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Interviews: 1,627 adults
Dates: March 1-3, 2001

48	Male
52	Female
	[109]

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Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	3/01	1/01	12/00	10/00+	9/00+	7/00+	*High* 2/91+	*Low* 7/92+	
Right direction	52	45	39	48	51	48	65	14	**[138]**
Wrong track	32	36	43	32	29	32	22	71	
Mixed (VOL)	11	15	14	18	16	17	9	9	
Not sure	5	4	4	2	4	3	4	6	

	6/00+	4/00+	3/00+	1/00	12/99
Right direction	44	44	49	55	49
Wrong track	38	34	34	28	34
Mixed (VOL)	15	19	15	15	15
Not sure	3	3	2	2	2

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2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

Approve	58	**[139]**
Disapprove	22	
Not sure	20	

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy? *

Approve	53	**[140]**
Disapprove	27	
Not sure	20	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy? **

Approve	53	**[141]**
Disapprove	20	
Not sure	27	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	3/01*	1/01	12/00	10/00+	9/00+	7/00+	6/00+	*High* 9/98	*Low* 10/90+	
Approve	45	48	55	49	46	46	43	61	22	[142]
Disapprove	31	35	30	35	41	42	46	28	69	
Not sure	24	17	15	16	13	12	11	11	9	

	4/00+	3/00+	1/00	12/99	10/99	9/99	7/99
Approve	42	43	48	45	42	40	43
Disapprove	44	40	36	42	45	49	41
Not sure	14	17	16	13	13	11	16

	6/99	4/99	3/99	1/99	12/98	10/98+
Approve	40	49	41	50	44	48
Disapprove	42	38	45	40	42	39
Not sure	18	13	14	10	14	13

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4. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
George W. Bush							[143]
March 2001	39	24	13	12	11	1	
January 2001	25	25	18	13	17	2	
December 2000	23	25	16	13	22	1	
November 27, 2000	31	19	11	19	20	-	
Likely voters November 2000+	30	23	13	13	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+	28	25	15	13	18	1	
September 2000+	23	26	15	15	19	2	
August 2000+	28	23	17	14	17	1	
July 2000+	24	28	14	14	18	2	
June 2000+	16	29	23	15	15	2	
April 2000+	17	29	22	13	16	3	
High							
April 1999	23	32	25	8	6	6	
Low							
March 2000+	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Bill Clinton							[144/150]
March 2001	16	17	13	14	39	1	
January 2001	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000	33	23	11	12	21	-	
Likely voters November 2000+	22	20	11	11	35	1	
Likely voters October 2000+	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+	22	27	11	12	28	-	
June 2000+	20	27	12	14	27	-	
April 2000+	22	27	13	11	27	-	
March 2000+	24	26	14	12	24	-	
High							
January 1993	33	31	15	9	7	5	
Low							
September 1998	18	22	17	14	29	-	
John Ashcroft							[145/151]
March 2001	14	18	25	9	13	21	
January 2001	8	12	26	8	14	32	
Hillary Clinton							[146]
March 2001*	15	18	15	20	31	1	
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999	21	24	13	16	25	1	
High							
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1	
Low							
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Colin Powell							[147]
March 2001*	53	24	13	4	2	4	
January 2001	48	26	16	4	1	5	
April 1997	47	30	14	3	2	4	
August 1996+	30	35	20	5	3	7	
June 1996+	37	32	19	3	3	6	
May 1996+	35	30	19	5	3	8	
December 1995	28	33	24	5	4	6	
October 1995	21	33	28	6	2	10	
The Republican Party							[148]
March 2001*	20	30	21	14	14	1	
January 2001	14	30	25	15	14	2	
December 2000	18	26	23	14	18	1	
October 2000+	14	29	25	16	14	2	
September 2000+	14	33	19	20	13	1	
August 2000+	19	27	23	14	15	2	
July 2000+	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 2000+	9	30	28	16	15	2	
April 2000+	11	31	25	16	15	2	
March 2000	13	26	27	17	14	3	
January 2000	13	29	27	16	14	1	
December 1999	12	29	23	18	15	3	
High							
January 1995	17	33	25	13	9	3	
Low							
March 1999	1	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999	13	23	20	18	24	2	
Laura Bush							[149]
March 2001*	28	23	34	3	2	10	
January 2001	16	18	34	4	5	23	
July 2000+	13	14	28	4	4	37	
Dick Cheney							[152]
March 2001**	30	26	21	9	6	8	
January 2001	23	26	26	9	7	9	
December 2000	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+	25	24	26	8	9	8	
September 2000+	17	26	22	12	8	15	
July 2000+	19	23	26	9	6	17	
Marc Rich							[153]
March 2001**	1	4	12	11	38	34	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Alan Greenspan							[154]
March 2001**	25	31	24	4	3	13	
January 2001	31	25	18	8	3	15	
April 2000+	23	28	22	6	4	17	
December 1998	23	24	23	4	2	24	
Al Gore							[155]
March 2001**	16	26	21	18	18	1	
January 2001	22	29	15	15	18	1	
December 2000	23	21	11	14	30	1	
November 27, 2000	31	16	10	17	26	-	
Likely voters November 2000+	25	22	15	17	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+	24	25	11	15	25	-	
September 2000+	26	26	14	15	18	1	
August 2000+	22	22	19	15	21	1	
July 2000+	17	26	18	15	23	1	
June 2000+	12	25	24	17	21	1	
April 2000+	15	26	20	16	21	2	
High							
January 1993	23	32	22	9	6	8	
Low							
June 2000+	12	25	24	17	21	1	
The Democratic Party							[156]
March 2001**	17	28	22	17	14	2	
January 2001	21	26	22	16	13	2	
December 2000	23	23	18	16	18	2	
October 2000+	20	27	20	15	16	2	
September 2000+	23	26	19	17	14	1	
August 2000+	21	26	23	16	13	1	
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 2000+	15	32	23	15	13	2	
April 2000+	14	34	21	15	15	1	
March 2000+	18	28	27	13	12	2	
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
December 1994	10	23	25	24	16	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

