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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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N= 1,204 adults 18+ -- 600 for Form 1 and 604 for Form 2<sup>1</sup>

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling for Princeton Survey Research. We're taking an important national opinion survey for public television. The results will appear on a nationally televised program in January. I'd like to ask a few questions of the YOUNGEST MALE age 18 or older, who is now at home. **(IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW:** Then, may I speak with the OLDEST FEMALE age 18 or older who is now at home)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president? **(IF DON'T KNOW ENTER AS CODE 9. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
Current	57	34	9	=100
June, 1996	54	38	8	=100
April, 1996	53	39	8	=100
March, 1996	55	38	7	=100
February, 1996	51	39	10	=100
January, 1996	50	43	7	=100
October, 1995	48	42	10	=100
September, 1995	45	42	13	=100
August, 1995	44	44	12	=100
June, 1995	50	40	10	=100
April, 1995	47	43	10	=100
March, 1995	44	44	12	=100
February, 1995	44	44	12	=100
December, 1994	41	47	12	=100
November, 1994	48	40	12	=100
October, 1994	41	47	12	=100
Early October, 1994	38	47	15	=100
September, 1994	41	52	7	=100
July, 1994	45	46	9	=100
June, 1994	42	44	14	=100
May, 1994	46	42	12	=100
March, 1994	45	42	13	=100
January, 1994	51	35	14	=100
Early January, 1994	48	35	17	=100
December, 1993	48	36	16	=100
October, 1993	44	42	14	=100
September, 1993	49	35	16	=100
Early September, 1993	43	43	14	=100
August, 1993	39	46	15	=100
May, 1993	39	43	18	=100
Early May, 1993	45	37	18	=100
April, 1993	49	29	22	=100
February, 1993	56	25	19	=100

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<sup>1</sup> Margin of error: Plus or minus 3 percentage points for total sample; Plus or minus 5 percentage points for Form 1; Plus or minus 5 percentage points for Form 2

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress? (**IF DON'T KNOW ENTER AS CODE 9. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?)

		<u>June</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>1994</u> <sup>2</sup>
40	Approve	36	39	35	33	36	36	36	38	41	44	43	52
43	Disapprove	50	46	51	53	54	51	50	45	45	43	39	28
<u>17</u> 100	Don't know	<u>14</u> 100	<u>15</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>10</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>17</u> 100	<u>14</u> 100	<u>13</u> 100	<u>18</u> 100	<u>20</u> 100

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<sup>2</sup> In December 1994 the question asked "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

On a different subject, I'd like to ask you about your hopes and fears for your future.

3. First, please tell me in your own words, what are your main wishes and hopes for your future? What do you most hope for to be happy in your life?

- 42 Financial (NET)
  - 11 More opportunities/Better job
  - 10 Financial Security (Unspecified)
  - 7 Security/Stability of Social Security
  - 6 Make more money/Better wages
  - 5 Be more successful professionally
  - 4 A sound economy
  - 3 Other financial
  
- 21 Health (NET)
  - 18 Good health/A long life
  - 4 Other health
  
- 18 Family/Children (NET)
  - 7 Happiness for family/children
  - 6 Education/Job opportunities for children
  - 4 Starting a family/ Having children
  - 2 Other family/children
  
- 10 Peace/Stability (NET)
  - 7 No wars/People not killing each other
  - 3 Other peace/stability
  
- 6 Quality of life (NET)
  
- 6 Less crime
  
- 4 Less government
  
- 4 Return to morality
  
- 4 Education (NET)
  - 3 Get an education/Finish school
  - 1 Other education
  
- 3 Material possessions (NET)
  - 2 Buy a house
  - 1 Buy something else
  
- 10 Other
  
- 12 Don't know

*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

4. And what are your main fears and worries about your future? (**OPEN-END, RECORD VERBATIMS. PROBE FOR CLARITY ONLY. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR THEM. ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.**)

