

1984 Wyoming Election Survey

Let's begin. What county do you live in?

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| (1) Albany | (13) Natrona |
| (2) Big Horn | (14) Niobrara |
| (3) Campbell | (15) Park |
| (4) Carbon | (16) Platte |
| (5) Converse | (17) Sheridan |
| (6) Crook | (18) Sublette |
| (7) Fremont | (19) Sweetwater |
| (8) Goshen | (20) Teton |
| (9) Hot Springs | (21) Uinta |
| (10) Johnson | (22) Washakie |
| (11) Laramie | (23) Weston |
| (12) Lincoln | |

COUNTY

REGVOTE

1. Are you registered to vote in the November 6th Election?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Refused to answer

REGPARTY

1.A. Are you registered as:

1. Republican 2. Democrat 3. Or, an Independent 8. Don't Know
9. Refused to answer

VOTE80

2. Thinking back to the 1980 Presidential Election, when Jimmy Carter ran against Ronald Reagan, do you remember for sure whether you voted in that election or not?

1. Yes, voted 2. No, did not vote 8. Don't Know 9. Refused to answer

PRES80

2.A. Did you vote for Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan or some other candidate?

1. Carter 2. Reagan 3. Anderson/Other 8. Don't Know 9. Refused to answer

REGAPP

3. First, how would you rate the job Ronald Reagan is doing as President of the United States? Would you say:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

REGAFF

4. What about foreign affairs. Would you rate the job Ronald Reagan is doing as:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

5. And what about Reagan's handling of the nation's economy. Would you rate the job he has done as:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

6. Next, how would you rate the job Ed Herschler is doing as Governor of Wyoming: Would you say:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

7. Now, what about Malcom Wallop. How would you rate the job that Wallop is doing as a U.S. Senator? Would you say:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

8. What about Wyoming's other U.S. Senator. How would you rate the job Alan Simpson is doing as a U.S. Senator? Would you say:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

9. Finally, how would you rate the job Dick Cheney is doing as Wyoming's congressman in Washington? Would you say:

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 8. Don't Know

10. Do you plan to vote in the General Election which will be held on November 6th?

1. No 2. Yes

11. As you know Ronald Reagan is running against Walter Mondale for President of the United States. If the election were today, would you vote for:

1. Walter Mondale 2. Ronald Reagan 3. Other candidate 4. Will not vote

8. Undecided/Don't Know

11.A. Why will you vote for (Reagan/Mondale)? These four variables list the likes and dislikes of Reagan and Mondale—first response.

11.B. Is there any other reason? These four variables list the likes and dislikes of Reagan and Mondale—second response.

12. In the race for the U.S. Senate seat, Republican Alan Simpson is running against Victor Ryan, a Democrat. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

1. Ryan
2. Simpson
3. Other candidate
4. Will not vote
8. Undecided/Don't Know

12.A. Why will you vote for (Ryan/Simpson)? These four variables list the likes and dislikes for Ryan and Simpson—first response

12B. Any other reasons? These four variables list the likes and dislikes for Ryan and Simpson—second response.

13. What about the Congressional election where Republican Dick Cheney is running against Democrat Hugh McFadden? If the election were held today, would you vote for:

1. Dick Cheney
2. Hugh McFadden
3. Other candidate
4. Will not vote
8. Undecided/Don't Know

13.A. Why will you vote for (Cheney/McFadden)? These four variables list the likes and dislikes for Cheney and McFadden—first response.

13.B. Is there any other reason? These four variables list the likes and dislikes for Cheney and McFadden—second response.

Now we would like to know how you feel about the following ideas concerning the government in Washington.

14. How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right? Would you say:

1. Just about always
2. Most of the time
3. Some of the time
4. None of the time
8. Don't Know

15. Would you say the government in Washington is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people:

1. Few big interests 2. Benefit of all 3. Undecided or depends 8. Don't Know

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

1. Waste a lot 2. Waste some 3. Don't waste much 8. Don't Know

17. Do you feel that almost all of the people running the government in Washington are smart people who usually know what they are doing, or do you think that quite a few of them don't seem to know what they are doing:

1. Usually know 2. Few don't seem to know 8. Don't Know

18. Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government in Washington are a little crooked, not very many are crooked, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked?

