</b>     | 1            | 2               | 3               | 1            |

**53/53c Summary: How long is your commute to work or school? A half hour or less, a half hour to an hour, one to two hours, or more than two hours?**

|          | -----EMPLOYED/STUDENT----- |                     |                        |                  |                     | Not employed/student | Don't know |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
|          | NET                        | A half hour or less | A half hour to an hour | One to two hours | More than two hours |                      |            |
| Total    | 68                         | 50                  | 12                     | 3                | 1                   | 31                   | 1          |
| <100%    | 43                         | 29                  | 10                     | 2                | 1                   | 55                   | 2          |
| 100-200% | 54                         | 40                  | 10                     | 1                | 1                   | 44                   | 3          |
| 200%+    | 74                         | 55                  | 13                     | 3                | 1                   | 25                   | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

54. I am going to read you a list of things that some people do and others don't. In the past twelve months have you...?

**Donated Money to an organization that helps the poor**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 68  | 32 | 1          |
| <100%    | 43  | 57 | -          |
| 100-200% | 56  | 44 | *          |
| 200%+    | 74  | 26 | 1          |

**Contributed to an organization that helps the poor**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 42  | 58 | 1          |
| <100%    | 39  | 60 | 1          |
| 100-200% | 32  | 68 | *          |
| 200%+    | 44  | 55 | 1          |

**Directly tried to help a poor individual or family**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 67  | 32 | *          |
| <100%    | 66  | 33 | *          |
| 100-200% | 69  | 30 | *          |
| 200%+    | 67  | 33 | *          |

**Contacted a public official about problems faced by poor people**

|          | Yes | No | Don't know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 10  | 89 | *          |
| <100%    | 13  | 87 | *          |
| 100-200% | 9   | 91 | *          |
| 200%+    | 11  | 89 | *          |

## IX Demographics

(Results for total respondents)

55. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

|          | --EXCELLENT/VERY GOOD/GOOD- |           |           |      | -----FAIR/POOR----- |      |      | Don't know |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|---------------------|------|------|------------|
|          | NET                         | Excellent | Very good | Good | NET                 | Fair | Poor |            |
| Total    | 80                          | 27        | 22        | 31   | 20                  | 15   | 5    | *          |
| <100%    | 53                          | 14        | 10        | 30   | 47                  | 31   | 16   | --         |
| 100-200% | 67                          | 18        | 15        | 34   | 33                  | 22   | 10   | *          |
| 200%+    | 86                          | 31        | 25        | 30   | 14                  | 11   | 3    | *          |

(Results for total respondents)

56. How important is religion in your everyday life: the most important thing in your life, extremely important but not the most important thing, very important, somewhat important, or not important at all?

|          | -Most/Extremely/Somewhat Important |      |           |      | -Somewhat/Not At All Important- |          |            | Don't know |
|----------|------------------------------------|------|-----------|------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
|          | NET                                | Most | Extremely | Very | NET                             | Somewhat | Not at all |            |
| Total    | 69                                 | 19   | 18        | 32   | 30                              | 22       | 8          | 1          |
| <100%    | 68                                 | 17   | 17        | 34   | 32                              | 25       | 7          | *          |
| 100-200% | 76                                 | 23   | 15        | 37   | 24                              | 18       | 6          | *          |
| 200%+    | 68                                 | 19   | 19        | 30   | 32                              | 23       | 9          | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

57. Have you had this phone number for the past year or longer or have you had it for less than a year?

|          | For the past year | Less than a year | Don't know |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Total    | 86                | 14               | *          |
| <100%    | 74                | 26               | *          |
| 100-200% | 82                | 18               | *          |
| 200%+    | 88                | 12               | *          |

(Results for respondents who personally have or have someone in their immediate family has ever received welfare or public assistance benefits)

[Total =864, <100% =200, 100-200%=310, 200%+ =354]

58. Are you getting cash assistance from welfare or public assistance?

|          | Welfare | Public assistance | No | Both | Don't know |
|----------|---------|-------------------|----|------|------------|
| Total    | 2       | 4                 | 93 | *    | *          |
| <100%    | 8       | 11                | 79 | 1    | 1          |
| 100-200% | 2       | 5                 | 91 | 1    | 1          |
| 200%+    | 1       | 3                 | 97 | --   | --         |

