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### Pre-Election Questionnaire

#### COUNTY

Q1. Let's begin. What county do you live in?
   - (1) Albany
   - (2) Big Horn
   - (3) Campbell
   - (4) Carbon
   - (5) Converse
   - (6) Crook
   - (7) Fremont
   - (8) Goshen
   - (9) Hot Springs
   - (10) Johnson
   - (11) Laramie
   - (12) Lincoln
   - (13) Natrona
   - (14) Niobrara
   - (15) Park
   - (16) Platte
   - (17) Sheridan
   - (18) Sublette
   - (19) Sweetwater
   - (20) Teton
   - (21) Uinta
   - (22) Washakie
   - (23) Weston

#### PROBCOM

Q2. All Wyoming communities in our state face certain problems which need to be solved. What do you think is the most pressing problem in your community?

#### VOTE96

Q3. Did you vote in the 1996 Presidential Election where Bill Clinton ran against Bob Dole and Ross Perot?
   - (1) Yes
   - (2) No
   - (3) DK
   - (4) NR

#### PRES96

Q4. **If YES:** Did you vote for Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, Ross Perot, or some other candidate?
   - (1) Bill Clinton
   - (2) Bob Dole
   - (3) Ross Perot
   - (4) Other
   - (5) NR
Please rate the job the following public officials are doing. Is their performance excellent, good, fair, or poor.

Q5. President Bill Clinton
   (1) Excellent
   (2) Good
   (3) Fair
   (4) Poor
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q6. Governor Jim Geringer
   (1) Excellent
   (2) Good
   (3) Fair
   (4) Poor
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q7. U.S. Senator Craig Thomas
   (1) Excellent
   (2) Good
   (3) Fair
   (4) Poor
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q8. U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
   (1) Excellent
   (2) Good
   (3) Fair
   (4) Poor
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q9. Congresswoman Barbara Cubin
   (1) Excellent
   (2) Good
   (3) Fair
   (4) Poor
   (5) DK
   (6) NR
Q10. What about the Wyoming State Legislators? How do you think they have performed in recent years?
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q11. What about Wyoming Judges? How do you think they have performed in recent years?
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q12. Now let's talk about the upcoming general election on November 7th. Are you registered to vote in the General Election?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

If YES, ask Questions 13-14:

Q13. Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or some other party?
(1) Republican
(2) Democrat
(3) Independent/Other
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q14. Do you plan to vote in the November 7th general election?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

If YES, ask Questions 15-20:
Q15. This year the candidates for President of the United States are Republican George W. Bush, Democrat Al Gore, Ralph Nader of the Green Party, and Pat Buchanan of the Reform Party. If the election were held today, would you vote for:
(1) George W. Bush
(2) Al Gore
(3) Ralph Nader
(4) Pat Buchanan
(5) Other candidate (volunteered)
(6) Will not vote (volunteered)
(7) DK
(8) NR

Q16. As you know, former Wyoming Congressman Dick Cheney is the Republican candidate for Vice President. Does having Cheney on the Republican ticket affect your vote for President of the United States? Would you say you are more likely to vote for the Republican ticket, less likely to vote for the Republican ticket, or would you say that it doesn't affect how you vote?
(1) More likely to vote Republican
(2) Less likely to vote Republican
(3) Vote not affected
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q17. Joe Lieberman, the Democratic candidate for Vice President, is the first person of the Jewish faith to be nominated for President or Vice President. Does having Lieberman on the Democratic Party ticket affect your vote for President of the United States? Would you say you are more likely to vote for the Democratic ticket, less likely to vote for the Democratic ticket, or would you say that it doesn't affect how you vote?
(1) More likely to vote Democratic
(2) Less likely to vote Democratic
(3) Vote not affected
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q18. In the race for the United States Senate, Republican Craig Thomas is running against Mel Logan, a Democrat. If the election was held today, would you vote for:
(1) Craig Thomas
(2) Mel Logan
(3) Other candidate (volunteered)
(4) Will not vote (volunteered)
(5) DK (volunteered)
(6) NR
Q19. What about the congressional election where Republican Barbara Cubin is running against Democrat Michael Green? If the election was held today, would you vote for:
(1) Barbara Cubin
(2) Michael Green
(3) Other Candidate (volunteered)
(4) Will not vote (volunteered)
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q20. What about the judicial retention elections, where a justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court is asking the voters to keep him in office? If the election was today, would you vote to keep Justice William Hill in office?
(1) Yes (retain)
(2) No (not retain)
(3) DK
(4) NR

Ask of all respondents:

I am going to read a list of words and phrases people use to describe political figures. For each, please tell me whether the word or phrase describes the candidate I name extremely well, quite well, not too well, or not well at all.

