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[D] Which one issue mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? (*Check only one*)
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3 ☐ Health care
4 ☐ Economy/Jobs
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6 ☐ Education
7 ☐ Social Security

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NAT WHITE F (G-2000) ☑

[P] Which comes closest to your position? Abortion should be: `ABORTION`
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[S] Are you currently married? `MARRIED`
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

[T] In the 1996 election for president, did you vote for: `96VOTE`
1 ☐ Bill Clinton (Dem)   4 ☐ Someone else
2 ☐ Bob Dole (Rep)   5 ☐ Did not vote
3 ☐ Ross Perot (Ref)

[U] Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is: `NEC`
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2 ☐ Good   4 ☐ Poor

[V] During the next year, do you think the nation's economy will: `FEC`
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[W] Which was more important in your vote for president today? `ISSVQUAL`
1 ☐ My candidate's positions on the issues
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[Y] How responsible is the Clinton administration for the condition of the economy?
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[Z] Are you gay, lesbian or bisexual?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No
`GAY`

[AA] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?
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[CC] Are you:
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[D] When did you finally decide who to vote for in the presidential election?
1 ☐ In the last three days
2 ☐ In the last week
3 ☐ In the last month | TIME |
4 ☐ Before that

[E] Which best describes your vote for president? | RESERVAT |
1 ☐ I support my candidate with no reservations
2 ☐ I support my candidate, but with reservations

[F] If Al Gore wins today, what best describes your feelings about what he will do as president? | GOREWIN |
1 ☐ Excited
2 ☐ Optimistic, but not excited
3 ☐ Concerned, but not scared
4 ☐ Scared

[G] If George W. Bush wins today, what best describes your feelings about what he will do as president? | BUSHWIN |
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[I] Would you rather see the next president:
1 ☐ Generally continue Clinton's policies
2 ☐ Change to more conservative policies
3 ☐ Change to more liberal policies | CLINPLCY |

[J] Which best describes you?
1 ☐ Upper class
2 ☐ Upper middle class | CLASS |
3 ☐ Middle class
4 ☐ Working class
5 ☐ Lower class

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[M] Regardless of how you voted today, which of these candidates reflects your own personal view of the role of government in society?
1 ☐ Only Gore   3 ☐ Both do | GOVTVIEW |
2 ☐ Only Bush   4 ☐ Neither does

[N] Do you or your spouse have any investments in the stock market, including mutual funds or retirement plans? | INVESTOR |
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

[O] Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No | HISPANIC |

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(G-2000-N-GREY) ☑

[P] Regardless of how you voted today, which of these candidates do you think would say anything to get elected president?

SAYANY

1 ☐ Only Gore   3 ☐ Both would

2 ☐ Only Bush   4 ☐ Neither would

[Q] Which of these would be the best way for the federal government to help senior citizens pay for prescription drugs?

PAYRX

1 ☐ Increase funds for Medicare

2 ☐ Provide funds for private insurance plans

[R] Do you support or oppose a plan in which individuals could invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market?

1 ☐ Support   2 ☐ Oppose   SSINVEST

[S] Which tax cut plan do you prefer?

1 ☐ A larger plan, providing an across-the-board tax cut to most people   TAXPLN00

2 ☐ A smaller plan, targeting tax cuts mainly to lower and middle income people

[T] Regardless of how you voted today, which of these candidates has the knowledge to serve effectively as president?

PRESKNOW

1 ☐ Only Gore   3 ☐ Both do

2 ☐ Only Bush   4 ☐ Neither does

[U] Do you think Al Gore's positions on the issues are:

GORELIB

1 ☐ Too liberal

2 ☐ Too conservative

3 ☐ About right

[V] Do you think George W. Bush's positions on the issues are:

1 ☐ Too liberal   BUSHLIB

2 ☐ Too conservative

3 ☐ About right

[W] Which of these should be the top priority for the federal budget surplus:

1 ☐ Cut federal income taxes   SURPLUS4

2 ☐ Reduce the national debt

3 ☐ Strengthen Social Security

4 ☐ Fund other domestic programs

[X] When a public school is failing, the federal government's priority should be to:

1 ☐ Fix that school's problems   SCHOFAIL

2 ☐ Help parents pay for private school

[Y] Do you support or oppose stricter gun control legislation?

GUN

1 ☐ Support   2 ☐ Oppose

[Z] How worried are you about the future performance of the stock market?

1 ☐ Very worried

2 ☐ Somewhat worried   FUTSTOCK

3 ☐ Not too worried

4 ☐ Not at all worried

[AA] Did either of these candidates for president attack the other unfairly?

UNFAIR

1 ☐ Al Gore did   3 ☐ Both did

2 ☐ George W. Bush did   4 ☐ Neither did

[BB] What was the last grade of school you completed?

1 ☐ Did not complete high school   EDUC

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[CC] Do you or does someone else in your household own a gun?

GUNOWNER

1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

[DD] No matter how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a: PARTYID

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SEX

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RACE

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PRESVOTE

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9 ☐ Other: Who? _____
0 ☐ Did not vote for president

[D] What should the new president do first?
1 ☐ Cut taxes
2 ☐ Curb prescription drug prices
3 ☐ Improve education
4 ☐ Strengthen Social Security

NEWPRES1

[E] Regardless of how you voted today, do you think Al Gore is honest and trustworthy?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

AGHONEST

[F] Regardless of how you voted today, do you think George Bush is honest and trustworthy?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

GBHONEST

[G] In general, which is better for the country?
1 ☐ President and Congress of the same party
2 ☐ President of one party; Congress of the other

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↑PRESCONG

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AGE9

[K] Which is more important to you?
1 ☐ Protecting the environment
2 ☐ Encouraging economic growth

ENVIRON

[L] Do you expect life for the next generation of Americans to be:
1 ☐ Better than life today
2 ☐ Worse than life today
3 ☐ About the same

