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Issues 4 Study: Economics

**This study was conducted by telephone October 12 – 19, 2000 among a nationally-representative sample of 1,224 registered voters 18 years of age or older. Included in the sample was an oversample of 652 registered voters who said that the economy or taxes was an important issue in deciding who to vote for in the 2000 presidential election. The margin of error for the total registered voters is 3.38. The margin of error for the Economy/Taxes voters is 4.23. Field work by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, PA.**

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

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	76	23	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	100	-	-
10/19/00 Economy	100	-	-
10/19/00 Tax	100	-	-
9/17/00	72	27	1
9/17/00 Moral Values	100	-	-
7/18/00	69	30	*
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	100	-	-
5/22/00	69	30	1
5/22/00 Education	100	-	-

2. If the election for president in November 2000 were being held today, and the candidates were (Al Gore, the Democrat), (George W. Bush, the Republican), Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate, and Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Pat Buchanan	Ralph Nader	Other	None (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00	42	43	*	4	*	1	9
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	39	50	*	4	1	1	6
10/19/00 Economy	49	39	-	3	1	1	6
10/19/00 Tax	27	62	1	3	1	2	4
9/17/00	43	40	1	3	*	3	10
9/17/00 Moral Values	16	68	2	2	1	4	8
7/18/00	35	44	4	7	*	3	7
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	42	33	4	9	1	3	8

(Of voters who said other, none, don't know, or refused)

- 2a. Who do you lean toward, (Al Gore), (George W. Bush), Pat Buchanan, or Ralph Nader?

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Pat Buchanan	Ralph Nader	Other	None (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00	24	27	2	*	5	18	24
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	33	30	-	1	8	11	16
10/19/00 Economy	45	33	-	-	10	4	8
10/19/00 Tax	19	27	-	2	10	19	23
9/17/00	28	27	1	3	*	11	29
9/17/00 Moral Values	23	31	5	4	2	10	25
7/18/00	17	12	4	8	-	23	35
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	24	14	3	6	-	26	27

Q.2/2a Summary

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Pat Buchanan	Ralph Nader	Other	None (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00	44	46	1	4	1	1	4
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	41	52	*	4	1	*	2
10/19/00 Economy	53	42	-	3	1	*	1
10/19/00 Tax	28	64	1	4	1	1	2
9/17/00	47	43	1	3	*	1	4
9/17/00 Moral Values	19	72	2	2	*	1	3
7/18/00	37	45	4	8	*	2	4
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	45	34	4	10	*	2	4

3. Will you definitely vote for (Gore/Bush/Nader/Buchanan) in November, or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else?

Gore:

	Definitely vote	Chance you could change your mind	Don't know
10/19/00	78	21	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	75	25	*
10/19/00 Economy	73	27	1
10/19/00 Tax	75	25	-

Bush:

	Definitely vote	Chance you could change your mind	Don't know
10/19/00	79	20	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	84	16	1
10/19/00 Economy	78	20	1
10/19/00 Tax	87	13	-

(Asked of those who said they could change their mind)

3A. Is there a good chance you'll change your mind or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

Gore:

	Good chance you'll change your mind	Pretty unlikely	Don't Know
10/19/00	29	57	14
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	25	64	11
10/19/00 Economy	25	68	8
10/19/00 Tax	21	62	17

Bush:

	Good chance you'll change your mind	Pretty unlikely	Don't Know
10/19/00	27	60	13
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	33	55	12
10/19/00 Economy	36	57	7
10/19/00 Tax	39	47	14

2/2a/3/3a SUMMARY TABLE

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Al Gore	44	41	53	28
Definitely vote	35	31	38	21
Could change mind	9	10	14	7
Good chance	3	3	3	2
Pretty unlikely	5	7	9	4
George W. Bush	46	52	42	64
Definitely vote	37	43	33	56
Could change mind	9	8	8	8
Good chance	3	3	3	3
Pretty unlikely	6	5	5	4
Pat Buchanan	1	*	-	1
Definitely vote	*	*	-	1
Could change mind	*	-	-	-
Good chance	*	-	-	-
Pretty unlikely	*	-	-	-
Ralph Nader	4	4	3	4
Definitely vote	2	1	1	1
Could change mind	2	3	2	3
Good chance	1	1	1	1
Pretty unlikely	1	1	1	1
Other	1	1	1	1
None	1	*	*	1
Don't know	4	2	1	2

4. Now I'm going to read you a list of issues that might be discussed during this year's presidential campaign. (READ LIST) Which of these issues do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote for president. Here are the choices again...(READ LIST) And which do you think will be the second most important in deciding your vote for president?

	-----First Mention-----		-----Second Mention-----		-----Combined-----	
	10/19/00	Econ/Tax Voter	10/19/00	Econ/Tax Voter	10/19/00	Econ/Tax Voter
Education	23	17	18	12	41	29
The economy	11	26	11	26	22	53
Social Security	11	6	14	6	25	12
Taxes	10	24	14	34	24	57
Crime	3	2	8	3	11	5
Moral values	16	12	7	6	24	19
Health care and Medicare	21	13	21	11	42	24
Abortion	*	*	-	-	*	*
National Defense/Defense Readiness	-	-	*	-	*	-
Defending Civil Rights	1	-	-	-	1	-
Environmental issues	1	*	*	-	1	*
Gun control	*	-	*	-	1	-
Character	*	*	*	-	*	*
All Issues Important	*	-	*	*	*	*
Foreign policy/Affairs	*	-	*	*	*	*
None/Issues will not be important	*	-	2	*	*	-
Other issues	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	1	-	2	-	1	-

	-----First Mention-----		-----Second Mention-----		-----Combined-----	
	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Education	16	14	14	9	31	23
The economy	50	10	50	7	100	17
Social Security	4	6	4	7	8	13
Taxes	8	41	11	59	19	100
Crime	1	2	3	3	4	5
Moral values	8	15	5	6	13	21
Health care and Medicare	13	11	11	9	24	20
Abortion	*	*	-	-	*	*
National Defense/Defense Readiness	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defending Civil Rights	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental issues	*	-	-	-	*	-
Gun control	-	-	-	-	-	-
Character	-	*	-	-	-	*
All Issues Important	-	-	-	*	-	*
Foreign policy/Affairs	-	-	*	-	*	-
None/Issues will not be important	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other issues	*	-	*	-	1	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-

(Asked of Economy/Taxes Voters)

5. When you say the economy is an important issue, can you tell me more specifically what you mean?

10/19/00 Econ/Tax

<b>Maintaining Good Economy/Growth (Net)</b>	41
Need to continue/maintain our good economy/prosperity	26
Need to maintain economic growth/continued growth	7
Concerned about recession/don't want to fall into a recession	3
Concerned that a new president/changing of presidents may not maintain the good economy	2
The economy isn't working for everyone/some people are left out of the benefits of the good economy	2
Concerned about agriculture/the farm economy/farm economy hasn't been good	1
Other maintaining good economy/growth	2
<b>Employment/Income (Net)</b>	30
Concerned about high unemployment rate/plentiful job opportunities	22
Wages/salaries/paychecks need to be increased/need higher paying jobs	6
Concerned about my own/my family's livelihood/my paycheck/being able to make ends meet/my personal income	3
Need a higher minimum wage	1
Other employment/income mentions	1
<b>Inflation/Prices/Interest Rates (Net)</b>	16
Concerned about high gas/oil/energy prices/need to lower gas/oil/energy prices/concerned about oil situation	5
Concerned about high interest rates/keeping the interest rates down	5
Concerned about high inflation/keep inflation down	4
Prices of everything is too high/lower prices/stabilize prices (food, etc.)	2
Concerned about the cost of living/everyday living expenses	1
Other inflation/prices/interest rates mentions	1
<b>Government Budget/Programs (Net)</b>	13
Need to eliminate/cut down the national debt/balance budget	6
Concerned about Republicans getting us into debt/Republicans causing a depression	3
Concerned about Social Security (unspecified)	2
Concerned about government overspending/spending more than we're bringing in	1
Concerned about Medicaid (unspecified)	*
Other government budget/programs mentions	2
<b>Taxes (Net)</b>	8
Concerned about taxes/keeping taxes down/want lower taxes	6
Concerned about the middles class/middle class taxes	1
The rich shouldn't get out of paying taxes/the wealthy don't need any more tax write-offs	1
Other taxes mentions	1

