

Question Wording and Coding

Below we provide details on the 205 survey questions from the forty-three surveys used in the analysis. Four firms (Princeton Survey Research Associates [PSRA], International Communication Research [ICR], NBC/Wall Street Journal, or Gallup) conducted all of the nationally representative surveys and the data files are archived in the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.

Each entry below contains the survey in temporal order, the dates of the survey field period, and the number of respondents. The question wording, including the common introduction appears next. Surveys with multiple items were read in a random fashion to offset concerns about question order effects. The partisanship and implications coding appears last (e.g., Democratic/Positive; Democratic/Negative; Democratic/None; Republican/Positive, Republican/Negative, Republican/None, None/None). Note: the survey numbers do not match those in the replication file.

Survey Number:	1
Dates of Interviews:	December 2-5, 1993
Number of Respondents:	1,479
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q26. Do you happen to know, does the Clinton health care reform plan guarantee health insurance coverage to all Americans, or doesn't the plan go that far? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic-Positive]

Q27. Do you happen to know, does the Clinton health care reform plan guarantee that workers do not lose their health insurance coverage, if they lose or quit their jobs or doesn't the plan go that far? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic-Positive]

Survey Number:	2
Dates of Interviews:	February 22-24, 1997
Number of Respondents:	1,003
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q6A. In his [State of the Union] speech did Clinton propose expanding health care coverage to...children...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q6B. In his [State of the Union] speech did Clinton propose expanding health care coverage to...Working people who are currently uninsured...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q6C. In his [State of the Union] speech did Clinton propose expanding health care coverage to...All low-income people...or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q6D. In his [State of the Union] speech did Clinton propose expanding health care coverage to...people who need long-term care...or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Survey Number:	3
Dates of Interviews:	May 15-18, 1997
Number of Respondents:	1,228
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

[Common introduction:] Now I'm going to read a list of names of people who have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard of them. For each one, please tell me if you happen to know who that person is...

Q4AF1. Alan Greenspan [Answer: Chairman of Federal Reserve; Coding: None/None]
Q4BF1. Trent Lott [Answer: Republican, Senate Majority Leader; Coding: Republican/Positive]
Q4CF1. Louis Freeh [Answer: FBI Director Appointed by Pres. Clinton; Coding: Democratic/Positive]
Q4DF1. John Huang [Answer: Scandal-Tainted Fundraiser for Clinton; Coding: Democratic/Negative]
Q4EF1. Tiger Woods [Answer: Professional Golfer, Master's Winner; Coding: None/None]
Q4FF1. Kenneth Starr [Answer: Clinton Admin. Special Prosecutor; Coding: Democratic/Negative]
Q4GF2. Tony Blair [Answer: U.K. Prime Minister; Coding: None/None]
Q4HF2. Ralph Reed [Answer: Christian Coalition Director/Republican; Coding: Republican/Positive]
Q4IF2. Ellen DeGeneres [Answer: Actress/Comedian, Openly Gay; Coding: None/None]
Q4JF2. Webster Hubbell [Answer: Clinton Justice Official/Whitewater Scandal; Coding: Dem/Neg.]
Q4KF2. Garry Kasparov [Answer: World Chess Champion; Coding: None/None]
Q4LF2. Dennis Rodman [Answer: Basketball Player; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 4
Dates of Interviews: June 18-22, 1997
Number of Respondents: 1,202
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q3A. As you may know, the budget agreement [between Congress and the President] included many specific measures having to do with Medicare. As far as you know, does the plan call for...reducing payments to providers, like hospitals and health plans...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/None]

Q3B. As you may know, the budget agreement [between Congress and the President] included many specific measures having to do with Medicare. As far as you know, does the plan call for...increasing premiums for all elderly Americans...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q3C. As you may know, the budget agreement [between Congress and the President] included many specific measures having to do with Medicare. As far as you know, does the plan call for...adding a new prescription drug benefit...or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q3D. As you may know, the budget agreement [between Congress and the President] included many specific measures having to do with Medicare. As far as you know, does the plan call for...raising the payroll tax that pays for part of Medicare...or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q7A. Tobacco companies are being asked by states' attorneys general to take certain actions as part of a settlement in exchange for the state dropping lawsuits against them. As far as you know, is each of the following part of the deal being discussed, or not...A big reduction in the amount of cigarette advertising, especially those that might appeal to young people? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q7B. Tobacco companies are being asked by states' attorneys general to take certain actions as part of a settlement in exchange for the state dropping lawsuits against them. As far as you know, is each of the following part of the deal being discussed, or not...Ending all cigarette manufacturing in the U.S. by a certain date? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q7C. Tobacco companies are being asked by states' attorneys general to take certain actions as part of a settlement in exchange for the state dropping lawsuits against them. As far as you know, is each of the