LIFE

[M] In today's election for U.S. senator, did you just vote for:
1 ☐ Ed Bernstein (Dem)
2 ☐ John Ensign (Rep)
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HOU

↓PRESIMPT

[O] Which is more important in a president?
1 ☐ His ability to manage the government
2 ☐ His ability to provide moral leadership

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[Q] Do you consider yourself part of the conservative Christian political movement, also known as the religious right?
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HISPANIC

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(G-2000-N-PINK)

[S] Which do you agree with more?
1 ☐ The country needs a fresh start   **FRESHSTA**
2 ☐ The country needs to stay on course

[T] Regardless of how you voted today, which of these candidates do you think would do a good job handling an international crisis?
1 ☐ Only Gore
2 ☐ Only Bush   **INTLCRIS**
3 ☐ Both would
4 ☐ Neither would

[U] Would Joe Lieberman's religion make him:
1 ☐ More likely to do a good job as vice president
2 ☐ Less likely to do a good job as vice president
3 ☐ It makes no difference   **LIEBREL**

[V] Would you like your child to grow up to be president?
   KIDPRES
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

[W] In the past eight years, do you think the U.S. military has: **MILITARY**
1 ☐ Become stronger
2 ☐ Become weaker
3 ☐ Stayed about the same

[X] Considering just the <u>moral</u> climate of the country today, do you think things are:
1 ☐ Generally going in the right direction
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1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No

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[AA] In your vote for president today, how would you rate the importance of

_____:
1 ☐ Very important
2 ☐ Somewhat important   **BREAKING**
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[BB] Suppose you could vote only for vice president. Who would you vote for?
1 ☐ Joe Lieberman
2 ☐ Dick Cheney   **VPONLY**

[CC] Do you consider yourself a political supporter of John McCain?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No   **MCSUPP**

[DD] Do you think history will remember Bill Clinton:
1 ☐ More for his leadership   **HISTORY**
2 ☐ More for his scandals

[EE] Do you regularly use the Internet?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No   **INTERNET**

[FF] Do you regularly use the Internet to get political news and information?
1 ☐ Yes   2 ☐ No   **NETPOLI**

[GG] How important to your vote for president today were Clinton administration scandals?
1 ☐ Very important   **CLINSCAN**
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Voter News Service Exit Poll

United States General Election Exit Poll
11/7/00

Total number of respondents: 13279

Start Column   Short Label Long Label Valueset

1   '1'

3   VERSION   QUESTIONNAIRE VERSION   1=STATE ONLY
                    2=NATIONAL WHITE
                    3=NATIONAL YELLOW
                    4=NATIONAL GREY
                    5=NATIONAL PINK

7   'G'

8   REGION   REGION   1=EAST
                    2=MIDWEST
                    3=SOUTH
                    4=WEST

9 to 10   STATEID   STATE NUMBER

11 to 13   PRECINCT   PRECINCT NUMBER

14 to 16   SEQ   SEQUENCE NUMBER WITHIN PRECINCT

17   CALL   CALL NUMBER 1=FIRST CALL
                    2=SECOND CALL
                    3=THIRD CALL

18   '1'

19   AGE9   AGE   1=18-24
                    2=25-29
                    3=30-39
                    4=40-44
                    5=45-49
                    6=50-59
                    7=60-64
                    8=65-74
                    9=75+

20   RACE   RACE   1=WHITE
                    2=BLACK
                    3=HISP
                    4=ASIAN
                    5=OTHER

21   SEX   SEX   1=MALE
                    2=FEMALE

22   PRES   PRESIDENTIAL VOTE 1=GORE
                    2=BUSH
                    3=BUCHANAN
                    4=NADER
                    9=OTHER

23   SEN   SENATOR VOTE   1=DEM
                    2=REP
                    9=OTHER

24   GOV   GOVERNOR VOTE   1=DEM
                    2=REP

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                        9=OTHER

25      TIME    DECIDED TO VOTE    1=LAST.3DAYS
                        2=LASTWEEK
                        3=LAST.MONTH
                        4=BEFORE

26      CLINTON     CLINTON APPROVAL   1=APPROVE
                        2=DISAPPR

27      BCPERSON    CLINTON AS PERSON 1=FAVORABLE
                        2=UNFAVORABLE

28      HOU     HOUSE VOTE   1=DEM
                        2=REP
                        9=OTHER

29      2WAY2000    IF ONLY GORE/BUSH 1=GORE
                        2=BUSH
                        3=WOULDNOTVOTE

31      GOVTDO      GOVT SHOULD DO:    1=MORE
                        2=LESS

34      SIZEPLC3    POP  OF AREA       1=CITYOVER50K
                        2=SUBURBS
                        3=SMCITY/RURAL

35      ISSUE ISSUE MATTERS MOST       1=WORLDAFFAIRS
                        2=MEDICARE/RX
                        3=HEALTHCARE
                        4=ECON/JOBS
                        5=TAXES
                        6=EDUCATION
                        7=SOCIALSECUR

36      QUAL  QUALITY MATTERS MOST     1=COMPLEXISSUE
                        2=HONEST
                        3=CARES
                        4=EXPERIENCE
                        5=LIKEABLE
                        6=STRONGLEADER
                        7=GOODJUDGMENT

38      RELRIGHT    RELIGIOUS RIGHT   1=YES
                        2=NO

39      96VOTE      1996 PRES VOTE     1=CLINTON
                        2=DOLE
                        3=PEROT
                        4=OTHER
                        5=NOVOTE

40      ENVIRON     MORE IMPORTANT     1=PROENVIR
                        2=PROGRWTH

41      UNION4      UNION MEMBER IN HH       1=ME
                        2=SOMEONEELSE
                        3=MEANDSOMEONE
                        4=NONE

42      UNFAIR      ATTACK OTHER UNFAIR     1=GOREDID
                        2=BUSHDID
                        3=BOTHDID
                        4=NEITHERDID

