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FINAL TOPLINE  
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N=2,001 [FORM A N=1,000; FORM B N=1,001]**

A.1/B.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

**[ROTATE QUESTIONS A.2 AND A.3]**

A.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>June 2001</u>
49 Approve	50
30 Disapprove	28
<u>21</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>22</u>
100	100

A.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
September, 2001	43	39	18=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100

**A.3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
September, 1999	35	48	17=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100
March, 1999	38	47	15=100
February, 1999	37	51	12=100
Mid-January, 1999	36	51	13=100
January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Late December, 1998	39	56	5=100
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
November, 1998	41	48	11=100
September 21-22, 1998	44	44	12=100
September 19-20, 1998	46	41	13=100
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Late August, 1998	48	36	16=100
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
June, 1998	42	38	20=100
May, 1998	40	41	19=100
April, 1998	41	40	19=100
March, 1998	43	39	18=100
January, 1998	43	41	16=100
November, 1997	41	43	16=100
August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 1997	44	42	14=100
January, 1997	38	47	15=100
November, 1996	40	43	17=100
July, 1996	38	48	14=100
June, 1996	36	50	14=100
April, 1996	39	46	15=100
March, 1996	35	51	14=100
February, 1996	33	53	14=100
January, 1996	36	54	10=100
October, 1995	36	51	13=100
September, 1995	36	50	14=100
August, 1995	38	45	17=100
June, 1995	41	45	14=100
April, 1995	44	43	13=100
March, 1995	43	39	18=100
December, 1994	52	28	20=100

A.4/B.2 Now I'd like your views on the state of the nation. All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
September, 2001	41	53	6=100
June, 2001	43	52	5=100
March, 2001	47	45	8=100
February, 2001	46	43	11=100
January, 2001	55	41	4=100
September, 2000	51	41	8=100
June, 2000	47	45	8=100
April, 2000	48	43	9=100
August, 1999	56	39	5=100
January, 1999	53	41	6=100
November, 1998	46	44	10=100
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 1998	46	50	4=100
September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 1997	49	46	5=100
January, 1997	38	58	4=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
March, 1996	28	70	2=100
October, 1995	23	73	4=100
June, 1995	25	73	2=100
April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
<i>Late February, 1991 (Gallup)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>3=100</i>
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

And thinking about the world...

A.5 What is America's most important INTERNATIONAL problem today? [OPEN-END] [PROBE FOR CLARITY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION]

**17 SPECIFIC GEOPOLITICAL CONCERNS (NET)**

- 13 Relating to the Middle East (Sub-Net)
  - 5 Middle East
  - 4 Situation in Israel/Situation with Israel and Arab neighbors
  - 3 Peace/Unrest in the Middle East/Middle East crisis
  - 2 Situation in Iraq
  - \* All other Middle East Mentions
- 4 Relating to other specific global areas (Sub-Net)
  - Dealing with an emerging China/Presence of a new China/Managing the relationship with
  - 3 China
    - Situation in Bosnia/Former Yugoslavia/Reducing threat of conflict in Eastern Europe/the
    - 1 Balkans
    - \* Mentions of North or South Korea
    - 1 All other specific global areas
  - \* Relating to the former USSR

**15 GLOBAL INSTABILITY (NET)**

- 4 International violence/security problems/Threats of terrorism (focus on terrorism not war)
- 4 World conflicts/Wars/Chaos/World wide unrest/Ethnic conflicts, etc.
- 3 Maintaining world peace/Peace keeper/Resolution of international disputes
  - Developed vs. underdeveloped/Gap between rich and poor nations/Inequality of
  - 2 wealth/Poverty
  - 1 Nuclear proliferation/control of nuclear weapons/ "loose nukes"
  - 1 Keeping U.S. out of war
  - \* Weapons/Arms control, unspecified
  - \* Missile defense system/ "Star Wars"
  - \* NATO/Support NATO efforts
  - \* Dealing with threat of "Weapons of mass destruction"
  - 1 All other peace/world unrest mentions

**10 U.S. LEADERSHIP ROLE (NET)**

- 6 Too big a role as peacekeeper/too much intervention/too meddlesome
- 1 Global image
- 1 Balance being world power with member of global community/Cooperation
- 1 Our/U.S. credibility/Maintaining the respect of other nations
- \* What it means/Responsibilities of being (a/world's only) superpower
- \* Assuming/maintaining leadership role in post-Cold War era/Finding a new role in the post-Cold War world
- \* Loss of leadership/Declining as a world leader/power
- 1 All other U.S. leadership role mentions

**10 SOCIAL ISSUES (NET)**

- 3 Immigration/Controlling immigration to the U.S.A./Displaced people
- 3 Hunger
- 2 Loss of jobs to foreign workers/foreign countries
- 1 Human rights issues
- 1 AIDS/World Health problems
- 1 Loss of jobs to immigrants
- \* All other social issue mentions