Concerned about stock market staying strong/being stable/want a less volatile stock market	8
<b>National Productivity/Pro-Business (Net)</b>	5
Want to see more U.S. exports/have too many imports and not enough exports/don't like that the U.S. doesn't make many of its own products	3
Want to see a good business environment/that the company that I work for stays strong/pro-business growth	2
Concerned about gross national product	1
Other national productivity/pro-business mentions	-
<b>Effects of Good Economy (Net)</b>	5
The economy affects everybody/everything/a good economy helps improve all aspects of people's lives/good economy is good for everyone/keeps people happier (unspecified)	4
A good economy helps to reduce crime	1
Other effects of a good economy mentions	*
<b>Less Government/Government Control (Net)</b>	3
Government needs to stay out of businesses/not interfere with free enterprise	2
Government is too big/want a smaller government	1
Want more control over my own money instead of the government	1
Other less government/government control mentions	*
Concerned about poor people/need more help for substandard living/homeless	3
Concerned about global issues (unspecified)	2
Concerned about the environment	2
Concerned about healthcare	1
Concerned about senior citizens (unspecified)	1
Other	5
Don't know	5

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

	---EXCELLENT/GOOD---			--NOT SO GOOD/POOR--			Don't Know
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
10/19/00	81	18	63	18	15	2	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	83	18	65	16	14	2	*
10/19/00 Economy	86	21	64	14	13	1	*
10/19/00 Tax	83	17	66	17	14	3	-

Compared to:

General population	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	Don't know
ABC/Money:					
Oct-Nov 1986	3	39	40	18	0
Oct-Nov 1987	2	33	43	22	0
Oct-Nov 1988	3	43	36	18	0
Oct-Nov 1989	1	37	42	20	0
Oct-Nov 1990	0	15	50	35	0
Oct-Nov 1991	0	11	47	42	0
Oct-Nov 1992	0	11	45	45	0
Oct-Nov 1993	1	18	48	33	0
Oct-Nov 1994	1	34	48	17	0
Oct-Nov 1995	1	31	46	22	0
Oct-Nov 1996	2	44	40	14	0
Oct-Nov 1997	5	54	30	11	0
Oct-Nov 1998	8	63	22	7	0
Oct-Nov 1999	10	61	21	8	0
ABC/WP:					
Feb. 2000	25	55	14	5	*
June 2000	17	57	19	6	*

7. How much credit do you think each of the following leaders should get for the state of the nation's economy? (READ NAME) Would you say (READ NAME) deserves a great deal of credit, a fair amount, a little, or none?

10/19/00	-----GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT-----			--A LITTLE/ NONE--			Don't know
	NET	Great	Fair	NET	A little	None	
Former President George Bush	53	10	42	44	28	16	4
President Bill Clinton	69	33	36	29	17	12	1
Vice President Al Gore	41	13	27	56	26	30	4

10/19/00 Econ/Tax	-----GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT-----			A LITTLE/ NONE			Don't know
	NET	Great	Fair	NET	A little	None	
Former President George Bush	54	11	44	43	29	14	2
President Bill Clinton	69	29	39	31	19	13	*
Vice President Al Gore	33	10	23	65	29	37	2

10/19/00 Economy	-----GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT-----			--A LITTLE/ NONE--			Don't know
	NET	Great	Fair	NET	A little	None	
Former President George Bush	49	8	40	48	30	18	3
President Bill Clinton	79	38	41	21	14	7	-
Vice President Al Gore	41	12	30	57	29	28	2

10/19/00 Tax	-----GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT-----			--A LITTLE/ NONE--			Don't know
	NET	Great	Fair	NET	A little	None	
Former President George Bush	62	13	49	37	28	8	1
President Bill Clinton	60	21	39	40	22	18	1
Vice President Al Gore	23	6	16	75	30	45	2

8. Do you happen to know who Alan Greenspan is?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	71	28	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	78	22	1
10/19/00 Economy	79	21	*
10/19/00 Tax	78	21	1

(Asked of those who say they know who Alan Greenspan is)

8b. Can you tell me who he is or what he does?

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
<b>Correct (net)</b>	79	82	81	84
<b>Federal Reserve (subnet)</b>	34	38	38	39
Chairman of the Federal Reserve	20	23	24	24
Head of the Federal Reserve	7	8	6	10
Part of the Federal Reserve (unspecified)	3	3	4	2
In charge of the Federal Reserve (unspecified title)	2	2	2	2
Director of the Federal Reserve	1	1	2	1
Other federal reserve position mentions	1	1	*	1
Chief of Federal Reserve	*	1	1	-
Manages/controls/sets/is responsible for the interest rates	28	28	30	27
In charge of/manages/head of the economy	10	10	9	9
Controls the money/finances (unspecified)	6	5	4	4
In charge of/makes policies that affect the stock market	5	4	4	3
Is an economist	3	3	2	4
Manages/controls/sets interest rates for banks	2	3	3	2
Controls/manages inflation	2	2	2	1
Is an economist commentator (makes public statements about the U.S. economy)	1	1	2	1
Treasurer	1	-	-	-
Secretary of Treasury	1	2	2	1
Head of Treasury Department	1	2	2	2
Head of Finance	1	1	1	*
Presidential advisor on the economy	1	1	1	-
Manages/controls/sets the prime interest rate	1	2	2	1
Has a lot to do with the economy (unspecified)	1	1	1	1
Investigates/studies/interprets/analyzes the economy (interest rates, etc.)	1	1	1	2
A member of Clinton's cabinet	*	*	*	*
<b>Incorrect (net)</b>	8	7	8	5
Is a politician/congressman	1	*	1	-
Other position mentions	5	5	6	4
Other functions mentions	1	1	1	1
Other	1	*	*	*
Don't know	13	11	11	11

8/8b Summary

	-----WHO SAY THEY KNOW GREENSPAN-----					
	NET	Correct	Incorrect	Don't know	Say they don't know who Greenspan is	Don't know
10/19/00	71	56	6	9	28	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	78	63	5	9	22	1
10/19/00 Economy	79	64	6	9	21	*
10/19/00 Tax	78	65	4	8	21	1

(Asked of registered voters who say they know who Alan Greenspan is)

8a. How much credit do you think Greenspan should get for the state of the nation's economy? A great deal, a fair amount, a little, or none?

