

**Questionnaire with Marginals – 10/9/07**

**QGEN1 [NEWSATTENTION]**

Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

Start Date	End Date	Most of the Time	Some of the Time	Only Now and Then	Hardly at All	Don't Know / Refused	Organization	Sponsor	Notes
	2007	49%	29%	13%	10%	0%	Page / Jacobs		
1/28/2007	1/30/2007	44%	33%	14%	9%	0%	Greenberg Quinlan Rosner	Women's Voices. Women Vote	
12/12/2006	1/9/2007	53%	28%	11%	7%	1%	Princeton	Pew	
11/8/2006	12/4/2006	46%	29%	13%	11%	2%	Princeton	Pew	
11/17/2006	11/22/2006	57%	30%	8%	5%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
11/1/2006	11/4/2006	58%	26%	10%	6%	0%	Princeton	Pew	RV
	2004	26%	41%	23%	10%	0%	NES		
12/1/2004	12/16/2004	45%	35%	14%	5%	1%	Princeton	Pew	
10/27/2004	10/30/2004	61%	27%	9%	3%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
10/15/2004	10/19/2004	63%	26%	8%	3%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
6/3/2004	6/13/2004	44%	34%	15%	7%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
7/14/2003	8/5/2003	48%	33%	12%	6%	1%	Princeton	Pew	Weighted
	2002	27%	42%	22%	9%	0%	NES		
10/30/2002	11/24/2002	49%	27%	14%	9%	1%	Princeton	Pew	
7/2/2002	8/8/2002	54%	30%	11%	5%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
3/5/2001	3/18/2001	49%	27%	13%	10%	1%	Princeton	Pew	3
	2000	20%	36%	29%	16%	0%	NES		
11/2/2000	11/5/2000	51%	32%	12%	5%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
11/1/2000	11/5/2000	51%	32%	12%	5%	0%	Princeton	Pew	RV
11/1/2000	11/4/2000	50%	33%	12%	5%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
8/24/2000	9/10/2000	51%	34%	10%	4%	1%	Princeton	Pew	
6/14/2000	6/28/2000	38%	32%	19%	11%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
6/14/2000	6/21/2000	38%	32%	19%	10%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
9/28/1999	10/10/1999	39%	32%	20%	9%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
7/14/1999	9/9/1999	40%	35%	17%	8%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
Jan-99	Jan-99	47%	35%	13%	5%	0%	Center on Policy Attitudes		

	1998	27%	37%	25%	12%	0%	NES		
10/26/1998	12/1/1998	46%	27%	14%	13%	1%	Princeton	Pew	Weighted
10/28/1998	10/31/1998	57%	29%	10%	4%	0%	Princeton	Pew	RV
10/14/1998	10/18/1998	51%	33%	11%	5%	0%	Princeton	Pew	RV
8/27/1998	9/8/1998	45%	34%	15%	6%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
11/5/1997	11/17/1997	41%	36%	16%	7%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
	1996	21%	39%	26%	13%	0%	NES		
10/31/1996	11/2/1996	52%	32%	12%	4%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
10/14/1996	10/20/1996	43%	37%	13%	6%	1%	Princeton	Pew	
6/17/1996	7/2/1996	34%	34%	17%	15%	0%	Princeton	Radio & TV News Directors Foundation	
5/31/1996	6/9/1996	41%	34%	17%	8%	0%	Princeton	Pew	
10/25/1995	10/30/1995	46%	35%	14%	5%	0%	Princeton	Times Mirror	
4/6/1995	4/9/1995	43%	35%	16%	6%	0%	Princeton	Times Mirror	
	1994	28%	35%	23%	14%	0%	NES		
11/9/1994	1/9/1995	30%	35%	22%	13%	0%	Center for Political Studies		Weighted
11/3/1994	11/5/1994	49%	30%	13%	7%	1%	Princeton	Times Mirror	
10/20/1994	10/24/1994	45%	35%	14%	6%	0%	Princeton	Times Mirror	
7/13/1994	7/27/1994	50%	32%	14%	5%	0%	Princeton	Times Mirror	
7/12/1994	7/25/1994	46%	33%	15%	6%	0%	Princeton	Times Mirror	3
	1992	26%	41%	21%	11%	0%	NES		
	1990	27%	33%	23%	16%	0%	NES		
5/1/1990	5/31/1990	39%	34%	18%	9%	0%	Princeton	Times Mirror	
1/27/1989	2/5/1989	47%	34%	14%	4%	1%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
	1988	22%	37%	25%	15%	0%	NES		
10/23/1988	10/26/1988	52%	33%	11%	4%	0%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
9/9/1988	9/14/1988	58%	32%	8%	2%	0%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
5/13/1988	5/22/1988	37%	37%	17%	6%	3%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
1/8/1988	1/17/1988	37%	35%	18%	8%	2%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
11/6/1987	12/4/1987	47%	33%	14%	6%	0%	Gallup	Commission of the European Communities	
10/25/1987	11/4/1987	49%	32%	14%	4%	1%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
4/25/1987	5/10/1987	41%	35%	15%	7%	2%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
	1986	26%	35%	24%	15%	0%	NES		
6/22/1985	7/13/1985	36%	33%	18%	12%	1%	Gallup	Times Mirror	
12/7/1984	1/19/1985	40%	33%	18%	9%	0%	Mori Research	Am Society of Newspaper Editors	

	1984	26%	36%	23%	14%	0%	NES	
	1982	29%	35%	21%	15%	0%	NES	
Feb-82	Apr-82	36%	35%	18%	10%	0%	National Opinion Research Center	GSS
	1980	26%	35%	23%	15%	0%	NES	
	1978	23%	34%	25%	17%	1%	NES	
	1976	38%	31%	18%	12%	1%	NES	
	1974	39%	36%	14%	11%	1%	NES	
12/6/1973	Jan-74	50%	31%	12%	8%	0%	National Opinion Research Center	
	1972	36%	36%	16%	11%	0%	NES	
	1970	-	-	-	-	-	NES	
	1968	33%	31%	19%	18%	0%	NES	
	1966	35%	30%	18%	17%	0%	NES	
	1964	30%	42%	17%	11%	0%	NES	2
	1962	16%	42%	-	42%	0%	NES	1
	1960	21%	42%	-	37%	0%	NES	1

Notes: 1 = *We'd also like to know how much attention you pay to what's going on in politics generally. I mean from day to day, when there isn't any big election campaign going on, would you say you follow politics very closely, fairly closely, or not much at all? (Not much at all; Only now and then; Fairly closely; Very closely; Don't know)*; 2 = Some people seem to *think about...*; 3 = Oversample African-Americans; Weighted

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**QGEN2 [OPPRICH1]**

Do you think it's still possible to start out poor in this country, work hard, and become rich?

