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WYOMING ELECTION YEAR SURVEY, 1996

The Wyoming Election Year Survey (WEYS) is statewide telephone poll conducted biennially by the Survey Research Center under the sponsorship of the Department of Political Science and the College of Arts and Sciences. A total of 608 respondents (selected at random) were included in the 1996 WEYS. The number of respondents in the Post-Election Survey is slightly lower (N=521) because some respondents declined to participate in the second survey or could not be reached. The Pre-Election Survey was conducted in late September. The Post-Election Survey was conducted in November. For convenience, "no opinion," "don't know," "refused to answer," and "no response" have been combined into a single "don't know/no response" (DK/NR) category.

<u>COUNTY</u>	
<u>PROBLEM</u>	
<u>VOTE92</u>	
<u>PRES92</u>	

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 | |

Most important problem facing this community.

8. Did you vote in the 1992 Presidential Election where Bill Clinton ran against George Bush and Ross Perot?
 (1) Yes - 83.7% (2) No - 16.1% (9) DK/NR - .2%
9. If YES: Did you vote for Bill Clinton, George Bush, Ross Perot, or some other candidate?
 (1) Clinton - 37.0% (2) Bush - 41.2% (3) Perot - 13.6%
 (4) Other - 2.1% (9) DK/NR - 6.1%

Please rate the job the following public officials are doing. Is their performance excellent, good, fair, or poor.

		<u>Excel</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK/NR</u>
<u>CLINTAPP</u>	10. President Bill Clinton?	4.3%	28.8%	39.5%	26.0%	1.5%
<u>NEWTAPP</u>	11. House Speaker Newt Gingrich?	5.9%	20.6%	37.8%	28.1%	7.6%
<u>GERAPP</u>	12. Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer?	7.4%	48.8%	29.1%	7.7%	6.9%
<u>SIMPAPP</u>	13. U.S. Senator Alan Simpson?	15.0%	47.0%	22.7%	10.2%	5.1%
<u>THOMAPP</u>	14. U.S. Senator Craig Thomas?	11.3%	41.1%	26.6%	10.9%	9.7%
<u>CUBINAPP</u>	15. U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Cubin?	6.6%	29.4%	28.8%	23.5%	11.7%
<u>LEGAPP</u>	16. Wyoming State Legislators?	1.8%	37.2%	39.8%	10.2%	11.0%
<u>JUDAPP</u>	17. Wyoming Judges?	3.0%	30.4%	29.4%	12.3%	24.8%
<u>REGVOTE</u>	18. Now let's talk about the upcoming general election on November 5th. Are you registered to vote in the General Election? (1) Yes - 84.4% (2) No - 14.5% (9) DK/NR - 1.2% [If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q32]					
	If YES, ask Questions 19-20:					
<u>REGPARTY</u>	19. Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or some other party? (1) Republican - 57.1% (2) Democrat - 30.0% (3) Independent/Other - 12.1% (9) DK/NR - .8%					
<u>PLANVOTE</u>	20. Do you plan to vote in the November 5th general election? (1) Yes - 98.6% (2) No - .2% (9) DK/NR - 1.2% [If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q32]					
	If YES, ask Questions 21-31:					
<u>PRESCHE</u>	21. In the race for Governor, Democrat Bill Clinton is running against Bob Dole, a Republican, and Ross Perot of the Reform Party. If the election were held today, would you vote for: (1) Bill Clinton - 39.7% (2) Bob Dole - 44.3%					

- (3) Ross Perot - 4.5%
- (9) DK/NR - 8.9%
- (4) Other candidate - 2.6%

SENCH

22. What about the Senate race? Republican Mike Enzi is running against Kathy Karpan, a Democrat, and Dave Herbert of the Libertarian Party. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

- (1) Mike Enzi - 45.8%
- (3) Dave Herbert - 2.6%
- (9) DK/NR - 7.5%
- (2) Kathy Karpan - 43.7%
- (4) Other Candidate - .4%

CONGCH

23. What about the Congressional election where Republican Barbara Cubin is running against Democrat Pete Maxfield and Libertarian David Dawson? If the election were held today, would you vote for:

- (1) Barbara Cubin - 47.8%
- (3) David Dawson - 3.4%
- (9) DK/NR - 14.6%
- (2) Pete Maxfield - 32.6%
- (4) Other Candidate - 1.6%

JUDRETM

24. What about the judicial retention elections where two state Supreme Court justices are asking the voters to keep them in office? If the elections were held today, would you vote to keep Justice Richard Macy in office?

- (1) Yes (retain) - 44.3%
- (9) DK/NR - 38.9%
- (2) No (not retain) - 16.8%

KNRM

25. Do you know Justice Macy personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?

- (1) Yes, know personally - 4.0%
- (2) Yes, has heard or read about him - 23.9%
- (3) Neither - 49.2%
- (9) DK/NR - 22.9%

JUDRETL

26. If the elections were held today, would you vote to keep Justice Larry Lehman in office?

- (1) Yes (retain) - 37.4%
- (9) DK/NR - 48.6%
- (2) No (not retain) - 14.0%

KNLL

27. Do you know Justice Lehman personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?

- (1) Yes, know personally - 2.6%
- (2) Yes, has heard or read about him - 17.4%
- (3) Neither - 54.9%
- (9) DK/NR - 25.1%

This year the voters of Wyoming are being asked to decide several issues in the November 5th election. We would like to know your opinions about some of these issues.