**A.5 CONTINUED ...**

- 9 ECONOMICS (NET)**
- 5 Miscellaneous economy (Sub-Net)
    - 3 Global economic relationships worldwide, unspecified
      - \* Assisting/encouraging economic growth/development worldwide
      - \* Economic stabilization
    - 2 All other economic mentions
  - 4 Trade imbalance/Deficit (Sub-Net)
    - 2 Deficit imbalance/Reduction of trade deficit, generally or unspecified
      - 1 Trade/Global trade/Trade expansion
      - 2 All other trade imbalance/deficit mentions
  - 4 International drug trafficking mentions/Drugs
  - 4 Too much foreign aid/Better to take care of our problems at home
  - 4 Domestic policy/problem
  - 3 Energy crisis/concerns/Dependence on foreign oil
  - 3 Environmental issues/Global warming/U.S. over-consumption of world's resources
  - 1 Reestablishing relations with other countries, unspecified
  - 1 Future of U.S. Armed Forces mentions/Defense
  - \* Isolationism
  - \* Maintaining relationships/alliances/Seek greater unity with Europe/our allies
  - \* Globalization/Adjusting to globalization
  - 6 All other mentions
  - \* Nothing
  - 21 Don't know/No answer

A.6/B.3 All in all, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the WORLD these days?

		<u>Sept 1997</u>	<u>Oct 1993</u>	<u>Sept 1993</u>
27	Satisfied	29	12	28
64	Dissatisfied	65	81	66
6	Neither satisfied/dissatisfied (VOL)	4	4	*
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

A.7 In your opinion, what country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States? **[DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION. IF MULTIPLE MENTIONS ONLY RECORD EXPLANATION IF NECESSARY FOR CLARIFICATION.][OPEN END]**<sup>1</sup>

		Sept <u>1993</u>	April <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1993</u>	Feb <u>1992</u>	March <u>1990</u>
32	China	11	6	9	8	8
16	Iraq	18	14	17	12	*
9	Russia, Soviet Union, CIS	8	16	13	13	32
8	Other Middle East	*	6	4	6	5
5	Iran	7	6	6	4	6
3	Japan	11	9	8	31	8
2	United States	*	6	6	3	4
2	Cuba	*	1	1	1	3
1	Libya	1	*	1	2	2
1	North Korea	1	--	*	*	*
7	Other	13	7	5	2	13
1	None	6	12	9	5	6
20	Can't say/Don't know	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
		100	100	100	100	100

A.8/B.4 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]**

<b>FORM A ITEMS:</b>		Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
A.8a	Talks between American and Russian officials about revising the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty	12	28	28	31	1=100
A.8b	The disappearance of Chandra Levy, a former Washington, DC intern July, 2001	26 16	35 33	24 25	14 24	1=100 2=100
A.8c	NATO peacekeeping forces being sent to Macedonia	8	24	30	36	2=100
A.8d	The worldwide AIDS epidemic	19	35	28	17	1=100
A.8e	Wild fires in the west	28	37	24	11	*=100

<sup>1</sup> In 2001 the percents add to more than 100 because respondents were allowed to provide more than one answer.

**A.8/B.4 CONTINUED ...**

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
<b>FORM A ITEMS:</b>						
A.8f	Shark attacks occurring in Florida this summer	28	39	24	8	1=100
<b>FORM B ITEMS:</b>						
B.4a	Recent anti-globalization protests in the United States and abroad	8	19	29	42	2=100
	April, 2000 <sup>2</sup>	6	18	32	43	1=100
	December, 1999 <sup>3</sup>	18	30	27	24	1=100
B.4b	Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's overall review of the U.S. Department of Defense and the military	7	18	26	47	2=100
B.4c	Continued violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis	21	33	25	20	1=100
	April, 2001 <sup>4</sup>	22	34	24	19	1=100
	Mid-October, 2000	30	38	18	13	1=100
	Early October, 2000	21	30	27	21	1=100
	January, 1997	12	23	29	35	1=100
	October, 1996	17	34	26	23	*=100
	May, 1988	18	37	34	9	2=100
B.4d	The spread of mad cow disease in Europe	18	34	27	20	1=100
	March, 2001 <sup>5</sup>	22	33	22	22	1=100
B.4e	George W. Bush's decision on federal funding for stem-cell research	31	34	18	15	2=100

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<sup>2</sup> In April 2000 the story was listed as "The protests in Washington, DC at the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund."

<sup>3</sup> In December 1999 the story was listed as "The protests in Seattle at the World Trade Organization meeting."

<sup>4</sup> In April 2001 the story was listed as "Continued violence in the Middle East." In Mid-October 2000 the story was listed as "Continued violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis." In Early October 2000 the story was listed as "Renewed violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis." In January 1997 the story was listed as "Renewed tensions between Israelis and Palestinians over Hebron." In October 1996 the story was listed as "Renewed violence between Israelis & Palestinians on the West Bank and in Jerusalem." In May 1988 the story was listed as "The conflict in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis in the occupied territories."

<sup>5</sup> In March 2001 the story was listed as "The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among livestock in Europe."

A.9 How have you been getting most of your news about national and international issues? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet? **[ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]**

**[IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER FIRST OR SECOND RESPONSE IN A.9 ASK:]**

A.10 Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from network TV news, from local TV news, or from cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC? **[ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE]**

		Feb 2001	Oct 1999	Jan 1999	Jan 1996	Sept 1995 <sup>6</sup>	Jan 1994	Sept 1993	Jan 1993
74	Television	76	80	82	88	82	83	83	83
	20 Network TV news	20	22	--	--	--	--	--	39
	26 Local TV news	25	31	--	--	--	--	--	30
	34 Cable news <sup>7</sup>	35	35	--	--	--	--	--	38
	1 Other	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	2
	* Don't know	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	1
45	Newspapers	40	48	42	61	63	51	60	52
18	Radio	16	19	18	25	20	15	17	17
6	Magazines	4	5	4	8	10	10	9	5
13	Internet <sup>8</sup>	10	11	6	--	--	--	--	--
1	Other (VOL)	2	2	2	2	1	5	3	1
*	Don't know/Refused	1	*	*	*	1	1	*	1

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking more generally about the news media...