Start Date	End Date	Possible	Not possible	Don't know / No answer	Organization	Note
	2007	76%	22%	2%	Page / Jacobs	
6/26/2007	6/28/2007	81%	18%	1%	CBS News	
3/9/2005	3/14/2005	80%	19%	2%	New York Times	
7/13/2003	7/27/2003	70%	27%	3%	CBS, New York Times	4
7/13/2003	7/27/2003	60%	36%	4%	CBS, New York Times	4
2/6/2000	2/10/2000	84%	13%	3%	CBS News	
4/15/1998	4/20/1998	70%	29%	2%	New York Times	5
3/20/1996	3/21/1996	78%	18%	4%	CBS News	1
2/22/1996	2/24/1996	70%	27%	3%	CBS, New York Times	1
7/31/1988	8/3/1988	59%	35%	6%	CBS, New York Times	2
4/29/1986	5/1/1986	51%	41%	4%	New York Times	3
6/13/1983	6/18/1983	60%	34%	5%	New York Times	2
1/16/1983	1/19/1983	57%	38%	5%	CBS, New York Times	

Notes: 1 = Do you think it's possible...; 2 = Do you think it's as possible now as it was when you finished school to start out poor in this country, work hard, and become rich?; 3 = Do you think it's as possible now as it was when you finished school to start out poor in this country, work hard in business, and become rich?; 4 = Oversample Hispanics; Weighted; 5 = Oversample Jews; Weighted

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**IGEN3**

We are now going to ask you some questions about government programs.

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**QGEN3 [GVTLEAVEALONE]**

Would you like to live in a society where the government does nothing except provide national defense and police protection, so that people would be left alone to earn whatever they could?

	Yes	No	Don't Know / Refused	Organization
2007	26%	70%	4%	Page / Jacobs

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**QGEN4 [ESSENTIALNEEDS]**

Do you tend to believe or not believe in the following statement that has been made by some people: Government must see that no one is without food, clothing or shelter.

Start Date	End Date	Believe	Don't believe	Don't Know / Refused	Organization	Note
	2007	68%	30%	3%	Page / Jacobs	
9/25/1997	10/31/1997	72%	27%	1%	PSRA for Pew	1
	Sep-64	68%	32%	-	Harris	

Notes: 1 = Altered intro: I'm going to read you a few more statements. For each one, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree.

**QGEN5 [GVT CARE1]**

Do you agree or disagree: Public officials don't care much what people like me think.

End Date	Agree	Disagree	Neither	Don't Know, Refuse	Organization	Note
2007	63%	34%	-	3%	Page / Jacobs	
2004	50%	34%	15%	0%	NES	1
2002	31%	46%	23%	0%	NES	1
2000	56%	33%	10%	1%	NES	1
Jan-98	59%	28%	12%	2%	Center on Policy Attitudes	2
1998	62%	25%	13%	0%	NES	1
1996	61%	24%	15%	0%	NES	1
1994	66%	22%	11%	0%	NES	1
1992	52%	37%	10%	1%	NES	1
1990	63%	23%	13%	1%	NES	1
1988	51%	37%	11%	0%	NES	1
1986	52%	43%	-	5%	NES	1
1984	42%	57%	-	1%	NES	1
12/18/1983	58%	41%	-	7%	ABC News	3
1982	47%	50%	-	4%	NES	1
1980	52%	43%	-	4%	NES	1
11/12/1980	39%	53%	-	8%	CBS/NYT	4
1978	51%	45%	-	4%	NES	1
1976	51%	44%	-	4%	NES	1
1974	50%	46%	-	4%	NES	1
1972	49%	49%	-	2%	NES	1
1970	47%	50%	-	3%	NES	1
1968	43%	55%	-	2%	NES	1
1966	34%	57%	-	9%	NES	1
1964	36%	62%	-	2%	NES	1
1960	25%	73%	-	2%	NES	1
1956	26%	71%	-	2%	NES	1
1952	35%	63%	-	2%	NES	1

Notes: \* = Now I'd like to read some of the kinds of things people tell us when we interview them. Please tell me whether (1992: and ask you whether) (1966,1988,1990,1994-LATER: how much) you agree or disagree with these statements (1992: with them) (2002: about the government.) (1988, 1990: You can just give me the number of your choice.) (1992: I'll read them one at a time and you just tell me whether you agree or disagree) (1996 and later: The first is:) 1952-1988, 1992: 'I don't think public officials care much what people like me think.' 1990, 1994-LATER: 'Public officials don't care much what people like me think.' 2000 TELEPHONE, 2002: Do you agree, neither agree nor disagree, or disagree with this statement? (Agree, Disagree, Neither – added in 1988 as an answer choice, Depends – volunteered and grouped with don't knows, Don't Know); 2 = Altered intro: For the following two statements, please tell me whether you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree....; 3 = Altered intro: Now I'm going to read a few statements. For each please tell me whether you tend to agree or disagree. First, do you agree or disagree that...; 4 = Altered intro: I'd like your opinion on the following. Public officials don't care much what people like me think. Do you agree or disagree?

## IGSP [GVTSPENDING]

Now I am going to read a list of present federal government programs. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether you feel spending should be expanded, cut back, or kept about the same.

QGSPa. Aid to Education [GVTSPENDEDU]

QGSPb. Defense Spending [GOVTSPENDDEFENSE]

QGSPc. Social Security [GOVTSPENDSOCSEC]

QGSPd. Health Care [GOVTSPENDHEALTH]

QGSPe. Economic aid to other nations [GOVTSPENDAID]

QGSPf. Scientific Research [GOVTSPENDSCIENCE]

	Expanded	Cut Back	Keep Same	Not Sure	Don't Know, Refused	Organization	Note
<b>Aid to Education</b>							
2007	74%	5%	20%	-	1%	Page / Jacobs	
2002	75%	4%	21%	0%	-	CCFR	1
1998	79%	3%	16%	2%	-	CCFR	1
1994	75%	4%	18%	3%	-	CCFR	1
1990	74%	3%	21%	2%	-	CCFR	1
1986	69%	4%	25%	2%	-	CCFR	1
1982	59%	7%	31%	3%	-	CCFR	1
1978	55%	8%	32%	5%	-	CCFR	1
1974	58%	8%	30%	4%	-	CCFR	1
<b>Defense Spending</b>							
2007	29%	31%	39%	-	2%	Page / Jacobs	
2002	44%	15%	38%	3%	-	CCFR	1
1998	30%	28%	38%	4%	-	CCFR	1
1994	21%	34%	41%	4%	-	CCFR	1
1990	14%	43%	39%	4%	-	CCFR	1
1986	22%	34%	39%	5%	-	CCFR	1
1982	24%	34%	36%	6%	-	CCFR	1
1978	34%	24%	34%	8%	-	CCFR	1
1974	14%	42%	38%	6%	-	CCFR	1
<b>Social Security</b>							
2007	55%	6%	37%	-	2%	Page / Jacobs	
2002	64%	3%	30%	3%	-	CCFR	1
1998	66%	3%	27%	4%	-	CCFR	1
1994	49%	7%	39%	5%	-	CCFR	1
1990	56%	4%	36%	4%	-	CCFR	1
1986	60%	4%	32%	4%	-	CCFR	1
1982	49%	6%	40%	5%	-	CCFR	1
<b>Health Care</b>							
2007	73%	8%	18%	-	1%	Page / Jacobs	
2002	77%	4%	19%	-	-	CCFR	1
1998	78%	4%	16%	2%	-	CCFR	1
1994	71%	7%	18%	4%	-	CCFR	1