5a. Compared with the past several presidents, do you feel that Bill Clinton will turn out to have been one of the very best, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most of them?

	3/01*	1/01	12/00	1/99	
One of the very best	13	16	13	12	**[157]**
Better than most	38	40	44	38	
Not as good as most	24	24	24	26	
Definitely worse than most	23	18	16	19	
Not sure	2	2	3	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

	George Bush 1989[1]	Ronald Reagan 1981[2]
One of the very best	7	11
Better than most	48	44
Not as good as most	31	28
Definitely worse than most	6	9
Not sure	8	8

[1] Results from a 1989 survey conducted by Lou Harris.
[2] Results from a 1981 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

5b. Do President Clinton's actions of the past couple of months make you feel more favorable or less favorable toward him or do they not make a difference to you either way? *

More favorable	5	**[158]**
Less favorable	55	
Make no difference	39	
Not sure	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the Bush Administration and the Congress.

6. Which do you think should be a greater priority for the Bush Administration--maintaining economic growth or restoring moral and family values?

				Likely Voters			
	3/01	1/01	12/00[1]	11/00+	10/00+	9/00+	
Maintaining economic growth	45	46	37	31	28	44	**[159]**
Restoring moral and family values	33	37	40	38	42	36	
Both (VOL)	20	16	21	28	27	18	
Neither/other (VOL)	1	-	1	1	1	1	
Not sure	1	1	1	2	2	1	

[1] Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased "Which do you think should be a greater priority for the next president of the United States...?"
\+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. When it comes to George W. Bush's ability to keep the nation's economy strong and growing, would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in his ability?

			Likely Voters						
	3/01**	1/01	11/00	10/00	9/00	6/00	4/00	12/99	
Very confident	26	18	24	30	19	17	14	18	**[160]**
Fairly confident	22	25	21	19	21	24	17	25	
Just somewhat confident	28	35	24	27	29	31	36	32	
Not at all confident	22	19	28	22	27	24	28	18	
Not sure	2	3	3	2	4	4	5	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Changing subjects...

8. What, if anything, would you say is the biggest problem facing you and your family today--is it a health problem, a financial problem, a family problem, an employment-related problem, or aren't any of these a problem for you?

A health problem	17	**[161]**
A financial problem	30	
A family problem	4	
An employment-related problem	9	
Other problem (VOL)	3	
None of these are a problem	36	
Not sure	1	

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the economy.

9a. How would you describe the condition of the economy, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "1" means that you think the economy is in very bad shape, and a "10" means that you think the economy is in excellent shape. You may use any number from one to ten, depending on how strongly you feel.

