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Methodology

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

The current survey, *A Generational Look at the Public: Politics and Policy*, was conducted by telephone August 2 – September 1, 2002 with a nationally representative sample of 2,886 randomly selected respondents ages 18 and older, including an oversample of respondents ages 55 and older. Results for all age groups have been weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation.

For the purposes of this survey, respondents were classified into the following age groups: 18-29, 30-49, 50-64, and 65 and older.

The margin of sampling error for responses based on total respondents is +/- 2; for ages 18-29 it is +/- 6; for ages 30-49 it is +/- 4; for ages 50-64 it is +/- 5; for ages 65 and older it is +/- 3. For responses based on subgroups (i.e. questions asked of only half of the sample), the margin of sampling error is higher. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). “VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

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- 1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? **(IF “DON’T KNOW,” ENTER AS DK. IF “DEPENDS,” PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? IF STILL “DEPENDS,” ENTER AS DK)**

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 63 | 62 | 67 | 62 | 59 | Approve |
| 26 | 25 | 22 | 30 | 28 | Disapprove |
| 11 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 13 | Don’t know/Refused |

- 1b. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 38 | 40 | 38 | 38 | 32 | Right Direction |
| 53 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | Wrong Track |
| 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 14 | Don’t know/Refused |

- 1c. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S Congress is doing its job? **(IF “DON’T KNOW,” ENTER AS DK. IF “DEPENDS,” PROBE ONCE WITH OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? IF STILL “DEPENDS,” ENTER AS DK)**

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 46 | 57 | 49 | 40 | 32 | Approve |
| 39 | 28 | 38 | 49 | 46 | Disapprove |
| 15 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 23 | Don’t know/Refused |

- 1d. I’d like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November election for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Congressional district where you live. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, or are the chances 50-50 or less that you will vote?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 53 | 31 | 54 | 64 | 65 | Absolutely certain |
| 19 | 23 | 20 | 15 | 16 | Probably will vote |
| 25 | 42 | 24 | 19 | 14 | 50-50 or less |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | Don’t know/Refused |

2a. If that election for the U.S. House of Representative were being held TODAY, would you vote for... **(INSERT CHOICES BELOW -- ORDER ROTATED BY FORM)?**

FORM A1/B1: the Republican Party's candidate (or)

FORM A2/B2: the Democratic Party's candidate (or)

2b. As of TODAY, do you LEAN more toward... **(INSERT CHOICES BELOW—ORDER ROTATED BY FORM)?**

FORM A1/B1: the Republican (or)

FORM A1/B2: the Democrat (or)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 40 | 42 | 42 | 35 | 39 | Republican/Lean Republican |
| 44 | 41 | 41 | 51 | 48 | Democrat/Lean Democrat |
| 7 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | Neither (VOL) |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Don't plan to vote (VOL) |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | Don't know/Refused |

3. Now I'm going to read you a list of issues that might be discussed during this year's congressional campaign. **(SUBSEQUENT WORDING VARIES DEPENDING ON RESPONSE TO 2a/2b)**

As I read each one, please tell me if this will be one of the MOST important issues in deciding your vote for Congress, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (First,) what about... **(INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE)?**

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Will this be one of the MOST important issues, very important, somewhat important, or not too important (in deciding your vote for Congress)?

IF 2a="Don't plan to vote": As I read each one, please tell me if this is one of the MOST important issues to you, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (First,) what about... **(INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE)?**

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Is this one of the MOST important issues to you, very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

Question 3 continued...

| | | One of the most <u>important</u> | Very <u>important</u> | Somewhat <u>important</u> | Not too <u>important</u> | DK/ <u>Ref</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| a. The economy | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 22 | 61 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| | 18-29: | 22 | 59 | 16 | 3 | 1 |
| | 30-49: | 20 | 65 | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| | 50-64: | 28 | 57 | 13 | 1 | * |
| | 65 and over: | 21 | 61 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| b. Education | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 22 | 60 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| | 18-29: | 29 | 62 | 8 | 1 | * |
| | 30-49: | 20 | 61 | 16 | 3 | * |
| | 50-64: | 22 | 56 | 18 | 4 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 19 | 63 | 11 | 5 | 2 |
| c. Social Security | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 18 | 55 | 21 | 6 | * |
| | 18-29: | 15 | 46 | 27 | 11 | 0 |
| | 30-49: | 11 | 58 | 25 | 6 | * |
| | 50-64: | 24 | 58 | 14 | 3 | * |
| | 65 and over: | 29 | 58 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| d. Taxes | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 15 | 50 | 27 | 6 | 1 |
| | 18-29: | 14 | 50 | 29 | 7 | * |
| | 30-49: | 14 | 52 | 29 | 5 | * |
| | 50-64: | 17 | 48 | 29 | 6 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 15 | 51 | 19 | 8 | 6 |
| e. Moral values | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 19 | 51 | 20 | 8 | 2 |
| | 18-29: | 17 | 46 | 26 | 11 | * |
| | 30-49: | 19 | 51 | 21 | 8 | 2 |
| | 50-64: | 22 | 53 | 16 | 8 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 22 | 56 | 12 | 6 | 5 |
| f. The war against terrorism | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 28 | 56 | 11 | 3 | 1 |
| | 18-29: | 29 | 55 | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| | 30-49: | 24 | 59 | 13 | 3 | 1 |
| | 50-64: | 34 | 52 | 11 | 2 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 25 | 57 | 9 | 3 | 5 |