	-----GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT-----			---A LITTLE/ NONE----			Don't know
	NET	Great	Fair	NET	A little	None	
10/19/00	84	46	38	13	10	3	3
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	82	49	33	14	11	3	4
10/19/00 Economy	83	53	31	11	10	1	6
10/19/00 Tax	82	47	35	16	12	4	2

8/8a Summary

	-----SAY THEY KNOW ALAN GREENSPAN-----						
	NET	Great deal	Fair amount	A little	None	Say they don't know Greenspan	Don't know
10/19/00	71	29	23	6	2	28	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	78	34	23	8	2	22	1
10/19/00 Economy	79	37	22	7	1	21	*
10/19/00 Tax	78	33	24	8	3	21	1

9. Would you describe the state of the economy in your local area these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	-----EXCELLENT/GOOD--			--NOT SO GOOD/POOR--			Don't know
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
10/19/00	76	20	56	23	18	5	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	80	24	55	20	14	6	*
10/19/00 Economy	79	27	52	20	13	7	1
10/19/00 Tax	79	23	56	20	15	6	*

10. In general, a budget surplus means that the government is taking in more money than it is spending, so the country would have additional dollars available to use in some way. From what you've heard or read, do you think the US currently has a budget surplus, or not?

	Surplus	No surplus	Don't know
10/19/00	67	26	7
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	65	30	5
10/19/00 Economy	66	29	4
10/19/00 Tax	65	30	5

12. Which presidential candidate, (Al Gore, the Democrat) or (George W. Bush, the Republican), do you think would do a better job handling the economy?

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	Don't know/ No opinion
10/19/00	46	42	4	2	6
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	42	50	3	1	4
10/19/00 Economy	51	40	3	2	4
10/19/00 Tax	32	61	3	1	3

Compared to:

Which presidential candidate, (Gore) or (Bush), do you trust to do a better job on each of these issues? First is (INSERT ITEM)

Handling the national economy

Registered Voters	Gore	Bush	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/6/00	48	43	2	2	4
8/20/00	49	40	3	4	5
8/10/00	41	50	2	3	3
7/23/00	39	48	3	4	6

13. I'm going to read you a list of economic issues you might consider important in deciding who to vote for in this year's presidential election. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it will be very important in deciding your vote for president, fairly important, not too important, or not at all important. How about (READ ITEMS)?

10/19/00	-----IMPORTANT-----			-----NOT IMPORTANT-----			
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Holding taxes down	92	64	29	7	6	1	*
b. Protecting the Social Security system	95	77	18	4	3	1	*
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	94	70	24	5	3	2	1
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	89	62	27	11	8	3	*
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	88	67	22	11	8	3	1
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	73	44	29	26	17	9	1
g. Helping the middle class	89	60	28	10	8	2	1
h. Keeping the stock market rising	75	35	40	22	17	5	3
i. Paying down the national debt	89	53	36	11	8	2	*

10/19/00 Econ/Tax	-----IMPORTANT-----			-----NOT IMPORTANT-----			
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Holding taxes down	94	71	24	6	5	1	-
b. Protecting the Social Security system	93	69	25	6	5	1	1
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	94	69	24	5	3	2	1
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	86	57	30	13	10	4	*
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	86	65	22	13	9	4	*
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	66	36	31	32	21	11	2
g. Helping the middle class	89	56	33	10	7	3	1
h. Keeping the stock market rising	73	37	36	25	19	6	1
i. Paying down the national debt	87	50	37	13	10	3	-

10/19/00 Economy	-----IMPORTANT-----			-----NOT IMPORTANT-----			Don't know
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
a. Holding taxes down	91	62	29	9	8	1	-
b. Protecting the Social Security system	95	74	22	5	5	-	*
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	95	71	24	4	2	1	1
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	87	58	29	13	9	4	-
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	88	65	22	12	9	3	*
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	73	38	35	26	19	7	1
g. Helping the middle class	91	58	34	8	7	2	*
h. Keeping the stock market rising	77	40	37	21	16	5	2
i. Paying down the national debt	88	51	36	12	10	2	-

10/19/00 Tax	-----IMPORTANT-----			-----NOT IMPORTANT-----			Don't know
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
a. Holding taxes down	98	82	17	2	1	*	-
b. Protecting the Social Security system	92	63	29	7	6	2	1
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	92	70	22	7	4	3	1
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	84	54	31	15	11	4	1
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	84	64	20	16	11	5	-
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	59	32	27	39	24	15	2
g. Helping the middle class	86	54	32	12	8	5	1
h. Keeping the stock market rising	71	36	35	28	21	6	2
i. Paying down the national debt	85	46	39	15	11	5	-

15. Which presidential candidate, (Al Gore, the Democrat) or (George W. Bush, the Republican), do you think would do a better job (READ ITEMS)? How about (READ ITEMS)?

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00					
a. Holding taxes down	37	52	3	2	7
b. Protecting the Social Security system	50	38	3	4	6
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	45	45	3	1	6
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	41	40	7	4	8
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	37	42	7	2	12
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	57	25	8	1	8
g. Helping the middle class	51	38	3	2	6
h. Keeping the stock market rising	35	42	8	3	13
i. Paying down the national debt	45	41	4	2	7

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00 Econ/Tax					
a. Holding taxes down	34	60	3	1	3
b. Protecting the Social Security system	46	45	3	3	3
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	43	50	3	1	3
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	36	46	7	4	7
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	37	46	5	3	8
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	58	26	9	2	5
g. Helping the middle class	49	43	2	2	4
h. Keeping the stock market rising	35	47	7	3	8
i. Paying down the national debt	42	46	6	2	4

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00 Economy					
a. Holding taxes down	39	52	3	1	5
b. Protecting the Social Security system	54	37	2	3	4
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	53	39	3	2	3
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	42	37	7	5	8
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	43	39	5	4	9
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	66	19	8	1	5
g. Helping the middle class	58	33	2	3	5
h. Keeping the stock market rising	40	42	5	3	10
i. Paying down the national debt	48	38	7	2	5

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	Don't know
10/19/00 Tax					
a. Holding taxes down	27	69	1	1	2
b. Protecting the Social Security system	36	53	3	4	3
c. Handling the federal budget surplus	32	63	2	1	2
d. Holding down the cost of gasoline and home heating oil	29	54	6	3	7
e. Keeping American jobs from moving overseas	29	55	6	2	8
f. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor	50	33	10	2	6
g. Helping the middle class	40	54	2	1	3
h. Keeping the stock market rising	27	55	8	2	7
i. Paying down the national debt	34	55	5	2	4

15a. Do you think the budget surplus is large enough to do everything (READ NAME) is proposing to do with it, or do you think his proposals would cost more than the money available from the surplus?

Total 10/19/00	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	20	62	18
George W. Bush	24	59	17

10/19/00 Econ/Tax	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	18	69	13
George W. Bush	25	59	15

10/19/00 Economy	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	20	64	16
George W. Bush	22	62	16

10/19/00 Tax	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	14	75	11
George W. Bush	29	55	15

16. Do you think improving the economy is something an effective president can do a lot about, do a little about, or is that mostly beyond any president's control?

	A lot about	Do a little about	Mostly beyond any president's control	Don't know
10/19/00	35	41	23	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	34	44	21	*
10/19/00 Economy	39	43	17	*
10/19/00 Tax	31	44	24	*
8/2/96	30	30	39	1

17. Looking ahead, five years from now do you think the economy will be better, worse, or about the same? (IF SAY BETTER/WORSE, ASK: Is that much (better/worse) or a little (better/worse))

	-----BETTER-----			-----WORSE-----			Same	Depends	Don't know
	NET	Much	Little	NET	Little	Much			
10/19/00	29	10	18	17	11	6	43	6	5
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	32	10	21	19	14	5	40	6	4
10/19/00 Economy	31	9	22	17	13	4	41	6	5
10/19/00 Tax	32	11	21	20	14	6	38	5	5

18. During the past 5 years, do you think that, in general, family incomes for average Americans have been going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

	Going up faster	Staying even	Falling behind	Don't know
10/19/00	20	41	37	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	23	42	35	1
10/19/00 Economy	26	43	30	1
10/19/00 Tax	20	41	39	1

19. Thinking about your own financial situation, would you say you have being doing better, worse or about the same as the average American family?

