

# The Dynamics of Public Opinion

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## Appendix: The Composition of the Opinion Series

**Survey Item Selection** Included items met two criteria: (1) they tapped public policy preferences, and (2) they were measured in identical form in more than one year.<sup>1</sup> Liberal responses were those indicating a desire for more government involvement, more government spending, or just plain liberal preferences on social issues (e.g., abortion, death penalty). Conservative responses, on the other hand, were indicated by preferences for less government spending and involvement, and also conservative opinions on social issues.<sup>2</sup> The data used to create the general mood measure (Stimson 1991) are the ratios of liberal to conservative responses across 145 issue preference questions that had been administered 2,506 times at Mood’s original publication (1991). At the time these policy-specific series were estimated (early 2020), the full Mood database contained more than 350 survey questions, administered more than 7,200 times.

**Series Documentation** In this appendix we provide details on the composition of the data series in this volume (specifically those featured in Tables 3, 4, and 6). For each one, we list the number of discrete question series included in the index, the total number of administrations used (that is, the number of series multiplied by the number of times each series was asked to a national sample in the period of our study), the beginning and ending year of the series we calculate, and, where applicable, the Policy Agendas Coding.<sup>3</sup> The detailed “Estimation Documentation” tables indicate, for each question wording, the number of administrations, its loading on the first factor of the calculated index, as well as its mean value and standard deviation. Following these tables, we provide a master table that includes all of the survey question series used across all of our policy-specific mood series with question wordings. In this table, the “Series” column indicates the unique (author-created) name for each question (which corresponds to Stimson’s Mood Database master file). The second column contains the wording of the corresponding survey question. To

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<sup>1</sup>An important category of excluded materials is questions about sex, marriage, and the family, which trend strongly following the sexual revolution. For example, whether a woman should or should not have an abortion is not a question of public policy. Whether or not abortion should be legal is. Also excluded are questions that name a specific person or party, e.g., “Obama’s health care proposal”

<sup>2</sup>Moderate and “don’t know” responses are not included in the measurement of Mood. Please see Stimson 1991 for more detail on item selection, coding, etc.

<sup>3</sup>The Policy Agendas Project regularly updates, condenses, and removes codings from their master codebook. What is below reflects the codings at the time of estimation.

locate a survey question from a policy-specific mood series, match the “Series” name in the policy-specific table to the “Series” column in this “Master Set” of questions. For specific sources of survey questions (e.g., survey house administering a particular question), please visit the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research (<https://ropercenter.cornell.edu>), enter the text of the question, and search “iPoll”.

## Partisan Series

### Federal Taxes Series

- 5 question series
- 149 total administrations
- Period: 1947-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 107

Table 1: Federal Taxes Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
TAX	54	0.983	40.426	6.755
TAXSHARE	4	0.586	96.982	0.239
TAXRICH	6	-0.292	61.372	12.416
RPINCTAX	3	0.564	92.323	1.356
TAXPOOR	4	-0.858	91.975	2.604

### Healthcare Reform Series

- 20 question series
- 559 total administrations
- Period: 1956-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 301

### Defense Series

- 6 question series
- 195 total administrations
- Period: 1960-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1600

### Help Poor Series

- 22 question series
- 495 total administrations
- Period: 1964-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1301, 1302

Table 2: Healthcare Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
HELPSICK	23	0.893	74.074	4.235
HEALTHGOV	17	0.931	57.491	8.18
ACA	8	0.948	48.882	3.498
NATHEAL	34	0.924	91.335	3.88
MHEALTH3	12	0.824	53.187	4.862
CBSACA	12	0.248	44.329	2.168
HLTHMORE	17	0.983	89.903	3.926
MHEALTH2	2	1.000	64.96	0.86
NATHEALY	22	0.954	86.951	6.01
MAINTAIN	16	0.473	41.935	6.893
NYTHEAL	5	0.928	73.246	6.786
SPHLTH	5	0.9	91.046	3.284
NYTHINS	3	0.912	61.369	3.404
HCREFORM	3	0.149	46.697	1.947
NYTHINS2	10	0.937	62.935	5.14
HLTHCARE	5	0.708	86.483	2.69
MHEALTH1	3	0.99	71.42	3.071
HLTHPSRA	6	0.65	67.116	2.71
RPHEALTH	10	0.902	86.448	8.668
HLHTAX	6	-0.555	69.228	1.903

Table 3: Defense Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
MILXG3	37	0.967	57.151	17.042
NATARMS	31	-0.916	41.848	14.662
NATARMSY	22	-0.917	40.725	12.935
SPARMS	5	-0.617	33.014	6.631
MILXM	8	0.576	45.022	18.775
MILXM2	5	0.905	46.033	16.535

Table 4: Help Poor Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
GALNEEDY	17	0.899	52.546	5.262
NOPROB	3	0.204	59.566	3.122
EQUALIZE	7	-0.015	47.443	4.794
EQWLTH	23	0.624	58.856	3.703
SPFOOD	8	0.965	34.046	10.01
NATFAREY	22	0.845	86.941	3.744
AIDUNEMP	6	0.595	52.708	3.47
PSRACARE	20	0.711	67.064	5.178
HELPPOOR	23	0.74	54.746	4.638
NATFARE	34	0.938	30.788	7.397
SPPOOR	8	-0.407	79.473	6.337
SPUNEMP	5	0.263	58.694	6.085
WHYPOOR	20	0.697	51.412	7.434
TWOYEAR	2	-1.000	22.72	1.49
SPWELFAR	8	0.268	25.765	7.374
INCGUAR	2	1.000	36.856	6.324
EQWLTHY	9	0.572	41.346	4.881
GOVEQINC	5	0.698	43.344	4.491
PSRANEED	15	0.783	53.769	6.792
NATCHLD	9	0.666	88.266	2.624
SPCHILDC	9	0.002	83.569	4.685
SPHOMLES	2	1.000	87.604	5.146

## Scope of Government Series

- 8 question series
- 242 total administrations
- Period: 1964-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 2000

Table 5: Scope of Government Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
THREATFX	3	0.967	33.677	4.121
HELPNOT	23	0.934	47.679	4.793
NYTBIGGV	30	0.883	44.06	6.103
HELPNOTG	27	0.879	44.14	5.445
MTOOBIG	12	0.900	37.154	9.449
HELPNOTORC	4	0.891	39.472	4.59
SERVSPND	14	0.531	54.761	8.393
ABCGAP	4	0.522	64.272	2.056

## Economy Series

- 8 question series
- 123 total administrations
- Period: 1956-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 100

Table 6: Economy Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
CBSREG	6	0.541	45.708	12.29
ENVCHOICE	24	0.931	60.374	10.767
GALREG	19	0.768	37.244	5.298
LESSREG	5	0.904	27.292	1.843
MAKEJOBS	4	0.122	87.325	3.75
MJOBS	3	1.000	69.203	1.368
MJOBSF2	2	1.000	40.815	1.075
MJOBSF3	20	0.695	37.831	5.063