38	Financial (NET)
10	Job security/Find a job
10	Personal finances/Not enough money
6	Stability of Social Security System
6	The economy
4	Retirement plans/Money for retirement
4	Financial security unspecified
1	Other financial
14	Health (NET)
8	Being sick/Poor health
5	Inadequate health care or health insurance
2	Other health
10	Crime (NET)
6	Worries about children's future
5	The political system
4	War/International instability
3	Things getting worse/going downhill (unspecified)
3	Moral decline
7	Other
24	None/No worries
2	Don't know

*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

5. Let's talk about the quality of your life . . . Imagine a ladder with steps numbered from zero at the bottom to ten at the top. Suppose the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you; and the bottom, the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time? You can name any number between zero and ten.<sup>3</sup>

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1987</u>
37 High (8-10)	31	33
33 Medium (6-7)	35	36
29 Low (0-5)	34	30
$\frac{1}{100}$ Don't know	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$
6.7 Mean Rating	6.4	6.5

6. On what number step would you say you stood five years ago?

	<u>1989</u>
26 High (8-10)	28
27 Medium (6-7)	27
46 Low (0-5)	44
$\frac{1}{100}$ Don't know	$\frac{1}{100}$
5.8 Mean Rating	6.0

7. Just your best guess, on what number step do you think you will stand in the future, say about five years from now?

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1987</u>
64 High (8-10)	56	61
16 Medium (6-7)	21	19
16 Low (0-5)	18	14
$\frac{4}{100}$ Don't know	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{6}{100}$
7.7 Mean Rating	7.4	7.7

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<sup>3</sup> Trends for questions 5, 6, and 7: Gallup

Now I'd like to ask you about your hopes and fears for the future of the United States.

8. First, what are your main wishes and hopes for the country's future? What do you most hope for to make the country better?

- 26 Economic (NET)
  - 9 More jobs
  - 7 A good/better economy
  - 6 A balanced budget/Less government debt
  - 7 Other economic
  
- 19 World Peace/National Security (NET)
  - 16 World peace/No more war
  - 2 Stronger military/Security
  - 2 Other peace/security
  
- 12 Crime (NET)
  - 11 Less crime/violence
  - 1 Eliminate drug problem
  - 1 Other Crime
  
- 10 Religion and Morality (NET)
  - 5 A more moral society
  - 3 More emphasis on religion
  - 2 Other religion/morality
  
- 9 Government/Political leadership (NET)
  - 3 Better leadership
  - 6 Other government/political leadership
  
- 8 Cooperation/Unity (NET)
  - 4 More unity
  - 4 Other cooperation/Unity
  
- 6 More money for education
  
- 4 Race relations (NET)
  - 2 Racial equality
  - 1 Other race relations
  
- 4 Improved health care
  
- 3 Taking care of our own citizens
  
- 3 Help to homeless
  
- 2 Change welfare
  
- 9 Other
  
- 8 Don't know

*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

9. And what are your main fears and worries about the country's future?

- 18 Economic (NET)
  - 4 The economy
  - 4 Unemployment/Job loss
  - 3 Budget imbalance/Debt
  - 8 Other economic
  
- 12 War/National Security (NET)
  - 10 War/Fighting between nations
  - 2 Other war/national security
  
- 10 Crime/Violence
  
- 8 Government/Political leadership (NET)
  - 4 Effectiveness of Government/Political leadership
  - 5 Other government/Political leadership
  
- 6 Religion and Morality (NET)
  - 4 Low morals
  - 3 Other religion/Morality
  
- 6 Things are getting worse/going downhill (unspecified)
  
- 3 Racial tension
  
- 15 Other
  
- 28 None/No worries
  
- 1 Don't know

*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

10. Thinking about the ladder again, suppose the top represents the best possible situation for our country; the bottom the worst possible situation. Please tell me on which step of the ladder you think the United States is at the present time? You can name any number between zero and ten.<sup>4</sup>

		<u>1989</u>	<u>1987</u>
10	High (8-10)	13	14
36	Medium (6-7)	42	34
52	Low (0-5)	43	51
$\frac{2}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$
5.4	<i>Mean Rating</i>	5.7	5.5

11. On what number step would you say the U.S. was about five years ago?

		<u>1989</u>
14	High (8-10)	13
35	Medium (6-7)	33
48	Low (0-5)	51
$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{3}{100}$
5.6	<i>Mean Rating</i>	5.6

12. Just your best guess, if things go pretty much as you now expect, what number step do you think the U.S. will be on the ladder, let us say, about five years from now?