8-10, good shape	19	**[162-163]**
6-7	42	
1-5, bad shape	38	
Cannot rate	1	

9b. In looking at 2001, do you think that it will be a time of economic expansion for you and your family and an opportunity to move ahead, or do you think that it will be a time to hold back and save because harder times are ahead?

	3/01	1/01	12/98	
Time of expansion/opportunity	33	29	32	**[164]**
Time to hold back/harder times ahead	55	60	57	
Some of both (VOL)	7	7	5	
Not sure	5	4	6	

10a. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? **(READ LIST. IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

	3/01**	1/01	6/94	5/94	3/94	1/94	12/93	10/93	9/93	
Inflation	7	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	8	**[165-166]**
Unemployment	10	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	40	
Energy prices	37	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Interest rates	5	6	5	4	2	2	2	3	2	
The federal budget [1]	10	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Federal taxes	14	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	11	
The U.S. trade deficit	6	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	8	
All equally important (VOL)	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	4	
None (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Not sure	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	

	7/93	6/93	4/93	3/93	1/93	12/92	5/92	9/91
Inflation	8	6	4	7	7	6	7	11
Unemployment	37	40	44	44	44	46	46	37
Energy prices	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Interest rates	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
The federal budget [1]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Federal taxes	10	11	9	7	5	5	5	7
The U.S. trade deficit	6	8	7	8	8	10	8	8
All equally important (VOL)	4	4	5	3	5	5	8	10
None (VOL)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
[1] Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

10b. Which one or two of the following economic problems, if any, are you worried will affect you personally? **

Layoffs and unemployment	15	**[167]**
The decline of the stock market	25	>
Inflation and the cost of living	56	
Rising interest rates	15	
All (VOL)	5	
None/other (VOL)	3	
Not sure	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

11a. Over the past year, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, has gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	3/01	3/92	1/92	12/91	10/91	9/91	7/91	
Economy has gotten better	17	6	2	3	6	8	9	**[168]**
Economy has gotten worse	42	73	78	74	67	57	64	
Economy has stayed about the same	39	20	19	22	26	33	26	
Not sure	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	

	6/91	5/91	12/90	10/90	9/90	7/90
Economy has gotten better	11	8	3	3	6	11
Economy has gotten worse	54	64	73	72	57	37
Economy has stayed about the same	35	27	23	24	35	51
Not sure	-	1	1	1	2	1

	5/90	4/90	3/90	1/90	11/89	9/89
Economy has gotten better	11	12	12	12	15	18
Economy has gotten worse	36	30	30	29	34	23
Economy has stayed about the same	52	56	56	57	49	57
Not sure	1	2	2	2	2	2

11b. During the next year, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	3/01	10/98+	9/98	4/97	1/96	7/95	4/95	12/94	10/94	9/94	6/94	5/94	3/94	
Economy will get better	28	17	19	19	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27	29	**[169]**
Economy will get worse	29	24	22	22	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21	16	
Economy will stay about the same	37	54	53	57	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49	52	
Not sure	6	5	6	2	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3	3	

	1/94	12/93	10/93	9/93	7/93	6/93	4/93	3/93	1/93	12/92	5/92	9/91+
Economy will get better	44	43	21	23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31
Economy will get worse	16	19	27	24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24
Economy will stay about the same	36	34	50	51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40
Not sure	4	4	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12a. When it comes to the country's economic condition, which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

The country is already in an economic recession	21	**CONTINUE**	**[170]**
The country will be in an economic recession in the next year	31		
The country will NOT be in an economic recession in the next year	41	**Skip to Q.13a or Q.14**	
Not sure	7		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THAT THE COUNTRY IS ALREADY OR WILL BE IN AN ECONOMIC RECESSION IN THE NEXT YEAR IN Q.12a.)

12b. Do you think that the recession will or will not directly affect you and your family? **(IF "AFFECT," ASK:)** Do you think that it will directly affect you and your family a great deal or just a little?

Yes, it will directly affect me a great deal	35	**[171]**
Yes, it will directly affect me just a little	42	
No, it will not affect me	20	
Not sure	3	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THAT THE COUNTRY IS ALREADY OR WILL BE IN AN ECONOMIC RECESSION IN THE NEXT YEAR IN Q.12a.)

12c. Do you think that the recession will be mild or severe?