Q21. Think about Al Gore. The first word on our list is "intelligent." In your opinion does the word intelligent describe Gore extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?
(1) Extremely well
(2) Quite well
(3) Not too well
(4) Not well at all
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q22. "Shares my values":
(1) Extremely well
(2) Quite well
(3) Not too well
(4) Not well at all
(5) DK
(6) NR
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Regardless of which presidential candidate you support, please tell me if you think Al Gore or George W. Bush would better handle each of the following issues. How about . . .

Q31. The economy
   (1) Gore
   (2) Bush
   (3) Same (volunteered)
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q32. Taxes
   (1) Gore
   (2) Bush
   (3) Same (volunteered)
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q33. Social Security
   (1) Gore
   (2) Bush
   (3) Same (volunteered)
   (4) DK
   (5) NR
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<th>(2) Bush</th>
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<td>(1) Gore</td>
<td>(2) Bush</td>
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<td>Q36. Changing subjects now we would like to know how you feel about the following ideas concerning government in Washington and Cheyenne. How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right. Would you say just about always, most of the time, some of the time, or none of the time?</td>
<td>(1) Just about always</td>
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<td>Q37. Now for state government. How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Cheyenne to do what is right. Would you say just about always, most of the time, some of the time, or none of the time?</td>
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Q39. Would you say the government in Cheyenne is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?
(1) A few big interests
(2) For the benefit of all
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q40. Do you think the people in the federal government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?
(1) Waste a lot
(2) Waste some
(3) Don't waste much
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q41. Do you think the people in the state government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?
(1) Waste a lot
(2) Waste some
(3) Don't waste much
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q42. Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government in Washington are a little crooked, not very many are crooked, or do you think hardly any of them are a crooked?
(1) Quite a few are crooked
(2) Not very many are crooked
(3) Hardly any are crooked
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q43. Do you think that quite a few of the people running the state government in Cheyenne are a little crooked, not very many are crooked, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked?
(1) Quite a few are crooked
(2) Not very many are crooked
(3) Hardly any are crooked
(4) DK
(5) NR
Q44. During the past two years there has been a great deal in the news about President Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr, and the impeachment of the president by the House of Representatives. How important an issue do you think this situation has been to the nation--of great importance, of some importance, of very little importance, or of no importance?
(1) Great importance
(2) Some importance
(3) Very little importance
(4) No importance
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q45. From what you have read or heard, do you think the impeachment and Senate trail of President Clinton were handled in a fair and impartial manner, or do you think that this was partisan attack on the president by Republicans?
(1) Handled in a fair and impartial manner
(2) Partisan attack by Republicans
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q46. Do you think that in the future President Clinton will be remembered more for the accomplishments of his administration or more for the allegations about his personal life?
(1) Accomplishments of his administration
(2) Allegations about his personal life
(3) DK
(4) NR

Now I am going to give you several statements about government.

Q47. Have you or anyone in your family living here ever contacted you Wyoming State Representative
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q48. During the past twelve months, have you had any contact with a member of the Wyoming State Legislature in any way?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR
Q49. Do you have to remember the names of the candidates for the Wyoming state House of Representatives in Cheyenne who are running in the November election from this district?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q50. If Yes: Who are the candidates you remember?

Q51. Do you happen to remember the names of the candidates for the Wyoming state Senate in Cheyenne who are running in the November election from this district?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q52. If Yes: Who are the candidates you remember?

For the next two questions, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement, or don't have an opinion concerning the statement.

Q53. People like me don't have any say about what the federal government in Washington does.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR
Q54. People like me don't have any say about what the state government in Cheyenne does.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR

Our next set of questions concerns the University of Wyoming. In the past few years there has been discussion about the quality of the University of Wyoming and the size of the University of Wyoming budget. Various statements have been made during this debate and we would like to see what you think of each. Please tell me if you agree strongly, agree, disagree, strongly disagree or don't have an opinion on each.

