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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1993

Bruce,

The President wanted to discuss Bobby Simpson of Arkansas for the remaining spot on the Council. According to Paul Miller (Disabilities Outreach), Bobby is the top candidate for the position of Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services Administration in the Department of Education.

Janet

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: BRUCE LINDSEY, Director of Presidential Personnel

FROM: JANET BLANCHARD, Associate Director
TOM SHEA, Deputy Associate Director

RE: NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

I. BACKGROUND

The Council is responsible for promoting the integration, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities in the community, schools, the workplace and all other aspects of American life. In the fulfillment of this mission, the Council evaluates the effectiveness of federal government programs and statutes concerning individuals with disabilities. The Council has an annual budget of approximately \$1.5 million and a full-time staff of eight.

II. DISCUSSION

There are currently seven available positions on the Council. The President recently approved the nomination of the following six individuals: Marca Bristo (D-IL) as Chair; Bonnie O'Day (D-MA); Hughey Walker (D-SC); Michele Alioto (D-CA); John Gannon (D-OH); and, Lawrence Brown (I-MD). This memorandum addresses the remaining available position.

III. RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that you approve the nomination of the following individual:

KATE PEW WOLTERS, Democrat of Michigan, to be a member of the National Council on Disability, vice Alvis Waldrep, Jr. Ms. Wolters is the Executive Director of the Steelcase Foundation, Grand Rapids, MI, a corporate foundation which issues community grants. She also serves as Chair of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council. Ms. Wolters has been disabled since birth.

Sponsor(s): Jim Blanchard; Paul Miller, Disabilities Outreach.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

MARCA BRISTO, Democrat of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on Disabilities, vice Sandra Parrino. Ms. Bristo became disabled in a diving accident in 1979. She currently serves as the president and chief executive officer of Access Living, a non-residential independent living program for people with disabilities. Ms. Bristo helped to organize the disabilities community for Clinton/Gore '92.

Sponsor(s): Sen. Braun (D-IL); Sen. Harkin (D-IA); Sen. Simon (D-IL); Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-IL).

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

BONNIE O'DAY, Democrat of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Council on Disabilities, vice George Oberle, Jr. Ms. O'Day, who is blind, currently serves as the Executive Director of the Boston Center for Independent Living, a non-profit organization providing services and advocacy for people with severe disabilities. She was a 1990 recipient of the Americans With Disabilities Act Award and helped to organize the disabilities community in Massachusetts for Clinton-Gore '92.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

HUGHEY WALKER, Democrat of South Carolina, to be member of the National Council on Disabilities, vice Mary Mobley Collins. Mr. Walker has served as Chair of the Georgetown County (SC) Council since 1982. Prior to 1982, Mr. Walker was the Advocate Counselor for the South Carolina Protection and Advocacy System for the Handicapped. Mr. Walker lost the use of his legs as a result of a gun-shot wound he received while in combat in Vietnam.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

MICHELE ALIOTO, Democrat of California, to be a member of the National Council on Disability, vice Robert Muller. Ms. Alioto is the wife of former San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto. She has been deaf in one ear since birth and, in 1981, her daughter suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury while skiing. She has been active in raising public awareness with respect to the rights of the disabled and has raised over five million dollars for medical research. Additionally, Ms. Alioto is the founder of the American Paralysis Association and the National Research Institute for Neural Injury at the University of California. She is the Director, Producer, Writer and host of segments on INSIDE CITY LIMITS, a television program on the Viacom Cable Network.

Sponsor(s): Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA); Rep. Marks (D-CA); Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

We recommend that you approve the nomination for reappointment of the following individuals:

JOHN ANTHONY GANNON, Democrat of Ohio, to be a member of the National Council on Disabilities. Mr. Gannon is currently the Acting Chair of the Council. He is the President emeritus of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and the immediate past vice president of the AFL-CIO's Public Employees Department. He helped foster the development of the IAFF Burn Foundation to raise funds for research on the care of burn victims and recently represented the United States at an international conference on disabilities in Vienna.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

LAWRENCE BROWN, JR., Independent of Maryland, to be a member of the National Council on Disabilities. Mr. Brown is an executive with the Xerox Corporation and a former running back with the Washington Redskins. He has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to helping those in the community, especially those with disabilities. Moreover, he has been a tireless and productive member of the Council.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

We recommend that you approve the designation of the following individual:

MARCA BRISTO, Democrat of Illinois, to be **Chair** of the National Council on Disabilities, vice John Gannon.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

IV. OTHERS CONSIDERED

Other candidates considered for appointment to the Council are set forth in the spreadsheet attached hereto.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES BACKGROUND INFORMATION

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT: PAS - Members of the Council are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SENATE COMMITTEE REFERRAL: Nominations to the Council will be referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

AUTHORIZING STATUTE OR EXECUTIVE ORDER: 29 U.S.C. § 780.