## Abortion Series

- 28 question series
- 1102 total administrations
- Period: 1959-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 5002

Table 7: Abortion Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
CHOICE	27	0.839	52.095	3.171
ABHLTH	31	0.750	89.523	1.736
ABANY	26	0.196	41.29	3.894
ABORTG4	11	0.497	40.661	2.243
ABHARRIS	15	0.520	58.385	3.731
CBSABORT	10	0.447	61.883	2.087
ABNOMORE	31	0.352	44.59	3.116
ABORTNYT	20	0.451	77.898	3.426
ABCABORT	18	0.500	56.999	2.526
ABORTG	36	0.548	59.211	5.798
ABNOTWED	30	0.644	43.99	3.556
ABRAPE	30	0.801	81.583	2.703
AbortNYT4	7	0.376	53.027	2.860
ABPOOR	31	0.603	47.159	3.851
PILLOK	18	0.396	58.376	2.415
ABDEFECT	31	0.762	79.573	3.605
ROEGOOD	4	0.121	64.313	1.085
ABORTNBC	8	0.744	57.583	2.793
ABORTORC	10	0.609	54.879	4.629
BIRTHCON	8	0.905	82.772	3.337
ABHARRIS2	8	0.873	58.074	5.894
ABORTM2	12	0.172	58.092	1.910
ABNYTLIF	6	0.549	53.753	2.595
ABDIF	9	0.705	61.134	3.269
ABORTNYT4	3	0.578	54.451	3.148
ABORTM1	4	0.749	43.700	1.317
ABORTM3	2	-1.000	77.657	0.737
STEMCELL	5	-0.655	69.698	3.306

## Big Business and Big Labor Series

- 1 question series
- 29 total administrations
- Period: 1965-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 500

Table 8: Big Business and Big Labor Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
THREAT	27	0.966	25.577	5.139

## Gun Control Series

- 11 question series
- 346 total administrations
- Period: 1959-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1212

Table 9: Gun Control Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
GUNLAW	35	0.929	76.369	3.916
GUNSTRICT	16	-0.309	91.099	3.824
GUNPEW	17	0.971	55.915	5.976
HHANDGUN	9	0.729	73.591	6.347
BANGUNS	23	0.499	38.681	6.613
HANDGUN	12	0.854	74.068	8.030
FIREARMS	25	0.616	86.968	5.024
HALLGUNS	8	-0.385	73.426	4.831
GUNABC	12	0.906	60.464	6.292
BANGUNSPEW	5	0.952	44.471	4.607
GUNDIF	3	0.965	91.003	1.599

## Inflation Series

- 6 question series



- 56 total administrations
- Period: 1974-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 101

Table 10: Inflation Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
ENVPRICE	14	0.981	58.932	6.762
HOWWILL	4	0.941	63.228	3.012
INFLJOBS	3	-0.823	33.652	2.829
PRICECON	5	0.976	74.354	3.100
RPINFLAT	15	0.975	3.265	2.876
SETPRICE	3	0.862	47.172	1.559

## Environment Series

- 15 question series
- 342 total administrations
- Period: 1971-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 700

## School Prayer and Book Banning Series

- 5 question series
- 64 total administrations
- Period: 1983-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 207

## Unemployment Series

- 7 question series
- 101 total administrations
- Period: 1966-2016
- Policy Agendas Coding: 103

Table 11: Environment Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
DOENV	12	0.911	84.302	8.133
ENVCHOICE	24	0.915	60.374	10.767
ENVENER2	6	-0.821	45.095	7.919
ENVENERG	17	0.563	52.048	5.841
ENVLAWS	3	0.978	90.487	1.837
ENVPRICE	14	0.709	58.932	6.762
ENVREG	3	0.965	72.654	2.908
HOWWILL	4	0.555	63.228	3.012
NATENVIR	34	0.959	86.826	4.984
NATENVIY	22	0.911	88.798	3.215
NYTENV2	6	-0.398	62.74	6.483
NYTENVIR	21	0.883	67.412	7.176
SPENVIRO	5	0.959	79.626	3.480
SPENVPR	12	0.814	85.061	5.735
STRICTLAW	12	0.548	83.647	3.167

Table 12: School Prayer and Book Banning Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
PRAYGAL	14	0.227	23.279	4.498
BANBOOKS	16	0.766	49.538	4.333
BANBOOK2	8	0.868	51.957	2.664
PRAYER	25	0.878	59.71	4.019
PRAYPSRA	3	-0.080	26.702	0.945

Table 13: Unemployment Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
CUTHOURS	5	-0.665	40.186	3.476
INFLJOBS	3	-0.772	33.652	2.829
JOBS-TR	16	0.913	80.867	4.220
JOBSALL	8	0.917	40.575	4.192
NYTENV2	6	0.730	62.74	6.483
RPUNEMP	6	0.640	96.615	0.964
SAVEJOBS	5	-0.283	72.60	6.186

## Pot Legalization & Drug Addiction Spending Series

- 2 question series
- 161 total administrations
- Period: 1969-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1203

Table 14: Pot Legalization & Drug Addiction Spending Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
NATDRUG	31	-0.696	88.399	2.955
POTLEGAL	43	0.985	31.674	13.961

## Cities Series

- 5 question series
- 230 total administrations
- Period: 1965-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1403

Table 15: Cities Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
URBREN	17	0.909	65.912	5.578
NATCITY	34	0.966	76.651	4.953
NATCITYY	22	0.847	39.077	4.984
AIDCITY	4	-0.711	51.41	1.91
RSCITIES	21	0.947	75.566	5.142

## Crime Series

- 2 question series
- 68 total administrations
- Period: 1979-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1211

Table 16: Crime Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
NATCRIME	31	0.993	91.742	1.889
UNREST	7	0.901	65.959	5.987

## Labor Unions Series

- 6 question series
- 118 total administrations
- Period: 1940-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 504

Table 17: Labor Unions Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
APUNIONS	41	0.944	67.492	7.314
LABORPOW	13	0.322	38.799	11.642
ORCUNION	12	0.899	88.55	3.666
GALLABPW	21	0.714	55.534	9.653
TAFTHART	2	-1.000	38.498	5.488
FEATHER	2	1.000	28.600	0.890

## Death Penalty Series

- 6 question series
- 118 total administrations
- Period: 1940-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: NA

## Nonpartisan Series

### General Education Series

- 5 question series
- 210 total administrations

Table 18: Death Penalty Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
CAPPUN	53	0.988	31.52	8.015
CAPPUNH	12	0.966	32.892	10.075
DEATHFAIR	17	0.793	41.596	4.292
DEATHOFT	19	0.604	24.849	3.296
NYTDEATH	11	0.860	26.850	3.507

- Period: 1968-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 600

Table 19: General Education Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
EDMORE	15	0.749	86.276	3.605
EDTAX	5	0.356	71.846	2.034
NATEDUC	34	0.921	90.461	3.926
NATEDUCY	22	0.934	93.002	1.499
SPSCHOOL	14	0.323	92.253	4.061

## K12 Education Series

- 10 question series
- 233 total administrations
- Period: 1956-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 602