Question 3 continued...

| | | One of the most <u>important</u> | Very <u>important</u> | Somewhat <u>important</u> | Not too <u>important</u> | DK/ <u>Ref</u> |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| g. Crime | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 15 | 58 | 20 | 6 | 1 |
| | 18-29: | 16 | 55 | 23 | 6 | 0 |
| | 30-49: | 14 | 59 | 21 | 5 | 1 |
| | 50-64: | 16 | 57 | 21 | 6 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 20 | 58 | 14 | 6 | 3 |
| h. The environment | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 13 | 49 | 29 | 7 | 1 |
| | 18-29: | 15 | 45 | 31 | 9 | * |
| | 30-49: | 12 | 51 | 30 | 7 | * |
| | 50-64: | 13 | 51 | 29 | 6 | * |
| | 65 and over: | 13 | 49 | 22 | 10 | 6 |
| i. Local issues in your area | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 10 | 46 | 32 | 10 | 2 |
| | 18-29 | 11 | 40 | 39 | 10 | 1 |
| | 30-49 | 9 | 50 | 30 | 10 | 2 |
| | 50-64 | 10 | 45 | 34 | 10 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 12 | 47 | 24 | 11 | 6 |
| ALWAYS ASK ITEMS j & k AS A PAIR, IN ORDER: | | | | | | |
| j. Medicare | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 17 | 51 | 24 | 8 | * |
| | 18-29: | 14 | 42 | 32 | 12 | * |
| | 30-49: | 12 | 49 | 30 | 9 | 0 |
| | 50-64: | 21 | 59 | 15 | 5 | * |
| | 65 and over: | 26 | 61 | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| k. Health care other than Medicare | | | | | | |
| | Total: | 17 | 55 | 21 | 6 | 2 |
| | 18-29: | 14 | 53 | 26 | 6 | * |
| | 30-49: | 14 | 54 | 24 | 7 | 1 |
| | 50-64: | 23 | 58 | 16 | 3 | 1 |
| | 65 and over: | 20 | 55 | 14 | 5 | 6 |

4a. **(WORDING VARIES DEPENDING ON RESPONSE TO 2a/2b):**

Which ONE of the following do you think will be the MOST important issue in deciding your vote...(READ AND RANDOMIZE ALL ITEMS RATED VERY IMPORTANT 3a-k)?

IF 2a="Don't plan to vote": Which ONE of the following is the MOST important issue to you...(READ AND RANDOMIZE ALL ITEMS RATED VERY IMPORTANT 3a-k)?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 12 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 11 | The war against terrorism |
| 9 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 7 | The economy |
| 8 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 5 | Education |
| 7 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 6 | Moral values |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | Social Security |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | Health care other than Medicare |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Taxes |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | The environment |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | Local issues in your area |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | Medicare |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | Crime |
| 41 | 40 | 48 | 33 | 35 | No 'Most Important' Responses |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | Don't know/Refused |

5a. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as...excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Excellent |
| 35 | 40 | 35 | 34 | 31 | Good |
| 46 | 42 | 48 | 44 | 46 | Not so good |
| 15 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 18 | Poor |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Don't Know/Refused |

6. Overall, which political party... **(INSERT CHOICES BELOW -- ORDER ROTATED BY FORM)** do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

FORM A1/B1: the Republicans (or)

FORM A2/B2: the Democrats (or)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 39 | 43 | 40 | 37 | 35 | Republicans |
| 38 | 38 | 36 | 39 | 42 | Democrats |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | Both (VOL) |
| 9 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 8 | Neither (VOL) |
| 10 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | Don't Know/Refused |

7. Please tell me which political party... **(INSERT CHOICES BELOW – ORDER ROTATED BY FORM)** you trust to do a better job handling each of the following. (First,) what about... **(INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE)?**

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you trust...**(INSERT CHOICES BELOW – ORDER ROTATED BY FORM)** to do a better job handling this issue?

FORM A1/B1: the Republicans (or)

FORM A2/B2: the Democrats (or)

| | | <u>Reps</u> | <u>Dems</u> | <u>Both equally</u> | <u>Neither</u> | <u>DK/ Ref.</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| a. The economy | Total: | 40 | 40 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| | 18-29: | 43 | 40 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| | 30-49: | 43 | 37 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| | 50-64: | 36 | 43 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| | 65 and over: | 35 | 43 | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| b. Social Security | Total: | 33 | 48 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| | 18-29: | 37 | 48 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| | 30-49: | 35 | 44 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| | 50-64: | 28 | 54 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| | 65 and over: | 31 | 49 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| c. The cost of prescription drugs | Total: | 29 | 46 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| | 18-29: | 36 | 45 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| | 30-49: | 30 | 44 | 5 | 8 | 12 |
| | 50-64: | 24 | 54 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| | 65 and over: | 24 | 43 | 5 | 12 | 16 |

Question 7 continued...

| | <u>Reps</u> | <u>Dems</u> | <u>Both equally</u> | <u>Neither</u> | <u>DK/ Ref.</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| d. The needs of older Americans | | | | | |
| Total: | 32 | 49 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 18-29: | 39 | 45 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| 30-49: | 33 | 49 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 50-64: | 26 | 54 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| 65 and over: | 29 | 49 | 7 | 6 | 10 |