Q55. Wyoming does not have the resources to pay for a university comparable to the best in surrounding states such as the University of Colorado, University of Nebraska, or the University of Utah.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q56. Considering what the University of Wyoming contributes to the state, the University is spending its budget wisely.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q57. The University should reduce the number of degree programs available to students.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR
Q58. In general, the University has steadily improved during the last several years.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q59. The University of Wyoming through various means offers university courses in many locations throughout the state. Have you heard or read anything about these outreach programs?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No (GO TO QUESTION 62)
   (3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 62)
   (4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 62)

Q60. **If YES:** Can you recall the names of any of these outreach programs?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No (GO TO QUESTION 62)
   (3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 62)
   (4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 62)

Q61. Would you rate these programs as excellent, good, fair, or poor or don't you have enough information to make a judgment?
   (1) Excellent
   (2) Good
   (3) Fair
   (4) Poor
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

**Ask of all respondents:** Next we turn to some economic issues.

Q62. First we are interested in how well people are getting along financially these days. During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, getting worse, or has it remained the same?
   (1) Getting better
   (2) Getting worse
   (3) Or has it remained the same
   (4) DK
   (5) NR
Q63. Looking ahead to the next year, do you think your financial situation will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?
(1) Get better
(2) Get worse
(3) Stay about the same
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q64. Now let's talk about the country as a whole. Would you say that over the past year the nation's economy has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?
(1) Gotten better
(2) Stayed the same
(3) Gotten worse
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q65. What about Wyoming? Would you say that over the past year Wyoming's economy has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?
(1) Gotten better
(2) Stayed the same
(3) Gotten worse
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q66. Do you think the economy of this state will improve within the next couple of years, within the next five years, within the next ten years, or may never improve?
(1) Next couple
(2) Next five years
(3) Next ten years
(4) May never
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q67. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's economy?
(1) Approve
(2) Disapprove
(3) DK
(4) NR
Q68. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jim Geringer is handling the state's economy?
(1) Approve
(2) Disapprove
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q69. In 1998, the state Legislature established the Wyoming Business Council. Have you heard or read anything about this organization?
(1) Yes
(2) No (GO TO QUESTION 71)
(3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 71)
(4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 71)

Q70. If Yes: In your opinion, how successful has the Wyoming Business Council been in improving the state's economy? Would you say very successful, somewhat successful, or not successful?
(1) Very successful
(2) Somewhat successful
(3) Not successful
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q71. Last week, were you employed outside the home, either part-time or full-time, were you unemployed or what?
(1) Not employed (GO TO QUESTION 74)
(2) Unemployed (GO TO QUESTION 74)
(3) Employed part-time
(4) Employed Full-time
(5) NR (GO TO QUESTION 74)

Q72. What is your job?
Industry

Q73. Job
Now we turn to the subject of public services and taxes in Wyoming.

**TAX**

Q74. Considering all the public services provided to you by state and local government programs, and considering all the taxes you pay, do you think state and local taxes in Wyoming are generally reasonable or do you think they are too high?
   (1) Generally reasonable
   (2) Too high
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Here is a question about state spending. As I read off a list of areas where state government does spend money, please tell me if you would increase state spending, leave it at present levels or decrease state spending.

**LAW**

Q75. Law enforcement and corrections
   (1) More
   (2) Same
   (3) Less
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

**PS**

Q76. Local public schools
   (1) More
   (2) Same
   (3) Less
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

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Q77. Community colleges
   (1) More
   (2) Same
   (3) Less
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

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Q78. Streets and highways
   (1) More
   (2) Same
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**If YES to any question between Q75 and Q82:**

| Q83. You indicated that you thought the state should spend for ____________.
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As you know, the Wyoming Constitution requires the state government to have a balanced budget. If taxes had to be increased to cover the cost of existing state programs, would you favor increasing the following taxes?

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Q92. Wyoming is one of few states that does not have a state tax individual incomes. In most states, the income tax ranges between two and six percent. Last year a bipartisan committee recommended the adoption of a state income tax to stabilize revenues and more fairly distribute the tax burden. How do you feel about this? Do you favor or oppose the adoption of a Wyoming state income tax?
(1) Favor (GO TO QUESTION 94)
(2) Oppose (ASK QUESTION 93)
(3) DK (ASK QUESTION 93)
(4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 94)