<b>Economic aid to other nations</b>								
2007	11%	59%	27%		3%		Page / Jacobs	
2002	14%	48%	35%	3%	-		CCFR	1
1998	13%	48%	36%	3%	-		CCFR	1
1994	9%	58%	28%	5%	-		CCFR	1
1990	7%	61%	27%	5%	-		CCFR	1
1986	11%	48%	35%	6%	-		CCFR	1
1982	8%	54%	31%	7%	-		CCFR	1
1978	11%	50%	31%	8%	-		CCFR	1
1974	10%	55%	28%	7%	-		CCFR	1
<b>Scientific Research</b>								
2007	50%	10%	38%	-	1%		Page / Jacobs	

Notes: 1 = Now I am going to read a list of present federal government programs. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether you feel **it** should be expanded, cut back or kept about the same.

## IJOB

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

### QJOB1 [JOBGUAR10]

The government in Washington ought to see to it that everyone who wants to work can find a job.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know, Refused	Organization	Note
2007	67%	32%	2%	Page / Jacobs	
1960	59%	24%	18%	NES	1
1960	59%	24%	18%	NES	1
1958	57%	26%	17%	NES	1
1956	57%	27%	17%	NES	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro and answer choices: *Around election time people talk about different things that our government in Washington is doing or should be doing. Now I would like to talk to you about some of the things that our government might do. Of course, different things are important to different people, so we don't expect everyone to have an opinion about all of these. I would like you to look at this card as I read each question and tell me how you feel about the question. If you don't have an opinion, just tell me that; if you do have an opinion, choose one of the other answers.* [Agree strongly, Agree but not very strongly, Not sure / It depends, Disagree but not very strongly, Disagree strongly, Don't know (volunteered), No opinion (volunteered)].

### QJOB2 [GOVTINTERFERE]

Most things would run pretty well by themselves if the government just didn't interfere.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know / Refused	Organization
2007	43%	53%	5%	Page / Jacobs
1958	25%	75%	-	M&Z PAB

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**QJOB3 [GOVUNEMP]**

The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed.  
(PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

Date	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DK / Refused	Organization	Note
2007	20%	29%	-	27%	22%	3%	Page / Jacobs	
1987	6%	29%	26%	29%	6%	4%	GSS	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro and answer choices: *Do you agree or disagree... (Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, Can't choose)*; Also: *Don't Know / Refuse = Can't Choose (offered as answer choice) + No Answer*

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**QJOB4 [EITCAMNT]**

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a program that helps working families who have low wages by reducing their income taxes or by giving them refunds. Do you think that such help should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the Same	Don't Know / Refused	Organization
2007	48%	5%	45%	1%	Page / Jacobs

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**QJOB5 [EITCCOVG]**

Would you favor or oppose expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to cover workers who are single, as well as those with families?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know / Refused	Organization
2007	68%	28%	4%	Page / Jacobs

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**QJOB6 [MINWAGE]**

Do you favor or oppose having the government set the minimum wage high enough so that no family with a full time worker falls below the official poverty line?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know / Refused	Organization
2007	76%	21%	3%	Page / Jacobs



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**QJOB7 [JOBGUAR9]**

Do you think the federal government should provide jobs for everyone able and willing to work but who cannot get a job in private employment?

Date	Yes	No	No Opinion	Don't Know / Refused	Organization	Sponsor
2007	51%	46%	-	3%	Page / Jacobs	
10/30/44	68%	25%	7%	-	Roper	NY Herald

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**QJOB8 [INCENTIV]**

Some people earn a lot of money while others do not earn very much at all. In order to get people to work hard, do you think large differences in pay are...Absolutely necessary, Probably necessary, Probably not necessary, Definitely not necessary.

Date	Absolutely necessary	Probably necessary	Probably not necessary	Definitely not necessary	Don't Know / Refused	Organization	Note
2007	16%	41%	29%	11%	3%	Page / Jacobs	
1987	17%	49%	21%	6%	6%	GSS	1

Notes: 1 = Don't Know / Refuse = Can't Choose (offered as answer choice) + No Answer

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**QJOB9 [RETGOVT1]**

Some people say that the federal government should invest more in worker retraining and education to help workers adapt to changes in the economy. Others say that such efforts just create big government programs that do not work very well. Which comes closer to your view?

Start Date	End Date	Gov. should invest more	Big programs that don't work	Don't Know / Refused	Organization
	2007	54%	40%	6%	Page / Jacobs
6/22/2005	6/26/2005	56%	38%	-	PIPA
12/19/2003	1/5/2004	51%	43%	-	PIPA
10/21/1999	10/29/1999	66%	31%	-	PIPA

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**IWGE [PAYSERIES]**

We now have some questions about jobs and how much people are paid. We would like to know what you think people in different jobs ACTUALLY earn. Please say how much you think they usually earn, each year, before taxes. Many people are not exactly sure about this but your best guess will be close enough. This may be difficult, but it is very important. So please try. Please say how much they actually earn each year. (PROBE FOR AN EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNT)

\* Notes: Altered *write in* to say; altered *these jobs* to *different jobs*

QWGEa. The chairman of a large national corporation? [PAYEXEC]

QWGEb. A doctor in general practice? [PAYDOC]

QWGEc. A skilled worker in a factory? [PAYSKILL]

QWGEd. An unskilled worker in a factory? [PAYUNSKL]

QWGEe. A salesclerk in a department store? [PAYSALES]

QWGEf. The owner of a small shop? [PAYOWNER]

QWGEg. A heart surgeon? [PAYSURGEON]

**Means:**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1992</b>
The chairman of a large national corporation	\$22,601,258	\$388,365
A doctor in general practice	\$535,779	\$129,751
A skilled worker in a factory	\$40,207	\$28,001
An unskilled worker in a factory	\$24,033	\$16,735
A salesclerk an a department store	\$26,810	\$15,554
The owner of a small shop	\$60,824	\$45,239
A heart surgeon	\$1,932,674	-