CABINET DEPARTMENT AFFILIATION: Independent.

COMPOSITION: The Council is composed of fifteen (15) members, who shall be appointed so as to be representative of handicapped individuals, national organizations concerned with the handicapped, providers and administrators of services to the handicapped, individuals engaged in conducting medical or scientific research relating to handicapped individuals, business concerns, and labor organizations. **At least five (5) members of the Council shall be disabled individuals, or parents or guardians of disabled individuals.**

TERM LENGTHS: Members of the Council shall serve for terms of three (3) years. Members may be reappointed and may serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have taken office.

COMPENSATION: Members of the Council shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate equal to the rate of basic pay for grade GS-18, including travel time, for each day engaged in the performance of their duties. In addition, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Council, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence. Members of the Council who are full-time officers or employees of the United States, shall receive no additional compensation on account of their services on the Council except for compensation for travel expenses.

METHOD OF CHAIR SELECTION: The President shall designate the Chair from among the members of the Council.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Term</u>
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RAETHER, Mary M.	Member	R	VA	9/17/94
RYAN, Shirley W.	Member	R	IL	9/17/94
ALLISON, Linda W.	Member	R	TX	9/17/93
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UNHJEM, Michael B.	Member	R	ND	9/17/93
WALSH, Helen W.	Member	R	CT	9/17/93
PARRINO, Sandra S.*	Member	R	NY	9/17/92
BROWN, Jr., Lawrence*	Member	I	MD	9/17/92
GANNON, John A.*	Acting Chair	D	OH	9/17/92
OBERLE, Jr., George H.*	Member	R	OK	9/17/92
WALDREP, Jr., Alvis K.*	Member	R	TX	9/17/92
MOBLEY COLLINS, Mary A.*	Member	R	CA	9/17/91
MULLER, Robert S.*	Member	R	MI	9/17/91

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:**Member to be replaced:****WALDREP, JR., Alvis Kent (R-TX)**

Education: Attended Texas Christian University. **Employment:** Member, National Council on Disability, 1982-Present; Founder, President and CEO, Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation, 1985-Present; President and CEO, American Paralysis Association, 1982-1985; Founder, President and CEO, Kent Waldrep International Spinal Cord Research Foundation, 1979-1981; Assistant Sports Information Director, Texas Christian University, 1977-1979.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE LINDSEY

SUBJECT: National Council on Disabilities

FROM: Mike Lux
Special Assistant to the President

Of all the interest groups we deal with, one of the most contentious relationships throughout the campaign, transition, and the administration so far, has been with the disability community. They are strongly requesting a meeting with the President before the May 3 health deadline, and OPL is considering that request.

Before it makes sense to do such a meeting, however, it is very important to have already appointed the National Council on Disabilities members. It would help our politics with that constituency immeasurably, and make a meeting with the President a relatively friendly one.

I understand from Paul Miller that the NCOD appointments are essentially settled on, and only require one final sign off by you and the President. Given our narrow window of timing on the above mentioned meeting, I'd like to encourage swift action on those appointments.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Alexis Herman
Steve Hilton

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRUCE LINDSEY, Director of Presidential Personnel
DATE: February 4, 1993
RE: NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

I. PURPOSE

The Council is responsible for promoting policies, programs, practices and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability, and, that empower individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

II. DISCUSSION

There are currently six available positions on the Council. These positions, along with the designation of a permanent Chair, will be addressed in a separate decision memorandum later this week. This memorandum addresses the designation of one of the current members to serve as the Acting Chair.

The current Chair of the Council, Sandra Parrino, a Bush appointee, is planning to attend an upcoming international disability conference, in Austria, as a representative of the Clinton Administration. In order to prevent this, and to allow a member of our choosing to attend the conference, we must appoint an Acting Chair from among the current membership.

III. RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that you approve the appointment of the following individual:

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Sponsor(s): Disability Rights Education Defense Fund.

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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SENATE COMMITTEE REFERRAL: Nominations to the Commission will be referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

AUTHORIZING STATUTE: 29 U.S.C. 780

CABINET DEPARTMENT AFFILIATION: Independent.