## Social Security Series

- 9 question series
- 160 total administrations
- Period: 1978-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1303

Table 20: K12 Education Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
SPSCHOOL	14	0.209	92.253	4.061
EDMORE	15	0.722	86.276	3.605
NATEDUCY	22	0.922	93.002	1.499
NATEDUC	34	0.916	90.461	3.926
PRIVSCH	9	0.736	52.293	4.300
SCHAID	4	0.927	72.673	5.389
EDAID	4	0.917	73.63	6.027
VOUCHERS	4	0.521	50.202	1.453
EDAIDF2	2	1.00	38.55	1.710
PRESCHL	3	0.817	53.047	5.502

Table 21: Social Security Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
SSPRIVAT	6	0.489	48.028	4.635
NATSOC	22	0.901	90.029	2.476
SOCSEC	5	0.954	85.254	0.826
SSPRIVA2	6	0.871	45.361	2.738
SPSOCSEC	13	-0.263	91.602	4.715
AIDOLD	6	0.025	87.319	1.963
SSNBCWSJ	2	1.00	58.519	1.699
SSTAX	4	0.506	67.500	2.291
SPRETIRE	5	0.795	84.445	5.345

## Immigration Series

- 8 question series
- 126 total administrations
- Period: 1964-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 900

Table 22: Immigration Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
IMMKEPT	25	0.982	53.632	12.069
IMMIGRAT	15	0.952	50.284	10.006
IMMLEGAL	12	0.926	55.482	9.505
PSRAIMM	10	0.911	22.314	3.547
PSRAIMM2	5	0.918	65.691	5.959
CNNIMM	7	0.867	50.447	8.448
IMMRATE	3	0.977	18.271	7.299
SPIMMIG	4	0.916	8.739	2.478

## Drug Rehabilitation Series

- 2 question series
- 123 total administrations
- Period: 1973-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 344

Table 23: Drug Rehabilitation Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
NATDRUGY	22	0.911	83.481	3.925
NATDRUG	31	0.981	88.399	2.955

## Space Series

- 2 question series
- 127 total administrations
- Period: 1973-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 1701

Table 24: Space Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
NATSPACY	22	0.987	27.219	9.715
NATSPAC	31	0.997	24.835	9.576

## Culture Shift Series

### Racial Equality Series

- 28 question series
- 533 total administrations
- Period: 1956-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 201

### Women's Equality Series

- 3 question series
- 31 total administrations
- Period: 1972-2016
- Policy Agendas Coding: 202, 299

### Gay Equality Series

- 22 question series
- 459 total administrations
- Period: 1977-2018
- Policy Agendas Coding: 210, 211, 212



Table 25: Racial Equality Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
AA	6	.687	18.735	2.749
AABLWOM	6	.957	66.381	4.676
AACOMP	3	-.627	51.261	1.488
AANBCWSJ	5	.700	58.046	6.017
ACCOM	4	.908	65.092	7.508
AFFRMACT	13	.863	18.529	2.823
AIDMIN	16	.952	70.193	4.890
BUSING	17	.858	26.753	7.031
DESEG	6	.665	38.667	3.902
GTOOFAST	7	.886	24.867	5.543
HELPBLCK	3	0.985	30.013	5.698
HELPBLK	23	.359	28.122	5.237
INBETWEE	6	-.669	47.833	5.273
MAID	15	-.354	37.095	6.078
MBUS	5	-.669	10.118	.525
MDESEG	6	-.217	86.303	5.592
MFAIR	3	.958	77.270	.721
MFAIRF2	9	.677	52.763	3.157
NATRACE	31	.826	65.975	8.985
NATRACEY	22	.684	56.070	7.653
NYTAA	9	-.594	39.268	6.996
NYTHELP	5	-.216	75.680	7.039
RACOPEN	24	.914	60.350	14.087
RIT2LIV	5	-.172	20.308	7.542
RPGHETTO	14	.244	91.690	1.458
SCHSEG	9	.083	48.773	7.169
SPAIDB	7	-.389	52.576	7.169
STRCTSEG	6	.220	13.667	5.528

Table 26: Women's Equality Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
MWOMEN	13	.985	79.518	10.271
WOMHIRE	5	.918	31.596	2.739
WOMHIRE2	10	.961	73.075	3.694

Table 27: Gay Rights Equality Series Estimation Documentation, by Item

Series	Cases	Loading	Mean	SD
ABCBAN	3	-.388	56.220	1.931
ABCCU	6	.986	50.818	9.400
BANMAR	3	.742	57.054	1.842
CIVUNION	3	.963	44.384	1.451
FIREHOMO	15	.972	60.469	9.496
GAYAMEND	5	.320	47.549	2.754
GAYJOBS	6	.852	74.033	8.440
GAYMAR	3	.952	53.473	14.382
GAYMARNY	9	.845	63.252	3.816
GAYMIL	9	.771	75.728	10.367
GAYWED	18	.971	45.750	9.078
GAYWEDABC	9	.947	48.055	7.957
GAYWEDFOX	6	.780	63.142	8.993
GAYWEDPSR	12	.976	52.653	11.532
GMILABC1	4	.961	76.997	7.839
GMILABC2	4	.940	65.711	13.431
HOMOJOBS	17	.981	84.228	8.774
HOMOMAR	13	.989	43.365	11.149
MADOPT	6	.957	51.957	14.909
MARHOMO	6	.996	59.990	9.454
MARRIAGE	3	-.503	35.133	1.361
PSGAYUN	8	.923	57.801	7.306

## Master Set of Question Series

Series	Question
AA	Some people say that because of past discrimination, blacks should be given preference in hiring and promotion. Others say that such preference in hiring and promotion of blacks is wrong because it gives blacks advantages they haven't earned. What about your opinion – are you FOR or AGAINST preferential hiring and promotion of blacks?
AABLWOM	Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative action programs for women and minorities?
AACOMP	Some people think that if a company has a history of discriminating against blacks when making hiring decisions, then they should be required to have an affirmative action program that gives blacks preference in hiring. What do you think? Should companies that have discriminated against blacks have to have an affirmative action program?
AANBCWSJ	Statement A: Affirmative action programs are still needed to counteract the effects of discrimination against minorities, and are a good idea as long as there are no rigid quotas. OR, Statement B: Affirmative action programs have gone too far in favoring minorities, and should be ended because they unfairly discriminate against whites.
ABANY	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... the woman wants it for any reason?
ABCABORT	Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?
ABCBAN	Would you support amending the U.S. (United States) Constitution to make it against the law for homosexual couples to get married anywhere in the U.S., or should each state make its own laws on homosexual marriage?
ABCCU	Do you think homosexual couples should or should not be allowed to form legally recognized civil unions, giving them the legal rights of married couples in areas such as health insurance, inheritance and pension coverage?
ABCGAP	Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap between wealthy and less well-off Americans? (If Should/Should not pursue policies, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?
ABDEFECT	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby?