A.11 What grade A, B, C, D, or F would you give **[READ ITEMS IN ORDER]** for "it's"/"their" OVERALL news coverage these days? **[REPEAT FULL QUESTION STEM FOR EACH ITEM]**

		<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Can't Say</u>
a.	Network television news	18	38	26	10	4	4=100
	March, 1995	15	42	31	6	2	4=100
b.	Local television news	20	37	27	8	4	4=100
	March, 1995	22	45	24	6	1	2=100
c.	The large nationally influential newspapers – such as the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times	16	24	10	2	3	45=100
	March, 1995	15	21	14	2	2	46=100
d.	The daily newspaper you are most familiar with	19	37	25	8	3	8=100
	March, 1995	20	38	29	6	3	4=100

<sup>6</sup> In September 1995, question wording did not include "international."

<sup>7</sup> Beginning in October 1999, "cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC" was substituted for "CNN."

<sup>8</sup> Beginning in February 2001, "Internet" was substituted for "computer online sources."

**A.11 CONTINUED ...**

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Can't Say</u>
e. News magazines such as Time, U.S. News & World Report and Newsweek	21	30	10	3	1	35=100
March, 1995	16	32	17	4	1	30=100
f. Cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC	34	33	11	3	2	17=100

A.12 Do you think the news media gives too much attention to foreign news, not enough attention to foreign news, or about the right amount of attention?

	<u>Sept 1997</u>
12 Too much	16
29 Not enough	17
55 Right amount	62
<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100	100

On another topic...

A.13/

B.14 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's foreign policy? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's foreign policy? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
September, 2001	46	34	20=100
August, 2001 <sup>9</sup>	45	32	23=100
<b>Clinton:</b> June, 1999	52	37	11=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Early September, 1998	61	30	9=100
<b>Clinton:</b> September, 1997	54	34	12=100
<b>Clinton:</b> January, 1996	52	39	9=100
<b>Clinton:</b> June, 1995	39	52	9=100
<b>Clinton:</b> October, 1994	50	42	8=100
<b>Clinton:</b> July, 1994	38	53	9=100
<b>Clinton:</b> September, 1993	47	33	20=100
<b>Bush, Sr.:</b> May, 1990	58	30	12=100

<sup>9</sup>

In August 2001, roughly half the sample was asked about Bush's handling of international policy, while the other half was asked about handling of the nation's foreign policy. Results did not differ between question wordings.

**ROTATE A.14-A.16**

A.14 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is dealing with Mexico? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is dealing with Mexico? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		----- Clinton -----	
		<i>CBS News</i>	
		<u>Sept 1997</u>	<u>Oct 1996<sup>10</sup></u>
33	Approve	35	43
32	Disapprove	40	31
<u>35</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
100		100	100

A.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in the Middle East? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in the Middle East? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		----- Clinton -----			
		<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>			
		<u>Sept 1997</u>	<u>Oct 1-2 1996</u>	<u>Oct 2-3 1996</u>	<u>Oct 1994</u>
45	Approve	50	52	51	56
35	Disapprove	36	34	35	35
<u>20</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

A.16 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		----- Clinton -----							-- Bush, Sr. --	
		Early							Aug	May
		<u>Feb 2001</u>	<u>Sept 1998</u>	<u>Sept 1997</u>	<u>Jan 1996</u>	<u>June 1995</u>	<u>Oct 1994</u>	<u>July 1994</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990</u>
47	Approve	50	71	60	50	46	45	38	40	42
44	Disapprove	22	23	34	42	46	46	56	52	47
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>28</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

<sup>10</sup>

In October 1996 the question was worded "... Clinton is handling relations with Mexico."

**ROTATE QUESTIONS B.15-B.17**

B.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling international trade issues? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling international trade issues? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		----- Clinton -----		
		Sept	Sept	Aug
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>
38	Approve	44	38	49
34	Disapprove	38	39	25
<u>28</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>
100		100	100	100

B.16 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the environment? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the environment? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<u>Bush, Sr.</u>
		<u>May 1990</u>
42	Approve	44
42	Disapprove	45
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>11</u>
100		100

B.17 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is dealing with China? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is dealing with China? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

		<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Bush, Sr.</u>
		<u>Sept 1997</u>	<u>May 1990</u>
38	Approve	37	44
31	Disapprove	37	29
<u>31</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
100		100	100

A.17 I'd like to ask you some questions about priorities for President Bush and Congress this fall. As I read from a list, tell me if you think the item that I read should be a priority. (First,) should **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? (What about... **[INSERT ITEM]**?)

