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# **Issues in the 2000 Election: The Economy**

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## **Methodology**

*The Washington Post*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership that began in 1995 as an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. Researchers at the *Washington Post*, Kaiser, and Harvard jointly design and analyze surveys examining public knowledge, perceptions, and misperceptions on major issues. The *Washington Post* then reports the results as well as facts to dispel myths and misperceptions. Our hope is that this project contributes to a better understanding of public knowledge on major issues facing the country as well as more effective efforts by the media to educate, inform, and engage citizens in national debates.

This survey on the economy is the fourth in a series of surveys to be conducted to examine issues in the national elections over the course of the 2000 election season. This survey of a nationally representative sample of 1,224 registered voters was conducted by *The Washington Post*, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University by telephone between October 12 and 19, 2000. The survey included an oversample of 202 registered voters who said that the economy or taxes would be one of the most important issues helping them to decide which presidential candidate to support for a total of 652 voters who were classified as “Economy/Taxes Voters.” This group was further divided into those voters who chose “the economy” as one of the most important issues helping them to decide which presidential candidate to support and those who chose “taxes” as one of the most important issues helping them to decide which presidential candidate to support. The margin of error for all voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for economy/taxes voters it is plus or minus 4 percentage points; for economy voters it is plus or minus 6 percentage points; and for taxes voters it is plus or minus 6 percentage points. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Fieldwork was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, Pennsylvania.

Representatives of *The Washington Post*, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. Each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name. The project team included Richard Morin, *The Washington Post* director of polling and Claudia Deane, assistant director of polling; Drew E. Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, Mollyann Brodie, vice president and director of public opinion and media research, and Annie Steffenson, research associate; and Robert J. Blendon, professor of health policy and political analysis at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard School of Public Health, and John M. Benson, deputy director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program in the Harvard School of Public Health.

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**NOTE: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding.**

**Total = Total registered voters**

**Total Economy/Taxes = Total "Economy and/or Taxes" registered voters**

**Total Economy = Total "Economy" registered voters**

**Total Taxes = Total "Taxes" registered voters**

**VOL. = Respondent volunteered the response**

**DK = Don't know**

**Ref. = Refused**

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
Total	76	23	*
Total Economy/Taxes	100	-	-
60Total Economy	100	-	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	42	43	*	4	*	1	9
Total Economy/Taxes	39	50	*	4	1	1	6
Total Economy	49	39	-	3	1	1	6
Total Taxes	27	62	1	3	1	2	4

*(Asked 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
Total	24	27	2	*	5	18	24
Total Economy/Taxes	33	30	-	1	8	11	16
Total Economy	45	33	-	-	10	4	8
Total Taxes	19	27	-	2	10	19	23

**Q.2/2a Summary**

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Pat Buchanan	Ralph Nader	Other	None (vol.)	Don't know
Total	44	46	1	4	1	1	4
Total Economy/Taxes	41	52	*	4	1	*	2
Total Economy	53	42	-	3	1	*	1
Total Taxes	28	64	1	4	1	1	2

3. Will you definitely vote for (Gore/Bush) 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
Total	78	21	1
Total Economy/Taxes	75	25	*
Total Economy	73	27	1
Total Taxes	75	25	-

Bush:

	Definitely vote	Chance you could change your mind	Don't know
Total	79	20	1
Total Economy/Taxes	84	16	1
Total Economy	78	20	1
Total Taxes	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
Total	29	57	14
Total Economy/Taxes	25	64	11
Total Economy	25	68	8
Total Taxes	21	62	17

Bush:

	Good chance you'll change your mind	Pretty unlikely	Don't Know
Total	27	60	13
Total Economy/Taxes	33	55	12
Total Economy	36	57	7
Total Taxes	39	47	14

2/2a/3/3a SUMMARY TABLE

	Total	Total Economy/Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
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-----	
	Economy/Taxes		Economy/Taxes		Economy/Taxes	
	Total	Voter	Total	Voter	Total	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-----	
	Total Economy	Total Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
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?

Total Economy/Taxes

<b>Maintaining Good Economy/Growth (Net)</b>	<b>41</b>
Need to continue/maintain our good economy/prosperity	26
Need to maintain economic growth/continued growth	<u>7</u>
Concerned about recession/don't want to fall into a recession	3
<b><u>Concerned that a new president/changing of presidents may not maintain the good economy</u></b>	2
<i>The economy isn't working for everyone/some people are left out of the benefits of the good economy</i>	2
<b>Concerned about agriculture/the farm economy/farm economy hasn't been good</b>	1
Other maintaining good economy/growth	2
<b>Employment/Income (Net)</b>	<b>30</b>
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>	<b>16</b>
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
<b><u>Other inflation/prices/interest rates mentions</u></b>	1
<b>Government Budget/Programs (Net)</b>	<b>13</b>
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>	<b>8</b>
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 taxes 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>	<b>5</b>
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>	<b>5</b>
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>	<b>3</b>
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	
Total	81	18	63	18	15	2	1
Total Economy/Taxes	83	18	65	16	14	2	*
Total Economy	86	21	64	14	13	1	*
Total Taxes	83	17	66	17	14	3	-

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?