		<u>1989</u>	<u>1987</u>
26	High (8-10)	31	28
27	Medium (6-7)	33	29
44	Low (0-5)	31	34
$\frac{3}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{9}{100}$
5.7	<i>Mean Rating</i>	6.3	6.1

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<sup>4</sup> Trends for questions 10, 11, and 12: Gallup

“LADDER OF LIFE” SUMMARIES AND TRENDS:<sup>5</sup>  
 (Questions 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12)

PERSONAL LADDER RATINGS<sup>6</sup>

	<u>Five Years Ago</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Five Years from Now</u>
Current	5.8	6.7	7.7
January/February 1989	6.0	6.4	7.4
April/May 1987	5.8	6.5	7.7
March 1985	5.8	6.4	7.6
1982	5.9	6.3	6.5
1981	6.0	6.4	7.3
January 1976	5.7	6.7	7.7
1975	5.5	6.1	6.7
April 1974	5.5	6.6	7.4
June 1972	5.5	6.4	7.6
January 1971	5.8	6.6	7.5
September 1964	6.0	6.9	7.9
1959	5.9	6.6	7.8

LADDER RATINGS FOR U.S.<sup>7</sup>

	<u>Five Years Ago</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Five Years from Now</u>
Current	5.6	5.4	5.7
May 1991	5.8	5.9	6.0
January/February 1989	5.6	5.7	6.3
April/May 1987	5.7	5.5	6.1
March 1985	5.3	5.9	6.6
1982	6.5	5.3	6.0
1981	6.0	5.1	6.3
January 1976	6.0	5.5	6.1
April 1974	6.3	4.8	5.8
June 1972	5.6	5.5	6.2
January 1971	6.2	5.4	6.2
September 1964	6.1	6.5	7.7
1959	6.5	6.7	7.4

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<sup>5</sup> Gallup

<sup>6</sup> Weighted averages on an 0-10 point scale

<sup>7</sup> Weighted averages on an 0-10 point scale

		<u>January 1989</u>	<u>April/May 1987</u>
<u>Personal Future State</u>			
55	Optimists	55	59
27	No change	25	24
	22 Positive	20	20
	5 Negative	5	4
13	Pessimists	15	11
<u>Personal State In Retrospect</u>			
51	Made progress	47	53
26	No change	26	23
	20 Positive	18	17
	6 Negative	8	6
21	Slipped	26	24
<u>Future State of the U.S.</u>			
41	Optimists	50	46
22	No change	25	21
	12 Positive	16	12
	10 Negative	9	9
33	Pessimists	20	23
<u>U.S. In Retrospect</u>			
32	Made progress	39	34
25	No change	31	22
	12 Positive	17	11
	13 Negative	14	11
39	Slipped	26	41

Now here are some different questions about the future.

13. Thinking ahead to the year 2000, that is about 3 years from now, are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic about YOUR future by the year 2000?

32 Very optimistic  
47 Somewhat optimistic  
11 Somewhat pessimistic  
6 Very pessimistic  
 $\frac{4}{100}$  Don't know

14. Are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic about the future of the United States by the year 2000?

20 Very optimistic  
47 Somewhat optimistic  
22 Somewhat pessimistic  
8 Very pessimistic  
 $\frac{3}{100}$  Don't know

15. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 years of age?

41 Yes

$\frac{59}{100}$  No

16. Looking to the future, when your children grow up do you think they will be better off or worse off than you are now?

*Based on parents of children under 18; n=502*

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51 Better off 47

41 Worse off 39

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$\frac{4}{100}$  Don't know  $\frac{9}{100}$

17. Looking to the future, do you think MOST children in this country will grow up to be better off or worse off than their parents?