	3/01	1/01	
Mild	66	74	**[172]**
Severe	22	17	
In between (VOL)	9	7	
Not sure	3	2	

13a. Whom do you credit most for the positive aspects of the country's economy? **

President Bush	3	**[173-174]**
Former President Clinton	23	
Alan Greenspan	17	
Democrats in Congress	7	
Republicans in Congress	9	
Corporations	6	
The normal business cycle	25	
All equally (VOL)	3	
None of these (VOL)	2	
Other (VOL)	1	
Not sure	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

13b. Whom do you blame most for the negative aspects of the country's economy? **

President Bush	6	**[175-176]**
Former President Clinton	13	
Alan Greenspan	4	
Democrats in Congress	10	
Republicans in Congress	14	
Corporations	12	
The normal business cycle	24	
All equally (VOL)	4	
None of these (VOL)	2	
Other (VOL)	2	
Not sure	9	

	5/92
President Bush	24
The Federal Reserve	6
Democrats in Congress	22
Banks	6
The normal business cycle	23
All equally (VOL)	9
None of these (VOL)	5
Not sure	5

14. If there is an economic recession, which one or two of the following things are most likely to occur? *

Dot-com companies will disappear	20	**[177]**
More businesses will merge to avoid bankruptcy	46	>
Housing prices will decline	21	
Foreign companies will buy out American companies	26	
High salaries for athletes will decline	8	
All of these (VOL)	8	
None of these (VOL)	1	
Other (VOL)	-	
Not sure	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now I'd like to ask you about your personal economic situation.

15a. Which of the following five statements best describes your own personal economic situation?

I am in good shape. I am able to save and plan for the future	20	**[178]**
I am okay. I am saving a little and I am able to provide for my needs	50	
I am barely getting by. I have to budget carefully and I am not able to plan for the future	21	
I am falling behind. I have had to use savings or go further into debt to pay my bills	6	
I am in serious financial trouble, and can't quite see how I am going to make it	2	
Not sure	1	

15b. Generally speaking, would you say that your family's financial situation is in good shape, in only fair shape, or in poor shape?

Good shape	41	**[179]**
Only fair shape	49	
Poor shape	10	
Not sure	-	

15c. If there is an economic recession in the next twelve months, which of the following is likely to happen to you?

	3/01	1/01	12/98	
You will have to cut back on everyday expenses	42	48	41	**[180]**
You will not be able to afford the extras, such as vacations or a new wardrobe	35	32	33	>
You will lose income from overtime, bonuses, or commissions	15	15	16	
You will go into debt	11	11	11	
You will not be able to make house or car payments	7	6	9	
You will lose your job	7	6	7	
None of these (VOL)	24	19	NA	
Not sure	3	2	4	

17. I'm going to read you several statements. For each one, please tell me whether it is something that applies to you or your household.

	Applies	Does Not Apply	Not Sure	
You are currently working two jobs	11	89	-	**[210/220]**
You have a job in the new dot-com economy	6	93	1	**[211/221]**
You are self-employed	19	81	-	**[212/222]**
Your livelihood depends upon a commission or bonus *	10	90	-	**[214]**
You would like to change your place of employment *	21	78	1	**[215]**
You lost your job in a previous recession *	8	91	1	**[216]**
You are currently in the market to buy a home, condominium, or vacation property *	8	91	1	**[217]**
You have stock options or a financial stake at your place of employment *	36	63	1	**[218]**
You have worked for the same company for more than ten years *	37	63	-	**[219]**
You have credit card debt of at least five thousand dollars **	25	75	-	**[224]**
You have had a car or a house or another major possession repossessed **	5	95	-	**[225]**
You have a 401k retirement account **	50	49	1	**[226]**
You have a computer with Internet access in your home **	63	37	-	**[227]**

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I would like to ask you a few questions about taxes.

18. Do you think Congress should or should not pass a tax cut as a way to help stimulate the U.S. economy?

	3/01	4/92+	2/92+	1/92+	12/91+	11/91+	10/91+	
Should pass a tax cut to	66	49	52	57	57	55	55	**[228]**
Should NOT pass a tax cut	23	41	40	34	31	30	32	
Depends (VOL)	6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure	5	10	8	9	12	15	13	

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19. When you think about the amount you pay in federal taxes, do you think that federal taxes are too high, about right, or too low? **(IF "TOO HIGH," ASK:)** Are they much too high or just somewhat too high?

Much too high	40	**[229]**
Just somewhat too high	31	
About right	25	
Too low	1	
Depends (VOL)	1	
Not sure	2	

20a. If there were going to be a tax cut in the next year, which of the following would be your priority for a tax cut?