	Better	Worse	Same	Don't know
10/19/00	34	12	52	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	42	11	47	*
10/19/00 Economy	44	11	44	*
10/19/00 Tax	44	9	47	-

21. Do you think most of the new jobs being created in the country today pay well, or are they mostly low-paying jobs?

	Pay well	Mostly low paying jobs	Neither (vol)	Don't know
10/19/00	40	50	NA	11
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	41	50	NA	9
10/19/00 Economy	42	50	NA	8
10/19/00 Tax	40	51	NA	10
8/2/96	16	78	4	2

23. Some people say that in order to make a comfortable living, the average family must have two full-time wage earners. Do you agree with this, or do you think the average family can make a comfortable living with only one full-time wage earner?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
10/19/00	72	24	4
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	72	25	3
10/19/00 Economy	73	24	3
10/19/00 Tax	73	23	3
8/2/96	86	13	1

24. When they grow up, do you expect children today will enjoy a higher or lower standard of living than your generation, or do you think it will be about the same?

	Higher	Lower	Same	Don't know
10/19/00	47	15	36	3
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	49	15	34	3
10/19/00 Economy	51	14	33	2
10/19/00 Tax	49	15	33	3

25. Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among more people?

	Fair	More evenly distributed	Don't know
10/19/00	32	63	5
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	42	55	3
10/19/00 Economy	37	60	3
10/19/00 Tax	50	47	4

26. Would you say you favor a smaller federal government with fewer services, or a larger government with many services?

	Smaller	Larger	Don't know
10/19/00	60	32	8
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	69	25	5
10/19/00 Economy	65	29	6
10/19/00 Tax	75	21	4
10/10/00 ABC/Wash Post	58	32	10
Registered Voters:			
10/9/00	58	32	10
10/1/00	58	33	9
7/23/00	61	32	7
8/27/98	62	31	8
General Population:			
7/23/00	59	34	7
4/2/00	56	38	7
8/27/98	59	33	8
8/16/98	59	35	6
8/5/96	63	32	5
7/8/92	55	38	7

27. In general, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Government has gone too far in regulating business and interfering with the free enterprise system. (GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:) Do you strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree)?

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/19/00	62	35	27	34	23	11	5
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	65	39	26	32	22	10	3
10/19/00 Economy	57	30	27	38	25	13	5
10/19/00 Tax	75	50	25	24	18	6	1
8/27/98	62	NA	NA	31	NA	NA	8

(Asked of one-half of registered voters)

28a. Which of these do you think should be the top priority for any surplus money in the federal budget: (READ LIST)

	Cut federal income taxes	Put it toward reducing the national debt	Strengthen Social Security/Medicare	Increase spending on other domestic programs	National defense/Military	All of the above	Other	Don't know
10/19/00	20	24	44	9	1	*	*	2
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	28	28	37	6	-	*	*	-
10/19/00 Economy	17	30	45	8	-	*	-	-
10/19/00 Tax	41	28	27	4	-	-	*	-

(Asked of one half of registered voters)

28b. Which of these do you think should be the top priority for any surplus money in the federal budget: (READ LIST)

	Cut federal income taxes	Put it toward reducing the national debt	Strengthen Social Security/Medicare	Increase spending on other domestic programs such as education or health care	Edu-cation	National defense/Military	All of the above	Other	Don't know
10/19/00	18	16	31	31	*	1	1	1	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	29	18	23	26	-	-	-	1	3
10/19/00 Economy	18	19	28	33	-	-	-	1	1
10/19/00 Tax	41	15	20	20	-	-	-	1	4

28a/28b SUMMARY TABLE

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Cut federal income taxes	19	29	17	41
Reducing the national debt	21	23	24	22
Strengthen Social Security/Medicare	38	30	36	23
Spending on other domestic programs (NET)	20	16	21	12
Spending on other domestic programs	5	3	4	2
Spending on other domestic programs such as education or health care	15	13	17	10
Education	*	-	-	-
National defense/military	1	-	-	-
All of the above	*	*	*	-
Other	*	*	*	1
Don't know	2	1	1	2

Compared to:

(asked of half sample)

Which of these do you think should be the top priority for any surplus money in the federal budget - cut federal income taxes, put it toward reducing the national debt, strengthen the Social Security system, or increase spending on other domestic programs?

	Cut taxes	Reduce debt	Social Security	Domestic programs	No opinion
Registered voters:					
9/6/00	21	26	39	12	1
7/23/00	17	23	41	17	2
General population:					
7/23/00	18	22	40	18	2
9/2/99	20	24	43	13	1
7/25/98	22	19	47	10	2
3/14/99	20	21	47	10	2
1/31/98	17	23	47	10	2
1/19/98	16	29	39	14	1

Compared to:  
(asked of half sample)

Which of these do you think should be the top priority for any surplus money in the federal budget - cut federal income taxes, put it toward reducing the national debt, strengthen the Social Security system, or increase spending on other domestic programs such as education or health care?

	Cut taxes	Reduce debt	Social Security	Domestic programs	No opinion
Registered voters:					
9/6/00	14	19	36	29	1
7/23/00	15	20	32	30	2
General population:					
7/23/00	15	19	32	33	2
9/2/99	14	19	29	37	1

29. Which of these would you prefer: (READ ITEMS)?

	Across the board tax cut for all	Smaller tax cut plan for lower and middle income people	Don't know
10/19/00	47	50	2
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	56	43	1
10/19/00 Economy	48	51	*
10/19/00 Tax	66	33	1

30. Do you think a large tax cut would help or hurt the economy, or don't you think it would make much difference?

	Help	Hurt	Won't make difference	Don't know
10/19/00	31	26	38	5
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	40	22	34	4
10/19/00 Economy	30	28	37	5
10/19/00 Tax	50	16	31	2

32. There is a proposal that would allow people to invest some of their Social Security payroll contributions in the stock market or other private investments. This change means that when people retire, their benefits could either be higher or lower than expected, depending on the performance of these investments. Would you favor or oppose this proposal to allow people to invest some of their Social Security payroll contributions in the stock market or other private investments?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know
10/19/00	56	40	4
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	67	30	3
10/19/00 Economy	63	33	4
10/19/00 Tax	73	25	2

34. The presidential candidates frequently use the phrase globalization of the world economy. Generally speaking how well do you understand what that phrase means: very well, fairly well, not too well, or not at all?

	---VERY/FAIRLY---			-NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL-			
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
10/19/00	57	18	39	42	28	14	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	63	22	41	37	25	11	*
10/19/00 Economy	60	22	39	39	26	13	1
10/19/00 Tax	66	23	42	34	25	9	*

34a. Based on what you know or may have heard, do you think the globalization of the world economy is mostly good for the United States, mostly bad for the United States, or doesn't it make much difference?

	Good	Bad	Doesn't make much difference	Haven't heard of globalization	Don't know
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	44	24	23	2	6
10/19/00 Economy	47	20	22	2	8
10/19/00 Tax	43	28	23	2	5

34/34a SUMMARY

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Very/Fairly well	57	63	60	66
Mostly good	30	35	38	35
Mostly bad	14	17	14	21
No difference	9	8	7	8
Not too/Not all well	42	37	39	34
Mostly good	8	8	9	8
Mostly bad	8	6	6	7
No difference	15	15	15	14
Don't know	1	*	1	*

35. Do you think that trade agreements between the United States and other countries have helped create more jobs in the U.S., or have they cost the U.S. jobs, or haven't they made much of a difference?