Series	Question
ABDIF	The following is a list of some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it.... Changing the laws to make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion
ABHARRIS	In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that states laws which made it illegal for a woman to have an abortion up to three months of pregnancy were unconstitutional, and that the decision on whether a woman should have an abortion up to three months of pregnancy should be left to the woman and her doctor to decide. In general, do you favor or oppose this part of the U.S. Supreme Court decision making abortions up to three months of pregnancy legal?
ABHARRIS2	In general, do you favor permitting a woman who wants one to have an abortion in all circumstances, some circumstances or no circumstances?
ABHLTH	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... the woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?
ABHLTH	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion...if the woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?
ABNOMORE	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion...if she is married and does not want any more children?
ABNOTWED	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... she is not married and does not want to marry the man?
ABNOWANT	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... she is married and does not want any more children?
ABNYTLIF	Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it, or 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now, or 3. Abortion should be against the law except in cases of rape, incest
ABORTG	Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
ABORTG4	Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances? If Certain circumstances, ask: Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only in a few circumstances?
ABORTG5	Would you like to see abortion laws in this country made more strict, less strict, or remain as they are?

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ABORTM1	Which Abortion Options Preferred? never/life health/difficulty caring/never forbid
ABORTM2	I am going to read you a short list of opinions. Please tell me which one of the opinions best agrees with your view? You can just tell me the number of the opinion you choose.
ABORTM3	There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of the opinions on this page best agrees with your view? You can just tell me the number of the opinion you choose. 1. By law, abortion should never be permitted. 2. The law should permit abortion only in cases of rape, incest, or the woman's life is in danger. 3. The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for an abortion has been clearly established. 4. By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice. .
ABORTNBC	Which of the following best represents your views about abortion? The choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor. Abortion should be legal only in cases in which pregnancy results from rape or incest or when the life of the woman is at risk. OR, Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances.
ABORTNYT	Which of these comes closer to your view? 1) Abortion should be generally available to those who want it. 2) Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now. 3) Abortion should not be permitted.
ABORTNYT4	Which one of the following four statements comes closest to your own views on abortion? Abortion should be generally available to those who want to choose it. Abortion should be available, but under stricter limits than it is now. Abortion should be against the law, except in cases of rape, incest, and to save a woman's life. Abortion should not be permitted at all.
ABORTORC	Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
ABPOOR	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children?
ABRAPE	Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if... she became pregnant as a result of rape?
ACA	As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it? (If Favorable/Unfavorable, ask:) Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

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ACCOM	As you may know, Congress passed a bill that says that black people should have the right to go to any hotel or restaurant they can afford, just like anybody else. Some people feel that this is something the government in Washington should support. Others say government should stay out of this matter. Have you been interested enough in this to favor one side over another? [If Y] Should the government. support the right of black people to go to any hotel or rest. they can afford, or should it stay out of the govt. should stay out of this matter. Have you been interested enough in this to favor one side over another? [If Y] Should the govt. support the right of black people to go to any hotel or rest. they can afford, or should it stay out of this matter?
ADMITAK	Would you favor or oppose having Alaska admitted as a State in The Union?
ADMITHA	Would you favor or oppose having Hawaii admitted as a 49th State in The Union?
AFFRMACT	Some people say that because of past discrimination, blacks should be given preference in hiring and promotion. Others say that such preference in hiring and promotion of blacks is wrong because it discriminates against whites. What about your opinion—are you for or against preferential hiring and promotion of blacks?
AIDCITY	Many of our major central cities are experiencing financial difficulty, would you favor or oppose special federal aid for these central cities?
AIDCOL	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...give financial assistance to college students from low-income families?...Definitely should be, probably should be, probably should not be, definitely should not be
AIDHOUSE	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to... provide decent housing for those who can't afford it?
AIDINDUS	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...provide industry with the help it needs to grow?...Definitely should be, probably should be, probably should not be, definitely should not be
AIDMIN	I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would like to see the government do more, less or do about the same amount as they have been on .. Helping minority groups.
AIDOLD	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...provide a decent standard of living for the old?...Definitely should be, probably should be, probably should not be, definitely should not be

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AIDUNEMP	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed?...Definitely should be, probably should be, probably should not be, definitely should not be
APUNIONS	In general, do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?
BANBOOK2	Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right.) The pair is...books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries and public school libraries should be allowed to carry any books they want. (After choice is made, ask:) Do you feel strongly about that, or not?
BANBOOKS	Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries.
BANGUNS	Do you favor or oppose a ban on the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers?
BANGUNS	Would you favor or oppose a law that banned the sale of handguns?
BANGUNSPEW	Do you favor or oppose a ban on the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers?
BANMAR	Would you support or oppose amending the United States Constitution to ban same sex marriage?
BIRTHCON	In some places in the united states it is not legal to supply birth control information. how do you feel about this—do you think birth control information should be available to anyone who wants it, or not?
BUMPSTCK	Do you favor or oppose a ban on equipment such as bump stocks that can make a semi-automatic gun work more like an automatic gun?
BUSING	In general, do you favor or oppose the busing of (negro/black) and white school children from one district to another?
BUSPOW	How about business and industry, do they have too much power or too little power?
CAPPUN	Are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
CAPPUN	Does R favor/oppose the death penalty?
CAPPUN	Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
CAPPUNH	Do you believe in capital punishment, that is, the death penalty, or are you opposed to it?

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CAPTRADE	There's a proposed system called 'cap and trade.' The government would issue permits limiting the amount of greenhouse gases companies can put out. Companies that did not use all their permits could sell them to other companies. The idea is that many companies would find ways to put out less greenhouse gases, because that would be cheaper than buying permits. Would you support or oppose this system?
CBSABORT	What is your personal feeling about abortion?...It should be permitted in all cases. It should be permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than it is now. It should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest and to save the woman's life. It should only be permitted to save the woman's life.
CBSACA	From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the health care law that was enacted in 2010?...Strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, strongly disapprove
CBSREG	Do you think the federal government regulates business too much these days, does it regulate business too little, or does it impose the right amount of regulation on business?
CHOICE	On the issue of abortion, would you say that you are more pro-choice or more pro-life?
CHOICE	With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?
CIVUNION	Would you support or oppose a law that would allow same-sex couples to form civil unions, giving them many of the legal rights of married couples?
CNNIMM	What should be the main focus of the US government in dealing with the issue of illegal immigration—developing a plan that would allow illegal immigrants who have jobs to become legal US residents, or developing a plan for stopping the flow of illegal immigrants into the US and for deporting those already here?
COMREG	Would you favor or oppose a law requiring all members of the Communist party in this country to register with the Justice Department in Washington?
CONSERVE	Now I am going to read you another series of statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it.)...We should put more emphasis on fuel conservation than on developing new oil supplies.
COURTSY	In general, do you think the courts in this area deal too harshly, or not harshly enough with criminals, or don't you have enough information about the courts to say?