	3/01	1/01	7/99	
A tax cut for moderate- and low-income Americans	31	29	34	**[230]**
A tax cut for all Americans	32	31	31	
Eliminating the so-called marriage penalty [1]	13	15	17	
A capital gains tax cut on stock and real estate sales	4	5	7	
Eliminating inheritance and estate taxes [2]	6	7	4	
Combination (VOL)	12	10	5	
None of these (VOL)	1	-	-	
Not sure	1	3	2	

[1] In July 1999, this item was phrased, "eliminating the marriage penalty, which would cut taxes for married couples."
[2] In January 2001, this item was phrased, "an inheritance and estate tax cut."

20b. If Congress and the president cut taxes this year, which of these do you think is the better approach--an across-the-board cut in income-tax rates for all taxpayers, OR targeted tax cuts to help some people pay for specific needs such as education or health insurance?

	3/01	1/01	7/99[1]	4/97	12/96	
Across-the-board cut in income tax rates	51	46	49	45	45	**[231]**
Targeted tax cuts	42	44	43	46	46	
Both equal (VOL)	4	6	3	2	3	
Neither (VOL)	1	1	1	3	2	
Not sure	2	3	4	4	4	

[1] Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased ". . . OR targeted tax cuts for specific types of people, such as tax cuts to encourage savings and to afford health insurance."

20c. As you may know, George W. Bush has proposed a one-point-six-trillion-dollar tax cut over ten years. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	3/01	1/01	
Favor	57	55	**[232]**
Oppose	32	31	
Not sure	11	14	

20d. Now I am going to read you two positions on taxes and spending and then ask which comes closer to your view.

Statement A: President Bush says that the budget surplus is large enough to cut income-tax rates for all taxpayers, while still leaving room for debt reduction and some spending increases in priority areas such as education.

Statement B: Democrats say that the budget surplus is not that large and we should only allow cuts in the income tax rates for middle- and low-income taxpayers, so the government has enough money for debt reduction and specific spending increases in priority areas such as education.

Statement A: Agree with President Bush	41	**[233]**
Statement B: Agree with Democrats	52	
Neither/depends (VOL)	4	
Not sure	3	

20e. I'd like to read you two proposals for cutting taxes, and ask which proposal you would support.

Proposal A: President Bush proposes reducing the federal income tax across the board by cutting rates for all tax brackets. Upper-income Americans will get the largest tax cut because they pay the largest share of income taxes. President Bush does not propose any changes to payroll taxes.

Proposal B: Democrats in Congress propose making a smaller percentage reduction in the tax rates for the top bracket of taxpayers, which would reduce the tax cut for those earning more than three-hundred thousand dollars, paired with a cut for low-wage earners who do not pay income taxes but do pay payroll taxes.

Proposal A: Agree with President Bush	41	**[234]**
Proposal B: Agree with Democrats in Congress	48	
Neither/depends (VOL)	5	
Not sure	6	

20f. Would you favor or oppose a proposal that would automatically scale back the tax cut in future years if the budget surplus turns out to be much smaller than the current economic projections?

Favor	73	**[235]**
Oppose	18	
Not sure	9	

21. Assume for a moment that you would receive at least several hundred dollars from a tax cut this year. Which of the following two statements better describes what you would be more likely to do with the money?

Statement A: I would save it, perhaps by paying bills, saving it, or investing it.

Statement B: I would spend it, perhaps on household goods, a vacation, or entertainment. **

Statement A: Save it	76	**[236]**
Statement B: Spend it	20	
Some of both/mixed (VOL)	3	
Not sure	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22a. If Congress and the president cut taxes this year, which of the following proposals would you prefer--receiving a large tax cut OR receiving a smaller tax cut and having the government allocate additional funding for education?

A large tax cut	30	**[237]**
Smaller tax cut and additional funding for education	64	
Both equal (VOL)	2	
Neither/no tax cut (VOL)	1	
Not sure	3	

22b. If Congress and the president cut taxes this year, which of the following proposals would you prefer--receiving a large tax cut OR receiving a smaller tax cut and having the government allocate additional funding for Social Security?

A large tax cut	29	**[238]**
Smaller tax cut and additional funding for Social Security	65	
Both equal (VOL)	2	
Neither/no tax cut (VOL)	1	
Not sure	3	

22c. If Congress and the president cut taxes this year, which of the following proposals would you prefer--receiving a large tax cut OR receiving a smaller tax cut and having the government use the surplus to pay down the national debt?

