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Mood of the Country

	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/07	12/15
Country: Right/Wrong Track	44/42	47/40	52/38	53/34	52/36
Economy: Right/Wrong Track	64/27	68/25	73/20	70/22	69/23

Favorability

President Clinton	52/47	52/47	54/44	57/43	55/44
Gore	53/41	50/45	49/43	51/44	48/46

Clinton Job Approval	62/37	62/38	66/33	65/35	66/33
Strongly Approve	27	24	28	26	28

	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/06	12/15
Foreign Policy Job Approval	58/41	55/43	61/36	61/37	58/40
Strongly Approve	21	18	25	17	17

Most Important Issue (Open End)

Morality/Family Values - 11%

Education - 10%

Health Care - 8%

Economy/Jobs - 5%

Juvenile Violence . School Shootings - 5%

Government / Politicians: Spending, Integrity & Elections - 5%

Fighting Crime - 4%

Preserving Social Security + Preserving Medicare - 4%

Balance the Budget - 3%

What is the Most Important Issue (Closed End)

<i>Among the following choices</i>	All	12/07
Moral Decline	18	22
Education	18	20
Social Security /Medicare	18	15
Healthcare	14	11
Guns and Youth Violence	12	11
Keeping the Economy Strong	9	9
Taxes	4	6
Foreign Affairs	4	2

Congressional Approval

	9/27	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/07	12/15
Congress	47/47	43/50	46/46	48/46	52/44	50/43
Congressional Republicans	39/54	37/56	40/52	38/55	43/49	37/53
Congressional Democrats	50/43	48/44	47/44	49/44	51/41	48/42

Congressional Horserace

	9/22	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/07	12/15
Democrat	46	44	44	44	43	45
Republican	35	38	38	37	38	36

Generic Presidential Horserace

	10/28	11/09	12/07	12/15
Democrat	39	43	38	42
Republican	39	38	45	39

Presidential Horserace (Dem / Rep)	D	R	I
Dec. 15	80/7	9/84	34/36
Dec. 7	82/9	2/88	23/46
Nov. 9	83/7	6/83	39/34

Closing the Opportunity Gap

9% think closing the opportunity gap is more important, 28% think achieving equal opportunity for all Americans, 56% think expanding opportunity for all Americans.

<i>Dem</i>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Ind</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>50+ years</i>
7/36/54	11/20/62	10/27/54	10/19/63	8/36/50	11/28/55

<i>What is the best way to achieve closing the opportunity gap?</i>	1st Choice	1st + 2nd
Universal / early childhood pre-school	16	27
Provide after school programs for every student in a failing school so they can meet high standards	16	33
holding absent fathers responsible so they can go to work and pay child support	13	22
Rewarding work and family by proposing a new social contract for the working poor	10	20
New markets initiative and empowerment zones to help include communities that have not fully shared in our prosperity	9	18
Achieving equal pay for women	9	25
Closing the opportunity gap for college	6	13
Turning around or shutting down every failing school in America	5	10
Closing the digital divide between those that do and do not have internet access	1	4

<i>Which of these is the most important challenge President Clinton should address in the next State of the Union?</i>	1st Choice	1st + 2nd
Preparing the next generation to succeed in the 21 st Century	18	30
Renewing Family Life in America	16	25
Moving towards a poverty-free America (and welfare free)	13	25
Making Equal Opportunity for all Americans a reality in the next century	11	19
Reducing the threat of war in the coming decades	10	21
Dealing with the realities of an Aging America	8	18
Protecting our environment for future generations	7	17
Making this the safest big country in the world	5	16
Make science and technology work to enhance, not threaten our values and our lifestyles.	3	10
Emerging as a leader in the new global economy	2	7

SOTU Themes

<i>If President Clinton talked about this in a major speech, would this make you much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, or much less favorable towards President Clinton?</i>	Much More Fav	More / Less	M	F	D	R	I	Fem w/ kids
As our life expectancy continues to increase, we must make sure we can meet the demands of our aging society by protecting social security, securing Medicare, and creating a prescription drug benefit for seniors.	47	82/16	79/17	84/14	96/4	59/35	84/13	85/15
As we move forward into a new century, we must renew the foundation of America's success in the past two centuries: the American family. We must give parents the tools they need to protect their children from inappropriate content on TV and the internet, allow people time off from work to care for their aging parents and young children, and assure them safe and affordable child care.	47	77/16	72/21	81/11	85/11	60/25	80/14	82/9
In this first year of the century, Congress needs to finish the business of the last century: preserving social security, securing Medicare, creating a benefit for prescription drugs, and passing a patients bill of rights. Working together, we can get this done. America deserves no less.	45	79/20	77/21	81/19	94/6	52/44	84/15	78/20
At the turn of the century, our nation's progress is measured by how it meets the responsibilities and challenges of a new era - to provide equal opportunity for all Americans in the next century, to renew our commitment to our families, to prepare the next generation to succeed in the 21st century, and to fulfill our responsibility to aging America.	41	81/17	80/17	81/17	88/8	76/24	80/20	69/31
As the demands of the new century places increasing demands on each of us, we must strive to strike the right balance between work and family by assuring quality child care for those who need it, leave for those need to care for a family member, and increase opportunities for telecommuting.	41	80/12	71/22	88/4	83/0	80/3	79/21	90/0
In the new century, government must challenge Americans to assume personal responsibility for themselves, their families, and their communities. This means holding schools responsible for failure, and holding absent fathers responsible for child support, creating new anti-drug initiatives, and stemming the culture of violence.	40	78/17	78/15	78/18	85/12	63/27	83/14	70/22
Our highest priority must be creating equal opportunity for all Americans in the new century. This means expanding our educational opportunities beginning with universal preschool and expanded access to college. It means creating greater economic opportunity in our cities and rural areas. It means making technology accessible to anyone to get ahead.	37	68/22	54/35	80/12	80/20	70/10	63/29	76/15

As the economy continues its amazing expansion, we must assure the progress reaches every corner of America. We must work to close the opportunity gap among people around the country, and continue our investment in education and in opening new markets.	36	74/17	64/23	82/13	85/15	72/8	71/23	68/23
In the new century, when countries will become ever more interdependent, America must continue to be a leader around the world in expanding trade, working cooperatively with our allies to keep the peace and to address such common threats as nuclear weapons and terrorism.	27	77/13	70/21	83/6	85/15	63/0	82/18	75/10
As progress opens new opportunities, we must make sure science and technology continue to work for us. We must overcome the digital divide, turn the amazing work of unlocking human genes into new medical advances, continue our science and technology research, monitor the costs and benefits of genetically modified food, and work to protect people's privacy in this world of high-speed communication.	25	64/31	58/34	69/28	73/25	51/42	64/30	63/37
At this historical threshold, we must make our first steps into the new century the right steps. That means taking the lean but activist government we have created, which invests in its people and works to create new markets for their work, and making it a government that will withstand the challenges of the new age.	24	63/32	59/37	67/27	77/15	50/46	60/38	63/29
In the new century more than ever, diversity will be our strength. The range of views and viewpoints among Americans make our culture richer, our economy stronger, and our people wiser. We need to continue to learn from this diversity, and allow it to continue to move us forward.	22	67/21	82/8	55/31	68/15	46/23	77/23	42/39

**STATE OF THE UNION PROPOSALS –
TOTAL RANKED LIST**

Ranked by much more favorable to President Clinton

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1	Requiring the federal government to pay penalties when it violates environmental standards, the same way any private company has to.	62	83/15	81/16	85/13	91/9	68/27	88/10	111	71	91/9
2	Protecting children from viewing obscene material on the Internet by requiring all websites with sexually explicit material to have a different domain name. For example, rather than ending their web site name with a "dot com" or "dot org" as most sites are, all sexually explicit sites would be given a particular suffix that everyone would recognize.	62	82/13	75/19	89/8	91/7	70/19	82/15	103	75	89/9
3	Expanding enforcement of equal pay laws that require that women receive equal pay for the same job as men.	61	83/12	85/10	81/14	96/4	74/17	79/17	101	60	85/15
	Promoting responsible fatherhood by ensuring that every unemployed father who owes child support goes to work and provides that support, and increasing the amount of child support from parents who can afford to pay.	58	82/17	81/16	83/17	89/10	75/22	81/18	95	64	82/18
5	Increasing funding for research on cancer, asthma, mental illness, and heart disease	58	86/10	81/15	90/7	88/11	77/17	89/6	100	69	98/2
6	Make it easier for the elderly to be eligible for food stamps, in order to improve nutrition among this age group.	57	86/12	83/14	89/11	95/5	68/27	90/9	117	63	94/6
7	Making the dependent child care tax credit refundable to help the working poor families who need help the most.	56	86/11	79/17	92/5	93/5	73/23	88/8	108	74	97/0
8	Providing new funds for the investigation, identification, and prosecution of people or organizations selling unapproved or counterfeit drugs over the Internet or prescription drugs without a prescription.	56	77/18	75/20	80/15	81/16	80/13	72/22	73	57	83/12
9	Providing funds to help states strengthen the quality of nursing homes and their safety standards.	56	85/12	80/17	91/7	93/6	71/23	88/10	110	65	92/6

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10	A comprehensive privacy package to protect medical, financial, and Internet records.	56	84/10	85/12	83/9	89/6	70/21	89/6	108	60	85/8
11	Increase access to college for poorer young people through grants, foundations, and scholarships that emphasize completing college as the goal, rather than enrolling.	55	82/15	82/15	83/15	87/11	71/25	85/12	101	67	90/10
12	Provide special privacy protections for financial and medical records on the Internet.	55	82/13	86/9	79/17	91/8	73/16	83/13	101	60	78/17
13	Making up to 12 thousand dollars of tax deductibility for college Education	54	83/13	85/10	81/16	93/7	77/16	79/17	95	51	79/19
14	Reward work and family by ensuring that more families get the maximum amount of earned income tax credit and easing the marriage penalty.	54	83/11	85/9	81/13	87/10	80/12	84/9	91	72	87/8
15	Giving states the option to provide temporary Medicaid coverage to uninsured women who have breast or cervical cancer.	54	88/9	82/14	93/5	92/6	76/16	90/9	106	64	92/7
	Increasing investment in biomedical research to achieve potential breakthroughs in diagnoses, treatments, and cures for diseases.	54	83/13	85/9	81/16	94/4	77/17	80/16	97	45	74/25
17	Expand Violence Against Women programs	54	82/15	78/19	86/11	94/6	75/19	77/20	96	50	85/12
18	Offer a new option for seniors to join a purchasing cooperative within Medicare so they can obtain prescription drug discounts of 10 to 15 percent.	53	85/8	80/10	89/7	99/1	73/13	82/12	108	56	94/6
19	Increase penalties on genetic researchers who fail to report all the results of their research, including the negative implications or side effects of their research.	53	83/12	85/11	82/13	92/5	73/18	84/14	103	60	90/5
20	Doubling clean water funding over the next 10 years to end beach closures, restore the Great Lakes, clean up the Gulf of Mexico, and make our rivers and lakes safe for fishing and swimming.	52	84/13	75/21	92/6	95/5	64/30	87/10	118	51	93/7
21	Adding new preventive benefits to Medicare such as nutrition and medically necessary dental care for some seniors	52	83/12	76/19	90/7	90/7	69/25	88/9	109	72	96/4

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22	Undertake a major long term care initiative that would provide a \$1000 tax credit for people with long term care needs, and assist families WHO ARE HELPING RELATIVES in need of long term care	52	85/11	83/14	87/9	89/9	74/19	89/9	104	53	87/10
23	Calling for an investigation into rising college costs and determining what steps we can take to make college more affordable.	52	78/16	79/17	77/16	90/8	58/32	82/14	114	68	83/13
24	An volunteer reserves program, in which young people would perform community service on weekends or after work in exchange for funds that could be used for repaying student loans, financing further education for self or children, or making down payments on a first home.	51	86/11	82/13	89/8	95/2	78/16	82/14	99	40	83/12
25	Provide a health care tax credit of 25 of the cost of health care for workers with no access to employer based health insurance.	51	82/14	84/11	81/17	97/3	73/17	75/22	99	54	84/15
	Expanding Child Care Tax Credit to provide greater tax relief to three million low and middle income families who are struggling to afford child care.	50	82/16	78/18	86/14	87/12	73/21	84/16	98	64	92/8
27	States requiring a uniform gun license and photo identification, obtained after a handgun owner passes a background check to make sure he or she is not a felon.	50	77/19	71/24	82/14	94/4	64/27	70/26	100	55	77/17
28	A program called Rewarding Youth Achievement, in which academically achieving, but economically disadvantaged students, would be provided with summer employment, and would be given career counseling, mentoring, and tutoring to place participants in career related employment.	50	82/14	78/18	86/11	93/7	63/28	85/12	115	64	96/4
29	Train 400,000 additional teachers to use technology and ensure that all new teachers receive training in how to use computers as a learning device.	49	76/21	72/25	80/18	88/10	68/29	72/26	92	53	78/22
30	Doubling after school funding to provide after school and summer school to every student in a failing school to meet high standards	49	79/20	73/24	84/15	88/12	63/34	82/17	107	62	87/13