ALWAYS ASK ITEMS e & f AS A PAIR, IN ORDER:

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|----|---|---|----|
| e. Medicare | | | | | |
| Total: | 32 | 49 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 18-29: | 37 | 46 | 3 | 5 | 10 |
| 30-49: | 32 | 47 | 4 | 6 | 11 |
| 50-64: | 27 | 55 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 65 and over: | 31 | 48 | 6 | 6 | 10 |
| f. Health care other than Medicare | | | | | |
| Total: | 32 | 47 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 18-29: | 35 | 47 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 30-49: | 35 | 45 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 50-64: | 26 | 55 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| 65 and over: | 29 | 42 | 6 | 8 | 15 |

Items g-k based on Form A1/A2

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|---|----|----------|
| g. Education | | | | | | |
| Total: | 39 | 40 | 6 | 6 | 9 | (n=1453) |
| 18-29: | 45 | 40 | 4 | 6 | 6 | (n=157) |
| 30-49: | 40 | 38 | 5 | 6 | 10 | (n=273) |
| 50-64: | 32 | 46 | 6 | 6 | 10 | (n=482) |
| 65 and over: | 37 | 38 | 9 | 6 | 9 | (n=511) |
| h. Taxes | | | | | | |
| Total: | 41 | 38 | 4 | 7 | 9 | (n=1453) |
| 18-29: | 45 | 38 | 3 | 7 | 7 | (n=157) |
| 30-49: | 43 | 35 | 4 | 8 | 10 | (n=273) |
| 50-64: | 38 | 44 | 3 | 7 | 7 | (n=482) |
| 65 and over: | 38 | 37 | 5 | 7 | 12 | (n=511) |
| i. The war against terrorism at home and abroad | | | | | | |
| Total: | 51 | 26 | 7 | 5 | 10 | (n=1453) |
| 18-29: | 56 | 29 | 5 | 5 | 5 | (n=157) |
| 30-49: | 53 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 10 | (n=273) |
| 50-64: | 46 | 29 | 10 | 5 | 11 | (n=482) |
| 65 and over: | 46 | 26 | 8 | 5 | 16 | (n=511) |

Question 7 continued...

| | <u>Reps</u> | <u>Dems</u> | <u>Both equally</u> | <u>Neither</u> | <u>DK/ Ref.</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
| j. Corporate financial scandals | | | | | | |
| Total: | 37 | 37 | 5 | 10 | 12 | (n=1453) |
| 18-29: | 45 | 38 | 3 | 6 | 8 | (n=157) |
| 30-49: | 37 | 35 | 5 | 11 | 12 | (n=273) |
| 50-64: | 33 | 40 | 5 | 13 | 8 | (n=482) |
| 65 and over: | 30 | 35 | 6 | 10 | 19 | (n=511) |
| k. Guns | | | | | | |
| Total: | 41 | 36 | 3 | 7 | 13 | (n=1453) |
| 18-29: | 48 | 34 | 3 | 6 | 8 | (n=157) |
| 30-49: | 44 | 33 | 3 | 7 | 13 | (n=273) |
| 50-64: | 36 | 42 | 4 | 7 | 11 | (n=482) |
| 65 and over: | 31 | 35 | 3 | 9 | 21 | (n=511) |
| Items l-p based on Form B1/B2 | | | | | | |
| l. Moral values | | | | | | |
| Total: | 44 | 31 | 5 | 10 | 10 | (n=1433) |
| 18-29: | 47 | 33 | 3 | 5 | 12 | (n=158) |
| 30-49: | 45 | 31 | 3 | 11 | 10 | (n=270) |
| 50-64: | 41 | 32 | 8 | 11 | 7 | (n=457) |
| 65 and over: | 42 | 27 | 8 | 11 | 12 | (n=525) |
| m. Crime | | | | | | |
| Total: | 45 | 31 | 7 | 7 | 11 | (n=1433) |
| 18-29: | 46 | 35 | 4 | 4 | 11 | (n=158) |
| 30-49: | 49 | 29 | 6 | 7 | 9 | (n=270) |
| 50-64: | 42 | 32 | 9 | 6 | 11 | (n=457) |
| 65 and over: | 37 | 27 | 10 | 9 | 17 | (n=525) |
| n. Abortion | | | | | | |
| Total: | 36 | 39 | 3 | 7 | 15 | (n=1433) |
| 18-29: | 40 | 39 | 3 | 5 | 13 | (n=158) |
| 30-49: | 39 | 41 | 1 | 7 | 12 | (n=270) |
| 50-64: | 28 | 43 | 5 | 7 | 17 | (n=457) |
| 65 and over: | 35 | 29 | 3 | 10 | 22 | (n=525) |
| o. The environment | | | | | | |
| Total: | 29 | 51 | 4 | 6 | 10 | (n=1433) |
| 18-29: | 35 | 49 | 4 | 4 | 9 | (n=158) |
| 30-49: | 27 | 54 | 3 | 6 | 9 | (n=270) |
| 50-64: | 27 | 53 | 5 | 5 | 10 | (n=457) |
| 65 and over: | 31 | 43 | 6 | 6 | 13 | (n=525) |
| p. The Middle East situation | | | | | | |
| Total: | 48 | 29 | 6 | 7 | 11 | (n=1433) |
| 18-29: | 55 | 28 | 4 | 3 | 10 | (n=158) |
| 30-49: | 49 | 26 | 5 | 9 | 10 | (n=270) |
| 50-64: | 43 | 34 | 8 | 7 | 8 | (n=457) |
| 65 and over: | 43 | 28 | 5 | 7 | 17 | (n=525) |