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38 Better off 33

55 Worse off 50

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$\frac{4}{100}$  Don't know  $\frac{11}{100}$

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<sup>8</sup> PSR for Newsweek

<sup>9</sup> PSR for Newsweek. Trend based on non-parents only.

18. Please tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with the following aspects of your life: (First/Next) (**INSERT-- READ AND ROTATE**) (are you satisfied or dissatisfied?)

Would you say you are VERY (dis)satisfied or SOMEWHAT (dis)satisfied.

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Doesn't Apply (VOL)</u>	<u>DK</u>	
a. Your standard of living -- what you can buy or do	35	40	14	10	NA <sup>10</sup>	1	=100
b. Your household income	27	38	18	15	NA	2	=100
c. Your family life	69	21	6	3	NA	1	=100
d. Your job -- the kind of work you do	41	28	8	6	17	*	=100
e. <b>(NON-PARENTS)</b> The education children are getting today/ <b>(PARENTS)</b> Your children's education							
Total	26	28	20	20	NA	6	=100
Non-Parents (n=702)	14	26	28	28	NA	4	=100
Parents (n=502)	44	30	9	10	NA	7	=100
f. Your housing situation	56	31	7	5	NA	1	=100
g. Your free time -- the time when you are not working	47	30	12	7	3	1	=100

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<sup>10</sup> NA = Not applicable for this question

QUESTION 18 TREND<sup>11</sup>

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied/ Doesn't apply/DK</u>	
a. Your standard of living -- what you can buy or do			
Current	75	25	=100
October 1991	62	38	=100
September 1988	85	15	=100
Sept/Oct 1973	71	27	=100
b. Your household income			
Current	65	35	=100
October 1991	54	46	=100
September 1988	69	31	=100
Sept/Oct 1973	61	39	=100
c. Your family life			
Current	90	10	=100
September 1988	94	6	=100
d. Your job -- the kind of work you do			
Current	69	31	=100
September 1988	76	24	=100
Sept/Oct 1973	79	21	=100
e. The education children are getting today/ Your children's education			
Current	54	46	=100
Sept/Oct 1973	61	39	=100
f. Your housing situation			
Current	87	13	=100
October 1991	80	20	=100
September 1988	87	13	=100
Sept/Oct 1973	74	23	=100
g. Your free time -- the time when you are not working			
Current	77	23	=100
September 1988	87	13	=100

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<sup>11</sup> Trends: 1991 Gallup for Newsweek; 1988 and 1973 Gallup. Wording of some questions differ slightly

On the subject of crime . . .

19. Is there any area within a mile of your home where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?<sup>12</sup>

		<u>1992</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1965</u>
39	Yes	44	40	43	45	45	45	45	42	31	34
60	No	56	59	57	55	55	55	55	58	69	66
$\frac{1}{100}$	Don't know	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$	$\frac{*}{100}$

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<sup>12</sup> Gallup. Trend question wording differs slightly.

**QUESTIONS 20 &-21:**

Now I'd like to ask some question about some of the problems we face in this country today. For each problem I mention, please tell me how you think each is affecting this country today, and how much this problem affects you personally. (First/next) **(INSERT -- READ AND ROTATE)** . . .

20. Do you think the problem of (INSERT) is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the country is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the country is LOSING GROUND?

21. And, how much do problems in this area affect you personally? A lot, somewhat, only a little, OR not at all?

		QUESTION 20				QUESTION 21						
		<u>Making Progress</u>	<u>About the Same</u>	<u>Losing Ground</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK</u>		
a.	Crime											
	Current	15	23	61	1 =100	27	30	21	22	*	=100	
	April 1995	9	13	77	1 =100							
	March 1994	7	15	77	1 =100							
	March 1989	15	19	64	2 =100							
b.	Drugs											
	Current	13	21	64	2 =100	23	22	18	36	1	=100	
	April 1995	10	22	66	2 =100							
	March 1994	13	22	62	3 =100							
	March 1989	17	12	69	2 =100							
c.	The way the health care system is working											
	Current	20	25	52	3 =100	34	33	16	16	1	=100	
	April 1995	14	30	53	3 =100							
	March 1994	16	31	49	4 =100							