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31	Create, for the first time, a way to help states ensure that Medicaid, children's health insurance program, and substance abuse programs are available to the homeless.	49	79/15	79/17	80/14	92/7	64/25	80/17	108	44	88/11
32	Guarantee universal access to pre - school for every four-year old by increasing funding for Head Start and the Early Childhood learning fund.	48	72/25	68/28	75/22	79/19	51/46	80/17	108	61	78/17
33	Providing a \$500 raise to teachers in school districts that agree to offer teacher training and weed out bad teachers.	48	81/16	80/16	82/16	94/6	68/25	79/18	105	62	85/10
34	Expanding research to protect Americans from chemical and biological warfare and computer terrorism.	48	81/15	83/13	80/17	90/10	73/18	79/18	96	34	73/24
35	Develop new technologies to fight possible security threats such as chemical and biological weapons and attacks on our national information systems.	48	82/13	82/12	81/14	90/5	72/18	82/14	100	57	87/7
	A savings incentive plan in which the government would match contributions to a retirement savings account.	48	77/18	74/22	80/15	83/14	69/22	79/20	93	66	83/13
37	Addressing poverty among widows by expanding the survivor's Social Security benefit to 75 of the couple's Social Security benefit.	48	81/16	80/17	82/15	89/9	71/24	80/17	98	41	74/20
38	Making sure parents have the tools they need to keep violent video games, movies, and TV shows out of the hands of young children.	48	78/21	67/31	87/11	81/19	82/18	73/25	72	59	97/3
39	Reducing class size by aggressively pushing forward on our plan to hire 100,000 teachers.	47	81/17	73/23	87/12	92/8	68/26	81/17	105	58	95/5
40	Expanding Pell Grants and Hope Scholarships.	47	78/15	80/16	76/15	85/8	63/28	81/13	103	68	79/12
41	Requiring the registration of handguns as they transfer from one owner to the next, just like the title to a car.	47	66/29	65/30	67/28	80/18	53/41	64/30	91	36	64/29
42	Increasing health benefits for part-time workers, agency temps, telecommuters, and independent contractors, who are less likely to be eligible for insurance coverage and pension benefits.	47	80/16	71/25	88/8	86/10	61/32	86/12	111	55	88/11

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43	Increasing funding for treatment for the severely mentally ill and establishing a new local mental health enhancement program to provide new prevention, early intervention, and treatment services for Americans.	47	81/16	80/15	81/16	95/5	71/24	74/21	98	44	79/20
44	Expanding workers' training to improve skills and train workers for new, more skilled manufacturing jobs, through regional partnerships, and secondary and advanced education.	46	81/17	79/17	82/16	95/5	66/30	78/19	107	36	76/21
45	A tax credit for people with disabilities who work.	46	81/14	78/16	84/12	87/9	72/22	82/12	97	52	88/12
46	An effort to modernize and revolutionize schools by providing funds for immediate repairs on existing schools.	46	84/12	79/17	90/7	93/6	73/20	86/10	106	54	94/5
47	Encouraging small businesses to offer health insurance by offering new tax credits and technical assistance.	46	83/12	83/13	84/10	88/10	75/16	84/11	97	44	91/7
	Ensure that all workers paid by the federal government have access to employer - based insurance.	46	80/15	76/21	83/9	88/10	69/24	79/14	98	50	85/6
49	New ways to prevent medical errors such as establishing a Center for Patient Safety, new efforts to strengthen the Food and Drug Administrations reporting system, and implementing new requirements for the naming, labeling, and packaging of drugs.	46	79/16	76/20	83/13	88/8	60/31	86/12	114	46	88/7
50	Fully funding the national Environmental Health Laboratory to evaluate the exposure of men, women and children to toxic substances that cause cancer.	46	80/16	77/20	84/13	87/12	66/27	85/13	106	60	90/10
51	Federal legislation to ban billboards advertising alcohol near Schools	46	72/26	67/30	76/21	87/13	54/41	72/25	105	56	80/17
52	Calling for a ban on unregulated, soft money contributions to political parties and stricter campaign finance reform laws.	46	80/19	68/30	90/9	90/10	62/38	83/15	111	37	89/11
53	Expand funding to help state and local governments preserve open space, clean up old industrial sites, and improve water quality.	45	81/17	74/23	87/11	90/10	65/29	83/15	108	48	94/6

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54	Encourage the growth of a program that provides assistance to workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own, such as training opportunities, and access to job information and counseling.	45	85/13	79/19	91/8	93/7	78/18	83/16	98	55	92/8
55	Funding gun safety technology experts and expanding public education to help prevent children's access to guns through proper gun storage.	45	73/25	67/30	79/20	88/12	55/39	72/26	105	57	82/17
56	Expanding health options available for older Americans starting by enabling those aged 62 to 65 to buy into Medicare.	45	79/14	81/12	77/15	89/9	74/19	74/14	89	34	69/23
57	Increase funding on the human genome project that will lead to discoveries of new cures and treatments for many diseases.	45	82/14	82/13	81/15	91/9	67/25	85/12	109	38	78/21
58	Increase funding for research at the molecular level to make new devices and materials, such as minute sensors for earlier detection of cancer, and other inventions that could have an impact on our economy and our society.	45	79/14	74/20	83/8	86/10	65/22	82/12	103	48	89/7
59	Rewarding funding to states that adopt statewide accountability systems for their schools, such as high school graduation exams and teacher quality requirements.	44	79/17	79/17	79/18	94/5	66/25	75/24	103	40	75/24
60	To enforce and prosecute gun crimes, hiring 500 new agents and 1000 new prosecutors to investigate and prosecute gun trafficking cases, starting a comprehensive crime gun tracing program, and more funding for quicker and more efficient Brady background checks.	44	68/30	61/35	74/24	81/19	51/44	68/30	98	35	69/29
61	Establish a plan called Homestead Mortgages that would provide tax credits for lower income families buying homes.	44	79/16	80/15	78/18	91/7	65/26	78/18	104	38	82/17
62	Increasing the government's investment in the AIDS Drug assistance Program and establishing a plan to reduce new HIV infections by 50 percent in three years.	44	75/21	71/23	79/20	88/12	69/25	68/27	87	57	85/14

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63	Implementing a 55 cent per pack tax increase on the cost of cigarettes to reduce youth smoking.	44	61/33	59/35	63/31	82/14	46/47	54/39	90	46	57/41
64	Work towards providing universal child care for all children.	44	74/20	77/15	72/25	98/2	50/42	71/19	119	59	71/29
65	Create a fund to modernize computers and internet access in schools in poor neighborhoods.	43	74/22	70/25	77/18	84/10	59/33	75/24	100	50	80/16
66	Expanding funding for an Advanced Technical Education program which helps prepare people for technical careers by forming partnerships between industry and community colleges.	43	81/14	81/15	82/13	82/14	71/23	86/9	97	52	89/11
67	A new Early Learning Fund to help local communities improve child care quality, through a variety of activities such as licensing and parent education classes.	43	78/19	71/25	85/13	89/8	60/35	80/16	109	53	86/12
68	Providing grants to partnerships between universities, child care providers and school districts to offer training and professional development to child care providers around language and literacy.	43	78/20	72/26	83/14	86/12	49/46	90/9	127	55	83/15
69	Providing tax relief to companies offering child care to their workers.	43	83/14	81/17	84/11	92/5	68/25	84/14	108	59	84/13
70	Increasing the number of police officers on the street and funding law enforcement technology and community crime prevention.	43	76/21	73/23	79/19	86/14	60/32	78/20	104	54	83/16
71	Encouraging police departments to end the practice of re-selling used police guns and confiscated crime guns on the civilian market.	43	66/29	64/35	67/23	83/11	46/46	65/32	102	34	62/32
72	Providing funding for second chance homes to teen parents to help them and their children succeed.	43	76/19	72/22	80/15	86/12	60/32	78/16	104	58	84/12
73	Use schools to help increase enrollment of eligible, currently uninsured children to Medicaid and the children's health insurance program	43	75/20	69/26	81/14	90/10	60/31	73/21	103	49	84/15
74	Establishing an 800 number that children who are emotionally disturbed can call to receive counseling.	43	74/22	73/21	75/22	87/11	62/31	72/25	97	42	78/19

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75	Funding research to find out what really works in teaching math and science to our kids and applying that knowledge.	43	80/17	80/15	80/19	87/12	63/31	84/12	108	59	84/16
76	Making it easier to deduct charitable contributions by simplifying the IRS tax form and allowing charitable giving up until April 15.	42	75/21	78/18	72/24	83/16	72/19	70/27	81	34	77/20
77	Increasing funding for vaccines for debilitating diseases in the developing world.	42	75/22	69/26	80/17	88/12	74/22	63/30	77	47	87/12
78	Legislation aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and other harmful emissions from US coal fired power plants	41	70/23	72/23	68/23	86/10	53/37	69/24	102	29	59/32
79	Extending Medicare coverage for drugs that prevent rejection of transplanted organs.	41	82/12	81/13	83/11	85/11	71/18	87/10	101	54	93/7
80	Promoting research aimed at technologies that lower carbon emissions, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the efficiency of energy and materials used in transportation, buildings, and manufacturing.	41	75/19	74/24	77/14	85/9	60/33	77/17	102	33	74/18
81	Calling for a new global effort to reduce child labor by making access to primary education universal.	41	76/21	74/22	77/20	88/11	62/32	77/22	103	51	87/10
82	Providing tax credits for cleanup of asbestos and lead in old industrial sites, and making it easier for communities to use grants to clean up and redevelop old industrial sites.	40	76/21	70/24	82/17	78/21	66/30	82/13	94	40	83/17
83	Doubling the existing tax credit that helps rural and inner city communities bring new jobs and businesses to their communities.	40	71/23	68/26	74/20	85/12	57/34	70/25	98	45	72/25
84	Establish a federal office like the small business administration whose goal will be to promote and encourage nonprofit organizations to help the needy.	40	71/20	63/25	78/15	91/6	47/36	70/22	114	47	80/16
85	Expanding health care coverage to the parents of children who are currently eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.	40	79/16	78/15	80/17	91/7	66/27	76/18	101	33	87/10

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86	Exploring ways to produce useful chemicals, fuel and power from new cash crops to boost farm income and add good jobs to the rural economy.	40	79/16	83/13	75/19	90/9	71/20	73/22	92	24	70/25
87	A plan under which if youth smoking is not reduced, states would be required to spend money from the tobacco settlement on youth smoking prevention programs.	40	65/30	62/33	67/28	81/17	54/38	55/38	82	38	64/33
88	Proposing \$500 million a year to help farming and ranching communities reduce runoff that pollutes our rivers and lakes	39	76/19	71/25	81/14	84/11	58/37	81/14	107	49	86/13
89	Increase funding for programs like micro enterprises, adult literacy, local information, and job training, to expand opportunities for low - income households and communities.	39	83/13	80/18	86/9	92/5	65/28	88/10	115	55	86/9
90	Providing money to school districts to fund community coaches, which are adults in public schools who encourage community service for kids, and act as liaisons to business and community elders	39	73/21	67/27	78/15	88/7	53/35	74/23	109	53	78/17
91	A new commitment to expanding access to basic education in the poorest countries as a way to eliminate child labor.	39	73/22	65/28	81/17	87/12	60/30	70/26	97	32	81/17
92	Creating a digital library for education that will develop a national library of text, images, sound recordings, and other material available to every schoolchild and every American with Internet access.	38	71/24	72/25	71/24	79/19	46/44	82/15	115	33	67/28
93	Offering online versions of college level courses for high school students to ensure that students in under served areas have access to those courses	38	75/19	78/17	73/21	93/6	58/27	72/24	107	31	71/27
94	Include gay couples in the Family Medical and Leave Act to permit leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition.	38	67/30	59/37	73/24	81/19	43/53	69/27	107	34	75/23
95	Implementing a per pack tax increase on the cost of cigarettes, to be determined by youth smoking rates.	38	61/35	55/41	66/29	79/20	48/45	53/40	84	40	69/27

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96	Increase compliance with Equal pay laws by providing training on how to identify and respond to wage discrimination, and launching an equal pay public announcement campaign to inform employers and employees of their rights and responsibilities.	38	69/24	67/26	71/23	82/14	57/32	67/29	92	33	69/30
97	Proposing a law prohibiting gambling on the Internet	38	57/36	53/35	60/38	63/31	44/48	59/35	78	21	43/55
98	Challenging the auto industry to improve fuel efficiency, and if they did not do so voluntarily, proposing legislation to require better fuel efficiency standards.	37	69/28	71/27	66/29	86/11	55/43	62/34	93	20	51/40
99	Increasing funding for research and development on ways to reduce energy and waste in manufacturing.	37	80/17	81/17	78/17	90/9	66/28	81/15	105	26	82/17
100	Investing in research to improve state of the art educational Technology	37	75/22	76/20	74/23	87/11	58/37	78/19	107	37	82/18
101	Addressing a growing need for child care in non-traditional hours for parents with night shifts by building the supply of such child care through increased grants.	37	72/25	62/36	81/16	82/17	46/49	80/16	116	52	80/20
102	Increasing drug testing, treatment and rehabilitation for prisoners and parolees.	37	68/30	65/31	70/29	77/23	57/40	69/29	89	50	76/24
103	Institute a stay out, stay clean program for former inmates with mandatory drug testing and job placement programs to keep them off drugs and in safe work environments	37	78/20	76/20	79/20	84/16	74/23	76/21	86	53	82/16
104	Allowing Medicaid to cover poor adults who are not parents, to move Medicaid to a income related, rather than welfare related, health insurance program.	37	71/23	65/27	77/19	81/15	61/33	70/25	90	39	74/18
105	Prohibit the use of genetic information in the hiring and promotion of public or private sector employees.	37	71/23	72/21	69/25	81/17	64/29	68/24	85	31	74/26
106	Increasing the number of imported and domestic food inspections by over 7000 with a special emphasis on high - risk foods, and hiring an additional 100 inspection agents.	37	67/25	69/23	66/27	78/16	47/42	70/23	101	27	63/28

