

PERCEPTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SURVEY

scrnage

First, the Institutional Review Board of the University of Nebraska approved this research as exempt with approval number 2002-05-300 EX.

Before we go further, I need to verify two things. Are you at least 19 years of age or older?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO [goto thnx2]
  
- <8> REFUSED [goto thnx2]
- <9> DON'T KNOW [goto thnx2]

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Scrntctz

And, are you a U.S. citizen?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO [goto thnx2]
  
- <8> REFUSED [goto thnx2]
- <9> DON'T KNOW [goto thnx2]

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q1A

In your opinion, what does it mean to be an American?

- <1> SPECIFY [specify]
  
- <8> REFUSED [goto intro3]
- <9> DON'T KNOW [goto intro3]

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q1B

Anything else?

- <1> SPECIFY [specify]
- <2> NOTHING ELSE, NO FURTHER [goto intro3]
  
- <8> REFUSED [goto intro3]
- <9> DON'T KNOW [goto intro3]

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q1C

Do you have any other thoughts on what it means to be an American?

- <1> SPECIFY [specify]
- <2> NOTHING ELSE, NO FURTHER [goto intro3]
  
- <8> REFUSED [goto intro3]
- <9> DON'T KNOW [goto intro3]

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intro3

People differ in how attached they feel to, or how much they identify with, the various social groups they belong to. For instance, being male or female puts people in the group of "men" or "women," but people may differ in how much they feel part of that group. I'd like to know how much you feel part of the following groups. Let's say "1"

means you do not feel part of the group at all and "7" means you feel very strongly part of the group, while 2 through 6 indicate something in between.

<1> CONTINUE

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q21

Let's begin with people in your racial or ethnic group. With "1" meaning you do not feel part of the group at all and "7" meaning you feel very strongly part of the group, while 2 through 6 indicate something in between. How strongly do you feel part of, or identify with, people in your racial or ethnic group?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q22

How about people who are the same sex as you?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

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q23

How about people who do the same kind of work as you?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

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q24

How about the American people?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q25

How about people who share your religious beliefs?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED

<9> DON'T KNOW

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q26

How about people from your region of the country?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED

<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q27

How about people from your state?

1 MEANS DON'T FEEL PART OF THE GROUP AT ALL;  
7 MEANS FEEL STRONGLY PART OF THE GROUP.  
2 through 6 MEAN SOMETHING BETWEEN

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED

<9> DON'T KNOW

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introl

Now I am going to ask you some questions about all of the people currently living in the United States, including those who are American citizens and those who are not. For each of the following groups, I want you to use a number between 0 and 100 to estimate its percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans. The percentages do not have to add to 100%. Even if you are not exactly sure of the answer, I want you to give me your best guess.

q2

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is Black?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

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q3

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans is Hispanic?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q4

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is Asian?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q5

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is White?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q6

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is Jewish?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q7

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is Christian?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q8

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is illegal immigrants?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q10

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is people who are on welfare?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q11

What percentage of all people currently living in the United States, Americans and non-Americans, is people who give to charity?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

intro2

Now, I'd like you to just think about the American people themselves, not all of the people currently living in the United States who may or may not be Americans. Again, for each of the following groups, I want you to use a number between 0 and 100 to estimate the percentage of the American people themselves. The percentages do not have to add to 100%. Even if you are not exactly sure of the answer, I want you to give me your best guess.

q12

What percentage of the American people themselves is Black?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

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q13

What percentage of the American people themselves is Hispanic?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q14

What percentage of the American people themselves is Asian?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q15

What percentage of the American people themselves is White?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q16

What percentage of the American people themselves is Jewish?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q17

What percentage of the American people themselves is Christian?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q19

What percentage of the American people themselves is people who are on welfare?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

q20

What percentage of the American people themselves is people who give to charity?

PERCENTAGE <0.0-100.0>

<u> DON'T KNOW or NO OPINION

===>

intro4

For the next set of questions, I would like you to tell me if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements.

q28

Being an American is something I rarely even think about. Would you say you...

- <1> Strongly agree
- <2> Agree
- <3> Neither agree nor disagree
- <4> Disagree, or
- <5> Strongly disagree?

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q29

When I think of the American people, I think of people who are a lot like me.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?
  
- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q30

Being an American is important to the way I think of myself as a person.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?
  
- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q31

When someone from another country criticizes the United States, it doesn't bother me at all.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?
  
- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q34

I feel proud to be an American.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?
  
- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q35

I would feel good if I were described as a typical American.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?
  
- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

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q36

I am a person who feels strong ties to the American people.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q38

There are some things about the U.S. today that make me feel ashamed of the U.S.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q39

Generally the U.S. is a better country than most other countries.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q40

Americans should support the U.S. even if it is in the wrong.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q41

I cannot think of another country in which I would rather live.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE, OR
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?

- <8> REFUSED

<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

q42

The world would be a better place if people from other countries were more like the people in the U.S.

<1> STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> AGREE  
<3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> DISAGREE, OR  
<5> STRONGLY DISAGREE?

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

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>intro5<

Next, I would like you to tell me what you think of the American people as a group.

<1> CONTINUE

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>q43<

Let's think about being informed about politics. If "1" is extremely uninformed, and "7" is extremely informed, with 2 through 6 in between, where would you place the American people?

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q44<

Let's think about being unselfish.

If "1" is extremely selfish, and "7" is extremely unselfish, with 2 through 6 in between, where would you place the American people?

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q46<

Let's think about being tolerant. If "1" is extremely intolerant and "7" is extremely tolerant, with 2 through 6 in between, where would you place the American people?

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q47<

Let's think of being trustworthy. If "1" is extremely untrustworthy and "7" is extremely trustworthy, with 2 through 6 in between, where would you place the American people?

<1-7> RATING

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

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>intro6<

Some people say each of the following things is important for being truly American. Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is?

<1> CONTINUE

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>q48<

To have been born in the United States.  
Would you say it is...

<1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT  
<2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT  
<3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT  
<4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q49<

To have U.S. citizenship.  
Would you say it is...

<1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT  
<2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT  
<3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT  
<4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q50<

To have lived in the U.S. for most of one's life.  
Would you say it is...

<1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT  
<2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT  
<3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT  
<4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q51<

To be able to speak English.  
Would you say it is...

<1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT  
<2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT  
<3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT  
<4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

<8> REFUSED  
<9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q52<

To be a Christian.

Would you say it is...

- <1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT
- <2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT
- <3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT
- <4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q53<

To be White.

Would you say it is...

- <1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT
- <2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT
- <3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT
- <4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q54<

To respect the U.S.'s political institutions and laws.

Would you say it is...

- <1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT
- <2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT
- <3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT
- <4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q55<

To feel American.

Would you say it is...

- <1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT
- <2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT
- <3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT
- <4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q56<

To value freedom and equality.

Would you say it is...

- <1> very important,VERY IMPORTANT
- <2> fairly important,FAIRLY IMPORTANT
- <3> not very important, orNOT VERY IMPORTANT
- <4> not important at all?NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL

- <8> REFUSED
- <9> DON'T KNOW

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>q57<

The next questions ask you how proud you are of the United States in a variety of important areas. For each area I mention, please tell me whether you are very proud, somewhat proud, not very proud, or not proud at all.

The way democracy works in the United States  
Are you. . .

- <1> Very proud, VERY PROUD
- <2> Somewhat proud, SOMEWHAT PROUD
- <3> Not very proud, or NOT VERY PROUD
- <4> Not proud at all? NOT PROUD AT ALL

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q58<

The United States' political influence in the world.  
Are you. . .

- <1> Very proud, VERY PROUD
- <2> Somewhat proud, SOMEWHAT PROUD
- <3> Not very proud, or NOT VERY PROUD
- <4> Not proud at all? NOT PROUD AT ALL

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q59<

The United States' economic achievements.  
Are you. . .

- <1> Very proud, VERY PROUD
- <2> Somewhat proud, SOMEWHAT PROUD
- <3> Not very proud, or NOT VERY PROUD
- <4> Not proud at all? NOT PROUD AT ALL

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q60<

The United States' system of government assistance.  
Are you. . .

- <1> Very proud, VERY PROUD
- <2> Somewhat proud, SOMEWHAT PROUD
- <3> Not very proud, or NOT VERY PROUD
- <4> Not proud at all? NOT PROUD AT ALL

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q62<

The history of the United States.

Are you. . .

- <1> Very proud, VERY PROUD
- <2> Somewhat proud, SOMEWHAT PROUD
- <3> Not very proud, or NOT VERY PROUD
- <4> Not proud at all? NOT PROUD AT ALL

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q64s<

Next, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

>q66<

In many respects, I am different from most Americans. Would you say you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q67<

On the important issues, I find I often agree with the American people.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE

>q68<

Americans are similar to each other, sharing the same values and outlooks.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
- <4> DISAGREE
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q69<

People may or may not like it, but the image of an American is a white person.