1. Quite a few crooked 2. Not very many crooked 3. Hardly any crooked

8. Don't Know

Now to a different subject. As you may know, only one Wyoming resident in three was born here. These next questions will enable us to compare native Wyomingites with those who have moved into the state.

19. First, were you born here in Wyoming or in another state?

1. Wyoming 2. Other State 3. Foreign Country 8. Don't Know

20. When you were growing up, were you living in Wyoming or did you live somewhere else?

States listed

21. All told, how many years have you lived in Wyoming?

(If 10 years or less, ask)

21.A. What was the main reason you moved to Wyoming?

21.B. In what state (or country) did you live before moving to Wyoming?

21.C. Before moving to Wyoming, were you registered as a:

1. Republican 2. Democrat 3. Independent
4. Not Registered—regardless of reason 8. Don't Know

IF 11 YEARS OR LONGER, ASK:

21.A. During the past 10 years, have you changed your legal voter registration from one political party to another?

1. No, remained the same
0. Yes—How were you registered before you changed
 2. Republican 3. Democrat 4. Independent
 5. Not Registered—regardless of reason 8. Don't Know

22. We hear a lot of talk these days about “liberals” and “conservatives”. Today, how would you describe your “political views?” Would you say your views are:

1. Extremely liberal 2. Liberal 3. Slightly liberal
4. Moderate—middle of the road 5. Slightly conservative 6. Conservative
7. Extremely conservative

23. Today, generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?

23.A. If Republican or Democrat, ask: Would you consider yourself a “strong” or a “not so strong” Republican/Democrat?

0. Neither 1. Strong Republican 2. Weak Republican 3. Leaning Republican
4. Independent 5. Leaning Democrat 6. Weak Democrat 7. Strong Democrat

23.B. If Independent or Other, ask: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?

24. Ten years ago, in 1974, Richard Nixon had just resigned the presidency and Gerald Ford was President. In 1974 did you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?

1. Democrat
2. Republican
3. Independent
4. Other
8. Don't Know

NEXT WE MOVE TO SOME QUESTIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY

25. During the 1967 war between Israel and the Arab states of Syria, Jordan and Egypt, Israel occupied the Western bank of the Jordan river. Today the Western bank remains an area of dispute between the Arabs and Israel. Have you heard or read anything about this dispute?

1. Yes
2. No

26. What do you believe should be American policy to this question? Should the U.S.:

1. Encourage Israel to formally make the West Bank part of Israel.
2. Encourage Israel to maintain its present position on the West Bank.
3. Encourage Israel to withdraw from the West Bank

27. Do you believe the West Bank should be returned to Jordan or should the United States encourage the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank?

1. Returned to Jordan
2. Palestinian state
8. Don't Know

28. Do you favor or oppose the United States recognizing the PLO--that is the Palestine Liberation Organization—as the official representative of the Palestinian people, or don't you know about this?

1. Favor
2. Oppose
8. Don't Know

29. Israel receives more United States Aid than any other country in the world. Recently, Israel has asked that United States aid to be increased. Which of the following states do you believe would be the best course of action for the United States to follow:

1. Increase aid to Israel without conditions
2. Increase aid to Israel but only after Israel makes concessions to the Arab states.
3. Maintain United States aid at current levels

4. Reduce United States aid to Israel 8. Don't Know

30. As you may know, Arab-Americans and Jewish-Americans attempt to influence U.S. policy toward the Middle East. Do you feel that U.S. policy is influenced more by:

1. Arab-American Jews 2. Jewish-Americans 3. Equally by both

4. Or, don't you know

30.A. Do you feel the efforts of such persons undermine U.S. national interests in the Middle East or not?

1. Yes, undermines 2. No, doesn't 8. Don't Know

31. How would you describe the way President Reagan has dealt with the Israelis and Arabs recently? Would you say he has:

1. Favored the Israelis 2. Favored the Arabs

3. Favored neither the Israelis nor the Arabs 4. Or don't you know about this

NOW WE SWITCH TO A DIFFERENT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE.

32. President Reagan, since his election in 1980, has sought to strengthen the military by increasing defense spending. Do you favor or oppose his policy of increasing defense spending?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 3. Undecided 8. Don't Know

33. Now a question about Soviet-American relations. What do you think the United States should do: should it try harder to reduce tensions with the Russians or should the U.S. get tougher in dealings with the Soviet Union?