following part of the deal being discussed, or not...Eliminating nicotine from cigarettes by a certain date?
[Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q7D. Tobacco companies are being asked by states' attorneys general to take certain actions as part of a settlement in exchange for the state dropping lawsuits against them. As far as you know, is each of the following part of the deal being discussed, or not...Collecting large sums of money from cigarette companies to reimburse state and federal agencies for Medicaid expenses related to cancer treatment? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 5
Dates of Interviews: June 18-August 11, 1997
Number of Respondents: 2,728
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q18. Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?
[Answer: Republican Party; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q19. Do you happen to know who lent Newt Gingrich some of the money he needed to pay off his ethics fine? [Answer: Bob Dole, Former Republican Senate Majority Leader; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q20. Do you happen to know who Bill Gates is? [Answer: CEO/Head of Microsoft, Maker of Windows; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 6
Dates of Interviews: August 7-10, 1997
Number of Respondents: 1,000
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q11A. As I read each of the following, please tell me to the best of your knowledge if Congress considered proposals to...Gradually raise the age at which someone is eligible for Medicare from 65 to 67...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q11B. As I read each of the following, please tell me to the best of your knowledge if Congress considered proposals to...Require upper income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q11C. As I read each of the following, please tell me to the best of your knowledge if Congress considered proposals to...No longer provide Medicare to upper income seniors who can afford other health insurance...or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q11D. As I read each of the following, please tell me to the best of your knowledge if Congress considered proposals to...Give seniors wider choice of health plans under Medicare...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q11E. As I read each of the following, please tell me to the best of your knowledge if Congress considered proposals to...Cut Medicare payments to doctors, hospitals, and HMO's...or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Survey Number: 7

Dates of Interviews: June 12-18, 1998
Number of Respondents: 1,202
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

[Common Introduction:] Now I'm going to read you some things that might be done to help keep the Social Security system financially sound. As I read each one, tell me if you think the commission on Social Security which is made up of members of Congress and the private sector has recommended that this be done, or has not made this recommendation.

Q8A. (First), as far as you know, has the commission recommended...Increasing Social Security payroll taxes on the wages of employed people under 65? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q8B. (First), as far as you know, has the commission recommended...Raising the retirement age at which someone becomes eligible for Social Security benefits? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q8C. (First), as far as you know, has the commission recommended...Investing some Social Security funds in the stock market? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q8D. (First), as far as you know, has the commission recommended...Shifting some money from the Social Security trust fund into individual retirement accounts? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Survey Number: 8
Dates of Interviews: August 6-20, 1998
Number of Respondents: 1,200
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q7. There have been stories in the news lately about whether Congress should pass laws to make sure people get the care they need from HMOs and other managed care plans. From what you've seen or heard, has Congress passed a law to protect the rights of consumers in managed care plans? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q8. From what you've heard or read, do people in this country have the right to sue an HMO or managed care plan if the plan inappropriately denied services or treatments, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Survey Number: 9
Dates of Interviews: December 8-13, 1998
Number of Respondents: 1,201
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q11. Now I'd like to change topics for a moment. Last month there were many reports in the news about the use of alternative medicine and natural, or herbal, remedies to treat illnesses or otherwise improve health...Based on what you have heard in the news late, has the use of alternative medicine and natural or herbal remedies in recent years...increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? [Answer: Increased; Coding: None/None]

Q12. And, as far as you know, are alternative medicine and natural or herbal remedies...regulated by the federal government as strictly as prescription drugs, regulated by the federal government, but not as strictly as prescription drugs, or not regulated by the federal government? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 10
Dates of Interviews: February 19-25, 1999
Number of Respondents: 1,200
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q2. Now I have a few questions about Medicare... National bipartisan commissions are sometimes created to study national problems and make recommendations to the President and Congress. As far as you know, is there such a commission now studying the future of Medicare, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q4. As far as you know, has the commission released its report of recommendations about what should be done to improve the condition of the Medicare program, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/None]

[Common Introduction:] In his recent State of the Union address, President Clinton made some proposals that would affect health care for seniors. Based on what you've seen or heard in the news recently, tell me whether or not the President proposed doing each of the following.

Q5A. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Offering tax credits to help people pay for long-term health care for the elderly and disabled? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q5B. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Asking seniors with higher incomes to pay more for Medicare? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q5C. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Using part of the federal budget surplus to help make the Medicare program financially sound? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q5D.. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Offering early retirees the option of buying insurance under Medicare before they turn 65? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

[Common Introduction:] In his State of the Union address, President Clinton also made some proposals regarding the Social Security program. Based on what you've seen or heard in the news recently, tell me whether or not the President proposed doing each of the following...

