

DCOR-99.Q3
November 29 -December 1, 1999
989 Respondents

FREQUENCY QUESTIONNAIRE

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 1996 election for president between Bob Dole, Bill Clinton, and Ross Perot. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	97
Ineligible/too young	3
Did not vote	-
(Don't know/Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE92)	

Q.5 What are the chances of your voting in the election for President next year: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain	93
Probably	7
50-50	-
Will not vote	-
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:CP3)	

Q.6 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	46
Wrong track	41
(Don't know/refused)	13
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.7 Now, I am going to read you a list of concerns that people have. Please tell me which ONE of these you think the government in Washington should be paying most attention to ...

	Total
Education	19
Health care	17
Moral decline	15
Retirement and Social Security	15
Crime	9
Taxes	7
The national debt	6
The economy	5
The environment	3
(None)	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3

(ref:CONC1)

Q.8 Which TWO of the following are the biggest problems facing families today ...

	Total
Children learning respect and rules	45
The schools and education	39
Health care	29
Crime and violence	29
Drugs	26
Employment and income	17
Retirement and aging	10
(Undecided second choice)	2
(Don't know/Refused)	1

(ref:FAMCONC)

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	25
Somewhat approve	30
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	30
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Total approve	55
Total disapprove	42

(ref:CANDAPP)

Q.10 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a very warm, favorable feeling; zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or have never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% Ident
11 Bill Clinton	46.0	42	44	99
12 The Republican Party	49.7	39	34	96
13 The Democratic Party	51.7	39	33	96
14 Democrats in Congress	50.5	37	33	96
15 Republicans in Congress	47.8	37	36	96
16 Al Gore	45.4	36	44	97
17 George W. Bush	55.0	49	28	95
18 Bill Bradley	51.0	29	23	70
19 Pat Buchanan	32.3	14	55	86
20 Jesse Ventura.....	37.5	20	44	80
21 John McCain	54.3	29	15	58
22 Ozzie and Harriet	60.9	40	18	74

(ref:THERM)

Q.23 Think for a minute about next year's presidential election. Imagine that George W. Bush is the Republican nominee, Pat Buchanan is the Reform Party nominee, and Al Gore is the Democratic nominee. If the election were held today, would you vote for ...

	Total
Democrat Al Gore	38
Lean Democrat Al Gore	2
Reform Party Pat Buchanan	5
Lean Reform Party Pat Buchanan	1
Republican George W. Bush.....	50
Lean Republican George W. Bush.....	2
(Undecided)	3
Total Democrat Al Gore	40
Total Reform Party Pat Buchanan	5
Total Republican George W. Bush	52

(ref: PRES3)

Q.25 If the general election for President were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Al Gore	41
Lean Al Gore	1
George W. Bush	54
Lean George W. Bush	1
(Undecided)	4
Total Al Gore	42
Total George W. Bush	55

(ref: PV1)

Q.27 Now, thinking ahead to next year's elections. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

	Total
Democratic candidate	41
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate	39
Lean Republican candidate	5
Other candidate	1
Lean Other candidate	0
(Undecided)	9
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic candidate	45
Total Republican candidate	44
Total Other candidate	1

(ref: GC1)

Q.29 Even though you are not supporting the Democrat now, what are the chances that you might support the Democratic candidate in the election for Congress next year -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total
Fair Chance	21
Small chance	10
Very slight chance	12
No chance at all	9
(Don't know/refused)	3
Democratic Supporter	45
(ref:GC3)	

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting the Republican now, what are the chances that you might support the Republican candidate in the election for Congress next year -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total
Fair Chance	19
Small chance	11
Very slight chance	11
No chance at all	12
(Don't know/refused)	3
Republican Supporter	44
(ref:GC4)	

Q.31 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dem Much Better	Dem Smt Better	Rep Smt Better	Rep Much Better	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Better	Total Rep Better
31 The economy	22	18	21	17	7	4	11	40	38
32 Education	23	22	18	13	9	5	11	45	30
33 Taxes	19	17	22	21	3	7	11	36	43
34 Health care	27	24	17	10	5	7	10	51	26
35 Crime	11	13	25	15	13	8	15	24	40
36 Keeping America strong	15	12	21	25	11	3	12	27	46
37 Retirement and Social Security	25	19	21	12	7	6	11	43	33
38 Keeping America prosperous	21	16	21	18	9	5	12	36	39
39 Helping families	26	25	14	9	7	6	12	51	23
40 Early health and learning for young children	28	24	13	8	8	3	16	52	21
41 The environment	27	24	13	8	8	5	15	51	22
42 The federal budget and surplus	20	18	21	17	5	7	13	38	38
43 Parenting -- parents able to guide and control children	12	13	17	16	8	13	20	25	33
(ref:BETJOB)									

Q.44 Now I'd like to ask you which party you associate more with these terms, the Democrats or Republicans?

