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

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

1. First, have you been interviewed for a public opinion poll within the past 2 years—either by telephone or in a personal interview?

   0. No/Don’t Know 1. Yes

2. Are you registered to vote in the November 2nd Election?


   Are you registered as:

   1. a Republican 2. a Democrat 3. an Independent

   4. Don’t Know

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

   1. Yes, voted 2. No, did not 8. Don’t Know

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

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


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


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


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


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


9. How would you rate the job the Wyoming Legislature in Cheyenne did during the last session? Would you say:


10. Do you plan to vote in the General Election which will be held on November 2nd?

   1. No (Not Sure/Don’t Know) 2. Yes

11. As you may know, Democrat Ed Herschler is running against Warren Norton, a Republican, for the office of Governor of Wyoming. If the election were held today, would you vote for:


   4. Other candidate 5. Will abstain

   Candidate likes and dislikes
12. Have you personally met either Mr. Herschler or Mr. Morton?

   8. Don’t Know

13. In the race for the U.S. Senate seat, Republican Malcom Wallop is running against Rodger McDaniel, a Democrat. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

   4. Other candidate  5. Will abstain

   Why will you vote for (Mr. Wallop/Mr. McDaniel)?

   Is there any other reason?

14. What about the congressional election where Republican Dick Cheney is running against Democrat Ted Hommel? If the election were held today, would you vote for:

   1. Dick Cheney  2. Or, Tom Hommel  3. Still undecided
   4. Other candidate  5. Will abstain

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

   1. Wyoming  2. Another state  3. Don’t Know

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

   1. Wyoming  2. Another state

17. All told, how many years have you lived in Wyoming?
17A. If 10 years or less ask: In what state did you live before moving to Wyoming?

Before moving to Wyoming, were you registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or weren’t you registered to vote?


17B. If more than 10 years ask: During the past 10 years, have you changed your voting registration from one party to another?

1. No, remained the same 2. Yes—How were you registered before?


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


19. Ten years ago—in 1972—how would you have described your political views? You may remember, in 1972, Richard Nixon and George McGovern the candidates for President. Would you say your political views then were:


20. When you were growing up, did your parents think of themselves as Republicans, Democrats, Independents or what?

1. Both Republicans 2. Both Democrats 3. Both Independents 4. Father Republican/Mother other 5. Father Democrat/Mother other 6. Father Independent/Mother other 7. They did not identify politically 8. Don’t Know/Other
21. Today, generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?

Party identification


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

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

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

1. Not employed—If housewife, retired, or student, write in as occupation

What was your job or occupation? (Be specific)

23B. Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely do you think that you will lose your job or be laid off? Would you say:

8. Don’t know

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

1. The poor and lower income people 2. Middle income people
3. Upper income people 4. Or, does he care about serving all people
8. Don’t Know
25. The Reagan administration has proposed the sale of certain public lands in the U.S., including the BLM lands in Wyoming. Would you favor or oppose the sale of most or all of the BLM lands in Wyoming or don’t you have an opinion on this?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 3. No opinion 8. Don’t Know

26. Some people wonder whether there is a God or not. Others say they have no doubts about the existence of God. Which of the following statements best describes your belief about God?

1. I know that God exists and have no doubts about it
2. I sometimes have doubts about whether God exists.
3. Or, I don’t believe in God.

27. In what church or denomination were you raised as a child, didn’t you go to church when you were young?

1. None 2. Denomination was:

28. Today, are you a member of a church or religious group?

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

28A. My religious denomination represents the one true faith. Do you:


28B. People in denominations other than my own are just as likely to attain salvation as those in my denomination. Do you:


29. How often would you say you go to church? Would you say:

1. Every week 2. Almost every week 3. Once or twice a month
4. A few times a year 5. Never

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

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know
31. Does your minister ever mention the names of political parties or candidates in his sermons?
   1. Yes  2. No  8. Don’t Know
32. Now, the final question on religion. Some people have had deeply religious experiences which have changes their lives. I’m thinking of experiences which have changes their lives. I’m thinking of experiences sometimes described as “being born again in one’s life.” There are some deeply religious people who have not had an experience of this sort. How about you; have you had such an experience?
   1. Yes  2. No  8. Don’t Know
33. First, could you tell me who the U.S. Secretary of Defense is?
   8. Or, don’t know for sure
34. Next, could you tell me which country Leonid Brezhnev is the leader of? It is:
   1. Poland  2. Rumania  3. the Soviet Union
   8. Or, don’t you know for sure
35. How do you feel about foreign aid? Do you think about U.S. economic and military aid to other nations should be:
   1. Increased  2. Decreased  3. Or, should it remain about the same
   8. Don’t Know/No opinion
36. President Reagan, since his election in 1980, has sought to strengthen the military by increasing defense spending. Do you favor or oppose his policy of increasing defense spending?
   1. Favor  2. Oppose  3. Undecided  8. Don’t Know/No opinion
37. Now a question about Soviet-American relations. What do you think the United States should do: should it try harder to reduce tensions with the Russians or should the U.S. get tougher in dealing with the Soviet Union?
   1. Reduce tensions  2. Get tougher  3. Both/Neither (Volunteered)
   8. Don’t Know/No Opinion
38. There has been some discussion about a “nuclear freeze”—that is, a proposal to stop the testing, production, and installation of additional nuclear weapons. Have you heard or read about the “nuclear freeze” proposal or not?

1. Yes, heard 2. No 8. Don’t Know/Not Sure

39. Do you favor or oppose the United States agreeing to a “nuclear freeze” with the Soviet Union—that is, both the Soviet Union and the U.S. would stop the testing, production, and installation of additional nuclear weapons?

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

(If favor) What if a “nuclear freeze” world result in the Soviet Union having somewhat greater nuclear strength than the U.S. Would you then favor or oppose a freeze?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 8. DK 9. NA

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


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

1. the United States is stronger 2. the Soviet Union is stronger 3. or, are they about equal 8. Don’t Know

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

1. Favor building the MX system 2. Oppose building the system 8. No Opinion/Don’t Know

43. There has been some talk about placing the MX system in an area including Southeast Wyoming, Northern Colorado and Western Nebraska. If the MX system is build, would you favor or oppose locating it in this area, or don’t you have an opinion.

1. Favor 2. Oppose 8. DK 9. NA
These questions deal with something a little different. There are always some people whose ideas are considered bad or dangerous by other individuals.

44. For instance, what about somebody who is against all churches and religion. If such a person wanted to make a political speech in your community against churches and religion:

1. Should be allowed to speak 2. or, should he NOT be allowed to speak
8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

45. Now, what about running for public office. Should someone against churches and religion be allowed to run for public office such as for mayor, or governor, or even president?

1. Yes, run 2. No 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

46. What about a Communist. Should a Communist be allowed to make a speech in your community or not?

1. Yes, able to 2. No 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

47. What about running for office. Should a Communist be allowed to run for a public office such as mayor, or governor, or president?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

48. Finally, what about a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Should a member of the KKK organization be allowed to give a speech in your community?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know/ No Opinion

49. Should a member of the Ku Klux Klan be allowed to run for public office?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

50. Of the three groups mentioned above—Communists, those against churches and the Ku Klux Klan—which do you like least?

8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

51. First, based on what you know or have heard about your community, would you say child abuse and spouse abuse is:

1. Frequently a problem for many 2. Sometimes a problem for many
3. Sometimes a problem for a few 4. or, don’t you know about this

52. What about drug abuse? How big a problem is it in your community? Would you say it is a serious problem for:

1. Many adults 2. Quite a few adults 3. Some adults 4. Only a few adults

8. Or, don’t you know

53. Some people say alcohol and drug abuse is a problem in the Junior High and Senior High Schools in Wyoming. What about your community? Are alcohol and drugs a problem in your schools or not, or don’t you know about this problem?