STOCKHRD

28. One proposal on the ballot concerns investing state funds in the stock market. Have your read or heard about this proposal?

- (1) Yes - 70.8%
 - (2) No - 28.1%
 - (3) DK/NR - 1.2%
- [If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q32)

STOCKCH

29. If YES: This proposal would amend the Wyoming Constitution to allow the state treasurer to invest state funds in the stock market as a way of increasing state revenue. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?

- (1) Vote for this proposal - 41.1%
- (2) Vote against the proposal - 50.6%
- (9) DK/NR - 8.4%

TERMHRD

30. Another ballot proposal is a referendum on the number of terms state legislators may serve. Have you read or heard about this proposal?

- (1) Yes - 82.2%
 - (2) No - 16.4%
 - (9) DK/NR - 1.4%
- [If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q)

TERMCH

31. If YES: This referendum seeks to repeal a law passed by the State Legislature extending the maximum time a person may serve in the Wyoming House of Representatives from six years to twelve years. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?

- (1) Vote for this proposal - 46.9%
- (2) Vote against the proposal - 50.5%
- (9) DK/NR - 2.6%

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 or not well at all.

CLINTINT

32. Think about Bill Clinton. The first word on our list is "intelligent." In your opinion does the word intelligent describe Clinton extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

- (1) Extremely well - 18.9%
- (2) Quite well - 51.6%
- (3) Not too well - 18.4%
- (4) Not well at all - 9.4%
- (9) DK/NR - 1.6%

CLINTTG

33. "Can make tough decisions":

- (1) Extremely well - 6.3%
- (2) Quite well - 43.1%
- (3) Not too well - 31.4%
- (4) Not well at all - 16.4%
- (9) DK/NR - 2.8%

CLINTCARE

34. "Care about people like me":

- (1) Extremely well - 9.9%
- (2) Quite well - 34.7%
- (3) Not too well - 31.1%
- (4) Not well at all - 20.1%
- (9) DK/NR - 4.3%

CLINTTRST

35. "Trustworthy":

- (1) Extremely well - 4.6%
- (2) Quite well - 24.8%
- (3) Not too well - 30.1%
- (4) Not well at all - 36.2%
- (9) DK/NR - 4.3%

DOLEINT

36. Now think about Bob Dole. Does the word intelligent describe Dole extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?

- (1) Extremely well - 16.6%
- (2) Quite well - 30.0%
- (3) Not too well - 15.3%
- (4) Not well at all - 4.9%
- (9) DK/NR - 3.1%

DOLETG

37. "Can make tough decisions":

- (1) Extremely well - 14.0%
- (2) Quite well - 50.5%
- (3) Not too well - 18.6%
- (4) Not well at all - 6.4%
- (9) DK/NR - 10.5%

<u>DOLECARE</u>	38. "Care about people like me": (1) Extremely well - 9.0% (3) Not too well - 26.0% (9) DK/NR - 9.5%	(2) Quite well - 36.3% (4) Not well at all - 19.1%
<u>DOLETRST</u>	39. "Trustworthy": (1) Extremely well - 18.3% (3) Not too well - 17.4% (9) DK/NR - 7.9%	(2) Quite well - 45.6% (4) Not well at all - 10.9%
<u>PEROTINT</u>	40. What about Ross Perot? Does the word "intelligent" describe Perot extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all? (1) Extremely well - 24.0% (3) Not too well - 18.8% (9) DK/NR - 5.9%	(2) Quite well - 40.1% (4) Not well at all - 11.2%
<u>PEROTTG</u>	41. "Can make tough decisions": (1) Extremely well - 12.8% (3) Not too well - 23.8% (9) DK/NR - 12.2%	(2) Quite well - 37.3% (4) Not well at all - 13.8%
<u>PEROTCARE</u>	42. "Care about people like me": (1) Extremely well - 5.4% (3) Not too well - 30.4% (9) DK/NR - 12.2%	(2) Quite well - 27.6% (4) Not well at all - 24.3%
<u>PEROTTRS</u>	43. "Trustworthy": (1) Extremely well - 3.9% (3) Not too well - 32.6% (9) DK/NR - 13.5%	(2) Quite well - 27.8% (4) Not well at all - 22.2%
<u>GOVTRUST</u>	44. 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? (1) Just about always - .8% (3) Some of the time - 70.1% (9) DK/NR - 1.3%	(2) Most of the time - 17.1% (4) None of the time - 10.7%
<u>WYOTRUST</u>	45. 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? (1) Just about always - 3.5% (3) Some of the time - 43.1% (9) DK/NR - 1.2%	(2) Most of the time - 49.8% (4) None of the time - 2.5%
<u>GOVINT</u>	46. Would you say the government in Washington is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people? (1) A few big interests - 82.1% (2) For the benefit of all - 12.3%	