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*Questions 20 & 21 continued . . .*

		QUESTION 20				QUESTION 21				
		<u>Making Progress</u>	<u>About the Same</u>	<u>Losing Ground</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK</u>
d.	Conflict between racial groups <sup>13</sup>									
	Current	27	31	39	3 =100	15	25	23	36	1 =100
	April 1995	27	36	35	2 =100					
	March 1994	21	32	41	3 =100					
e.	Political corruption									
	Current	12	36	49	3 =100	22	32	21	23	2 =100
	April 1995	12	41	44	3 =100					
	March 1994	12	39	46	3 =100					
f.	Low moral and ethical standards									
	Current	12	24	62	2 =100	24	33	21	20	2 =100
	April 1995	7	20	70	3 =100					
	March 1994	6	29	63	2 =100					
g.	Poverty, hunger and homelessness									
	Current	14	30	54	2 =100	17	22	25	35	1 =100
	April 1995	11	30	57	2 =100					
	March 1994	9	32	56	3 =100					
	March 1989	22	23	53	2 =100					

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<sup>13</sup> Trend question asked about “conflict among racial, religious or ethnic groups”

*Questions 20 & 21 continued . . .*

		QUESTION 20				QUESTION 21						
		<u>Making Progress</u>	<u>About the Same</u>	<u>Losing Ground</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK</u>		
h.	The availability of good-paying jobs											
	Current	19	26	51	4 =100	27	28	18	25	2 =100		
	April 1995	17	24	55	4 =100							
	March 1994	10	23	63	4 =100							
i.	Discrimination against minorities											
	Current	33	36	28	3 =100	16	25	24	34	1 =100		
	April 1995	40	32	26	2 =100							
	March 1994	38	32	25	5 =100							
j.	The quality of public education											
	Current	24	22	52	2 =100	30	29	16	24	1 =100		
	April 1995	18	20	60	2 =100							
	March 1994	17	19	61	3 =100							
k.	The federal budget deficit											
	Current	23	24	48	5 =100	27	32	20	19	2 =100		
	April 1995	15	21	60	4 =100							
	March 1994	11	21	60	8 =100							
	March 1989	16	27	56	7 =100							
l.	Illegal immigration											
	Current	15	32	47	6 =100	14	18	24	42	2 =100		
	April 1995	9	23	62	6 =100							
	March 1994	9	22	58	11 =100							

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*Questions 20 & 21 continued . . .*

		QUESTION 20				QUESTION 21				
		<u>Making Progress</u>	<u>About the Same</u>	<u>Losing Ground</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK</u>
m.	Job security Current	14	25	58	3 =100	28	26	17	28	1 =100
n.	The financial soundness of Social Security and Medicare Current	10	21	65	4 =100	35	25	16	22	2 =100
o.	High taxes Current	11	31	55	3 =100	45	32	12	10	1 =100
p.	The way the welfare system is working Current	31	21	45	3 =100	19	23	21	36	1 =100
	April 1995	13	17	67	2 =100					
	March 1994	11	23	60	3 =100					
q.	Environmental pollution Current	42	26	30	2 =100	29	31	21	18	1 =100
	April 1995	43	26	30	1 =100					
	March 1994	37	26	34	3 =100					
	March 1989	32	20	42	6 =100					

22. Of all the problems we've just talked about, which ONE would you most like to see the government do more about?

- 12 Crime
- 12 The quality of public education
- 8 The way the health care system is working
- 7 The federal budget deficit
- 7 The financial soundness of Social Security and Medicare
- 7 Drugs
- 7 Poverty, hunger and homelessness
- 7 High taxes
- 6 The way the welfare system is working
- 4 Low moral and ethical standards
- 4 Job security
- 4 Political corruption
- 3 The availability of good-paying jobs
- 3 Environmental pollution
- 2 Conflict between racial groups
- 1 Discrimination against minorities
- 1 Illegal immigration
- 1 None (VOL)
- 4 Don't know

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23. If life is going to be better in this country in the future, how big a role do you think each of the following will play: (First/Next) will **(INSERT -- READ AND ROTATE)** will play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all (in making things better)?