A large tax cut	32	**[239]**
Smaller tax cut and using surplus to pay down the debt	60	
Both equal (VOL)	3	
Neither/no tax cut (VOL)	1	
Not sure	4	

23. Which one of the following do you think is the best reason to cut taxes?

It will allow you to keep more of your money	23	**[240]**
The government should not take more than it needs	26	
It will stimulate the economy	23	
It will leave less money for the government to waste	15	
None/other (VOL)	2	
All (VOL)	10	
Not sure	1	

24. I am going to read you a list of things that might happen if a tax cut were passed. For each item that I read, please tell me whether you think it is something that you expect to happen or whether it is something that you do not expect to happen.

	Expect This To Happen	Do Not Expect This To Happen	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
The average taxpayer will get substantial tax relief	38	57	2	3	**[241]**
It will help prevent an economic recession	50	41	3	6	**[242]**
The wealthy will benefit more from the tax cut than the middle class	74	21	2	3	**[243]**
You personally will get substantial tax relief	27	68	2	3	**[244]**
Special-interest groups will benefit the most from a tax cut	50	40	2	8	**[245]**
The tax cut won't give enough help to those with lower incomes	56	38	2	4	**[246]**
The tax cut will leave too little money for social programs	41	51	2	6	**[247]**

25. How much of an effect would you say a tax cut would have on you and your family--a big effect, medium effect, small effect, or no effect at all?

Big effect	10	**[248]**
Medium effect	33	
Small effect	43	
No effect at all	12	
Not sure	2	

26. If the president and Congress pass a tax cut, which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Given the current economic climate, a tax cut will be too large and the federal government will return to a budget deficit.

Statement B: Given the current economic climate, a tax cut will be the right prescription to keep us out of a severe recession and the federal government will not return to a budget deficit. *

Statement A: Tax cut too large/deficit	30	**[249]**
Statement B: Tax cut just right/no deficit	61	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Not sure	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

27a. In January the Federal Reserve cut short-term interest rates in an attempt to help the economy. Do you think that this action was done too early, too late, or at about the right time?

	3/01**	1/01	
Too early	9	9	**[250]**
Too late	33	27	
At about the right time	46	53	
Not sure	12	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

27b. As you may know, Alan Greenspan endorsed cutting taxes. Do you think that he did this for political reasons or policy reasons? **

Political reasons	33	**[251]**
Policy reasons	49	
Some of both (VOL)	7	
Not sure	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the stock market.

28a. Please tell me whether the following statement applies to you personally.

"I have at least five thousand dollars invested in mutual funds or stocks."

	3/01		1/01	
Applies	48	**CONTINUE**	51	**[252]**
Does not apply	50	**Skip to Q.29a**	45	
Not sure	2		4	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE AT LEAST $5,000 INVESTED IN Q.28a.)

28b. In your opinion, is today a good time to buy stock, a good time to sell stock, or a good time to hold on to your stock?

	3/01	4/00+	9/98	
Good time to buy stock	27	19	24	[253]
Good time to sell stock	4	5	8	
A Good time to hold on to stock	63	55	56	
Not sure	6	21	12	

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29a. Which of the following best describes what you expect stock prices to do in the next twelve months--a strong increase, a moderate increase, little change either way, a moderate decline, or a sharp decline?

Strong increase	2	[254]
Moderate increase	31	
No change	31	
Moderate decline	24	
Sharp decline	4	
Not sure	8	

29b. If stock prices were generally to go down significantly in the next year, do you think that you would mainly sell stocks or mutual fund shares to avoid further losses, buy more stocks or mutual fund shares to take advantage of lower prices, or make no major changes in your stock and mutual fund investments?