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107	Reforming America's high schools by working to make them smaller, by promoting smaller charter schools and offering grants to school districts that open up smaller schools.	36	70/24	65/31	75/19	77/19	66/29	67/26	78	41	79/17
108	A new grant program for community based providers who fill the service gaps that exist in many communities, especially primary care, mental health, and substance abuse services.	36	76/18	73/23	79/15	94/5	60/30	72/23	106	30	80/16
109	Announcing new protections for selected federal lands that have natural, historic, or cultural values of national significance.	35	69/26	69/25	68/26	80/17	60/33	64/29	84	18	60/29
110	Helping low income families get transportation to work by providing loans and grants.	35	64/32	62/32	66/32	77/20	52/42	61/36	86	38	64/33
111	Increasing funding for the International Program for the Elimination of Child Labor.	35	65/30	61/33	69/28	82/16	53/37	57/40	86	37	75/22
112	Calling on Congress to preserve additional federal lands of great natural beauty or cultural significance.	34	66/29	71/25	62/33	78/17	61/34	59/37	76	24	59/38
113	Concentrate on increasing research and development in sciences such as chemistry, physics, astronomy, math, and geosciences.	34	75/19	78/17	73/21	77/17	78/15	71/25	70	14	61/27
114	Encouraging Native Americans to pursue information technology as a field of study and increasing ability of tribal colleges to offer these courses.	34	71/23	73/23	69/23	73/22	59/35	78/18	92	22	64/25
115	Setting a goal of expanding the wildlife refuge system to 100 million acres by 2003.	33	68/28	73/24	62/31	85/13	51/45	66/28	100	27	67/28
116	Allowing communities to steer more transportation funds to mass transit and alternative transportation.	33	73/24	69/26	76/21	78/20	57/37	80/16	101	36	78/20
117	Expand programs that use telecommunications to spur job growth and economic development in inner-city and rural areas.	33	79/15	72/19	85/12	90/9	68/20	77/18	99	37	89/11
118	Covering the patient care costs associated with clinical trials for Medicare beneficiaries.	33	72/21	73/22	70/20	88/10	56/37	68/20	100	25	69/23
119	Doubling university based science and technology research in five years.	33	72/23	78/17	67/28	81/18	63/26	70/25	88	29	61/37

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120	Expanding support for distance learning programs that help underserved adults learn at a time, place, and pace that is convenient for them.	32	75/17	70/24	80/11	85/10	54/34	82/12	113	27	82/8
121	Doubling the funding currently given to support campus – based child care.	32	67/28	62/35	72/21	82/15	45/50	71/23	108	45	79/17
122	Allowing federal substance abuse treatment, juvenile justice and after – school funds to be used by faith – based organizations.	32	58/36	60/34	56/37	74/22	48/38	50/47	76	25	51/43
123	Provide fellowships to young people who have developed innovative community initiatives.	32	78/15	75/17	80/13	84/9	65/27	80/12	99	32	78/8
124	A package of new safeguards against scientific and biomedical abuses, including the patenting and licensing of genetic material and the insufficient protections given to human subjects in clinical trials.	32	63/29	65/29	61/29	70/25	51/35	66/27	85	21	58/29
125	Expanding the low income housing tax credit from \$1.25 per capita to \$1.75 per capita.	31	62/27	62/27	63/26	68/27	53/31	66/23	81	27	56/32
	Using charter funds to create second – chance schools for students who have been removed from a school because of discipline problems.	31	58/32	55/32	62/33	72/23	40/51	58/31	90	30	58/36
127	Offering SAT and ACT test preparation to high – need students from a partnership formed by high schools, providers of college test prep courses and community based organizations.	31	69/24	66/30	71/19	81/18	48/43	74/18	107	41	81/13
128	Providing a tax credit for employees who extend their health care coverage through their old employer at a higher premium while changing to a new job.	31	69/25	67/27	71/24	79/20	57/34	70/23	92	39	71/22
129	A joint proclamation with Great Britain saying that information about the human genome should always be available to the public.	30	60/29	69/22	53/34	71/24	58/33	55/29	68	32	54/37
130	A major climate change initiative that included new efforts to promote clean energy technologies in developing countries	29	63/34	63/34	63/35	79/19	49/47	59/38	89	20	60/39
131	A labeling program to help consumers identify energy efficient vehicles and provide additional incentive to manufacturers to produce them.	29	66/27	70/23	62/31	77/21	57/32	62/29	82	11	52/42

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132	Expand the number of housing vouchers to help families move out of low income housing to 100,000 by 2001, with a goal of 500,000 vouchers in the next five years.	29	61/33	59/35	62/31	71/28	44/46	63/28	90	40	68/28
133	Allowing working families who do not itemize their tax returns to deduct \$500 for charitable contributions.	29	68/25	71/19	66/31	69/22	76/22	63/31	56	33	82/17
134	New funding for community and faith – based organizations to assist children of prisoners.	29	72/23	71/25	73/22	82/14	55/36	75/22	102	37	73/22
135	Increase funding for information technology ranging from entertainment and commerce to education and healthcare.	29	62/32	65/30	59/33	72/23	49/42	62/32	85	37	72/23
136	Setting a goal of reducing the rate of airline deaths by a factor of five within ten years.	29	59/30	60/27	58/33	74/16	46/41	57/35	85	25	53/38
137	Expanding empowerment zones in economically disadvantage areas.	28	69/22	67/26	72/18	87/11	59/32	63/24	91	20	69/20
138	Expand coverage of products that help smokers quit smoking under Medicaid and other federal programs.	27	57/39	52/43	62/36	60/39	42/51	65/32	83	41	78/20
139	Strengthening and expanding the ability of American manufacturers to be successful in the global economy by introducing smaller firms to new markets and reducing barriers to trade arising from technical differences in standards.	26	70/26	73/25	67/26	81/16	71/24	61/36	71	27	70/23
140	Establishing a community supervision program for released inmates where police and correction agencies join with community providers to monitor and provide social services to offenders and increase the number of probation and parole officers.	26	66/31	65/31	67/31	74/26	55/39	68/29	87	27	67/31
141	Set up a program that would fund accounts for children as they are born, such as \$1000 start in life deposits that would be followed by \$500 yearly deposits until age 5. The money could be used for higher education or home purchase.	26	53/39	57/35	49/43	58/39	31/61	63/26	90	42	65/29
142	Set a goal ensuring that every American can have affordable access to a computer and the Internet at home	25	55/40	53/43	56/38	66/31	36/57	59/34	89	41	70/25

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143	Increase funding to establish Internet Centers in all poor communities to increase access to the Internet and provide internet training.	25	61/35	60/35	61/36	70/26	33/61	72/26	109	34	62/37
144	Strengthening public education by focusing attention on the worst-performing schools and turning around or shutting down every failing school in America over the next decade.	25	50/44	49/46	51/43	53/43	46/45	51/43	58	24	48/47
145	Expanding charter schools to 3,000 by the end of next year.	25	57/30	56/30	58/29	64/23	50/42	58/29	72	24	56/32
146	Improving US government monitoring of international labor rights policies and practices around the world.	25	63/29	60/34	66/24	75/21	42/46	68/23	101	21	69/25
147	Calling on wealthy countries to adopt standards that bar lending to poorer nations for projects that destroy forests	24	65/29	69/26	62/32	74/23	48/41	69/27	95	17	58/39
148	Fostering technological innovation and the dissemination of new ideas for small businesses by giving them tools to overcome barriers to using the Internet and e-commerce.	24	69/23	72/25	66/21	75/18	61/30	70/23	84	12	68/17
	Allow all legal immigrants to be eligible for federal public benefits, including Social Security, food stamps, Medicaid, and children's health insurance program.	24	47/47	38/55	55/39	60/34	41/52	42/53	61	29	55/40
150	Proposing \$100 million for programs that forge partnerships with conservation organizations and developing countries to promote conservation-based development around the world.	23	53/40	49/46	56/34	70/27	33/57	52/40	89	18	56/30
151	Proposing negotiations with other countries to phase out subsidies that promote excessive logging around the world.	23	59/33	64/32	54/35	71/24	45/45	58/34	84	24	59/33
152	Ensuring access to food stamps for working families by increasing funding for on-going food stamp outreach efforts.	23	59/37	54/42	64/32	70/29	39/53	65/32	96	19	66/34
153	Protecting the benefits of legal immigrants by providing a state option to cover children and pregnant women under health insurance, no matter when they entered the U.S.	23	49/46	42/50	56/42	68/32	30/58	48/48	86	25	57/42

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154	Making the citizenship process easier by improving the current citizenship test and naturalization process.	22	50/42	51/40	49/44	60/32	35/58	51/41	76	27	51/49
155	Set a goal ensuring that every American child can have affordable access to a computer and the Internet at home	22	48/42	48/39	49/44	63/34	39/53	43/39	67	23	55/29
156	Proposing \$50 million to authorize a reduction of foreign debt to the United States in exchange for forest protection efforts by other countries.	20	57/35	53/39	61/31	74/20	41/46	53/42	86	16	57/37
157	Calling on the World Bank to actively assist in creating unemployment and pension programs in developing countries.	20	48/43	45/46	50/41	59/38	30/60	48/39	77	22	56/36
158	Announcing plans for the President to visit some of the natural treasures the Administration has protected, and sites where new protections will be announced.	17	51/43	53/44	49/43	72/26	35/54	46/51	83	15	52/37
159	A Global Economic Democracy Initiative, to provide assistance to countries that wish to build modern systems of administration to implement labor and environmental reforms.	17	54/40	56/39	52/41	69/29	37/54	51/42	83	15	58/40
160	Increase funding to expand Internet access in other countries.	14	36/58	36/56	35/59	54/43	18/75	33/59	69	9	38/56

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Environmental Proposals

Overall Rank	<i>If President Clinton announced this in the coming months, would this make you much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, or much less favorable towards President Clinton?</i>	Much More Fav	More / Less Fav	M	F	D	R	I	D+I-R	Fem . w/ kids
1	Requiring the federal government to pay penalties when it violates environmental standards, the same way any private company has to.	62	83/15	81/16	85/13	91/9	68/27	88/10	111	91/9
20	Doubling clean water funding over the next 10 years to end beach closures, restore the Great Lakes, clean up the Gulf of Mexico, and make our rivers and lakes safe for fishing and swimming.	52	84/13	75/21	92/6	95/5	64/30	87/10	118	93/7
53	Expand funding to help state and local governments preserve open space, clean up old industrial sites, and improve water quality.	45	81/17	74/23	87/11	90/10	65/29	83/15	108	94/6
78	Legislation aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and other harmful emissions from US coal fired power plants	41	70/23	72/23	68/23	86/10	53/37	69/24	102	59/32
82	Providing tax credits for cleanup of asbestos and lead in old industrial sites, and making it easier for communities to use grants to clean up and redevelop old industrial sites.	40	76/21	70/24	82/17	78/21	66/30	82/13	94	83/17
88	Proposing \$500 million a year to help farming and ranching communities reduce runoff that pollutes our rivers and lakes	39	76/19	71/25	81/14	84/11	58/37	81/14	107	86/13
98	Challenging the auto industry to improve fuel efficiency, and if they did not do so voluntarily, proposing legislation to require better fuel efficiency standards.	37	69/28	71/27	66/29	86/11	55/43	62/34	93	51/40
109	Announcing new protections for selected federal lands that have natural, historic, or cultural values of national significance.	35	69/26	69/25	68/26	80/17	60/33	64/29	84	60/29
112	Calling on Congress to preserve additional federal lands of great natural beauty or cultural significance.	34	66/29	71/25	62/33	78/17	61/34	59/37	76	59/38
115	Setting a goal of expanding the wildlife refuge system to 100 million acres by 2003.	33	68/28	73/24	62/31	85/13	51/45	66/28	100	67/28
116	Allowing communities to steer more transportation funds to mass transit and alternative transportation.	33	73/24	69/26	76/21	78/20	57/37	80/16	101	78/20
130	A major climate change initiative that included new efforts to promote clean energy technologies in developing countries	29	63/34	63/34	63/35	79/19	49/47	59/38	89	60/39
131	A labeling program to help consumers identify energy efficient vehicles and	29	66/27	70/23	62/31	77/21	57/32	62/29	82	52/42