Total	-----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

Total Economy/Taxes	-----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

Total 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

Total Taxes	-----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
Total	71	28	1
Total Economy/Taxes	78	22	1
Total Economy	79	21	*
Total Taxes	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?

	Total	Total Economy/ Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
<b>Correct (net)</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Federal Reserve (subnet)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
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>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
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
Total	71	56	6	9	28	1
Total Economy/Taxes	78	63	5	9	22	1
Total Economy	79	64	6	9	21	*
Total Taxes	78	65	4	8	21	1

*(Asked of registered voters who say they know who Alan Greenspan is and were able to respond when asked specifically)*

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	
Total	84	46	38	13	10	3	3
Total Economy/Taxes	82	49	33	14	11	3	4
Total Economy	83	53	31	11	10	1	6
Total Taxes	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
Total	71	29	23	6	2	28	1
Total Economy/Taxes	78	34	23	8	2	22	1
Total Economy	79	37	22	7	1	21	*
Total Taxes	78	33	24	8	3	21	1

8/8A/8B Summary Table

	10/19/00	10/19/00 Econ/Tax	10/19/00 Economy	10/19/00 Tax
Say they know who Greenspan is (Net)	71	78	79	78
Correct (subnet)	56	63	64	65
Great Deal	27	32	35	32
Fair amount	22	22	20	23
A little	5	6	7	7
None	2	2	1	3
Incorrect (subnet)	6	5	6	4
Great Deal	2	2	2	1
Fair amount	2	1	1	1
A little	1	1	*	2
None	*	*	*	-
Don't know	9	9	9	8
Say they don't know who Greenspan is	28	22	21	21
Don't know	1	1	*	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	
Total	76	20	56	23	18	5	*
Total Economy/Taxes	80	24	55	20	14	6	*
Total Economy	79	27	52	20	13	7	1
Total Taxes	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
Total	67	26	7
Total Economy/Taxes	65	30	5
Total Economy	66	29	4
Total Taxes	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
Total	46	42	4	2	6
Total Economy/Taxes	42	50	3	1	4
Total Economy	51	40	3	2	4
Total Taxes	32	61	3	1	3

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)?

Total	-----IMPORTANT-----			-NOT IMPORTANT-			Don't know
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
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	*

Total Economy/Taxes	-----IMPORTANT-----			-NOT IMPORTANT-			Don't know
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
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	-

Total 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	-

Total Taxes	-----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
Total					
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
Total Economy/Taxes					
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
Total 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
Total Taxes					
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 Total	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	20	62	18
George W. Bush	24	59	17

Total Economy/Taxes	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	18	69	13
George W. Bush	25	59	15

Total Economy	Yes	No	Don't know
Al Gore	20	64	16
George W. Bush	22	62	16

Total Taxes	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
Total	35	41	23	1
Total Economy/Taxes	34	44	21	*
Total Economy	39	43	17	*
Total Taxes	31	44	24	*

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			
Total	29	10	18	17	11	6	43	6	5
Total Economy/Taxes	32	10	21	19	14	5	40	6	4
Total Economy	31	9	22	17	13	4	41	6	5
Total Taxes	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
Total	20	41	37	1
Total Economy/Taxes	23	42	35	1
Total Economy	26	43	30	1
Total Taxes	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
Total	34	12	52	1
Total Economy/Taxes	42	11	47	*
Total Economy	44	11	44	*
Total Taxes	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
Total	40	50	NA	11
Total Economy/Taxes	41	50	NA	9
Total Economy	42	50	NA	8
Total Taxes	40	51	NA	10

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
Total	72	24	4
Total Economy/Taxes	72	25	3
Total Economy	73	24	3
Total Taxes	73	23	3

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
Total	47	15	36	3
Total Economy/Taxes	49	15	34	3
Total Economy	51	14	33	2
Total Taxes	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
Total	32	63	5
Total Economy/Taxes	42	55	3
Total Economy	37	60	3
Total Taxes	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
Total	60	32	8
Total Economy/Taxes	69	25	5
Total Economy	65	29	6
Total Taxes	75	21	4

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	
Total	62	35	27	34	23	11	5
Total Economy/Taxes	65	39	26	32	22	10	3
Total Economy	57	30	27	38	25	13	5
Total Taxes	75	50	25	24	18	6	1