43      ABORTION    ABORTION POSITION 1=ALWYSLGL
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                       2=MOSTLGL
                       3=MOSTILL
                       4=ALWYSILL

44   FINSIT    FINANCIAL SITUATION    1=BETTER
                       2=WORSE
                       3=SAME

45   JOBPERS   CLINTON JOB/PERSON     1=APP/FAV
                       2=APP/UNFAV
                       3=DIS/FAV
                       4=DIS/UNFAV

46   WORK  WORK FULL TIME    1=YES
                       2=NO

48   PARTYID   PARTYID    1=DEMOCRAT
                       2=REPUBLCN
                       3=INDEPEND
                       4=ELSE

50   SIZEPLAC  POPULATION OF AREA     1=OVER500K
                       2=50-500K
                       3=SUBURBS
                       4=10-50K
                       5=RURAL

51   EDUC  EDUCATION   1=NOHS
                       2=HSGRAD
                       3=SOMCOL/ASSOC
                       4=COLGRAD
                       5=POSTGRAD

52   RELIGION  RELIGION    1=PROTESTANT
                       2=CATHOLIC
                       3=OTHERCHRIST
                       4=JEWISH
                       5=ELSE
                       6=NONE

53   ATTEND    ATTEND CHURCH     1=MORETHAN1AWK
                       2=ONCEAWEEK
                       3=AFEWAMONTH
                       4=AFEWAYEAR
                       5=NEVER

54   INCOME    INCOME     1=LESS15K
                       2=15-30K
                       3=30-50K
                       4=50-75K
                       5=75-100K
                       6=OVER100K

55   MARRIED   MARRIED    1=YES
                       2=NO

56   CHILD CHILDREN IN HH    1=YES
                       2=NO

58   PHIL3 POLITICAL PHIL    1=LIBERAL
                       2=MODERATE
                       3=CONSERV

59   OVER65    AGE-65 & OVER     1=18-64
                       2=65+

61   SURPLUS4  PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS     1=CUTFEDINCTAX
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                        2=REDUCNATDEBT
                        3=SOCIALSECURI
                        4=OTHRPROGRAMS


64      TELEPOLL    TELEPHONE SURVEY   1=PHONESVY
                        2=EXITPOLL


65      STATE STATE ONLY   1=NATIONAL
                        2=STATE


66      BACKSIDE    BACKSIDE    1=COMPLETE
                        2=NOTCOMPLETE


68      AGE    AGE   1=18-29
                        2=30-44
                        3=45-59
                        4=60+


69      AGEABC      AGE ABC     1=18-24
                        2=25-29
                        3=30-39
                        4=40-49
                        5=50-59
                        6=60+


70      PARTY PARTY ID     1=DEMOCRAT
                        2=REPUBLICAN
                        3=IND/OTHER


71      AGE65 AGE-65       1=18-24
                        2=25-29
                        3=30-39
                        4=40-49
                        5=50-64
                        6=65+


72      HISPANIC    HISPANIC DESCENT   1=YES
                        2=NO


73      QRACE RACE (QUESTIONNAIRE)     1=WHITE
                        2=BLACK
                        3=HISP
                        4=ASIAN
                        5=OTHER


74      REL5  RELIGION     1=PROT/CHRIST
                        2=CATHOLIC
                        3=JEWISH
                        4=OTHER
                        5=NONE



75 to 80     WEIGHT        WEIGHT (three implied decimal places xxx.xxx)


81      MCSUPP      MCCAIN SUPPORTER  1=YES
                        2=NO


82      TRACK COUNTRY IS ON:     1=RIGHTDIR
                        2=WRONGTRACK


83      BUSHWIN     FEELING IF BUSH WINS    1=EXCITED
                        2=OPTIMIST
                        3=CONCERND
                        4=SCARED


84      CLASS CLASS 1=UPPER
                        2=UPPERMIDDLE
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                           3=MIDDLE
                           4=WORKING
                           5=LOWER

 85    PRESKNOW    HAS PRES KNOWLEDGE      1=ONLYGORE
                           2=ONLYBUSH
                           3=BOTH
                           4=NEITHER

 87    FTVOTER     FIRST TIME VOTER   1=YES
                           2=NO

 88    SAYANY      SAY ANYTHNG GET ELEC    1=ONLYGORE
                           2=ONLYBUSH
                           3=BOTH
                           4=NEITHER

 90    ISSVQUAL    ISS/QUAL  PRES VOTE     1=ISSUES
                           2=PERSONALQUAL

 92    GOREWIN     FEELING IF GORE WINS    1=EXCITED
                           2=OPTIMIST
                           3=CONCERND
                           4=SCARED

 94    GOVTVIEW    SHARE MY GOVT VIEW      1=ONLYGORE
                           2=ONLYBUSH
                           3=BOTH
                           4=NEITHER

 95    INVESTOR    HAVE INVESTMENTS   1=YES
                           2=NO

101    INCPARTY    PARTY OF HOUSE MEM      1=DEM
                           2=REP

102    INCVOTE     VOTE FOR/AGNST INC      1=FOR
                           2=AGAINST

105    OPEN   OPEN SEAT   1=DEM
                           2=REP

107    OPPOSE      DEM/REP CONTEST?  1=YES
                           2=NO

110    GAY    "GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL"       1=YES
                           2=NO

117    INTLCRIS    HANDLE INTL CRISIS      1=ONLYGORE
                           2=ONLYBUSH
                           3=BOTH
                           4=NEITHER

119    TAXPLN00    PREFER TAX PLAN    1=ACROSSBOARD
                           2=TARGETED

120    GORELIB     GORE POS ON ISSUES:     1=TOOLIBERAL
                           2=TOOCONSERVAT
                           3=ABOUTRIGHT

121    BUSHLIB     BUSH POS ON ISSUES      1=TOOLIBERAL
                           2=TOOCONSERVAT
                           3=ABOUTRIGHT