	Create more jobs	Cost U.S. jobs	Haven't made much difference	Don't know
10/19/00	21	49	23	7
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	21	48	27	4
10/19/00 Economy	25	45	25	5
10/19/00 Tax	20	51	26	2
8/2/96	16	54	27	2

37. Do you think the price of gasoline is something an effective president can do a lot about, do a little about, or is that mostly beyond any president's control?

	A lot about	Do a little about	Mostly beyond any president's control	Don't know
10/19/00	32	40	26	2
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	33	40	26	1
10/19/00 Economy	33	39	27	1
10/19/00 Tax	35	40	24	1

39. If you were asked to use one of these five names for the economic class you belong to, which would you say you belong in? Upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

	Upper	Upper-middle	Middle	Working	Lower	Don't know
10/19/00	1	18	47	25	8	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	2	21	50	23	4	*
10/19/00 Economy	2	24	47	23	3	*
10/19/00 Tax	2	21	50	23	4	*

41. Some people would say that in this economy, there are winners and losers. Would you say you feel more like you're winning or more like you're losing?

	Winning	Losing	Neither (vol)	Don't know
10/19/00	64	25	9	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	71	22	6	1
10/19/00 Economy	71	21	7	*
10/19/00 Tax	72	21	5	2

42. Now for each of the following statements, please tell me whether it is something you personally agree with or disagree with? (GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Do you strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree)?)

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/19/00							
a. This new economy that everyone talks about really just helps people who are already rich.	40	20	20	57	28	29	4
b. I think it's unfair that many people are becoming millionaires when a lot of people work very hard every day and will never be rich.	46	29	17	51	22	29	3
c. I'm confident I have all the skills I need to be successful in the new economy	60	35	25	36	21	15	4
d. I can personally say I'm doing better financially than I was four years ago.	68	45	23	29	14	15	3
e. This is the best economy I have seen in my lifetime.	64	38	26	34	19	15	2

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/19/00 Econ/Tax							
a. This new economy that everyone talks about really just helps people who are already rich.	32	15	17	66	29	37	2
b. I think it's unfair that many people are becoming millionaires when a lot of people work very hard every day and will never be rich.	38	24	14	60	23	37	2
c. I'm confident I have all the skills I need to be successful in the new economy	67	41	26	31	19	12	2
d. I can personally say I'm doing better financially than I was four years ago.	73	51	22	26	13	13	1
e. This is the best economy I have seen in my lifetime.	64	39	25	35	21	13	1

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/19/00 Economy							
a. This new economy that everyone talks about really just helps people who are already rich.	34	16	17	65	31	34	2
b. I think it's unfair that many people are becoming millionaires when a lot of people work very hard every day and will never be rich.	39	23	17	59	27	31	2
c. I'm confident I have all the skills I need to be successful in the new economy	66	41	25	30	19	11	4
d. I can personally say I'm doing better financially than I was four years ago.	76	55	21	22	9	13	2
e. This is the best economy I have seen in my lifetime.	67	44	23	32	19	13	1

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/19/00 Tax							
a. This new economy that everyone talks about really just helps people who are already rich.	30	15	15	68	25	43	2
b. I think it's unfair that many people are becoming millionaires when a lot of people work very hard every day and will never be rich.	35	24	11	63	20	43	2
c. I'm confident I have all the skills I need to be successful in the new economy	68	43	25	30	19	11	1
d. I can personally say I'm doing better financially than I was four years ago.	71	49	22	27	16	12	2
e. This is the best economy I have seen in my lifetime.	63	37	26	36	23	13	1

40. There is a lot of talk about the difference between being middle class and being rich. In your opinion, how much would someone have to make in a year in order to be rich? (IF NECESSARY: Just your personal opinion)

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
< \$100,000	16	15	19	9
\$100K but less than \$150K	19	18	17	19
\$150K but less than \$200K	5	6	4	8
\$200K but less than \$250K	9	12	12	12
\$250K but less than \$300K	6	8	8	10
\$300K but less than \$500K	5	6	6	6
\$500K through \$750K	11	15	13	15
More than \$750,000	17	15	15	15
Don't know	12	6	7	5

43. During the past five years, have you or someone in your family lost a job or had to take a pay cut?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	39	61	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	39	61	*
10/19/00 Economy	41	59	*
10/19/00 Tax	36	64	*

45. For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something you and your family have had to deal with recently.

10/19/00	Yes	No	Don't know
a. You have had problems paying the rent or mortgage for yourself or your family	17	83	0
b. You have delayed or had trouble getting medical care for yourself or your family	19	81	0
c. You have been unable to save money for future needs	49	50	1
d. You have postponed buying a house	19	81	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	Yes	No	Don't know
a. You have had problems paying the rent or mortgage for yourself or your family	14	86	-
b. You have delayed or had trouble getting medical care for yourself or your family	16	84	-
c. You have been unable to save money for future needs	43	56	*
d. You have postponed buying a house	16	84	*
10/19/00 Economy	Yes	No	Don't know
a. You have had problems paying the rent or mortgage for yourself or your family	13	87	-
b. You have delayed or had trouble getting medical care for yourself or your family	15	85	-
c. You have been unable to save money for future needs	41	59	-
d. You have postponed buying a house	17	83	*
10/19/00 Tax	Yes	No	Don't know
a. You have had problems paying the rent or mortgage for yourself or your family	13	87	-
b. You have delayed or had trouble getting medical care for yourself or your family	15	85	-
c. You have been unable to save money for future needs	43	56	1
d. You have postponed buying a house	16	84	-
8/2/96	Yes	No	Don't know
a. You have had problems paying the rent or mortgage for yourself or your family	17	83	-
b. You have delayed or had trouble getting medical care for yourself or your family	20	80	*
d. You have been unable to save money for future needs	53	47	*
e. You have postponed buying a house	19	81	*

47. What is your current employment status? Are you self-employed, employed by someone else, a homemaker, a student, retired, unemployed and looking for work, or unemployed and not looking for work?

	-----Employed-----						---Unemployed---		Don't know
	Net	Self	Someone else	Homemaker	Student	Retired	Looking	Not looking	
10/19/00	65	14	52	5	3	21	4	1	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	74	17	58	4	4	13	5	1	-
10/19/00 Economy	77	17	59	3	3	11	5	1	-
10/19/00 Tax	74	17	57	3	4	13	4	1	-

(Asked of those who are currently employed)

48. Do you work full-time or part-time?

	Full-time	Part-time	Don't know
10/19/00	87	13	-
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	89	11	-
10/19/00 Economy	89	11	-
10/19/00 Tax	91	9	-

47/48. Summary Table

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Employed (NET)	65	74	77	74
Self-employed (subnet)	14	17	17	17
Full-time	10	14	15	15
Part-time	3	2	2	2
Employed by someone else (subnet)	52	58	59	57
Full-time	46	52	53	53
Part-time	6	6	6	4
Homemaker	5	4	3	3
Student	3	4	3	4
Retired	21	13	11	13
Unemployed, looking for work	4	5	5	4
Unemployed, not looking for work	1	1	1	1
Don't know	*	-	-	-

(Asked of those who are currently employed)

49. Do you think of yourself as working in a high-tech job, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	34	66	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	33	66	*
10/19/00 Economy	35	65	-
10/19/00 Tax	33	66	1

47/49. Summary Table

	Employed and High-tech	Employed and not High-tech	Not employed	Don't know
10/19/00	22	43	34	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	25	50	26	-
10/19/00 Economy	27	50	23	-
10/19/00 Tax	25	50	26	-