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OTHER MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: The members shall be individuals with disabilities or individuals who have substantial knowledge or experience relating to disability policy or programs.

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COMPENSATION: Members are compensated at the rate of Executive Service Level IV for each day engaged in the performance of their duties for the Commission, including travel time. As of January 1992, Level IV was set at \$112,100 (approximately \$430 per day based upon 260 working days per year).

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Lindsey
FROM: Janet & Tom
RE: Designating new Chair for Disability Commission
DATE: February 3, 1993

Attached please find the appropriate paperwork which outlines the need to designate a new chair of the National Council on Disability.

The current chair needs to be replaced immediately. She plans to attend a national conference on Monday in Austria representing the Administration. We do not want this to happen.

Mr. John Gannon, a member of the Council, should be designated as ACTING chair.

Tom can be reached in our office at 2825 or I can be reached at home at (703) 276-1678. We would like to make the appropriate telephone calls this evening to replace Sandra Parrino with John Gannon.

Please let us know.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ BRUCE LINDSEY, Director of Presidential Personnel
JOHN EMERSON, Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel
JAN PIERCY, Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel

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New Candidate to be designated as Acting Chair:

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RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that you approve the appointment of the following individual:

JOHN A. GANNON, of Ohio, to be Acting Chairman, National Council on Disability, vice, Sandra S. Parrino.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Continue search _____

Appoint _____ instead.

MEMORANDUM

To: Alexis Herman, Mike Lux, Melanne Verveer, Bruce Lindsey, John Emerson, John Podesta, Marcia Hale

Cc: George Stephanopoulos, Bob Boorstin

Fr: Ricki Seidman

Re: Trouble Spots with the Disability Community

I received a call from Pat Wright at the Disability Rights and Education Fund (DREDF). She raised several issues (large and small) to which I believe we should devote immediate attention.

As you may recall, during the debates we had a bit of tension with the disability community. In general they feel that the President paid no attention to their concerns during the campaign or the transition. They are seeking signs of our goodwill.

1. The disability community feels that they have received no attention from the principals or anyone of influence in this Administration.

The problem here is sparked by the fact that Bob Reich is going to speak to a Republican disability group today, when no Administration official has spoken to any Democratic disability group. Pat called the Labor Department and was told that Reich was going because of a personal friend in the group. The problem is not that Reich is going to speak to the group's luncheon. It is that neither he nor any other Cabinet member has plans to speak to any Democratic group.

Proposed Solution: A high level Administration official, perhaps even a principal should attend or put in an appearance at DREDF's Gala on Saturday night. The President and First Lady and the Vice President and Second Lady are honorary co-chairs of the Gala. (This should be resolved by **Public Liaison.**)

2. A Reagan/Bush holdover at the National Council on Disability, Sandy Perino, is apparently going to Austria to represent the Administration on disability issues.

Ms. Perino is HATED by the disability community. Tom Harkin wrote into the appropriations legislation a termination of her term as head of the Council in order to move her out of the job. The disability community believes that President Clinton should ask for the resignation of independent agency heads as Reagan did.

Proposed Solution: **Public Liaison** should look into whether Perino is in fact making the trip and take appropriate action, as allowed by law, to assure that Perino does not represent the Clinton Administration. This is a very big issue for the disability community. **Personnel** should look into whether Perino's resignation has been requested, and if not, when it should be requested.

3. The disability advocacy community has only one candidate for a senior-level Administration post and they have no indication whether that individual is being given serious consideration.

According to Wright, the one person being promoted by the disability community for a sub-Cabinet level job is Judy Heumann, a candidate for Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the Department of Education. Wright said that Heumann has been unable to ascertain whether she is being seriously considered, and that Harkin has inquired unsuccessfully on her behalf.

At the same time, a South Carolinian, Joe Dusenberry reportedly has already had two interviews for the job. Dusenberry runs the only state agency in the country that does not have an independent living program for disabled people, and according to Wright, Dusenberry has opposed instituting such a program.

Proposed solution: **Personnel** should inquire into this matter and assure that Heumann receives serious consideration. If Dusenberry is a serious candidate, **Personnel** should ascertain whether the concerns of the disability community are accurate.