Q6A. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Using a part of the federal budget surplus to help make the Social Security program financially sound? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q6B. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Taking part of the Social Security funds and having an independent board invest them in the stock market? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q6C. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Helping people set up individual savings accounts that can be used for retirement? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q6D. (First), as far as you know, did he propose...Raising the age of eligibility for Social Security to 70 years? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number: 11
Dates of Interviews: March 24-30, 1999
Number of Respondents: 1,786

Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q8. Do you happen to know which country in the Mideast has been the target of U.S. air attacks in recent months? [Answer: Iraq; Coding: None/None]

Q9. Do you happen to know the name of the province in Yugoslavia where there is conflict between Serbians and ethnic Albanians? [Answer: Kosovo; Coding: None/None]

Q10. Do you happen to know which country was recently accused of stealing nuclear technology from the United States? [Answer: China; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q11. As far as you know, does the United States currently have troops stationed in Bosnia, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q12. As far as you know, does the United States currently have troops stationed in Haiti, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number: 12
Dates of Interviews: April 10-22, 1999
Number of Respondents: 1,200
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q4A. Thinking again about the government panel studying marijuana... From what you've seen or heard in the news, tell me whether the panel did or did NOT reach the following conclusions. (First,) did the panel conclude that...Marijuana can help cancer and AIDS patients manage pain and nausea? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q4B. Thinking again about the government panel studying marijuana... From what you've seen or heard in the news, tell me whether the panel did or did NOT reach the following conclusions. (First,) did the panel conclude that...There is no evidence that marijuana use leads to the use of harder drugs like cocaine? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q4C. Thinking again about the government panel studying marijuana... From what you've seen or heard in the news, tell me whether the panel did or did NOT reach the following conclusions. (First,) did the panel conclude that...Marijuana smoke is more toxic than tobacco smoke? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number: 13
Dates of Interviews: June 11-16, 1999
Number of Respondents: 1,003
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q4A. The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill containing new laws about guns. The U.S. House of Representatives is now considering whether to pass this bill and send it to the President. As I read you a list of some different proposals, please tell me whether or not you think each was part of the bill passed by the Senate. (First,) as far as you know, was this proposal part of the bill passed by the Senate...Requiring background checks on people who buy firearms at gun shows? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q4B. The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill containing new laws about guns. The U.S. House of Representatives is now considering whether to pass this bill and send it to the President. As I read you a list of some different proposals, please tell me whether or not you think each was part of the bill passed by the Senate. (First,) as far as you know, was this proposal part of the bill passed by the Senate...Prohibiting states from allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q4C. The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill containing new laws about guns. The U.S. House of Representatives is now considering whether to pass this bill and send it to the President. As I read you a list of some different proposals, please tell me whether or not you think each was part of the bill passed by the Senate. (First,) as far as you know, was this proposal part of the bill passed by the Senate...Raising the minimum age for buying a gun to 21? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q4D. The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill containing new laws about guns. The U.S. House of Representatives is now considering whether to pass this bill and send it to the President. As I read you a list of some different proposals, please tell me whether or not you think each was part of the bill passed by the Senate. (First,) as far as you know, was this proposal part of the bill passed by the Senate...Requiring gun manufacturers to include safety locks on all guns they sell? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q4E. The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill containing new laws about guns. The U.S. House of Representatives is now considering whether to pass this bill and send it to the President. As I read you a list of some different proposals, please tell me whether or not you think each was part of the bill passed by the Senate. (First,) as far as you know, was this proposal part of the bill passed by the Senate...Making it illegal for children under 18 to fire or use a gun? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q5. Thinking again about news stories about major pharmaceutical companies fixing vitamin prices... From what you've seen or heard in the news, did these pharmaceutical companies plead guilty or NOT guilty of conspiracy to fix vitamin prices? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q6. From what you've seen or heard in the news, did these pharmaceutical companies agree to pay a settlement in this vitamin price-fixing case, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number:	14
Dates of Interviews:	December 3-13, 1999
Number of Respondents:	1,515
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q15. Recently the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences delivered a report about medical errors in hospitals. To the best of your knowledge, did this report say that these medical errors were...A big problem that causes a lot of deaths, OR A small problem that causes relatively few deaths? [Answer: Big Problem; Coding: None/None]