(Asked of those who are not retired)

51. How worried are you about having enough savings for retirement?

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know
10/19/00	33	41	26	-
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	33	41	26	-
10/19/00 Economy	35	42	23	-
10/19/00 Tax	30	40	29	-

(Asked of those who are not retired)

52. How worried are you about having enough savings for the later years of your retirement?

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know
10/19/00	14	31	51	4
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	11	33	55	2
10/19/00 Economy	12	32	54	3
10/19/00 Tax	9	33	57	1

51/52. Summary Table

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know
10/19/00	29	39	31	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	30	40	30	*
10/19/00 Economy	32	41	27	*
10/19/00 Tax	27	39	33	*

(Asked of those who are not retired)

53. Have you begun to save money for your retirement, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	77	23	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	80	20	-
10/19/00 Economy	80	20	-
10/19/00 Tax	81	19	-

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

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	63	37	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	71	29	*
10/19/00 Economy	70	30	-
10/19/00 Tax	72	27	1

(Asked of those who are currently employed)

50. Are you concerned that you might lose your job in the future because of advances in technology, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	13	87	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	11	89	-
10/19/00 Economy	11	89	-
10/19/00 Tax	8	92	-

## DEMOGRAPHICS

D01. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	Don't know
10/19/00	31	39	23	7	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	37	32	24	6	-
10/19/00 Economy	29	39	24	8	-
10/19/00 Tax	47	24	24	5	-
9/17/00	30	38	23	8	1
9/17/00 Values	53	18	20	7	2
7/18/00	31	35	27	6	1
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	22	44	26	6	1
5/22/00	29	35	27	7	1
5/22/00 Education	25	38	28	8	1

(Asked of registered voters who consider themselves Republicans)

D01a. Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

	Strong Republican	Not a very strong Republican	Don't know
10/19/00	61	39	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	64	35	1
10/19/00 Economy	64	36	-
10/19/00 Tax	66	33	1
9/17/00	52	48	1
9/17/00 Values	59	40	1
7/18/00	56	43	*
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	50	50	1
5/22/00	49	51	1
5/22/00 Education	42	58	-

(Asked of registered voters who consider themselves Democrats)

D01b. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or not a very strong Democrat?

	Strong Democrat	Not a very strong Democrat	Don't know
10/19/00	60	40	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	60	39	*
10/19/00 Economy	66	33	1
10/19/00 Tax	49	51	-
9/17/00	58	41	1
9/17/00 Values	42	58	1
7/18/00	57	41	1
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	57	42	1
5/22/00	54	45	1
5/22/00 Education	51	48	1

(Asked of all registered voters who consider themselves Independents)

D01c. Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	Closer to the Republican Party	Closer to the Democratic	Don't know
10/19/00	37	48	15
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	41	46	13
10/19/00 Economy	33	50	16
10/19/00 Tax	48	39	13
9/17/00	47	43	9
9/17/00 Values	73	20	7
7/18/00	47	39	14
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	34	47	19
5/22/00	43	35	22
5/22/00 Education	37	42	21

(Asked of all registered voters)

Q.DO1/Q.DO1A/Q.DO1B/Q.DO1C

	-----Republican-----			-----Democrat-----			-----Independent-----			Something Else	Don't know
	NET	Strong	Not Strong	NET	Strong	Not Strong	NET	Closer to Rep.	Closer to Dem.		
10/19/00	31	19	12	39	23	15	23	8	11	7	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	37	24	13	32	20	13	24	9	11	6	-
10/19/00 Economy	29	18	10	39	26	13	24	8	12	8	-
10/19/00 Tax	47	31	15	24	12	12	24	11	9	5	-
9/17/00	30	16	15	38	22	15	23	10	9	8	1
9/17/00 Values	53	31	21	18	7	10	20	14	4	7	2
7/18/00	31	17	13	35	20	14	27	12	10	6	1
7/18/00 Health care/Med	22	11	11	44	25	18	26	9	12	6	1
5/22/00	29	14	15	35	19	16	27	11	9	7	1
5/22/00 Education	25	10	14	38	20	18	28	10	12	8	1

(Asked of all registered voters)  
 Q.DO1/DO1C Leaned Party Table

	-----Republican-----			-----Democrat-----				Independent	Something else	Don't know
	NET	Unleaned	Leaned	NET	Unleaned	Leaned				
10/19/00	39	31	8	49	39	11	4	7	1	
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	47	37	9	43	32	11	4	6	-	
10/19/00 Economy	36	29	8	51	39	12	5	8	-	
10/19/00 Tax	58	47	11	33	24	9	4	5	-	
9/17/00 Values	41	30	10	47	38	9	3	8	1	
9/17/00 Health	67	53	14	21	18	4	2	7	2	
7/18/00 Health care/Med	43	31	12	45	35	10	4	6	1	
5/22/00	31	22	9	56	44	12	5	6	1	
5/22/00	41	29	11	44	35	9	7	7	1	
5/22/00 Education	35	25	10	50	38	12	7	8	1	

(Asked of all registered voters)  
 D02. Would you say your views in most political matters are very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

	-----Liberal-----				-----Conservative-----			Don't know
	NET	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	NET	Conservative	Very conservative	
10/19/00	21	NA	NA	45	31	NA	NA	3
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	18	NA	NA	43	37	NA	NA	2
10/19/00 Economy	21	NA	NA	43	32	NA	NA	4
10/19/00 Tax	15	NA	NA	43	42	NA	NA	-
9/17/00	19	NA	NA	46	33	NA	NA	3
9/17/00 Values	9	NA	NA	29	61	NA	NA	1
7/18/00	28	4	24	36	34	24	10	1
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	33	5	28	41	24	18	6	2
5/22/00	24	3	21	38	35	28	7	3
5/22/00 Education	31	6	26	42	25	21	4	2

(Asked of all registered voters)

D03. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the next election for president. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, or are the chances 50-50 or less that you will vote?

	Absolutely certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50-50 or less	Don't know
10/19/00	88	7	5	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	90	7	4	-
10/19/00 Economy	90	6	5	-
10/19/00 Tax	91	7	2	-
9/17/00	84	10	6	*
9/17/00 Values	88	8	4	-
7/18/00	82	12	6	*
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	79	14	7	*
5/22/00	82	11	7	*
5/22/00 Education	80	12	7	*

(Asked of all registered voters)

D04 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 1996 when Bill Clinton ran against Bob Dole and Ross Perot, or did you skip that one?

	Yes, voted	No, skipped that one	Don't know/no opinion
10/19/00	83	16	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	81	18	1
10/19/00 Economy	82	18	-
10/19/00 Tax	81	17	1
9/17/00	82	17	1
9/17/00 Values	86	14	*
7/18/00	83	17	*
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	83	16	*
5/22/00	85	14	1
5/22/00 Education	83	17	*

(Asked of all registered voters who voted in 1996 presidential election)

D04a Which candidate did you vote for?