- <1> STRONGLY AGREE
- <2> AGREE
- <3> NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

- <4> DISAGREE
- <5> STRONGLY DISAGREE
  
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q70<

Next, how much trust and confidence do you have in the wisdom of the American people when it comes to making choices on Election Day - a great deal, some, a little, or none?

- <1> A GREAT DEAL
- <2> SOME
- <3> LITTLE
- <4> NONE
  
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q71<

On the major issues of the day, do Americans agree almost all of the time, agree sometimes, or agree almost none of the time?

- <1> AGREE ALMOST ALL OF THE TIME
- <2> AGREE SOMETIMES
- <3> AGREE ALMOST NONE OF THE TIME
  
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q72<

When Americans disagree, what do you think is the cause of the disagreement? Would you say that people just have different ideas about the policies government should pass or that the special interests and political parties cause the disagreements?

- <1> PEOPLE JUST HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT THE POLICIES GOVERNMENT SHOULD PASS
- <2> SPECIAL INTERESTS AND POLITICAL PARTIES CAUSE THE DISAGREEMENTS
  
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q73<

Many people in America could potentially get some government assistance, like student loans, food stamps, welfare, farm subsidies, business subsidies, and so on. There is a limit, though, on how much money the government can give out.

I'm going to read you a list of groups in the United States. Please tell me if you think the group should have the chance to get government assistance or not.

- <1> CONTINUE

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>q73b<

How about single mothers? Would you say...

- <1> Definitely yes, DEFINITELY YES
- <2> Yes, YES
- <3> No, or NO
- <4> Definitely no? DEFINITELY NO
  
- <77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED-SPECIFY)[specify]
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q73c<

How about the unemployed? Would you say...

- <1> Definitely yes, DEFINITELY YES
- <2> Yes, YES
- <3> No, or NO
- <4> Definitely no? DEFINITELY NO
  
- <77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED-SPECIFY)[specify]
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q73d<

How about farmers? Would you say...

- <1> Definitely yes, DEFINITELY YES
- <2> Yes, YES
- <3> No, or NO
- <4> Definitely no? DEFINITELY NO
  
- <77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED-SPECIFY)[specify]
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q73f<

How about Blacks? Would you say...

- <1> Definitely yes, DEFINITELY YES
- <2> Yes, YES
- <3> No, or NO
- <4> Definitely no? DEFINITELY NO
  
- <77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED-SPECIFY)[specify]
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74<

I am going to read a list of possible obligations. For each, I want you to tell me if you think this is an obligation you owe or do not owe to fellow Americans.

<1> CONTINUE

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>q74a<

Would you say fighting in a war for the U.S. is...

- <1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,
- <2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT OF AN OBLIGATION,
- <3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74b<

How about giving money to charities?

- <1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,
- <2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT AN OBLIGATION,
- <3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74c<

How about ensuring a basic standard of living for all Americans?

- <1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,
- <2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT AN OBLIGATION,
- <3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74e<

How about paying taxes?

- <1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,
- <2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT AN OBLIGATION,
- <3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74f<

How about helping when there is a crisis or disaster in the nation?

- <1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,
- <2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT OF AN OBLIGATION,
- <3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74g<  
How about volunteering in your local community?

<1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,  
<2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT OF AN OBLIGATION,  
<3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q74h<  
How about working hard at the work you do?

<1> Definitely an obligation, DEFINITELY AN OBLIGATION,  
<2> Somewhat of an obligation, or SOMEWHAT OF AN OBLIGATION,  
<3> Not an obligation? NOT AN OBLIGATION

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q75<  
Do you think most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance, or do you think they would try to be fair?

<1> TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE IF THEY GOT THE CHANCE  
<2> TRY TO BE FAIR

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q76<  
Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or would you say that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

<1> MOST PEOPLE CAN BE TRUSTED  
<2> CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>s1<  
Now I would like you to tell me if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements.

>q77<  
The best outcomes will happen if people go after their own interests.

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q78<

Americans who disagree with what America stands for shouldn't be guaranteed their basic rights.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q79<

Even though people have their own interests, Americans need to move beyond those interests and do what is best for all Americans.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q80<

Only true Americans should be guaranteed their basic rights, such as freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>intro10<

Next, I would like to ask you a few questions about American people.