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	Calling on wealthy countries to adopt standards that bar lending to poorer nations for projects that destroy forests	24	65/29	69/26	62/32	74/23	48/41	69/27	95	58/39
150	Proposing \$100 million for programs that forge partnerships with conservation organizations and developing countries to promote conservation-based development around the world.	23	53/40	49/46	56/34	70/27	33/57	52/40	89	56/30
151	Proposing negotiations with other countries to phase out subsidies that promote excessive logging around the world.	23	59/33	64/32	54/35	71/24	45/45	58/34	84	59/33
156	Proposing \$50 million to authorize a reduction of foreign debt to the United States in exchange for forest protection efforts by other countries.	20	57/35	53/39	61/31	74/20	41/46	53/42	86	57/37
158	Announcing plans for the President to visit some of the natural treasures the Administration has protected, and sites where new protections will be announced.	17	51/43	53/44	49/43	72/26	35/54	46/51	83	52/37

Closing Skills Gap

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29	Train 400,000 additional teachers to use technology and ensure that all new teachers receive training in how to use computers as a learning device.	49	76/21	72/25	80/18	88/10	68/29	72/26	92	78/22
44	Expanding workers' training to improve skills and train workers for new, more skilled manufacturing jobs, through regional partnerships, and secondary and advanced education.	46	81/17	79/17	82/16	95/5	66/30	78/19	107	76/21
45	A tax credit for people with disabilities who work.	46	81/14	78/16	84/12	87/9	72/22	82/12	97	88/12
54	Encourage the growth of a program that provides assistance to workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own, such as training opportunities, and access to job information and counseling.	45	85/13	79/19	91/8	93/7	78/18	83/16	98	92/8
65	Create a fund to modernize computers and internet access in schools in poor neighborhoods.	43	74/22	70/25	77/18	84/10	59/33	75/24	100	94/5
	Expanding funding for an Advanced Technical Education program which helps prepare people for technical careers by forming partnerships between industry and community colleges.	43	81/14	81/15	82/13	82/14	71/23	86/9	97	89/11
83	Doubling the existing tax credit that helps rural and inner city communities bring new jobs and businesses to their communities.	40	71/23	68/26	74/20	85/12	57/34	70/25	98	72/25
89	Increase funding for programs like micro enterprises, adult literacy, local information, and job training, to expand opportunities for low - income households and communities.	39	83/13	80/18	86/9	92/5	65/28	88/10	115	86/89
99	Increasing funding for research and development on ways to reduce energy and waste in manufacturing.	37	80/17	81/17	78/17	90/9	66/28	81/15	105	82/17
117	Expand programs that use telecommunications to spur job growth and economic development in inner-city and rural areas.	33	79/15	72/19	85/12	90/9	68/20	77/18	99	89/11
125	Expanding the low income housing tax credit from \$1.25 per capita to \$1.75 per capita.	31	62/27	62/27	63/26	68/27	53/31	66/23	81	56/32
137	Expanding empowerment zones in economically disadvantage areas.	28	69/22	67/26	72/18	87/11	59/32	63/24	91	69/20
139	Strengthening and expanding the ability of American manufacturers to be successful in	26	70/26	73/25	67/26	81/16	71/24	61/36	71	70/23

	the global economy by introducing smaller firms to new markets and reducing barriers to trade arising from technical differences in standards.									
142	Set a goal ensuring that every American can have affordable access to a computer and the Internet at home	25	55/40	53/43	56/38	66/31	36/57	59/34	89	55/29
143	Increase funding to establish Internet Centers in all poor communities to increase access to the Internet and provide internet training.	25	61/35	60/35	61/36	70/26	33/61	72/26	109	62/37
148	Fostering technological innovation and the dissemination of new ideas for small businesses by giving them tools to overcome barriers to using the Internet and e-commerce.	24	69/23	72/25	66/21	75/18	61/30	70/23	84	68/17
155	Set a goal ensuring that every American child can have affordable access to a computer and the Internet at home	22	48/42	48/39	49/44	63/34	39/53	43/39	67	55/29
160	Increase funding to expand Internet access in other countries.	14	36/58	36/56	35/59	54/43	18/75	33/59	69	38/56

Education Proposals

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11	Increase access to college for poorer young people through grants, foundations, and scholarships that emphasize completing college as the goal, rather than enrolling.	55	82/15	82/15	83/15	87/11	71/25	85/12	101	90/10
13	Making up to 12 thousand dollars of tax deductibility for college Education	54	83/13	85/10	81/16	93/7	77/16	79/17	95	79/19
23	Calling for an investigation into rising college costs and determining what steps we can take to make college more affordable.	52	78/16	79/17	77/16	90/8	58/32	82/14	114	83/13
30	Doubling after school funding to provide after school and summer school to every student in a failing school to meet high standards	49	79/20	73/24	84/15	88/12	63/34	82/17	107	87/13
32	Guarantee universal access to pre - school for every four-year old by increasing funding for Head Start and the Early Childhood learning fund.	48	72/25	68/28	75/22	79/19	51/46	80/17	108*	78/17
33	Providing a \$500 raise to teachers in school districts that agree to offer teacher training and weed out bad teachers.	48	81/16	80/16	82/16	94/6	68/25	79/18	105	85/10
39	Reducing class size by aggressively pushing forward on our plan to hire 100,000 teachers.	47	81/17	73/23	87/12	92/8	68/26	81/17	105	95/5
40	Expanding Pell Grants and Hope Scholarships.	47	78/15	80/16	76/15	85/8	63/28	81/13	103	79/12
46	An effort to modernize and revolutionize schools by providing funds for immediate repairs on existing schools.	46	84/12	79/17	90/7	93/6	73/20	86/10	106	94/5
59	Rewarding funding to states that adopt statewide accountability systems for their schools, such as high school graduation exams and teacher quality requirements.	44	79/17	79/17	79/18	94/5	66/25	75/24	103	75/24
92	Creating a digital library for education that will develop a national library of text, images, sound recordings, and other material available to every schoolchild and every American with Internet access.	38	71/24	72/25	71/24	79/19	46/44	82/15	115	67/28
93	Offering online versions of college level courses for high school students to ensure that students in under served areas have access to those courses	38	75/19	78/17	73/21	93/6	58/27	72/24	107	71/27
100	Investing in research to improve state of	37	75/22	76/20	74/23	87/11	58/37	78/19	107	82/18

	the art educational Technology									
107	Reforming America's high schools by working to make them smaller, by promoting smaller charter schools and offering grants to school districts that open up smaller schools.	36	70/24	65/31	75/19	77/19	66/29	67/26	78	79/17
120	Expanding support for distance learning programs that help underserved adults learn at a time, place, and pace that is convenient for them.	32	75/17	70/24	80/11	85/10	54/34	82/12	113	82/8
126	Using charter funds to create second – chance schools for students who have been removed from a school because of discipline problems.	31	58/32	55/32	62/33	72/23	40/51	58/31	90	58/36
127	Offering SAT and ACT test preparation to high – need students from a partnership formed by high schools, providers of college test prep courses and community based organizations.	31	69/24	66/30	71/19	81/18	48/43	74/18	107	81/13
144	Strengthening public education by focusing attention on the worst–performing schools and turning around or shutting down every failing school in America over the next decade.	25	50/44	49/46	51/43	53/43	46/45	51/43	58	48/47
145	Expanding charter schools to 3,000 by the end of next year.	25	57/30	56/30	58/29	64/23	50/42	58/29	72	56/32

Child Care Proposals

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26	Expanding Child Care Tax Credit to provide greater tax relief to three million low and middle income families who are struggling to afford child care.	50	82/16	78/18	86/14	87/12	73/21	84/16	98	92/8
64	Work towards providing universal child care for all children.	44	74/20	77/15	72/25	98/2	50/42	71/19	119	71/29
67	A new Early Learning Fund to help local communities improve child care quality, through a variety of activities such as licensing and parent education classes.	43	78/19	71/25	85/13	89/8	60/35	80/16	109	86/12
68	Providing grants to partnerships between universities, child care providers and school districts to offer training and professional development to child care providers around language and literacy.	43	78/20	72/26	83/14	86/12	49/46	90/9	127	83/15
69	Providing tax relief to companies offering child care to their workers.	43	83/14	81/17	84/11	92/5	68/25	84/14	108	84/13
101	Addressing a growing need for child care in non-traditional hours for parents with night shifts by building the supply of such child care through increased grants.	37	72/25	62/36	81/16	82/17	46/49	80/16	116	80/20
121	Doubling the funding currently given to support campus – based child care.	32	67/28	62/35	72/21	82/15	45/50	71/23	108	79/17

Crime

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27	States requiring a uniform gun license and photo identification, obtained after a handgun owner passes a background check to make sure he or she is not a felon.	50	77/19	71/24	82/14	94/4	64/27	70/26	100	77/17
41	Requiring the registration of handguns as they transfer from one owner to the next, just like the title to a car.	47	66/29	65/30	67/28	80/18	53/41	64/30	91	64/29
55	Funding gun safety technology experts and expanding public education to help prevent children's access to guns through proper gun storage.	45	73/25	67/30	79/20	88/12	55/39	72/26	105	82/17
60	To enforce and prosecute gun crimes, hiring 500 new agents and 1000 new prosecutors to investigate and prosecute gun trafficking cases, starting a comprehensive crime gun tracing program, and more funding for quicker and more efficient Brady background checks.	44	68/30	61/35	74/24	81/19	51/44	68/30	98	69/29
70	Increasing the number of police officers on the street and funding law enforcement technology and community crime prevention.	43	76/21	73/23	79/19	86/14	60/32	78/20	104	83/16
71	Encouraging police departments to end the practice of re-selling used police guns and confiscated crime guns on the civilian market.	43	66/29	64/35	67/23	83/11	46/46	65/32	102	62/32
102	Increasing drug testing, treatment and rehabilitation for prisoners and parolees.	37	68/30	65/31	70/29	77/23	57/40	69/29	89	76/24
103	Institute a stay out, stay clean program for former inmates with mandatory drug testing and job placement programs to keep them off drugs and in safe work environments	37	78/20	76/20	79/20	84/16	74/23	76/21	86	82/16
140	Establishing a community supervision program for released inmates where police and correction agencies join with community providers to monitor and provide social services to offenders and increase the number of probation and parole officers.	26	66/31	65/31	67/31	74/26	55/39	68/29	87	67/31

Working Families

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4	Promoting responsible fatherhood by ensuring that every unemployed father who owes child support goes to work and provides that support, and increasing the amount of child support from parents who can afford to pay.	58	82/17	81/16	83/17	89/10	75/22	81/18	95	82/18
6	Make it easier for the elderly to be eligible for food stamps, in order to improve nutrition among this age group.	57	86/12	83/14	89/11	95/5	68/27	90/9	117	94/6
7	Making the dependent child care tax credit refundable to help the working poor families who need help the most.	56	86/11	79/17	92/5	93/5	73/23	88/8	108	97/0
14	Reward work and family by ensuring that more families get the maximum amount of earned income tax credit and easing the marriage penalty.	54	83/11	85/9	81/13	87/10	80/12	84/9	91	87/8
24	An volunteer reserves program, in which young people would perform community service on weekends or after work in exchange for funds that could be used for repaying student loans, financing further education for self or children, or making down payments on a first home.	51	86/11	82/13	89/8	95/2	78/16	82/14	99	83/12
28	A program called Rewarding Youth Achievement, in which academically achieving, but economically disadvantaged students, would be provided with summer employment, and would be given career counseling, mentoring, and tutoring to place participants in career related employment.	50	82/14	78/18	86/11	93/7	63/28	85/12	115	96/4
38	Making sure parents have the tools they need to keep violent video games, movies, and TV shows out of the hands of young children.	48	78/21	67/31	87/11	81/19	82/18	73/25	72	97/3
42	Increasing health benefits for part-time workers, agency temps, telecommuters, and independent contractors, who are less likely to be eligible for insurance coverage and pension benefits.	47	80/16	71/25	88/8	86/10	61/32	86/12	111	88/11
61	Establish a plan called Homestead Mortgages that would provide tax credits for lower income families buying homes.	44	79/16	80/15	78/18	91/7	65/26	78/18	104	82/17
72	Providing funding for second chance homes to teen parents to help	43	76/19	72/22	80/15	86/12	60/32	78/16	104	84/12

	them and their children succeed.									
6	Making it easier to deduct charitable contributions by simplifying the IRS tax form and allowing charitable giving up until April 15.	42	75/21	78/18	72/24	83/16	72/19	70/27	81	77/20
84	Establish a federal office like the small business administration whose goal will be to promote and encourage nonprofit organizations to help the needy.	40	71/20	63/25	78/15	91/6	47/36	70/22	114	80/16
90	Providing money to school districts to fund community coaches, which are adults in public schools who encourage community service for kids, and act as liaisons to business and community elders	39	73/21	67/27	78/15	88/7	53/35	74/23	109	78/17
94	Include gay couples in the Family Medical and Leave Act to permit leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition.	38	67/30	59/37	73/24	81/19	43/53	69/27	107	75/23
110	Helping low income families get transportation to work by providing loans and grants.	35	64/32	62/32	66/32	77/20	52/42	61/36	86	64/33
122	Allowing federal substance abuse treatment, juvenile justice and after – school funds to be used by faith – based organizations.	32	58/36	60/34	56/37	74/22	48/38	50/47	76	51/43
123	Provide fellowships to young people who have developed innovative community initiatives.	32	78/15	75/17	80/13	84/9	65/27	80/12	99	78/8
128	Expand the number of housing vouchers to help families move out of low income housing to 100,000 by 2001, with a goal of 500,000 vouchers in the next five years.	29	61/33	59/35	62/31	71/28	44/46	63/28	90	68/28
133	Allowing working families who do not itemize their tax returns to deduct \$500 for charitable contributions.	29	68/25	71/19	66/31	69/22	76/22	63/31	56	82/17
134	New funding for community and faith – based organizations to assist children of prisoners.	29	72/23	71/25	73/22	82/14	55/36	75/22	102	73/22
141	Set up a program that would fund accounts for children as they are born, such as \$1000 start in life deposits that would be followed by \$500 yearly deposits until age 5. The money could be used for higher education or home purchase.	26	53/39	57/35	49/43	58/39	31/61	63/26	90	65/29
152	Ensuring access to food stamps for working families by increasing funding for on-going food stamp outreach efforts.	23	59/37	54/42	64/32	70/29	39/53	65/32	96	66/34