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CUTGOVT	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Cuts in government spending.
CUTHOURS	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Reducing the work week to create more jobs
CUTSPEND	Does R favor cuts in spending to cut tax?
DEATHFAIR	Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in this country today?
DEATHOFT	In your opinion, is the death penalty imposed – too often, about the right amount, or not often enough?
DEFSPEND	Some people believe that we should spend much less money for defense. Others feel that defense spending should be greatly increased. Where would you place YOURSELF on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?
DEFTAXES	Does R favor increase in deficit to cut tax
DESEG	Are you in favor of desegregation, strict segregation, or something in between?
DOENV	Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in terms of protecting the environment?
DRILL	Do you think the federal government should or should not allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?
EDAID	If the cities and towns around the country need help to build more schools, the government in Washington ought to give them the money they need.
EDAIDF2	Some people think the government in Washington should help towns and cities provide education for grade and high school children; others think that this should be handled by the states and local communities. Have you been interested enough in this to favor one side over the other?
EDMORE	I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would like to see the government do more, less or do about the same amount as they have been on .. Education?
EDTAX	I notice you said you would like the government to do more on .. Education. Would you favor this increased activity if it required an increase in taxes?
EFFAIR	Government effort - reduce air
EFFENV	Government effort - enviro protect
EFFLAKES	Government effort - clean lakes, parks
EFFMAN	Government effort - manage nat resources
EFFSOLID	Government effort - clean up solid waste

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EFFTOXIC	Government effort - clean up toxic waste
EFFWARM	Government effort - global warming
ENVCHOICE	With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree? [rotate] Protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth. OR, Economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent.
ENVENER2	(Right now, how would you rate each of the following priorities for America's energy policies?) Do you think...protecting the environment from the effects of energy development and use should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?
ENVENERG	With which one of these statements about the environment and energy production do you most agree—protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of limiting the amount of energy supplies—such as oil, gas and coal—which the United States produces or development of U.S. (United States) energy supplies—such as oil, gas and coal—should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent?
ENVLAWS	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment... Definitely should be, probably should be, probably should not be, definitely should not be?
ENVPRICE	Now I am going to read you another series of statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it...People should be willing to pay higher prices in order to protect the environment.
ENVREG	Some people think we need much tougher government regulations on business in order to protect the environment. Others think that current regulations to protect the environment are already too much of a burden on business.
EQCHANCE	I am going to read several statements...One of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an equal chance.
EQUALIZE	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...Reduce income differences between the rich and poor.
EQUALOPP	I am going to read several statements...Our society should do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.

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EQUSUC	I am going to read you another series of statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it, or completely disagree with it. Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.
EQWLTH	Some people think that the government in Washington ought to reduce the income differences between the rich and the poor, perhaps by raising the taxes of wealthy families or by giving income assistance to the poor. Others think that the government should not concern itself with reducing this income difference between the rich and the poor. Here is a card with a scale from 1 to 7. Think of a score of 1 as meaning that the government ought to reduce the income differences between rich and poor, and a score of 7 meaning that the government should not concern itself with reducing income differences. What score between 1 and 7 comes closest to the way you feel?
EQWLTHY	What is your opinion of the following statement? It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.
FEATHER	To make more jobs, some unions require more persons than are actually needed to do the work. Would you favor or oppose having a law which would stop this practice?
FEDSTATE	Think about the relationship between the states and the federal government. Does the federal government have too much power, do the states have too much power, or is the balance about right?
FIREARMS	In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?
FIREHOMO	School boards ought to have the right to fire teachers who are known homosexuals.
GALGUN2	Now here are some questions about guns. first, let's talk about handguns, such as pistols and revolvers. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?
GALLABPW	Would you, personally, like to see labor unions in the United States have more influence than they have today, the same amount as today, or less influence than they have today?
GALNEEDY	Now I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me whether you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it... The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt

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GALREG	In general, do you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of government regulation of business and industry?
GAYAMEND	Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman, thus barring marriages between gay or lesbian couples?
GAYJOBS	Do you favor or oppose laws to protect homosexuals against job discrimination?
GAYMAR	Should same-sex couples be ALLOWED to marry, or do you think they should NOT BE ALLOWED to marry?
GAYMARNY	Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?
GAYMIL	Do you think homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the United States Armed Forces or don't you think so?
GAYWED	Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?
GAYWEDABC	Do you think it should be legal or illegal for homosexual couples to get married (If legal/Illegal, ask:) (Is that strongly or somewhat?)/ Do you think it should be legal or illegal for gay and lesbian couples to get married? (If Legal/Illegal, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?
GAYWEDFOX	Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married, allowed a legal partnership similar to but not called marriage, or should there be no legal recognition given to gay and lesbian relationships?
GAYWEDPSR	Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?
GMILABC1	Do you think homosexuals who do NOT publicly disclose their sexual orientation should be allowed to serve in the military or not?
GMILABC2	Do you think homosexuals who DO publicly disclose their sexual orientation should be allowed to serve in the military or not?
GOVEQINC	Do you agree or disagree... it is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.
GOVTPOW	And what about the federal government, does it have too much power or too little power?/Do you think the federal government today—has too much power, has about the right amount of power, or has too little power?
GTOOFAST	Do you think the current administration is pushing racial integration too fast, or not fast enough?
GUNABC	Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws in this country? (If favor/oppose, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

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GUNDIF	Do you think the federal government should make it MORE DIFFICULT for people to buy a gun than it is now, make it EASIER for people to buy a gun, or keep these rules ABOUT THE SAME as they are now?
GUNLAW	Would you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?
GUNLAW	Do you favor or oppose each of the following .. Gun control laws?
GUNLAWY	Do you favor or oppose each of the following...Gun control laws.
GUNPEW	What do you think is more important: to protect the right of Americans to own guns or to control gun ownership?
GUNSTRICT	In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of hand guns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?
HALLGUNS	Do you favor or oppose federal laws which control the sale of guns, such as making all persons register all gun purchases with federal authorities?
HANDGUN	Do you favor or oppose mandatory registration of all handguns?
HANDGUNS	96PO: Does R favor/oppose handgun control
HARSH	In general, do you think the courts In this area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?
HARSH	In general, do you think the courts In this area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?
HCREFORM	As of right now, do you favor or oppose the healthcare reform proposals presently being discussed?
HEALTHGOV	Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?/Do you think providing health care coverage for the poor is the responsibility of the federal government, or is this not the responsibility of the federal government?
HELPBLCK	Some people feel that the government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic position of blacks. (Suppose these people are at one end of a scale, at point 1.) Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help blacks because they should help themselves.
HELPBLK	Some think (Blacks/Negroes) have been discriminated against for so long that gov has a special obligation to improve their living standards. Others believe that gov should not be giving special treatment .. Where would you place yourself on

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HELPNOT	Some think that the government in Washington is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and private businesses. Others disagree and think that gov should do even more to solve our country's problems. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you made up your mind on this?/Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?
HELPNOTG	Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?
HELPNOTORC	Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?
HELPPOOR	Some people think that the government in Washington should do everything possible to improve the standard of living for all poor Americans, they are at point 1 on this card. Other people think it is not the government's responsibility, and that each person should take care of himself, they are at point 5. Where would you place yourself on this scale or haven't you made up your mind on this?
HELPSICK	In general, some people think that it is the responsibility of the government in Washington to see to it that people have help in paying for doctors and hospital bills. Others think that these matters are not the responsibility of the federal government and that people should take care of these things themselves. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you made up your mind on this?
HHANDGUN	Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring that all handguns people own be registered by federal authorities?
HLPHITEC	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle the number for each action to show whether you are in favor or if or against it....1-Strongly in favor of, 2-In favor of, 3-Neither in favor nor against, 4-Against, 5-Strongly against)...Support for industry to develop new products and technology
HLTHCARE	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...provide health care for the sick?...Definitely should be, probably should be, probably should not be, definitely should not be
HLTHMORE	I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would like gov to do more, do less, or do about the same as they have been...Health measures?