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total Dem More	Total Rep More
44 Personal responsibility	11	12	24	25	7	12	9	23	49
45 Commitment to family	17	16	20	16	15	7	9	33	36
46 Knowing right from wrong	10	8	18	17	15	21	10	18	36
47 Shares your values	18	17	18	22	8	10	6	36	40
48 Future-oriented	17	18	20	14	13	6	13	35	34
49 On your side	21	17	18	15	5	15	9	38	33
50 Moderate -- not extreme	17	22	22	11	8	9	11	39	33
51 Openness to new ideas	24	25	11	10	9	11	9	50	21
52 Concern for community	20	23	15	10	17	7	8	43	25
53 Individualism	17	17	20	17	7	9	14	34	36
54 Discipline	8	8	29	20	10	13	12	16	49
(ref:ASSOC)									

Q.55 Think about candidates or political leaders **sharing your values**. Which TWO of the following are most important for you in saying a candidate or political leader shares your values?

	Total
Is personally honest	40
Believes in God	37
Keeps his or her promises	36
Supports the issues that would help my family.....	35
Thinks of others, not just self.....	18
Concerned about how parents can do better.....	13
Faithful to his or her spouse.....	9
(Undecided second choice)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	4
(ref:SHARES1)	

Q.56 I'm going to read you a number of things that candidates and political leaders may say about values. For each one, please tell me whether, after hearing the statement, you are much more likely to support the candidate, somewhat more likely, a little more likely or no more likely to support the candidate?

	Much More Likely	Smwht More Likely	Little More Likely	No More Likely	DK Ref
[495 respondents] 56 (SPLIT A) We must have leaders who are faithful to their families and whose personal life is a moral example to people.	46	29	10	13	2
[495 respondents] 57 (SPLIT A) Families are struggling with supporting parents and their own retirement, and Social Security and Medicare must be there for them.	57	28	7	5	2
[495 respondents] 58 (SPLIT A) Religion needs to play a bigger role in people's lives, starting with the re-introduction of prayer in the public schools.	41	17	11	31	2
[495 respondents] 59 (SPLIT B) Religion needs to play a bigger role in people's lives, starting with helping with the raising of children and caring for the disadvantaged.	43	23	10	21	2
[495 respondents] 60 (SPLIT B) Families need an education system that works for them -- safe schools, high standards, and the ability to go to college.	61	28	6	5	0
[495 respondents] 61 (SPLIT A) My goal is to help parents be successful parents by making sure schools are good, streets are safe, and parents have more control over TV and the Internet.	49	28	10	12	0
[495 respondents] 62 (SPLIT B) Parents who work need help with affordable and safe child care, good schools, flexible hours at work and family leave so they can be better parents.	46	27	12	13	2
[495 respondents] 63 (SPLIT B) Families need lower taxes to be able to get the best for their children and to have the most say about how their money is spent.	49	28	9	12	2

	Much More Likely	Smwht More Likely	Little More Likely	No More Likely	DK Ref
[495 respondents]					
64 (SPLIT A) Families need safe communities -- with less leniency and more discipline, a crackdown on drugs, and criminals who serve their time.	58	24	6	10	1

[495 respondents]					
65 (SPLIT B) Families must have affordable health care, where patients and doctors have more say in the family's care.	64	22	8	5	1
(ref:SHARES2)					

Q.66 Thinking back on these, which ONE of these is most important for you when thinking about supporting a candidate who shares your values?