1. Yes, a problem 2. No, not a problem 3. Don’t Know

54. We hear a lot these days about child abuse and family violence. Based on what you know or have heard about your community, would you say child abuse and spouse abuse is:

1. Frequently a problem for many 2. Sometimes a problem for many

3. Sometimes a problem for a few 4. Or, don’t you know about this

55. Some communities in Wyoming have “mental health centers”. Do you know whether there is one in your area or not?

1. No (Not Sure/ Don’t Know) () Yes

Based on what you know, would you suggest that a friend seek professional help there if they had a personal or emotional problem?

2. Yes 3. No 8. Don’t Know

56. How do you feel about spending tax monies to support treatment programs to help people with mental health, alcohol treatment programs in Wyoming, or don’t you know about this?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 3. Don’t Know/No Opinion

57. And what about this proposal. Would you favor or oppose using part of the cost of liquor sales to help support alcohol treatment programs in Wyoming, or don’t you know about this?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 3. Don’t Know/No Opinion
58. Now, the final question in this series. Today, the legal drinking age in Wyoming is 19, but it used to be 21. Would you favor a proposal to:

1. Raise the legal drinking age to 21 2. Do you favor keeping it at 19
3. Or, don’t you have an opinion on this 8. Don’t Know/Other

59. The proposed Equal Right Amendment to the Constitution should be defeated.

8. Don’t Know/Other

60. Sex education classes taught by qualified teachers should be offered to students in all public schools.

8. Don’t Know/Other

61. The public schools should conduct prayers as part of their official business.

8. Don’t Know/Other

62. The government in Washington should make every effort to improve the social and economic positions of blacks and other minority groups.

8. Don’t Know/Other

63. The government should do whatever is necessary to eliminate all pornography such as X-rated movies and book stores.

8. Don’t Know/Other

64. Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty.

8. Don’t Know/Other

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

8. Don’t Know/Other

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


   8. Don’t Know/Other

67. The Federal government should help reduce income differences between the rich and poor.


   8. Don’t Know/Other

68. Whether to have an abortion is a strictly private decision, which the government should not try to regulate one way or other.


   8. Don’t Know/Other

69. A homosexual, who is a well-qualified, has as much a right to a job in the public schools as anyone else.


   8. Don’t Know/Other

Achieving racial integration is so important that it is justified busing children out of their own neighborhoods.


   8. Don’t Know/Other

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


   8. Don’t Know/Other

72. The reason that the Jews have so much trouble is that God is punishing them for rejecting Jesus.

73. The difference between good and evil in the world is not always clear.
   1. Agree 2. Disagree 8. Don’t Know/Other

74. Success in life depends almost totally on how smart one is, and how hard one is willing to work.
   1. Agree 2. Disagree 8. Don’t Know/Other

75. Most people who are living in poverty are poor through no fault of their own.
   1. Agree 2. Disagree 8. Don’t Know/Other

76. There are two kinds of people in the world: those who are for the truth and those who are against truth.
   1. Agree 2. Disagree 8. Don’t Know/Other

77. Of all the different philosophies in the world, there is probably only one which is correct.
   1. Agree 2. Disagree 8. Don’t Know/Other

78. To compromise with our political opponents is dangerous because it usually leads to the betrayal of our side.
   1. Agree 2. Disagree 8. Don’t Know/Other

These next questions ask about some Wyoming topics:

79. First, how would you rate the quality of life available to you in your community? Are you:
   1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied
   3. Or, do you have mixed feelings about living here 8. Don’t Know

80. Do you think there is a shortage of medical doctors in your area of Wyoming or not, or don’t you know about this?
   1. No/Don’t Know 2. Yes

80. A. Is there a shortage of general practitioners or family practitioners—that is, those doctors who can take care of most medical problems?
   1. Yes, shortage 2. No/Don’t Know
80. B. Do you think there is a shortage of medical doctors who are specialists—that is, surgeons, pediatricians, heart specialists or other specialists?
   1. Yes, shortage 2. No/Don’t Know

81. During the past year, have you -or members of your family- had any serious illnesses or accidents? Would you say you’ve:
   1. Had a lot 2. Had some 3. Or, had no serious accidents or illnesses 8. Don’t Know

82. Suppose in the next couple of years, you had to leave Wyoming and move to another state. Would you be:
   1. Happy to leave 2. Sad to leave 3. Or, would you have mixed feelings 8. Don’t Know/Other

83. First, have you ever been in a designated “wilderness” area in Wyoming or some other state?
   1. Yes 2. No-Not sure/Don’t Know

84. The idea of “wilderness” seems to mean different things to people. For instance, do you think the following activities should or should not be allowed in “wilderness areas”?