Q93. **If Oppose or DK:** Would you support a state income tax if another tax, such as the property tax or sales tax, was reduced at the same time?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q94. Again to another subject. We hear a lot of talk these days about "liberals" and "conservatives". Would you say your views are extremely liberal, liberal, slightly liberal, moderate--middle of the road, slightly conservative, conservative, or extremely conservative.
(1) Extremely liberal
(2) Liberal
(3) Slightly liberal
(4) Moderate -- middle of the road
(5) Slightly conservative
(6) Conservative
(7) Extremely conservative
(8) DK
(9) NR

Q95. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?
(1) Republican (GO TO QUESTION 96)
(2) Democrat (GO TO QUESTION 97)
(3) Independent (GO TO QUESTION 98)
(4) Other (GO TO QUESTION 99)
(5) DK (GO TO QUESTION 99)
(6) NR (GO TO QUESTION 99)

Q96. **If REPUBLICAN:** Would you consider yourself a strong or a not so strong Republican?
(1) Strong Republican
(2) Weak (Not so strong) Republican
(3) DK
Q97. **If DEMOCRAT:** Would you consider yourself a strong or a not so strong Democrat?
   (1) Strong Democrat
   (2) Weak (Not so strong) Democrat
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Please skip to question 99

Q98. **If INDEPENDENT:** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?
   (1) Leaning Republican
   (2) Independent
   (3) Leaning Democrat
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Summary measure of party identification

1. Strong Democrat  2. Weak Democrat  3. Lean Democrat

Now I would like to read you several statements. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

Q99. The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q100. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would make all abortions illegal.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR
Q101. The use of marijuana should be made legal.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q102. Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q103. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would permit
       organized prayers in public schools.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q104. People with serious illnesses should be able to purchase and use marijuana
       with a doctor's prescription.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q105. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally word for
       word.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR
Q106. The United States should use military force to stop terrorism in the world.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q107. As you know, some affirmative action programs are designed to give preferential treatment to women and racial minorities in such areas as getting jobs and promotions, obtaining contracts, and being admitted to schools. Do you generally approve or disapprove of such affirmative action programs?
   (1) Approve
   (2) Disapprove
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q108. Overall, do you think affirmative action programs for the past thirty years have helped women and racial minorities, hurt them, or had no effect on way or the other?
   (1) Helped
   (2) Hurt
   (3) Had no effect
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q109. In your view, are most people who receive welfare payments genuinely in need of help or are they taking advantage of the system?
   (1) Need the help
   (2) Taking advantage of the system
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q110. Another subject we would like to talk about is computers. First off, does your household have a personal computer? By personal computer I mean an IBM-compatible or Macintosh computer, or any other computer on which you can do more than simply play games?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No (GO TO QUESTION 124)
   (3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 124)
   (4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 124)

If YES, ask Q111-Q123:
Q111. The computer has allowed some people to work almost exclusively at home. Is there anyone in this household who either operates a business out of your home that requires a personal computer or who is employed, but is able because of the personal computer to do 90 percent or more of his or her work at home?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q112. Doing work-related activities at home?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q113. Keeping track of personal financial accounts?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q114. Helping adults learn different subjects?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q115. Children pursuing school assignments?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q116. Do you or anyone in your household use a personal computer at home to connect to the Internet?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No (GO TO QUESTION 124)
   (3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 124)
   (4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 124)

If YES, ask Q117-Q123:
Q117. During 2000, have you or anyone else in your household connect to any of the following information sources via the Internet? Local public schools?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q118. Local county library?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q119. A Wyoming community college library?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q120. University of Wyoming libraries?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q121. The Wyoming State Library?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q122. How often do you purchase goods via the Internet? Would you say you shop "on line" very often, not too often, or rarely?
(1) Very often
(2) Not too often
(3) Rarely
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q123. About how many hours a week would you say you or someone in your household is connected to the Internet from a home computer?
Q124. Now some questions on our educational system. Students are often given grades A, B, C, D and F for the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools in your community were graded in the same way. What grade would you give your local public school?

(1) A
(2) B
(3) C
(4) D
(5) F
(6) DK
(7) NR

Q125. What about the state's community colleges? What grade would you give them?

(1) A
(2) B
(3) C
(4) D
(5) F
(6) DK
(7) NR

Q126. What about the University of Wyoming? What grade would you give the University for the quality of its work?

(1) A
(2) B
(3) C
(4) D
(5) F
(6) DK
(7) NR

Q127. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally?

