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1000 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	98
Ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused).....	-

(ref:VOTE92)

Q.5 What are the chances of your voting in the election for President this 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	91
Probably	9
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	42
Wrong track	47
(Don't know/refused)	11

(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	20
Health care	16
Moral decline	16
Retirement and Social Security	12
Crime	9
Taxes	9
The national debt	6
The economy	5
The environment	4
(None)	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2

(ref:CONC1)

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	28
Somewhat approve	29
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	30
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Total approve	57
Total disapprove	40

(ref:CANDAPP)

Q.9 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
10 Bill Clinton	47.3	45	43	99
11 The Republican Party	49.2	38	36	98
12 The Democratic Party	52.6	44	33	98
13 Democrats in Congress	51.6	41	32	96
14 Republicans in Congress	48.0	37	36	97
15 Al Gore	46.3	39	43	97
16 George W. Bush	50.5	44	36	98
17 John McCain	52.9	38	27	88

(ref:THERM)

Q.18 Think for a minute about this year's presidential election. Imagine that Al Gore is the Democratic nominee and George W. Bush is the Republican nominee. If the general election for President were held today, for whom would you vote, Al Gore or George W. Bush?

	Total
Democrat Al Gore	44
Lean Democrat Al Gore	2
Republican George W. Bush	47
Lean Republican George W. Bush	2
(Undecided)	5
Total Democrat Al Gore	46
Total Republican George W. Bush	49

(ref:PV1)

Q.20 Now, thinking again about this 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	42
Lean Democratic candidate	3
Republican candidate	39
Lean Republican candidate	4
Other candidate	1
Lean Other candidate	0
(Undecided)	8
(Refused)	2
Total Democratic candidate	46
Total Republican candidate	43
Total Other candidate.....	1

(ref:GC1)

Q.22 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 this 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	9
Very slight chance	10
No chance at all	14
(Don't know/refused)	4
Democratic Supporter	46

(ref:GC3)

Q.23 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 this 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	18
Small chance	12
Very slight chance	9
No chance at all	14
(Don't know/refused)	3
Republican Supporter	43

(ref:GC4)

Q.24 The primaries for President are now over. Regardless of whether you voted in the primaries, did you support or not support John McCain for President?

	Total
Strongly supported McCain	18
Somewhat supported McCain	12
Did not support McCain	64
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total supported McCain	29
Did not support McCain.....	64
(ref:MCCAIN1)	

Q.25 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 Smwt Better	Rep Smwt Better	Rep Much Better	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Better	Total Rep Better
25 The economy	25	18	22	16	5	3	11	43	38
26 Education	26	18	18	14	6	4	13	45	31
27 Taxes	19	17	21	22	4	5	13	36	43
28 Health care	31	21	15	12	4	5	13	52	27
29 Crime	14	14	20	18	9	9	17	28	38
30 Retirement and Social Security	29	20	17	12	5	5	12	49	29
31 Keeping America prosperous	22	18	22	16	7	4	12	39	38
32 The environment	29	22	14	8	6	4	17	50	22
33 The federal budget and surplus	23	18	20	17	3	5	15	41	36
(ref:BETJOB)									

Q.34 Now I'd like to ask you which of the candidates for president, George W. Bush or Al Gore, do you associate more with these terms.

	Gore Much More	Gore Smwt More	Bush Smwt More	Bush Much More	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total Gore More	Total Bush More
34 Committed to families	22	15	14	22	15	3	9	37	36
35 Shares your values	24	16	18	24	5	8	6	40	41
36 Future-oriented	23	17	20	18	7	4	11	39	38
37 On your side	25	16	19	20	2	11	8	40	39
38 Moderate -- not extreme	22	21	22	16	5	5	9	43	38
39 Has what it takes to be President.....	26	13	14	26	7	8	5	39	40
40 Will keep America prosperous.....	21	18	21	18	7	6	10	38	39
41 Will tackle the country's most important problems	22	16	20	21	5	7	9	38	42
42 Can bring about the changes we need	21	15	20	22	4	10	8	36	42
43 Can restore people's trust in government	20	14	19	25	3	13	6	34	44
44 Right approach to taxes	18	16	22	20	3	7	15	34	42
45 Right approach to education..... (ref:ASSOC2)	24	16	19	18	5	4	13	40	37

Q.46 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:

This is not a moment for bigger government. Americans face the highest tax burden since World War II. The country is doing well and has its first budget surplus in 30 years, but we need a tax cut for everyone who pays taxes, because it is their money, not the government's. We should lock-up the Social Security trust fund from being raided and then give people more control over their retirement savings. We should give people choice in education so there is more accountability and so parents can have the best schools for their children. This is a moment to get back to individual responsibility. We need a fresh start.

