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**Wyoming Election Year Survey
1998**

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 602 respondents (selected at random) were included in the 1998 WEYS. The number of respondents in the Post-Election Survey is slightly lower (N=504) because some respondents declined to participate in the second interview or could not be reached. The Pre-Election Survey was conducted in mid-October. The Post-Election Survey was conducted following the November 3rd election. 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.

**Pre-Election Survey
(N=602)**

COUNTY

9. What county do you live in?
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Albany – 6.3% | (13) Natrona – 13.0% |
| (2) Big Horn – 1.7% | (14) Niobrara - .7% |
| (3) Campbell – 8.0% | (15) Park – 5.1% |
| (4) Carbon – 2.8% | (16) Platte – 2.8% |
| (5) Converse – 2.8% | (17) Sheridan – 4.7% |
| (6) Crook – 1.7% | (18) Sublette – 1.7% |
| (7) Fremont – 7.5% | (19) Sweetwater – 8.3% |
| (8) Goshen – 2.7% | (20) Teton – 2.2% |
| (9) Hot Springs - .3% | (21) Uinta – 4.2% |
| (10) Johnson – 1.0% | (22) Washakie – 2.0% |
| (11) Laramie – 16.3% | (23) Weston – 1.5% |
| (12) Lincoln – 3.0% | |

PROBCOM

11. 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?
- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Economic concerns – 46% | Taxes – 3% |
| Education and schools – 15% | Activities for children – 3% |
| Crime and law enforcement – 10% | Land and environment – 2% |
| Drugs and alcohol – 8% | Child care/ care – 2% |
| Quality of government – 4% | Roads – 2% |

VOTE96

12. Did you vote in the 1996 Presidential Election where Bill Clinton ran against Bob Dole and Ross Perot?
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|-----------------|----------------|
| (1) Yes – 84.4% | (2) No – 15.6% |
|-----------------|----------------|

PRES96

13. IF YES: Did you vote for Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, Ross Perot, or some other candidate?
- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (1) Clinton – 38.8% | (2) Dole – 40.4% | (3) Perot – 9.4% |
| (4) Other – 5.1% | (9) DK/NR – 7.3% | |

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

		<u>Exc.</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK/NR</u>
<u>CLINTAPP</u>	14. President Bill Clinton	8.8%	30.9%	25.1%	33.9%	1.5%
<u>NEWTAPP</u>	15. House Speaker Newt Gingrich	2.7%	27.7%	41.2%	13.6%	7.1%
<u>GERAPP</u>	16. Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer	11.0%	38.4%	31.9%	13.6%	5.1%
<u>THOMAPP</u>	17. U.S. Senator Craig Thomas	14.1%	44.0%	24.8%	7.5%	9.7%
<u>ENZIAPP</u>	18. U.S. Senator Mike Enzi	8.3%	43.2%	25.9%	6.3%	22.2%
<u>CUBINAPP</u>	19. U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Cubin	11.5%	32.1%	26.7%	22.1%	7.6%
<u>LEGAPP</u>	20. Wyoming State Legislators	1.8%	35.0%	40.5%	12.6%	9.9%
<u>JUDAPP</u>	21. Wyoming Judges	2.7%	32.4%	27.2%	9.6%	28.1%
<u>REGVOTE</u>	22. Now let's talk about the upcoming general election on November 3rd. Are you registered to vote in the General Election? (1) Yes – 83.7% (2) No – 15.4% (9) DK/NR - .9%					
<u>REGPARTY</u>	23. Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or some other party? (1) Republican – 59.9% (2) Democrat – 28.0% (3) Independent/Other – 10.1% (9) DK/NR – 2.0%					
<u>PLANVOTE</u>	24. IF YES: Do you plan to vote in the November 3 rd general election? (1) Yes – 99.2% (2) No - .2% (9) DK/NR - .6%					
	Questions 25 and 26 asked of those planning to vote on November 3 rd .					
<u>GOVCH</u>	25. In the race for Governor, Republican Jim Geringer is running against John Vinich, a Democrat, and David Dawson of the Libertarian Party. If the election were held today, would you vote for: (1) Geringer – 58.2% (2) Vinich – 29.4% (3) Dawson – 2.2% (4) Other – 2.2% (5) Will not vote - .6% (9) DK/NR – 7.4%					