122    SCHOFAIL    WHEN SCHOOL FAILING     1=FIXSCHOOL
                           2=PAY4PRIVATE
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123   GUNOWNER    GUN OWNER HH        1=YES
                                      2=NO

124   FUTSTOCK    FUTURE OF STOCK MARK    1=VERYWORRIED
                                          2=SOMEWHATWORR
                                          3=NOTTOOWORRIE
                                          4=NOTATALLWORR

125   GUN    STRICTER GUN LAWS:       1=SUPPORT
                                      2=OPPOSE

126   LIEBREL     "LIEBERMAN RELIGION, GOOD JOB"      1=MORELIKELY
                                                      2=LESSLIKELY
                                                      3=NOEFFECT

127   HISTORY     HISTORY - CLINTON 1=LEADERSHIP
                                    2=SCANDALS

128   INTERNET    REG INTERNET USER 1=YES
                                    2=NO

129   NETPOLI     INTERNT POLITIC INFO     1=YES
                                           2=NO

130   CLINSCAN    CLIN SCANDAL PRESVOT     1=VERYIMP
                                           2=SOMEWHAT
                                           3=NOTTOOIMP
                                           4=NOTATALL

131   BREAKING    BREAKING NEWS      1=VERYIMP
                                     2=SOMEWHAT
                                     3=NOTTOOIMP
                                     4=NOTATALL

132   CLINPLCY    PREFER NEXT PRES: 1=CLINPOLICY
                                    2=MORECONSERV
                                    3=MORELIBERAL

133   KIDPRES     CHILD GROW UP PRES      1=YES
                                          2=NO

134   MILITARY    PAST8YRS- MILITARY      1=STRONGER
                                          2=WEAKER
                                          3=STAYEDSAME

135   MORALTRK    MORAL-COUNTRY IS ON:    1=RIGHTDIR
                                          2=WRONGTRACK

136   VPONLY      VOTE ONLY FOR VP: 1=LIEBERMAN
                                    2=CHENEY

137   NEWPRES1    NEW PRES DO FIRST 1=CUTTAXES
                                    2=CURBRXPRICES
                                    3=IMPROVEEDUC
                                    4=SOCIALSECURI

138   PAYRX HELP SENIORS PAY RX      1=MEDICARE
                                     2=PRIVATEINSUR

139   CLINPRES    REASON FOR PRES VOTE    1=SUPPORTCLIN
                                          2=OPPOSECLIN
                                          3=NEITHER

140   NEC    CURRENT NAT ECONOMY     1=EXCEL
                                     2=GOOD
                                     3=NOTGOOD
                                     4=POOR
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141  FEC    ECONOMY IN ONE YEAR    1=BETTER
                  2=WORSE
                  3=SAME

142  CLINECON    CLIN RESP. FOR ECONO    1=VERYRESPONSI
                  2=SOMEWHATRESP
                  3=NOTTOORESPON
                  4=NOTATALLRESP

143  AGHONEST    GORE HONEST 1=YES
                  2=NO

144  GBHONEST    BUSH HONEST 1=YES
                  2=NO

145  PRESCONG    BETTER PRES AND CONG    1=SAMEPARTY
                  2=DIFFPARTY

146  LIFE   LIFE NEXT GENERATION    1=BETTER
                  2=WORSE
                  3=SAME

147  PRESIMPT    MORE IMP IN PRES  1=MANAGEGOVT
                  2=MORALLEADER

148  FRESHSTA    THE COUNTRY NEEDS:      1=FRESHSTART
                  2=STAYONCOURSE

149  SSINVEST    INVEST SOC SECURITY     1=SUPPORT
                  2=OPPOSE

150  RESERVAT    DESCRIBE PRES VOTE      1=NORESERVTNS
                  2=RESERVATIONS
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NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CODES:

N or NA = **NATION**   E = **EAST**   M = **MIDWEST**   S = **SOUTH**   W = **WEST**

REGIONAL DEFINITIONS:

E: EAST	M: MIDWEST	S: SOUTH	W: WEST
CONNECTICUT	ILLINOIS	ALABAMA	ALASKA
DELAWARE	INDIANA	ARKANSAS	ARIZONA
DIST. OF COL	IOWA	FLORIDA	CALIFORNIA
MAINE	KANSAS	GEORGIA	COLORADO
MARYLAND	MICHIGAN	KENTUCKY	HAWAII
MASSACHUSETTS	MINNESOTA	LOUISIANA	IDAHO
NEW HAMPSHIRE	MISSOURI	MISSISSIPPI	MONTANA
NEW JERSEY	NEBRASKA	NORTH CAROLINA	NEVADA
NEW YORK	NORTH DAKOTA	OKLAHOMA	NEW MEXICO
PENNSYLVANIA	OHIO	SOUTH CAROLINA	OREGON
RHODE ISLAND	SOUTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	UTAH
VERMONT	WISCONSIN	TEXAS	WASHINGTON
WEST VIRGINIA		VIRGINIA	WYOMING

STATE CODE ABBREVIATIONS:

AL = ALABAMA	**KY** = KENTUCKY	**ND** = NORTH DAKOTA
AK = ALASKA	**LA** = LOUISIANA	**OH** = OHIO
AZ = ARIZONA	**ME** = MAINE	**OK** = OKLAHOMA
AR = ARKANSAS	**MD** = MARYLAND	**OR** = OREGON
CA = CALIFORNIA	**MA** = MASSACHUSETTS	**PA** = PENNSYLVANIA
CO = COLORADO	**MI** = MICHIGAN	**RI** = RHODE ISLAND
CT = CONNECTICUT	**MN** = MINNESOTA	**SC** = SOUTH CAROLINA
DE = DELAWARE	**MS** = MISSISSIPPI	**SD** = SOUTH DAKOTA
DC = DIST. OF COLUMBIA	**MO** = MISSOURI	**TN** = TENNESSEE
FL = FLORIDA	**MT** = MONTANA	**TX** = TEXAS
GA = GEORGIA	**NE** = NEBRASKA	**UT** = UTAH
HI = HAWAII	**NV** = NEVADA	**VT** = VERMONT
ID = IDAHO	**NH** = NEW HAMPSHIRE	**VA** = VIRGINIA
IL = ILLINOIS	**NJ** = NEW JERSEY	**WA** = WASHINGTON
IN = INDIANA	**NM** = NEW MEXICO	**WV** = WEST VIRGINIA
IA = IOWA	**NY** = NEW YORK	**WI** = WISCONSIN
KS = KANSAS	**NC** = NORTH CAROLINA	**WY** = WYOMING