84.A. Should hiking and camping be allowed or not?
   1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know

84.B. should livestock be grazing be allowed or not?
   1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know

84.C. Should mineral exploration be allowed or not?
   1. Yes 2. No 8. Don’t Know

85. Congress is now considering legislation which would stop all oil and gas exploration in “wilderness areas”. Do you favor or oppose legislation to stop oil and gas exploration in such areas, or don’t you have an opinion on this?
   1. Favor 2. Oppose 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion
86. About 2.8 million acres in Wyoming have been designated by Congress as "wilderness"; this is an area about this six of Albany County or half the size of Fremont County. Do you think 2.8 million acres is:

1. Too little 2. Too much 3. Or, is about the right amount of wilderness

8. Don’t Know

87. There has been a lot of talk these days about the public lands now managed by the federal government being turned over to the state governments. Do you think state governments in the West can manage these public lands:

1. More effectively 2. Less effectively 3. Or, would there be no difference

8. Don’t Know

88. In the future, federal funds will probably NOT be available to pay for water development projects—that is, water for irrigation, for cities and towns, for industrial uses and the like. If federal funds are not available, would you favor or oppose spending state funds on water development projects or don’t you have an opinion on this?

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

89. In the past, it has been cheaper for cities and towns as well as mining companies to “buy” agricultural water rights than to “develop” other water rights. Do you favor or oppose ranchers selling their agricultural water rights for municipal and energy uses, or don’t you know about this?

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

90. Wyoming “loses” about 2.8 million acre feet of water to other states each year. One way to “prevent” this loss is to build dams for water storage. Would you favor or oppose the construction of dams to prevent this loss, or don’t you know about this issue?

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

91. Have you followed the debate about the “in-stream flow” question?

1. No (Not Sure/Don’t Know) 2. Yes

91.A. Would you favor or oppose using state monies to purchase water rights to maintain in a minimum flow of water in the streams, or don’t you know?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion
91. B. Would you favor or oppose building dams to maintain minimum stream flows, or don’t you know about this?

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

92. First, in what year were you born?

93. What was the last year or grade you completed in school? (H.S.=12; College Grad=16; Law degree=19; etc.) (THIS VARIABLE HAS BEEN LOST)

94. What is your marital status? Are you:


95. Do you belong to a labor union?


8. Don’t Know

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

97. What about your housing? Do you:

1. Own 2. Rent

98. Is your home located:

1. In town 2. Outside the city limits 3. Is it on a farm or ranch 4. Other

99. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 1981—that is, for yourself and (if married: your spouse)—before taxes? The categories are:

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

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

(09) Over $40,000 (99) Or, would you prefer not to say?

100. Gender 1. Male 2. Female
1. Do you recall being interviewed during the three weeks before the November 2nd General Election?
   1. Yes 2. No, not interviewed or can’t remember

2. How good a job did the interviewer do in completing the pre-election interview. Would you say the person did:
   1. A good job 2. A fair job 3. Or, a poor job 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

3. In talking with people about the election, we find that a lot of people weren’t able to vote because they were sick, or they didn’t have time, or because they weren’t registered.
   1. Yes, voted 2. No, didn’t vote/can’t recall

4. In the Senatorial race, did you vote for:
   1. Republican Malcolm Wallop 2. Democrat Rodger McDaniel
   3. Some other candidate 4. Did you not vote on this race
   5. Or, don’t you recall how you voted