	Total
Education and schools	22
Health care	16
Personal morality and fidelity	14
Crime and drugs	12
Cutting taxes	11
Retirement and Medicare	11
Helping parents be successful	7
Greater role for religion	6
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:SHARES3)	

Q.67 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements about possible candidates on these issues. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st stmt strng	2nd stmt not strng	2nd stmt not strng	Both	Nthr	DK Ref	1st Total	2nd Total
67 It is most important to have a candidate who is personally moral in his private behavior and faithful to his family.								
It is most important to have a candidate who supports my family's goals, by doing more for education and the elderly.	36	7	13	40	3	1	43	52

68 The most important thing is helping parents guide and control their children, by helping with safety, school discipline and standards.

The most important thing is making sure families have enough income and affordable health care and education. (ref:SHARES4)	26	9	11	48	4	1	35	59
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Q.69 Let me read you something a Republican candidate for Congress is saying. After I read it, please tell whether the statement makes you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to vote for that Republican candidate for Congress. The statement is:

Our country sorely needs a return to values and a strengthening of the family. For me, that means religion playing a much larger part in our society, beginning with prayer in schools. Our leaders should set a moral example for young people. We need to promote personal responsibility and discipline. Schools must be safe and focused on the basics. Leniency must give way to accountability, which means drugs can't be tolerated and criminals must serve their time. In the end, families should have control over their lives, which is why I'm determined to cut their taxes and give them more choice in education and in their retirement savings.

Does that statement make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to vote for that Republican candidate for Congress?

	Total
Much more likely	38
Somewhat more likely	24
A little more likely	12
No more likely	12
Less likely	13
(Don't know/Refused)	1

(ref:VALUES5)

Q.70 Let me read you something a Democratic candidate for Congress is saying. After I read it, please tell whether the statement makes you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to vote for that Democratic candidate for Congress. The statement is:

Families and parents face unbelievable challenges, and it is getting harder. My goal is, above all, to help families achieve their goals in life. Parents need some help in doing their job -- which means working for safer streets, smaller class sizes and higher standards in schools. We need tax cuts that are targeted to the middle class. We have to fight the insurance companies to make sure health care and drugs are affordable and that patients have some say in HMOs. And with the first federal surplus in thirty years, we must lock up the money for Social Security and Medicare. By acting responsibly now, we can help people make a better life for their families.

Does that statement make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to vote for that Democratic candidate for Congress?

	Total
Much more likely	40
Somewhat more likely	28
A little more likely	14
No more likely	11
Less likely	7
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:VALUES6)	

Q.71 Regardless of how you intend to vote, do you find yourself agreeing more with the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate on what they're saying?

	Total
Strongly agree with Democratic candidate	25
Somewhat agree with Democratic candidate	18
(Neither)	5
Somewhat agree with Republican candidate.....	22
Strongly agree with Republican candidate.....	20
(Undecided)	10
Total agree with Democratic candidate	43
Total agree with Republican candidate.....	42
(ref:VALUES7)	

Q.72 Now let me just ask one last time, after thinking back on all these statements. Which party do you associate more with these terms, the Democrats or the Republicans?

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total Dem More	Total Rep More
72 Shares your values.....	23	20	21	23	4	5	4	43	44
73 Commitment to family (ref:FINAL)	19	20	23	19	7	5	5	40	43

Q.74 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	21
Weak Democrat	18
Independent-lean Democrat	9
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	17
Strong Republican	18
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.77 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	5
High School graduate	26
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college	27
College graduate	25
Post-graduate school	14
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.78 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are conservative, moderate, or liberal?

	Total
Conservative	40
Moderate	42
Liberal	15
(Don't know/Refused)	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.79 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	50
Catholic	27
Jewish	2
(Other/none/refused)	21
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.80 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week	42
Once or twice a month	18
Several times a year	14
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	5
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:RELIG2)	

[498 respondents]

Q.81 Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, pentecostal, or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist	14
Evangelical	18
Charismatic/pentecostal	11
Moderate to liberal	41
(Something else)	4
(Don't know/refused)	11
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.82 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single	15
Separated/divorced	11
Widowed	10
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.83 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member belongs.....	6
No member belongs	81
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.84 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-24	5
25-29	6
30-34	8
35-39	9
40-44	13
45-49	11
50-54	11
55-59	8
60-64	6
Over 64.....	22
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.85 What is your race?

	Total
White	81
Black	9
Hispanic	4
(Other)	5
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:RACE)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	