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MARCH 21, 2005 - APRIL 4, 2005|N=1,206 COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATES|

MARGIN OF ERROR = +/- 2.8% AT THE 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL|

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

\* indicates percentages of less than 0.5%

1. Are you currently an undergraduate student at a four-year college or university?

	3/05	10/04	3/04	10/03	4/03	10/02	10/01	4/00*		
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)	(n=982)	(n=567)*	
Yes.....	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		

2. Are you a United States citizen?

	3/05	10/04	3/04	10/03	4/03	10/02	10/01	4/00		
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)	(n=982)	(n=567)*	
Yes.....	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		

3. Could you please tell me your age?

	3/05	10/04	3/04	10/03	4/03	10/02	10/01	4/00		
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)	(n=982)			
(n=567)*										
Under 18.....	*	2%	0%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%		
18-20.....	58%	68%	62%	77%	66%	60%	65%	58%		
21-24.....	36%	27%	32%	20%	32%	32%	32%	40%		
Over 24.....	6%	3%	6%							

4. In which year of college are you?

	3/05	10/04	3/04	10/03	4/03	10/02	10/01	4/00	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)	(n=982)	(n=567)				
First/Freshman .....	28%	32%	33%	46%	38%	31%	32%	29%		
Second/Sophomore .....	24%	24%	23%	23%	24%	23%	24%	24%		
Third/Junior.....	22%	20%	19%	15%	20%	20%	20%	19%		
Fourth/Senior .....	22%	21%	22%	14%	17%	23%	22%	24%		
Fifth year plus .....	4%	3%	3%	1%	1%	4%	3%	4%		
Refused .....				1%						

5.A

Now I would like to ask you some questions about voter registration and voting. College students often find it difficult to register because they don't know where they're supposed to register or because it's a hassle. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	3/05	(n=618)*
I was registered .....	86%	
I thought about registering, but didn'.....	5%	
I tried to register but was unable to.....	3%	
I was not registered to vote		
on November 2, 2004.....	6%	
Don'know.....	1%	

6. A

In talking to college students about elections, we often find that they were not able to vote because they couldn't get back home, it was inconvenient to vote absentee, the polling place was hard to get to, or even that they tried but weren't allowed to vote. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	3/05	(n=529)*
I voted at a polling place.....	50%	
I voted by absentee ballot.....	33%	
I planned on voting but wasn't able to ....	11%	
I did not vote in this election .....	5%	
I went to the polling place but wasn't allowed to vote.....	1%	
Don't know .....		

5.B

Now I would like to ask you some questions about voter registration and voting.

In talking to college students about elections, we often find that they were not able to vote because they couldn't get back home, it was inconvenient to vote absentee, the polling place was hard to get to, or even that they tried but weren't allowed to vote. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	3/05	(n=588)*	I voted at a polling place.....42%
I voted by absentee ballot.....	33%		I planned on voting but wasn't able to ....12%
this election .....	11%		I did not vote in
I went to the polling place but wasn't allowed to vote.....	2%		
Don't know.....			

6.B

College students often find it difficult to register because they don't know where they're supposed to register or because it's a hassle. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	3/05	(n=146)*
I was registered .....	47%	
I was not registered to vote on November 2.....	27%	
I thought about registering, but didn'.....	15%	
I tried to register but was unable to.....	10%	
Don't know.....	1%	

7. When it comes to voting, do you consider yourself to be affiliated with the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or are you Independent or Unaffiliated with a major party?

	3/05	10/04	3/04	10/03	4/03	10/02	10/01	4/00	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)	(n=982)	(n=567)*				
Democrat.....	33%	34%	32%	27%	29%	29%	29%	34%		
Republican.....	28%	29%	24%	31%	26%	26%	31%	28%		
Independent/Unaffiliated.....	36%	33%	41%	38%	41%	40%	39%	33%		
Other.....	1%	*	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%		
Refused .....	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	1%	5%		

8. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a liberal, a conservative or a moderate?

	3/05	3/04*
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
Liberal.....	34%	31%
Moderate-Liberal.....	14%	13%
Net: Liberal .....	48%	44%
Moderate.....	15%	23%
Moderate-Conservative.....	12%	10%
Conservative.....	21%	20%

Net: Conservative ..... 33% 30%  
 Don't know/Refused ..... 4% 4%

9. 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?