		Top	Important	Not too	Should Not	
		Priority	But lower	Important	Be Done	DK/Ref
			Priority	Important	Be Done	DK/Ref
a.	Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage	60	31	6	2	1=100
	January, 2001	73	19	4	2	2=100
	January, 2000	54	31	9	3	3=100
b.	Increasing the minimum wage	40	40	13	6	1=100
	January, 2000	34	41	16	6	3=100
c.	Reforming the campaign finance system	29	35	23	8	5=100
	January, 2001	37	32	18	6	7=100
	January, 2000	32	34	20	6	8=100
	July, 1999	28	37	23	7	5=100
	January, 1999	29	36	21	6	8=100
	January, 1998	32	34	24	5	5=100
	January, 1997	31	37	23	5	4=100
d.	Improving the educational system	76	19	3	1	1=100
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1=100
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1=100
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2=100
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*=100
e.	Developing a national missile defense system to protect against missile attacks	35	39	14	11	1=100
	January, 2001	41	32	14	9	4=100
f.	Passing a comprehensive energy plan	46	41	6	2	5=100
g.	Passing legislation that will allow churches and other houses of worship to provide social services using government funding	18	35	18	26	3=100
h.	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2=100
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1=100
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1=100
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1=100

**A.17 CONTINUED ...**

		Top <u>Priority</u>	Important But lower <u>Priority</u>	Not too <u>Important</u>	Should Not <u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
i.	Keeping the economy strong	80	18	1	*	1=100
	January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1=100
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1=100

**FORM 1 [N=513]:**

j.F1	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans	54	34	5	5	2=100
	January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3=100
	January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4=100
	July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3=100

**FORM 2 [N=487]:**

k.F2	Passing a Patient's Bill of Rights	45	38	8	3	6=100
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**ASK ALL:**

A.18 Who do you have the most confidence in to make wise decisions about how to deal with the nation's most important problems? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

37	President Bush
	– OR –
44	Democratic leaders in Congress
5	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b> Both
8	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b> Neither
<u>6</u>	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b> Don't know/Refused
100	

A/B.19 What kind of leadership role should the United States play in the world? Should it be the single world leader, or should it play a shared leadership role, or shouldn't it play any leadership role?

**[IF ANSWERED 2 "SHARED LEADERSHIP ROLE" IN A.19, ASK:]**

A/B.20 Should the United States be the most active of the leading nations, or should it be about as active as other leading nations?<sup>11</sup>

		<u>Sept</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1993</u>
13	Be the single world leader, or	12	13	9	10
75	Should it play a shared leadership role	73	74	78	81
25	Most active	22	25	23	27
49	About as active	50	47	53	52
1	Don't know/Refused	1	2	2	2
8	Shouldn't it play any leadership role	11	9	9	7
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100

<sup>11</sup> Before 1997 the answer categories were "... most active, or should it be no more or less active than other leading nations?"

**A.21ASK ALL/B.21 FORM 1 [N=1,499]:**

A.21/

B.21F1 All in all, how should the U.S. determine its foreign policy? Should it be based mostly on the national interests of the U.S., or should it strongly take into account the interests of its allies?

38 Own estimates of national interest  
 48 Interests and views of allies  
 7 Both (VOL)  
 1 Neither (VOL)  
6 Don't Know/Refused  
 100

**B.22 FORM 2 ONLY [N=502]:**

B.22F2 In formulating U.S. foreign policy, is the Bush administration taking into account the interests and views of our allies... Too much, too little, or about the right amount?

19 Too much  
 22 Too little  
 42 Right amount  
17 Don't Know/Refused  
 100

A.22/

B.25 As I read a list of possible LONG-RANGE foreign policy goals which the United States might have, tell me how much priority you think each should be given. First, **[READ AND ROTATE]**, do you think this should have top priority, some priority, or no priority at all.<sup>12</sup>

<b>FORM A ITEMS:</b>		<u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Some</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
A.22a	Preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction	78	16	5	1=100
	September, 1997	70	23	6	1=100
	June, 1995	68	21	9	2=100
	September, 1993	69	24	5	1=100
A.22b	Insuring adequate energy supplies for the U.S.	74	23	2	1=100
	September, 1997	58	36	3	3=100
	June, 1995	59	34	3	4=100
	September, 1993	60	34	4	2=100

<sup>12</sup>

Before 1997 the answer categories were "... should have top priority, priority but not top priority, or no priority at all."

**A.22/B.25 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Some Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>FORM A ITEMS:</b>					
A.22c	Promoting democracy in other nations	29	52	16	3=100
	September, 1997	22	57	18	3=100
	June, 1995	16	57	24	3=100
	September, 1993	22	52	24	2=100
A.22d	Promoting U.S. business and economic interests abroad	37	53	8	2=100
	September, 1997 <sup>13</sup>	16	62	20	2=100
	June, 1995	26	50	20	4=100
	September, 1993	27	51	19	3=100
A.22e	Strengthening the United Nations	42	43	13	2=100
	September, 1997	30	53	14	3=100
	June, 1995	36	45	17	2=100
	September, 1993	41	46	11	2=100
A.22f	Reducing U.S. military commitments overseas	26	58	14	2=100
A.22g	Reducing the spread of AIDS and other infectious diseases	73	23	3	1=100
A.22h	Protecting groups or nations that are threatened with genocide	49	41	5	5=100
<b>FORM B ITEMS:</b>					
B.25a	Taking measures to protect the U.S. from terrorist attacks	80	16	3	1=100
B.25b	Helping improve the living standards in developing nations	25	61	12	2=100
	September, 1997	23	63	13	1=100
	June, 1995	16	59	22	3=100
	September, 1993	19	60	20	1=100
B.25c	Protecting the jobs of American workers	77	19	3	1=100
	September, 1997	77	20	2	1=100
	June, 1995	80	17	2	1=100
	September, 1993	85	13	2	*=100
B.25d	Promoting and defending human rights in other countries	29	54	14	3=100
	September, 1997	27	56	15	2=100
	June, 1995	21	56	20	3=100
	September, 1993	22	54	22	2=100
B.25e	Combating international drug trafficking	64	26	9	1=100
	September, 1997	67	24	7	2=100

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In September 1993, June 1995 and September 1997 the item was worded "Aiding the interests of US businesses abroad."