**Ranges:**

		<b>\$0- 14999</b>	<b>\$15000- 29999</b>	<b>\$30000- 49999</b>	<b>\$50000- 99999</b>	<b>\$100000- \$999995</b>	<b>Over \$999995</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>No Answer</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<b>The chairman of a large national corporation</b>										
	2007	1%	1%	1%	7%	47%	44%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	1%	1%	2%	13%	45%	20%	6%	13%	GSS
	1987	1%	3%	5%	20%	50%	5%	4%	13%	GSS
<b>A doctor in general practice</b>										
	2007	0%	2%	2%	18%	75%	3%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	1%	1%	3%	25%	52%	1%	5%	12%	GSS
	1987	1%	2%	7%	39%	36%	0%	3%	12%	GSS
<b>A skilled worker in a factory</b>										
	2007	3%	22%	44%	29%	1%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	5%	31%	35%	11%	0%	0%	5%	13%	GSS
	1987	7%	43%	31%	3%	0%	0%	3%	12%	GSS
<b>An unskilled worker in a factory</b>										
	2007	13%	60%	23%	4%	0%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	19%	50%	11%	1%	0%	0%	5%	14%	GSS
	1987	45%	39%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	11%	GSS
<b>A salesclerk in a department store</b>										
	2007	13%	61%	23%	3%	0%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	17%	54%	10%	1%	0%	0%	5%	13%	GSS
<b>The owner of a small shop</b>										
	2007	2%	13%	28%	43%	14%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	1987	9%	40%	24%	9%	1%	0%	4%	13%	GSS
<b>A heart surgeon</b>										
	2007	1%	0%	2%	8%	79%	10%	-	-	Page / Jacobs

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**IWGS [GIVESERIES]**

Next, what do you think people in these jobs OUGHT to be paid – how much do you think they SHOULD earn each year before taxes, regardless of what they actually get? Please say how much they SHOULD earn each year. (PROBE FOR AN EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNT)

QWGSa. The chairman of a large national corporation? [GIVEEXEC]

QWGSb. A doctor in general practice? [GIVEDOC]

QWGSd. A skilled worker in a factory? [GIVESKILL]

QWGSd. An unskilled worker in a factory? [GIVEUNSKL]

QWGSf. A salesclerk in a department store? [GIVESALES]

QWGSf. The owner of a small shop? [GIVEOWNER]

QWGSg. A heart surgeon? [GIVESURGEON]

**Means:**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1992</b>
The chairman of a large national corporation	\$3,234,721	\$185,694.46
A doctor in general practice	\$463,329	\$102,226.51
A skilled worker in a factory	\$54,573	\$33,201.93
An unskilled worker in a factory	\$29,970	\$20,307.32
A salesclerk an a department store	\$41,309	\$19,553.49
The owner of a small shop	\$135,216	\$51,403.01
A heart surgeon	\$358,253	-

**Ranges:**

		<b>\$0- 14999</b>	<b>\$15000- 29999</b>	<b>\$30000- 49999</b>	<b>\$50000- 99999</b>	<b>\$100000- \$999995</b>	<b>Over \$999995</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>No Answer</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<b>The chairman of a large national corporation</b>										
	2007	1%	3%	3%	17%	56%	20%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	1%	1%	3%	22%	45%	6%	6%	16%	GSS
	1987	1%	5%	11%	27%	36%	1%	4%	15%	GSS
<b>A doctor in general practice</b>										
	2007	1%	1%	1%	20%	74%	2%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	1%	1%	3%	28%	46%	1%	5%	16%	GSS
	1987	1%	4%	10%	43%	25%	0%	4%	14%	GSS
<b>A skilled worker in a factory</b>										
	2007	2%	10%	42%	43%	3%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	1%	18%	40%	19%	1%	0%	5%	16%	GSS
	1987	5%	40%	33%	4%	0%	0%	4%	14%	GSS
<b>An unskilled worker in a factory</b>										
	2007	5%	47%	39%	8%	1%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	7%	47%	21%	3%	1%	0%	5%	16%	GSS
	1987	26%	52%	4%	0%	0%	0%	4%	14%	GSS
<b>A salesclerk in a department store</b>										
	2007	5%	47%	40%	7%	1%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	2000	4%	47%	23%	4%	1%	0%	5%	16%	GSS
<b>The owner of a small shop</b>										
	2007	2%	3%	22%	51%	21%	0%	-	-	Page / Jacobs
	1987	5%	33%	28%	12%	2%	0%	4%	16%	GSS
<b>A heart surgeon</b>										
	2007	1%	1%	1%	12%	76%	9%	-	-	Page / Jacobs

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## IWAG

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

### QWAG1 [INCGAP]

Differences in income in America are too large.  
(PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

End Date	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	DK / Refuse	Organization	Note
2007	50%	22%	-	14%	14%	1%	Page / Jacobs	
10/26/2003	39%	25%	-	14%	17%	4%	Greenberg Quinlan Rosner	2; RLV
2000	23%	38%	20%	9%	3%	7%	GSS	1
1996	32%	32%	12%	12%	8%	4%	GSS	1
1992	27%	48%	11%	10%	2%	2%	ISSP	1
1987	14%	41%	21%	16%	3%	4%	GSS	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro and answer choices: *Do you agree or disagree... (Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, Can't choose)*; Also: *Don't Know / Refuse = Can't Choose (offered as answer choice) + No Answer*; 2 = Variant intro: *Now, I'm going to read you some statements about the government. As I read each statement, please tell me whether you strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat agree, or strongly agree with the statement.*

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### QWAG2 [INEQUAL5]

Large differences in income are necessary for America's prosperity.  
(PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

End Date	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	DK / Refuse	Organization	Note
2007	17%	23%	-	26%	33%	1%	Page / Jacobs	
10/26/2003	17%	21%	-	21%	36%	6%	Greenberg Quinlan Rosner	2; RLV
2000	4%	20%	27%	31%	8%	9%	GSS	1
1996	8%	20%	12%	30%	25%	4%	GSS	1
1992	4%	21%	22%	36%	12%	4%	ISSP	1
1987	5%	25%	27%	31%	5%	6%	GSS	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro and answer choices: *Do you agree or disagree... (Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, Can't choose)*; Also: *Don't Know / Refuse = Can't Choose (offered as answer choice) + No Answer*; 2 = Variant intro: *Now, I'm going to read you some statements about the government. As I read each statement, please tell me whether you strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat agree, or strongly agree with the statement.*

**QWAG3 [GOVEQINC]**

It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.  
(PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

Start Date	End Date	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	DK / Refuse	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	17%	18%	-	19%	44%	2%	Page / Jacobs		
2/5/2003	3/17/2003	27%	22%	-	18%	29%	4%	ICR	NPR, Kaiser, Harvard	3
2/5/2003	3/17/2003	35%	21%	-	16%	24%	4%	ICR	NPR, Kaiser, Harvard	2
	2000	9%	22%	23%	23%	14%	8%	GSS		1
11/4/1998	12/6/1998	9%	16%	10%	35%	26%	4%	Princeton	Kaiser, Harvard	5, 6
11/4/1998	12/6/1998	20%	37%	8%	22%	10%	3%	Princeton	Kaiser, Harvard	5, 6
7/29/1998	8/18/1998	13%	16%	1%	27%	40%	2%	Wash Post	WP, Kaiser, Harvard	4
	1996	12%	20%	24%	23%	18%	3%	GSS		1
	1994	5%	22%	19%	31%	20%	3%	GSS		1
	1992	9%	27%	19%	28%	12%	5%	ISSP		1
	1990	10%	24%	27%	29%	10%	0%	GSS		1
	1987	6%	21%	23%	33%	12%	5%	GSS		1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro and answer choices: *Do you agree or disagree... (Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, Can't choose)*; Also: *Don't Know / Refuse = Can't Choose (offered as answer choice) + No Answer*; 2 = *Do you agree or disagree with the following? It is the responsibility of government to reduce the differences in income between high-income people and middle income people. (If Agree/Disagree, ask:) Is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?*; 3 = Variant intro: *Do you agree or disagree with the following?...Is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?*; 4 = Variant intro: *Do you personally agree or disagree with the following statement?*; 5 = Variant intro: *I'm going to read you a statement and then ask you how much you agree or disagree with it. Here is the statement:*; 6 = National adult voters who voted in the 1998 election