(9) DK/NR - 5.6%

WYOINT

47. 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 - 34.5%
(2) For the benefit of all - 58.4% (9) DK/NR - 7.1%

GOVWASTE

48. 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 - 82.7% (2) Waste some - 15.8%
(3) Don't waste much - .5% (9) DK/NR - 1.0%

WYOWASTE

49. 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 - 22.5% (2) Waste some - 57.6%
(3) Don't waste much - 16.4% (9) DK/NR - 3.5%

GOVCROOK

50. 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 - 51.2%
(2) Not very many are crooked - 40.3%
(3) Hardly any are crooked - 5.9%
(9) DK/NR - 2.6%

WYOCROOK

51. 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 - 10.4%
(2) Not very many are crooked - 52.0%
(3) Hardly any are crooked - 33.1%
(9) DK/NR - 4.6%

Now I am going to give you several statements about government policies. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement, or don't have an opinion concerning the statement.

GOVSAY

52. People like me don't have any say about what the federal government in Washington does.

- (1) Strongly agree - 21.9% (2) Agree - 41.4%
(3) Disagree - 28.9% (4) Strongly disagree - 5.8%
(9) DK/NR - 2.0%

WYOSAY

53. People like me don't have any say about what the state government in Cheyenne does.

- (1) Strongly agree - 6.3% (2) Agree - 28.5%
(3) Disagree - 52.1% (4) Strongly disagree - 10.9%
(9) DK/NR - 2.3%

MILSTR

54. The best way to ensure peace is through military strength.

- (1) Strongly agree - 15.1% (2) Agree - 45.7%
(3) Disagree - 28.9% (4) Strongly disagree - 5.8%
(9) DK/NR - 4.4%

UN

55. The United States should rely on the United Nations for dealing with most international crises around the world.
(1) Strongly agree - 7.9% (2) Agree - 46.4%
(3) Disagree - 28.3% (4) Strongly disagree - 12.5%
(9) DK/NR - 4.9%

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.

UWRES

56. 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 - 5.9% (2) Agree - 27.1%
(3) Disagree - 42.6% (4) Strongly disagree - 12.3%
(9) DK/NR - 12.0%

UWSPEND

57. Considering what the University of Wyoming contributes to the state, the University is spending its budget wisely.
(1) Strongly agree - 5.6% (2) Agree - 50.2%
(3) Disagree - 16.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.8%
(9) DK/NR - 25.0%

UWDEGREE

58. The University should reduce the number of degree programs available to students.
(1) Strongly agree - 1.6% (2) Agree - 8.1%
(3) Disagree - 50.8% (4) Strongly disagree - 23.4%
(9) DK/NR - 16.1%

UWIMP

59. In general, the University has steadily improved during the last several years.
(1) Strongly agree - 6.9% (2) Agree - 46.5%
(3) Disagree - 13.3% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.0%
(9) DK/NR - 31.3%

UWOR

60. 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 - 74.5% (2) No - 18.9% (9) DK/NR - 6.6%
[If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q63]

UWORREC

61. If YES: Can you recall the names of any of these outreach programs?
(1) Yes - 51.9% (2) No - 4.37% (9) DK/NR - 4.4%
[If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q63]

UWORQU

62. Would you rate these programs as excellent, good, fair, or poor or don't you have enough information to make a judgment?
(1) Excellent - 21.7% (2) Good - 44.3%
(3) Fair - 8.5% (4) Poor - 2.1% (9) DK/NR - 23.4%

Now a few questions on the Wyoming Legislature.

LEGDIS

63. In 1992 the Wyoming Legislature decided to create single-member districts, that is only one senator and one representative can be elected from a district. How do you feel about this change? Was this a good change or should the legislature have retained the practice of allowing several representatives and senators to be elected from a single district?
- (1) Change to single member districts was good - 44.6%
 - (2) Should have retained multi-member districts - 40.5%
 - (9) DK/NR - 15.0%

LEGINF

64. In each session of the Wyoming Legislature, legislators consider a variety of issues. Do you think that citizens in this county are informed about issues that might affect them? Would you say they are almost always informed, sometimes informed or seldom informed?
- (1) Almost always - 25.0%
 - (2) Sometimes - 51.3%
 - (3) Seldom - 21.4%
 - (9) DK/NR - 2.3%

LEGKNOW

65. How often do you think the legislators who represent your area in the Wyoming Legislature know how you and other citizens feel about issues. Do they almost always know, sometimes know or seldom know?
- (1) Almost always - 20.6%
 - (2) Sometimes - 53.8%
 - (3) Seldom - 22.4%
 - (9) DK/NR - 3.3%

LEGCONF

66. If your legislator's personal opinion about a bill conflicted with what he or she thought citizens in the district wanted, what do you think the legislator should do? Should the legislator do what he or she thought was best, support the citizens' view or would it depend on the situation?
- (1) Do what he/she thought was best - 5.8%
 - (2) Support citizens' view - 43.3%
 - (3) Depends on the situation - 48.2%
 - (9) DK/NR - 2.8%