#### 47/58 Summary

|          | ---Ever Received Welfare/Public Assistance--- |         |                   |         | Not ever received welfare/public benefits | Don't know |
|----------|---|---------|-------------------|---------|---|------------|
|          | NET   | Welfare | Public assistance | Neither |   |            |
| Total    | 38  | 1       | 2                 | 35      | 61  | 1          |
| <100%    | 64  | 6       | 8                 | 51      | 35  | 1          |
| 100-200% | 47  | 2       | 3                 | 43      | 51  | 2          |
| 200%+    | 33  | *       | 1                 | 32      | 66  | 1          |

(Asked of respondents receiving cash assistance from welfare or public assistance)

[Total =76, <100%, 100-200%, 200%+ =too few respondents to report on]

**59. Have you received cash assistance for a year or less, or for more than a year?**

|       | <b>A year or less</b> | <b>More than a year</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Total | 37                    | 60                      | 3                 |

**47/59 Summary**

| <b>----Have Ever Received Welfare/Public Assistance Benefits---</b> |            |            |                                    |                                      |  |  |                   |
|---|------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| <b>Currently Receiving Cash Assistance</b>                          |            |            |                                    |                                      |  |  |                   |
|   | <b>NET</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>Received for a year or less</b> | <b>Received for more than a year</b> | <b>Not currently receiving cash assistance</b> | <b>Have never received welfare/public assistance</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
| Total   | 38         | 3          | 1                                  | 1                                    | 35   | 61   | 1                 |
| <100%   | 64         | 13         | 4                                  | 8                                    | 51   | 35   | 1                 |
| 100-200%  | 47         | 4          | 2                                  | 1                                    | 43   | 51   | 2                 |
| 200%+   | 33         | 1          | *                                  | 1                                    | 32   | 66   | 1                 |

(Results for respondents who are receiving cash assistance from welfare or public assistance)

[Total =76, <100%, 100-200%, 200%+ =too few respondents to report on]

**60. Do you expect to be receiving cash assistance one year from now?**

|       | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Total | 37         | 51        | 12                |

**47/60 Summary**

| <b>-----Have Ever Received Welfare/Public Assistance Benefits-----</b> |            |            |   |  |  |  |                   |
|--|------------|------------|---|--|--|--|-------------------|
| <b>-Currently Receiving Cash Assistance--</b>                          |            |            |   |  |  |  |                   |
|  | <b>NET</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>Expect to be receiving one year from now</b> | <b>Do not expect to be receiving one year from now</b> | <b>Not currently receiving cash assistance</b> | <b>Have never received welfare/public assistance</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
| Total  | 38         | 3          | 1   | 1  | 35   | 61   | 1                 |
| <100%  | 64         | 13         | 4   | 7  | 51   | 35   | 1                 |
| 100-200%   | 47         | 4          | 1   | 2  | 43   | 51   | 2                 |
| 200%+  | 33         | 1          | 1   | *  | 32   | 66   | 1                 |

(Results for respondents who are receiving cash assistance from welfare or public assistance)

[Total =76, <100%, 100-200%, 200%+ =too few respondents to report on]

61. How much pressure do you feel you are getting from the government to find a job?

|       | A lot of pressure | Not too much pressure | No pressure at all | Don't know |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Total | 14                | 17                    | 68                 | 2          |

#### 47/61 Summary

|  | Total | <100% | 100-200% | 200%+ |
|--|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Have ever received welfare or public assistance benefits (NET) | 38    | 64    | 47       | 33    |
| Currently receiving cash assistance                            | 3     | 13    | 4        | 1     |
| Feel a lot of pressure to find a job                           | *     | 3     | *        | *     |
| Feel not too much pressure to find a job                       | *     | 2     | 1        | *     |
| Feel no pressure at all to find a job                          | 2     | 8     | 3        | 1     |
| Not currently receiving cash assistance                        | 35    | 51    | 43       | 32    |
| Have never received welfare or public assistance benefits      | 61    | 35    | 51       | 66    |
| Don't know   | 1     | 1     | 2        | 1     |

(Results for respondents who are receiving cash assistance from welfare or public assistance)

[Total =76, <100%, 100-200%, 200%+ =too few respondents to report on]

62. If you could change one thing about the current welfare system, what would it be?

|  | Total |
|--|-------|
| <b>Any of these (NET)</b>  | 71    |
| Help move people into education/help more people go to school  | 11    |
| Help the homeless more   | 1     |
| Provide day care/help out with day care  | 6     |
| Provide job training   | 6     |
| Help Americans before helping other countries  | *     |
| Provide for the people who really need it  | 6     |
| Help the people who are really trying to make something of themselves by providing them with whatever is holding them back | 3     |
| People who aren't willing to work should not receive welfare   | 9     |
| Put more investigators on each case since more people need help  | 2     |
| Women should be required to be on birth control  | 2     |
| They shouldn't harass people to get a job of they're unable to work  | 3     |
| Recipients that are blind should receive their   | 2     |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| information/letters on tape                                       |    |
| Provide more money/benefits for those people who really need help | 12 |
| Other   | 14 |
| <b>Nothing</b>  | 10 |
| <b>Don't know</b>   | 19 |