Health Care

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8	Providing new funds for the investigation, identification, and prosecution of people or organizations selling unapproved or counterfeit drugs over the Internet or prescription drugs without a prescription.	56	77/18	75/20	80/15	81/16	80/13	72/22	73	83/12
9	Providing funds to help states strengthen the quality of nursing homes and their safety standards.	56	85/12	80/17	91/7	93/6	71/23	88/10	110	92/6
15	Giving states the option to provide temporary Medicaid coverage to uninsured women who have breast or cervical cancer.	54	88/9	82/14	93/5	92/6	76/16	90/9	106	92/7
16	Increasing investment in biomedical research to achieve potential breakthroughs in diagnoses, treatments, and cures for diseases.	54	83/13	85/9	81/16	94/4	77/17	80/16	97	74/25
21	Adding new preventive benefits to Medicare such as nutrition and medically necessary dental care for some seniors	52	83/12	76/19	90/7	90/7	69/25	88/9	109	96/4
22	Undertake a major long term care initiative that would provide a \$1000 tax credit for people with long term care needs, and assist families who are helping relatives in need of long term care	52	85/11	83/14	87/9	89/9	74/19	89/9	104	87/10
25	Provide a health care tax credit of 25 of the cost of health care for workers with no access to employer based health insurance.	51	82/14	84/11	81/17	97/3	73/17	75/22	99	84/15
43	Increasing funding for treatment for the severely mentally ill and establishing a new local mental health enhancement program to provide new prevention, early intervention, and treatment services for Americans.	47	81/16	80/15	81/16	95/5	71/24	74/21	98	79/20
47	Encouraging small businesses to offer health insurance by offering new tax credits and technical assistance.	46	83/12	83/13	84/10	88/10	75/16	84/11	97	91/7
48	Ensure that all workers paid by the federal government have access to employer - based insurance.	46	80/15	76/21	83/9	88/10	69/24	79/14	98	85/6
49	New ways to prevent medical errors such as establishing a Center for Patient Safety, new efforts to strengthen the Food and Drug Administrations reporting	46	79/16	76/20	83/13	88/8	60/31	86/12	114	88/7

	system, and implementing new requirements for the naming, labeling, and packaging of drugs.									
50	Fully funding the national Environmental Health Laboratory to evaluate the exposure of men, women and children to toxic substances that cause cancer.	46	80/16	77/20	84/13	87/12	66/27	85/13	106	90/10
56	Expanding health options available for older Americans starting by enabling those aged 62 to 65 to buy into Medicare.	45	79/14	81/12	77/15	89/9	74/19	74/14	89	69/23
62	Increasing the government's investment in the AIDS Drug assistance Program and establishing a plan to reduce new HIV infections by 50 percent in three years.	44	75/21	71/23	79/20	88/12	69/25	68/27	87	85/14
73	Use schools to help increase enrollment of eligible, currently uninsured children to Medicaid and the children's health insurance program	43	75/20	69/26	81/14	90/10	60/31	73/21	103	84/15
74	Establishing an 800 number that children who are emotionally disturbed can call to receive counseling.	43	74/22	73/21	75/22	87/11	62/31	72/25	97	78/19
79	Extending Medicare coverage for drugs that prevent rejection of transplanted organs.	41	82/12	81/13	83/11	85/11	71/18	87/10	101	93/7
85	Expanding health care coverage to the parents of children who are currently eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.	40	79/16	78/15	80/17	91/7	66/27	76/18	101	87/10
	Allowing Medicaid to cover poor adults who are not parents, to move Medicaid to a income related, rather than welfare related, health insurance program.	37	71/23	65/27	77/19	81/15	61/33	70/25	90	74/18
108	A new grant program for community based providers who fill the service gaps that exist in many communities, especially primary care, mental health, and substance abuse services.	36	76/18	73/23	79/15	94/5	60/30	72/23	106	80/16
118	Covering the patient care costs associated with clinical trials for Medicare beneficiaries.	33	72/21	73/22	70/20	88/10	56/37	68/20	100	58/29
124	A package of new safeguards against scientific and biomedical abuses, including the patenting and licensing of genetic material and the insufficient protections given to human subjects in clinical trials.	32	63/29	65/29	61/29	70/25	51/35	66/27	85	58/29
128	Providing a tax credit for employees who extend their health care coverage through their old employer at a higher premium while changing to a new job.	31	69/25	67/27	71/24	79/20	57/34	70/23	92	71/22

Science and Technology

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2	Protecting children from viewing obscene material on the Internet by requiring all websites with sexually explicit material to have a different domain name. For example, rather than ending their web site name with a "dot com" or "dot org" as most sites are, all sexually explicit sites would be given a particular suffix that everyone would recognize.	62	82/13	75/19	89/8	91/7	70/19	82/15	103	89/9
5	Increasing funding for research on cancer, asthma, mental illness, and heart disease	58	86/10	81/15	90/7	88/11	77/17	89/6	100	98/2
18	Offer a new option for seniors to join a purchasing cooperative within Medicare so they can obtain prescription drug discounts of 10 to 15 percent.	53	85/8	80/10	89/7	99/1	73/13	82/12	108	94/6
19	Increase penalties on genetic researchers who fail to report all the results of their research, including the negative implications or side effects of their research.	53	83/12	85/11	82/13	92/5	73/18	84/14	103	90/5
34	Expanding research to protect Americans from chemical and biological warfare and computer terrorism.	48	81/15	83/13	80/17	90/10	73/18	79/18	96	73/24
35	Develop new technologies to fight possible security threats such as chemical and biological weapons and attacks on our national information systems.	48	82/13	82/12	81/14	90/5	72/18	82/14	100	87/7
57	Increase funding on the human genome project that will lead to discoveries of new cures and treatments for many diseases.	45	82/14	82/13	81/15	91/9	67/25	85/12	109	78/21
58	Increase funding for research at the molecular level to make new devices and materials, such as minute sensors for earlier detection of cancer, and other inventions that could have an impact on our economy and our society.	45	79/14	74/20	83/8	86/10	65/22	82/12	103	89/7
75	Funding research to find out what really works in teaching math and science to our kids and applying that knowledge.	43	80/17	80/15	80/19	87/12	63/31	84/12	108	84/16
77	Increasing funding for vaccines for debilitating diseases in the developing world.	42	75/22	69/26	80/17	88/12	74/22	63/30	77	87/12
80	Promoting research aimed at technologies that lower carbon emissions, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase	41	75/19	74/24	77/14	85/9	60/33	77/17	102	74/18

	the efficiency of energy and materials used in transportation, buildings, and manufacturing.									
86	Exploring ways to produce useful chemicals, fuel and power from new cash crops to boost farm income and add good jobs to the rural economy.	40	79/16	83/13	75/19	90/9	71/20	73/22	92	70/25
105	Prohibit the use of genetic information in the hiring and promotion of public or private sector employees.	37	71/23	72/21	69/25	81/17	64/29	68/24	85	74/26
113	Concentrate on increasing research and development in sciences such as chemistry, physics, astronomy, math, and geosciences .	34	75/19	78/17	73/21	77/17	78/15	71/25	70	61/27
119	Doubling university based science and technology research in five years.	33	72/23	78/17	67/28	81/18	63/26	70/25	88	61/37
129	A joint proclamation with Great Britain saying that information about the human genome should always be available to the public.	30	60/29	69/22	53/34	71/24	58/33	55/29	68	54/37
135	Increase funding for information technology ranging from entertainment and commerce to education and healthcare.	29	62/32	65/30	59/33	72/23	49/42	62/32	85	72/23
136	Setting a goal of reducing the rate of airline deaths by a factor of five within ten years.	29	59/30	60/27	58/33	74/16	46/41	57/35	85	53/38

Misc. Issues – Immigration, Tobacco, Food Regs

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3	Expanding enforcement of equal pay laws that require that women receive equal pay for the same job as men.	61	83/12	85/10	81/14	96/4	74/17	79/17	101	85/15
10	A comprehensive privacy package to protect medical, financial, and Internet records.	56	84/10	85/12	83/9	89/6	70/21	89/6	108	85/8
12	Provide special privacy protections for financial and medical records on the Internet.	55	82/13	86/9	79/17	91/8	73/16	83/13	101	78/17
17	Expand Violence Against Women programs	54	82/15	78/19	86/11	94/6	75/19	77/20	96	85/12
31	Create, for the first time, a way to help states ensure that Medicaid, children's health insurance program, and substance abuse programs are available to the homeless.	49	79/15	79/17	80/14	92/7	64/25	80/17	108	88/11
36	A savings incentive plan in which the government would match contributions to a retirement savings account.	48	77/18	74/22	80/15	83/14	69/22	79/20	93	83/13
37	Addressing poverty among widows by expanding the survivor's Social Security benefit to 75 of the couple's Social Security benefit.	48	81/16	80/17	82/15	89/9	71/24	80/17	98	74/20
51	Federal legislation to ban billboards advertising alcohol near Schools	46	72/26	67/30	76/21	87/13	54/41	72/25	105	80/17
52	Calling for a ban on unregulated, soft money contributions to political parties and stricter campaign finance reform laws.	46	80/19	68/30	90/9	90/10	62/38	83/15	111	89/11
63	Implementing a 55 cent per pack tax increase on the cost of cigarettes to reduce youth smoking.	44	61/33	59/35	63/31	82/14	46/47	54/39	90	57/41
81	Calling for a new global effort to reduce child labor by making access to primary education universal.	41	76/21	74/22	77/20	88/11	62/32	77/22	103	87/10
87	A plan under which if youth smoking is not reduced, states would be required to spend money from the tobacco settlement on youth smoking prevention programs.	40	65/30	62/33	67/28	81/17	54/38	55/38	82	64/33
91	A new commitment to expanding access to basic education in the poorest countries as a way to	39	73/22	65/28	81/17	87/12	60/30	70/26	97	81/17

	eliminate child labor.									
95	Implementing a per pack tax increase on the cost of cigarettes, to be determined by youth smoking rates.	38	61/35	55/41	66/29	79/20	48/45	53/40	84	57/41
96	Increase compliance with Equal pay laws by providing training on how to identify and respond to wage discrimination, and launching an equal pay public announcement campaign to inform employers and employees of their rights and responsibilities.	38	69/24	67/26	71/23	82/14	57/32	67/29	92	69/30
97	Proposing a law prohibiting gambling on the Internet	38	57/36	53/35	60/38	63/31	44/48	59/35	78	43/55
106	Increasing the number of imported and domestic food inspections by over 7000 with a special emphasis on high - risk foods, and hiring an additional 100 inspection agents.	37	67/25	69/23	66/27	78/16	47/42	70/23	101	63/28
111	Increasing funding for the International Program for the Elimination of Child Labor.	35	65/30	61/33	69/28	82/16	53/37	57/40	86	75/22
114	Encouraging Native Americans to pursue information technology as a field of study and increasing ability of tribal colleges to offer these courses.	34	71/23	73/23	69/23	73/22	59/35	78/18	92	64/25
138	Expand coverage of products that help smokers quit smoking under Medicaid and other federal programs.	27	57/39	52/43	62/36	60/39	42/51	65/32	83	78/20
146	Improving US government monitoring of international labor rights policies and practices around the world.	25	63/29	60/34	66/24	75/21	42/46	68/23	101	69/25
149	Allow all legal immigrants to be eligible for federal public benefits, including Social Security, food stamps, Medicaid, and children's health insurance program.	24	47/47	38/55	55/39	60/34	41/52	42/53	61	55/40
153	Protecting the benefits of legal immigrants by providing a state option to cover children and pregnant women under health insurance, no matter when they entered the U.S.	23	49/46	42/50	56/42	68/32	30/58	48/48	86	57/42
154	Making the citizenship process easier by improving the current citizenship test and naturalization process.	22	50/42	51/40	49/44	60/32	35/58	51/41	76	51/49
157	Calling on the World Bank to actively assist in creating unemployment and pension programs in developing countries.	20	48/43	45/46	50/41	59/38	30/60	48/39	77	56/36
159	A Global Economic Democracy Initiative, to provide assistance to countries that wish to build modern systems of administration to implement labor and environmental reforms.	17	54/40	56/39	52/41	69/29	37/54	51/42	83	58/40