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**QWTH1 [WEALTHPERCEP]**

Thinking about people's wealth, including the value of their homes, money in the bank, stocks and bonds and the like, roughly how much of the total wealth in the United States would you say is owned by the top 1% of richest people? Please give your best guess. (ENTER PERCENTAGE 0-100)

**Descriptive Stats:**

N	Valid	543
	Missing	65
Mean		46.99
Median		50.00
Std. Deviation		28.51
Variance		812.64
Minimum		1
Maximum		100
Percentiles	25	20
	50	50
	75	70

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**QWTH2 [WLTH8]**

Do you think that the gap in wealth between wealthy Americans and middle class Americans has gotten larger, gotten smaller or stayed about the same in the last twenty-five years?

Start Date	End Date	Gotten larger	Gotten smaller	Stayed the same	Not sure	Organization	Sponsor
	2007	81%	8%	10%	1%	Page / Jacobs	
12/17/1991	12/22/1991	72%	8%	19%	2%	Yankelovich	Time, CNN



**QWTH3 [DISTFAIR2]**

Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country today is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?

Start Date	End Date	Distribution is fair	Should be more evenly distributed	Don't know	Refused	Org	Sponsor	Note
	2007	26%	68%	6%	0%	Page / Jacobs		
4/2/2007	4/5/2007	29%	66%	5%		Gallup		
1/10/2003	1/12/2003	31%	63%	5%	1%	Gallup	USA Today, CNN	
10/12/2000	10/19/2000	32%	63%	5%		Wash Post	Kaiser, Harvard	3, Weighted
9/11/2000	9/13/2000	38%	56%	6%		Gallup	USA Today, CNN	
4/23/1998	5/31/1998	31%	63%	6%		Gallup	General Motors	
4/25/1996	4/28/1996	33%	62%	6%		Gallup		
5/17/1990	5/20/1990	28%	67%	5%	1%	Gallup		
12/16/1987	12/17/1987	27%	66%	8%		Gallup		1
4/20/1985	4/26/1985	28%	61%	9%	2%	LA Times		2
12/7/1984	12/10/1984	31%	60%	9%		Gallup		1

Notes: 1 = Variant answer choices: *Fair now, More evenly distributed, No opinion*; 2 = Variant answer choices: *Fair, More evenly, Not sure, Refused*; 3 = *Do you feel that the distribution of money and wealth in this country (eliminates today) is fair, or do you feel that the money and wealth in this country should be more evenly distributed among a larger percentage of the people?*( *Fair, More evenly distributed, Don't know*)

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**QHC1 [HLTHRESPONSIB]**

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?

Start Date	End Date	Yes, responsibility	No, not responsibility	Don't Know / Refuse	Organization	Sponsor
	2007	73%	25%	2%	Page / Jacobs	
11/9/2006	11/12/2006	69%	28%	3%	Gallup	Gallup
11/7/2005	11/10/2005	58%	38%	4%	Gallup	Gallup
11/3/2003	11/5/2003	59%	39%	2%	Gallup	Gallup
11/11/2002	11/14/2002	62%	35%	3%	Gallup	Gallup
9/11/2000	9/13/2000	64%	31%	5%	Gallup	Gallup
1/13/2000	1/16/2000	59%	38%	3%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today

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**QHC2 [NHP2A]**

Do you favor or oppose national health insurance, which would be financed by tax money, paying for most forms of health care?

Start Date	End Date	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know / Refuse	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	64%	32%	4%	Page / Jacobs		
8/16/2000	8/20/2000	56%	32%	12%	ICR	Harvard, RWJ	
12/3/1995	12/6/1995	53%	39%	8%	NYT	NYT	
1/12/1993	1/14/1993	63%	26%	11%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	
7/8/1992	7/8/1992	66%	25%	9%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	
1/22/1992	1/25/1992	65%	26%	9%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	
8/18/1991	8/22/1991	54%	33%	12%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	
6/3/1991	6/6/1991	60%	30%	10%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	
10/28/1990	10/31/1990	64%	27%	8%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	2
4/22/1981	4/26/1981	52%	37%	11%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	2
3/12/1980	3/15/1980	46%	43%	11%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	1
2/13/1980	2/17/1980	50%	41%	9%	CBS / NYT	CBS / NYT	1

Notes: 1 = Do you favor or oppose...national health insurance, financed by tax money, and paying for most forms of health care? (Favor, Oppose, No Opinion); 2 = Variant answer choices: Favor, Oppose, No Opinion

**QHC3 [NHPSINGLE]**

Do you favor or oppose a national health plan, financed by the taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?  
 (PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT FAVOR/OPPOSE)

Start Date	End Date	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DK / Refused	Org	Sponsor	Note
	2007	32%	23%	13%	31%	3%	Page / Jacobs		
7/5/2000	7/18/2000	20%	18%	40%	19%	3%	Wash Post	Kaiser, Harvard	W

Start Date	End Date	Favor	Oppose	DK / Refused	Organization	Sponsor	Note
11/4/2004	11/28/2004	37%	55%	8%	ICR	Kaiser, Harvard	3
3/28/2002	5/1/2002	40%	55%	5%	ICR	Kaiser, Harvard, NPR	1
11/13/2000	12/13/2000	36%	57%	7%	PSRA	Kaiser, Harvard	2
1/10/2000	2/9/2000	44%	53%	3%	ICR	Kaiser, NewsHour	1
12/3/1999	12/13/1999	39%	51%	10%	PSRA	Kaiser, Harvard	1
10/8/1999	10/12/1999	41%	47%	11%	PSRA	Kaiser, Harvard	1
11/4/1998	12/6/1998	38%	58%	4%	PSRA	Kaiser, Harvard	1

Notes: 1 = I'm going to read you some different ways to guarantee health insurance for more Americans. As I read each one, please tell whether you would favor it or oppose it. A national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan.; 2 = I'm going to read you some different ways to improve access to health care for all uninsured Americans. As I read each one, please tell whether you would favor it or oppose it. A national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan. Would you favor or oppose this approach?; 3 = I'm going to read you some different ways to increase the number of Americans covered by health insurance. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Do you favor or oppose...a national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?

**QHC4 [MEDICAREBELOW65]**

Do you favor or oppose expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance?