(Results for total respondents)

**63. Do you feel the government will help you if you fall on bad times, or do you think you'll have only yourself to rely on?**

|          | <b>Government will help</b> | <b>Have to rely on self</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 29                          | 65                          | 6                 |
| <100%    | 36                          | 59                          | 4                 |
| 100-200% | 30                          | 62                          | 7                 |
| 200%+    | 28                          | 67                          | 6                 |

(Results for total respondents)

**64. If you were asked to use one of these five names for the economic class you belong to, which would you say you belong in? Would you belong in ...?**

|          | <b>Upper class</b> | <b>Upper middle class</b> | <b>Middle class</b> | <b>Working class</b> | <b>Lower class</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 2                  | 12                        | 40                  | 36                   | 9                  | 1                 |
| <100%    | *                  | 2                         | 26                  | 32                   | 40                 | *                 |
| 100-200% | 1                  | 2                         | 30                  | 51                   | 14                 | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 2                  | 16                        | 45                  | 33                   | 4                  | 1                 |

(Results for total respondents)

**65a. Of all the people who are on welfare in this country, are more of them black or are more of them white?**

|          | <b>More are black</b> | <b>More are white</b> | <b>Equal</b> | <b>Don't know</b> |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 36                    | 28                    | NA           | 36                |
| <100%    | 37                    | 26                    | NA           | 37                |
| 100-200% | 35                    | 22                    | NA           | 43                |
| 200%+    | 36                    | 30                    | NA           | 44                |

(Results for total respondents)

**D01. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?**

|          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Total    | 78         | 21        | *                 |
| <100%    | 67         | 33        | --                |
| 100-200% | 68         | 32        | *                 |
| 200%+    | 82         | 18        | *                 |

(Results for respondents who are registered voters)

[Total =1490, <100% =186, 100-200%=430, 200%+ =874]

66. Did you vote in the election on November 7th, or did things come up that prevented you from voting?

|          | Voted | Did not vote | Don't know |
|----------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Total    | 87    | 13           | *          |
| <100%    | 78    | 22           | *          |
| 100-200% | 84    | 16           | --         |
| 200%+    | 88    | 12           | *          |

(Results for respondents who voted in the election on November 7<sup>th</sup>)

[Total =1286, <100% =143, 100-200%=358, 200%+ =785]

67. Did you vote for Al Gore, George W. Bush, or someone else?

|          | Al Gore | George W. Bush | Someone else | Don't know |
|----------|---------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Total    | 47      | 47             | 4            | 2          |
| <100%    | 55      | 33             | 9            | 3          |
| 100-200% | 50      | 42             | 5            | 3          |
| 200%+    | 45      | 49             | 4            | 2          |

(Results for total respondents)

D02. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

|          | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Something else | Don't Know |
|----------|------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Total    | 28         | 33       | 25          | 11             | 3          |
| <100%    | 23         | 41       | 22          | 8              | 5          |
| 100-200% | 24         | 36       | 26          | 11             | 3          |
| 200%+    | 30         | 32       | 25          | 11             | 3          |

(Results respondents who are Independent)

[Total =450, <100% =66, 100-200%=136, 200%+ =248]

**D02c. Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?**

|          | Republican Party | Democratic Party | Neither | Don't Know |
|----------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------|
| Total    | 34               | 41               | 19      | 6          |
| <100%    | 33               | 41               | 19      | 6          |
| 100-200% | 36               | 40               | 17      | 7          |
| 200%+    | 34               | 41               | 19      | 6          |

**Leaned Party Table**

|          | Republican | Democrat | Independent | Something else | Don't Know |
|----------|------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Total    | 36         | 43       | 6           | 11             | 3          |
| <100%    | 31         | 50       | 6           | 8              | 5          |
| 100-200% | 33         | 46       | 7           | 11             | 3          |
| 200%+    | 38         | 42       | 6           | 11             | 3          |

(Results for total respondents)

**D03. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, conservative, something else, or haven't you given this much thought?**

|          | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative | Something else | Haven't give this much thought | Don't Know |
|----------|---------|----------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Total    | 18      | 27       | 22           | 2              | 29                             | 2          |
| <100%    | 18      | 19       | 12           | 3              | 44                             | 4          |
| 100-200% | 15      | 20       | 19           | 3              | 42                             | 1          |
| 200%+    | 19      | 30       | 24           | 2              | 24                             | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