LEGLAW

67. Suppose a law were being considered by the state legislature that you considered to be very unjust or harmful. If you made an effort to change this regulation, how likely is it that you would succeed? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?
- (1) Very likely - 5.1%
 - (2) Somewhat likely - 38.7%
 - (3) Not too likely - 31.9%
 - (4) Not likely at all - 19.7%
 - (9) DK/NR - 4.6%

LEGINV

68. If such a case arose, how likely is it that you could take the time to get involved? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?
- (1) Very likely - 24.7%
 - (2) Somewhat likely - 39.5%
 - (3) Not too likely - 20.2%
 - (4) Not likely at all - 12.5%
 - (9) DK/NR - 3.1%

Next we turn to some economic issues.

FINANCE

69. 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 - 26.6%
 - (2) Getting worse - 32.1%
 - (3) Remained the same - 40.3%
 - (9) DK/NR - 1.0%

FINFUT

70. 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 - 27.5% | (2) Get worse - 16.6% |
| (3) Stay about the same - 54.1% | (9) DK/NR - 1.8% |

CONTCOND

71. Now let's talk about the country as a whole. Would you say that over the past year the nations' economy has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?
- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Gotten better - 34.9% | (2) Stayed the same - 31.4% |
| (3) Gotten worse - 31.9% | (9) DK/NR - 1.8% |

FINWYO

72. 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 - 26.2% | (2) Stayed the same - 44.6% |
| (3) Gotten worse - 26.0% | (9) DK/NR - 3.3% |

FINIMP

73. 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 - 20.2% | (2) Next five years - 36.8% |
| (3) Next ten years - 14.6% | (4) May never - 14.8% |
| (9) DK/NR - 13.5% | |

Now I want to ask you a few questions about the federal budget deficit, the amount government borrows each year to meet expenses that it could not otherwise pay for.

DEFICIT

74. Some people say the federal budget deficit is a serious problem for the nation's economy. Others say the deficit may become a serious problem in the future, but that it is not one now. How about you? Do you think the deficit is a very serious problem now, a serious problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at this time?
- | |
|--|
| (1) A very serious problem now - 63.5% |
| (2) A serious problem - 23.8% |
| (3) A minor problem - 9.5% |
| (4) Not a problem at this time - 2.2% |
| (9) DK/NR - 1.2% |

DEFBLAME

75. President Clinton and Congressional leaders have blamed each other for the size of the federal budget deficit. Who do you think is chiefly responsible? Is it the Clinton administration, the Congress or are the President and Congress equally to blame?
- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) President Clinton - 8.6% | (2) Congress - 17.4% |
| (3) Equally to blame - 67.6% | (9) DK/NR - 6.4% |

DOLE15

76. Bob Dole has proposed a federal tax cut of 15 percent. He argues that this tax cut would stimulate the economy and thus not increase the size of the federal government's budget deficit. President Clinton argues that Dole's tax cut proposal would increase the federal budget deficit. What about you? Do you think that Dole's proposed tax cut will reduce the federal budget deficit, make the deficit worse or won't affect the deficit either way?
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|---|
| (1) Reduce the federal budget deficit - 15.1% |
| (2) Make the deficit worse - 39.5% |
| (3) Won't affect the deficit either way - 26.8% |
| (9) DK/NR - 18.6% |

FAM15

77. How do you think Dole's proposal will affect your family's financial situation? Will your family be better off, worse off or remain about the same if the tax cut is adopted?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Better off - 28.6% | (2) Worse off - 13.5% |
| (3) Remain the same - 44.2% | (9) DK/NR - 13.7% |

EMP

78. Last week, were you employed outside the home, either part-time or full-time, were you unemployed or what?
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|--------------------------------|
| (1) Not employed - 22.0% |
| (2) Unemployed - 4.8% |
| (3) Employed part-time - 11.5% |
| (4) Employed Full-time - 59.4% |
| (9) DK/NR - 2.3% |
- [If "Not employed," "Unemployed" or "DK/NR" go to Q81]

JOBINDUS

79. What is your job?

JOBCODE

80. Job type.

I am now going to read a couple of statements about health care in the United States. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree with each statement or if you don't have an opinion.

HLTHREG

81. If the federal government increases regulation of the health-care industry, costs will only increase.
- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree - 14.8% | (2) Agree - 48.8% |
| (3) Disagree - 24.7% | (4) Strongly disagree - 2.3% |
| (9) DK/NR - 9.4% | |

HLTHPROB

82. The cost of health care is a major problem for me and my family.
- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree - 21.7% | (2) Agree - 40.6% |
| (3) Disagree - 34.2% | (4) Strongly disagree - .8% |
| (9) DK/NR - 2.6% | |

TAX

83. Now we turn to the subject of public services and taxes in Wyoming. 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 - 83.2% |
| (2) Too high - 15.0% |
| (9) DK/NR - 1.8% |

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.