**A.22/B.25 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Some Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>FORM B ITEMS:</b>					
B.25f	Getting other countries to assume more of the costs of maintaining world order	56	35	6	3=100
B.25g	Dealing with the problem of world hunger	47	44	7	2=100
B.25h	Dealing with global warming	44	39	12	5=100
	September, 1997 <sup>14</sup>	50	42	6	2=100
	June, 1995	56	36	6	2=100
	September, 1993	56	37	6	1=100

A.23 Now I'd like your views about some organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE"]

		<u>Very Favor- able</u>	<u>Mostly Favor- able</u>	<u>Mostly Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Very Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Of</u>	<u>Can't Rate</u>
a.	The World Trade Organization	14	52	14	7	3	10=100
b.	The United Nations	23	54	12	6	1	4=100
	August, 1999	19	57	14	5	*	5=100
	June, 1999	19	51	16	7	0	7=100
	Early September, 1998	14	55	16	7	*	8=100
	September, 1997	11	53	19	9	*	8=100
	February, 1996	19	46	20	9	1	5=100
	June, 1995	14	53	20	8	*	5=100
	February, 1995	13	49	18	8	*	12=100
	July, 1994	21	55	14	5	1	4=100
	May, 1993	21	52	13	4	0	10=100
	May, 1990	15	55	13	6	1	10=100
c.	The European Union	6	32	18	5	20	19=100
d.	The World Bank	9	43	15	8	8	17=100
e.	The International Monetary Fund	7	39	13	7	15	19=100
f.	NATO	19	52	11	5	5	8=100
	June, 1999	17	50	17	8	2	6=100
	September, 1997	9	44	19	9	4	15=100
	January, 1997	9	44	23	8	3	13=100
	June, 1995	8	53	18	7	4	10=100

<sup>14</sup>

In September 1993, June 1995 and September 1997 the item was worded "Improving the global environment."

Now I would like to ask you a few questions about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them.

A.24 **[IN AUG. READ “Recently,”/IN SEPT. READ “In August,”]** President Bush made a nationally televised, prime-time address to the nation about an important issue. Do you happen to know what this address was about... **[IF “YES”, ASK:]** What was it about? **[OPEN]**

23	Yes, Stem cell research / Medical research (funding of) / Cloning / anything to do with embryos or fetuses or cells ( <i>correct</i> )
6	Yes, Any other issue
<u>71</u>	No, don't know/Not sure/Refused
100	

**B.29 FORM 1 ONLY [N=449]:**

B.29F1 Do you happen to know the name of the missing Washington D.C. intern who has been romantically linked to a member of Congress? **[IF YES, ASK:]** Who is it? **[OPEN]**

56	Yes, Chandra Levy ( <i>correct</i> )
15	Yes, incorrect
<u>29</u>	No, don't know/Refused
100	

**B.29 FORM 2 ONLY [N=502]:**

B.29F2 Do you happen to know the name of the Congressman who had been romantically linked to a missing Washington D.C. intern? **[IF YES, ASK:]** Who is it? **[OPEN]**

60	Yes, Gary Condit ( <i>correct</i> )
11	Yes, incorrect
<u>29</u>	No, don't know/Refused
100	

**S.1 AND S.2 ASKED AUG 28-SEPT 5 ONLY [N=809]:**

S.1 Do you happen to know whether the projected U.S. government budget surplus for this year is larger than expected, smaller than expected, or about what was expected?

22	Larger than expected
42	Smaller than expected ( <i>correct</i> )
11	About what was expected
<u>25</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

S.2 IF the budget surplus is significantly SMALLER than expected, some have said the government may have to cover current expenses by drawing on funds that were set aside for another purpose. Do you happen to know what program these funds were set aside for? [OPEN END – DO NOT READ]

- 53 Social Security
- 2 Medicare/Medicaid
- \* Retirement programs
- 3 Other (SPECIFY)
- 42 Don't know/Refused
- 100

A.25/

B.30 Earlier this year, a U.S. spy plane collided with a fighter jet from another country. The American air crew was held for several days. Do you know in what country this took place? [IF "YES" ASK:] Which country? [OPEN]

- 62 Yes, China (*correct*)
- 9 Yes, Any other country
- 29 No, don't know/Not sure/Refused
- 100

A.26/

B.31 Recently, President Bush withdrew U.S. support for an international treaty known as the Kyoto Protocol. What issue does this agreement address? [OPEN]

- Environment / Global Warming / Greenhouse Gas Emissions / Climate change /
- 14 Pollution / Clean Air / Air Quality / Ozone (*correct*)
- 5 Any other issue
- 81 Don't Know/Not sure/Refused
- 100

A.27/

B.32 What is the name of the president of Russia? [OPEN]

		----- Boris Yeltsin -----				
		Sept	June	July	Feb	Jan
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
23	Vladimir Putin ( <i>correct</i> )	47	44	46	47	50
<u>77</u>	Anything else/Other/DK/Refused	<u>53</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Now, a few questions on trade:

A.28 Please tell me if you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose giving the president trade negotiating authority to reach international trade agreements that Congress can only approve or disapprove, but not change?<sup>15</sup>

		<u>Aug 1999</u>	<u>Early Sept 1998</u>
14	Strongly Favor	11	13
32	Favor	33	30
32	Oppose	32	29
14	Strongly Oppose	17	18
<u>8</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100

A.29 So far, do you think that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, has been a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?