1. Reduce tensions 2. Get tougher 3. Both/Neither 8. Don't Know

34. There has been some discussion of a "nuclear freeze". Do you favor or oppose the United States agreeing to a "nuclear freeze" with the Soviet Union—that is, both the soviet Union and the U.S. would stop the testing, production, and installation of additional nuclear weapons?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 8. Don't Know

35. How likely do you think the United States is to get into a nuclear war within the next 10 years? Would you say:

1. Very likely 2. Fairly likely 3. Fairly unlikely 4. Very unlikely

8. Don't Know

36. Right now, which country—the United States or the Soviet Union—is stronger in nuclear strength? Would you say:

1. The United States is stronger 2. The Soviet Union is stronger

3. Or are they about equal 8. Don't Know

37. The United States has developed a new nuclear weapons system called the MX. Some people, including President Reagan, favor building and installing this system immediately while others oppose this. What about you? Do you:

1. Favor building the MX system 2. Oppose building the system

8. No Opinion/Don't Know

38. The Reagan Administration has plans to place the MX system in Southeast Wyoming and Western Nebraska. Do you favor or oppose locating in this area, or don't you have an opinion?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 8. No Opinion/Don't Know

Now moving from questions on foreign affairs to some Wyoming issues.

39. About a year and a half ago Richard and Deborah Jahnke, Cheyenne teenagers, were found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of their father in Cheyenne. Do you remember hearing about his case?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

40. Do you recall hearing about this case first on:

1. Television 2. Radio 3. Newspapers 4. Friends or family 5. Other

8. Don't Know

41. Did you agree with the juries' determinations that Richard and Deborah Jahnke were guilty as adults of voluntary manslaughter?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

42. Did you agree with the judges' sentencing Richard and Deborah Jahnke to adult prison sentences?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

Reasons for agree or disagreeing with sentence--

43. In the last few months Governor Ed Herschler has commuted Richard Jahnke's adult prison sentence to an extended period of probation and counseling (Deborah's case has not yet been finally decided by the Wyoming Supreme Court). Do you agree with governor Herschler's changing of the sentence for Richard Jahnke?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know Probe: Why?

Reasons for agreeing and disagreeing with Herschler sentence decision.

44. In the past few years, the political leaders have frequently discussed the problem of chemical waste disposal. Have you heard or read anything about his problem?

1. Yes 2. No

45. For the state of Wyoming do you believe the disposal of hazardous chemical wastes is a serious problem, somewhat of a problem or not a very serious problem?

1. Serious problem 2. Somewhat of a problem 3. Not a serious problem

8. Don't Know

46. Proper management of hazardous waste often means finding an acceptable site for its disposal. Which level of government do you think is the most appropriate for making a decision on where to place a facility for the storage of hazardous chemical waste? Would it be at the:

1. Federal level 2. State level 3. Local level 4. Combination of the three

8. Don't Know

47. Finding an appropriate area for a hazardous waste storage facility is often a very controversial matter. Few communities want such a site nearby but everyone recognizes the need for hazardous chemical storage facilities. If a community were to object do you believe state officials should have the authority to override community opposition to a hazardous storage facility, or should Wyoming communities have the right to veto such a project?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

48. If Wyoming officials decide that the construction for a hazardous waste storage facility is necessary, would you be willing to accept the facility?

1. Yes 2. No 3. Not sure 8. Don't Know

49. Would you be more willing to accept a facility in your community if additional state funds were made available to the community?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

50. If citizen representatives were allowed to participate in negotiations involving community officials and hazardous waste site developers would you be more willing to accept the facility?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

51. Finally, if site developers and public officials made an effort to inform citizens of measures taken to reduce the possibility of spills or ground water contamination, would you be more likely to accept the waste facility?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

52. Where do you believe hazardous waste facilities should be located?

53. If Wyoming state officials were to decide that your community is the best available site for the construction of a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility, how would you react?

53.A. Would you let local officials determine the appropriate course of action?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

53.B. Would you join an organization to oppose the decision?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

53.C. Would you sign a petition asking public officials to reconsider the decision?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

53.D. Would you participate in a demonstration in opposition to the decision?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

53.E. Would you favor the recall of local officials who supported the decision?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

NOW, I WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME POLITICAL ISSUES. PLEASE TELL ME WHETHER YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH STATEMENT.