		<u>More</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>DK/NR</u>
<u>LAW</u>	84. Law enforcement and corrections	50.0%	42.9%	5.3%	1.8%
<u>PS</u>	85. Local public schools	66.1%	28.9%	3.3%	1.6%
<u>CC</u>	86. Community colleges	47.9%	43.1%	3.8%	5.3%
<u>ROADS</u>	87. Streets and highways	35.5%	58.6%	3.8%	2.1%
<u>UWYO</u>	88. University of Wyoming	46.2%	41.8%	4.4%	7.6%
<u>ECON</u>	89. State economic development	35.9%	42.9%	11.0%	10.2%
<u>WATER</u>	90. Water Development	31.6%	53.0%	6.9%	8.6%
<u>HEALTH</u>	91. Health and social services	36.7%	46.1%	13.7%	3.6%

TAXINC

[If answered "more" to Q84-Q91 ask Q92, otherwise skip to Q93]

92. You indicated that you thought the state should spend for _____ (indicate items respondent wishes more spending on). Would you be willing to have state taxes increased to cover these spending increases?
 (1) Yes - 64.4% (2) No - 28.6% (9) DK/NR - 6.9%

OK. It is generally agreed that next year income from current taxes will not cover the cost of existing state programs. If taxes had to be increased, would you favor increasing the following taxes?

CIG

	Yes	No	DK/NR
93. Cigarettes	82.6%	14.8%	2.6%

GAS

94. Gasoline	42.1%	56.4%	1.5%
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BEER

95. Beer	82.1%	15.8%	2.1%
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SALES

96. Sales tax	42.9%	54.6%	2.5%
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PROP

97. Property tax	17.9%	78.5%	3.6%
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HARD

98. Hard liquor	85.7%	12.8%	1.5%
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WINE

99. Wine	84.9%	13.3%	1.8%
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SEV

100. Severance	45.6%	39.0%	15.5%
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IDEOLOGY

101. 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 - .7% (2) Liberal - 6.6%
 (3) Slightly liberal - 9.0% (4) Moderate - 32.1%
 (5) Slightly conservative - 16.8% (6) Conservative - 25.8%
 (7) Extremely conservative - 5.4% (9) DK/NR - 3.6%

PII

102. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?
 (1) Republican - 39.6% (2) Democrat - 20.4%
 (3) Independent - 31.1% (4) Other - 4.8%

(9) DK/NR - 4.1%
 [If "Democrat" go to Q104)
 [If "Independent" go to Q105)
 [If "Other" or "DK/NR" go to Q106)

PI2

103. If REPUBLICAN: Would you consider yourself a strong or a not so strong Republican?
 (1) Strong Republican - 44.4%
 (2) Weak (Not so strong) Republican - 50.2%
 (9) DK/NR - 5.4%

PI3

104. If DEMOCRAT: Would you consider yourself a strong or a not so strong Democrat?
 (1) Strong Democrat - 44.4%
 (2) Weak (Not so strong) Democrat - 51.6%
 (9) DK/NR - 4.0%

PI4

105. If INDEPENDENT: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?
 (1) Leaning Republican - 36.0% (2) Independent - 18.5%
 (3) Leaning Democrat - 38.6% (9) DK/NR - 6.9%

Composite party identification:

- (1) Strong Democrat - 9.0% (2) Weak Democrat - 10.5%
 (3) Leaning Democratic - 12.0% (4) Independent - 5.8%
 (5) Leaning Republican - 11.2% (6) Weak Republican - 19.9%
 (7) Strong Republican - 17.6% (9) DK/NR/missing - 14.0%

PARTYID

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

GUN

106. The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.
 (1) Strongly agree - 11.0%
 (2) Agree - 29.8%
 (3) Disagree - 39.0%
 (4) Strongly disagree - 16.4%
 (9) DK/NR - 3.8%

ABORT

107. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would make all abortions illegal.
 (1) Strongly agree - 7.1% (2) Agree - 15.1%
 (3) Disagree - 45.7% (4) Strongly disagree - 28.3%
 (9) DK/NR - 3.8%

MURDER

108. Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty.
 (1) Strongly agree - 19.7% (2) Agree - 47.0%
 (3) Disagree - 23.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.5%
 (9) DK/NR - 7.4%

PRAYER

109. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would permit organized prayers in public schools.
 (1) Strongly agree - 7.6% (2) Agree - 44.4%
 (3) Disagree - 33.9% (4) Strongly disagree - 9.4%
 (9) DK/NR - 4.8%

WYOCLS

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

- (1) Strongly agree - 12.8%
- (2) Agree - 58.7%
- (3) Disagree - 21.5%
- (4) Strongly disagree - 3.8%
- (9) DK/NR - 3.1%

BIBLE

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

- (1) Strongly agree - 10.0%
- (2) Agree - 28.1%
- (3) Disagree - 42.3%
- (4) Strongly disagree - 12.0%
- (9) DK/NR - 7.6%

IMMIG

112. There has been a lot of discussion recently about immigration. In your view, should immigration be kept as its present level, increased or decreased?