<1> CONTINUE

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>q81<

Would you say that, more often than not, you go after your own self interests when it comes to politics or do you try to get what is best for all Americans, or isn't there a difference between the two?

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "no difference or both," ASK: "If you had to choose, which option would you favor?")

- <1> GO AFTER OWN SELF INTERESTS
- <2> DO WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL AMERICANS
- <3> NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q82<

Which one of the following three things do you think is the most important for making democracy work in America? First, the American people; second, American values, such as individualism, freedom, and capitalism; or third, the political institutions and how they are set up?

- <1> THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
- <2> AMERICAN VALUES, SUCH AS INDIVIDUALISM, FREEDOM, AND CAPITALISM
- <3> THE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND HOW THEY ARE SET UP

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q83<

Which one of the following three things do you think would most have to change to make American democracy better? First, the American people; second, American values, such as individualism, freedom, and capitalism; or third, the political institutions and how they are set up?

- <1> THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
- <2> AMERICAN VALUES, SUCH AS INDIVIDUALISM, FREEDOM, AND CAPITALISM
- <3> THE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND HOW THEY ARE SET UP

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q84<

Generally speaking, would you say that most Americans are more inclined to help their fellow Americans or more inclined to look out for themselves?

- <1> HELP FELLOW AMERICANS
- <2> LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>s2<

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about politics. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the statements I will read to you.

- <1> CONTINUE

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>q85<

Elected officials would help the country more if they would stop talking and just take action on important problems.

- <1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE
  - <2> Agree, AGREE
  - <3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
  - <4> Disagree, or DISAGREE
  - <5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 
- <88> REFUSED
  - <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q86<

If people were treated equally in this country, we would have fewer problems.

- <1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE
  - <2> Agree, AGREE
  - <3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
  - <4> Disagree, or DISAGREE
  - <5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 
- <88> REFUSED
  - <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q87<

What people call compromise in politics is really just selling out on one's principles.

- <1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE
  - <2> Agree, AGREE
  - <3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
  - <4> Disagree, or DISAGREE
  - <5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 
- <88> REFUSED
  - <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q88<

The current political system does a good job of representing the interests of all Americans.

- <1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE
  - <2> Agree, AGREE
  - <3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
  - <4> Disagree, or DISAGREE
  - <5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 
- <88> REFUSED
  - <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q89<

If the American people decided political issues directly instead of relying on politicians, the country would be a lot better off.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE  
  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q90<

Any person who is willing to work hard has a good chance of succeeding in the U.S.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE  
  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q91<

Our government would run better if decisions were left up to successful business people.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE  
  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q92<

Our government would run better if decisions were left up to non-elected, independent experts rather than politicians or the people.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE  
  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q93<

One of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an equal chance.

<1> Strongly agree, STRONGLY AGREE  
<2> Agree, AGREE  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree, NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE  
<4> Disagree, or DISAGREE  
<5> Strongly disagree? STRONGLY DISAGREE

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q96<

A government that keeps both politicians and the people from having too much direct power is the best kind of government. Would you say you...

<1> Strongly agree,  
<2> Agree,  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree,  
<4> Disagree, or  
<5> Strongly disagree?

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q97<

The U.S. sometimes needs to force other countries to do what is in the U.S.'s best interest.

<1> Strongly agree,  
<2> Agree,  
<3> Neither agree nor disagree,  
<4> Disagree, or  
<5> Strongly disagree?

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>group<

Groups in our political system differ in how much power they have. Please tell me if the group I mention has too much, about the right amount, or not enough power.

<1> CONTINUE

===>

>q98<

How about the American people?

<1> Not enough power, NOT ENOUGH POWER  
<2> About the right amount, or ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT  
<3> Too much power? TOO MUCH POWER

<77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q99<

How about minority groups?

<1> Not enough power, NOT ENOUGH POWER  
<2> About the right amount, or ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT

<3> Too much power? TOO MUCH POWER

<77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q101<

How about foreign interests?

<1> Not enough power, NOT ENOUGH POWER

<2> About the right amount, or ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT

<3> Too much power? TOO MUCH POWER

<77> DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q102<

Now I would like you to think about some issues facing people today in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount.

<1> CONTINUE

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>q102b<

Solving the problems in urban areas.

<1> Spending too much,

<2> Too little, or

<3> About the right amount?

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q102c<

Improving the nation's education system?

<1> Spending too much,

<2> Too little, or

<3> About the right amount?