01 Alabama (AL)
02 Alaska (AK)
03 Arizona (AZ)
04 Arkansas (AR)
05 California (CA)
06 Colorado (CO)
07 Connecticut (CT)
08 Delaware (DE)
09 District of Columbia (DC)
10 Florida (FL)
11 Georgia (GA)
12 Hawaii (HI)
13 Idaho (ID)
14 Illinois (IL)
15 Indiana (IN)
16 Iowa (IA)
17 Kansas (KS)
18 Kentucky (KY)
19 Louisiana (LA)
20 Maine (ME)
21 Maryland (MD)
22 Massachusetts (MA)
23 Michigan (MI)
24 Minnesota (MN)
25 Mississippi (MS)
26 Missouri (MO)
27 Montana (MT)
28 Nebraska (NE)
29 Nevada (NV)
30 New Hampshire (NH)
31 New Jersey (NJ)
32 New Mexico (NM)
33 New York (NY)
34 North Carolina (NC)
35 North Dakota (ND)
36 Ohio (OH)
37 Oklahoma (OK)
38 Oregon (OR)
39 Pennsylvania (PA)
40 Rhode Island (RI)
41 South Carolina (SC)
42 South Dakota (SD)
43 Tennessee (TN)
44 Texas (TX)
45 Utah (UT)
46 Vermont (VT)
47 Virginia (VA)
48 Washington (WA)
49 West Virginia (WV)
50 Wisconsin (WI)
51 Wyoming (WY)

VOTER NEWS SERVICE

Exit Poll Data Documentation for November 7, 2000

I. All Surveys

The information in this section applies to the national and all of the state surveys.

a. Weights

Columns 75-80 contain respondent weights. The weight has 3 implied decimal places (e.g. , '164222' in columns 75-80 means the respondent's weight=164.222). These weights should be applied in all analyses. Unweighted tabulations may be seriously misleading and should not be used. In the SPSS data file, these values can be found under the variable label WEIGHT. The decimal places have already been allocated in these files.

For additional information on weighting, see the "2000 VNS Exit Poll Methodology" below.

b. Backside Variable

When Column 66 (or the variable BACKSIDE in the SPSS file)=1 it means that the respondent answered at least one question on the backside of the questionnaire, indicating that the questionnaire was turned over. When analyzing backside items, this variable allows the researcher to omit respondents who did not turn over the questionnaire.

c. Omitted Questions

So that your results will match the numbers published by VNS, we have applied our policies for coding omits to the SPSS files we distribute. It is our policy to exclude omits (item non-response) from analyses of most demographic variables, but include omits for most opinion questions. In our SPSS files, for those variables where we do not count the omits, non-responses have been entered as "System Missing" - they will appear as dots in the file. For those variables where we do count the omits, we have re-coded the non-responses from a blank to a "9" so that by default they will appear in your analyses. For example, omits to a question on Bill Clinton's job approval were entered as "9", whereas omits to the Age question were entered as "System Missing".

It is also our policy to exclude the omits for questions that appear on the back of the questionnaire in cases where the respondent did not answer ANY questions on the back of the questionnaire. The "backside" variable is used to flag such cases. We have also applied this adjustment to the SPSS files.

d. Additional Items

These items, not on the questionnaire, were added to all of the data files (the national and all states):

Short Label	Column Location	Description
STATE	65	State or National Questionnaire: 1=National 2=State
BACKSIDE	66	Completed Backside of Exit Poll: (where 1=Yes 2= No
OVER65	59	Age 65+ 1= 18-64 2= 65 and Over
AGE	68	Age (4 Categories): 1= 18 - 29 3= 45 - 59 2= 30 - 44 4= 60 and Over
AGEABC	69	Age 60 (6 Categories): 1= 18 - 24 4= 40 - 49 2= 25 - 29 5= 50 - 59 3= 30 - 39 6= 60 and Over

Short Label	Column Location	Description
AGE65	71	Age 65 (6 Categories): 1= 18 - 24 4= 40 - 49 2= 25 - 29 5= 50 - 64 3= 30 - 39 6= 65 and Over (The age variables above are regroupings of the original nine-category Age question in Column 19.)
PARTY	70	Party ID (3 Categories): 1= Democrat 2= Republican 3= Independent/Something else (This is a regrouping of the four-category Party ID question in column 48.)
JOBPERS	45	Combined Bill Clinton job approval and personal favorability. 1=Approve/Favorable 2=Approve/Unfavorable 3=Disapprove/Favorable 4=Disapprove/Unfavorable
REL5	74	Religion (5 Categories): 1=Protestant/Other Christian 2=Catholic 3=Jewish 4=Other 5=None (This is a regrouping of the six-category Religion question in column 52.)
CALL	17	Call Number: 1= First call 2= Second call 3= Third call (Interviewers called in results three times during election day.)
STATEID	9 to10	State Number
PRECINCT	11 to 13	VNS Precinct Number
SEQ	14 to 16	Sequence number within precinct
WEIGHT	75 to 80	Weight (3 implied decimal places)

II. National Survey

The information in this section applies only to the national survey.

a. Design

A sample of exit poll precincts was drawn in each state. A subsample of these precincts was selected to form the national sample. Respondents in the national precincts were given one of four versions of the national questionnaire. The four versions were interleaved on pads that were handed out to respondents. Responses to the four versions are combined into one dataset. All versions have questions in common as well as questions unique to each version.