	<u>Major Role</u>	<u>Minor Role</u>	<u>No Role At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	
a. Science and technology	77	17	4	2	=100
<b><i>Based on form 1; n=600</i></b>					
b. Large corporations	59	32	7	2	=100
<b><i>Based on form 2; n=604</i></b>					
c. Small businesses	51	41	6	2	=100
d. Religion	52	38	8	2	=100
e. Schools and universities	77	18	4	1	=100
<b><i>Based on form 1; n=600</i></b>					
f. The government in Washington	71	23	5	1	=100
<b><i>Based on form 2; n=604</i></b>					
g. Government	70	24	4	2	=100
h. The news media	50	38	10	2	=100

24. In your opinion, how much of a threat to our country's future well-being are each the following:  
(First/Next) is (INSERT --READ AND ROTATE) a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat at all?

	<u>Major Threat</u>	<u>Minor Threat</u>	<u>No Threat At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	
a. The news media	39	39	19	3	=100
<i>Based on form 1; n=600</i>					
b. The number of immigrants who come to this country LEGALLY	26	45	27	2	=100
<i>Based on form 2; n=604</i>					
c. The number of immigrants who come to this country ILLEGALLY	51	37	10	2	=100
<i>Based on form 1; n=600</i>					
d. The government in Washington	43	37	18	2	=100
<i>Based on form 2; n=604</i>					
e. Government	43	39	14	4	=100
f. The pace of technological change	29	37	29	5	=100
g. International terrorists	54	38	6	2	=100
h. Economic competition from other nations	47	39	12	2	=100
i. Anti-government groups	38	47	12	3	=100
j. Racial conflict	49	40	9	2	=100
k. The power of special interest groups in politics	53	37	7	3	=100

25. Thinking ahead to the year 2000, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen. (First/Next), do you think . . . **(INSERT ITEM PAIRS -- READ AND ROTATE)**

- a.        68        The crime rate will be higher  
             OR  
             28        The crime rate will be lower  
             2         Neither/No change **(VOL)**  
             2        Don't know  
             100
- b.        36        Health care will be **MORE** affordable  
             OR  
             61        Health care will be **LESS** affordable  
             1         Neither/No change **(VOL)**  
             2        Don't know  
             100
- c.        53        The U.S. economy will be stronger  
             OR  
             42        The U.S. economy will be weaker  
             2         Neither/No change **(VOL)**  
             3        Don't know  
             100
- d.        54        Race relations will improve  
             OR  
             40        Race relations will get worse  
             3         Neither/No change **(VOL)**  
             3        Don't know  
             100
- e.        59        The public education system will improve  
             OR  
             37        The public education system will get worse  
             2         Neither/No change **(VOL)**  
             2        Don't know  
             100

*Continued . . .*

*Question 25 continued . . .*

- f.        26        The Social Security and Medicare systems will be in BETTER financial shape  
                 OR  
                 70        The Social Security and Medicare systems will be in WORSE financial shape  
                 1        Neither/No change (VOL)  
                 3        Don't know  
                 100
- g.        82        The average American will pay MORE in taxes  
                 OR  
                 14        The average American will pay LESS in taxes  
                 2        Neither/No change (VOL)  
                 2        Don't know  
                 100
- h.        58        Bill Clinton will have a SUCCESSFUL second term  
                 OR  
                 36        Bill Clinton will have an UNSUCCESSFUL second term  
                 1        Neither/No change (VOL)  
                 5        Don't know  
                 100
- i.        47        The campaign finance system will be reformed  
                 OR  
                 46        The campaign finance system will NOT be reformed  
                 1        Neither/No change (VOL)  
                 6        Don't know  
                 100