**STATE OF THE UNION PROPOSALS –
TOP 15 PROPOSALS BY D+I-R**

SOTU Proposals – Top 15 Proposals by D+I-R

<i>If President Clinton announced this in the coming months, would this make you much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, or much less favorable towards President Clinton?</i>	Much More Fav	More / Less Fav	M	F	D	R	I	D+I-R
Providing grants to partnerships between universities, child care providers and school districts to offer training and professional development to child care providers around language and literacy.	43	78/20	72/26	83/14	86/12	49/46	90/9	127
Work towards providing universal child care for all children.	44	74/20	77/15	72/25	98/2	50/42	71/19	119
Doubling clean water funding over the next 10 years to end beach closures, restore the Great Lakes, clean up the Gulf of Mexico, and make our rivers and lakes safe for fishing and swimming.	52	84/13	75/21	92/6	95/5	64/30	87/10	118
Make it easier for the elderly to be eligible for food stamps, in order to improve nutrition among this age group.	57	86/12	83/14	89/11	95/5	68/27	90/9	117
Addressing a growing need for child care in non-traditional hours for parents with night shifts by building the supply of such child care through increased grants.	37	72/25	62/36	81/16	82/17	46/49	80/16	116
A program called Rewarding Youth Achievement, in which academically achieving, but economically disadvantaged students, would be provided with summer employment, and would be given career counseling, mentoring, and tutoring to place participants in career related employment.	50	82/14	78/18	86/11	93/7	63/28	85/12	115
Increase funding for programs like micro enterprises, adult literacy, local information, and job training, to expand opportunities for low - income households and communities.	39	83/13	80/18	86/9	92/5	65/28	88/10	115
Creating a digital library for education that will develop a national library of text, images, sound recordings, and other material available to every schoolchild and every American with Internet access.	38	71/24	72/25	71/24	79/19	46/44	82/15	115
Calling for an investigation into rising college costs and determining what steps we can take to make college more affordable.	52	78/16	79/17	77/16	90/8	58/32	82/14	114
New ways to prevent medical errors such as establishing a Center for Patient Safety, new efforts to strengthen the Food and Drug Administrations reporting system, and implementing new requirements for the	46	79/16	76/20	83/13	88/8	60/31	86/12	114

naming, labeling, and packaging of drugs.								
Establish a federal office like the small business administration whose goal will be to promote and encourage nonprofit organizations to help the needy.	40	71/20	63/25	78/15	91/6	47/36	70/22	114
Expanding support for distance learning programs that help underserved adults learn at a time, place, and pace that is convenient for them.	32	75/17	70/24	80/11	85/10	54/34	82/12	113
Requiring the federal government to pay penalties when it violates environmental standards, the same way any private company has to.	62	83/15	81/16	85/13	91/9	68/27	88/10	111
Increasing health benefits for part-time workers, agency temps, telecommuters, and independent contractors, who are less likely to be eligible for insurance coverage and pension benefits.	47	80/16	71/25	88/8	86/10	61/32	86/12	111
Calling for a ban on unregulated, soft money contributions to political parties and stricter campaign finance reform laws.	46	80/19	68/30	90/9	90/10	62/38	83/15	111

Strategy Session
Tuesday, December 7, 1999
Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates

The mood of the country remains stable and the WTO conference seems to have had little effect on right direction / wrong track, approval, or favorability. There was widespread awareness of the conference, but Democrats and Independents were positive about the positions he took in support of free trade while protecting labor and enhancing environmental standards.

The mood of the country has trended upwards in the last few months with the success of the stock market and the lack of any issue showing any real traction.

There is strong support for a new social issues agenda – issues such as privacy, regulating marketing to children, tougher environmental regulations, labeling of genetically engineered food, and on a positive side getting inner city kids involved in new technology and the Internet, all tested well.

Mood of the Country

	9/27	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/07
Country: Right/Wrong Track	46/40	44/42	47/40	52/38	53/34
Economy: Right/Wrong Track	68/23	64/27	68/25	73/20	70/22
Favorability					
Clinton	55/45	52/47	52/47	54/44	57/43
Gore	55/40	53/41	50/45	49/43	51/44
Clinton Job Approval	66/32	62/37	62/38	66/33	65/35
Strongly Approve	25	27	24	28	26
	9/22	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/06
Foreign Policy Job Approval	59/38	58/41	55/43	61/36	61/37
Strongly Approve	22	21	18	25	17

Most Important Issue (Open End)

Health Care – 10%

Education – 9%

Economy/Jobs – 8%

Morality/Family Values – 7%

Preserving Social Security + Preserving Medicare – 5%

What is the Most Important Issue (Closed End)

<i>Among the following choices</i>	All	11/09
Moral Decline	22	17
Education	20	18
Social Security /Medicare	15	13
Guns and Youth Violence	11	13
Healthcare	11	13
Keeping the Economy Strong	9	10
Taxes	6	6
Foreign Affairs	2	6

With Congress out of session and members back in their districts, approval for Congress overall and for Congressional Democrats and Republicans has gone up. Republicans in Congress remain down 5 points in the generic Congressional horserace.

Congressional Approval

	9/7	9/27	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/07
Congress	47/46	47/47	43/50	46/46	48/46	52/44
Congressional Republicans	37/55	39/54	37/56	40/52	38/55	43/49
Congressional Democrats	52/41	50/43	48/44	47/44	49/44	51/41

Congressional Horserace

	9/7	9/22	10/18	10/28	11/09	12/07
Democrat	43	46	44	44	44	43
Republican	36	35	38	38	37	38

These changes are all in the margin of error – the answer is that the generic presidential race is about dead even.

Generic Presidential Horserace

	10/28	11/09	12/07
Democrat	39	43	38
Republican	39	38	45

Presidential Horserace (Dem / Rep)	D	R	I
Dec. 7	82/9	2/88	23/46
Nov. 9	83/7	6/83	39/34

Newspaper Headlines

Trade/WTO: 3; Vieques/Puerto Rico: 2; Medical Reform: 2; Iran: 1; Sudan: 1; Kosovo: 1; Bulgaria: 1

Date	Day	Newspaper	Headline
12/7	Tuesday	The New York Times	A Clinton Order Seekjs to Reduce Medical Errors
12/7	Tuesday	USA TODAY	Medical Errors Targeted: Clinton orders task force today to find new ways to reduce deaths
12/5	Sunday	The New York Times	Puerto Ricans Gain Ear of Washington But Seek Far More
12/5	Sunday	The New York Times	Impasse on Trade Delivers A Stinging Blow to Clinton
12/4	Saturday	The New York Times	President Halts Target Practice By Navy on Puerto Rican Island
12/3	Friday	The New York Times	Clinton Seeks an Opening to Iran, but Efforts Have Been Rebuffed
12/2	Thursday	The New York Times	In Stormy Seattle, Clinton Chides Trade Body
12/2	Thursday	The Washington Post	Clinton Defends Open Trade
11/29	Monday	The New York Times	US Weighs Using Food as Support for Sudan Rebels: Clinton Aides in Debate
11/24	Wednesday	The Washington Post	Clinton Seeks End to Kosovo Reprisals
11/23	Tuesday	The New York Times	A Grateful Clinton Offers Encouragement to Bulgaria

Television Headlines**Trade/WTO: 3; Bulgaria: 3; Parental Leave Pay: 1; Spending Package: 1**

Date	Station	Order	Headline
12/3	ABC	5	Smaller Nations Angered By Clinton's Words About Trade
12/2	CBS	2	Clinton Signs Treaty Banning Abusive Forms Of Child Labor
12/1	NBC	1	Clinton Steps Into Fray As WTO Demonstrators Continue
11/30	CBS	4	Clinton Proposes To Let States Make Parental Leave Paid
11/29	NBC	6	Clinton Signs \$305 billion Spending Package
11/22	NBC	6	Thousands Greet Clinton, First US President to Visit Bulgaria
11/22	CBS	8	Clinton Becomes First President to Visit Bulgaria
11/22	ABC	12	Bulgaria Gives Clinton a Big Welcome

In the News

Three-fourths were aware of the WTO conference in Seattle. Additionally, over 60% were aware of and more favorable about unemployment benefits for new parents who take a leave of absence, an issue that plays well with Republicans and Independents.

Did you hear anything about...	% Aware	More/ Less Fav	D	R	I
President Clinton's trip to Seattle, in which he participated in negotiations at the World Trade Organization conference?	76	43/35	56/22	24/60	46/29
President Clinton's plan to give states the option of providing unemployment benefits for new parents who take a leave of absence from their jobs to take care of their baby?	64	61/29	79/14	35/56	67/26
President Clinton signing an international treaty banning abusive child labor practices around the world?	64	65/13	76/7	51/14	66/18
President Clinton signing the budget into law?	39	44/25	52/20	26/36	50/22

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Now I am going to read you some things President Clinton might talk about in a major speech. For each, please tell me if President Clinton talked about this in a major speech, would this make you much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, or much less favorable towards President Clinton? (Favorable/Unfavorable)	Much more Fav	All
A new era of responsibility: At the dawn of this new century, we should challenge every American to take responsibility – for their families, for their communities, and for their nation. We should give people the tools they need to succeed, but also demand that all Americans step up to their responsibility. That means all parents must take a more active role in their children's lives, health, and safety. It means getting involved in their education and turning around troubled schools; and taking the initiative to create economic opportunity in our own communities.	55	81/16
America's first steps into the 21st century: America's journey to the 21 st century begins today. It is our responsibility to make sure that the first steps we take are the right steps. We should give more working families the tools they need to succeed; prepare for the retirement of the baby boomers while giving our children the education they deserve; and make America the safest big country in the world. We can also make sure technology and the global economy work for every American; and keep America the strongest force for peace and freedom in the world.	37	73/20
This is a pivotal moment for America: The choices we make today will determine our course for years to come. We should choose to give more working families the tools they need to succeed; to prepare for the retirement of the baby boomers while giving our children the education they deserve; and to make America the safest big country in the world. We should also make sure technology and the global economy work for every American; and keep America the strongest force for peace and freedom in the world.	35	74/20
A proven path for continued prosperity in the 21st century: Seven years ago, we charted a new course for America – of fiscal discipline, expanded trade, and investment in our people. That strategy is working. America is enjoying its longest economic expansion in history – with 20 million new jobs, rising wages, low unemployment, and the highest homeownership ever. Now is not the time to abandon the fiscal discipline that got us here. We can create an even greater era of prosperity – if we continue to live within our means and make critical investments in education, health care, the environment, and defense.	33	70/24
American Leadership for a Second American Century: Our leadership in the world made the 20 th century the American Century. Now, more than ever, America's values of freedom and democracy are the values of the world. We have a chance to make the 21 st century the second American Century – one of even greater prosperity and security. To do that, we must lead in the world, not retreat from it; we must shape events, not be shaped by them. In the 21 st century, America must continue to be the world's leading force for peace, freedom and prosperity.	27	69/24
Fulfilling the promise and meeting the challenges of the Information Age: Technology is transforming the way we live, work and learn. America's pioneering spirit is opening new frontiers of progress from the biotechnology that is curing ancient diseases to the internet that is opening new avenues of communication and commerce. But these rapid changes in technology can also put new pressures on work and family, and pose new challenges to our values and privacy. At the dawn of this new century we must work to fulfill the promise and meet the challenge of the information age.	23	64/29
Renewing our deepest values for a new century: In the last seven years we have put basic American values – opportunity for all, responsibility from all, and a community of all – back at the center of our national life. As a result, opportunity is abundant, social problems are on the mend, and we are enjoying the longest peacetime expansion in our history. At the dawn of this new century, we must ensure that these same enduring values guide us through new and changing times. Technology is transforming the ways we live, work and learn. America's pioneering spirit is opening new frontiers of progress – from the biotechnology that is curing ancient diseases, to the Internet that is opening new avenues of communication and commerce. But these rapid changes in technology can also put new pressures on work and family, and pose new challenges to our values and privacy. At the dawn of this new century, we must work to fulfill the promise and meet the challenges of the Information Age.	21	66/27
America's Choice At the Crossroads of a New Century: America faces a choice. Some say our nation is so prosperous we can now each go it alone. They say public schools and Medicare and	21	60/32

nation is so prosperous we can now each go it alone. They say public schools and Medicare and Social Security are relics of the past. They say government is too big and we should spend our surplus on a big tax cut. But I believe the path to progress is to make government smaller while our goals stay as big as ever. We must maintain our fiscal discipline, while making critical investments in education, health care, the environment, and defense. That is the right choice for America. Our new approach to government for a new century: We have renewed our nation with ideas that work, not with outdated ideologies that don't. We have ended the debate between those who said that government was the only problem and those who said government was the only solution. Instead, we have fashioned a smaller government that is more effective and attuned to our times – one that lives within its means; one that acts in partnership with communities and business; one that gives our people the tools they need to succeed. This is the right kind of approach to the challenges of the 21st century.	17	57/35
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Now I am going to read you some things President Clinton might talk about in a major speech... (Favorable/Unfavorable)	D	R	I	M	F	< 35K	> 35K	< 35 years	>35 years	Fem. w/ kids
A new era of responsibility	93/6	71/28	78/20	83/16	81/18	89/11	77/23	88/12	79/19	70/26
America's first steps into the 21 st century	85/6	44/47	81/15	70/24	75/17	77/15	68/25	79/21	68/22	72/23
This is a pivotal moment for America	85/8	48/47	83/13	72/23	74/18	77/15	70/25	80/18	71/22	65/28
A proven path for continued prosperity in the 21 st century	86/8	41/52	76/18	69/28	73/19	72/18	69/27	67/27	72/23	69/26
American Leadership for a Second American Century	82/13	46/47	75/19	73/24	66/23	75/16	68/28	74/21	67/26	65/28
Fulfilling the promise and meeting the challenges of the Information Age	71/15	47/50	68/29	58/32	69/26	68/24	59/35	78/19	57/33	71/20
Renewing our deepest values for a new century	81/14	44/48	67/25	58/34	73/21	80/16	60/34	50/32	69/25	67/23
America's Choice At the Crossroads of a New Century	71/18	47/49	57/37	54/36	65/29	64/23	59/38	67/33	56/34	53/44
Our new approach to government for a new century	67/22	26/62	71/29	55/40	59/31	65/23	49/45	62/34	56/35	59/40

Social Security / Budget Follow Up

We won the budget fight, among those who followed it. At the same time, President Clinton enjoys more confidence than the Democrats in Congress in terms of not raiding the Social Security surplus.