		<u>Nov 1997</u>	<u>Sept 1997</u>
49	Good thing	45	47
29	Bad thing	34	30
<u>22</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
100		100	100

A.30 In deciding U.S. policies about trading with other countries, how much priority should be given to each of the following. First, **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]**. Do you think this should have top priority, some priority or no priority at all in deciding U.S. trade policy?

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Some Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>(VOL) DK/Ref</u>
a.	Protecting the jobs of American workers February, 2000	79 78	19 19	2 2	*=100 1=100
b.	Promoting and defending human and worker rights in other countries February, 2000 <sup>16</sup>	34 28	52 55	11 15	3=100 2=100
c.	Protecting the global environment February, 2000 <sup>17</sup>	64 52	31 42	3 4	2=100 2=100
d.	Keeping the American economy growing February, 2000	79 74	19 24	1 1	1=100 1=100

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15 In August 1999 the question was worded "Giving the president fast track authority to negotiate international trade deals that Congress can only approve or disapprove, but not change." In Early September 1998, the question was worded: "Giving President Clinton fast track authority to negotiate international trade deals that Congress can only approve or disapprove, but not change."

16 In February 2000 the item was "Promoting and defending human rights in other countries."

17 In February 2000 the item was "Improving the global environment."

On another subject...

**ROTATE QUESTIONS A.31 AND A.32**

A.31 How much of an impact does what happens in Western Europe have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

		<u>Sept 1997</u>
10	A great deal	8
33	A fair amount	28
33	Not very much	36
20	None at all	25
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

A.32 How much of an impact does what happens in Mexico have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

		<u>Sept 1997</u>
16	A great deal	13
32	A fair amount	29
31	Not very much	32
17	None at all	23
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

**ROTATE QUESTIONS B.36 AND B.37**

B.36 How much of an impact does what happens in Asia have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

		<u>Sept 1997</u>
13	A great deal	9
31	A fair amount	26
30	Not very much	36
23	None at all	25
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

B.37 How much of an impact does what happens in Canada have on your life? Would you say a great deal of impact, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

		<u>Sept 1997</u>
12	A great deal	8
25	A fair amount	23
34	Not very much	39
26	None at all	27
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

B.38 How do you think a global economy will affect the financial situation of you and your family in the future? Do you think it will... definitely help, probably help, probably hurt or definitely hurt your future financial situation?

		<u>Early Sept 1998</u>
6	Definitely help	6
36	Probably help	38
30	Probably hurt	26
11	Definitely hurt	8
5	Neither hurt nor help (VOL)	5
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>17</u>
100		100

A.33 Thinking about the growing ties between the economies of the U.S. and other countries... Do you think the trend toward a global economy is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

		<u>Early Sept 1998</u>
60	Good thing	47
24	Bad thing	30
2	Neither good or bad/Both (VOL)	5
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>
100		100

A.34 There has been a lot of talk about globalization these days, and the protests about it. Thinking about the globalization PROTESTERS, do you share many, some, few, or none of their concerns?

7	Many
35	Some
22	Few
20	None
12	Don't know what their concerns are / Don't know what globalization is (VOL)
<u>4</u>	No Opinion/Refused
100	

**IF ANSWERED “MANY, SOME OR FEW” IN A.34 (A.34=1, 2, OR 3), ASK [N=658]:**

A.35 Which of their concerns do you share? [IF UNCLEAR, READ: “Which concerns expressed by the globalization protesters do you share?”] [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY — DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.]

- 16 Environmental issues (includes “energy” mentions)
- 6 Loss of American jobs
- 5 Labor standards being lowered/Exploitation of workers in poor countries/ Workers’ rights
- 5 Negative impact on U.S. economy/standard of living
- Widening of gap between rich and poor/Leaving some behind/Exploitation/Abuse of poor/weak
- 4 by the wealthy/strong
- 4 Governance/Accountability/Fairness/Concentration of power
- 3 Global economic issues/Role of the World Bank (includes “one currency”)
- 3 Human rights
- 3 Trade issues/imbbalances/World Trade Organization
- 3 Loss of national identity/sovereignty/U.S. supremacy
- 2 Against it/Won’t work/Afraid of the unknown/how it will affect me
- 2 Power of Big Business/Corporate abuses/greed
- 1 Loss of cultural/ethnic identity
- 8 Other
- \* Nothing
- 50 Don’t Know/Refused

**IF ANSWERED “NONE” IN A.34, (A.34=4), ASK [N=194]:**

A.36 Why do you feel that way? [IF UNCLEAR, READ: “Why do you feel you share none of the concerns of globalization protesters?”] [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY — DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.]