On the bottom right corner of each version of the national questionnaire is a code that indicates the color of the questionnaire. These colors correspond to the version numbers in column 3:

> 2 = W – White
> 3 = Y – Yellow
> 4 = G – Grey
> 5 = P – Pink

To determine which questions are on which version of the questionnaire, simply crosstab each question by "Version" (column 3). All questions which do not appear on a particular version are entered as "System Missing" and will not affect your analysis for that version.

The generic versions of the national questionnaires are included in .PDF form. The national questionnaire used in each state included the appropriate candidates in the statewide races. For the House vote, cards with the names of the candidates running in that congressional district were attached to the questionnaire pad next to the House vote question.

In addition, VNS has made a provision for asking a question about a late breaking news event. On the Sunday before the election, VNS interviewers were given question wording to add to one version of the National questionnaire. This language was added by the interviewer to Question AA on the version labeled "G-2000-N-Pink." In the national dataset, this variable is labeled BREAKING.

It appeared on the questionnaire as:

In your vote for president today, how would you rate the importance of: <u>Bush's 1976 drunken driving arrest?</u>
> 1=Very important
> 2=Somewhat important
> 3=Not too important
> 4=Not at all important

b. The Race Question

On the national questionnaire a "Hispanic Descent" question was asked in addition to the Race question. When a respondent answered "yes" to the "Hispanic Descent" question, the respondent's Race was coded "Hispanic" in column 20/SPSS variable RACE (regardless of how he/she answered the Race question). This was done to better identify Hispanic voters who could have answered "white" or some other race on the Race question. It is these data (in column 20/RACE) that were reported on election day. The original responses to the Race question, called "Q-Race, " can be found in column 73/SPSS variable QRACE.

Findings on Hispanics in the 2000 exit poll will NOT be comparable to results in previous presidential election years because Voter News Service changed how it measures Hispanics after 1996.

Before 1998, the exit polls treated Hispanics as a racial group. Respondents were asked whether they were white, black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian or another race. Since 1998, the exit polls have added a separate question asking respondents, regardless of their race, if they're of Hispanic descent. People who answer either question positively are now counted as Hispanics. The effect of the change is to increase the number of self-identified Hispanics in exit poll results.

Comparisons to previous years can be made only among the subset of Hispanics who identify themselves as Hispanic in the race question.

c. Additional Items

These items, not on the questionnaire, were added to the national data file:

Short Label	Column Location	Description
INCPARTY	101	1 - House seat previously held by a Dem 2 - House seat previously held by a Rep Omits - All others
INCVOTE	102	1 - If the respondent voted for the House incumbent 2 - If the respondent voted against the House incumbent Omits - All others
OPEN	105	1 - Open Dem House seat 2 - Open Rep House seat Omits - All others
OPPOSE	107	1 - The House seat is contested between a Dem and a Rep. 2 - Not contested between a Dem and a Rep (e.g., there is only one major party candidate).

Short Label	Column Location	Description
VERSION	3	Questionnaire Version 2 – W = White Version 3 – Y = Yellow Version 4 – G = Grey Version 5 – P = Pink Version
REGION	8	Region of Country 1 - East 2 - Midwest 3 - South 4 - West
STATEID	9-10	State Number (see attached list of states)
SIZEPLAC	50	Size of Area 1 - Cities over 500,000 4 - Cities 10,000 - 50,000 2 - Cities 50,000 - 500,000 5 - Rural 3 - Suburbs
SIZEPLC3	34	Size of Area (3 Categories): 1 – Cities over 50,000 2 – Suburbs 3 – Small Cities/Rural (This is a regrouping of the five-category Size of Area question in column 50.)

III. State Surveys

The information in this section applies only to the state surveys.

a. Design

As mentioned above, a sample of exit poll precincts was drawn in each state. A subsample of these precincts was selected to form the national sample. The remaining precincts in each state made up the state sample and were given questionnaires specific to that state. Because the national questionnaire has several items in common with the state questionnaire, national respondents are included in the state exit poll dataset for these common questions.

To determine which questions are on the national questionnaire, simply crosstab each question by Column 65/SPSS variable STATE, indicating whether the respondent completed the state or national survey. If the corresponding item did not appear on that respondent's version of the questionnaire, it was entered as "System Missing" and will appear as a dot in the dataset. Remember, as noted above, some questions on the national survey appear on all four versions of the national and some do not.

b. The Race Question

A separate "Hispanic Descent" question was asked in states with a large Hispanic population. For the 2000 general elections, these states were: Arizona, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Texas. This was treated in the state files the same way as in the national file (see above).

c. Additional Item

The following item, not on the questionnaire, was added to all of the state datasets:

Short Label	Column Location	Description
GEOCODE	67	Geographic Code (2 to 5 categories): VNS-coded geographic regions within a state (See attached column location documentation for description of codes)

d. Telephone Surveys

For the 2000 general elections, VNS conducted telephone surveys of absentee/early voters in two states – California and Washington – and a survey of voters in Oregon. The telephone surveys asked the same questions that were on the exit poll questionnaire. The telephone data were combined with the exit poll data in California and Washington and were weighted to reflect the relative proportion of absentee/early voters and election day voters. There is a variable in each of these files indicating whether the respondent was interviewed as part of the exit poll or the telephone poll (Column 64).

The telephone surveys were conducted the week before the election in Oregon and Washington. In California, the survey was conducted ten days before the election. In each state, the survey included voters who had either already voted absentee/early or who were likely to do so. These are the sample sizes for each survey: California, N=300; Oregon, N=600; Washington, N=300.

The Ohio State University Survey Research Unit conducted the fieldwork for the Oregon and Washington surveys and the Field Institute conducted the fieldwork for the California survey. Households were selected using random-digit dialing, and a respondent was randomly selected within each household. Before the telephone survey results were combined with the exit poll data they were weighted to reflect the probabilities of selection and to reflect the demographic characteristics in that state.