CONGCH

26. What about the Congressional election where Republican Barbara Cubin is running against Democrat Scott Farris?. If the election were held today, would you vote for:
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|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| (1) Cubin – 56.8% | (2) Farris – 33.6% | (3) Other – 1.6% |
| (4) Will not vote - .2% | (9) DK/NR – 7.8% | |

GERTRUST

27. There is much talk these days about personal qualities of public officials. In your opinion, does the word "trustworthy" describe Jim Geringer extremely well, quite well, not too well, or not well at all?
- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well – 14.3% | (2) Quite well – 54.8% |
| (3) Not too well – 14.8% | (4) Not well at all – 6.0% |
| (9) DK/NR – 10.2% | |

VINTRUST

28. What about John Vinich? Does the word "trustworthy" describe Vinich extremely well, quite well, not too well, or not well at all?
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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well – 7.0% | (2) Quite well – 30.9% |
| (3) Not too well – 14.3% | (4) Not well at all – 10.0% |
| (9) DK/NR – 37.9% | |

Changing subjects now we would like to know how you feel about the following ideas concerning government in Washington and Cheyenne.

GOVTRUST

29. 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 – 1.2% | (2) Most of the time – 15.6% |
| (3) Some of the time – 65.4% | (4) None of the time – 16.1% |
| (9) DK/NR – 2.6% | |

WYOTRUST

30. 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 – 3.7% | (2) Most of the time – 47.2% |
| (3) Some of the time – 41.7% | (4) None of the time – 5.0% |
| (9) DK/NR – 2.5% | |

GOVINT

31. 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?
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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Few big interests – 81.7% | (2) All of the people – 14.3% |
| (9) DK/NR – 4.0% | |

WYOINT

32. 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) Few big interests – 37.7% | (2) All of the people – 52.5% |
| (9) DK/NR – 9.8% | |

GOVWASTE

33. 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 – 78.9% | (2) Waste some – 18.9% |
| (3) Don't waste much – 1.2% | (9) DK/NR – 1.0% |

<u>WYOWASTE</u>	34.	Do you think the people in the state government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, don't waste very much of it? (1) Waste a lot – 20.3% (2) Waste some – 58.1% (3) Don't waste much – 17.3% (9) DK/NR – 4.4%
<u>GOVCROOK</u>	35.	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 crooked? (1) Quite a few are crooked – 56.1% (2) Not very many are crooked – 34.1% (3) Hardly any are crooked – 7.0% (4) DK/NR – 2.8%
<u>WYOCROOK</u>	36.	Do you think that quite a few of the people running the 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 – 11.1% (2) Not very many are crooked – 47.7% (3) Hardly any are crooked – 35.0% (4) DK/NR – 6.1%
<u>MONICA</u>	37.	There has been a lot of talk about President Clinton's relationship with former White House Intern Monica Lewinsky and the investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr. How important an issue do you think this situation is to the nation--of great importance, of some importance, of very little importance, or of no importance? (1) Great importance – 38.7% (2) Some importance – 20.9% (3) Very little importance – 19.6% (4) No importance – 19.6% (9) DK/NR – 1.2%
<u>STARR</u>	39.	Do you think Kenneth Starr, the Independent Counsel investigating Whitewater and other issues, is mostly conducting an impartial investigation to find out if anything illegal occurred, or is he mostly conducting a partisan investigation to damage Bill Clinton? (1) Impartial investigation – 40.5% (2) Partisan investigation – 54.0% (9) DK/NR – 5.5%
<u>CLINTFR</u>	39.	In its coverage of the intern story, do you think the news media has treated Clinton fairly or unfairly? (1) Fairly – 57.8% (2) Unfairly – 34.2% (9) DK/NR – 8.0%
<u>CLINTRS</u>	40.	From what you know so far, what do you think should happen? Clinton should remain in office, he should resign, Congress should begin impeachment proceedings, or the matter should be dropped? 1. Clinton should remain in office – 19.8% (2) He should resign – 27.9% (3) Congress should begin impeachment – 21.4% (4) Matter should be dropped – 26.7% (9) DK/NR – 4.1%

CLINTRM

41. Do you think that in the future 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 – 14.1%
 - (2) Allegations about his personal life – 81.7%
 - (9) DK/NR – 4.2%

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 this statement.