- 14 Extremists/Don’t like protesters/their methods/Demonstrations have become too violent/riots
- 12 Not my issue/Doesn’t concern/affect/matter to me
- 11 Need to know more/Don’t keep up
- 8 Believe in globalization/global economy/See benefits/It’s working
- 7 Only care if it affects U.S./me/Mind own business
- 4 They are misinformed/misguided/Views aren’t well thought out
- 10 Other
- 37 Don’t know/Refused

Thinking more generally about the news media...

B.5 Which of the following two statements about the news media do you agree with more...[READ]

		Early				
		Feb	Jan	Feb	March	July
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
31	The news media helps society to solve its problems	29	31	36	33	25
	OR					
58	The news media gets in the way of society solving its problems	65	63	54	57	71
<u>11</u>	Don’t know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**B.6 FORM 1 ONLY [N=499]:**

B.6F1 Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?

		Early		Late	Early				
		Feb	Feb	Feb	Jan	Jan	Aug	Dec	July
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
25	Criticism by the press keeps political leaders from doing their job	31	39	32	24	18	23	26	17
60	Criticism keeps leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done	58	55	56	66	69	68	60	67
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**B.7 FORM 2 ONLY [N=502]:**

B.7F2 Some people say that in covering the personal and ethical behavior of public figures, news organizations are only reporting the news. Others say that news organizations are driving the controversies themselves, by devoting as much coverage to these stories as they do. Which view comes closer to your own?

		Feb	March	Aug
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1989</u>
23	Only reporting the news	24	20	31
69	Driving the controversy	72	74	63
3	Neither (VOL)	1	*	3
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100

**B.8 FORM 1 ONLY [N=499]:**

B.8F1 Do you think that press coverage of the personal and ethical BEHAVIOR of political leaders is excessive or not?

		Early			
		Feb	Feb	Jan	Aug
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1989</u>
66	Yes, coverage is excessive	66	65	59	52
29	No, it is not excessive	29	30	38	43
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100

**B.9 FORM 2 ONLY [N=502]:**

B.9F2 In general, do you think news organizations get the facts straight, or do you think that their stories and reports are often inaccurate?

		Early		Early							
		Feb	Aug	Feb	Feb	Jan	Aug	Aug	May	Jan	July
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1985</u>
35	Get the facts straight	37	33	34	37	49	54	40	48	44	55
57	Stories often inaccurate	58	58	63	56	44	44	50	43	48	34
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

B.10 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations deal fairly with all sides, or do they tend to favor one side?

		Feb <u>1997</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>	Aug <u>1989</u>	Aug <u>1988</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	Dec <u>1986</u>	July <u>1986</u>	July <u>1985</u>
26	Deal fairly with all sides	27	31	28	36	34	30	39	37	34
67	Tend to favor one side	67	63	68	57	56	59	54	57	53
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

B.11 In general, do you think news organizations are pretty independent, or are they often influenced by powerful people and organizations?

		Jan <u>1994</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>	Aug <u>1989</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	July <u>1986</u>	July <u>1985</u>
23	Pretty independent	28	35	33	40	37	37
71	Often influenced by powerful people and organizations	63	58	62	49	53	53
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

B.12 In general, do you think news organizations pay too much attention to GOOD NEWS, too much attention to BAD NEWS, or do they mostly report the kinds of stories they should be covering?

		May <u>1991</u>	Aug <u>1989</u>	July <u>1985</u>
3	Too much attention to good news	2	3	1
67	Too much attention to bad news	54	64	60
24	Report the kinds of stories they should be covering	37	30	35
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

B.13 I'm going to read you some pairs of opposite phrases. After I read each pair, tell me which ONE phrase you feel better describes news organizations generally. If you think that NEITHER phrase applies, please say so. **[ROTATE ITEMS]**

		Feb <u>1999</u>	Jan <u>1987</u>	July <u>1986</u>	July <u>1985</u>
a.	23 Care about the people they report on, OR	21	41	--	35
	64 Don't care about the people they report on?	67	45	--	48
	10 Neither applies	9	9	--	10
	<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	--	<u>7</u>
	100	100	100		100
b.	24 Willing to admit their mistakes, OR	26	--	--	34
	67 Try to cover up their mistakes?	66	--	--	55
	5 Neither applies	6	--	--	4
	<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	--	--	<u>7</u>
	100	100			100

**B.13 CONTINUED ...**

			<u>Feb</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1987</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1986</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1985</u>
c.	40	Moral, OR	40	--	--	54
	34	Immoral?	38	--	--	13
	20	Neither applies	16	--	--	20
	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>13</u>
	100		100			100
d.	55	Growing in influence, OR	59	--	--	63
	29	Declining in influence?	32	--	--	17
	9	Neither applies	6	--	--	7
	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	--	--	<u>13</u>
	100		100			100
e.	46	Protect democracy, OR	<u>45</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>58</u>
	32	Hurt democracy?	38	19	27	18
	15	Neither applies	13	20	13	17
	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
	100		100	100	100	100
f.	69	Care about how good a job they do, OR	<u>69</u>	--	<u>77</u>	<u>79</u>
	22	Don't care about how good a job they do?	22	--	16	11
	7	Neither applies	6	--	5	4
	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	--	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
	100		100		100	100
g.	54	Highly professional, OR	52	--	71	72
	27	Not professional?	32	--	13	11
	15	Neither applies	13	--	12	9
	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
	100		100		100	100
h.	43	Stand up for America, OR	41	53	53	52
	36	Too critical of America?	42	35	28	30
	16	Neither applies	13	8	15	10
	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
	100		100	100	100	100
i.	59	Politically biased in their reporting, OR	56	47	42	45
	26	Careful that their reporting is NOT politically biased?	31	39	41	36
	8	Neither applies	8	7	9	7
	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
	100		100	100	100	100

Overall...