8. Now here are some values that everyone agrees are important. But sometimes we have to choose one value over another. If you absolutely had to choose between each of the following two values, which is more important to you, personally... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

a. Guaranteeing law and order in society or guaranteeing individual freedom?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 49 | 48 | 51 | 47 | 49 | Law and order |
| 46 | 50 | 45 | 46 | 41 | Individual freedom |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | Both equally (VOL) |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | Don't know/Refused |

b. Working for the rights of women or preserving traditional family values?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 29 | 41 | 29 | 27 | 18 | Rights of women |
| 65 | 56 | 65 | 67 | 74 | Family values |
| 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | Both equally (VOL) |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | Don't know/Refused |

9. Now thinking about the last five presidents before George W. Bush, which one do you think was the BEST president -- Bill Clinton, George Bush, who is the current president's father, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, or Gerald Ford?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 31 | 40 | 28 | 32 | 27 | Clinton |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 11 | 9 | Bush |
| 34 | 32 | 36 | 31 | 38 | Reagan |
| 13 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 17 | Carter |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | Ford |
| 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | Don't know/Refused |

10. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right...just about always, most of the time, of only some of the time?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|
| 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | Just about always |
| 33 | 42 | 32 | 29 | 30 | Most of the time |
| 56 | 45 | 57 | 69 | 59 | Only some of the time |
| 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | None of the time (VOL) |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Don't know/Refused |

11. In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services, or a bigger government providing more services?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 46 | 26 | 50 | 53 | 54 | Smaller |
| 47 | 69 | 43 | 41 | 33 | Bigger |
| 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 14 | Don't know/Refused |

12. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the first or the second comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right.
(READ AND RANDOMIZE)

a.

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---|
| 59 | 61 | 62 | 56 | 52 | Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest OR.... |
| 34 | 33 | 31 | 37 | 35 | Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Neither (VOL) |
| 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | Don't know/Refused |

c.

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---|
| 56 | 63 | 54 | 56 | 53 | The government in Washington should do everything possible to improve the standard of living of all Americans OR.... |
| 39 | 35 | 40 | 39 | 39 | This is not the government's responsibility; each person should take care of themselves |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | Neither (VOL) |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | Don't know/Refused |

13. Please tell me if you if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements about U.S. foreign policy. Here's the (first/next) one...**(INSERT—READ AND ROTATE)**

REPEAT RESPONSE CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat DISagree, or strongly disagree?

| | <u>Strongly Agree</u> | <u>Somewhat Agree</u> | <u>Somewhat Disagree</u> | <u>Strongly Disagree</u> | <u>DK/ Ref.</u> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. This country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world. | | | | | |
| Total: | 12 | 21 | 24 | 41 | 2 |
| 18-29: | 13 | 24 | 23 | 39 | 1 |
| 30-49: | 11 | 20 | 28 | 40 | 1 |
| 50-64: | 12 | 20 | 20 | 47 | 2 |
| 65 and over: | 17 | 23 | 19 | 36 | 5 |
| b. The best way to ensure peace is through military strength. | | | | | |
| Total: | 41 | 33 | 14 | 11 | 2 |
| 18-29: | 27 | 40 | 17 | 15 | 1 |
| 30-49: | 42 | 35 | 13 | 9 | 1 |
| 50-64: | 49 | 28 | 14 | 8 | 1 |
| 65 and over: | 46 | 28 | 11 | 10 | 5 |

14. How patriotic are you? Would you say...extremely patriotic, very patriotic, somewhat patriotic, or not especially patriotic?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 27 | 18 | 26 | 32 | 29 | Extremely patriotic |
| 43 | 33 | 45 | 47 | 47 | Very patriotic |
| 24 | 36 | 22 | 18 | 16 | Somewhat patriotic, OR |
| 5 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Not especially patriotic? |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | * | 4 | Don't know/Refused |

15. Would you rather see religious and spiritual values have GREATER influence in politics and public life than they do now, LESS influence, or about THE SAME influence as they do now?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 44 | 36 | 46 | 47 | 46 | Greater influence |
| 21 | 26 | 21 | 21 | 16 | Less influence |
| 33 | 38 | 32 | 30 | 33 | Same influence |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | Don't know/Refused |

16. How important is religion in your everyday life? Is it...(READ)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--|
| 26 | 24 | 27 | 24 | 30 | The MOST important thing in your life |
| 40 | 33 | 40 | 44 | 46 | Very important, BUT not the most important thing |
| 21 | 26 | 21 | 19 | 16 | Somewhat important, OR |
| 12 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 7 | Not too important |
| 1 | 1 | * | * | 1 | Don't know/Refused |