GOVSAY

42. People like me don't have any say about what the federal government in Washington does.
- (1) Strongly agree – 21.8%
 - (2) Agree – 39.2%
 - (3) Disagree – 30.2%
 - (4) Strongly disagree – 6.8%
 - (9) DK/NR – 2.0%

WYOSAY

43. People like me don't have any say about what the state government in Cheyenne does.
- (1) Strongly agree – 8.6%
 - (2) Agree – 24.6%
 - (3) Disagree – 53.2%
 - (4) Strongly disagree – 11.3%
 - (9) DK/NR – 2.3%

Our next set of questions concerns the University of Wyoming. In the past few years there has been a 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 strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree or don't have an opinion on each.

UWRES

44. Wyoming does not have the resources to pay for a university comparable to the best in the surrounding states such as the University of Colorado, University of Nebraska or the University of Utah.
- (1) Strongly agree – 5.6%
 - (2) Agree – 27.2%
 - (3) Disagree – 40.5%
 - (4) Strongly disagree – 13.6%
 - (9) DK/NR – 13.0%

UWSPEND

45. Considering what the University of Wyoming contributes to the state, the University is spending its budget wisely.
- (1) Strongly agree – 7.5%
 - (2) Agree – 52.8%
 - (3) Disagree – 11.1%
 - (4) Strongly disagree – 1.7%
 - (9) DK/NR – 26.9%

UWDEGREE

46. The University should reduce the number of degree programs available to students.
- (1) Strongly agree – .3%
 - (2) Agree – 6.3%
 - (3) Disagree – 56.3%
 - (4) Strongly disagree – 23.1%
 - (9) DK/NR – 14.0%

UWIMP

47. In general, the University has steadily improved during the last several years?
- (1) Strongly agree – 6.5%
 - (2) Agree – 50.7%
 - (3) Disagree – 10.1%
 - (4) Strongly disagree – 1.2%
 - (9) DK/NR – 29.4%

UWOR

48. 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 – 76.1% (2) No – 21.3% (9) DK/NR – 2.7%

UWORREC

49. IF YES to Q48: Can you recall the names of any of these outreach programs?
 (1) Yes – 43.2% (2) No – 53.5% (9) DK/NR – 3.3%

UWORQU

50. IF YES to Q49: Would you rate these programs as excellent, good, fair, poor or don't you have enough information to make a judgement?
 (1) Excellent – 22.2% (2) Good – 35.9% (3) Fair – 8.1%
 (4) Fair - 2.5% (9) DK/NR – 31.3%

Next we turn to some economic issues.

FINANCE

51. 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 – 33.4% (2) Getting worse – 26.2%
 (3) Remained the same – 39.2% (9) DK/NR – 1.1%

FINFUT

52. 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 – 27.1% (2) Get worse – 17.1%
 (3) Stay about the same – 53.3% (9) DK/NR – 2.5%

CONTCOND

53. 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 – 46.7% (2) Stayed the same – 27.9%
 (3) Gotten worse – 23.1% (9) DK/NR – 2.3%

FINWYO

54. 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 – 16.8% (2) Stayed the same – 41.4%
 (3) Gotten worse – 36.7% (9) DK/NR – 5.2%

FINIMP

55. 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 of years – 14.8% (2) Next five years – 34.4%
 (3) Next ten years – 16.6% (4) May never improve – 22.8%
 (9) DK/NR – 11.5%

CLINTEC

56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the nation's economy?
 (1) Approve - 56.3% (2) Disapprove – 31.9% (9) DK/NR – 11.8%

GEREC

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jim Geringer is handling the state's economy?
 (1) Approve – 50.8% (2) Disapprove – 32.4% (9) DK/NR – 16.8%

WYOECON

58. There is considerable discussion over whether or not it is possible for Wyoming state government to stimulate the state's economy. Some argue that state government policy can improve the business climate while others argue that it is the free market that drives the economy and there is nothing useful that state government can do. In your opinion, is it possible for state government to stimulate business in Wyoming or is there little that state government can do?
- (1) Possible for state government to stimulate business – 80.2%
(2) Little that state government can do – 15.1%
(9) DK/NR – 4.6%

I'm going to read three statements concerning state economic development. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree with each statement or if you don't have an opinion.