*(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
Total	20	24	44	9	1	*	*	2
Total Economy/Taxes	28	28	37	6	-	*	*	-
Total Economy	17	30	45	8	-	*	-	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	18	16	31	31	*	1	1	1	1
Total Economy/ Taxes	29	18	23	26	-	-	-	1	3
Total Economy	18	19	28	33	-	-	-	1	1
Total Taxes	41	15	20	20	-	-	-	1	4

28a/28b SUMMARY TABLE

	Total	Total Economy/ Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
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

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

	Across the board Taxes cut for all	Smaller Taxes cut plan for lower and middle income people	Don't know
Total	47	50	2
Total Economy/Taxes	56	43	1
Total Economy	48	51	*
Total Taxes	66	33	1

30. Do you think a large Taxes 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
Total	31	26	38	5
Total Economy/Taxes	40	22	34	4
Total Economy	30	28	37	5
Total Taxes	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
Total	56	40	4
Total Economy/Taxes	67	30	3
Total Economy	63	33	4
Total Taxes	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-			Don't know
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
Total	57	18	39	42	28	14	1
Total Economy/Taxes	63	22	41	37	25	11	*
Total Economy	60	22	39	39	26	13	1
Total Taxes	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
Total	38	22	25	4	10
Total Economy/Taxes	44	24	23	2	6
Total Economy	47	20	22	2	8
Total Taxes	43	28	23	2	5

34/34a SUMMARY

	Total	Total Economy/Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
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
Total	21	49	23	7
Total Economy/Taxes	21	48	27	4
Total Economy	25	45	25	5
Total Taxes	20	51	26	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
Total	32	40	26	2
Total Economy/Taxes	33	40	26	1
Total Economy	33	39	27	1
Total Taxes	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
Total	1	18	47	25	8	*
Total Economy/Taxes	2	21	50	23	4	*
Total Economy	2	24	47	23	3	*
Total Taxes	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
Total	64	25	9	1
Total Economy/Taxes	71	22	6	1
Total Economy	71	21	7	*
Total Taxes	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	
Total							
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	
Total Economy/Taxes							
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	
Total 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	
Total Taxes							
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)

	Total	Total Economy/ Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
< \$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
Total	39	61	*
Total Economy/Taxes	39	61	*
Total Economy	41	59	*
Total Taxes	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.

Total	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	*
Total Economy/Taxes	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	*
Total 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	*
Total Taxes	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	-

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
Total	65	14	52	5	3	21	4	1	*
Total Economy/Taxes	74	17	58	4	4	13	5	1	-
Total Economy	77	17	59	3	3	11	5	1	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	87	13	-
Total Economy/Taxes	89	11	-
Total Economy	89	11	-
Total Taxes	91	9	-

47/48. Summary Table

	Total	Total Economy/ Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
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
Total	34	66	*
Total Economy/Taxes	33	66	*
Total Economy	35	65	-
Total Taxes	33	66	1

47/49. Summary Table

	Employed and High-tech	Employed and not High-tech	Not employed	Don't know
Total	22	43	34	*
Total Economy/Taxes	25	50	26	-
Total Economy	27	50	23	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	33	41	26	-
Total Economy/Taxes	33	41	26	-
Total Economy	35	42	23	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	14	31	51	4
Total Economy/Taxes	11	33	55	2
Total Economy	12	32	54	3
Total Taxes	9	33	57	1

51/52. Summary Table

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Don't know
Total	29	39	31	1
Total Economy/Taxes	30	40	30	*
Total Economy	32	41	27	*
Total Taxes	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
Total	77	23	*
Total Economy/Taxes	80	20	-
Total Economy	80	20	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	63	37	*
Total Economy/Taxes	71	29	*
Total Economy	70	30	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	13	87	*
Total Economy/Taxes	11	89	-
Total Economy	11	89	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	31	39	23	7	1
Total Economy/Taxes	37	32	24	6	-
Total Economy	29	39	24	8	-
Total Taxes	47	24	24	5	-

*(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
Total	61	39	*
Total Economy/Taxes	64	35	1
Total Economy	64	36	-
Total Taxes	66	33	1

*(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
Total	60	40	*
Total Economy/Taxes	60	39	*
Total Economy	66	33	1
Total Taxes	49	51	-

*(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
Total	37	48	15
Total Economy/Taxes	41	46	13
Total Economy	33	50	16
Total Taxes	48	39	13

*(Asked of all registered voters)*  
 Q.DO1/Q.DO1A/Q.DO1B/Q.DO1C

	-----Republican-----			-----Democrat-----			-----Independent-----				
	NET	Strong	Not Strong	NET	Strong	Not Strong	NET	Closer to Rep.	Closer to Dem.	Something Else	Don't know
Total	31	19	12	39	23	15	23	8	11	7	1
Total Economy/ Taxes	37	24	13	32	20	13	24	9	11	6	-
Total Economy	29	18	10	39	26	13	24	8	12	8	-
Total Taxes	47	31	15	24	12	12	24	11	9	5	-