	3/05	10/04	3/04	10/03	4/03	10/02*
			(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)	(n=1202) (n=1201) (n=1200)
Right Direction .....	41%	41%	47%	46%	58%	45%
Wrong track .....	49%	45%	42%	43%	31%	44%
Mixed [DNR] .....	9%	8%	7%			
Don't know.....	10%	5%	11%	4%	12%	4%

10. Thinking about national issues for a moment, can you please tell me which issue concerns you most?

	3/05	3/04	(n=1206)	(n=1205)
War.....	34%	21%		
Terrorism .....	2%	7%		
Security.....	2%	4%		
Defense - other.....	*	1%		
<b>Net: Defense.....</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>33%</b>		
Economy in general.....	4%	11%		
Jobs .....	1%	4%		
Budget deficit.....	2%	3%		
Economic issues - other .....		4%	2%	
<b>Net: Economy.....</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20%</b>		
Education.....	6%	7%		
Gay marriage.....	2%	6%		
Social - other.....	6%	4%		
Environment.....	3%	2%		
Abortion .....	3%	2%		
<b>Net: Social issues .....</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>		
Foreign policy .....	3%	8%		
Immigration.....				
Foreign issues - other.....	2%	1%		
<b>Net: Foreign issues.....</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>		
Healthcare .....	2%	3%		
Social Security.....	10%			
Domestic issues - other.....	2%	3%		
<b>Net: Domestic issues.....</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>6%</b>		
Other.....	1%			
Government issues.....	1%			
Don't know.....	8%	6%		
None/Nothing.....	1%	4%		

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

	IOP	IOP	NBC/WSJ
	3/05	3/04	3/05
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1002)*
Approve .....	47%	47%	48%
Disapprove.....	46%	45%	46%
Not sure .....	6%	8%	6%

Now, I would like to ask your opinions about a number of issues that have been in the news lately. First Social Security. 12. Recently there has been discussion in Congress about changing Social Security. Some of the proposals would offer people fewer guarantees for the future, but would give people more responsibility and personal ownership.

Thinking about Social Security, where do you believe Congress should place more emphasis:

On providing guarantees for the future,  
 OR,  
 On giving people more responsibility and personal control?

	IOP (n=1206)	NBC/WSJ (n=1008)
Guarantees.....	53%	61%
Personal control.....	38%	32%
Depends .....	1%	5%
Unsure .....	7%	2%

13. In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

	IOP (n=1206)	NBC/WSJ (n=1008)	NBC/WSJ (n=1008)	NBC/WSJ (n=1008)	3/05	2/05	1/05	12/04
Good Idea.....	46%	40%	40%	38%				
Bad Idea .....	42%	51%	50%	50%				
Unsure .....	12%	9%	10%	12%				

14. Please tell me which of the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer:

Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits. OR,

Changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts like IRA's or 401k's and running the risk that some people will lose money in their private accounts due to drops in the stock market.

	IOP 3/05 (n=1206)	NBC/WSJ 2/05 (n=1008)	NBC/WSJ 1/05 (n=1008)	NBC/WSJ 12/04 (n=1008)
Leave basically as is.....	39%	50%	44%	39%
Allow private investment.....		52%	40%	46%
Neither/Other .....	3%	5%	5%	7%
Depends .....	1%	3%	2%	4%
Unsure .....	5%	2%	3%	5%

15.A

How concerned are you that the social security program will not be able to provide the benefits you expect for your mother and father when they retire?

	3/05 (n=618)*
Very concerned.....	24%
Somewhat concerned.....	39%
Net: Concerned.....	63%
Not very concerned.....	24%
Not at all concerned.....	11%
Net: Not concerned.....	35%
Don't know.....	2%

15. B. How concerned are you that the social security program will not be able to provide the benefits you expect when you retire?

	3/05 (n=588)*
Very concerned.....	26%
Somewhat concerned.....	44%
Net: Concerned.....	70%
Not very concerned.....	21%
Not at all concerned.....	8%
Net: Not concerned.....	29%

Don't know..... 1%

16. Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

	IOP (n=1206)	IOP (n=1201)	Gallup (n=1001)	3/05	4/03	3/05*
Legal under any circumstances.....	26%	26%	23%			
Legal only under certain circumstances .	54%	53%	55%			
Illegal in all circumstances.....	18%	20%	20%			
No Opinion.....	2%	1%	2%			

17. Do you think professional baseball players who are found to have broken the sport's rules by using performance-enhancing drugs should or should not be allowed to remain in the record books?