	Total
Much more likely	35
Somewhat more likely	19
A little more likely	12
No more likely	16
Less likely	16
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:REPTHEME)	

Q.47 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:

This is a moment where we have a chance to act responsibly as a nation. The country is doing well and has its first budget surplus in 30 years. This is not a time to squander our good fortune, but instead to act for the long-term interest of the country and future generations. We should put our financial house in order and retire the national debt. We should secure Medicare and Social Security well into this century, and we need to make a major investment in education. History will judge the choices we made at this important moment.

	Total
Much more likely	32
Somewhat more likely	25
A little more likely	13
No more likely	17
Less likely	9
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:DEMTHEME)	

Q.48 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	28
Somewhat agree with Democratic candidate	17
(Neither)	5
Somewhat agree with Republican candidate	19
Strongly agree with Republican candidate	23
(Undecided)	7
Total agree with Democratic candidate	46
Total agree with Republican candidate	42
(ref:PARTYBEST)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.49 (SPLIT C) Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements made by Al Gore and George W. Bush on the issues. As I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own views, even if you don't support that candidate.

	Gore Bush								
	Gore	Not	Not	Bush			DK/	Total	Total
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng	Both	Neither	Ref	Gore	Bush

[250 Respondents]

50/53 (SPLIT C1) Gore believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strength Social Security and then to pay down the national debt

Bush believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strengthen Social Security and then to cut taxes for American families.....

31	11	12	31	9	4	2	43	43
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[250 Respondents]

51/54 (SPLIT C2) Gore believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strengthen Social Security and then to invest in education and Medicare.

Bush believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strengthen Social Security and then to cut taxes for American families.....

39	12	16	27	4	1	1	52	43
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52/55 Gore says young people aren't learning respect for rules, which is why we need to create smaller and safer classrooms, where there is more attention, discipline and higher standards.

Bush says leaders are failing to act as a moral example and religion should play a larger role, which is why churches can do a better job than government in helping people.....
(ref:SHARES4)

42	11	9	26	9	2	2	52	34
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[500 Respondents]

Q.56 (SPLIT D) Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements made by candidates on the 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.

	Dem	Rep							
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng	Both	Neither	Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep

[250 Respondents]

57/60 (SPLIT D1) The Democratic candidate believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strength Social Security and then to pay down the national debt.

The Republican candidate believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strengthen Social Security and then to cut taxes for American families.

34	17	13	27	4	2	3	51	40
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[250 Respondents]

58/61 (SPLIT D2) The Democratic candidate believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strengthen Social Security and then to invest in education and Medicare.

The Republican candidate believes the federal budget surplus should be used first to strengthen Social Security and then to cut taxes for American families.

37	12	13	30	3	3	2	50	43
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59/62 The Democratic candidate says young people aren't learning respect for rules, which is why we need to create smaller and safer classrooms, where there is more attention, discipline and higher standards.

The Republican candidate says leaders are failing to act as a moral example and religion should play a larger role, which is why churches can do a better job than government in helping people.
(ref:SHARES4A)

42	12	10	22	7	4	4	54	31
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Q.63 Let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe George W. Bush. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about George W. Bush.

	Very Serious Doubts	Serious Doubts	Minor Doubts	No Real Doubts	DK/ Ref	Total Serious	Total Not Serious
[500 Respondents]							
63 (SPLIT E) Bush opposes new gun safety measures. In fact, as governor, he passed laws allowing people to carry concealed weapons, even in churches and at school events. He opposes new attempts to require safety locks and background checks at gun shows.	27	26	15	26	6	54	40
[500 Respondents]							
64 (SPLIT E) Bush wants to spend the lion's share of the budget surplus on a massive, 1.8 trillion dollar tax cut. Ordinary people will see very little money, since 60 percent of the tax cut will go to the wealthiest top 10 percent.	30	30	14	20	6	60	34
[500 Respondents]							
65 (SPLIT F) Bush wants to spend the lion's share of the budget surplus on a massive, 1.8 trillion dollar tax cut. That will leave almost no money to invest in education, to protect Medicare and retire the national debt.	29	35	18	15	4	63	33
[500 Respondents]							
66 (SPLIT E) Bush favors a constitutional amendment to make abortions illegal. While Bush personally would allow abortions in cases of rape and incest, his amendment would allow states to ban all abortions. It is likely that all abortions would-be made illegal in a third of the country.	21	26	16	30	7	48	45