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HLTHPSRA	I'd like to read you a list of some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it.... The U.S. (United States) government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes
HLHTAX	I notice you said you would like the government to do more on (health measures). Would you favor this increased activity if it required an increase in taxes?
HLYHPSRA	I'd like to read you a list of some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it...The U.S. (United States) government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes
HOMOJOBS	In general, do you think homosexuals should or should not have equal rights in terms of job opportunities?
HOMOMAR	Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?
HOWWILL	How willing would you be to pay much higher prices in order to protect the environment?—Very willing, fairly willing, neither willing nor unwilling, not very willing, not at all willing?
IMMIGRAT	Should immigration to the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?
IMMKEPT	Thinking now about immigrants – that is, people who come from other countries to live here in the United States: In your view, should immigration be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?
IMMLEGAL	Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?
IMMRATE	Number of immigrants increased/decreased
INBETWEE	Are you in favor of desegregation, strict segregation, or something in between?
INCGAP	Income differentials in USA too big
INCGUAR	Some people have said that instead of providing welfare and relief payments, the federal government should guarantee every American family a minimum yearly income of about \$3,000. Would you personally favor or oppose such an income guarantee
INEQUAL3	Inequality continues to exist because it benefits the rich and powerful
INEQUAL5	Pay Differences and American prosperity
INFLJOBS	If the government had to choose between keeping down inflation or keeping down unemployment to which do you think it should give highest priority?

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JOBS-TR	I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would like to see the government do more, less or do about the same amount as they have been on...Expanding employment
JOBSALL	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to...Provide a job for everyone who wants one.
LABORPOW	Do you think that labor unions in this country have too much power or too little power?
LESSREG	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Less government regulation of business
LIMITGOV	ONE, the main reason government has become bigger over the years is because it has gotten involved in things that people should do for themselves; OR TWO, government has become bigger because the problems we face have become Bigger.
MADOPT	Do you think gay or lesbian couples, in other words, homosexual couples, should be legally permitted to adopt children?
MAID	Some people feel that the government in Washington should make every possible effort to improve the social and economic position of Negroes and other minority groups. Others feel that the government should not make any special effort to help minorities because they should be expected to help themselves. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this? [1970-1988]
MAINTAIN	Which of the following approaches for providing health care in the United States would you prefer—replacing the current health care system with a new government run health care system, or maintaining the current system based mostly on private health insurance?
MAKEJOBS	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Government financing of projects to create new jobs.
MARHOMO MARRIAGE	Homosexuals should have right to marry, Gay marriage.
MBUS	There is much discussion about the best way to deal with racial problems. Some people think that achieving racial integration of schools is so important that it justifies busing children to schools out of their own neighborhoods. Others think that letting children go to their neighborhood schools is so important that they oppose busing. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this?



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MCRIME	Some people say that the best way to reduce crime is to address the social problems that cause crime, like bad schools, poverty and joblessness. Other people say the best way to reduce crime is to make sure that criminals are caught, convicted and punished.
MDESEG	(De)Segregation?
MFAIR	Government should see fair job treatment for blacks
MFAIR	If negroes are not getting fair treatment in jobs and housing, the government should see to it that they do.
MFAIRF2	Some feel that if negroes are not getting fair treatment in jobs the government in Washington ought to see to it that they do. Others feel that this is not the federal government's business. Have you had enough interest in this to favor one side over the other?
MHEALTH1	The government ought to help people get doctors and hospital care at low cost.
MHEALTH2	Some say the government in Washington ought to help people get doctors and hospital care at low cost; others say the government should not get into this. Have you been interested enough in this to favor one side over the other? What is your position?
MHEALTH3	There is much concern about the rapid rise in medical and hospital costs. Some feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses. Others feel that medical expenses should be paid by individuals, and through private insurance like Blue Cross. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this?
MILSPEND	Respondent scale on defense spending
MILXG3	There is much discussion as to the amount of money the government in Washington should spend for national defense and military purposes. How do you feel about this? Do you think we are spending too little, about the right amount, or too much?
MILXM	Less for defense or increase defense spending?
MILXM2	Military powerful enough or cut spending?
MINWAGE	At the present time the minimum wage that can be paid to workers in every state in most businesses and industries is 40 cents an hour. Would you approve or disapprove of raising this minimum to 65 cents an hour?
MINWAGE1	At the present time the minimum wage that can be paid to workers in every state in most businesses and industries is 40 cents an hour. Would you approve or disapprove of raising this minimum to 75 cents an hour?
MINWPSRA	As I list some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose each...An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.15 an hour

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MJOBS	The government ought to see to it that every person who wants to work has a job.
MJOBSF2	In general, some people feel that the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living. Others think that the government should just let each person get ahead on his own. Have you been interested enough in this to favor one side over the other...[position]
MJOBSF3	Some people feel that the government in Washington should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living. Others think that the government should just let each person get ahead on his own. And of course other people have a position somewhere in between. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this?
MOREQUAL	If people were treated more equally in this country we would have many fewer problems.
MRIGHTS	Some people are primarily concerned with doing everything possible to protect the rights of those accused of committing crimes. Others feel that it is more important to stop criminal activity even at the risk of reducing the rights of the accused. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this?
MTOOBIG	What is your feeling, do you think the Government in Washington is getting too powerful or do you think the government has not gotten too strong?
MTOOFAST	Civil Rights Too Fast
MWOMEN	Recently there has been a lot of talk about women's rights. Some people feel that women should have an equal role with men in running business, industry, and government. Others feel that a woman's place is in the home.
NATAID	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... Foreign aid?
NATAIDY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... Assistance to other countries?
NATARMS	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... the military, armaments and defense?
NATARMSY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... national defense?
NATCHLD	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on...assistance for childcare?
NATCITY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... solving the problems of the big cities?

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NATCITYY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... assistance to big cities?
NATCRIME	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on...halting the rising crime rate?
NATCRIMY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... law enforcement?
NATDRUG	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... dealing with drug addiction?
NATDRUGY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... drug rehabilitation?
NATEDUC	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... improving the nation's education system?
NATEDUCY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... education?
NATENRGY	Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in terms of developing alternative energy resources?
NATENVIR	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... improving and protecting the environment?
NATENVIY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... the environment?
NATFARE	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... welfare?
NATFAREY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... assistance to the poor?
NATHEAL	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... improving and protecting the nation's health?
NATHEALY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... health?
NATMASS	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... mass transportation?
NATPARK	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... parks and recreation?
NATPARKY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... parks and recreation?
NATRACE	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... improving the conditions of Blacks?
NATRACEY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... assistance to blacks?
NATROAD	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... highways and bridges?