(1) A
(2) B
(3) C
(4) D
(5) F
(6) DK
(7) NR
Q128. In order to improve public education in America, some people think the focus should be on reforming the existing public school system. Others believe the focus should be on finding an alternative to the existing public school system. Which approach do you think is preferable--reforming the existing public school system or finding an alternative to the existing public school system?
   (1) Reforming the existing system
   (2) Finding an alternative
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q129. Which one of these two plans would you prefer -- improving and strengthening the existing public schools or providing vouchers for parents to use in selecting and paying for private and/or church-related schools?
   (1) Improving and strengthening existing schools
   (2) Providing vouchers
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q130. As you may know, charter schools operate under a charter or contract that frees them from many of the state regulations imposed on public schools and permits them to operate independently. Do you favor or oppose the idea of charter schools?
   (1) Favor
   (2) Oppose
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q131. In your opinion, which is the primary purpose of the schools -- to teach the basic subjects, such as English, math, and science, or to provide a balanced education in which the basics are only one factor?
   (1) Teach basic subjects
   (2) Provide a balanced education
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q132. In your opinion, is there too much emphasis on achievement testing in the public schools in your community, not enough emphasis on testing, or about the right amount?
   (1) Too much emphasis
   (2) Not enough emphasis
   (3) About the right amount
   (4) DK
   (5) NR
Q133. In your opinion, which is more important for the schools -- to prepare students for college or work, or to prepare students for effective citizenship?
(1) Prepare students for college or work
(2) Prepare students for effective citizenship
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q134. In general, where do you get most of your information about politics? Does it come from television, radio, newspapers, magazines, discussions with friends or some other source?
(1) Television
(2) Radio
(3) Newspapers
(4) Magazines
(5) Friends (GO TO QUESTION 136)
(6) Other sources (GO TO QUESTION 136)
(7) DK (GO TO QUESTION 136)
(8) NR (GO TO QUESTION 136)

If the response to Q134 is 1-4: Specifically, which (television station do you watch/radio station do you listen to/newspaper do you read/magazine do you read) most often for political news?

Q136. Are you a member of a church or religious group?
(1) Yes
(2) No (GO TO QUESTION 140)
(3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 140)
(4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 140)

Q137. What denomination is that? (Interviewer: Be Specific)

Q138. How often do you go to church? Would you say:
(1) Every week
(2) Almost every week
(3) Once or twice a month
(4) A few times a year
(5) Never
(6) DK
(7) NR
Q140. There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of these opinions best agrees with your view?
By law, abortion should never be permitted.
The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger.
They should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established.
By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice.
(1) By law, abortion should never be permitted
(2) Only in case of rape, incest, etc.
(3) Only after need is clearly established
(4) Abortion as personal choice
(5) DK
(6) NR

Now for the last set of questions, we would like to have some background material.

Q141. In what year were you born?
____________________

Q142. What was the last year or grade you completed in school?
(1) Grade School
(2) Some High School
(3) High School Graduate
(4) Some College
(5) Bachelor's degree
(6) Graduate or professional degree
(7) DK
(8) NR

Q143. Of which of the following groups do you consider yourself a member?
White/Caucasian, Black/AfroAmerican, Native American, Hispanic, Oriental.
(1) White
(2) Black
(3) Native American
(4) Hispanic
(5) Oriental
(6) DK
(7) NR
Q144. What is your marital status? Are You:
   (1) Married
   (2) Single  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (3) Separated/divorced  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (4) Widowed  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (5) DK  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (6) NR  (GO TO QUESTION 148)

Q145. **If YES:** Is your spouse employed outside the home?
   (1) Not employed  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (2) Retired  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (3) Student  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (4) Unemployed  (GO TO QUESTION 148)
   (5) Employed part-time  (ASK QUESTION 146-147)
   (6) Employed full-time  (ASK QUESTIONS 146-147)

Q146. What is your spouse's principle occupation? (Interviewer: write in first an industry from your code sheet, hit enter and type in a job)
   Industry

   ______________________________________________________________

Q147. Job

   ______________________________________________________________

Q148. Do you belong to a labor union?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q149. **If YES:** Does your spouse belong to a labor union?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Q150. Do you have school age children under age 18 who are living with you now?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
Q151. Finally, the very last question. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 1999. (Includes spouse's income if married)
(1) Under $10,000
(2) $10-20,000
(3) $20-30,000
(4) $30-40,000
(5) $40-50,000
(6) $50-60,000
(7) $60-70,000
(8) Over $70,000
(9) NR