	IOP 3/05 (n=1206)	ABC/ESPN 3/05* (n=1019)
Should.....	35%	33%
Should not.....	58%	62%
Don't know.....	8%	5%

18. Do you support or oppose the United States having gone to war with Iraq?

	3/05 (n=1206)	10/04 (n=1202)	3/04 (n=1205)	10/03 (n=1202)	4/03 (n=1201)
Strongly support.....	19%	23%	22%	30%	37%
Somewhat support.....	25%	23%	27%	29%	29%
Net: Support.....	44%	46%	49%	58%	65%
Somewhat oppose.....	21%	20%	22%	19%	16%
Strongly oppose.....	32%	30%	25%	17%	14%
Net: Oppose.....	53%	50%	47%	37%	30%
Don't know.....	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%

Now, I'd like to change gears a bit and ask you some questions about U.S. foreign policy. Please listen carefully because after I read each statement, I would like you to pick any number from 1 and 5 where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree. The first statement is,

19. As the world's wealthiest country the US should be the largest contributor of humanitarian aid to other countries.

	*3/05 (n=1206)
Strongly disagree.....	3%
Somewhat disagree.....	8%
Net: Disagree.....	11%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	29%
Somewhat agree.....	35%
Strongly agree .....	26%
Net: Agree.....	61%
Don't know .....	0%

20. In cases of genocide or ethnic cleansing the US should commit troops to prevent such acts.

	*3/05 (n=1206)
Strongly disagree.....	3%
Somewhat disagree.....	8%
Net: Disagree.....	11%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	24%
Somewhat agree.....	35%
Strongly agree .....	30%
Net: Agree.....	65%
Don't know .....	

21. The US should work to spread freedom and democracy across the world.

\*3/05\*

(n=1206)\*  
Strongly disagree..... 8%  
Somewhat disagree..... 21%  
Net: Disagree..... 29%  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 35%  
Somewhat agree..... 21%  
Strongly agree ..... 15%  
Net: Agree..... 36%  
Don't know .....

22. The US should work to spread freedom and democracy even if it involves significant US casualties. \*

3/05|

(n=1206)  
Strongly disagree..... 25%  
Somewhat disagree..... 34%  
Net: Disagree..... 59%  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 28%  
Somewhat agree..... 10%  
Strongly agree ..... 3%  
Net: Agree..... 13%  
Don't know .....

23. The US should work to spread freedom and democracy even if it involves significant taxpayer dollars. \*

3/05|

(n=1206)  
Strongly disagree..... 16%  
Somewhat disagree..... 30%  
Net: Disagree..... 46%  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 34%  
Somewhat agree..... 16%  
Strongly agree ..... 4%  
Net: Agree..... 20%  
Don't know .....

24. It is important for the US to be respected by the rest of the world. |3/05|

(n=1206)\*Strongly disagree..... 7%  
Somewhat disagree..... 8%  
Net: Disagree..... 15%  
Neither agree nor disagree..... 21%  
Somewhat agree..... 32%  
Strongly agree ..... 32%  
Net: Agree..... 64%  
Don't know .....

Thinking some more about foreign policy, please tell me whether you think the following events will occur , never, in the next year, in the next 5 years, 10 years, or 20 years or more?

25. Peace between Israel and Palestine. |3/05| (n=1206)

Never ..... 26%  
In the next one year..... 1%  
In the next 5 years ..... 12%  
In the next 10 years ..... 24%  
20 years or more..... 34%  
Don't know..... 5%

26. Democracy in the Middle East

3/05|

(n=1206)  
Never ..... 15%  
In the next one year..... 2%  
In the next 5 years ..... 16%  
In the next 10 years ..... 28%

20 years or more..... 37%  
 Don't know..... 3%

27. Another large scale terrorist attack in the United States

3/05 | (n=1206)\*  
 Never ..... 8%  
 In the next one year..... 9%  
 In the next 5 years ..... 40%  
 In the next 10 years ..... 27%  
 20 years or more..... 13%  
 Don't know..... 4%

28. Iraq will be a fully functioning, free democracy, without assistance from the rest of the world.

|3/05|  
 (n=1206)  
 Never ..... 12%  
 In the next one year..... 1%  
 In the next 5 years ..... 17%  
 In the next 10 years ..... 33%  
 20 years or more..... 34%  
 Don't know..... 2%

29. A nuclear weapon will be used against the United States. |3/05\*

(n=1206)  
 Never ..... 34%  
 In the next one year..... 1%  
 In the next 5 years ..... 9%  
 In the next 10 years ..... 14%  
 20 years or more..... 38%  
 Don't know..... 5%

30. The United States will invade another country.

|3/05| (n=1206)  
 Never ..... 7%  
 In the next one year..... 18%  
 In the next 5 years ..... 39%  
 In the next 10 years ..... 23%  
 20 years or more..... 10%  
 Don't know..... 3%

[If In the next one year ]  
 What country do you think the United States will invade?