Q16A. And to the best of your knowledge, did this report call for each of the following actions, or not? (First,) did the report call for...A new government agency to protect patients against medical errors in hospitals? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q16B. And to the best of your knowledge, did this report call for each of the following actions, or not? (First,) did the report call for...More severe punishments of doctors and nurses who commit medical errors? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q16C. And to the best of your knowledge, did this report call for each of the following actions, or not? (First,) did the report call for...Tougher malpractice laws against doctors and hospitals who commit medical errors? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Survey Number: 15
Dates of Interviews: February 4-8, 2000
Number of Respondents: 1,006
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q7A. In his recent State of the Union address, President Clinton made some proposals affecting health care. From what you've seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether or not the president proposed doing each of the following. (First,) did he propose...Extending Medicare, the federal program that provides health insurance to the elderly and some disabled people, by allowing some individuals between the ages of 55 and 65 buy into it? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q7B. In his recent State of the Union address, President Clinton made some proposals affecting health care. From what you've seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether or not the president proposed doing each of the following. (First,) did he propose...Asking seniors with higher incomes to pay more for Medicare? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q7C. In his recent State of the Union address, President Clinton made some proposals affecting health care. From what you've seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether or not the president proposed doing each of the following. (First,) did he propose...Extending Medicare to provide prescription drug benefits? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q7D. In his recent State of the Union address, President Clinton made some proposals affecting health care. From what you've seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether or not the president proposed doing each of the following. (First,) did he propose...Expanding current government programs that provide health coverage for uninsured children to cover their parents as well? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q7E. In his recent State of the Union address, President Clinton made some proposals affecting health care. From what you've seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether or not the president proposed doing each of the following. (First,) did he propose...Offering a \$3,000 tax credit to help people pay for long-term health care for the elderly? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q13A. [THIS APPEARS AFTER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT A NEW DNA TEST FOR HPV] I just have a few more questions about the sexually transmitted disease, HPV, or human papilloma [pap-uh-LOW-muh] virus. Please tell me if you think each of the following health consequences is associated with HPV – or if you don't know enough about it to say. (First,) what about...genital warts? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q13B. [THIS APPEARS AFTER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT A NEW DNA TEST FOR HPV] I just have a few more questions about the sexually transmitted disease, HPV, or human papilloma [pap-uh-LOW-muh] virus. Please tell me if you think each of the following health consequences is associated with HPV – or if you don't know enough about it to say. (First,) what about...yeast infections? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q13C. [THIS APPEARS AFTER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT A NEW DNA TEST FOR HPV] I just have a few more questions about the sexually transmitted disease, HPV, or human papilloma [pap-uh-LOW-muh] virus. Please tell me if you think each of the following health consequences is associated with HPV – or if you don't know enough about it to say. (First,) what about...cervical cancer? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q13D. [THIS APPEARS AFTER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT A NEW DNA TEST FOR HPV] I just have a few more questions about the sexually transmitted disease, HPV, or human papilloma [pap-uh-LOW-muh] virus. Please tell me if you think each of the following health consequences is associated with HPV – or if you don’t know enough about it to say. (First,) what about...cold sores on the mouth. [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q13E. [THIS APPEARS AFTER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT A NEW DNA TEST FOR HPV] I just have a few more questions about the sexually transmitted disease, HPV, or human papilloma [pap-uh-LOW-muh] virus. Please tell me if you think each of the following health consequences is associated with HPV – or if you don’t know enough about it to say. (First,) what about...urinary track infections? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q14. As far as you know, is there a CURE for HPV, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 16
Dates of Interviews: March 15-20, 2000
Number of Respondents: 1,184
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q.10 Do you happen to know who will probably be the Democratic presidential nominee? [Answer: Al Gore; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q.11 Do you happen to know who will probably be the Republican presidential nominee? [Answer: George W. Bush; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number: 17
Dates of Interviews: March 31-April 3, 2000
Number of Respondents: 1,012
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q5A. Thinking about President Clinton and gun control... From what you’ve seen or heard in the news, which of the following things, if any, did President Clinton do over the past month... Make an agreement about gun control policies with the NRA – that is, the National Rifle Association? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q5B. Thinking about President Clinton and gun control... From what you’ve seen or heard in the news, which of the following things, if any, did President Clinton do over the past month...Make an agreement with a large gun manufacturer to provide safety locks on handguns within the year? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q5C. Thinking about President Clinton and gun control... From what you’ve seen or heard in the news, which of the following things, if any, did President Clinton do over the past month...Call on Congress to pass legislation requiring background checks for guns sold at gun shows? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q5D. Thinking about President Clinton and gun control... From what you’ve seen or heard in the news, which of the following things, if any, did President Clinton do over the past month...Decide to discontinue his gun buyback program due to lower crime rates? [Answer: No; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number: 18
Dates of Interviews: May 26-June 4, 2000
Number of Respondents: 1,200
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q7A. From what you've seen or heard in the news in the last month regarding presidential candidate George W. Bush's proposals to make the Social Security program more financially sound, please tell me whether or not Bush proposed doing each of the following. Did he propose...reducing Social Security benefits, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q7B. From what you've seen or heard in the news in the last month regarding presidential candidate George W. Bush's proposals to make the Social Security program more financially sound, please tell me whether or not Bush proposed doing each of the following. Did he propose...allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q7C. From what you've seen or heard in the news in the last month regarding presidential candidate George W. Bush's proposals to make the Social Security program more financially sound, please tell me whether or not Bush proposed doing each of the following. Did he propose...increasing Social Security taxes, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number: 19
Dates of Interviews: June 14-28, 2000
Number of Respondents: 2,174
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q51. Do you happen to know which candidate has proposed allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security contributions in stocks and bonds? [Answer: George W. Bush; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q52. Do you happen to know which candidate's wife has spoken out about the need to help Americans with mental illnesses? [Answer: Tipper Gore; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q53. Do you happen to know which candidate has proposed a missile defense system and to reduce the number of U.S. nuclear warheads, even if Russia refuses to do the same? [Answer: George W. Bush; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q54. Do you happen to know which candidate has proposed using surplus Medicare funds to protect the program's future? [Answer: Al Gore; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number: 20
Dates of Interviews: August 2-6, 2000
Number of Respondents: 1,001
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q5. Now I have some questions about the problem of AIDS and H-I-V, the virus that causes AIDS. Which ONE of the following parts of the world today do you think has the largest number of people with HIV and AIDS? Is it...Africa, Latin America, or the U.S.? [Answer: Africa; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q6. In the African countries hit hardest by HIV, about how many teenagers do health officials think will eventually die of AIDS? One-quarter, one-third, or one-half? [Answer: One-half; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number: 21
Dates of Interviews: September 29-October 2, 2000
Number of Respondents: 949
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q5. From what you may have seen or heard in the news in the last month, have the health insurance premiums employers in the U. S. pay for their workers increased faster, slower, or about the same as they have in the previous years? [Answer: Faster; Coding: None/None]