BUS1

59. Out-of-state business should be offered incentives such as tax breaks to locate in Wyoming.
- (1) Strongly agree – 10.6% (2) Agree – 48.3%
(3) Disagree – 28.7% (4) Strongly disagree – 6.0%
(9) DK/NR – 6.3%

BUS2

60. We should help current Wyoming businesses grow by providing various forms of assistance from state government.
- (1) Strongly agree – 15.0% (2) Agree – 60.6%
(3) Disagree – 17.9% (4) Strongly disagree – 1.8%
(9) DK/NR – 4.7%

BUS3

61. Things should be left as they are. Bringing in new industries will hurt the Wyoming way of life.
- (1) Strongly agree – .7% (2) Agree – 8.8%
(3) Disagree – 62.3% (4) Strongly disagree – 24.6%
(9) DK/NR – 3.7%

BUS4

62. During its last session, the state Legislature established the Wyoming Business Council. Have you heard or read anything about this organization?
- (1) Yes – 49.7% (2) No – 49.0% (9) DK/NR – 1.4%

BUS5

63. IF YES: In your opinion, how likely is it that the Wyoming Business Council will be able to improve the state's economy? Would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely or not likely at all.
- (1) Very likely – 11.4% (2) Somewhat likely – 57.2%
(3) Not likely at all – 20.4% (9) DK/NR – 11.0%

EMP

64. Last week, were you employed outside the home, either part-time or full-time, were you unemployed or what?
1. Not employed (not seeking work) – 25.6%
2. Unemployed (seeking work) – 4.7%
3. Employed part-time – 11.6%
4. Employed full-time – 57.0%
9. DK/NR – 1.2%

OCCU

65. IF EMPLOYED : What is your principle occupation?
 Industry:
- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Agriculture – 6.8% | (2) Construction – 5.1% |
| (3) Education – 16.0% | (4) Finance – 3.6% |
| (5) Government – 6.5% | (6) Health – 7.3% |
| (7) Law – 3.1% | (8) Manufacturing – 2.7% |
| (9) Military - .7% | (10) Mining – 7.3% |
| (11) Public Administration – 1.5% | (12) Public Utilities – 2.7% |
| (13) Retail Trade – 7.3% | (14) Services – 20.6% |
| (15) Transportation/Communications – 5.6% | (16) Wholesale – 1.2% |
| (17) Refuse – 2.2% | |

JOBTYPE

66. Job type?
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) Craft – 2.4% | (2) Farming/Fishing – 3.9% |
| (3) Laborer – 11.9% | (4) Managerial – 11.6% |
| (5) Professional – 36.8% | (6) Sales – 7.7% |
| (7) Self-employed – 8.2% | (8) Student - .7% |
| (9) Technical – 12.3% | (10) Refused – 4.4% |

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.

HTLCOST

64. If the federal government increases regulation of the health-care industry, costs will only increase.
- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 14.1% | (2) Agree – 50.7% |
| (3) Disagree – 23.1% | (4) Strongly disagree – 2.0% |
| (9) DK/NR – 2.2% | |

HLTPROB

68. The cost of health care is a major problem for me and my family.
- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 22.1% | (2) Agree – 36.9% |
| (3) Disagree – 36.4% | (4) Strongly disagree – 3.5% |
| (9) DK/NR – 1.2% | |

TAX

69. 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 to high?
1. Generally reasonable – 84.6%
 2. Too high – 14.6%
 3. DK/NR - .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 spending, leave it at present levels or decrease state spending.