*(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				
Total	39	31	8	49	39	11	4	7	1	
Total Economy/ Taxes	47	37	9	43	32	11	4	6	-	
Total Economy	36	29	8	51	39	12	5	8	-	
Total Taxes	58	47	11	33	24	9	4	5	-	

*(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
Total	88	7	5	*
Total Economy/Taxes	90	7	4	-
Total Economy	90	6	5	-
Total Taxes	91	7	2	-

*(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
Total	83	16	*
Total Economy/Taxes	81	18	1
Total Economy	82	18	-
Total Taxes	81	17	1

*(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
Total	55	32	8	*	2	3
Total Economy/Taxes	45	41	8	-	3	3
Total Economy	55	33	7	-	2	3
Total Taxes	35	50	10	-	3	2

*(Asked of all registered voters)*

Q.D04/Q.D04a

-----Voted-----

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	NET	Clinton	Dole	Perot	Nader	Other	Did not vote	Don't know/ no opinion
Total	83	44	26	6	*	2	16	*
Total Economy/Taxes	81	36	33	7	-	2	18	1
Total Economy	82	44	26	6	-	1	18	-
Total Taxes	81	28	40	8	-	3	17	1

*(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
Total	59	5	7	11	2	15
Total Economy/Taxes	59	7	5	9	2	19
Total Economy	58	7	4	11	2	18
Total Taxes	58	7	5	7	1	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	
Total	26	57	10	5	1	*	-	-	*	-	-
Total Economy/Taxes	23	58	11	5	2	*	-	-	1	-	-
Total Economy	22	60	11	4	2	*	-	-	-	-	-
Total Taxes	24	57	11	5	2	-	-	-	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
Total	62	38	15	14	6	2	1	*	-	-	-	-	-
Total Economy/Taxes	60	40	16	13	7	2	1	*	-	-	-	-	-
Total Economy	61	39	18	13	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total Taxes	61	39	14	12	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

*(Asked of all registered voters)*

D06/06A. Summary Table

	-----Number of people living in household-----										Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	13	
Total	20	36	16	16	7	3	1	1	*	*	-
Total Economy/Taxes	18	35	18	15	7	3	2	1	*	1	-
Total Economy	19	35	18	16	7	3	1	1	1	-	-
Total Taxes	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
Total	45	25	2	16	10	*
Total Economy/Taxes	44	25	2	17	12	*
Total Economy	40	26	4	17	13	-
Total Taxes	48	24	1	14	11	1

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

D07B. Do you consider yourself a Christian?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	88	12	-
Total Economy/Taxes	88	12	-
Total Economy	86	14	-
Total Taxes	88	12	-

*(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
Total	59	38	3
Total Economy/Taxes	55	42	3
Total Economy	47	48	5
Total Taxes	58	38	4

*(Asked of all registered voters)*

Q.D07A/Q.D07B

	--Protestant/Other Christian--			Roman Catholic	Jewish	Some Other	No Religion	Don't know
	NET	Protestant	Other Christian					
Total	60	45	14	25	2	2	10	*
Total Economy/Taxes	59	44	14	25	2	2	12	*
Total Economy	55	40	15	26	4	2	13	-
Total Taxes	61	48	13	24	1	2	11	1

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

	Total	Total Economy/T axes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
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

(Asked of all registered voters)

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

	Total	Total Economy/ Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
<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>

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
Total	21	11	8	2	79	1
Total Economy/Taxes	20	12	6	1	79	1
Total Economy	21	11	8	2	78	1
Total Taxes	20	13	5	1	79	1

D08a SUMMARY TABLE

	Union member	Not Union member	Don't know
Total	13	87	1
Total Economy/Taxes	13	86	1
Total Economy	13	87	1
Total Taxes	14	85	1

*(Asked of all registered voters)*

D09. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Total	17	43	21	19
Total Economy/Taxes	20	49	20	11
Total Economy	17	54	19	10
Total Taxes	21	48	19	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
Total	8	92	*
Total Economy/Taxes	8	92	-
Total Economy	6	94	-
Total Taxes	9	91	-

*(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
Total	80	12	1	7	*
Total Economy/Taxes	80	11	1	8	*
Total Economy	80	11	1	7	*
Total Taxes	81	8	1	9	*

(Asked of all registered voters)  
Q.D10/Q.D11

	Total	Total Economy/Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
<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>	*	-	-	-

(Asked of all registered voters)  
Q.D12

	Total	Total Economy/Taxes	Total Economy	Total Taxes
<b>Less than \$50,000 (NET)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
<i>Less than \$30,000 (subnet)</i>	25	15	16	13
<i>Less than \$20,000</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	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>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>
\$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>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>





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