Start Date	End Date	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	60%	36%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs		
1/10/2000	2/9/2000	67%	31%	2%		ICR	Kaiser, NewsHour	1, 2
12/3/1999	12/13/1999	57%	34%	9%		PSRA	Kaiser, Harvard	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro: I'm going to read you some different ways to guarantee health insurance for more Americans. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it.; 2 = Oversample of uninsured; weighted.

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**QHC5 [CHGOVT1]**

Currently, a government program provides health insurance for some children in low and moderate income families. Would you favor or oppose expanding this program to include all uninsured children?

Start Date	End Date	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	Organization	Note
	2007	82%	17%	1%	0%	Page / Jacobs	
2/23/2007	2/27/2007	84%	11%	5%		CBS / NYT	1

Notes: 1 = *Don't Know includes No Answer.*

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**QHC6 [EORHEALTH]**

Do you favor or oppose the present system in which most people's health care coverage depends on their employer?

Date	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	46%	49%	5%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QHC7 [EORHLTHMORE]**

Do you think it should be the responsibility of all employers to provide health insurance coverage, or should that not be the responsibility of employers?

Date	Should	Should Not	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	65%	31%	4%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QHC8 [EORPENSMORE]**

Do you think it should be the responsibility of all employers to provide retirement benefits coverage, or should that not be the responsibility of employers?

Date	Should	Should Not	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	64%	33%	3%	1%	Page / Jacobs

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**IED**

We now have a few questions for you about opportunities and about education. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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**QED1 [EQUALOPP]**

Everyone in America should have equal opportunities to get ahead. (PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

Date	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	85%	13%	0%	2%	0%	0%	Page / Jacobs

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know / Refuse	Organization
2007	97%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
1957	98%	2%	0%	Westie

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**QED2 [GOODSCHLS]**

The federal government should spend whatever is necessary to ensure that all children have really good public schools they can go to. (PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

Date	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	74%	13%	8%	5%	0%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QED3 [COLLEGEALL]**

The federal government should make sure that everyone who wants to go to college can do so? (PROBE: STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE)

Date	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	59%	18%	9%	13%	1%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QED4 [TAXFOREDU]**

Spending tax money to provide a college education for those who can't afford it is...

Date	Good Idea	Bad Idea	Don't Know / Refuse	Decline to Choose	Organization
2007	70%	27%	4%	--	Page / Jacobs
1977	53%	16%	--	31%	M&Z OVS

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## IRET

Now, here are a few questions about retirement.

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### QRET1 [AGE65]

Do you agree or disagree: After a person has worked until he is 65, it is proper for the community to support him.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	37%	59%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
1958	30%	70%	-	-	M&Z PAB

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### QRET2 [SSMINIMUM]

Do you think the Social Security system should ensure a minimum standard of living to all contributors, even if some receive benefits exceeding the value of their contributions?

Date	Yes, Think so	No, do not	Don't Know	Refused	Organization	Note
2007	66%	31%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs	
Nov-05	67%	17%	16%	-	JCPES	1; Af Am Only
Sep-98	59%	35%	6%	-	JCPES	1
Sep-98	66%	25%	9%	-	JCPES	1; Af Am Only

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Notes: 1 = Variant answer choices: *Yes, agree; No, disagree; Don't Know.*

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### QRET3 [SSGROWTH]

What if the government decided to address Social Security's financial problems by having future Social Security benefits grow more slowly than they do now for middle- and high-income people, while allowing benefits to grow as scheduled for low income people? Would that be acceptable or not acceptable?

Start Date	End Date	Acceptable	Not acceptable	Only cuts to high-income (Vol.)	Don't know / Refuse	Organization
	2007	49%	43%	-	8%	Page / Jacobs
6/10/2005	6/15/2005	59%	35%	1%	5%	CBS / NYT

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### QRET4 [SSCAP]

At present, people do not have to pay any Social Security payroll taxes on money they earn beyond about \$97,000. Do you think this amount should be raised, so that high income people pay more in payroll taxes, should it be lowered, so payroll taxes are only paid on lower incomes, or should it be kept about the same?

Date	Should be raised	Should be lowered	Should be kept about the same	Don't Know	Refused	Organization
2007	58%	6%	33%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QRET5 [SSPVTIZEALT2]**

A proposal has been made that would allow or require people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts that would be invested in private stocks and bonds. Some people think that individuals would have more money for retirement if they were allowed to invest and manage some of their Social Security payroll taxes themselves. Others think that it is too risky and could leave some people without adequate money for retirement if the stock market were to decline in value significantly. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Start Date	End Date	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know / Refuse	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	46%	51%	4%	Page / Jacobs		
10/24/2003	10/26/2003	62%	34%	4%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
9/20/2003	9/22/2003	43%	50%	7%	Hart & Teeter	NBC, WSJ	
11/8/2002	11/10/2002	57%	4%	3%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
9/20/2002	9/22/2002	52%	43%	5%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
7/19/2002	7/21/2002	41%	55%	4%	Hart & Teeter	NBC, WSJ	
6/28/2002	6/30/2002	57%	39%	4%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
4/8/2002	4/11/2002	63%	33%	4%	Gallup		2
1/25/2002	1/27/2002	63%	33%	4%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
12/8/2001	10/10/2001	46%	48%	6%	Hart & Teeter	NBC, WSJ	
8/24/2001	8/26/2001	62%	34%	4%	Gallup	Gallup	2
3/26/2001	3/28/2001	63%	30%	7%	Gallup		3
1/5/2001	1/7/2001	60%	36%	4%	Gallup		3
6/6/2000	6/7/2000	65%	30%	5%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
1/13/2000	1/16/2000	62%	33%	5%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	2
3/4/1999	3/7/1999	44%	51%	5%	Hart & Teeter	NBC, WSJ	
10/24/1998	10/27/1998	43%	52%	5%	Hart & Teeter	NBC, WSJ	
4/18/1998	4/20/1998	52%	41%	4%	Hart & Teeter	NBC, WSJ	1

Notes: 1 = One proposal...; 2 = A proposal has been made that would allow [2000: or require] people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts that would be invested in private stocks and bonds. Do you favor or oppose this proposal? (Favor, Oppose, No opinion).; 3 = George W. Bush has made a proposal that would allow people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts that would be invested in private stocks or bonds. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

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**QRET6 [FREEDOM]**

Do you agree or disagree: Our freedom depends on the free enterprise system.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	72%	22%	6%	0%	Page / Jacobs
1958	82%	18%	-	-	M&Z PAB

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**QTAX1 [PRIVATEPROPERTY]**

Some people feel that the government must always protect private property; others feel that the government can sometimes take private property when it needs to do something badly enough - for example, build an interstate highway or a new post office. How do you feel about that? Should the government always protect private property, or sometimes take it?

Date	Always protect property	Sometimes take it	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	64%	34%	2%	1%	Page / Jacobs

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**QTAX2 [REDIST1]**

People feel differently about how far a government should go. Here is a phrase which some people believe in and some don't. Do you think our government should or should not redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich?