	Clinton	Dole	Perot	Nader	Other	Don't know/no opinion
10/19/00	55	32	8	*	2	3
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	45	41	8	-	3	3
10/19/00 Economy	55	33	7	-	2	3
10/19/00 Tax	35	50	10	-	3	2
9/17/00	55	32	9	*	1	2
9/17/00 Values	22	65	10	*	1	1
7/18/00	52	31	9	1	1	4
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	67	21	6	1	1	4
5/22/00	52	32	11		2	4
5/22/00 Education	62	25	9		1	3

(Asked of all registered voters)

Q.D04/Q.D04a

	-----Voted-----						Did not	Don't know/
	NET	Clinton	Dole	Perot	Nader	Other	vote	no opinion
10/19/00	83	44	26	6	*	2	16	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	81	36	33	7	-	2	18	1
10/19/00 Economy	82	44	26	6	-	1	18	-
10/19/00 Tax	81	28	40	8	-	3	17	1
9/17/00	82	44	26	7	*	1	17	1
9/17/00 Values	86	18	53	8	*	1	14	*
7/18/00	83	44	26	7	1	1	17	*
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	83	55	17	5	*	1	16	*
5/22/00	85	43	26	9		1	14	1
5/22/00 Education	83	49	20	7		1	17	*

(Asked of all registered voters)

D05. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Currently married	Living with a partner	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never been married
10/19/00	59	5	7	11	2	15
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	59	7	5	9	2	19
10/19/00 Economy	58	7	4	11	2	18
10/19/00 Tax	58	7	5	7	1	21
9/17/00	56	6	9	11	2	15
9/17/00 Values	65	4	8	11	1	11
7/18/00	58	5	8	11	3	14
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	55	7	13	12	3	11
5/22/00	56	4	9	12	2	17
5/22/00 Education	56	5	6	9	2	21

(Asked of all registered voters)

D06. Including yourself, how many adults, 18 or older, are there living in your household?

	-----Number of adults living in household-----										Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
10/19/00	26	57	10	5	1	*	-	-	*	-	-
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	23	58	11	5	2	*	-	-	1	-	-
10/19/00 Economy	22	60	11	4	2	*	-	-	-	-	-
10/19/00 Tax	24	57	11	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
9/17/00	27	57	11	4	1	*	*	-	-	-	-
9/17/00 Values	22	62	11	3	1	*	*	-	-	-	-
7/18/00	25	58	13	3	*	*	*	-	-	-	-
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	27	55	12	3	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
5/22/00	28	56	11	4	1	*	*	*	-	-	-
5/22/00 Education	24	58	11	5	1	*	*	-	-	-	-

(Asked of all registered voters)

D06a. How many people living in your household are under the age of 18?

	-----Number of people <18 living in household-----											Don't know	
	0	Net	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10
10/19/00	62	38	15	14	6	2	1	*	-	-	-	-	-
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	60	40	16	13	7	2	1	*	-	-	-	-	-
10/19/00 Economy	61	39	18	13	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
10/19/00 Tax	61	39	14	12	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/17/00	59	41	17	17	6	2	1	*	*	-	-	-	-
9/17/00 Values	55	45	16	15	9	3	1	*	*	-	-	-	-

(Asked of all registered voters)  
D06/06A. Summary Table

	-----Number of adults living in household-----										Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	13	
10/19/00	20	36	16	16	7	3	1	1	*	*	-
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	18	35	18	15	7	3	2	1	*	1	-
10/19/00 Economy	19	35	18	16	7	3	1	1	1	-	-
10/19/00 Tax	19	34	19	13	7	4	2	1	-	1	-

(Asked of all registered voters)

D07a. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Jewish	Some other religion	No religion	Don't know
10/19/00	45	25	2	16	10	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	44	25	2	17	12	*
10/19/00 Economy	40	26	4	17	13	-
10/19/00 Tax	48	24	1	14	11	1
9/17/00	48	25	2	16	9	*
9/17/00 Values	57	21	2	16	5	-
7/18/00	52	23	2	12	11	*
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	54	25	2	10	9	*
5/22/00	52	27	2	10	9	*
5/22/00 Education	48	26	3	12	11	*

(Asked of all registered voters who are some other religion)

D07B. Do you consider yourself a Christian?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	88	12	-
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	88	12	-
10/19/00 Economy	86	14	-
10/19/00 Tax	88	12	-
9/17/00	84	15	1
9/17/00 Values	88	9	2
7/18/00	84	15	2
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	84	12	4
5/22/00	84	15	1
5/22/00 Education	74	25	1

(Asked of all registered voters who are Protestant or some other religion/Christian)  
D07C. Would you consider yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	59	38	3
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	55	42	3
10/19/00 Economy	47	48	5
10/19/00 Tax	58	38	4
9/17/00	59	38	3
9/17/00 Values	76	22	2
7/18/00	55	42	3
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	53	44	3
5/22/00	53	44	3
5/22/00 Education	48	50	2

(Asked of all registered voters)  
Q.D07A/Q.D07B

	--Protestant/Other Christian--							Don't know
	NET	Protestant	Other Christian	Roman Catholic	Jewish	Some Other	No Religion	
10/19/00	60	45	14	25	2	2	10	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	59	44	14	25	2	2	12	*
10/19/00 Economy	55	40	15	26	4	2	13	-
10/19/00 Tax	61	48	13	24	1	2	11	1
9/17/00	62	48	14	25	2	3	9	*
9/17/00 Values	71	57	15	21	2	2	5	-
7/18/00	63	52	10	23	2	2	11	*
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	62	54	9	25	2	2	9	*
5/22/00	60	52	8	27	2	2	9	*
5/22/00 Education	57	48	8	26	3	3	11	*

(Asked of all registered voters)  
Q.D07A/ Q.D07B/ Q.D07C

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Born again Protestants or some other Religion/Christian	35	32	26	35
Protestant not born again	19	19	22	19
Roman catholic	25	25	26	24
Jewish	2	2	4	1
Some other/not Christian	2	2	2	2
Other Christian not born again	6	7	8	7
No religion	10	12	13	11
Don't know	*	*	-	1

	9/17/00	9/17/00 Values	7/18/00	7/18/00 HCare/ Medicare	5/22/00	5/22/00 Education
Born again Protestants or some other Religion/Christian	36	54	35	33	32	27
Protestant not born again	20	12	23	25	25	25
Roman catholic	25	21	23	25	27	26
Jewish	2	2	2	2	2	3
Some other/not Christian	3	2	2	2	2	3
Other Christian not born again	5	6	5	5	4	5
No religion	9	5	11	9	9	11
Don't know	*	-	*	*	*	*

(Asked of all registered voters)

D08. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ)

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
<b>High school graduate or less (net)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>
<i>Less than high school graduate (subnet)</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>9</i>
None, or grade 1-8	3	2	3	*
High school incomplete	10	7	4	9
<i>High school graduate + (subnet)</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>28</i>
High school graduate	28	25	25	24
Business, technical/vocational school	5	5	5	4
<b>Some college or more NET</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Some college, no 4-year degree</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>
<i>College graduate + (subnet)</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>32</i>
College graduate	16	22	22	22
Post-graduate training	10	11	12	10
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>*</b>

	9/17/00	9/17/00 Values	7/18/00	7/18/00 HCare/ Medicare	5/22/00	5/22/00 Education
<b>High school graduate or less (net)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>
<i>Less than high school graduate (subnet)</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>
None, or grade 1-8	3	1	2	3	2	1
High school incomplete	11	8	10	13	9	8
<i>High school graduate + (subnet)</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>28</i>
High school graduate	29	28	29	30	28	26
Business, technical/vocational school	4	5	3	4	4	2
<b>Some college or more NET</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Some college, no 4-year degree</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<i>College graduate + (subnet)</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>40</i>
College graduate	18	17	16	13	21	23
Post-graduate training	9	9	10	10	14	17
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>

D08a. Are you or any other members of your household -- that is any other adult living in your home or apartment -- a member of a labor union? (IF YES ASK: Is that person you or someone else?)