33/22% think President Clinton / Republicans in Congress won on the budget.
45% don't know.

D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
37/21	29/31	32/17	30/19	35/26	29/18	34/22	35/17

We are holding steady on trust to save the Social Security surplus, although a plurality agree that the budget did dip into the Social Security surplus and did not preserve the Social Security surplus.

44/37% trust President Clinton / the Republicans in Congress to pass a budget that does not raid the Social Security surplus. (45/38 Oct. 28)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
73/11	12/67	41/38	49/27	43/41	48/36	43/36	43/38

42/40% trust the Democrats / Republicans in Congress to pass a budget that does not raid the Social Security surplus. (46/38% Nov. 9)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
77/13	10/69	33/45	43/33	44/46	39/45	44/38	46/37

42/32% think that the budget passed by Congress and signed by the President dips / does not dip into the Social Security surplus.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
47/24	40/34	39/39	46/23	45/32	39/30	44/32	43/28

32/38% think that the budget passed by Congress and signed by the President preserves / does not preserve the Social Security surplus.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
33/33	41/34	26/42	28/32	38/36	35/24	31/42	26/46

The Republicans in Congress do not have a lot of credibility on this issue compared to the CBO.

56% believe The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a nonpartisan budget group that says the budget spends \$17 billion of the Social Security surplus. 20% believe the Republicans in Congress who say the budget does not spend any of the Social Security surplus.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
75/6	38/46	52/15	55/23	58/17	56/28	58/15	54/21

However, a majority do not believe President Clinton when he says the budget did not dip into the Social Security surplus.

34/52% believe / do not believe President Clinton when he says that the CBO numbers do not take into account the continued growth in the economy, and that by using more realistic numbers, it is clear we will not touch the Social Security surplus.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	> 50 Yrs
38/44	33/64	32/49	48/31	29/62	41/45	32/53	34/51

Privacy

A comprehensive, omnibus privacy bill covering all facets should be part of the SOTU package.

42/37% trust President Clinton / the Republicans in Congress to handle issues of medical, financial, and Internet privacy.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
73/12	11/74	35/34	37/44	45/34

45/33% trust the Democrats / Republicans in Congress to handle issues of medical, financial, and Internet privacy.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
82/5	14/70	37/31	50/36	45/32

14/72% think enough / not enough is being done to protect privacy on the Internet.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	Internet User	No Internet
11/81	18/70	14/68	22/74	12/70	23/67	5/76

23/65% think enough / not enough is being done to protect the privacy of medical records.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
21/69	20/59	29/65	23/61	24/66

18/75% think enough / not enough is being done to protect the privacy of financial information.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
18/78	23/68	15/80	27/68	15/79

Supposing that President Clinton announced a privacy bill that provided new protections for the privacy of medical records, financial information, and Internet transactions.

Given this, 81/11% are more / less favorable towards President Clinton.

81% more favorable (41% much + 40% somewhat)

11% less favorable (6% much + 5% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
95/4	60/18	83/13	94/1	79/14

Patience is wearing thin here:

25% say that the Internet should not be regulated, and that self-regulation by Internet providers is enough to protect privacy on the Internet. 65% say that Internet privacy issues are an important problem that needs to be addressed by regulation.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs	Internet User	No Internet
19/76	32/57	24/63	29/67	23/67	29/67	20/65

Bush and Tax Cut Plan

Bush's ballot support is down slightly, and the undecideds are up 5 points.
Bush Support

	11/9	12/6
Total Bush	49	46
Definitely Bush	24	20
Probably Bush	16	15
Possibly Bush	9	11
Unsure	17	12
Possibly against Bush	2	5
Probably against Bush	9	7
Definitely against Bush	20	25
Total against Bush	31	37

With the stock market at record highs, and the economy performing at near record levels, it is not surprising that the idea of a major tax cut has even less support than it did in August. 31% now say we can afford no tax cut over the next ten years, compared with 23% in August, and only 8% say we can afford a tax cut the size Bush is proposing.

Do you think that in the next 10 years we can afford...	Aug. 1999	Dec. 1999	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
No tax cut	23	31	35	23	31	29	30	25	31
\$250 billion tax cut	21	22	21	27	20	20	26	32	15
\$500 billion tax cut	18	9	9	11	9	7	12	8	9
\$750 billion tax cut	7	3	3	5	1	3	4	5	3
\$1 trillion tax cut	4	8	7	9	8	8	8	10	7

A majority were unaware of Bush's tax cut plan, and it garnered only lukewarm support among those who were aware of it (44/37). Once described, the plan enjoyed a similar level of support to the Republican plan at 57/36 (initial support for the Republican plan when described was 52/41).

41/56% heard / did not hear about Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush's tax cut plan.

D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
30/68	46/51	48/48	29/64	46/52	14/80	55/43

29/24% support / oppose Bush's tax cut plan. 47% don't know.

29% support (10% strongly + 19% somewhat)

24% oppose (14% strongly + 10% somewhat)

Heard of Plan	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
44/37	16/39	44/9	27/23	22/23	34/36	23/13	30/34

Initial Support for Bush Plan

Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush announced a tax cut plan that would lower taxes for all incomes, reducing the highest rate from 39.6 percent to 33 percent and the lowest rate from 15 percent to 10 percent. The plan would also double the child tax credit to \$1000, phase out the inheritance tax on large estates, and reduce the marriage penalty. This plan would cost \$1.3 trillion over ten years. **57/36%** support / oppose the Bush tax cut plan.

57% support (21% strongly + 36% somewhat)

36% oppose (20% strongly + 16% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
39/54	77/17	59/32	57/33	61/37	68/24	54/36

Support for the plan is soft:

Opponents of the plan say that it is a risky and irresponsible plan that squanders the surplus and does not leave any money to strengthen and extend Social Security and Medicare. It will also be costly to the middle class because it will drive up interest rates, mortgage rates, and credit card rates.

Given this, **32/55%** support / oppose the Bush tax cut plan

32% support (10% strongly + 22% somewhat)

55% oppose (32% strongly + 23% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
20/75	50/32	31/58	31/55	37/59	32/55	29/56

Bush Response brings back support:

George W. Bush says his plan is responsible because it saves all of the Social Security surplus for Social Security itself while funding needed priorities, including defense and education, reducing the national debt, and ensuring that the rest of the surplus is returned to the American people.

Given this, **57/35%** support / oppose the Bush tax cut plan

57% support (18% strongly + 39% somewhat)

35% oppose (19% strongly + 16% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
35/60	82/10	59/32	57/31	61/37	72/22	48/43

Bush's argumentation about it being risky and irresponsible to leave the surplus in Washington is effective.

50% agree with George W. Bush when he says any surplus belongs to taxpayers, and that what is risky and irresponsible is to allow the budget surplus to stay in Washington where it will be spent on new government programs. 33% say that such a large and risky tax cut will return us to an era of deficits, force drastic cuts in Medicare, and neglect the long term health of Social Security.

D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
34/50	68/18	55/27	44/33	60/32	50/35	46/33

But few realize that Bush says he supports partial privatization of Social Security. Combining this fact with the tax cut is powerful.

But combining Bush's tax cut plan with his Social Security privatization plans in an attack that ties him to the Republicans in Congress is very effective, and 44% strongly oppose the plan, 66% oppose it overall following such an attack. The argument that the plan neglects Social Security and Medicare, as well as a prescription drug benefit, also continues to work well.

Now I am going to read you a list of reasons that people have given to oppose Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush's tax cut plan. (support/oppose)	Strongly Oppose	All	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	<35 yrs	>50 yrs
Bush has already come out for partial privatization of Social Security and now he has come out for a tax cut that is so large that it does not secure Social Security. So there the Republicans go again, trying to break the Social Security program just at the moment the baby boom generation, the largest in history, will soon start collecting the benefits that they have worked for	44	33/66	10/84	64/34	31/67	16/77	39/61	34/62	31/64
This plan does not protect Medicare or provide for a prescription drug benefit for all seniors, and does not put aside any money for saving Social Security.	44	27/68	11/86	54/42	25/71	25/70	29/70	47/53	20/75
This tax cut plan will raise interest rates and the cost of owning a home and a car and paying off credit card debt. Under this plan middle class families could end up paying more in higher interest rates than they get in tax cuts.	39	35/57	19/76	54/38	36/57	25/67	37/58	28/67	36/57
Such a tax cut will benefit wealthier Americans more than middle class Americans.	33	28/54	23/69	57/34	38/55	36/56	41/53	35/55	39/44
A tax cut is just too big and too risky and will return us to an era of budget deficits.	29	37/60	22/74	66/31	31/67	24/69	42/58	44/56	26/66

Bush flunked the foreign policy test, now he's flunking the domestic policy math test with tax cuts that are so huge they simply don't add up	28	40/52	23/67	56/36	41/51	35/61	45/46	44/48	35/55
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WTO and Trade

Despite the high numbers in favor of free trade, America remains wary about the jobs consequence on free trade.

Nearly nine in ten heard about the protests at the WTO meeting in Seattle last week, and nearly half see the conference as a failure (although over a third are unsure). Despite this, most Americans do not blame the Clinton Administration for what happened in Seattle. The majority view is that the protesters were justified in their protests (although they are seen as fringe groups) and that President Clinton handled them fairly.

86/13% heard /did not hear about the protests at the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle last week.

18/46% think the World Trade Organization meetings in Seattle last week were a success / failure. 36% don't know.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>
20/46	14/58	19/39

IF FAILURE: Why do you think it was a failure?	All	D	R	I
the issues are complex and will require more discussion	38	36	47	41
the protesters got out of hand and disrupted the negotiations	26	32	23	28
a lack of leadership by the Clinton administration	17	8	26	12
other countries demanded too many concessions	13	15	10	12

52/22% think the protesters did / did not have good reason to protest.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<i>Deg</i>	<i>No Deg</i>
57/19	56/23	43/26	36/25	62/19	56/25	48/20

49/15% think President Clinton responded / did not respond fairly and properly to the protesters.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>< 35K</i>	<i>> 35K</i>
64/10	45/15	38/20	39/15	58/15

22% think the protesters represent the views of a majority of Americans. **53%** think they represent the views just of fringe groups.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>
24/53	18/52	25/53

Americans are split with **41% favorable** and **41% unfavorable** towards the WTO – much lower numbers than other international organizations like the UN and NATO. Interestingly, it is Republicans who have the highest unfavorable rating for the WTO at **49%**.

Fav/ Unfav	All	D	R	I	<i>< 35K</i>	<i>> 35K</i>
UN	70/25	86/8	53/43	68/29	71/17	74/25
NATO	63/18	60/13	61/24	65/19	56/14	71/22
WTO	41/41	42/39	35/49	43/36	47/29	38/48

Despite this, a majority also think the WTO is good for America overall.

56/28% think the World Trade Organization and its efforts to expand trade are good/bad for America overall.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>< 35K</i>	<i>> 35K</i>	<i>Deg</i>	<i>No Deg</i>	<i>Internet User</i>
54/21	49/45	63/23	52/25	61/29	62/27	52/29	63/25

Close to **60%** were able to identify a specific reason why people were protesting – a sign that the message of the protesters got through.