**D06. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never married?**

|          | Currently married | Living w/ a partner | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Never married | Don't Know |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Total    | 49                | 6                   | 9       | 12       | 2         | 20            | *          |
| <100%    | 32                | 11                  | 17      | 14       | 4         | 22            | *          |
| 100-200% | 43                | 9                   | 15      | 10       | 3         | 20            | --         |
| 200%+    | 53                | 5                   | 7       | 13       | 2         | 20            | 1          |



(Results for total respondents)

**D07. Including yourself, how many adults, 18 or older, are there living in your household?**

|          | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven+ |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|------|------|-----|--------|
| Total    | 30  | 53  | 12    | 4    | 1    | *   | *      |
| <100%    | 37  | 43  | 11    | 6    | 3    | 1   | *      |
| 100-200% | 26  | 51  | 14    | 7    | 1    | *   | *      |
| 200%+    | 30  | 55  | 12    | 4    | 1    | --  | --     |

(Results for total respondents)

**D08A. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?**

|          | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Jewish | Some other religion | No religion | Don't Know |
|----------|------------|----------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 43         | 28             | 2      | 17                  | 10          | 1          |
| <100%    | 36         | 31             | 1      | 22                  | 9           | 1          |
| 100-200% | 40         | 29             | 1      | 20                  | 9           | --         |
| 200%+    | 45         | 27             | 2      | 16                  | 10          | 1          |

(Results for respondents who are some other religion)

[Total =364, <100% =70, 100-200%=134, 200%+ =160]

**D08B. Do you consider yourself a Christian?**

|          | Yes | No | Don't Know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 83  | 17 | 1          |
| <100%    | 85  | 15 | --         |
| 100-200% | 83  | 15 | 1          |
| 200%+    | 82  | 17 | 1          |

(Results for respondents who are Christians/Protestants)

[Total =1092, <100% =150, 100-200%=351, 200%+ =591]

**D08C. Would you consider yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?**

|          | Yes | No | Don't Know |
|----------|-----|----|------------|
| Total    | 56  | 39 | 4          |
| <100%    | 68  | 29 | 3          |
| 100-200% | 63  | 31 | 6          |
| 200%+    | 53  | 43 | 4          |

**D08A/D08B Summary Table**

| -----Protestant/Other Christian----- |     |            |                 |                |        |                     |             |            |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
|                                      | NET | Protestant | Other Christian | Roman Catholic | Jewish | Some other religion | No religion | Don't Know |
| Total                                | 57  | 43         | 14              | 28             | 2      | 3                   | 10          | 1          |
| <100%                                | 55  | 36         | 18              | 31             | 1      | 3                   | 9           | 1          |
| 100-200%                             | 57  | 40         | 17              | 29             | 1      | 3                   | 9           | --         |
| 200%+                                | 58  | 45         | 13              | 27             | 2      | 3                   | 10          | 1          |

**D08A/D08B/D08C Summary Table**

|          | Born again Protestants/Some other religion/Christian | Protestant not born again | Roman Catholic | Jewish | Some other/not Christian | Other Christian/not born again | No religion | Don't Know |
|----------|--|---------------------------|----------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Total    | 32   | 19                        | 28             | 2      | 3                        | 6                              | 10          | 1          |
| <100%    | 37   | 13                        | 31             | 1      | 3                        | 5                              | 9           | 1          |
| 100-200% | 35   | 14                        | 29             | 1      | 3                        | 7                              | 9           | --         |
| 200%+    | 30   | 21                        | 27             | 2      | 3                        | 6                              | 10          | 1          |

(Results for total respondents)

**D09. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?**

**(DO NOT READ)**

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>High school graduate or less (NET)</b> | 49           | 74              | 70              | 41           |
| Less than high school graduate (SUBNET)   | 17           | 41              | 33              | 10           |
| None, or grade 1-8                        | 5            | 15              | 10              | 3            |
| High school incomplete                    | 12           | 26              | 23              | 8            |
| High school graduate + (SUBNET)           | 32           | 33              | 37              | 31           |
| High school graduate                      | 28           | 32              | 33              | 27           |
| Business, technical/vocational school     | 4            | 1               | 4               | 5            |
| <b>Some college or more (NET)</b>         | 51           | 26              | 29              | 58           |
| Some college, no 4 year degree            | 27           | 18              | 21              | 30           |
| College graduate + (SUBNET)               | 23           | 8               | 8               | 29           |
| College graduate                          | 16           | 6               | 6               | 19           |
| Post-graduate training                    | 8            | 2               | 2               | 10           |
| <b>Don't Know</b>                         | *            | --              | *               | *            |