17. Now I have a few questions about Social Security... Please tell me which ONE of the following four statements comes closest to your view of the Social Security program. Would you say...(READ)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--|
| 22 | 22 | 27 | 20 | 11 | The program is in crisis |
| 52 | 43 | 57 | 57 | 45 | The program has major problems, but is not in crisis |
| 19 | 24 | 12 | 18 | 34 | The program has minor problems, OR |
| 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | The program has no problems? |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 6 | Don't know/Refused |

18. Would you support or oppose a plan in which people who chose could invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 47 | 61 | 55 | 38 | 24 | Support |
| 47 | 32 | 42 | 58 | 67 | Oppose |
| 5 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 10 | Don't know/Refused |

19. How confident are you that you would make the right decisions if you were investing your future Social Security funds in the stock market? Would you feel...very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|
| 12 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 8 | Very confident |
| 31 | 39 | 35 | 26 | 17 | Somewhat confident |
| 26 | 25 | 26 | 28 | 27 | Not very confident, OR |
| 28 | 18 | 24 | 36 | 42 | Not at all confident |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | Don't know/Refused |

20. If the government were able to spend more on health care, which of the following do you think should be a higher priority (**READ AND ROTATE 1-2**)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--|
| 44 | 57 | 46 | 39 | 31 | Providing health insurance to the uninsured (or) |
| 44 | 36 | 42 | 49 | 52 | Helping people over 65 pay for prescription drugs (or) |
| 10 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 12 | Both should have equal priority (VOL) |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | Don't know/Refused |

21. Now I have a few questions about Medicare, the government program that provides health insurance for seniors and some disabled people... Please tell me which ONE of the following four statements comes closest to your view of the Medicare program. Would you say...(**READ**)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--|
| 10 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 6 | The program is in crisis |
| 47 | 36 | 51 | 51 | 45 | The program has major problems, but is not in crisis |
| 33 | 43 | 28 | 28 | 37 | The program has minor problems, OR |
| 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | The program has no problems? |
| 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 8 | Don't know/Refused |

22. As you may know, Medicare does not currently pay for prescription drugs. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your own opinion about what the federal government should do to help people age 65 and over pay for prescription drugs? Do you think the federal government should...**(READ 1 THEN ROTATE ORDER OF 2 & 3)**

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---|
| 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 8 | Keep things as they are now – that is, Medicare should not pay for prescription drugs (or) |
| 55 | 48 | 55 | 63 | 53 | Expand Medicare to pay directly for part of prescription drug costs (or) |
| 36 | 44 | 38 | 28 | 29 | Help seniors buy PRIVATE health insurance plans that would pay part of their prescription drug costs (or) |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | Don't know/Refused |

ROTATE ORDER OF 23a & 23b. FORM A1/B1 SHOULD BE ASKED 23a FIRST, WHILE FORM A2/B2 SHOULD BE ASKED 23b FIRST:

23a. Now thinking about the federal government's role in helping working parents pay for the costs of child care, do you think the government currently does too much, too little, or about the right amount to help working parents with their child care costs?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 11 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 16 | Too much |
| 37 | 44 | 43 | 31 | 23 | Too little |
| 39 | 46 | 36 | 42 | 35 | Right Amount |
| 13 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 25 | Don't know/Refused |

23b. Now thinking about the federal government's role in helping people pay for the cost of long-term care for the elderly, do you think the government currently does too much, too little, or about the right amount to help people with long-term care costs?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | Too much |
| 57 | 54 | 60 | 61 | 51 | Too little |
| 29 | 34 | 27 | 29 | 31 | Right Amount |
| 11 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 15 | Don't know/Refused |

24. Do you think gays and lesbians should have the legal right to get married, or do you think they should not be able to get married legally?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 41 | 55 | 45 | 37 | 20 | Should have legal right |
| 51 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 66 | Should not be able to marry |
| 8 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 14 | Don't know/Refused |

25. Do you favor or oppose providing parents with tax money in the form of school vouchers to help pay for their children to attend private or religious schools?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 47 | 58 | 49 | 39 | 36 | Favor |
| 49 | 38 | 47 | 57 | 54 | Oppose |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 | Don't know/Refused |

26a. Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws in this country?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 58 | 67 | 57 | 55 | 53 | Favor |
| 38 | 29 | 41 | 41 | 40 | Oppose |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | Don't know/Refused |

27. Do you favor or oppose allowing public schools to start each day with a prayer?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 71 | 58 | 71 | 78 | 81 | Favor |
| 24 | 37 | 25 | 17 | 14 | Oppose |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | Don't know/Refused |

28. Do you support or oppose affirmative action programs that give preferences to blacks and other minorities?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 38 | 49 | 38 | 31 | 30 | Support |
| 55 | 44 | 56 | 64 | 58 | Oppose |
| 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 12 | Don't know/Refused |

29a. Would you favor or oppose having U.S. forces take military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 66 | 71 | 74 | 64 | 45 | Favor |
| 26 | 24 | 20 | 29 | 35 | Oppose |
| 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 20 | Don't know/Refused |

30a. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your life OVERALL these days? Are you...(READ)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 60 | 59 | 59 | 60 | 61 | Very satisfied |
| 32 | 36 | 32 | 31 | 32 | Somewhat satisfied |
| 6 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 | Somewhat dissatisfied, OR |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Very dissatisfied |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | * | 2 | Don't know/Refused |