B.18 Do you think the United States plays a more important and powerful role as a world leader today compared to ten years ago, a less important role, or about as important a role as a world leader as it did ten years ago?

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		Sept	Dec	Oct	Sept	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Dec	
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1974</u>	
33	More important	35	40	37	37	37	41	27	29	28	
26	Less important	23	27	26	30	35	26	25	41	39	
38	As important	40	29	33	31	24	29	44	24	27	
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

**ASK ALL:**

B.23 Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

		<b>RV's</b>							10-	10-	10-			
		Sept	Aug	June	Sept	Feb	10/	Sept	11/	11/	-11/	11/	12/	
		<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u> <sup>18</sup>	<u>94+</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>90+</u>	<u>86+</u>	<u>82+</u>	<u>78+</u>	<u>74+</u>	
32	Increase	34	27	31	17	19	18	10	12	21	22	32	13	
44	Keep same	48	54	47	57	56	53	52	53	55	52	45	47	
20	Cut back	14	16	19	24	24	26	36	32	23	24	16	33	
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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B.24 It has been ten years since the end of the Cold War. In your opinion, is the world now more dangerous, less dangerous, or about the same compared to ten years ago?

53	More dangerous
14	Less dangerous
30	About the same
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	

B.26 Do you think the danger of attack on the United States with a nuclear, biological, or chemical weapon is greater now than it was 10 years ago, less now than it was 10 years ago, or is it about the same?

		<u>Sept 1997</u>
51	Greater	36
12	Less	30
34	Same	32
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>
100		100

B.27 These days, do you think there is more of a danger of an attack with a weapon of mass destruction by a military power or by a terrorist group?

**IF “MILITARY POWER,” ASK:**

B.27a What kind of military power is the greater threat: A rogue nation or a major nation?

**IF “TERRORIST GROUP,” ASK:**

B.27b What kind of terrorist group is the greater threat: A domestic terrorist group or a foreign terrorist group?

14	Military power
5	Rogue nation
8	Major nation
1	Don't Know/Refused
79	Terrorist group
14	Domestic terrorist group
59	Foreign terrorist group
6	Don't Know/Refused
1	Attack not likely (VOL)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking more generally...

B.28 The United States has had strong political, economic and military ties with the nations of Europe, on the one hand, and with Japan and the Pacific Rim nations of Asia, on the other hand. Which area do you think is most important to the United States: **[READ IN ORDER]**

		<u>Sept 1997</u>	<u>Sept 1993</u> <sup>19</sup>
44	Europe or	49	50
34	The Pacific Rim	31	31
9	Both/Equal (VOL)	6	8
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100

On some other topics . . .

B.33 Do you favor or oppose continuing to have U.S. troops deployed in Kosovo and Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?

		<u>March 2000</u> <sup>20</sup>	<u>June 1999</u> <sup>21</sup>
52	Favor	51	56
37	Oppose	41	37
<u>11</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

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19 Question was worded "... ties with friendly nations of Europe ..."

20 In March 2000 the question was worded "There are now U.S. troops in Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force to help maintain peace. Do you favor or oppose having U.S. troops in Kosovo for this reason?"

21 In June 1999 the question was worded "The peace agreement calls for sending 7,000 U.S. troops, as part of a NATO peacekeeping force of about 50,000 troops, to help maintain peace in Kosovo now that the military conflict has ended. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to Kosovo as part of a NATO peacekeeping force?"

B.34 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today. . . Do you think China is: **[READ IN ORDER]**

		May <u>2001</u>	March <u>2000</u>	June <u>1999</u>	March <u>1999</u>	Sept <u>1997</u>
23	An adversary	19	17	18	20	14
48	A serious problem, but not an adversary	51	44	53	48	46
23	OR, Not much of a problem	22	26	22	25	32
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

B.35 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

		<i>Chicago Council on Foreign Relations</i>				
		Sept <u>1997</u>	Sept <u>1993</u>	Oct-Nov <u>1990</u>	Oct-Nov <u>1982</u>	Nov <u>1978</u>
40	Israel	48	45	34	41	39
17	Palestinians	13	21	13	17	12
6	Both ( <b>VOL</b> )	5	3	7	8	8
23	Neither ( <b>VOL</b> )	16	18	26	19	15
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100	100	100	10

Finally:

B.39 Do you think the U.S. should put into effect a national missile defense system, or don't you think so?

**IF 1 "YES" IN B.39 ASK:**

B.40 Do we have a pressing need for this system right now or is this something we should put off into the future?

		May <u>2001</u>	Feb <u>2001</u> <sup>22</sup>
56	Yes, U.S. should put into effect a national missile defense system	51	54
35	Need the system right now	29	n/a
19	Should put it off into the future	19	n/a
2	Don't know/Refused	3	n/a
35	No, U.S. should not	38	32
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100

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In February 2001 question was worded slightly different: "Do you favor or oppose the development of a national missile defense system?"