3/05\*  
 (n=183)  
 Iran..... 34%  
 North Korea ..... 21%  
 Syria..... 6%  
 Somewhere in the Middle East..... 3%  
 Saudi Arabia ..... 2%  
 Other..... 15%

31. Over the last few years, 1,500 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq and many more have been seriously wounded yet Iraq recently held free elections. Would you tolerate further casualties if Iraq continues to make progress towards a free democracy?

3/05 | (n=1206)  
 Yes..... 51%  
 No ..... 44%  
 Don't know..... 5%

32. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

The United States should take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts. OR,

The United States should let other countries and the United Nations take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts.

	IOP   9/02   (n=1206)	CBS   (n=448)
3/05		
US should take the lead.....	23%	46%
Let other countries and UN take the lead.....	74%	48%
Depends (CBS only).....	-	2%
Don't know.....	4%	4%

Now, I'd like to switch gears and read you another group of statements. Please listen carefully because after I read each I would like you to pick any number from 1 and 5 where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree.  
The first statement is,

33. The best way to increase economic growth and create jobs is to cut taxes.

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04   (n=1202)
3/05		
Strongly disagree.....	11%	13%
Somewhat disagree.....	23%	24%
Net: Disagree:.....	34%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	46%	39%
Somewhat agree.....	13%	16%
Strongly agree .....	5%	6%
Net: Agree.....	18%	22%
Don't know .....	1%	1%

34. Our country's goal in trade policy should be to eliminate all barriers to trade and employment so that we have a truly global economy.

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04*   (n=1202)
3/05		
Strongly disagree.....	5%	7%
Somewhat disagree.....	14%	18%
Net: Disagree.....	19%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	43%	38%
Somewhat agree.....	26%	27%
Strongly agree .....	12%	10%
Net: Agree.....	38%	37%
Don't know .....	1%	

35. Basic health insurance is a right for all people, and if someone has no means of paying for it, the government should provide it.

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04   (n=1202)
3/05		
Strongly disagree.....	4%	4%
Somewhat disagree.....	7%	10%
Net: Disagree.....	11%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	20%	17%
Somewhat agree.....	31%	32%
Strongly agree .....	38%	37%
Net: Agree.....	69%	69%
Don't know .....	*	

36. Qualified minorities should be given special preferences in hiring and education.

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04   (n=1202)
3/05		
Strongly disagree.....	22%	21%
Somewhat disagree.....	27%	27%
Net: Disagree.....	49%	48%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	29%	31%
Somewhat agree.....	14%	16%
Strongly agree .....	6%	5%

Net: Agree.....	20%	21%
Don't know .....	1%	

37. Religious values should play a more important role in government. |3/05|3/04| (n=1206)

	(n=1202)	
Strongly disagree.....	39%	37%
Somewhat disagree.....	20%	22%
Net: Disagree.....	59%	59%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	18%	17%
Somewhat agree.....	13%	13%
Strongly agree .....	10%	11%
Net: Agree.....	23%	24%
Don't know .....	*	

38. In today's world, it is sometimes necessary to attack potentially hostile countries, rather than waiting until we are attacked to respond.

	3/05	3/04	(
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	
Strongly disagree.....	13%	15%	
Somewhat disagree.....	23%	25%	
Net: Disagree.....	36%	40%	
Neither agree nor disagree.....	32%	27%	
Somewhat agree.....	22%	22%	
Strongly agree .....	10%	12%	
Net: Agree.....	32%	34%	
Don't know .....	1%		

39. Protecting the environment should be as high a priority for government as protecting jobs.

	3/05	3/04	(
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	
Strongly disagree.....	2%	4%	
Somewhat disagree.....	10%	12%	
Net: Disagree.....	12%	16%	
Neither agree nor disagree.....	23%	24%	
Somewhat agree.....	35%	37%	
Strongly agree .....	30%	23%	
Net: Agree.....	65%	60%	
Don't know .....	*		

40. Homosexual relationships between consenting adults are morally wrong.

	3/05	3/04	(
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	
Strongly disagree.....	47%	43%	
Somewhat disagree.....	13%	14%	
Net: Disagree.....	60%	57%	
Neither agree nor disagree.....	11%	12%	
Somewhat agree.....	9%	9%	
Strongly agree .....	20%	21%	
Net: Agree.....	29%	30%	
Don't know .....	1%	1%	

41. If parents had more freedom to choose where they could send their children to school, the education system in this country would be much better.