31. Would you describe the state of your own finances these days as...excellent, good, fair, or poor?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 12 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 10 | Excellent |
| 57 | 50 | 59 | 61 | 58 | Good |
| 22 | 25 | 20 | 20 | 22 | Fair |
| 9 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 8 | Poor |
| 1 | * | * | * | 3 | Don't know/Refused |

32. Thinking about all of your investments, including retirement savings plans at work, do you currently have money invested in stocks or mutual funds?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 54 | 37 | 65 | 60 | 44 | Yes |
| 45 | 63 | 34 | 39 | 53 | No |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Don't know/Refused |

33. Thinking about the next 12 months, please tell me how worried you are that each of the following might happen to you. (First,) how worried are you that...(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

| | <u>Very worried</u> | <u>Somewhat worried</u> | <u>Not too worried</u> | <u>Not at all worried</u> | <u>DK/ Ref.</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. You might be the victim of a violent crime | | | | | |
| Total: | 9 | 25 | 35 | 30 | 1 |
| 18-29: | 10 | 22 | 36 | 30 | 1 |
| 30-49: | 11 | 24 | 36 | 28 | 1 |
| 50-64: | 6 | 28 | 35 | 30 | 1 |
| 65 and over: | 9 | 23 | 30 | 35 | 2 |
| b. You might be the victim of a terrorist attack | | | | | |
| Total: | 12 | 26 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 18-29: | 13 | 22 | 32 | 33 | 0 |
| 30-49: | 12 | 28 | 31 | 28 | * |
| 50-64: | 11 | 28 | 28 | 32 | * |
| 65 and over: | 10 | 26 | 26 | 36 | 3 |
| THERE IS NO ITEM C | | | | | |
| d. Your income might not keep up with rising prices | | | | | |
| Total: | 25 | 32 | 22 | 20 | * |
| 18-29: | 22 | 30 | 25 | 23 | * |
| 30-49: | 26 | 32 | 24 | 19 | 0 |
| 50-64: | 27 | 33 | 19 | 21 | * |
| 65 and over: | 24 | 34 | 19 | 21 | 2 |
| e. You might lose your savings in the stock market | | | | | |
| Total: | 20 | 29 | 29 | 22 | * |
| 18-29: | 11 | 26 | 34 | 29 | 0 |
| 30-49: | 21 | 30 | 32 | 18 | 0 |
| 50-64: | 26 | 30 | 22 | 22 | * |
| 65 and over: | 15 | 29 | 24 | 29 | 2 |

Question 33 continued...

| | | Very <u>worried</u> | Somewhat <u>worried</u> | Not too <u>worried</u> | Not at all <u>worried</u> | DK/ <u>Ref.</u> |
|--|---|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| ALWAYS ASK ITEMS f & g AS A PAIR, IN ORDER: | | | | | | |
| f. | You might not be able to afford the prescription drugs you need | | | | | |
| | Total: | 17 | 19 | 26 | 35 | 2 |
| | 18-29: | 11 | 20 | 28 | 40 | 2 |
| | 30-49: | 16 | 17 | 31 | 34 | 2 |
| | 50-64: | 24 | 21 | 20 | 32 | 2 |
| | 65 and over: | 18 | 24 | 22 | 33 | 3 |
| g. | You might not be able to afford the health care services you need | | | | | |
| | Total: | 20 | 22 | 25 | 32 | * |
| | 18-29: | 17 | 21 | 27 | 36 | 0 |
| | 30-49: | 19 | 21 | 27 | 33 | * |
| | 50-64: | 27 | 22 | 23 | 28 | * |
| | 65 and over: | 19 | 26 | 23 | 29 | 2 |

34. In general, would you say your health is...(READ)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 25 | 36 | 27 | 19 | 13 | Excellent |
| 33 | 30 | 38 | 32 | 25 | Very good |
| 26 | 27 | 22 | 27 | 32 | Good |
| 12 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 21 | Fair, OR |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 8 | Poor |
| * | 0 | | * | * | Don't know/Refused |

35. What is your current employment status? Are you NOW...(READ)

36. Do you work full-time or part-time hours?

- 58 Employed
- 50 Full-time
- 7 Part time only
- 1 It depends/No set schedule (VOL)
- 0 Don't know
- 10 A homemaker
- 5 A student
- 17 Retired, OR
- 6 Unemployed?
- 3 Disabled (VOL)
- 1 Other (VOL)
- * Don't know/Refused

37. At what age do you think you will retire? (RECORD ACTUAL AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE 55-97) IF NECESSARY: Your best guess will do...