In the Oregon survey, given the relatively short field period for the data collection, it was noted that proportionately more Republicans were interviewed than the known proportions of Republicans who had voted in 1994, 1996, and 1998. As such, in Oregon a final weighting adjustment was made for party affiliation.

2000 VNS EXIT POLL METHODOLOGY

The VNS exit polls were developed and conducted by Voter News Service. VNS is an association of ABC News, CNN, CBS News, FOX News, NBC News and the Associated Press. The exit poll results are based on interviews with a probability sample of voters exiting polling places around the state on Election Day.

The error due to sampling for most state exit poll questions is approximately plus or minus 4 percentage points (see the attached chart). This means 95 times out of 100, samples like this one will have results within 4 points of what a complete count of all voters would show. Results based on part of the sample will have larger margins of error, as will groups of voters -- such as Blacks -- who are found disproportionately only in some precincts.

Sampling
The samples were selected in two stages. **First**, a probability sample of voting precincts within each state was selected that represents the different geographic areas across the state and the vote by party. Precincts were selected with a probability proportionate to the number of voters in each precinct. Each voter in a state had the same chance to have his or her precinct selected. There is one exception. In some states, precincts that have large minority populations were sampled at a higher rate than other precincts. The sample weighting (described below) adjusts the representation of these precincts to their correct share of the total vote. **Second**, within each precinct, voters were sampled systematically throughout the voting day at a rate that gives all voters in a precinct the same chance of being interviewed.

The National sample is a subsample of the state sample precincts. The probability of selecting these precincts was the same as if the sample had been selected at a uniform rate nationwide, with the exception that minority precincts were again selected at a higher rate.

Weighting
The exit poll results are weighted to reflect the complexity of the sampling design. That is, the weighting takes into account the different probabilities of selecting a precinct and of selecting a voter within each precinct. For example, minority precincts that were selected at a higher rate receive a smaller weight than other precincts of the same size. There is also an adjustment for voters who were missed or refused to be interviewed, which is based on their observed age, race and sex.

NOTE: The exit poll results are only meaningful if they are weighted. Unweighted tabulations may be seriously misleading and should not be used for any reason.

The Grabbag Question Format

Prior to 1996, VNS used a question format called the "Grabbag" which consisted of a list of 7-9 items with the instruction to check all that apply. Some examples of items that were asked as part of the

Grabbag are union, religious right and gay/lesbian/bisexual. Starting in 1996, VNS dropped the Grabbag question format in favor of asking separate questions for each item. Exit poll users are cautioned against comparing estimates from the Grabbag with those from the full questions because the Grabbag format significantly underestimates the population values

Other Altered Questions

Comparing data from one election year to another should be done carefully. "Trends" are established by comparing questions that are asked in exactly the same way. Failure to exercise appropriate care could lead to invalid conclusions about voting behavior.

Please note the following changes that may or may not affect your comparisons:

- Hispanic Vote: See the separate warning in this packet

- Union Vote

VNS has changed the response categories to this question. This year, the question and responses are as follows: Do you or does someone in your household belong to a labor union? Yes, I do; Yes, someone else does; Yes, I do and someone else does and No one does.

In 1996 and 1998, VNS asked the question Do you or does someone in your household belong to a labor union? There were two response categories: Yes, No.

Prior to 1996, the Union question was asked as part of a "grab bag". VNS recommends that you do not make comparisons back to 1992.

- VNS has changed one of the response categories in the education question, adding an associate degree to the some college option.

- VNS has added an age category on the questionnaire, 75 or over

This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. Please check the questionnaire before automatically making comparative statements. You will also find attached a comprehensive list of all questions that have been changed for the 2000 elections.

It is your responsibility to use these data wisely. If you are in doubt about making a comparative statement, please call us for assistance.

Sampling Error

The error due to sampling depends on, among other things, the number of respondents in each group. The sampling errors below are for most voter groups. There are 95 chances in 100 that a sample result is within this many percentage points of the result that would have been obtained by trying to interview every voter.

The sampling error also depends on how many precincts have voters with the characteristic of interest. For example, black or high income voters may be found clustered in only a few sample precincts. A characteristic that is clustered in a few precincts has a larger sampling error than characteristics that are not clustered, such as sex. Sampling error may be up to three times larger for clustered characteristics.

Example: If there are a total of 1,000 respondents in the sample, the sampling error on the percentage of men voting for a candidate depends on the number of men in the poll. In this example, if there are 500 men, the table below shows that the sampling error is plus or minus 6.0 percentage points.

Respondents In Base of Percentage	Error Due To Sampling (+/-)
100	13.0%
250	8.0
500	6.0
750	5.0
1000	4.0
1500	3.5
2000	3.0
2500	2.5
5,000	2.0
7,500	1.5
10,000	1.3
12,500	1.1
15,000	1.1