54. Wyoming state authorities do a good job of regulating coal string mines?

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

55. If the restoration of strip mined lands became so expensive that mines would have to close, the requirement should be changed to permit the continued operation of mines.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

56. State air and water quality standards in Wyoming should be very high strictly enforced.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

57. Strip mined areas should be reclaimed so that the land has equal or greater value than before it was mined.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

58. Nuclear plants which generate electrical power should not be built in Wyoming because of their potential danger.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

59. The public schools should teach students that the universe was created by God as described in the Bible.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

60. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally word for word.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

61. The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

62. Priests, ministers and rabbis should not use religious arguments to endorse candidates for political office.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

63. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would make all abortions illegal.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

64. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would permit organized prayers in public schools.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

65. Men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

66. Political leaders who are men are better able to stand up to foreign enemies than political leaders who are women.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

67. Women politicians are more sensitive to the poor and their problems.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

68. In general, men are better than women at making decisions about war and peace.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

69. Women with children should wait to run for political office until they have raised their families.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

70. People in Wyoming are less aware of ethnic, racial and social class differences than Americans generally.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

71. Government has an obligation to provide every person a minimal standard living, including an adequate diet and basic health care.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

72. Programs and public services provided by federal, state and local governments have resulted in a decline in Americans' self-reliance, that is, the ability to care for themselves.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

73. Wyoming residents are more self-reliant than Americans generally.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

74. Federal programs over the past 10 years have hurt Wyoming agriculture, mining and tourism more than they have helped.

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Disagree 4. Strongly disagree

8. Don't Know/Other

NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WYOMING POLITICAL ISSUES.

75. Recently Congress passed a bill which would give states the choice of either increasing the legal drinking age to 21 or having federal highway funds substantially reduced. Do you believe the drinking age should be:

1. Be increased to 21 and not losing funds

2. Kept at 19 with the loss of federal highway funds

3. Or don't you have an opinion on this issue

76. For several years ago property taxes on owner occupied homes in Wyoming were cut by around \$100. During its last session, the legislature voted to continue this cut but the Governor vetoed the exemption on the grounds that the cut was going to many persons who did not need a tax break. Do you favor a property tax break for:

1. All home owners regardless of income or wealth

2. Or for only home owners who have financial need

3. Or don't you have an opinion on this issue

77. Like most states, Wyoming faces the problem of having enough tax money to pay for the various services and programs that that the state government provides. One way to solve the problem is to raise taxes. Another way is to reduce state services and programs. Which do you prefer?

1. Raise taxes 2. Reduce services 8. Don't Know

78. Considering all the public services provided to you by state and local governments, and considering all the taxes you pay, do you think state and local taxes in Wyoming are:

1. Generally reasonable 2. Or, are they too high 8. Don't Know

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS STATE EMPLOYEES HAVE RECEIVED A PAY INCREASE OF ABOUT THREE PERCENT. During this time the cost of living has increased about six percent. Some political leaders argue that state employees deserve a pay increase while other argue they do not. One group of political leaders argue that although the state employees deserve greater pay increases the state does not have the money while other argue that state has adequate funds to cover increases. What do you think?

79. First, are state employees deserving of a larger pay increase than 3 percent over the past two years?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

80. Second, do you believe state government can afford a 5 or 7 percent pay increase for state employees in 1985?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

81. Students are often given grades A, B, C, D, and F for the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools in your community were graded in the same way. What grade would you give your local public schools:

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. F 8. Don't Know

82. What about the state's community colleges; what grade would you give them?

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. F 8. Don't Know

83. And finally, what about the University of Wyoming? What grade would you give the University for the quality of its work?