(Results for total respondents)

**D10. What is your age?**

|          | <b>18-29</b> | <b>30-49</b> | <b>50-64</b> | <b>65+</b> |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Total    | 23           | 40           | 20           | 17         |
| <100%    | 30           | 33           | 19           | 18         |
| 100-200% | 26           | 33           | 14           | 27         |
| 200%+    | 21           | 43           | 22           | 14         |

(Results for total respondents)

**D11. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Latin American background?**

|          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Total    | 12         | 87        | *                 |
| <100%    | 25         | 75        | --                |
| 100-200% | 23         | 77        | *                 |
| 200%+    | 8          | 91        | *                 |

(Results for total respondents)

**D12. Do you consider yourself to be white, black or African-American, Asian-American, or some other race?**

|          | <b>White</b> | <b>Black/African-American</b> | <b>Asian-American</b> | <b>Some other race</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Total    | 78           | 12                            | 2                     | 7                      | 1                 |
| <100%    | 62           | 23                            | 1                     | 13                     | 2                 |
| 100-200% | 69           | 15                            | 2                     | 12                     | 2                 |
| 200%+    | 82           | 9                             | 2                     | 6                      | *                 |

**Race Summary Table**

| -----Non-Hispanic----- |              |                               |                       |                        | -----Hispanic----- |              |              |                    |                   |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                        | <b>White</b> | <b>Black/African-American</b> | <b>Asian-American</b> | <b>Some other race</b> | <b>NET</b>         | <b>White</b> | <b>Black</b> | <b>Unspecified</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
| Total                  | 73           | 10                            | 2                     | 2                      | 12                 | 5            | 1            | 6                  | 1                 |
| <100%                  | 51           | 18                            | 1                     | 3                      | 25                 | 10           | 4            | 11                 | 2                 |
| 100-200%               | 60           | 12                            | 2                     | 3                      | 23                 | 8            | 4            | 11                 | 1                 |
| 200%+                  | 78           | 9                             | 2                     | 2                      | 8                  | 4            | 1            | 4                  | *                 |

**D14/14a/14b. Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes:**

|                               | <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;100%</b> | <b>100-200%</b> | <b>200%+</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Less than \$40K (NET)</b>  | 51           | 100             | 96              | 34           |
| Less than \$20K               | 20           | 89              | 52              | 3            |
| \$20K but less than \$30K     | 18           | 9               | 32              | 15           |
| \$30K but less than \$40K     | 12           | 1               | 10              | 14           |
| Less than \$40K (unspecified) | 2            | 2               | 1               | 2            |
| <b>\$40K+ (NET)</b>           | 46           | --              | 4               | 63           |
| \$40K but less than \$50K     | 12           | --              | 4               | 15           |
| \$50K but less than \$75K     | 17           | --              | --              | 23           |
| \$75K+                        | 16           | --              | --              | 21           |
| \$40K+ (unspecified)          | 3            | --              | *               | 3            |
| <b>Don't Know</b>             | 2            | --              | --              | 3            |

**(Results for total respondents)**

**D17. May a reporter from National Public Radio call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?**

|          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Don't Know</b> |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Total    | 60         | 40        | *                 |
| <100%    | 73         | 27        | *                 |
| 100-200% | 72         | 27        | *                 |
| 200%+    | 55         | 44        | *                 |

(Results for total respondents)

**D18. Gender**

|          | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> |
|----------|-------------|---------------|
| Total    | 48          | 52            |
| <100%    | 38          | 62            |
| 100-200% | 43          | 57            |
| 200%+    | 50          | 50            |

(Results for total respondents)

**D19. Region**

|          | <b>Northeast</b> | <b>North Central</b> | <b>South</b> | <b>West</b> |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total    | 20               | 22                   | 35           | 23          |
| <100%    | 19               | 19                   | 39           | 23          |
| 100-200% | 19               | 20                   | 37           | 24          |
| 200%+    | 20               | 23                   | 34           | 23          |

(Results for total respondents)

**D20. Metro Status**

|          | <b>Urban</b> | <b>Suburban</b> | <b>Rural</b> |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Total    | 37           | 40              | 23           |
| <100%    | 44           | 26              | 30           |
| 100-200% | 38           | 34              | 29           |
| 200%+    | 36           | 44              | 21           |



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