5. In the Congressional race, did you vote for:
   1. Republican Dick Cheney 2. Democrat Ted Hommel
   3. Some other candidate 4. Did you not vote in this race
   5. Or, don’t you recall how you voted

6. What about the gubernatorial race? Did you vote for:
   1. Republican Warren Morton 2. Democrat Ed Herschler
   3. Some other candidate 4. Did you not vote on this race
   5. Or, Don’t you recall how you voted

7. You may recall that there were three constitutional amendments on the election ballot. Do you remember how you voted on Number 2? This was a proposal to equalize school finance among Wyoming counties. Did you:
   1. Vote YES 2. Vote NO 3. Did you not vote on the issue
4. Or, don’t you recall how you voted

8. Several schools in Wyoming have shortened the school week from five days to four in an attempt to save money. Would you favor or oppose a proposal in your community to offer the same number of hours of school work in a four day week, or don’t you know about this?

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

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


10. How do you feel about spending public school funds for students with learning problems? Do you feel that more public school funds should be spent on students with learning problems than on average students, or should the same amount be spent?


11. How do you feel about spending public school funds for gifted and talented students? Do you feel that more public school funds should be spent on gifted and talented students than on average students, or should the same amount be spent?


12. Do you happen to have any children in school this year?

1. No 2. Yes

13. Suppose you could send your eldest child to a private school tuition free. Which would you prefer: to send him or her to the public schools or to a private school?

1. Public schools 2. Private school-why would you prefer a private school?

Is there any other reason?

1. Better discipline 2. Religious/moral reasons


5. Smaller class size 6. Better curriculum

7. Parents have more say 8. More individual attention
14. First, have you read or heard anything about the fighting by the Israeli military in Lebanon during the past summer?

   1. No (Don’t Know/Not Sure) 2. Yes

15. Some people say Israel was right to fight in Lebanon in order to stop the PLO—the Palestine Liberation Organization. Other say that Israel was wrong to go into Lebanese territory. What about you? Do you think Israel was:

   1. Right to fight in Lebanon 2. Or, wrong to fight 8. Don’t Know/No Opinion

16. In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or with the Palestinians?

   1. Israelis 2. Palestinians

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

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

18. This year, the United States will give Israel more than $2.5 billion in economic and military aid. How do you feel about this? Should U.S. aid to Israel be:

   1. Increased 2. Decreased 3. Or, should it remain the same next year

   8. Don’t Know/ No Opinion

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

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

   4. Or, don’t you know

Do you feel the efforts of such persons undermines U.S. national interest in the Middle East or not?

   1. Yes, undermines 2. No, doesn’t 8. DK 9. NA
20. How would you describe the way President Reagan has dealt with the Israelis and Arabs recently? Would you say he has:

1. Favored the Israelis 2. Favored the Arabs
3. Favored neither the Israelis nor the Arabs 4. Or, don’t you know about this

21. Finally, some people believe that the creation of Israel was prophesized in the Bible. Others disagree. What about you? Do you believe that the present State of Israel is the fulfillment of Biblical prophesy, do you not believe this, or don’t you know for sure?

1. Yes, fulfillment 2. No, not prophesy 3. Don’t Know/No Opinion

22. Which level of government is most important for providing public services to you? Is it:

1. The federal government 2. State government 3. Or, local government

23. Which level of government could you influence most easily? Is it:

1. The federal government 2. State government 3. Or, local government

24. Which level of government do you know most about? Is it:

1. The federal government 2. State government 3. Or, local government

25. Next, could you tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of the following public services in your community? Are you:

25.A. Medical facilities

1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

25.B. Police protection

1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

25.C. Fire protection

1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

25.D. Streets and roads

1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other
25.E. Garbage collection
1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

25.F. Sewage system
1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

25.G. Recreational facilities
1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

25.H. Public Schools
1. Satisfied 2. Dissatisfied 8. Don’t Know/Other

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

1. Raise taxes 2. Reduce services 8. Don’t Know/Other

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

1. Generally reasonable 2. Or, are they too high 8. Don’t Know/Other

28. And now the very last question. Could you tell me how many years you have lived in Wyoming?