4. The disability community feels slighted in small, symbolic ways that could be easily corrected.

The DREDF Gala includes an auction. Last year, President Bush provided an autographed copy of the ADA bill and Dan Quayle donated a golf club to the auction. Through Tony Coelho, Wright has requested an autographed copy of Clinton's inaugural address for the auction this year and believes the request has been turned down. It is easily believable that this request just never reached the right person (I'm not even sure who the right person is.)

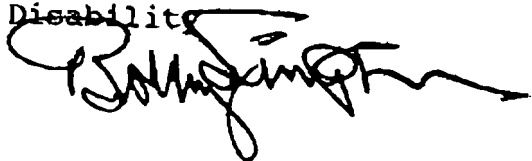
Note: We are sending a letter from the President and First Lady that will be printed in the program. The printer's deadline is today.

Proposed solution: The **Staff Secretary** should arrange for the President to autograph a copy of the Inaugural Address for the DREDF auction.

Pat Wright was instrumental in the passage of the ADA. She is the disability's most effective advocate and is highly respected throughout the entire civil rights community. She is a friend of the Administration and wants to help fend off possible challenges from other disability groups, including protest letters and wheelchair demonstrators in front of the White House. She can be reached at 202/986-0375.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Lindsey, Assistant to the President and
Senior Advisor and Director, Office of Personnel

FROM: Bobby C. Simpson, Transition Disability
Constituency Coordinator 

DATE: January 26, 1993

SUBJECT: Destructive Action by Bush Appointee

On Friday, January 23, 1993, Ms. Sandra Parino, the Bush appointed Chairperson of the National Council on Disability (NCD) gave the Clinton administration and Democrats with disabilities a proverbial "slap in the face" by hiring Mr. Drew Batavia a conservative Republican as the new Executive Director of the NCD. Both Ms. Parino and Mr. Batavia were members of the National Executive Council of Americans with Disabilities for Bush\Quayle '92 and actively worked to defeat President Clinton. Ms. Parino has not resigned her position as most Republican Presidential appointees have done after being so instructed by the Bush administration. She has taken advantage of the power of her position by hiring a new Executive Director of NCD, during the transition process and ignored warnings that such action would cause grave concern amongst the disability community.

Ms. Parino advertised the \$90,000 a year position in December with a closing date of January 17, 1993. Many advocates with disabilities reported this action to Senator Pryor's Federal Services Subcommittee which was attempting to stop such actions during the transition process. In my capacity as Transition Disability Constituency Coordinator, I reported Parino's actions to transition officials as well as Senator Pryor's office.

Mr. Lindsey, Americans with disabilities actively supported and voted for the Clinton-Gore ticket in record numbers (see attached Harris Poll report of November 29, 1992). During the transition process, we have processed hundreds of resumes of qualified Democrats with disabilities who want to work in President Clinton's Administration. Numerous individuals were "sponsored" by David Wilhelm, Mike Lux and others. Several highly qualified disabled persons expressed specific interest in the position of NCD Chairperson,

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Executive Director and council members -- all of whom serve at the pleasure of the President. I assure you that Ms. Parinos actions will result in a outpouring of protest from the national disability constituency. In my opinion, as long as Ms. Parino remains as Chairperson of the NCD, her actions will be counter productive to the Clinton administration agenda. Her new Executive Director will have little credibility amongst the disability community.

It is obvious that Ms. Parino will not resign on her own initiative and I hope appropriate action can be taken to resolve this issue. The NCD can play a viable role in moving America forward when the leadership and general membership of NCD is composed of President Clinton's appointees. Immediate action regarding this situation will provide a badly needed signal to the many thousands of Americans with disabilities who actively supported President Clinton that they are a valued and "included" constituency in his new Administration.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact me at (work) 501-682-6708 or (home) 501-221-9497 if additional information is needed.

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Attachment

The Harris Poll

THE HARRIS POLL 1992 #76

For release: Sunday, November 29, 1992

PRESIDENT BUSH DID POORLY AMONG DISABLED VOTERS IN SPITE OF PASSING MAJOR NEW LAW TO HELP DISABLED PEOPLE

by Humphrey Taylor

Despite all the support he gave to legislation to help the disabled, President Bush was badly beaten by Bill Clinton among disabled voters. The president championed the Americans with Disabilities Act, a new law giving disabled people important new rights, pushing it through Congress and referring to it repeatedly during the campaign.

past record

In the election, Clinton enjoyed a 24 percent lead among disabled voters, which was 19 percentage points better than his 5 point margin of victory. In 1988, George Bush lost the disabled vote by 5 percentage points to Michael Dukakis, which was only 13 points worse than Bush's 8 point margin of victory.