Q6. In the past month or so, you may have seen or heard news about a new research study about diabetes done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From what you've seen or heard in the news, did this study find that the rates of adult diabetes have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? [Answer: Increased; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 22
Dates of Interviews: November 29-December 3, 2000
Number of Respondents: 999
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q3A. As you may know, the FDA in the past month issued a warning about an ingredient, PPA, found in some over-the-counter medications. From what you may have seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether the following kinds of medications sometimes contain this ingredient: cold and cough medicines? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q3B. As you may know, the FDA in the past month issued a warning about an ingredient, PPA, found in some over-the-counter medications. From what you may have seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether the following kinds of medications sometimes contain this ingredient: aspirin and other over-the-counter pain medications. [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q3C. As you may know, the FDA in the past month issued a warning about an ingredient, PPA, found in some over-the-counter medications. From what you may have seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether the following kinds of medications sometimes contain this ingredient: antacids? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q3D. As you may know, the FDA in the past month issued a warning about an ingredient, PPA, found in some over-the-counter medications. From what you may have seen or heard in the news, please tell me whether the following kinds of medications sometimes contain this ingredient: diet pills? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 23
Dates of Interviews: January 25-28, 2001
Number of Respondents: 1,021
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q5A. From what you have seen or heard in the news, which Cabinet position did President Bush nominate Former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson to fill? Was it Attorney General, Secretary of Health and Human Services, or Secretary of the Interior? [Answer: HHS Secretary; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q5B. From what you have seen or heard in the news, which Cabinet position did President Bush nominate Former Missouri Senator John Ashcroft to fill? Was it Attorney General, Secretary of Health and Human Services, or Secretary of the Interior? [Answer: Attorney General; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number: 24
Dates of Interviews: March 8-May 20, 2001 & May 16-20, 2001
Number of Respondents: 2,717
Survey Organization: ICR--International Communications Research

Q8/Q8a. Now I'd like to ask you how the nation's population is divided among White Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans. Just your best guess--What percentage of the United States population...is white? [Answer: 77%; Coding: None/None]

Q9/Q8b. Now I'd like to ask you how the nation's population is divided among White Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans. Just your best guess--What percentage of the United States population...is African American? [Answer: 13%; Coding: None/None]

Q10/Q8c. Now I'd like to ask you how the nation's population is divided among White Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans. Just your best guess--What percentage of the United States population... is Hispanic American? [Answer: 12-13%; Coding: None/None]

Q11/Q8d. Now I'd like to ask you how the nation's population is divided among White Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans. Just your best guess--What percentage of the United States population...is Asian American? [Answer: 4-5%; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 25
Dates of Interviews: April 18-22, 2001
Number of Respondents: 1,202
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q15F1. To the best of your knowledge, did the Senate approve George W. Bush's 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut proposal, did they vote for a larger tax cut or did they vote for a smaller tax cut? [Answer: Smaller Cut; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q16F1. Do you happen to know whether the Senate passed the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, or did they vote it down? [Answer: Yes, Passed; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q17F1. Do you happen to know whether George W. Bush has decided to place limits on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, or has he decided not to do this? [Answer: Decided Not To Do This; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q18F1. Do you happen to know whether George W. Bush has decided to tighten regulations on the

amount of arsenic that can be allowed in drinking water, or has he decided to make these regulations less stringent? [Answer: Less Stringent; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q19F2. Do you know whether George W. Bush has decided that the U.S. will continue to support the global warming agreement, enacted in Kyoto, Japan in 1997, or has he decided to withdraw U.S. support from that agreement? [Answer: Withdraw Support; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q20F2. Do you happen to know whether Slobodan Milosevic, the former president of Yugoslavia, has been arrested, or not? [Answer: Yes, Arrested; Coding: None/None]

Q21F2. In his budget proposal, do you happen to know whether George W. Bush proposed INCREASING spending on education, DECREASING spending on education, or keeping spending on education about the same? [Answer: Increase Spending; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q21aF2. Do you happen to know whether George W. Bush has decided to impose stricter regulations on manufacturers who release lead into the environment, or has he decided to make these regulations less stringent? [Answer: Stricter; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q23F2. Do you happen to know whether the families of the bombing victims will be allowed to watch the execution on a closed-circuit TV, or won't they be able to do this? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number:	26
Dates of Interviews:	August 2-5, 2001
Number of Respondents:	1,005
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q7A/6a. Next, I am going to read a few statements about the drug mifepristone or RU-486. For each one please tell me, to the best of your knowledge, whether you think it is true or false or if you don't know. It is a drug used primarily to terminate pregnancy? [Answer: True; Coding: Democratic/None]