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. F 8. Don't Know

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT:

84. Are you a member of a church or religious group?

1. No 2. Yes- What denomination is that?

85. How often do you go to church? Would you say:

1. Every week
2. Almost every week
3. Once or twice a month
4. A few times a year
5. Never
8. Don't Know

86. Does your minister or clergyman ever say anything about politics or speak out on a political social issues in church?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know

87. Would you say you regularly watch preachers on television or listen to them on radio?

1. Yes, regularly
2. No, do not watch
8. Don't Know

88. Now the final question on religion. Some people have had deeply religious experiences which have changed their lives. I'm thinking of experiences sometimes described as "being born again in one's life." There are some deeply religious people who have not had an experience of this sort. How about you; have you had such an experience?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know

89. Some people say the federal budget deficit is a serious problem for the nation's economy. Others say the deficit may become a serious problem in the future, but that it is not one now. How about you: Do you think the deficit is:

1. A very serious problem now
2. A serious problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't Know

IF RESPONDENT BELIEVES THAT DEFICIT IS A VERY SERIOUS OR SERIOUS PROBLEM, ASK:

90. How would you reduce the deficit? Would you prefer to cut spending or increase taxes?

1. Cut spending
2. Increase taxes
8. Don't Know

91. What items would you cut or recued in the Federal Budget? CODES NOT AVAILABLE

92. There has been considerable debate about what is responsible for the budget deficit. What do you believe is responsible for the size of the Federal debt? CODES NOT AVAILABLE

93. Now, thinking about President Reagan who do you think he cares most about serving? Overall, does he care more about serving:

1. The poor and lower income people
2. Middle income people
3. Upper income people
4. Or, does he care about serving all people
8. Don't Know

94. First, we are interested in how well people are getting along financially these days. During the last few years, has your financial situation been:

1. Getting better
2. Getting worse
3. Or has it remained the same
8. Don't Know

95. Are you better off or worse off financially than you were four years ago, or is your situation almost the same?

1. Better off
2. Worse off
3. About the same

96. Now let's talk about the country as a whole. Would you say that over the past year the nation's economy has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?

1. Gotten better
2. Stayed the same
3. Gotten worse
8. Don't Know

Presidential Issues 1984

I am going to read a list of words and phrases people use to describe political figures. For each, please tell me whether the word or phrase describes the candidate I name extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all. Think about Ronald Reagan. The first word on our list is intelligent. In your opinion does the word intelligent describe Reagan extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

1. Ronald Reagan

A. Intelligent

1. Extremely well
2. Quite well
3. Not too well
4. Not well at all
8. Don't Know

B. Can make tough decisions

1. Extremely well
2. Quite well
3. Not too well
4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

C. Cares about people like me

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

D. Can handle a crisis

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

2. Walter Mondale

A. Intelligent

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

B. Can make tough decisions

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

C. Cares about people like me

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

D. Can handle a crisis

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

3. George Bush

A. Intelligent

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

B. Can make tough decisions

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

C. Cares make tough decisions

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

D. Can handle a crisis

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

4. Geraldine Ferraro

A. Intelligent

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

B. Can make tough decisions

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

C. Cares about people like me

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

D. Can handle a crisis

1. Extremely well 2. Quite well 3. Not too well 4. Not well at all

8. Don't Know

97. Did you see or hear either or both Presidential debates between Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

98. If yes, who do you think "won" the debate or would you rate it a "tie" between the two candidates?

1. Reagan won 1st 2. Mondale won 1st 3. Tie 4. Reagan 2nd 5. Mondale 2nd
8. Don't Know

99. If yes, did the debate between Reagan and Mondale help you make up your mind on which Presidential candidate to vote for?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know

100. Last week, were you employed outside the home, either part time or full time, were you unemployed or what?

1. Not employed—If Housewife, retire or student write in as occupation
2. Unemployed 3. Part-time 4. Full-time

101. Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely do you think it is that you will lose your job or be laid off? Would you say:

1. Very likely 2. Fairly likely 3. Not too likely 4. Not at all likely
8. Don't Know

102. In what year were you born?

103. What was the last year or grade you completed in school? (H.S. = 12; Grad = 16; Law degree = 19)

104. What is your marital status? Are you:

1. Married 2. Single 3. Separated/divorced 4. Widowed 5. Other
8. Don't Know/Refused

105. Do you belong to a labor union? If married what about your spouse?

1. Respondent only 2. Spouse only 3. Both respondent and spouse
4. No, neither 8. Don' Know

106. Including yourself, how many members of your household are 18 or older—that is, living at home just now?

107. What about your housing? Do you:

1. Own 2. Rent 3. Other 8. Don't Know

108. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 1983; that is, for yourself and (if married: your spouse)—before taxes?