Sell stocks or mutual fund shares, to avoid further losses	5	[255]
Buy more stocks or mutual fund shares, to take advantage of lower prices	25	
Make no major changes	59	
Not sure	11	

30. Would you say that the United States is currently experiencing an energy crisis, would you say that it is a problem but not a crisis, or would you say that the country does not have an energy problem at this time? **

Energy crisis	32	[256]
Problem but not a crisis	53	
Not a problem	14	
Other (VOL)	-	
Not sure	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31a. As you may already know, California's state government began to deregulate electricity a few years ago. Based on what you've heard about California's current electricity shortage, do you think that electrical deregulation is a bad idea, or that deregulation can be a good idea but California did not do it the right way? If you do not know enough to have an opinion about this issue, just say so. **

Deregulation is a bad idea	28	[257]
Deregulation can be good, but California did not do it right	44	
Don't know enough	24	
Not sure	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31b. Who do you think is more at fault in California's current electricity shortage--government regulators, energy companies, consumers, or environmentalists? **

Government regulators	31	**[258]**
Energy companies	32	
Consumers	5	
Environmentalists	14	
Not sure	18	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31c. Given what you know about the energy crisis in California, do you think that the federal government should or should not intervene? **

Federal government should intervene	51	**[259]**
Federal government should not intervene	36	
Depends (VOL)	4	
Not sure	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

32. Do you think that the higher prices for electricity, gasoline, and other sources of energy during the past year are a good reason to allow new oil exploration in some federally protected areas, such as the Alaskan wilderness, or should the federal government keep these areas off limits and consider other solutions? **

Good reason to allow new oil exploration on federal lands	38	**[260]**
Keep these areas off limits and consider other solutions	56	
Not sure	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Moving along to something different...

33. In dealing with Iraq's Saddam Hussein, which approach do you think would be wiser for President Bush to pursue?

Statement A: Continue trying to enforce broad economic sanctions banning most trade with Iraq, even though some allies are ignoring them.

Statement B: Reduce the economic sanctions to a few key items in the belief that they will be more effective because allies will go along with them.

Statement A: Continue economic sanctions	45	**[261]**
Statement B: Reduce economic sanctions	40	
Other (VOL)	5	
Not sure	10	

34a. As you may know, the U.S. Mint is now making dollar coins that are golden in color and feature the head of the Native-American guide Sacagawea on the face. Have you ever received one of these golden dollar coins?

Yes, received one of these	49	**CONTINUE**	**[262]**
No, have not received one of these	51	**Skip to Q.34c**	
Not sure	-		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE RECEIVED A SACAGAWEA DOLLAR IN Q.34a.)

34b. What have you done with any golden dollars you have received? Have you mostly saved them or mostly spent them?

Saved	67	**[263]**
Spent	23	
Some of both (VOL)	9	
Not sure	1	

34c. The Treasury department would like the public to adopt the golden dollar coins because they will last longer and they are less expensive to maintain in circulation. If the coins were more widely available in circulation, would you be willing to switch to the dollar coins or would you resist the change and keep using paper dollar bills?

Willing to switch to dollar coins	47	**[264]**
Resist the change	48	
Not sure	5	

Getting near the end of the survey...

35a. As you may know, President Clinton granted one hundred and forty pardons and commuted thirty-six prison sentences just before leaving office. Do you think that most of these were granted because they were justified based on the merits of the case, or because of political influence and financial contributions?

Justified on merits of case	15	**[265]**
Because of political influence/contributions	68	
Some of both/other (VOL)	8	
Not sure	9	

35b. Some people say that Hillary Clinton received financial contributions, support, and endorsements in her Senate race for her role in pardons that Bill Clinton granted. Senator Clinton has maintained that she was not involved in those cases. Do you believe her statement? *

Believe	33	**[266]**
Do not believe	59	
Not sure	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

36. Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh has asked that his execution, scheduled for May 16, be shown live on television. Do you favor or oppose having McVeigh's execution shown on television? *

Favor	21	**[267]**
Oppose	73	
Other (VOL)	2	
Not sure	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now I am going to ask you about something else.

37a. Some education experts believe that all students from first grade on need Internet access in their homes. For low-income families that are unable to afford a computer and Internet access, who do you think should pay most of the cost? *

Private charities and community groups	14	**[268]**
Private industries, such as computer and Internet companies	36	>
Local schools	9	
The federal government	19	
The family itself	22	
None of these (VOL)	8	
Other (VOL)	2	
All (VOL)	3	
Not sure	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

37b. In some cases, personal information supplied by individual Internet users can be accessed without their knowledge. Would you or would you not accept some limits on Internet capabilities and content in order to protect your privacy? *

Would accept limits	81	**[269]**
Would NOT accept limits	14	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Not sure	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

37c. In the past year, many high-tech companies have seen severe declines in their business and the value of their stock. Which one of the following best represents your view on the high-tech industry in the foreseeable future? *