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q102d<

Improving the conditions of blacks?

<1> SPENDING TOO MUCH

<2> TOO LITTLE

<3> ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT

<88> REFUSED

<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q102e<

The military, armaments and defense?

- <1> SPENDING TOO MUCH
- <2> TOO LITTLE
- <3> ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q102f<

Foreign aid?

- <1> SPENDING TOO MUCH
- <2> TOO LITTLE
- <3> ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q102g<

Welfare?

- <1> SPENDING TOO MUCH
- <2> TOO LITTLE
- <3> ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q103<

Some people believe the U.S. should focus on taking care of things at home. Others believe the U.S. needs to be heavily involved in things going on around the world. What comes closest to your view? Should the U.S. focus on taking care of things at home or should it be involved in what's going on around the world?

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "BOTH," PROMPT WITH: "If you had to choose, would you choose 'focus on things at home' or 'be involved around the world'")

- <1> FOCUS ON THINGS AT HOME
- <2> BE INVOLVED AROUND THE WORLD

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>figure<

Next are a few questions about the government.

Many people don't know the answers to these questions for sure, but if there is one you don't know for sure, please tell me your best guess anyhow.

- <1> CONTINUE

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>q105<

First, I'd like to ask you about Dick Cheney. What job or political office does he now hold?

- <1> CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES CHENEY AS THE VICE PRESIDENT
- <2> IDENTIFICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q106<

What about Tony Blair? What job or political office does he now hold?

- <1> CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES BLAIR AS PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM/GREAT BRITAIN/ENGLAND; LEADER/TOP MAN/HEAD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM/GREAT BRITAIN/ENGLAND
- <2> IDENTIFICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR WRONG

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q107<

Who has the final responsibility to decide if a law is constitutional or not? Is it the President, the Congress, the Supreme Court, or don't you know?

- <1> PRESIDENT
- <2> CONGRESS
- <3> SUPREME COURT

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q108<

Which party currently has the most members in the U. S. House of Representatives?

- <1> REPUBLICANS
- <2> DEMOCRATS

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>classify<

Now, I'd like to ask you some other background questions for statistical purposes.

- <1> CONTINUE

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>q109<

Were you born in the United States?

- <1> YES [goto q111]
- <2> NO

<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q110<  
How many years have you lived in the U.S.?

<1-100> years  
<8888> REFUSED  
<9999> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q111<  
Are you currently registered to vote?

<1> YES  
<2> NO  
<3> NOT APPLICABLE/DON'T NEED TO REGISTER  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q112<  
Did you vote back in the national election in November 2000, when the presidential candidates were George W. Bush and Al Gore?

<1> YES  
<2> NO [goto q114]  
<88> REFUSED [goto q114]  
<99> DON'T KNOW [goto q114]

===>

>q113<  
Did you vote for Al Gore, the Democrat, or George W. Bush, the Republican?

<1> AL GORE  
<2> GEORGE W. BUSH  
<4> OTHER (SPECIFY)[specify]  
<5> DON'T REMEMBER  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q114<  
In the past few years, have you contributed money to an individual candidate, a political party, a political action committee, or any other organization that supported candidates?

<1> YES  
<2> NO  
<88> REFUSED  
<99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q115<

In the past few years, have you contacted an elected official or someone on the staff of an elected official?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q116<

In the past few years, have you taken part in a protest, march, or demonstration on some national or local political issue?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q117<

Are you a member of at least one community-betterment organization, such as the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association), the Lions or Sertoma Club, or a charitable-activity group?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q118<

Are you a member of at least one group involved in political or social affairs, such as a labor union, or an organization, such as the NRA (National Rifle Association) or AARP (American Association of Retired Persons)?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q119<

How interested are you in politics and national affairs. Are you very interested, somewhat interested, slightly interested, or not at all interested?

- <1> VERY INTERESTED
- <2> SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- <3> SLIGHTLY INTERESTED
- <4> NOT AT ALL INTERESTED

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q121<

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

- <1> DEMOCRAT [goto q122]
- <2> REPUBLICAN [goto q123]
- <3> INDEPENDENT [goto q124]
- <4> OTHER/MINOR PARTY (SPECIFY) [specify] [goto q124]

- <88> REFUSED [goto q124]
- <99> DON'T KNOW [goto q124]

===>

>q122<

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or not a very strong Democrat?