Q7B/6b. Next, I am going to read a few statements about the drug mifepristone or RU-486. For each one please tell me, to the best of your knowledge, whether you think it is true or false or if you don't know. It is a drug used primarily to prevent unintended or unplanned pregnancy? [Answer: False; Coding: Democratic/None]

Q7C/6c. Next, I am going to read a few statements about the drug mifepristone or RU-486. For each one please tell me, to the best of your knowledge, whether you think it is true or false or if you don't know. It is the same thing as morning-after pills? [Answer: False; Coding: Democratic/None]

Q7D/6d. Next, I am going to read a few statements about the drug mifepristone or RU-486. For each one please tell me, to the best of your knowledge, whether you think it is true or false or if you don't know. It is the same thing as emergency contraceptive pills? [Answer: False; Coding: Democratic/None]

Survey Number:	27
Dates of Interviews:	Aug. 21-Sept. 5, 2001
Number of Respondents:	2,001
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

A25. Earlier this year, a U.S. spy plane collided with a fighter jet from another country. The American air crew was held for several days. Do you know in what country this took place? [Answer: China; Coding: None/None]

A26. Recently, President Bush withdrew U.S. support for an international treaty known as the Kyoto Protocol. What issue does this agreement address? [Answer: Global Warming; Coding: Republican/Positive]

A27. What is the name of the president of Russia? [Answer: Putin; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 28
Dates of Interviews: February 8-10, 2002
Number of Respondents: 1,001
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q12a. Do you think Iran currently has weapons of mass destruction, is trying to develop these weapons but does not currently have them, or is not trying to develop weapons of mass destruction? [Answer: Trying to Develop; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q12b. Do you think Iraq currently has weapons of mass destruction, is trying to develop these weapons but does not currently have them, or is not trying to develop weapons of mass destruction? [Answer: Trying to Develop; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q12c. Do you think North Korea currently has weapons of mass destruction, is trying to develop these weapons but does not currently have them, or is not trying to develop weapons of mass destruction? [Answer: Has WMDs; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number: 29
Dates of Interviews: April 19-May 12, 2002
Number of Respondents: 3,002
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q39aF1. Can you tell me the name of the current vice president of the United States? [Answer: Dick Cheney; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q39bF2. Can you tell me the name of the current Secretary of State? [Answer: Colin Powell; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q39cF3. Can you tell me the name of the current Secretary of Defense? [Answer: Donald Rumsfeld; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q39e. Do you happen to know who Yasser Arafat is? [Answer: Palestinian Leader; Coding: None//None]

Survey Number: 30
Dates of Interviews: July 18-21, 2002
Number of Respondents: 1,208
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q11. Thinking about what you have heard or seen in the news, which of the following statements best summarizes the latest reports on global HIV/AIDS from the International AIDS conference in Barcelona? HIV infection rates are declining worldwide...The projected number of worldwide AIDS cases in the next 20 years will be higher than researchers initially thought...OR...While HIV infection rates are rising, new treatments are widely available around the world and allowing many more people worldwide to live with the disease? [Answer: Projections Up; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q12. Thinking about what you have heard or seen in the news, which of the following statements comes closest to the findings about global HIV/AIDS prevention presented at the International AIDS conference in Barcelona? Prevention programs could dramatically reduce the spread of HIV if given more funding OR Prevention programs are not effective and more funding for prevention will not have a big impact? [Answer: Prevention Works; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q13. To the best of your knowledge, which of the following statements about global HIV/AIDS is more accurate? The majority of AIDS cases worldwide are among women and youth who get AIDS through heterosexual contact OR The majority of AIDS cases worldwide are among gay men and intravenous drug users who get AIDS through sharing contaminated needles? [Answer: Heterosexual women/youth; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number:	31
Dates of Interviews:	December 6-10, 2002
Number of Respondents:	1,206
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q4A. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new experimental vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me if you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about...Human papilloma virus, or HPV, the sexually transmitted virus that causes genital warts? [Answer: True; Coding: None/None]

Q4B. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new experimental vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me if you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about...Abortion? [Answer: False; Coding: None/None]

Q4C. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new experimental vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me if you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about...Obesity? [Answer: True; Coding: None/None]

Q4D. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new experimental vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me if you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about...High blood pressure? [Answer: False; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number:	32
Dates of Interviews:	January 3-6, 2003
Number of Respondents:	1,204
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q8a. As far as you know, does Iraq now have...Nuclear Weapons? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q8b. As far as you know, does Iraq now have...Chemical or Biological Weapons? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q9a. As far as you know, does North Korea now have...Nuclear weapons? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q9b. As far as you know, does North Korea now have...Chemical or biological weapons? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

[Common Introduction:] Now thinking about more recent events, please tell me whether – as far as you know— each of the following happened or did NOT happen over the past few months? (First,) as far as you know...