- (1) Kept as its present level - 36.7%
- (2) Increased - 4.4%
- (3) Decreased - 54.8%
- (9) DK/NR - 4.1%

PAIMMIG

113. What about illegal immigrants--citizens of other countries who are not legally allowed to live in the United States. Would favor or oppose a proposal to eliminate all forms of public assistance, including education, and health benefits to all illegal immigrants and their children?

- (1) Favor - 67.6%
- (2) Oppose - 24.8%
- (9) DK/NR - 7.6%

AFFIRM

114. 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 - 31.4%
- (2) Disapprove - 63.2%
- (9) DK/NR - 5.4%

AFFHELP

115. 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 - 63.8%
- (2) Hurt - 14.3%
- (3) Had no effect - 13.8%
- (9) DK/NR - 8.1%

WELFARE

116. 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 - 31.1%
- (2) Taking advantage of the system - 56.9%
- (9) DK/NR - 12.0%

INDTRF

117. There have been a number of discussions and proposals to transfer federal lands to the states. These proposals include some of the national forests or Bureau of Land Management lands in western states like Wyoming. Which of the following statements best represents your opinion regarding these proposals:

- (1) I support land transfers under any conditions - 15.3%
- (2) I support land transfers only if state management agencies have to comply with all existing federal environmental laws - 50.5%
- (3) I do not support land transfers under any conditions - 24.3%
- (9) DK/NR - 9.9%

SELLHRD

118. During the past couple of years, there has been considerable controversy in Wyoming over whether or not the state should sell land now owned by the state to private individuals. Have you heard about this controversy?

(1) Yes - 69.2% (2) No - 26.5% (9) DK/NR - 4.3%

[If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q120]

SELLFAV

119. If YES: A current proposal concerning state lands is that state government should slow down or stop the sale of state lands to private individuals. Would you favor or oppose this proposal or don't you have an opinion?

(1) Favor - 65.1% (2) Oppose - 23.0% (9) DK/NR - 11.9%

PS

120. Now three 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 - 22.2% (2) B - 46.5% (3) C - 18.1%
(4) D - 5.1% (5) F - 1.5% (9) DK/NR - 6.6%

COMCL

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

(1) A - 23.8% (2) B - 48.2% (3) C - 12.7%
(4) D - 1.0% (5) F - .7% (9) DK/NR - 13.7%

UW

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

(1) A - 23.4% (2) B - 44.2% (3) C - 14.6%
(4) D - 2.1% (5) F - .3% (9) DK/NR - 15.3%

MOSTINFO

123. 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 - 32.7% (2) Radio - 8.1%
(3) Newspapers - 41.3% (4) Magazines - 3.3%
(5) Friends - 5.9% (6) Other sources - 5.9%
(9) DK/NR - 2.8%

[If "Friends," "Other sources," or "DK/NR" go to Q125]

MMCH

LIST TV,NEWSPAPER, RADIO, OR TV

COMP

125. 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 - 49.5% (2) No - 48.7% (9) DK/NR - 1.8%

[If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q141]

COMPTYPE

126. What kind of computer does your household have? Is it an IBM-compatible compute, Apple Macintosh, a different type of Apple computer, or another type of computer?

(1) IBM Compatible - 69.8% (2) Apple Macintosh - 17.6%
(3) Other Apple - 2.3% (4) All other types - 9.0%
(9) DK/NR - 1.3%

<u>COMP HOM</u>	127.	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 - 18.3% (2) No - 79.7% (9) DK/NR - 2.0%
<u>COMP GAM</u>	128.	I would like to read you a short list of things that people do with home computers. After I read each item, please tell me if you or anyone in your household uses your computer for that purpose: Playing computer video games? (1) Yes - 69.4% (2) No - 30.2% (9) DK/NR - .3%
<u>COMP WP</u>	129.	Word processing? (1) Yes - 93.4% (2) No - 6.3% (9) DK/NR - .3%
<u>COMP WR</u>	130.	Doing work-related activities at home? (1) Yes - 77.7% (2) No - 21.9% (9) DK/NR - .3%
<u>COMP FIN</u>	131.	Keeping track of personal financial accounts? (1) Yes - 60.1% (2) No - 39.2% (9) DK/NR - .7%
<u>COMP LRN</u>	132.	Helping adults learn different subjects? (1) Yes - 40.5% (2) No - 58.5% (9) DK/NR - 1.0%
<u>COMP SCH</u>	133.	Children pursuing school assignments? (1) Yes - 56.8% (2) No - 42.9% (9) DK/NR - .3%
<u>COMP NET</u>	134.	Do you or anyone in your household use a personal computer at home to connect to the Internet? (1) Yes - 34.6% (2) No - 65.1% (9) DK/NR - .3%
<u>NETSCH</u>	135.	During 1996, have you or anyone else in your household connect to any of the following information sources via the Internet? Local public schools? (1) Yes - 8.3% (2) No - 89.7% (9) DK/NR - 2.0%
<u>NETLOCLB</u>	136.	Local county library? (1) Yes - 11.6% (2) No - 85.7% (9) DK/NR - 2.7%
<u>NETCCLB</u>	137.	A Wyoming community college library? (1) Yes - 8.3% (2) No - 88.7% (9) DK/NR - 3.0%
<u>NETUWLB</u>	138.	University of Wyoming libraries? (1) Yes - 16.3% (2) No - 81.1% (9) DK/NR - 2.7%
<u>NETWYLB</u>	139.	The Wyoming State Library? (1) Yes - 5.6% (2) No - 92.0% (9) DK/NR - 2.3%
<u>NETHR</u>	140.	About how many hours a week would you say you or someone in your household is connected to the Internet from a home computer? Mean number of hours = 5.7 Median number of hours = 3.0