In 1988, Harris surveys tracking the voting intentions of the disabled showed Bush making strong gains among this group before the election. In that campaign, Bush spoke to the concerns of disabled voters in several appearances, including his acceptance speech at the Republican convention, which seemed to help him.

Disabled people form a large, but often overlooked, block of voters. There are more disabled voters than black voters, for example, but they received much less attention from the candidates, the parties and the media. In total, disabled people comprise at least 13 percent of the population and about 10 percent of those who actually vote.

During the 1992 campaign, President Bush made repeated references to the Americans with Disabilities Act, which he pushed through the Congress, presumably with a view to attracting disabled voters. Even though this was a major piece of legislation that gave disabled people very important new rights, Mr. Bush failed to do well among disabled voters this time.

X No future plan

In 1992, it seems likely that disabled voters -- who are much poorer and are much more likely to be unemployed than other voters -- were particularly badly hit by the nation's economic problems for which George Bush was generally blamed.

Clinton offered

Furthermore, they were more concerned about health care reform, an issue where Clinton enjoyed a clear advantage. For these and possibly other reasons, disabled voters did not vote to support a president who has pushed very hard for their rights, harder than many Conservatives and Republicans would have liked.

Humphrey Taylor is the President and CEO of Louis Harris and Associates, Inc.

(NOTE TO EDITORS: This is the last Harris Poll that will focus on the 1992 election.)

TABLE 1

**HOW DISABLED PEOPLE VOTED IN '88 AND '92
COMPARED TO ALL VOTERS**

	<u>1988</u>		<u>1992</u>	
	<u>Disabled</u> %	<u>All</u> %	<u>Disabled</u> %	<u>All</u> %
Bush	47	54	27	37
Dukakis/Clinton	52	46	41	42
Perot ('92 only)	-	-	21	19
Other Candidates	1	1	1	1
Bush Lead	-5	8	-24	-5
Difference in lead between All Voters and Disabled Voters	13% (More Democratic)		19% (More Democratic)	

TABLE 2

DISABLED AND ALL VOTERS COMPARED AT FIVE POINTS IN CAMPAIGN

	<u>DISABLED LIKELY REGISTERED VOTERS</u>				<u>ALL LIKELY VOTERS</u>			
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot*</u>	<u>None/ Other/ Not Sure</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>None/ Other/ Not Sure</u>
<u>Between Conventions</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Aug. 17-19	29	63	N/A	8	36	60	N/A	4
<u>After Republican Convention</u>								
Aug. 26-Sept. 1	34	40	23	3	35	38	22	5
Oct. 2-4	20	61	14	6	36	53	9	3
Oct. 20-22	25	51	16	8	32	46	18	4
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	26	50	18	6	37	43	16	4

*Where asked.

TABLE 3

CLINTON LEAD OVER BUSH AT FIVE POINTS IN CAMPAIGN

	<u>Among Disabled Likely Voters</u>	<u>Among All Likely Voters</u>	<u>Difference*</u>
	%	%	%
Aug. 17-19	34	24	10
Aug. 26-Sept. 1	6	3	3
Oct. 2-4	41	17	24
Oct. 20-22	26	14	12
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	24	6	18

*More Democratic.

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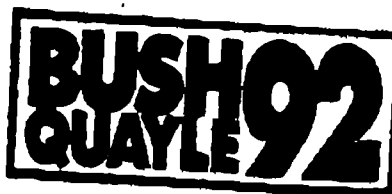
This column was based on several Harris Polls conducted by telephone within the United States between Aug. 17-Aug. 19, Aug. 26-Sept. 1, Oct. 2-Oct. 4, Oct. 20-Oct. 22 and Oct. 30-Nov. 1, among a nationwide cross section of 1,256 adults, 904 likely voters, 1,015 likely voters, 1,021 likely voters and 2,169 likely voters respectively from a sample of 1,256 adults, 1500 adults, 1,583 adults, 1600 adults and 3,197 adults respectively. Figures for age, sex, race and education were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population.

In theory, with a sample of this size, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3 percentage points of what they would be if the entire adult population had been polled with complete accuracy. Unfortunately, there are several other possible sources of error in all polls or surveys which are probably more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. They include refusals to be interviewed (non-response), question wording and question order, interviewer bias, weighting by demographic control data and screening (e.g., for likely voters.) It is difficult or impossible to quantify the errors which may result from these factors.

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