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 20 | * | 3 | 24 | 86 | Already retired |
| 20 | 40 | 22 | 10 | na | Under 60 |
| 15 | 17 | 16 | 23 | na | 60-64 |
| 19 | 19 | 26 | 19 | 3 | 65-69 |
| 11 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 70 or older |
| 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 4 | Don't ever plan to retire |
| 7 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 2 | Don't know/Refused |

38. Thinking about...(IF 35=“Retired” OR 37=“Already retired”, ADD: the rest of) your retirement, please tell me how concerned you are that each of the following things might happen to you. (First,) how concerned are you...(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

| | <u>Very concerned</u> | <u>Somewhat concerned</u> | <u>Not too concerned</u> | <u>Not at all concerned</u> | <u>DK/ Ref.</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. That you won't have enough money to live comfortably: | | | | | |
| Total: | 26 | 32 | 23 | 19 | 1 |
| 18-29: | 20 | 28 | 27 | 24 | * |
| 30-49: | 29 | 35 | 22 | 14 | * |
| 50-64: | 32 | 31 | 20 | 16 | * |
| 65 and over: | 21 | 29 | 24 | 24 | 2 |
| b. That you will become a burden for your family | | | | | |
| Total: | 18 | 23 | 30 | 28 | 1 |
| 18-29: | 11 | 19 | 34 | 36 | * |
| 30-49: | 17 | 24 | 32 | 26 | 1 |
| 50-64: | 21 | 26 | 28 | 24 | 1 |
| 65 and over: | 22 | 25 | 24 | 28 | 2 |
| c. That you will have large medical bills and not be able to pay for care you need | | | | | |
| Total: | 23 | 32 | 26 | 18 | * |
| 18-29: | 14 | 32 | 32 | 22 | * |
| 30-49: | 25 | 34 | 26 | 15 | * |
| 50-64: | 31 | 31 | 22 | 16 | * |
| 65 and over: | 23 | 29 | 24 | 24 | 1 |
| d. That you will lose your independence | | | | | |
| Total: | 19 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 1 |
| 18-29: | 12 | 22 | 33 | 32 | * |
| 30-49: | 20 | 26 | 29 | 24 | 1 |
| 50-64: | 23 | 29 | 22 | 25 | 1 |
| 65 and over: | 23 | 29 | 21 | 25 | 3 |

THERE IS NO QUESTION 39

40. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and politics most of the time. Others aren't that interested. How much attention do you normally pay to what's going on in government and politics...**(READ)**

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 18 | 12 | 14 | 25 | 26 | A great deal of attention |
| 35 | 28 | 38 | 37 | 36 | Quite a bit |
| 34 | 40 | 36 | 30 | 27 | Just some |
| 10 | 16 | 10 | 7 | 8 | Only a little, OR |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | None? |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Don't know/Refused |

41. When you were growing up, how much attention was paid to politics in your home? Was there...**(READ)**

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 13 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 13 | Quite a lot |
| 22 | 25 | 22 | 19 | 21 | A good amount |
| 32 | 31 | 34 | 31 | 29 | Just some, OR |
| 32 | 29 | 31 | 34 | 34 | Not much |
| 1 | * | 1 | * | 3 | Don't know/Refused |

42. How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what the people think...**(READ)**

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 43 | 39 | 41 | 47 | 47 | A good deal |
| 35 | 41 | 37 | 32 | 26 | Some |
| 21 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 24 | Not much |
| 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 3 | Don't know/Refused |

43a. Now I'm going to read you a statement that may or may not describe your own feelings about politics and government. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it. The statement is: "People like me don't have a say in what government does."

43b. Do you (agree/disagree) **STRONGLY** or only **SOMEWHAT**?

| | <u>NET</u> <u>Agree</u> | <u>Strongly</u> <u>Agree</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> <u>Agree</u> | <u>NET</u> <u>Disagree</u> | <u>Strongly</u> <u>Disagree</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> <u>Disagree</u> | <u>DK/</u> <u>Ref.</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total: | 43 | 23 | 19 | 55 | 23 | 31 | 2 |
| 18-29: | 38 | 19 | 18 | 61 | 23 | 38 | 1 |
| 30-49: | 44 | 24 | 20 | 55 | 25 | 29 | 1 |
| 50-64: | 45 | 26 | 19 | 52 | 24 | 28 | 3 |
| 65 and over: | 45 | 24 | 20 | 51 | 19 | 31 | 4 |

44. Do you think there are important differences between the Democratic and Republican parties, or are both parties pretty much the same?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 59 | 65 | 61 | 55 | 50 | Important differences |
| 37 | 31 | 35 | 42 | 45 | Pretty much the same |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | Don't know/Refused |

45. Do you think quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 48 | 47 | 48 | 54 | 44 | Quite a few |
| 39 | 39 | 42 | 34 | 36 | Not very many |
| 9 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 11 | Hardly any |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 | Don't know/Refused |

46. Do you or your spouse currently belong to A-A-R-P, the retired persons' organization?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 9 | 1 | * | 17 | 28 | Yes, self |
| 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 3 | Yes, spouse |
| 9 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 25 | Yes, both |
| 79 | 97 | 96 | 57 | 43 | No, neither |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Don't know/Refused |

DEMOGRAPHICS:

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX:

48 Male
52 Female

S10a. What is your age, as of your MOST RECENT birthday?