What were people protesting? OPEN-END	All
Hurting our economy/jobs/jobs leaving the United States	17
Against the trade agreement/WTO	15
Not addressing the environmental issues	5
Child labor	4
Unfair labor practices: poor wages/bad working conditions etc.	4
Human rights	4
A little bit of everything	3
To help one another/to get the others out of jail	2
Third world countries demanding from/exploiting the United States	1
Labor Issues	1
How things/negotiations were handled	1
Other	9
Don't Know	34

The most effective argument the protesters has was that the WTO is unfair to America and drives jobs overseas.

Which of the following concerns that some of the protesters have about the World Trade Organization or WTO is the most important to you?	ALL	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K
the WTO is unfair to America and drives jobs overseas.	31	32	38	26	28	36
the WTO does not do enough to protect labor standards	21	18	21	25	23	19
the WTO does not do enough to protect environmental standards	20	20	15	22	15	19
the WTO has secret hearings to decide trade disputes	12	10	13	13	10	15

In the short term, the WTO appeared to slightly dampen public support for free trade.

69/20% think it is important / do not think it is important for the US to work to reduce international trade barriers and expand global trade. (80/15%, Nov. 9)

Date	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K
12/6	75/15	55/29	75/18	67/14	70/24
11/9	77/17	82/17	82/13	78/17	80/17

37% say the US should take a leadership role in expanding global trade, because it benefits the global economy. 56% say the US should slow the trend towards globalization because it hurts American workers and drives jobs overseas. (46/47% Sept. 29)

Date	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	Internet User
12/6	34/59	36/58	41/52	33/55	37/59	42/53

11/9	45/50	45/52	49/45	49/46	41/49	55/40
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75/17% support / oppose efforts to expand trade with countries around the world.
(73/21%, Oct. 1998)

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72/20	77/16	76/15	81/18	71/15	66/23	81/14	83/12	71/20

IF OPPOSE: Why do you oppose efforts to open up markets? TRACKED	All	D	R	I
Trade makes the US more vulnerable to and dependent on the world economy	45	32	41	65
trade enables American jobs to move overseas	17	24	22	0
trade creates more competition in American industries	12	11	19	9
Trade hurts other nations / developing countries	6	15	0	0

67/30% agree/disagree with the statement: Expanding markets and lowering trade barriers is important to the future health of the American economy.

67% agree (25% strongly + 42% somewhat)

30% disagree (8% strongly + 22% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<i>Deg</i>	<i>No Deg</i>
65/31	74/26	63/32	65/29	68/31	69/31	66/29

The top arguments for expanding global trade are ensuring fair trade means free trade, and new opportunities / jobs.

What is the most important reason to support reducing international trade barriers and expanding global trade?	All	D	R	I	< 35K	> 35K	Deg	No Deg
By providing American leadership, we can ensure that free trade means fair trade	27	27	25	26	23	29	26	28
Opening markets opens new opportunities for working Americans	24	21	27	26	22	26	25	24
Free trade will increase choice and lower prices for American consumers	20	24	11	22	22	21	19	20
Globalization of trade has made America's economy stronger than its ever been	16	14	17	17	13	17	18	13

A majority support President Clinton taking a hard line with the WTO on trade sanctions to enforce labor rights.

38/61% heard/did not hear about President Clinton demanding that the WTO should use trade sanctions to enforce labor rights around the world.

This makes **57/29%** more / less favorable towards President Clinton.

57% more favorable (**18%** much + **39%** somewhat)

29% less favorable (**9%** much + **20%** somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Deg</i>	<i>No Deg</i>
61/18	40/40	66/30	63/25	54/30

33% say the WTO should enforce labor rights in countries around the world; **61%** say that while the WTO should be a forum for discussing labor standards, it should not enforce labor standards within individual countries.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K
40/55	31/67	31/59	36/57	31/65

A majority say President Clinton should keep pushing forward on trade agreements, although six in ten say we should insist on changes within the WTO first.

55% think President Clinton should continue pushing forward on new free trade agreements. **32%** think President should back away from new free trade agreements.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Deg</i>	<i>No Deg</i>	<35 yrs	>35 yrs
58/31	42/39	61/27	62/26	49/36	59/36	53/30

The American public divides on the issue of admitting China into the WTO. Democrats and Independents favor allowing China into the WTO, while Republicans strongly oppose it. The top reasons given in an open-ended question as to why they oppose allowing China entry were that China is a threat and cannot be trusted (9%) and human rights abuses (7%).

44/44% favor / oppose allowing China into the World Trade Organization.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35K	> 35K	<i>Deg</i>	<i>No Deg</i>
48/41	35/58	50/37	42/43	46/47	50/42	40/46

Why is that? OPEN-END	All
Favor	44
Equal rights/ going worldwide means including China	8
China is a big market/ good for the economy	6
It's a good thing to trade with China/better to include than exclude them	4
China has too much power / should work with them not against them	2
Help China's people with human rights	2
They have a lot to offer	2
To have a better relationship with China	2
They need a break / They're just trying to make a living	2
We already do business with them	2
No particular reason / Why not	2
Help China get rid of communism	1
As long as they follow the guidelines there is no reason not to	1
Others	7
Don't know	3
Oppose	44
Don't trust them / They are a threat / They are against us	9
No human rights / Don't like the way they treat their people	7
Poor labor practices / Pay cheap wages / Use child labor	4
They are communists / Don't like their politics	3
Don't like them / Don't like the idea of them being here	3
Should be taking care of ourselves: need to keep jobs here / don't need to hurt our economy	2
Already flooding our market with their products / Don't need any more	2
They don't deserve it / Have not achieved the status yet	1
Making substandard products	1
We have enough problems without them	1
No particular reason / I oppose it	1
Others	6
Don't know	4

Medical Errors

The report on medical errors received a lot of attention – 72% are aware.

72/27% heard / did not hear about the report that says as many as 98,000 Americans die unnecessarily each year from medical mistakes made by physicians, pharmacists, and other health care professionals.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
77/21	69/30	67/32	84/16

44/53% heard / did not hear about President Clinton's call for health care providers to work with government and other entities to curb medical errors.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
44/51	44/52	44/56	35/50

Given this, 56/29% are more / less favorable towards President Clinton.

56% more favorable (22% much + 34% somewhat)

29% less favorable (12% much + 17% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
72/18	39/47	51/28	69/25

64% say all hospitals should be required to report serious mistakes so that experts can detect patterns of problems and take action to eliminate these mistakes and save money. 29% say that while well intentioned, such a requirement will create more malpractice suits against doctors and drive up the cost of medicine.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
68/27	70/24	55/35	68/26

Gun Proposals

Three in four supported a proposal to use the purchasing power of the federal government to push for trigger locks by refusing to buy guns for the government from any manufacturer that did not have trigger locks on all the guns they sell.

Many police departments save money when purchasing new guns by selling or trading in old police guns and guns confiscated from criminals. Suppose President Clinton said we should ban this practice because many of these guns end up back on the streets in the hands of criminals.

Given this, **50/45%** would be more / less favorable towards President Clinton.

50% more favorable (**25%** much + **25%** somewhat)

45% less favorable (**24%** much + **21%** somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
66/30	31/62	47/48	44/52	55/38	60/34

84/12% favor / oppose mandatory child safety trigger locks on all handguns.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
90/9	83/13	81/12	79/14	89/9	100/0

The Department of Defense and federal law enforcement agencies like the FBI buy thousands of guns every year. **74/23%** think the federal government should / should not say it will only buy its guns from gunmakers who include child safety trigger locks on guns they sell to the general public.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
85/13	62/38	73/22	61/36	87/11	91/9

Pokemon

Roughly sixty percent are more favorable to addressing the issue of marketing violent games to young kids as well as games like Pokemon that create more and more demand for merchandise.

Supposing that President Clinton said that companies are marketing games like Pokemon to kids at exorbitant costs, often close to \$5 for cards that cost 25 cents to make, and the marketing scheme creates demand for more and more of the merchandise. Supposing that President Clinton condemned this kind of marketing to kids.

Given this, **62/28%** are more / less favorable towards President Clinton.

62% more favorable (**32%** much + **30%** somewhat)

28% less favorable (**15%** much + **13%** somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
78/17	46/45	61/27	56/31	68/26	66/27

Supposing that President Clinton said that companies are marketing violent games and toys to kids, and the marketing scheme creates demand for more and more of the merchandise. Supposing that President Clinton condemned this kind of marketing to kids.

Given this, **68/24%** are more / less favorable towards President Clinton.

68% more favorable (**34%** much + **34%** somewhat)

24% less favorable (**13%** much + **11%** somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/ children</i>
74/20	60/29	68/24	64/29	72/20	72/24

Environment

Eight in ten are concerned about recent studies showing the government is one of the biggest polluters in the country, and nearly seven in ten support requiring the government to pay the penalties for violating the same environmental standards it sets for other companies.

65/26% believe / do not believe recent studies have found that the federal government is a larger source of pollution than any individual company in the country.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
64/25	59/34	71/21	66/22	65/29

81/15% are concerned / not concerned about these recent pollution studies.

81% concerned (**39%** very + **42%** somewhat)

15% not concerned (**6%** not at all + **9%** not very)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
85/13	74/20	82/14	76/17	85/13

Currently, the federal government is required to comply with most environmental standards, but it does not have to pay penalties for violating those standards.

68/26% support / oppose a proposal that requires the federal government to pay penalties when it violates environmental standards, the same way any private company has to.

68% support (49% strongly + 19% somewhat)

26% oppose (13% strongly + 13% somewhat)

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
68/23	70/28	65/27	64/31	72/20

71% people say this is a common sense step, and that the government should follow the guidelines it requires every other business to follow. **15%** say this makes no sense, since it would cost billions of dollars that the government does not have.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
69/17	76/15	69/14	67/19	76/12

Modern President

A majority would look favorably on some effort to reach inner city school children using the Internet.

Here are some new initiatives the President might take. (More favorable/less favorable)	Much More	All	<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	< 35 yrs
Write an article for an online magazine or newspaper about getting computer training for inner city kids	30	73/17	80/9	58/37	76/12	89/9
Teach a class about the Internet to inner city students as part of a program to teach kids technology	25	66/25	79/13	43/46	75/20	71/30
Live saxophone concert online, joined by jazz greats	13	33/47	47/29	11/70	37/48	38/46
Have a contest in which the winner could play an educational online game against the President over the Internet	11	36/51	43/34	28/63	37/57	50/41
Host an international town hall meeting on the Internet with world leaders	10	39/41	60/26	26/55	29/46	51/42
Broadcast the lighting of the White House Christmas tree on the Internet	10	32/48	39/38	24/55	31/52	40/46

Frozen Embryos

People want more clarity on the question of who has control over frozen embryos, but they prefer that courts, rather than the legislatures, work out the issue.

56/26% think there should/should not be laws about who owns embryos that are created and then frozen for later use to help infertile couples have a baby.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/Kids</i>
54/18	71/19	45/40	53/28	58/24	62/26

15% say a woman has sole rights over what is done with embryos that are frozen for later use, since abortion law says she has rights over an embryo inside her body. 68% say that such laws don't apply when the embryo is frozen outside the body, and the father and mother should have equal rights over what is done with the frozen embryo.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women N/Kids</i>
18/67	10/69	16/68	12/69	18/68	19/60

13% think the government should not pass laws governing the ownership of frozen embryos. 71% think this issue should be left to the courts to decide.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Women W/Kids</i>
11/68	9/75	15/72	13/67	14/74	6/80

Genetically Modified Food

People have concerns about genetically modified food, and the most popular proposal to deal with the issue is to require labeling.

55% think the US Congress needs to get involved with regulating genetically modified food products, 31% do not.

<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>
64/26	45/39	55/31

What do you think the government should do to regulate genetically modified foods?	<i>All</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>I</i>
require companies to label all food that is genetically modified	44	49	35	48
create stricter regulations and higher standards for genetically modified food	24	29	16	23
urge voluntary labeling of genetically modified food	12	13	19	6
Nothing	11	7	20	8

Schedule

Date	Event	Message
<i>The next two weeks...</i>		
Wednesday, December 8	Possible Press Conference	
	Meeting with President of Ukraine	
Thursday, December 9	Remarks to Digital Divide Conf.	
	Budget Mtg	
	DNC Gala	
Friday, December 10	Tape radio address (food safety)	
Saturday, December 11	CBS Radio Interview	
	Unity Dinner, Miami	
Monday, December 13	Departure Statement – Mental Health Report	
	Univision Interview	
Tuesday, December 14	Youth Violence / Religious Guidelines event	
Wednesday, December 15	US-EU Summit	
	Y2K Statement	
Thursday, December 16	Clean Car Event	
	Budget Mtg	
	DNC Gay & Lesbian brunch	
Friday, December 17	Kennedy/Jeffords Bill signing	
	DGA strategy Mtg	
	Budget Mtg	
	Katie Couric Interview	
Saturday, December 18	Live radio address	
Monday, December 20	Meeting w/ Kazakhstani President	
	Children's Holiday Reading Event	
Upcoming		
Tuesday, December 21	Holiday Service Event	
Wednesday, December 22	Message Event – TBD	

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