Q152. Indicate sex of respondent.
(1) Male
(2) Female
Post-election Callback Questionnaire

**WASINT**

Q1. Do you recall being interviewed during the month prior to the November 7th General Election?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

*(IF NO OR DK THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE THE CALL)*

**DIDVOTE**

Q2. In talking with people about the election, we find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they were sick, or they didn't have time, or because they were not registered. How about you? Did you vote in the November 3th election?
   (1) Yes
   (2) No (GO TO QUESTION 10)
   (3) DK (GO TO QUESTION 10)
   (4) NR (GO TO QUESTION 10)

**PRESVOTE**

Q3. In the race for President of the United States, did you vote for:
   (1) George W. Bush
   (2) Al Gore
   (3) Ralph Nader
   (4) Pat Buchanan
   (5) Another candidate (volunteered)
   (6) Did not vote for president (volunteered)
   (7) DK (volunteered)
   (8) NR

**SENVOTE**

Q4. In the U.S. Senate race, did you vote for:
   (1) Craig Thomas
   (2) Mel Logan
   (3) Another candidate (volunteered)
   (4) Did not vote for senator (volunteered)
   (5) DK (volunteered)
   (6) NR

**CONGVOTE**

Q5. In the U.S. House race, did you vote for:
   (1) Barbara Cubin
   (2) Michael Green
   (3) Another candidate (volunteered)
   (4) Did not vote for representative (volunteered)
   (5) DK (volunteered)
   (6) NR
Q6. In the judicial races, Justice William Hill of the Wyoming Supreme Court stood for retention—that is, people voted on whether or not to keep him in office. Do you recall how you voted on Justice Hill? Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don’t you recall how you voted?
(1) Yes, to keep him
(2) Against keeping him
(3) Abstained on this question
(4) DK
(5) NR

Q7. Do you know Justice Hill personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
(1) Yes, know personally
(2) Yes, have heard or read about him
(3) Neither
(4) DK
(5) NR

Ask of all respondents:

Q8. Now we want to know how much people participated in political activities in the 2000 political campaign. Did you buy any tickets or give money to help the campaign for one of the parties or candidates?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q9. Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, dinners, or things like that?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q10. Did you do any other work for one of the parties or candidates?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q11. Did you talk to any people to try to show them why they should vote for one of the parties or candidates?
(1) Yes
(2) No
Q12. Did anyone call you up or come around and talk to you about supporting specific candidates in this last election?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Q13. As you know, the political parties try to talk to as many people as they can to get them to vote for their candidate. Did anyone from one of the political parties call you up or come around and talk to you about the campaign this year?
(1) Yes
(2) No
(3) DK
(4) NR

Now, we would like to know whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of these four statements.

Q14. It isn't important to vote when you know your party doesn't have a chance to win.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q15. Many local elections aren't important enough to bother with.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
(6) NR

Q16. So many people vote in the national elections that it doesn't matter much to me whether I vote or not.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
(5) DK
Q17. If a person doesn't care how an election comes out he or she shouldn't vote in it.
   (1) Strongly agree
   (2) Agree
   (3) Disagree
   (4) Strongly disagree
   (5) DK
   (6) NR

Q18. On another topic. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement or don't you have enough information to have an opinion?
   The University of Wyoming and the state's community colleges are working together to provide high quality college education for Wyoming students.
   (1) Agree
   (2) Disagree
   (3) DK
   (4) NR

Here are some questions about the different activities at the University of Wyoming. As I read the list of activities, please tell me if you think that the activities are over-emphasized, under-emphasized, or receive the right amount of emphasis.

Q19. Intercollegiate athletics
   (1) Over emphasized
   (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
   (3) Under emphasized
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q20. Undergraduate education
   (1) Over emphasized
   (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
   (3) Under emphasized
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q21. Graduate instruction
   (1) Over emphasized
   (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
   (3) Under emphasized
   (4) DK
   (5) NR
Q22. Faculty research
   (1) Over emphasized
   (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
   (3) Under emphasized
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q23. Off-campus instruction
   (1) Over emphasized
   (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
   (3) Under emphasized
   (4) DK
   (5) NR

Q24. UW services to groups outside Laramie
   (1) Over emphasized
   (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
   (3) Under emphasized
   (4) DK
   (5) NR