Q20a. Did President Bush win the approval of Congress to use military force against Iraq? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q20b. Did Iraq agree to allow United Nations weapons inspectors into the country to look for evidence of banned nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q20c. Did the Bush Administration publicly release evidence that Iraq was involved in the planning and funding of the September 11th terrorist attacks? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q20d. Did Saddam Hussein publicly threaten to use chemical or biological weapons against Israel if attacked by the United States? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Survey Number:	33
Dates of Interviews:	June 24-July 8, 2003
Number of Respondents:	2,002
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q29a. Do you happen to know what name Muslims use to refer to God? [Answer: Allah; Coding: None/None]

Q29b. Do you happen to know the name of the Islamic equivalent to the Bible? [Answer: Koran; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number:	34
Dates of Interviews:	February 16-17, 2004
Number of Respondents:	1,006
Survey Organization:	The Gallup Organization

Q28a. Next, I will read a list of things government officials can do when conducting a terrorism investigation. For each, please tell me if this is something government officials can do specifically because of the Patriot Act, or if it is something they could have done prior to the Patriot Act being passed. How about -- Hold terrorism suspects indefinitely without charging them with a crime or allowing them access to a lawyer. [Answer: Could do before Patriot Act; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q28b. Next, I will read a list of things government officials can do when conducting a terrorism investigation. For each, please tell me if this is something government officials can do specifically because of the Patriot Act, or if it is something they could have done prior to the Patriot Act being passed. How about -- Require non-U.S. citizens who are suspected of terrorism offenses to face a trial before a military tribunal. [Answer: Could do before Patriot Act; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q28c. Next, I will read a list of things government officials can do when conducting a terrorism investigation. For each, please tell me if this is something government officials can do specifically because of the Patriot Act, or if it is something they could have done prior to the Patriot Act being passed. How about -- Enter houses of worship or attend political rallies. [Answer: Could do before Patriot Act; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number:	35
Dates of Interviews:	June 25-28, 2004
Number of Respondents:	1,025
Survey Organization:	NBC news and the Wall Street Journal

Q26a. Based on what you have learned, please tell me whether you believe each of the following is true or is not true...Iraq had weapons of mass destruction? [Answer: False; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q26b. Based on what you have learned, please tell me whether you believe each of the following is true or is not true... Iraq was connected to the September eleventh terrorist attacks? [Answer: False; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q26c. Based on what you have learned, please tell me whether you believe each of the following is true or is not true... Saddam Hussein represented a threat in the Middle East? [Answer: True; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q26d. Based on what you have learned, please tell me whether you believe each of the following is true or is not true... Saddam Hussein represented a threat to the United States? [Answer: True; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Survey Number:	36
Dates of Interviews:	April 1-5, 2004
Number of Respondents:	1,201
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q5. You may have heard news in late 2003 about debates in Congress on a bill that would add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. To the best of your knowledge, was this bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush, or not? [Correct: Yes; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Q10. As far as you know, does the new Medicare law include a prescription drug discount card for seniors that will be available this year, is this not something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say? [Correct: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q11. And as far as you know, does the new Medicare law include a financial subsidy that will be available this year for low-income seniors to help them with their drug costs, is this not something that's included in the law, or don't you know enough to say? [Correct: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q12. You may also have heard news about the Bush Administration's new cost estimates of the Medicare prescription drug law that was passed in December 2003. From what you've seen or heard in the news, were these new cost estimates higher or lower than previously released estimates? [Correct: Higher; Coding: Republican/Negative]

Survey Number: 37
Dates of Interviews: June 4-7, 2004
Number of Respondents: 1,200
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q10. And, to the best of your knowledge, when will these [prescription drug] discount cards be available? Will they be available this year (2004), next year (2005), or the year after that (2006)? [Correct: 2004; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q11. To the best of your knowledge, does the [prescription drug] discount card program include additional financial assistance for low-income people on Medicare to help them with their drug costs, is this not something that's included, or don't you know enough to say? [Correct: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number: 38
Dates of Interviews: July 7-17, 2005
Number of Respondents: 2,000
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q45. Do you happen to know what name Muslims use to refer to God? [Answer: Allah; Coding: None/None]

Q46. Do you happen to know the name of the Islamic equivalent to the Bible? [Answer: Koran; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number: 39
Dates of Interviews: October 12-24, 2005
Number of Respondents: 2,006
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q16. What is the name of the president of Russia? [Correct: Vladimir Putin; Coding: None/None]

Q17. The U.S. and other nations are conducting talks with North Korea. What is the main issue these nations are discussing? [Answer: Nuclear Weapons; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q18. Recently, the Palestinians were given control of the Gaza Strip. Do you know which country gave them this control? [Answer: Israel; Coding: None/None]

Q42aF1A. As far as you know, does...North Korea...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q42bF1A. As far as you know, does...Great Britain...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42cF1A. As far as you know, does...Pakistan...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42dF1A. As far as you know, does...South Africa...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42eF1B. As far as you know, does...Russia...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42fF1B. As far as you know, does...India...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42gF1B. As far as you know, does...Israel...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42hF2A. As far as you know, does...China...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42iF2A. As far as you know, does...Iran...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q42jF2A. As far as you know, does...Germany...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42kF2A. As far as you know, does...Brazil...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42lF2B. As far as you know, does...France...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42mF2B. As far as you know, does...Japan...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/None]