It will return to growth rates that exceed other industries	25	**[270]**
It will produce results on par with other industries	49	
It will lag behind other industries	15	
Other (VOL)	1	
Not sure	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<u>FACTUALS</u>: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered	88	**[271]**
Not registered	11	
Not sure	1	

F2. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, voted for George W. Bush	41	**[272]**
Yes, voted for Al Gore	34	
Yes, voted for Ralph Nader	1	
Yes, voted for Pat Buchanan	-	
Yes, voted for other candidate (VOL)	1	
Yes, not sure who voted for (VOL)	-	
No, did not vote	18	
No, was too young to vote (VOL)	1	
Not sure/refused	4	

F3. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	9	**[273-274]**
25-29	9	
30-34	9	
35-39	10	
40-44	10	
45-49	11	
50-54	9	
55-59	8	
60-64	6	
65-69	6	
70-74	5	
75 and over	6	
Refused	2	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	1	**[275-276]**
Some high school	5	
High school graduate	30	
Some college, no degree	19	
Vocational training/2-year college	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	9	
Doctoral/law degree	2	
Not sure/refused	1	

F5. Are you currently employed? **(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Currently Employed		
Professional, manager	23	**[277/308]**
White-collar worker	22	
Blue-collar worker	20	
Farmer, rancher	1	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	2	
Homemaker	5	
Retired	22	
Unemployed, looking for work	4	
Other	-	
Not sure	1	

F6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	21	**[315]**
Not very strong Democrat	10	
Independent/lean Democrat	8	
Strictly independent	16	
Independent/lean Republican	8	
Not very strong Republican	10	
Strong Republican	19	
Other	4	
Not sure/nothing	4	

F7. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	23	**[316]**
Moderate	38	
Conservative	35	
Not sure	4	

F8. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single	22	**[317]**
Married	58	
Separated	2	
Widowed	7	
Divorced	10	
Other (VOL)	-	
Not sure/refused	1	

F9. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household	35	**[318]**
No, no kids under 18 in household	63	
Not sure	2	

F10. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant	52	**CONTINUE**	**[319]**
Catholic	28		
Jewish	2		
Other	11	**Skip to Q.F13**	
None	5		
Not sure/refused	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)

F11. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17	**[320]**
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	31	
Not sure	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F10)	48	

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)

F12. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

Yes, born-again Christian	25	**[321]**
No, not born-again Christian	26	
Not sure/refused	1	
Non-Protestants (Q.F10)	48	

F13. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never	18	**[322]**
Once a year	6	
A few times a year	19	
Once a month	7	
About twice a month	9	
Once a week or more often	38	
Not sure	3	

F14. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member	12	**[323]**
Labor union household	6	
Non-union household	80	
Not sure	2	

F15. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic	8	**[324]**
White	77	
Black	10	
Asian	1	
Other	2	
Not sure/refused	2	

F16. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than $10,000	4	**[325]**
Between $10,000 and $20,000	8	
Between $20,000 and $30,000	10	
Between $30,000 and $40,000	13	
Between $40,000 and $50,000	10	
Between $50,000 and $75,000	18	
Between $75,000 and $100,000	12	
More than $100,000	10	
Not sure/refused	15	

F17. And finally, thinking about all the members of your family who are living at home, would you say that your family's total net worth--that is the value of all savings, investments, and real estate--is less than $25,000, between $25,000 and $50,000, between $50,000 and $100,000, between $100,000 and $200,000, between $200,000 and $300,000, between $300,000 and $400,000, between $400,000 and $500,000, between $500,000 and $750,000, between $750,000 and $1 million or more than $1 million?

Less than $25,000	14	**[326]**
Between $25,000 and $50,000	11	
Between $50,000 and $100,000	12	
Between $100,000 and $200,000	14	
Between $200,000 and $300,000	9	
Between $300,000 and $400,000	4	
Between $400,000 and $500,000	3	
Between $500,000 and $750,000	3	
Between $750,000 and $1 million	3	
More than $1 million	3	
Not sure/refused	24	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEIR FAMILY'S TOTAL NET WORTH IS LESS THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS OR ARE NOT SURE IN Q.F17.)

F18. How likely do you think it is that in the next ten years you will be a millionaire, meaning that your net worth will total at least one million dollars--would you say that it is very likely, fairly likely, fairly unlikely, or very unlikely?

Very likely	7	**[327]**
Fairly likely	10	
Fairly unlikely	15	
Very unlikely	64	
Not sure	4	