S10b. Please tell me which ONE of the following categories describes your current age. Are you between the ages of... **(READ)**

22 18 to 29
39 30 to 49
21 50 to 64
16 65 and over

D2a. Now, I have a few final questions so we can describe the people who took part in this survey... In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

D2b. Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or not a very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 31 | 30 | 33 | 25 | 34 | Total Republican |
| 16 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 21 | <i>Strong Republican</i> |
| 15 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 13 | <i>Not strong</i> |
| 32 | 26 | 30 | 37 | 39 | Total Democrat |
| 17 | 9 | 15 | 22 | 22 | <i>Strong Democrat</i> |
| 15 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 17 | <i>Not strong</i> |
| 24 | 22 | 25 | 29 | 19 | Independent |
| 11 | 19 | 11 | 6 | 4 | Something else |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Don't know |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Refused |

D2a. Now I have a few final questions so we can describe the people who took part in this survey... In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

D2c. Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 43 | 43 | 45 | 38 | 42 | Total Republican |
| 31 | 30 | 33 | 25 | 34 | <i>Republican</i> |
| 12 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 8 | <i>Lean Republican</i> |
| 46 | 42 | 44 | 52 | 50 | Total Democrat |
| 32 | 26 | 30 | 37 | 39 | <i>Democrat</i> |
| 14 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 11 | <i>Lean Democrat</i> |
| 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 6 | Non-Lean Independent |
| 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Refused |

D3. When voting in congressional and presidential elections, do you ... **(INSERT CHOICES BELOW -- ORDER ROTATED BY FORM)**

FORM A1/B1: always vote for Republicans, mostly vote for Republicans, split your votes evenly between Republicans and Democrats, mostly vote for Democrats, or always vote for Democrats?

FORM A2/B2: always vote for Democrats, mostly vote for Democrats, split your votes evenly between Democrats and Republicans, mostly vote for Republicans, or always vote for Republicans?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 7 | Always vote for Republicans |
| 19 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 22 | Mostly vote for Republicans |
| 31 | 23 | 34 | 37 | 31 | Split votes evenly |
| 22 | 26 | 21 | 22 | 20 | Mostly vote for Democrats |
| 9 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Always vote for Democrats |
| 8 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 7 | Don't know |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | Refused |

D4. Would you say your views in most political matters are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 5 | Very liberal |
| 21 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 20 | Somewhat liberal |
| 30 | 29 | 29 | 31 | 30 | Moderate |
| 26 | 24 | 27 | 26 | 26 | Somewhat conservative |
| 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 14 | Very conservative |
| 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | Don't know |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Refused |

D5. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 79 | 60 | 79 | 88 | 90 | Yes, registered to vote |
| 21 | 39 | 21 | 12 | 9 | No, not registered to vote |
| * | * | * | 0 | * | Don't have to register (VOL) |
| * | 1 | * | * | * | Don't know/Refused |

D6a. As you may know, around half the public does not vote in presidential elections. How about you—did you vote in the presidential election in 2000, when George W. Bush ran against Al Gore, Ralph Nader, and Pat Buchanan, or did you skip that one?

D6b. Did you happen to vote for...(READ)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 69 | 44 | 71 | 79 | 84 | Yes, voted |
| 37 | 25 | 41 | 37 | 43 | <i>Bush</i> |
| 25 | 16 | 23 | 34 | 32 | <i>Gore</i> |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | <i>Nader</i> |
| * | 0 | * | * | * | <i>Buchanan, OR</i> |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 8 | <i>Other/Don't remember</i> |
| 30 | 56 | 28 | 20 | 14 | No, did not vote |
| 1 | * | * | * | 1 | Don't remember if voted |
| * | 0 | * | * | 0 | Refused |

D6c. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the November 2000 congressional election in your district?

D6d. Did you happen to vote for...(READ)

| <u>Total</u> | <u>18-29</u> | <u>30-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---|
| 52 | 23 | 54 | 63 | 71 | Yes, voted |
| 21 | 9 | 24 | 20 | 29 | <i>The Republican party's candidate</i> |
| 22 | 10 | 21 | 31 | 30 | <i>The Democratic party's candidate</i> |
| 9 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 12 | <i>Other candidate/Don't remember</i> |
| 35 | 66 | 31 | 26 | 15 | No, did not vote |
| 13 | 11 | 15 | 11 | 15 | Don't remember if voted |
| * | 0 | 0 | * | * | Refused |

D7. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 53 Married
- 6 Living with partner
- 9 Widowed
- 10 Divorced
- 2 Separated
- 20 Never married/Single
- * Don't know/Refused

D8a. What is your religion -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church, or some other religion?

D8b. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

D8c. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

- 60 Total Protestant/Christian
- 31 Evangelical
- 29 Non-evangelical
- 24 Catholic
- 1 Jewish
- 2 Mormon
- 1 Orthodox Church
- 3 Other religion
- 8 No religion/Atheist/Agnostic (VOL)
- 1 Don't know/Refused

D9. What is the last grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

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

D10a. Are you, or is any other adult in your household a member of a labor union?

- 14 Yes, labor union household
- 85 No, non-union
- 1 Don't know/Refused

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

- 10 Yes
- 89 No
- * Don't know
- * Refused

D12. Do you consider yourself to be white, black or African-American, Asian-American, or some other race? **IF R SAYS "HISPANIC" OR "LATINO" ASK: Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino? THEN CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF R REFUSES TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, CODE AS OTHER (4)**

- 81 White
- 12 Black/African-American
- 1 Asian
- 4 Other or mixed race
- 1 Don't know
- 1 Refused

D13. Last year, that is in 2001, what was your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

- 5 Less than \$10,000
- 12 \$10,000 to under \$20,000
- 13 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
- 14 \$30,000 to under \$40,000
- 10 \$40,000 to under \$50,000
- 16 \$50,000 to under \$75,000
- 19 \$75,000 or more
- 4 Don't know
- 6 Refused



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