	Very Serious Doubts	Serious Doubts	Minor Doubts	No Real Doubts	DK/Ref	Total Serious	Total Not Serious
[500 Respondents]							
67 (SPLIT F) Under Governor Bush, Texas has become the number one state in toxic emissions and cancer risk from pollution, with more than half of the state population living in areas that fail to meet federal ozone standards. Environmental Protection Agency records indicate that industrial emissions increased 10 percent during Bush's first term as governor and last year, Houston passed Los Angeles as the smog capital of the United States.	21	33	21	18	7	54	39
[500 Respondents]							
68 (SPLIT E) Bush takes credit for HMO reforms in Texas, yet Bush refused to sign the Texas patient bill of rights law. Bush opposes laws that give patients the right to sue HMOs when they negligently refuse treatment.	21	29	23	16	11	50	39
[500 Respondents]							
69 (SPLIT F) Bush tried to stop the patient bill of rights in Texas, which became law without his signature. His budget proposal allows no money to shore up Medicare, provide prescription drug benefits for seniors, or expand health insurance coverage for kids.	24	32	22	16	7	56	38
[500 Respondents]							
70 (SPLIT F) Bush opposes campaign finance reform and would allow unlimited contributions to political parties. He is the first presidential nominee from either party to refuse voluntary spending limits and has raised more money than any candidate in history from special interests and lobbyists.....	19	29	21	27	4	48	48
71 Bush wants to rush to spend most of the nation's surplus on a large tax cut that will do little for ordinary people or the country. By spending the surplus, he misses the opportunity to do responsible things like protect Social Security, retire the national debt and invest in education.	23	35	18	20	5	58	37

Q.72 Let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe Al Gore. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Al Gore.

	Very Serious Doubts	Serious Doubts	Minor Doubts	No Real Doubts	DK/ Ref	Total Serious	Total Not Serious
72 Al Gore hosted an illegal fundraiser at a Buddhist temple, leading to the conviction of a top Gore aide for laundering. Gore said, he knew nothing. The Clinton-Gore campaign had to return thousands of dollars in illegal foreign contributions which, according to a congressional report, were part of a Chinese attempt to influence U.S. elections.	30	29	16	21	5	58	37
[500 Respondents]							
73 (SPLIT G) Gore consistently supports higher taxes. He cast the deciding vote in favor of the biggest tax increase in U.S. history; he led the fight for a new 70 billion dollar tax on energy and gasoline and even opposed a 4-cent cut in the gasoline tax while gas prices were rising.	28	33	17	17	5	61	34
74 Al Gore praised Bill Clinton during the entire Monica Lewinsky scandal, while Clinton was getting away without any accountability. Only during the week he announced for President did Gore decide to distance himself from Clinton and condemn his behavior.	21	24	19	30	5	46	49
[500 Respondents]							
75 (SPLIT H) Under the Clinton-Gore administration, people face the highest tax burden since World War II, yet Al Gore cast the deciding vote in favor of the biggest tax increase in U.S. history; he led the fight for a new 70 billion dollar tax on energy and gasoline and even opposed a 4-cent cut in the gasoline tax while gas prices were rising.	21	33	18	20	7	54	39
76 Al Gore represents the status quo in Washington that has let many of our schools fail and done nothing to protect Social Security, while letting our tax burden rise to its highest level since World War II. (ref:DOUBTS3)	20	35	19	22	4	55	41

Q.77 Now let me ask you again, thinking about this year's election for President, if Al Gore is the Democratic nominee and George W. Bush is the Republican nominee. If the general election for President were held today, for whom would you vote, Al Gore or George W. Bush?

	Total
Democrat Al Gore	45
Lean Democrat Al Gore	3
Republican George W. Bush	44
Lean Republican George W. Bush	2
(Undecided)	6
Total Democrat Al Gore	48
Total Republican George W. Bush	46
(ref:REPV1)	

Q.79 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	22
Weak Democrat	17
Independent-lean Democrat	10
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican	19
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.82 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	7
High School graduate	24
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college	29
College graduate	25
Post-graduate school	13
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.83 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Conservative	42
Moderate	38
Liberal	16
(Don't know/Refused)	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.84 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	51
Catholic	26
Jewish	2
(Other/none/refused)	21

(ref:RELIG1)

Q.85 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week	39
Once or twice a month	20
Several times a year	14
Hardly ever	20
(Never)	5
(Don't know/Refused)	1

(ref:RELIG2)

[510 Respondents]

Q.86 (PROTESTANTS ONLY) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist	16
Evangelical	17
Charismatic/Pentecostal	9
Moderate to liberal	37
(Something else)	10
(Don't know/refused)	11

(ref:RELIG3)

Q.87 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	65
Single	16
Separated/divorced	8
Widowed	10
(Don't know/refused)	1

(ref:MARITAL)

Q.88 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	4
No member belongs	82
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.89 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-24	5
25-29	5
30-34	8
35-39	12
40-44	11
45-49	10
50-54	11
55-59	8
60-64	7
Over 64.....	21
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:AGE)	

Q.90 What is your race?

	Total
White	82
Black	9
Hispanic	4
(Other)	4
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:RACE)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	