	More	Same	Less	DK/NR
<u>LAW</u>				
70. Law enforcement and Corrections	52.5%	40.4%	5.6%	1.5%
<u>PS</u>				
71. Local public schools	69.4%	24.3%	4.3%	2.0%
<u>COMCL</u>				
72. Community colleges	59.1%	31.1%	4.5%	5.3%
<u>ROADS</u>				
73. Streets and highways	36.9%	55.6%	5.6%	1.8%
<u>UWYO</u>				
74. University of Wyoming	52.0%	35.7%	3.0%	9.3%
<u>ECON</u>				
75. State economic development	51.0%	33.7%	8.5%	6.8%
<u>WATER</u>				
76. Water development	33.4%	48.3%	8.6%	9.6%
<u>HEALTH</u>				
77. Health and social services	39.9%	44.4%	11.8%	4.0%

Number of items respondent would spend "more" on:

0 = 5.5%	1 = 4.5%	2 = 12.0%
3 = 19.4%	4 = 16.9%	5 = 17.9%
6 = 11.5%	7 = 6.5%	8 = 3.2%

[If answered "more" to Q70-Q77 ask Q78. Otherwise skip to Q79.]

TAXINC

78. You indicated that you thought the state should spend more for _____. Would you be willing to have state taxes increased to cover these spending increases?
- (1) Yes – 68.4% (2) No – 24.4% (9) DK/NR – 7.2%

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?

		Yes	No	DK/NR
<u>CIG</u>	79. Cigarettes	73.3%	25.4%	1.4%
<u>GAS</u>	80. Gasoline	47.2%	50.7%	2.2%
<u>BEER</u>	81. Beer	80.6%	16.8%	2.7%
<u>SALES</u>	82. Sales tax	47.2%	50.8%	2.0%
<u>PROP</u>	83. Property tax	22.9%	74.1%	3.0%
<u>HARD</u>	84. Hard liquor	85.7%	13.0%	1.3%
<u>WINE</u>	85. Wine	83.7%	15.1%	1.2%
<u>SEV</u>	86. Severance	44.4%	40.0%	15.8%
<u>IDEOLOGY</u>	87. 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 – 2.5% (2) Liberal – 9.3% (3) Slightly liberal – 9.6% (4) Moderate – 27.4% (5) Slightly conservative – 16.1% (6) Conservative – 27.1% (7) Extremely conservative – 4.8% (9) DK/NR – 3.1%			
<u>PI1</u>	88. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what? (1) Republican – 42.0% (2) Democrat – 24.1% (3) Independent – 27.9% (4) Other – 4.2% (9) DK/NR – 1.8% [If “Republican” ask Q89] [If “Democrat” go to Q90] [If “Independent” go to Q91] [If “Other” or “DK/NR” go to Q92]			
<u>PI2</u>	89. IF REPUBLICAN: Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican? (1) Strong – 46.6% (2) Not so strong - 51.4% (9) DK/NR – 2.0%			

PI3

90. IF DEMOCRAT: Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?
 (1) Strong – 37.2% (2) Not so strong – 60.7% (9) DK/NR – 2.1%

PI4

91. IF INDEPENDENT: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democrat Party
 (1) Leaning Republican – 36.3% (2) Independent – 23.8%
 (3) Leaning Democrat – 32.1% (9) DK/NR – 7.7%

PARTYID

Composite party identification:

- (1) Strong Democrat – 9.0% (2) Weak Democrat – 14.6%
 (3) Leaning Democrat – 9.0% (4) Independent – 6.6%
 (5) Leaning Republican – 10.1% (6) Weak Republican – 21.6%
 (7) Strong Republican – 19.6% (9) DK/NR/missing – 9.5%

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

MENPOL

92. Men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.
 (1) Strongly agree – 2.0% (2) Agree – 11.6%
 (3) Disagree – 56.3% (4) Strongly disagree – 25.1%
 (9) DK/NR – 5.0%

MENFOR

93. Political leaders who are men are better able to stand up to foreign enemies than political leaders who are women.
 (1) Strongly agree – 2.0% (2) Agree – 23.3%
 (3) Disagree – 49.5% (4) Strongly disagree – 19.4%
 (9) DK/NR – 5.8%

WOMSEN

94. Women politicians are more sensitive to the poor and their problems.
 (1) Strongly agree – 5.8% (2) Agree – 46.3%
 (3) Disagree – 38.5% (4) Strongly disagree – 4.0%
 (9) DK/NR – 5.3%