	-----Yes-----					
	NET	Respondent	Other family member	Both	No	Don't know
10/19/00	21	11	8	2	79	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	20	12	6	1	79	1
10/19/00 Economy	21	11	8	2	78	1
10/19/ Tax	20	13	5	1	79	1

D08a SUMMARY TABLE

	Union member	Not Union member	Don't know
10/19/00	13	87	1
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	13	86	1
10/19/00 Economy	13	87	1
10/19/ Tax	14	85	1

(Asked of all registered voters)

D09. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
10/19/00	17	43	21	19
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	20	49	20	11
10/19/00 Economy	17	54	19	10
10/19/ Tax	21	48	19	12
9/17/00	15	44	22	19
9/17/00 Values	14	47	21	18
7/18/00	16	44	22	18
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	9	37	25	28
5/22/00	15	43	22	20
5/22/00 Education	22	49	18	12

(Asked of all registered voters)

D10. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Latin American background?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	8	92	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	8	92	-
10/19/00 Economy	6	94	-
10/19/ Tax	9	91	-
9/17/00	7	93	-
9/17/00 Values	5	95	-
7/18/00	9	91	-
7/18/00 Hcare/Medicare	9	91	-
5/22/00	7	92	*
5/22/00 Education	10	90	-

(Asked of all registered voters)

D11. Do you consider yourself to be white, black or African-American, Asian-American, or some other race?

	White	Black or African American	Asian American	Some other race	Don't know
10/19/00	80	12	1	7	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	80	11	1	8	*
10/19/00 Economy	80	11	1	7	*
10/19/ Tax	81	8	1	9	*
9/17/00	81	11	1	6	*
9/17/00 Values	88	6	1	5	*
7/18/00	82	11	1	6	1
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	82	10	*	7	1
5/22/00	82	11	1	6	1
5/22/00 Education	79	12	1	8	*

(Asked of all registered voters)

Q.D10/Q.D11

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Taxes	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
<b>White non-Hispanic</b>	77	77	78	79
<b>Black or African-American non-Hispanic</b>	11	10	11	8
<b>Asian-American</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>Some other race</b>	3	3	4	3
<b>Hispanic (NET)</b>	8	8	6	9
White Hispanic	3	3	3	3
Black Hispanic	*	*	1	-
Hispanic (unspecified)	4	5	3	7
<b>Don't know</b>	*	-	-	-

	9/17/00	9/17/00 Values	7/18/00	7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	5/22/00	5/22/00 Education
<b>White non-Hispanic</b>	79	86	78	79	78	75
<b>Black or African-American non-Hispanic</b>	11	6	10	10	10	11
<b>Asian-American</b>	1	1	1	*	1	1
<b>Some other race</b>	2	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Hispanic (NET)</b>	7	5	9	9	7	10
White Hispanic	2	3	4	3	3	4
Black Hispanic	*	*	1	*	*	*
Hispanic (unspecified)	5	1	4	5	4	6
<b>Don't know</b>	*	*	*	*	1	1

(Asked of all registered voters)  
Q.D12

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
<b>Less than \$50,000 (NET)</b>	47	38	37	37
<b>Less than \$30,000 (subnet)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Less than \$20,000</b>	13	8	7	7
\$20,000 but less than \$30,000	12	7	9	6
\$30,000 but less than \$50,000 (subnet)	19	21	18	22
\$30,000 but less than \$40,000	10	12	10	12
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	9	9	8	11
<b>\$50,000 or more (NET)</b>	51	60	62	61
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	22	24	24	24
\$75,000 or more(subnet)	25	34	36	35
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	14	18	17	19
\$100,000 or more	11	16	19	15
<b>Don't know</b>	2	1	1	1

	9/17/00	9/17/00 Values	7/18/00	7/18/00 HCare/ Medicare	5/22/00	5/22/00 Education
<b>Less than \$50,000 (NET)</b>	55	54	51	57	48	44
<b>Less than \$30,000 (subnet)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>				
<b>Less than \$20,000</b>	15	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
\$20,000 but less than \$30,000	16	14	13	14	13	11
\$30,000 but less than \$50,000 (subnet)	22	26	22	24	21	19
\$30,000 but less than \$40,000	12	11	13	14	11	10
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	10	15	10	10	9	9
<b>\$50,000 or more (NET)</b>	43	45	42	35	50	54
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	20	22	18	16	23	24
\$75,000 or more(subnet)	21	20	22	18	24	28
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	11	12	12	10	12	14
\$100,000 or more	11	8	9	7	12	14
<b>Don't know</b>	2	1	2	2	2	1

(Asked of all registered voters)

D13A. May a reporter from the Washington Post call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?

	Yes	No	Don't know
10/19/00	70	30	*
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	72	28	*
10/19/00 Economy	76	24	-
10/19/00 Tax	70	30	*
9/17/00	72	28	*
9/17/00 Values	76	24	-
7/18/00	66	33	1
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	64	36	1
5/22/00	69	30	1
5/22/00 Education	69	30	1

(Recorded of all registered voters)

D19. Record Gender

	Male	Female
10/19/00	48	52
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	61	39
10/19/00 Economy	60	40
10/19/00 Tax	64	36
9/17/00	48	52
9/17/00 Values	47	53
7/18/00	48	52
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	40	60
5/22/00	47	53
5/22/00 Education	39	61

(Recorded of all registered voters)

Region

	Northeast	North central	South	West
10/19/00	19	24	36	22
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	19	22	36	24
10/19/00 Economy	19	23	34	23
10/19/00 Tax	17	21	36	26
9/17/00	19	23	38	20
9/17/00 Values	17	26	39	18
7/18/00	20	24	37	19
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	22	24	37	17
5/22/00	19	23	36	21
5/22/00 Education	19	22	34	25

Metro status

(Recorded of all registered voters)

	Urban	Suburban	Rural
10/19/00	51	25	23
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	53	26	20
10/19/00 Economy	54	25	20
10/19/00 Tax	52	28	20
9/17/00	51	24	25
9/17/00 Values	45	27	27
7/18/00	49	27	25
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	51	25	24
5/22/00	53	25	22
5/22/00 Education	58	23	19

LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE

	Likely to vote	Not likely to vote
10/19/00	77	23
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	76	24
10/19/00 Economy	75	25
10/19/00 Tax	77	23
9/17/00	73	27
9/17/00 Values	79	21
7/18/00	74	26
7/18/00 HCare/Medicare	72	28

ECONOMY/TAX VOTERS

	Economy/Tax voters	Not Economy/Tax voters
10/19/00	43	57
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	100	-
10/19/00 Economy	100	-
10/19/00 Tax	100	-

## FAMILY FINANCE

	High	Medium	Low
10/19/00	27	47	26
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	34	46	20
10/19/00 Economy	37	43	20
10/19/00 Tax	35	45	19

## ECONOMIC OPTIMISM

	High	Medium	Low
10/19/00	43	37	20
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	44	36	20
10/19/00 Economy	44	38	18
10/19/00 Tax	45	33	21

## FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

	High	Medium	Low
10/19/00	21	47	32
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	18	46	36
10/19/00 Economy	19	46	36
10/19/00 Tax	16	45	38

## LIMITED GOVERNMENT

	High	Medium	Low
10/19/00	26	45	28
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	32	46	22
10/19/00 Economy	25	47	28
10/19/00 Tax	41	44	15

## BITTERNESS

	High	Medium	Low
10/19/00	28	43	29
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	22	39	39
10/19/00 Economy	23	42	36
10/19/00 Tax	20	35	45

## CURRENT ECONOMY SCALE

	High	Medium	Low
10/19/00	19	54	27
10/19/00 Econ/Tax	20	57	23
10/19/00 Economy	23	57	20
10/19/00 Tax	19	56	25