- <1> STRONG [goto q125]
- <2> NOT VERY STRONG [goto q125]

- <88> REFUSED [goto q125]
- <99> DON'T KNOW [goto q125]

===>

>q123<

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

- <1> STRONG [goto q125]
- <2> NOT VERY STRONG [goto q125]

- <88> REFUSED [goto q125]
- <99> DON'T KNOW [goto q125]

===>

>q124<

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or the Republican Party?

- <1> CLOSER TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- <2> CLOSER TO REPUBLICAN PARTY
- <3> NEITHER
- <4> OTHER (SPECIFY) [specify]

- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q125<

When it comes to politics, some people think of themselves as liberal, and others think of themselves as conservative. How would you describe yourself -- are you . . .

- <1> liberal, or
- <2> conservative? [goto q125\_2]
- <3> MODERATE/MIDDLE OF ROAD/NEITHER [goto q126]
- <8> REFUSED [goto q126]
- <9> UNCERTAIN [goto q126]

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>q125\_1<

Would you say you are . . .

- <1> somewhat liberal, [goto q126]
- <2> liberal, or [goto q126]
- <3> extremely liberal? [goto q126]
  
- <8> REFUSED/NA [goto q126]

===>

>q125\_2<[loc 6/11]

Would you say you are. . .

- <1> somewhat conservative,
- <2> conservative, or
- <3> extremely conservative?
  
- <8> REFUSED/NA

===>

>q126<

Now we'd like to ask you about your education. What is the highest grade or year of school you have completed?

- <1> <2> <3> <4> <5> <6> <7> <8> ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- <9> <10> <11> <12> HIGH SCHOOL
- <13> SOME COLLEGE
- <14> ASSOCIATES CERTIFICATE/2 YEAR PROGRAM
- <15> BACHELOR'S DEGREE
- <16> SOME GRADUATE SCHOOL
- <17> MASTER'S DEGREE
- <18> DOCTORATE/ADVANCED DEGREE
  
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q127<Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish background?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO
  
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q128<

What race or races do you consider yourself?

(PLEASE, DO \*\*\*NOT\*\*\* READ CATEGORIES, BUT PLEASE RECORD \*\*\*ALL\*\*\* ANSWERS GIVEN)

- 1) ALASKAN NATIVE
- 2) AMERICAN INDIAN/NATIVE AMERICAN
- 3) ASIAN
- 41) AFRICAN AMERICAN

- 42) BLACK
- 5) HISPANIC/LATINO/LATINA/CHICANO/CHICANA
- 6) PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 7) WHITE/CAUCASIAN
- 0) OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 88) REFUSED/DK
- 99) FINISHED, NO OTHER ANSWER GIVEN

===>

>q129<

Do you consider yourself to be white-Hispanic or black-Hispanic?

- <1> YES, WHITE HISPANIC
- <2> YES, BLACK HISPANIC
- <3> NO, NOT WHITE HISPANIC OR BLACK HISPANIC
- <4> OTHER ANSWER (SPECIFY) [specify]
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q130<

What is your religious preference, or do you not have one?

- <1> PROTESTANT
- <2> CATHOLIC
- <3> JEWISH
- <4> MUSLIM
- <5> ORTHODOX
- <6> OTHER (SPECIFY)[specify]
- <7> NONE OR NO PREFERENCE
- <88> REFUSED
- <99> DON'T KNOW

===>

>q131<

In what year were you born?

- <1880-1983>
- <8888> REFUSED

===>

>q132<

And, approximately what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes for 2001?

- # OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME <0-8888887>
- <r> REFUSED [goto q132c]
- <u> UNCERTAIN [goto q132c]

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>q132c<

Well, then, would you please tell me if it was...

(CONTINUE ON LADDER UNTIL "NO")

<0> more than \$10,000? NO  
<1> more than \$20,000? NO  
<2> more than \$30,000? NO  
<3> more than \$40,000? NO  
<4> more than \$50,000? NO  
<5> more than \$60,000? NO  
<6> more than \$75,000? NO  
<7> more than \$100,000? NO  
<8> more than \$150,000? NO  
<9> MORE THAN \$150,000? YES

<88> REFUSED  
<99> UNCERTAIN

===>

>q133<

How many different telephone numbers do you have in your home?

(IF MORE THAN "1," VERIFY: "That means you have \_\_ different telephone numbers at home?")

# TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN HOME <1-20>

<88> REFUSED [goto q134]

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>q134<

Including yourself, how many adults, 18 years or older, live in your household most of the year?

# OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD <1-50>

<88> REFUSED