Q42nF2B. As far as you know, does...Libya...now have nuclear weapons, or not? [Answer: No; Coding: Republican/None]

Survey Number:	40
Dates of Interviews:	April 6-11, 2006
Number of Respondents:	1,446
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q24. To the best of your knowledge, when is the 2006 deadline for seniors to enroll in a new Medicare drug plan, is it May 15, June 15, July 15 or is there no deadline? [Answer: May 15th; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q25. To the best of your knowledge, would a senior WITHOUT prescription drug coverage have to pay a financial penalty for late enrollment if he or she waits until 2007 to sign up for Medicare drug plan, or not? [Answer: Yes, Penalty; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q35a. Thinking about African Americans in our country today, do you think the average African American is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average white person when it comes to each of the following. (First/Next,... being covered by health insurance? [Answer: Worse off; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q35b. Thinking about African Americans in our country today, do you think the average African American is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average white person when it comes to each of the following. (First/Next,... infant mortality—that is, a baby’s chance of surviving after birth? [Answer: Worse off; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q35c. Thinking about African Americans in our country today, do you think the average African American is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average white person when it comes to each of the following. (First/Next,... life expectancy—that is, how long someone can expect to live? [Answer: Worse off; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q36a. Next, thinking about Latinos in our country today, do you think the average Latino is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average white person when it comes to each of the following. (First/Next,... being covered by health insurance? [Answer: Worse off; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q36b. Next, thinking about Latinos in our country today, do you think the average Latino is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average white person when it comes to each of the following. (First/Next,... infant mortality—that is, a baby’s chance of surviving after birth? [Answer: As well off; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q36c. Next, thinking about Latinos in our country today, do you think the average Latino is better off, worse off or just as well off as the average white person when it comes to each of the following. (First/Next,... life expectancy—that is, how long someone can expect to live? [Answer: Better off; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q37a. Now I am going to read you some statements. Please tell me whether you think each statement is true or false. (First,... African Americans with heart disease are just as likely as whites who have heart disease to get specialized medical procedures and surgery. [Answer: False; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q37b. Now I am going to read you some statements. Please tell me whether you think each statement is true or false. (First,... Whites with HIV or AIDS are more likely than African Americans with HIV or AIDS to get the newest medicines and treatments. [Answer: True; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Survey Number:	41
Dates of Interviews:	April 27-May 22, 2006
Number of Respondents:	3,204
Survey Organization:	Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q52F1. Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? (Answer: Republican Party; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q53F1. Can you tell me the name of the current Secretary of State? [Answer: Condoleezza Rice; Coding: Republican/Positive]

Q54F1. Can you tell me the name of the president of Russia? [Answer: Vladimir Putin; Coding: None/None]

Survey Number:	42
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Dates of Interviews: June 8-19, 2006
Number of Respondents: 2,517
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q3a. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me whether or not you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about... Human papilloma virus, or HPV, the sexually transmitted virus that causes genital warts? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q3b. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me whether or not you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about... Abortion? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q3c. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me whether or not you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about... Obesity? [Answer: Yes; Coding: None/None]

Q3d. Thinking about what you may have heard in the news recently about a new vaccine that might protect women against cervical cancer, please tell me whether or not you think each one of the following is associated with cervical cancer, or if you don't know enough to say. (First,) what about... High blood pressure? [Answer: No; Coding: None/None]

Q13. To the best of your knowledge, is there a program through Social Security that gives low-income seniors extra help with prescription drug costs under the new Medicare drug benefit, or not? [Answer: Yes; Coding: Democratic/Positive]

Q14. To the best of your knowledge, if seniors wait until next year or later to enroll in a Medicare drug plan will they have to pay higher premiums, sometimes called a "premium penalty", or not? [Answer: Yes, Premium Penalty; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q38. To the best of your knowledge, if you are dissatisfied with your new Medicare drug plan, can you change o a different plan whenever you want, or do you have to wait for a specific period? [Answer: Specific Period; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q40. Some plans have what's called a "coverage gap" or "donut hole" - a point where the plan stops paying for prescriptions and seniors are required to pay the full cost of their medicines for a while. Does your the Medicare drug plan have such a coverage gap, or not? [Answer: Yes, Donut Hole/Coverage Gap; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Survey Number: 43
Dates of Interviews: August 9-13, 2006
Number of Respondents: 1,506
Survey Organization: Princeton Survey Research Associates

Q17aF1. Do you happen to know the name of the person who will soon be taking over as the anchor of the CBS Evening News later this summer? [Answer: Katie Couric; Coding: None/None]

Q17bF1. Do you happen to know the name of the Democratic senator from Connecticut who recently lost in the state's primary election? [Answer: Joe Lieberman; Coding: Democratic/Negative]

Q17cF1. Do you happen to know the name of the Hollywood actor who made anti-Semitic remarks during a recent drunk driving arrest? [Answer: Mel Gibson; Coding: None/None]