(01) Under \$5,000 (02) \$5-10,000 (03) \$10-15,000 (04) \$15-20,000

(05) \$20-\$25,000 (06) \$25-30,000 (07) \$30-35,000 (08) \$35-40,000

(09) over \$ 40,000 (99) Or, would you prefer not to say

Occupation

Occupational prestige

Gender 1. Male 2. Female

Survey Call Back

1. Do you recall being interviewed during the three weeks before the November 6th General Election?

1. Yes 2. No, not interviewed or can't remember

2. Now good of a job did the interviewer do in completing the pre-election interview? Would you say the person did:

1. A good job 2. A fair job 3. Or, a poor job 8. Don't Know/No Opinion

3. In talking with people about the election, we find that a lot of people weren't able to vote because they were sick, or they didn't have time, or because they weren't registered. How about you? Did you vote November 6th or did something keep you from voting?

1. Yes, voted 2. No, didn't vote/can't recall

4. In the Presidential race, did you vote for:

1. Democrat, Walter Mondale
2. Republican, Ronald Reagan
3. Some other candidate
4. Did you not vote on this race
5. Or, do you not recall how you voted
8. Don't Know
9. Refused to answer

5. In the Senatorial race, did you vote for:

1. Democrat, Victor Ryan
2. Republican, Alan Simpson
3. Some other candidate
4. Did you NOT vote on this race
5. Or, do you not recall how you voted
8. Don't Know
9. Refuses to answer

6. In the Congressional race, did you vote for:

1. Democrat, Hugh McFadden
2. Republican, Dick Cheney
3. Some other candidate
4. Did you NOT vote on this race
5. Or, do you not recall how you voted
8. Don't Know
9. Refuses to answer

7. Have you ever personally a. gone to see, b. spoken to, or c. written to some member of the local government or some other person in the community about some problem or need?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know
9. Not Applicable

8. Who did you contact—that is—what was the person's title or position? Codes not available.

9. What problem did you contact them about? Codes not available.

10. Was the response you got very satisfactory, somewhat satisfactory or unsatisfactory?

1. Very satisfactory
2. Somewhat satisfactory
3. Unsatisfactory
8. Don't Know
9. Not Applicable

11. What about a government official or representative outside of the local community, say on the state or national level? Have you ever contacted or written to such a person about some problem or need?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know
9. Not Applicable

12. Who did you contact—that is—what was the official's title or position? Codes not available.

13. What problem or need did you contact them about? Codes not available.

14. Was the response you got very satisfactory, somewhat satisfactory, or unsatisfactory?

1. Very satisfactory 2. Somewhat satisfactory 3. Unsatisfactory

8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

15. During the past two or three years, have you ever attended meetings of the city council or the school board?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

WE WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE 1984 POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

16. For instance, did you give any money or buy any tickets to help the campaign of one of the political parties or candidates?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

17. Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, dinners or events during the campaign?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

18. Did you do any work for one of the parties or any of the local, state or national candidates this year?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

19. Did you talk to any people to try to show them why they should vote for one of the political parties or candidates?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

THE FINAL QUESTIONS IN THE SURVEY CONCERN WELFARE. PLEASE TELL ME WHICH SERVICES THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE POOR.

20. First, do you believe the government should provide money to support poor dependent children?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

21. What about money to support mothers of poor dependent children

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

22. Should the government provide medical services for poor children?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

23. Should the government provide medical services to the mothers of poor, dependent children?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

24. Now what about food stamps. Should the government provide this kind of support for poor children?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

25. And last, should the government provide food stamps for mothers of poor children?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don't Know 9. Not Applicable

26. The very last two questions concern your opinion of how much welfare should be given to the poor. One method is to give aid based on the specific needs of a poor family while another is to give the same amount of aid to all poor families which qualify for aid. What about you? Do you think aid should be given according to the needs of the family or should the same amount be given to all poor families qualifying for aid?

1. An amount of aid based on need

2. Same amount of aid given to all families 8. Don't Know

9. Not Applicable

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27. Some persons argue that poor families should never be given more money and services than they would receive if they earned a minimum wage. Others argue that the minimum wage is an arbitrary figure that should be ignored in the distribution of aid. What about you? Should aid to poor families be kept below minimum wage or should the minimum wage be ignored as a criteria for distributing welfare benefits?

1. Poor should not make more than minimum wage
2. Minimum wage should be ignored 8. Don't Know
9. Not Applicable