	3/05	3/04	(
	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	
Strongly disagree.....	10%	11%	
Somewhat disagree.....	24%	21%	
Net: Disagree.....	34%	32%	
Neither agree nor disagree.....	25%	29%	
Somewhat agree.....	25%	25%	
Strongly agree .....	16%	14%	
Net: Agree.....	40%	39%	
Don't know .....	1%		

42. I am concerned about the moral direction of the country. \*

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04   (n=1202)
Strongly disagree.....	10%	8%
Somewhat disagree.....	15%	14%
Net: Disagree.....	25%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	23%	21%
Somewhat agree.....	26%	28%
Strongly agree .....	25%	28%
Net: Agree.....	51%	56%
Don't know .....		

43. Recent immigration into this country has done more good than harm.

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04   (n=1202)
Strongly disagree.....	9%	9%
Somewhat disagree.....	19%	19%
Net: Disagree.....	28%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	39%	41%
Somewhat agree.....	24%	22%
Strongly agree .....	9%	8%
Net: Agree.....	33%	30%
Don't know .....	1%	1%

44. Based on the current state of the economy, do you think it will be very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult for students in your class to find a permanent job upon graduation?

	3/05   (n=1206)	3/04   (n=1205)	10/03   (n=1202)	4/03   (n=1200)
Very easy.....	4%	4%	5%	3%
Somewhat easy .....	27%	27%	23%	21%
Net: Easy .....	31%	31%	28%	24%
Somewhat difficult .....	58%	54%	58%	59%
Very difficult .....	10%	13%	13%	15%
Net: Difficult .....	68%	67%	71%	74%
Don't know.....	1%	3%	1%	2%

45. Do you remember who you voted for in the 2004 election for President? If yes, did you vote for:

	3/05   (n=883)
John Kerry .....	52%
George W. Bush.....	38%
Ralph Nader.....	2%
Someone else.....	2%
DK/Refused .....	5%
Don't remember.....	1%

46. Thinking about how you voted in 2004, how likely are you to vote for a Presidential candidate of different party in 2008?

	3/05   (n=883)
Very likely.....	9%
Somewhat likely.....	32%
Net: Likely.....	41%
Not very likely.....	27%
Not at all likely.....	25%
Net: Not likely.....	52%
Don't know/Refused .....	7%

47. Based on this last presidential campaign, would you say you are more likely or less likely to get involved in politics in the future?

	3/05   (n=1206)
More likely.....	67%

Less likely ..... 25%  
 No difference ..... 7%

Don't know/Refused .....

48. People get involved in campaigns in a number of different ways. In the last presidential campaign, did you,Ä¶

	3/05	(n=1206)
Donate money .....	3%	
Donate your time .....	18%	
Donate time and money.....	4%	
None of the above .....	75%	
Don't know/Refused .....	* -	

The following questions are for statistical purposes only, to make sure that we have a representative sample.

49. Can you please tell me which state you grew up in (spent most of your time in elementary school and high school)?

	3/05	(n=1206)*New England .....	6%
Middle Atlantic .....	12%		
South Atlantic.....	18%		
East North Central .....	23%		
East South Central.....	6%		
West North Central.....	12%		
West South Central .....	11%		
Mountain.....	7%	Pacific .....	7%
Overseas .....	-		
Refused .....	5%		

50. Which of the following best describes the area where you grew up (spent most of your time in elementary school and high school), a city of 100,000 or more, a suburb of a city of 100,000 or more, a small city, a town or, a rural area?