COL	&	–	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	BLANK	OTHER	NONBLNK	COL
1	0	0	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	1
2	0	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	2
3	0	0	0	0	3323	3321	3328	3253	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	3
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	0	0	4
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	0	0	5
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	0	0	6
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	13225	7
8	0	0	0	3089	3508	3923	2705	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	8
9	0	0	2170	2957	1780	3897	2080	341	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	9
10	0	0	1264	1582	450	1928	2091	1682	1551	815	957	905	0	0	13225	10
11	0	0	10627	2598	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	11
12	0	0	2372	1459	1549	1067	1294	791	1753	983	959	998	0	0	13225	12
13	0	0	1086	1184	1496	1119	1473	1611	1432	1038	1217	1569	0	0	13225	13
14	0	0	13034	188	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	14
15	0	0	2640	2888	2822	2638	1743	421	31	10	12	20	0	0	13225	15
16	0	0	1201	1444	1421	1380	1364	1336	1318	1285	1262	1214	0	0	13225	16
17	0	0	0	4011	3978	5236	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	17
18	0	0	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	18
19	0	0	0	1175	1119	2839	1768	1670	2285	763	1030	493	83	0	13142	19
20	0	0	0	10290	1486	868	214	203	0	0	0	0	164	0	13061	20
21	0	0	0	6168	6891	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166	0	13059	21
22	0	0	0	6359	6065	76	521	0	0	0	0	0	85	119	13106	22
23	0	3946	0	4332	4367	41	0	0	0	0	0	189	350	0	12875	23
24	0	12268	0	516	388	22	0	0	0	0	0	6	25	0	13200	24
25	0	9962	0	376	221	453	2190	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	13202	25
26	0	6581	0	3632	2545	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	467	0	12758	26
27	0	6581	0	2363	3754	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	527	0	12698	27
28	0	0	0	5823	5498	0	0	0	0	0	0	328	1576	0	11649	28
29	0	6581	0	3068	3005	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	377	0	12848	29
30	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	30
31	0	6102	0	3114	3653	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	356	0	12869	31
32	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	32
33	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	33
34	0	203	0	4078	5154	3790	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	34
35	0	6581	0	795	421	525	1271	893	1011	869	0	0	859	0	12366	35
36	0	6581	0	851	1579	826	1002	157	901	842	0	0	486	0	12739	36
37	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	37
38	0	3328	0	1820	7696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	381	0	12844	38
39	0	6581	0	2915	1938	421	168	810	0	0	0	0	392	0	12833	39
40	0	9972	0	1554	1497	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	202	0	13023	40
41	0	3328	0	1419	1020	160	7126	0	0	0	0	0	172	0	13053	41
42	0	9897	0	745	458	1127	690	0	0	0	0	0	308	0	12917	42
43	0	6581	0	1531	2082	1718	813	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	12725	43
44	0	6581	0	3214	668	2418	0	0	0	0	0	0	344	0	12881	44
45	0	6864	0	2249	1266	92	2424	0	0	0	0	0	330	0	12895	45
46	0	3328	0	6761	2999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	0	13088	46
47	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	47
48	0	0	0	4861	4185	2822	564	0	0	0	0	0	793	0	12432	48
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50	0	203	0	1294	2784	5154	654	3136	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	50
51	0	3253	0	413	1980	3005	2297	1665	0	0	0	0	612	0	12613	51
52	0	3328	0	3109	2371	1924	309	643	895	0	0	0	646	0	12579	52
53	0	6581	0	917	1742	914	1752	888	0	0	0	0	431	0	12794	53
54	0	0	0	767	1907	2985	2941	1520	1740	0	0	0	1365	0	11860	54
55	0	3328	0	6016	3341	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	540	0	12685	55
56	0	3328	0	3802	5599	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	496	0	12729	56
57	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	57
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61	0	9897	0	859	765	1084	204	0	0	0	0	0	416	0	12809	61
62	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	62
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73	0	0	0	10502	1546	533	225	229	0	0	0	0	190	0	13035	73
74	0	3473	0	4934	2362	309	625	882	0	0	0	0	640	0	12585	74
75	0	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	75
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77	0	0	8204	4380	516	58	37	29	0	0	1	0	0	0	13225	77
78	0	0	1077	805	967	1069	1357	1394	1577	1765	1765	1449	0	0	13225	78
79	0	0	1530	1434	1217	1245	1261	1434	1284	1278	1329	1213	0	0	13225	79
80	0	0	1298	1223	1318	1404	1257	1374	1289	1454	1256	1352	0	0	13225	80
81	0	9972	0	1012	1876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	365	0	12860	81

COL	&	-	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	BLANK	OTHER	NONBLNK	COL
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83	0	9897	0	670	918	755	902	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	13142	83
84	0	9851	0	142	875	1549	635	68	0	0	0	0	105	0	13120	84
85	0	9897	0	1191	715	947	232	0	0	0	0	0	243	0	12982	85
86	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	86
87	0	3328	0	935	8862	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	13125	87
88	0	9897	0	970	552	1342	233	0	0	0	0	0	231	0	12994	88
89	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	89
90	0	6581	0	3922	2217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	505	0	12720	90
91	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	91
92	0	9897	0	574	1038	906	740	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	13155	92
93	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	93
94	0	9897	0	980	1035	599	635	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	13146	94
95	0	9897	0	2261	979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	13137	95
96	0	13022	37	25	107	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	96
97	0	13022	31	2	18	18	43	9	57	10	8	7	0	0	13225	97
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100	0	13225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13225	100
101	0	203	0	5867	6989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166	0	13059	101
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124	0	9897	0	250	1150	1267	410	0	0	0	0	0	251	0	12974	124
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128	0	9972	0	1989	1088	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	0	13049	128
129	0	9972	0	935	2129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	0	13036	129
130	0	9972	0	727	608	557	1173	0	0	0	0	0	188	0	13037	130
131	0	10018	0	414	443	622	1480	0	0	0	0	0	248	0	12977	131
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133	0	9972	0	970	2041	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242	0	12983	133
134	0	9972	0	551	1422	1092	0	0	0	0	0	0	188	0	13037	134
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136	0	9972	0	1456	1470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	327	0	12898	136
137	0	9972	0	860	388	1017	700	0	0	0	0	0	288	0	12937	137
138	0	9897	0	1796	1134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	398	0	12827	138
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140	0	6581	0	1217	4184	766	116	0	0	0	0	0	361	0	12864	140
141	0	6581	0	1762	783	3592	0	0	0	0	0	0	507	0	12718	141
142	0	6581	0	1766	2617	1188	644	0	0	0	0	0	429	0	12796	142
143	0	9972	0	1746	1409	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	13127	143
144	0	9972	0	1754	1359	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	0	13085	144
145	0	9972	0	1699	1304	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	12975	145
146	0	9972	0	1564	680	943	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	13159	146
147	0	9972	0	1963	1116	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	0	13051	147
148	0	9972	0	1315	1702	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236	0	12989	148
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