SAFE

141. Here is a question about your community. Some people are fearful for their personal safety while others have said that Wyoming is one of the safest places in this country to live. What about you? How safe to you feel living in your community: very safe, reasonably safe, somewhat safe, or very unsafe?
- (1) Very safe - 61.8% (2) Reasonably safe - 33.7%
(3) Somewhat safe - 3.9% (4) Very unsafe - .2%
(9) DK/NR - .3%

RELIGION

142. Are you a member of a church or religious group?
- (1) Yes - 64.5% (2) No - 33.9% (9) DK/NR - 1.6%
[If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q145]

DENOM

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

144. How often do you go to church? Would you say:
- (1) Every week - 36.7%
(2) Almost every week - 17.3%
(3) Once or twice a month - 19.1%
(4) A few times a year - 21.9%
(5) Never - 3.1%
(9) DK/NR - 1.8%

ABORTATT

145. 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 - 5.4%
(2) Only in case of rape, incest, etc. - 31.3%
(3) Only after need is clearly established - 16.4%
(4) Abortion as personal choice - 43.8%
(9) DK/NR - 3.1%

BIRTHYR
AGE

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

146. In what year were you born?
Median year = 1951 Mean age = 46.8 Median age = 45

EDUC

147. What was the last year or grade you completed in school?
- (1) Grade School - .5%
(2) Some High School - 3.8%
(3) High School Graduate - 29.8%
(4) Some College - 32.9%
(5) Bachelor's degree - 20.6%
(6) Graduate or professional degree - 11.7%
(9) DK/NR - .8%

RACE

148. Of which of the following groups do you consider yourself a member? White/Caucasian, Black/AfroAmerican, Native American, Hispanic, Oriental.
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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) White - 93.9% | (2) Black - .3% |
| (3) Native American - 1.3% | (4) Hispanic - 3.1% |
| (5) Oriental - .5% | (9) DK/NR - .8% |

MARRIED

149. What is your marital status? Are You:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Married - 66.9% | (2) Single - 16.4% | |
| (3) Separated/divorced - 10.0% | (4) Widowed - 6.1% | (5) Other - .5% |

SPEMP
SPOCCU
SPJOB

150. If YES: Is your spouse employed outside the home?
- | |
|--------------------------------|
| (1) Not employed - 11.3% |
| (2) Retired - 13.3% |
| (3) Student - .5% |
| (4) Unemployed - 2.0% |
| (5) Employed part-time - 9.8% |
| (6) Employed full-time - 63.1% |
| (9) DK/NR - .0% |

UNION1

153. Do you belong to a labor union?
- | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Yes - 7.4% | (2) No - 91.9% | (9) DK/NR - .7% |
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UNION2

154. If married: Does your spouse belong to a labor union?
- | | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| (1) Yes - 9.6% | (2) No - 89.4% | (9) DK/NR - 1.0% |
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CHILD18

155. Do you have school age children under age 18 who are living with you now?
- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Yes - 61.3% | (2) No - 38.7% | (9) DK/NR - .0% |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
- [If "No" or "DK/NR" go to Q160)

CHILDEE

156. If YES: Do you have children in elementary school
- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Yes - 50.2% | (2) No - 49.4% | (9) DK/NR - .4% |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|

CHILDJH

157. In junior high or middle school?
- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Yes - 40.0% | (2) No - 59.1% | (9) DK/NR - .9% |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|

CHILDHS

158. In high school?
- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| (1) Yes - 46.0% | (2) No - 52.8% | (9) DK/NR - 1.3% |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|

CHILDCOL

159. Do you have a child under 18 living at home who attends college?
- | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Yes - 4.7% | (2) No - 94.5% | (9) DK/NR - .9% |
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160. Finally, the very last question.

INCOME

Would you tell me what your total family income was in 1995. (Includes spouse's income if married)

- (1) Under \$10,000 - 5.4%
- (2) \$10-20,000 - 11.2%
- (3) \$20-30,000 - 15.5%
- (4) \$30-40,000 - 14.8%
- (5) \$40-50,000 - 11.2%
- (6) \$50-60,000 - 8.4%
- (7) \$60-70,000 - 5.3%
- (8) Over \$70,000 - 8.2%
- (9) DK/NR - 20.1%

SEX

161. Sex of respondent

- (1) Male - 48.2%
- (2) Female - 51.8%

Post-Election Survey
(N=521)

WASINT

1. Do you recall being interviewed during the two weeks prior to the November 5th General Election?

- (1) Yes - 95.8%
- (2) No - 3.5%
- (9) DK/NR - .8%

(If "No" or "Don't know" the call was terminated)

DIDVOTE

2. 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 5th election?