	3/05	(n=1206)
City of 100,000 or more .....	21%	
Suburb .....	28%	
Small city .....	18%	
Town.....	18%	
Rural area.....	15%	
Don't know.....	1%	

51. Which one of these best describes your religious preferences:

	3/05	10/04	(n=1206)	(n=1202)*Fundamentalist/Evangelical
Christian.....	15%	22%	Protestant .....	29% 18%
Catholic.....	24%	25%		
Jewish .....	3%	2%		
Muslim .....	1%			
Some other .....	7%	13%		
No religious preference .....	21%	20%		
Refused .....	1%	2%		

52. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian, or not?

	IOP	IOP	IOP	3/05	10/04	3/04*
	(n=905)		(n=939)			
Yes.....	34%	35%	33%			
No .....	63%	62%	65%			
DK/Refused .....	3%	3%	2%			

53. How important would you say religion is in your own life:

	3/05	10/04	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
Very important .....	39%	42%		

Fairly important.....	33%	34%
Net: Important.....	72%	76%
Not very important .....	17%	15%
Not at all important.....	10%	9%
Net: Not important .....	27%	24%
Don't know/Refused .....	*	

54. Do you consider yourself to be of Latino or Hispanic ancestry, or not?

	3/05   10/04	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
Yes.....	6%	6%	
No .....	94%	93%	
Don't know.....	*	1%	

55. Could you please tell me your race?

	3/05   10/04   3/04	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)
White .....	79%	75%	78%	
African American .....	9%	11%	8%	
Mixed .....	2%	3%		
Asian.....	3%	4%	4%	
Other.....	6%	5%	7%	Don' Know/Refused.....1% 2% 2%

56. For tabulation purposes only, please tell me which of the following income categories includes your parents' total household income for 2004, less than \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$100,000, or \$100,000 or over?

	3/05   10/04   3/04   10/03   4/03   10/02   10/01*	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	
	(n=1200)	(n=982)					
Less than \$50,000 .....	22%	22%	33%	28%	31%	38%	27%
\$50,000-\$99,999.....	42%	37%	34%	36%	34%	34%	39%
\$100,000 or over.....	27%	26%	20%	22%	21%	14%	24%
Don't know/Refused .....	10%	15%	13%	15%	14%	15%	10%

57. Gender

	3/05   10/04   3/04   10/03   4/03   10/02   10/01   4/00	(n=1206)	(n=1202)	(n=1205)	(n=1202)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)
	(n=982)	(n=567)					
Male.....	47%	44%	48%	46%	47%	50%	50%
Female.....	53%	56%	52%	54%	53%	50%	50%

58. Do you attend a public or private institution?

	3/05   10/04   3/04   10/03   4/03   10/02	(n=1206)	(n=1202)			
	(n=1205)	(n=1201)	(n=1200)			
Public.....	81%	76%	72%	74%	75%	75%
Private.....	19%	24%	28%	26%	25%	25%

And finally , you have been selected to answer three multiple choice questions which appear on the United States Citizenship test. Listen carefully because I will read four answer choices for each question. Just do the best you can. Here's the first one. . .

59. Who is the Vice President of the US?

	3/05	(n=1206)
Dick Cheney .....	97%	
George W. Bush.....	1%	
Al Gore.....	1%	
Colin Powell.....	1%	

60. What are the duties of the Supreme Court?

	3/05	(n=1206)
To interpret laws .....	69%	
To execute laws.....	22%	
To write laws.....	5%	
To serve the President as Cabinet members.....	4%	

61. What is the Bill of Rights?

	3/05	(n=1206)
The first 10 amendments of the Constitution.....	85%	
The first part of the Declaration of Independence.....	12%	
The Preamble.....	3%	
The Pledge of Allegiance.....	1%	62.

RECODE HOME STATE INTO REGION

	3/05	10/04	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
New England .....	6%	3%		
Middle Atlantic .....	12%	9%		
South Atlantic.....	18%	15%		
East North Central .....	23%	30%		
East South Central.....	6%	7%		
West North Central.....	12%	13%		
West South Central .....	11%	10%		
Mountain.....	7%	6%	Pacific .....	5% 6% 63.

RECORD NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FROM LIST

64. RECORD STATE WHERE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IS LOCATED

65. RECODE COLLEGE STATE INTO REGION

	3/05	10/04	(n=1206)	(n=1202)
New England.....	6%	2%		
Middle Atlantic .....	10%	8%		
South Atlantic.....	20%	16%		
East North Central .....	21%	31%		
East South Central.....	8%	8%		
West North Central.....	14%	14%		
West South Central .....	11%	10%		
Mountain.....	8%	8%	Pacific .....	2% 3%