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NATSCI	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on...supporting scientific research?
NATSOC	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... Social Security?
NATSPAC	We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... the space exploration program?
NATSPACE	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... the space exploration program?
NATSPACY	Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on... space exploration?
NCPRADIO	In peacetime, do you think members of the Communist Party in this country should be allowed to speak on the radio?
NEWCHILD	Limiting welfare for women with children
NOPROB	Not a problem if people don't have equal rights
NOWORRY	This country would be better off if we worried less about how equal people are.
NYTAA	Do you believe that where there has been job discrimination against blacks in the past, preference in hiring or promotion should be given to blacks today?
NYTBIGGV	Generally speaking, would you say you favor smaller government with fewer services, or larger government with more services?
NYTBIGGV	In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to chose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?
NYTDEATH	Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?
NYTENV2	Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: We must protect the environment even if it means jobs in your community are lost because of it.
NYTENVIR	Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Protecting the environment is so important that requirements and standards cannot be too high, and continuing environmental improvements must be made regardless of cost.
NYTHEAL	Do you think the government in Washington should guarantee medical care for all people who don't have health insurance, or isn't that the responsibility of the government in Washington?

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NYTHELP	Do you think the government should do more to help blacks, or has it done enough, or has it done too much already?
NYTHINS	Do you think the federal government should require companies to provide health insurance for all of their workers, or is this something that should be left up to the individual company?
NYTHINS2	Do you favor or oppose national health insurance, which would be financed by tax money, paying for most forms of health care?
ORCUNION	There is a law that guarantees workers the right to form unions and bargain with their employers. On the whole, do you approve or disapprove of a law for this purpose?
PATRIOT	Which comes closer to your view...Is the Patriot Act a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists or does it go too far and pose a threat to civil liberties?
PATRTACT	Some people say the Patriot Act is a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists, while others say it goes too far and is a threat to civil liberties. Which comes closer to your view—is the Patriot Act a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists or does it go too far and pose a threat to civil liberties?
PEWGUN	What do you think is more important—to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to control gun ownership?
PILLOK	Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that methods of birth control should be available to teenagers between the ages of 14 and 16 if their parents do not approve?
POORTAX	What about POOR people? Do you feel rich people are asked to pay MORE THAN HEY SHOULD in federal income taxes, about the RIGHT AMOUNT, or LESS THAN THEY SHOULD?
POTLEGAL	Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?
PRAYER	The United States Supreme Court has ruled that no state or local government may require the reading of the Lord's Prayer or Bible verses in public schools. What are your views on this—do you approve or disapprove of the court ruling?
PRAYGAL	Do you favor or oppose a proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow voluntary prayer in the public schools?
PRAYPSRA	I'm going to read you some proposals concerning social issues that were discussed during this year's presidential and congressional campaigns. As I read each one, tell me if you generally favor it or oppose it. Do you favor or oppose...passing a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in public schools?

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PRESCHL	A proposal has been made to make child-care centers available for all preschool children as part of the public school system. This program would be supported by taxes. Would you favor or oppose such a program in your school district?
PRICECON	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be governments responsibility... keep prices under control.
PRICECON	On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to . . . Keep prices under control.
PRIVSCH	A proposal has been made that would allow parents to send their school-age children to any public, private, or church-related school they choose. For those parents choosing nonpublic schools, the government would pay all or part of the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal in your state?
PROHIB1	If the question of national prohibition should come up again, would you vote wet or dry?
PROHIB2	Would you favor or oppose a law forbidding the sale of all beer, wine, and liquor throughout the nation?
PSGAYUN	Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples?
PSRACARE	I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me whether you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it... It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves
PSRAIMM	Now I am going to read you another series of statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it...We should restrict and control people coming into our country to live more than we do now.
PSRAIMM2	Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?
PSRANEED	I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right. The pair is...the government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt or, the government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy. Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

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RACOPEN	Suppose there is a community wide vote on the general housing issue. There are two possible laws to vote on: A. One law says that a homeowner can decide for himself whom to sell his house to, even if he prefers not to sell to Negroes/Blacks/African Americans. B. The second law says that a homeowner cannot refuse to sell to someone because of their race or color. Which law would you vote for?
REGULATE	What is your feeling about government regulation of business—would you say it's better to regulate business pretty closely, or would you say the less regulation of business the better?
RICHPOOR	96PO: Govt reduce diff betw rich/poor
RICHTAX	What about rich people? Do you feel rich people are asked to pay MORE THAN THEY SHOULD in federal income taxes, about the RIGHT AMOUNT, or LESS THAN THEY SHOULD?
RIT2LIV	Some people say that Negroes should be allowed to live in any part of town they want to. Ho do you feel? Should Negroes be allowed to live in any part of town they want to or not?
ROEGOOD	More than 35 years ago, the Supreme Court's decision in Roe versus Wade established a constitutional right for women to obtain legal abortions in this country. In general, do you think the Court's decision was a good thing or a bad thing?
RPBUYER	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others, and need more attention from our Federal Government than others. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something the government should be making a major effort on now, or something the government should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular government effort now...trying to establish more controls to protect consumers on the products and services they buy
RPDEFICIT	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others and need more attention. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something we should be making a major effort on now, or something we should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular effort now... Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit

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RPGHETTO	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others, and need more attention from our Federal Government than others. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something the government should be making a major effort on now, or something the government should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular government effort now...trying to solve the problems caused by ghettos, race and poverty
RPHEALTH	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others, and need more attention from our Federal Government than others. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something the government should be making a major effort on now, or something the government should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular government effort now...taking steps to contain the cost of health care
RPINCTAX	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others, and need more attention from our Federal Government than others. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something the government should be making a major effort on now, or something not needing any particular government effort now. Trying to reform our income tax system.
RPINFLAT	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others and need more attention. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something we should be making a major effort on now, or something we should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular effort now... Trying to slow down inflation in our economy
RPPRIVAT	There are many problems facing our nation today. But at certain times some things are more important than others, and need more attention from our Federal Government than others. I'd like to know for each of the things on this list whether you think it is something the government should be making a major effort on now, or something the government should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular government effort now...seeking ways to protect the privacy of individuals in our society
RPUNEMP	list whether you think it is something the government should be making a major effort on now, or something the government should be making some effort on now, or something not needing any particular government effort now...Trying to reduce unemployment



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RSCITIES	We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on...solving the problems of the big cities?
RSED	We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount... Improving the nation's education system
RSENVIR	We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount... Improving and protecting the environment
RSWELFAR	We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount... welfare?
SAVEJOBS	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Support declining industries to protect jobs.
SCHAID	Some people say that the federal government in Washington should give financial help to build new public schools especially in the poorer states. Others say that this would mean higher taxes for everyone and that states and local communities should build their own schools. How do you, yourself, feel—do you favor or oppose federal aid to help build new public schools?
SCHSEG	Some people say that the government in Washington should see to it that white and Negro (black) children are allowed to go to the same schools. Others claim that this is not the government's business. Have you been concerned enough about this question to favor one side over the other?
SERVSPND	Some people think that the government should provide fewer services, even in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending. Other people feel that it is important for the government to provide many more services, even if it means an increase in spending. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this?