- (1) Yes - 82.2%
- (2) No - 16.8%
- (9) DK/NR - 1.0%

(Questions 3-7 asked of those responding "YES" to question 2.)

PRESVOTE

3. In the U.S. Presidential race, did you vote for:

- (1) Bill Clinton - 35.9%
- (2) Bob Dole - 45.9%
- (3) Ross Perot - 9.3%
- (4) Another candidate - 2.0%
- (5) Did not vote - 1.2%
- (9) DK/NR - 5.8%

SENVOTE

4. In the U.S. Senate race, did you vote for:

- (1) Kathy Karpan - 40.2%
- (2) Mike Enzi - 49.8%
- (3) David Herbert - 2.0%
- (4) Another candidate - 1.0%
- (5) Did not vote - .5%
- (9) DK/NR - 6.6%

CONGVOTE

5. In the U.S. House race, did you vote for:

- (1) Pete Maxfield - 37.1%
- (2) Barbara Cubin - 51.7%
- (3) David Dawson - 1.7%
- (4) Another candidate - .7%
- (5) Did not vote - 1.7%
- (9) DK/NR - 7.1%

MACYVOTE

- 6. In the judicial races, Justice Richard Macy 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 Macy? 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 - 57.6%
 - (2) Against keeping him - 16.8%
 - (3) Abstained - 10.7%
 - (9) DK/NR - 14.9%

LEHVOTE

- 7. In another judicial race, Justice Larry Lehman of the Wyoming Supreme court stood for retention. Do you recall how you voted on Justice Lehman? 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 - 56.6%
 - (2) Against keeping him - 17.8%
 - (3) Abstained - 11.7%
 - (9) DK/NR - 13.9%

(Questions 8-11 were asked of all respondents)

PART1

- 8. Now we want to know how much people participated in political activities in the 1996 political campaign.

Did you buy any tickets or give money to help the campaign for one of the parties or candidates?

PART2

- (1) Yes -17.2% (2) No - 81.2% (9) DK/NR - 1.6%

PART3

- 9. Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, dinners, or things like that?

- (1) Yes - 13.6% (2) No - 85.4% (9) DK/NR - 1.0%

PART4

- 10. Did you do any other work for one of the parties or candidates?

- (1) Yes - 6.4% (2) No - 92.6% (9) DK/NR - 1.0%

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

- (1) Yes - 40.9% (2) No - 58.1% (9) DK/NR - 1.0%

- 12. We would like to read you some statements about University of Wyoming programs. For each statement we will ask you if you strongly agree, agree, are neutral, disagree or strongly disagree with the statement.

UWQUAL

The University of Wyoming provides quality education for students.

UWRES

The University of Wyoming conducts research and provides technical assistance that enhances the Wyoming economy.

UWPEREP

The University of Wyoming does a good job preparing students for productive careers following graduation.

UWTEAM

Winning athletic teams increases pride and support for the University throughout the state.

UWLEAD

The University of Wyoming trains future leaders for Wyoming.

UWTUIT

The University of Wyoming provides a good education for the amount of tuition student pay.

UWINFO

Now we would like to ask about where you receive most of you information about the University of Wyoming. Is it from:

1. Personal knowledge
2. Family members
3. Friends
4. Newspaper, radio or TV
5. DK/NA

UWATHATT

Do you attend athletic events on the UW campus in Laramie?

1. Very frequently
2. Frequently
3. Infrequently
4. Very infrequently
5. Never
6. DK/NA

UWLISTEN

Do you watch or listen to broadcasts of UW athletics?

1. Very frequently
2. Frequently
3. Infrequently
4. Very infrequently
5. Never
6. DK/NA

UWCOMP

Here is a final question about UW athletics. University of Wyoming athletic teams should:

1. Compete against the nation's top teams.
2. Compete at the same level as they currently do
3. Compete at a lower level
4. DK/NA

KUWR

Do you listen to Wyoming Public Radio, KUWR?

Yes 2. No 3. DK/NA

KUWRFREQ

If yes, do you listen to KUWR?

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. DK/NA

KUWRWHY

Do you listen to Wyoming Public Radio primarily for?

1. National news
2. Statewide new
3. Classical music
4. Contemporary music

5. DK/NA

KUWREVAL

Would you say that Wyoming Public Radio, KUWR, offers:

1. The right amount of variety programing
2. Not enough variety
3. Too much variety
4. DK/NA

UWBEST

What do you think the University of Wyoming does best?

UWIMPR

What do you think the University could most improve?

UWATTEND

Have you attended the University of Wyoming?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/NA

UWWHERE

Did you attend UW in Laramie or take courses in your community?

1. Laramie
2. Community
3. DK/NA

UWDEGREE

What degrees did you earn?

1. BA
2. Grad
3. Did not earn a degree
4. DK/NA

UWBA

What did you earn a BA in?

UWGRAD

What did you receive your graduate or professional degree in?