Start Date	End Date	Should	Should Not	DK / Refused	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	56%	40%	4%	Page / Jacobs		
4/2/2007	4/5/2007	49%	47%	4%	Gallup	Gallup	
4/23/1998	5/31/1998	45%	51%	4%	Gallup	General Motors	
Mar-1939	Mar-1939	35%	54%	11%	Roper	Fortune	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro: *People feel differently about how far a government should go. Here is a list of things which some people believe in and some don't. Let's take them one at a time...*

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**ITAX [TAXSERIES]**

As a taxpayer, please tell me whether you favor or oppose your tax dollars being used to help pay for each of the following. What about...

QTAXa. Food stamps and other assistance to the poor? [TAXFOODSTAMPS]

QTAXb. Defense and military programs? [TAXDEFENSE]

QTAXc. Retraining programs for people whose jobs have been eliminated? [TAXRETRAINING]

QTAXd. Early childhood education in Kindergarten and nursery school? [TAXEDUC]

QTAXg. Economic aid to other countries? [TAXECONOMICAID]

QTAXi. Welfare benefits for the children of single teenage mothers? [TAXSINGLEMOTHERS]

QTAXj. Public broadcasting and the arts? [TAXPUBLICTV]

QTAXk. Providing health coverage for everyone? [TAXHLTH]

Notes: 1 = Variant intro and answer choices: *As a taxpayer, please tell me whether you generally approve or disapprove of having your tax dollars used to help pay for each of the following. (Approve, Disapprove, It depends (vol.), Don't Know)*



Start Date	End Date	Favor	Oppose	It depends (vol.)	DK / Refused	Organization	Sponsor	Note
<b>Food stamps and other assistance to the poor</b>								
	2007	78%	20%	-	2%	Page / Jacobs		
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	68%	22%	9%	1%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Defense and military programs</b>								
	2007	77%	21%	-	2%	Page / Jacobs		
<b>Retraining programs for people whose jobs have been eliminated</b>								
	2007	80%	19%	-	1%	Page / Jacobs		
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	83%	15%	1%	1%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Early childhood education in Kindergarten and nursery school</b>								
	2007	81%	18%	-	1%	Page / Jacobs		
<b>Economic aid to other countries</b>								
	2007	31%	66%	-	3%	Page / Jacobs		
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	29%	63%	7%	1%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Welfare benefits for the children of single teenage mothers</b>								
	2007	66%	31%	-	3%	Page / Jacobs		
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	52%	40%	6%	2%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Public broadcasting and the arts</b>								
	2007	46%	53%	-	1%	Page / Jacobs		
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	49%	47%	2%	2%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Providing health coverage for everyone</b>								
	2007	70%	29%	-	1%	Page / Jacobs		
1/5/1996	1/15/1996					Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1
<b>Social Security for better off retired people</b>								
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	63%	33%	2%	2%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Housing for the homeless</b>								
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	79%	16%	4%	1%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Treatment for people with AIDS</b>								
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	73%	22%	3%	2%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Military aid to other countries</b>								
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	26%	65%	7%	2%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV
<b>Treatment for drug addicts</b>								
1/5/1996	1/15/1996	55%	40%	4%	1%	Princeton	Knight-Ridder	1; RV

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**QTAX3 [TAXLEVEL]**

Do you think that taxes should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

Date	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	14%	30%	55%	1%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QTAXL**

Would you be willing to pay more taxes in order to provide health coverage for everyone?

Date	Willing	Not willing	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	58%	40%	2%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QTAXM**

Would you be willing to pay more taxes for early childhood education in Kindergarten and nursery school?

Date	Willing	Not willing	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	64%	33%	2%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QTAX4 [GVTWASTE1]**

Do you think that people in the government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

Start Date	End Date	A Lot	Some	Not Very Much	Don't Know	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	75%	19%	5%	1%	Page / Jacobs		
	2004	61%	37%	2%	1%	NES		2
	2002	48%	49%	3%	0%	NES		2
10/25/2001	10/28/2001	52%	43%	4%	1%	CBS / NYT		
	2000	59%	38%	3%	1%	NES		2
	1998	61%	34%	4%	1%	NES		2
	1996	59%	39%	1%	0%	NES		2
	1994	70%	27%	2%	1%	NES		2
11/6/1993	1/19/1994	83%	16%	1%	0%	Market Strategies	Americans Talk Issues	Half sample
11/6/1993	1/19/1994	79%	19%	2%	0%	Market Strategies	Americans Talk Issues	Half sample
9/10/1993	9/12/1993	86%	12%	1%	1%	Gallup	CNN, USA Today	
6/1/1993	6/3/1993	86%	12%	1%	1%	CBS / NYT		
3/10/1993	3/15/1993	75%	22%	3%	1%	Market Strategies	Americans Talk Issues	
	1992	67%	30%	2%	1%	NES		2
10/20/1992	10/23/1992	76%	20%	1%	2%	CBS / NYT		

10/15/1991	10/20/1991	75%	23%	2%	0%	ABC / Wash Post	
	1990	67%	30%	2%	1%	NES	2
	1988	63%	33%	2%	2%	NES	2
11/10/1988	11/16/1988	71%	24%	3%	2%	CBS / NYT	
Mar-88	May-88	82%	16%	1%	1%	Star Tribune	3, 4
12/14/1985	12/18/1985	75%	21%	3%	2%	NYT	
2/23/1985	2/27/1985	69%	25%	3%	2%	CBS / NYT	
	1984	65%	29%	4%	2%	NES	2
11/8/1984	11/14/1984	69%	26%	3%	3%	CBS / NYT	
11/18/1983	11/22/1983	74%	21%	2%	3%	NYT	
6/13/1983	6/18/1983	69%	26%	3%	3%	NYT	
	1982	66%	29%	2%	3%	NES	2
	1980	78%	18%	2%	2%	NES	2
	1978	77%	19%	2%	2%	NES	2
Sep-78	Sep-78	73%	23%	2%	2%	Wash Post	3, 4
6/19/1978	6/23/1978	78%	17%	2%	3%	CBS / NYT	
	1976	74%	20%	3%	3%	NES	2
	1974	74%	22%	1%	2%	NES	2
12/6/1973	Jan-74	70%	2%	3%	2%	NOPR	2
	1972	66%	30%	2%	2%	NES	2
	1970	69%	26%	4%	1%	NES	2
	1968	59%	34%	4%	3%	NES	2
	1964	47%	44%	7%	2%	NES	1
	1958	43%	42%	10%	4%	NES	1

Notes: 1 = Variant intro: *I'd like to talk about some of the different ideas about the government in Washington. These ideas don't refer to Democrats or Republicans in particular, but just to government in general. We want to see how you feel about these ideas.*; 2 = Variant intro: *People have different ideas about the government in Washington. These ideas don't refer to Democrats or Republicans in particular, but just to government in general. We want to see how you feel about these ideas. (1996 and later: For example:)*; 3 = *Here are some questions about the U.S. (United States) federal government. Thinking about government spending, do you think people in government waste a lot of tax money, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?*; 4 = Oversample of 224 adult residents of Minnesota

## QTAX5 [WETAX]

Compared to the citizens of Western Europe, do you think Americans pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes, a smaller percentage of their income in taxes, or don't you think there's much difference in the percentage of their income that they pay in taxes?