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SETPRICE	Here are some thing the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Control of prices by legislation
SETPRICE	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Keep prices under control.
SETWAGE	Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Circle one number for each action to show whether you are in favor of it or against it. Control of wages by legislation.
SOCSEC	I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would like gov to do more, do less, or do about the same as they have been .. improving Social Security benefit
SPAIDB	Should federal spending on AID TO BLACKS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPAIDS	Should federal spending on SPENDING ON AIDS RESEARCH be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPARMS	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it. The military and defense.
SPARTS	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less...Culture and the arts
SPCHILDC	Should federal spending on CHILD CARE be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPCRIME	Should federal spending on DEALING WITH CRIME be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPENVIRO	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less...The environment.
SPENVPR	Should federal spending on ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPFOOD	Should federal spending on FOOD STAMPS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPFORAID	Should federal spending on FOREIGN AID be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

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SPHIWAY	If you had a say in making up the federal budget this year, should federal spending on BUILDING AND REPAIRING HIGHWAYS be increased decreased or kept about the same?
SPHLTH	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less...Health
SPHOMLES	96PR:HOMELESS SPEND INCR/DECR
SPHWAY	If you had a say in making up the federal budget this year, should federal spending on BUILDING AND REPAIRING HIGHWAYS be increased decreased or kept about the same?
SPIMMIG	Should federal spending on TIGHTENING BORDER SECURITY TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPPOLICE	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less...The police and law enforcement
SPPOLICE	Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more', it might require a tax increase to pay for it.... The police and law enforcement
SPPOOR	Should federal spending on AID TO POOR PEOPLE be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPRETIRE	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less...Retirement benefits
SPSCHOOL	Should federal spending on PUBLIC SCHOOLS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SPSCHOOL	(Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less)...Education
SPSCIENCE	Should federal spending on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be INCREASED, DECREASED, or kept ABOUT THE SAME?
SPSOCSEC	Should federal spending on SOCIAL SECURITY be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

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SPSPACE	Should federal spending on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be INCREASED, DECREASED, or kept ABOUT THE SAME?
SPSTLOAN	Respondent position on student loans, spending increased or decreased
SPTERROR	Should federal spending on the WAR ON TERRORISM be INCREASED, DECREASED, or kept ABOUT THE SAME?
SPUNEMP	Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please indicate whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say 'much more,' it might require a tax increase to pay for it....Spend much more, spend more, spend the same as now, spend less, spend much less...Unemployment benefits
SPWELFAR	Should federal spending on WELFARE PROGRAMS be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
SSNBCWSJ	In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?
SSPRIVA2	Would you support or oppose a plan in which people who chose to do so could invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market?
SSPRIVAT	Some people have suggested allowing individuals to invest portions of their Social Security taxes on their own, which might allow them to make more money for their retirement, but would involve greater risk. Do you think allowing individuals to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes on their own is a good idea or bad idea?
SSTAX	I notice you said you would like the government to do more on improving Social Security benefits. Would you favor this increased activity if it required an increase in taxes?
STEMCELL	Sometimes fertility clinics produce extra fertilized eggs, also called embryos, that are implanted in a woman's womb. These extra embryos either are discarded, or couples can donate them for use in medical research called stem-cell research. Some people support stem-cell research, saying it's an important way to find treatments for many diseases. Other people oppose stem-cell research, saying it's wrong to use any human embryos for research purposes. What about you—do you support or oppose stem-cell research?
STRCTSEG	Are you in favor of desegregation, strict segregation, or something in between?

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STRICTLAW	I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me whether you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it or completely disagree with it.... There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment/As I read a couple of statements, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one....There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment...Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?
TAFTHART	Asked of those respondents who had heard of Taft-Hartley Do you think the Taft-Hartley law should be revised, repealed, or left unchanged?
TAX	Do you consider the amount of federal income tax which you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?
TAX	Does respondent think they pay right amount in taxes?
TAX	Do you consider the amount of federal income tax which you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?
TAXDEF	Does respondent favor increase in taxes to cut budget deficit?
TAXFILT	Do you consider the amount of federal income tax which you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?
TAXINC	Does respondent favor increasing taxes to increase spending?
TAXNES	Do you feel you are asked to pay MORE THAN YOU SHOULD in federal income taxes, about the RIGHT AMOUNT, or LESS THAN YOU SHOULD?
TAXPOOR	Generally, how would you describe taxes in America today...We mean all taxes together, including social security, income tax, sales tax, and all the rest. Lastly, for those with low incomes, are taxes...much too high, too high, about right, too low, or much too low?
TAXRICH	Generally, how would you describe taxes in America today...We mean all taxes together, including social security, income tax, sales tax, and all the rest. First, for those with high incomes, are taxes...much too high, too high, about right, too low, or much too low?
TAXSHARE	Should rich pay bigger share of taxes?
THREAT	In your opinion, which of the following do you think will be the biggest threat to the country in the future—big business, big labor, or big government?
THREAT	In your opinion, which one of these do you think will be the biggest threat to the personal freedom of people in this country in the future?
THREATFX	What do you think is a greater potential threat to the country's future—big business or big government?

Series	Question
TORTURE	Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?
TWOYEAR UNREST	Does respondent favor/oppose 2 year limit on welfare There is much discussion about the best way to deal with the problem of urban unrest and rioting. Some say it is more important to use all available force to maintain law and order – no matter what results. Others say it is more important to correct the problems of poverty and unemployment that give rise to the disturbances. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought very much about this? [1970-1976]
URBREN	I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities. As I read each one, please tell me if you would like to see the government do more, less or do about the same amount as they have been on... urban renewal
VOTE18	Would you favor or oppose lowering the voting age limit so that persons 18, 19, and 20 years old could vote in elections?
VOUCHERS	Do you favor or oppose providing parents with tax money in the form of school vouchers to help pay for their children to attend private or religious schools?
WASTELOT	Do you think that people in the government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?
WHYPOOR	In your opinion, which is more often to blame if a person is poor—lack of effort on his own part, or circumstances beyond his control?
WOMHIRE	Some people say that because of past discrimination, women should be given preference in hiring and promotion. Others say that such preference in hiring and promotion of women is wrong because it discriminates against men. What about your opinion - are you for or against preferential hiring and promotion of women? Do you favor/oppose preference in hiring and promotion strongly or not strongly?
WOMHIRE2	Now I'm going to read several statements. As I read each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree: Because of past discrimination, employers should make special efforts to hire and promote qualified women.