Start Date	End Date	Americans pay higher %	Lower %	Not much difference	DK / Refused	Organization	Sponsor	Note
	2007	28%	38%	14%	20%	Page / Jacobs		
2/5/2003	3/17/2003	21%	30%	6%	42%	ICR	NPR, Kaiser, Harvard	
6/13/2001	6/17/2001	42%	22%	9%	27%	PSRA	Pew	1, 2
1/27/1989	2/5/1989	38%	37%	10%	15%	Gallup	Times Mirror	1

Notes: 1 = Variant answer choices: *Americans pay more in taxes, Americans pay less in taxes, No difference Don't know*; 2 = Variant intro: *I would like to ask you about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them.*

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**QTAX6 [ESTATETAX1]**

When wealthy people die and leave estates worth \$100 million, how much in taxes do you think their estates ACTUALLY pay? No taxes at all; about 10% of the estate; about 25% (one quarter) of the estate; about 50% (half) of the estate; about 75%; or 100%, the entire value of the estate?

Date	2007
<b>No taxes</b>	7%
<b>About 10%</b>	24%
<b>About 25%</b>	32%
<b>About 50%</b>	22%
<b>About 75%</b>	3%
<b>100%</b>	2%
<b>Don't Know</b>	9%
<b>Refused</b>	0%
<b>Organization</b>	Page / Jacobs

N	Valid	554
	Missing	54
Mean		28.86
Median		25.00
Std. Deviation		21.80
Variance		475.18
Minimum		0
Maximum		100
Percentiles	25	10
	50	25
	75	50

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**QTAX7 [ESTATETAX2]**

Next, how much in taxes do you think estates worth \$100 million OUGHT to pay? Do you think they should pay no taxes at all; about 10% of the estate; about 25% (one quarter) of the estate; about 50% (half) of the estate; about 75%; or 100%, the entire value of the estate?

Date	2007
<b>No taxes</b>	14%
<b>About 10%</b>	20%
<b>About 25%</b>	35%
<b>About 50%</b>	16%
<b>About 75%</b>	7%
<b>100%</b>	3%
<b>Don't Know</b>	5%
<b>Refused</b>	0%
<b>Organization</b>	Page / Jacobs

N	Valid	572
	Missing	36
Mean		28.23
Median		25.00
Std. Deviation		24.22
Variance		586.81
Minimum		0
Maximum		100
Percentiles	25	10
	50	25
	75	50

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**ITXP [WHOPAYS]**

Next, I am going to read you a list of different kinds of taxes that governments collect. For each one, I would like you to tell me who you think pays a greater percentage of what they earn for these taxes, higher income people or lower income people.

Do higher income people or lower income people pay a greater percentage of what they earn on \_\_\_\_\_ or do they both pay about the same?

QTXPa. corporate income taxes? [WHOPAYSCORPT]

QTXPb. sales taxes? [WHOPAYSSALES]

QTXPc. personal income taxes? [WHOPAYSINC]

QTXPd. payroll taxes such as Social Security and Medicare? [WHOPAYSPAYROLL]

QTXPe. property taxes? [WHOPAYSPPTY]

Date	Item	Higher income people pay more	Lower income people pay more	About the same	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	Corporate income taxes	46%	22%	20%	12%	1%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Sales taxes	17%	21%	59%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Personal income taxes	40%	39%	17%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Payroll taxes	25%	39%	34%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Property taxes	39%	24%	34%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QTAX8 [TAXSHARE]**

Do you think that people with high incomes SHOULD pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those with low incomes, the same share, or a smaller share?

(PROBE: MUCH/JUST SMALLER/LARGER)

Date	Much larger share	Larger	The same share	Smaller	Much smaller share	DK / Refuse	No Answer	Organization	Note
2007	19%	35%	41%	3%	0%	1%	-	Page / Jacobs	
2000	20%	39%	30%	1%	1%	4%	4%	GSS	1
1987	21%	42%	29%	1%	0%	5%	1%	GSS	1

Notes: 1 = Don't Know / Refuse = Can't Choose (offered as answer choice) + No Answer

## ITXB [WHICHTAX]

Thinking about the different kinds of taxes that governments collect, which sorts of taxes do you think are best to use for getting the revenue to fund government programs. Should the government use the following a lot, some, a little, or not at all?

A lot, Some, A little, Not at all

QTXBa. corporate income taxes? [WHICHCORPT]

QTXBb. sales taxes? [WHICHSALES]

QTXBc. individual (personal) income taxes? [WHICHINCTAX]

QTXBd. payroll taxes? [WHICHPAYROLL]

QTXBe. real estate and property taxes? [WHICHPPTY]

Date	Item	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	Corporate income taxes	60%	26%	6%	5%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Sales taxes	29%	41%	19%	9%	2%	1%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Individual income taxes	16%	41%	25%	16%	2%	0%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Payroll taxes	15%	44%	25%	13%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs
2007	Property taxes	23%	43%	21%	11%	3%	0%	Page / Jacobs

### Similar type of Question:

Suppose the federal government had to raise taxes substantially to reduce the federal budget deficit. Here is a list of possible ways the federal government could raise taxes. Which of these tax increases do you think would be the best way to raise revenues in order to reduce the federal deficit?...01. Increase corporate and business taxes 02. Establish a national sales tax on items other than food and similar necessities 03. Place a tariff or tax on imported oil 04. Increase personal income taxes 05. Place a tariff or tax on all goods imported into the United States.

Start Date	Jan-89	Jan-88	Jul-87	Jan-87	Jan-86
End Date	Jan-89	Jan-88	Jul-87	Jan-87	Jan-86
Increase corporate and business taxes	21%	28%	22%	24%	30%
Establish a national sales tax	12%	10%	14%	12%	11%
Place a tariff or tax on imported oil	9%	8%	8%	9%	6%
Increase personal income taxes	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Place a tariff or tax on all goods imported into the US	31%	28%	28%	28%	31%
None of these (vol.)	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%
Combination (vol.)	16%	11%	12%	12%	10%
Other (vol.)	1%	3%	6%	1%	1%
Don't Know	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%
<b>Organization</b>	Cambridge Reports	Cambridge Reports	Cambridge Reports	Cambridge Reports	Cambridge Reports

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**IEI**

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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**QEI1**

The poor are poor because the American way of life doesn't give all people an equal chance.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	41%	57%	1%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QEI2**

Many poor people simply don't want to work hard.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	41%	55%	4%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QH1**

One should always find ways to help others less fortunate than oneself.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	95%	4%	0%	0%	Page / Jacobs

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**QH2**

I believe it is best not to get involved in taking care of other people's needs.

Date	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	Refuse	Organization
2007	18%	79%	2%	1%	Page / Jacobs