MENWAR

95. In general, men are better than women at making decisions about war and peace.
 (1) Strongly agree – 2.0% (2) Agree – 22.6%
 (3) Disagree – 51.5% (4) Strongly disagree – 16.4%
 (9) DK/NR – 7.4%

WEMCHILD

96. Women with children should wait to run for political office until they have raised their families.
 (1) Strongly agree – 4.5% (2) Agree – 28.6%
 (3) Disagree – 48.7% (4) Strongly disagree – 13.0%
 (9) DK/NR – 5.4%

GUN

97. The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.
 (1) Strongly agree – 4.8% (2) Agree – 31.2%
 (3) Disagree – 39.0% (4) Strongly disagree – 18.9%
 (9) DK/NR – 6.0%

ABORT

98. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would make all abortions illegal.
- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 6.1% | (2) Agree – 16.3% |
| (3) Disagree – 51.3% | (4) Strongly disagree – 20.4% |
| (9) DK/NR – 5.8% | |

MJ

99. People with serious illnesses should be able to purchase and use marijuana with a doctor's prescription.
- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 7.6% | (2) Agree – 52.0% |
| (3) Disagree – 27.1% | (4) Strongly disagree – 5.0% |
| (9) DK/NR – 8.3% | |

MURDER

100. Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty.
- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 13.3% | (2) Agree – 54.8% |
| (3) Disagree – 21.1% | (4) Strongly disagree – 2.0% |
| (9) DK/NR – 8.8% | |

PRAY

101. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would permit organized prayers in public schools.
- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 8.0% | (2) Agree – 46.3% |
| (3) Disagree – 31.6% | (4) Strongly disagree – 6.8% |
| (9) DK/NR – 7.3% | |

RUSSIA

102. The United States should provide economic aid to promote democracy in Russia.
- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 1.5% | (2) Agree – 29.6% |
| (3) Disagree – 53.3% | (4) Strongly disagree – 7.8% |
| (9) DK/NR – 7.8% | |

BIBLE

103. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken word for word.
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| (1) Strongly agree – 9.8% | (2) Agree – 32.9% |
| (3) Disagree – 38.5% | (4) Strongly disagree – 8.6% |
| (9) DK/NR – 10.1% | |

TERROR

104. The United States should use military force to stop terrorism in the world.
- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Strongly agree – 6.6% | (2) Agree – 55.5% |
| (3) Disagree – 25.4% | (4) Strongly disagree – 2.5% |
| (9) DK/NR – 9.9% | |

AFFIRM

105. 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 – 35.7% | (2) Disapprove – 59.3% | (9) DK/NR – 5.0 |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|

AFFHELP

106. Overall, do you think affirmative action programs for the past thirty years have helped women and racial minorities, hurt them, or had no effect one way or the other?
- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| (1) Helped – 57.1% | (2) Hurt – 19.9% |
| (3) Had no effect – 15.3% | (9) DK/NR – 7.7% |

WELFARE

107. 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 – 40.4%
 (2) Taking advantage of the system – 48.8%
 (9) DK/NR – 11.8%

PUBLAND

108. How would you describe access to public lands in Wyoming for recreation activities such as fishing, hunting, skiing and hiking? Most public land is open for recreational use, some public land is open for recreational use, or most public land is closed to recreational use.
 (1) Most public land is open for recreational use – 44.0%
 (2) Some public land is open for recreational use – 36.7%
 (1) Most public land is closed for recreational use – 11.5%
 (9) DK/NR – 7.8%

PUBACC

109. How concerned are you that access to public lands in Wyoming will be restricted in the future?
 (1) Very concerned – 45.2% (2) Somewhat concerned – 25.4%
 (3) A little concerned – 12.0% (4) Not at all concerned – 13.0%
 (9) DK/NR – 4.5%

Now three questions on our educational system.

GRADE

110. Students are 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 – 14.3% (2) B – 47.0% (3) C – 23.9%
 (4) D – 6.0% (5) F – 2.2% (9) DK/NR – 6.7%

COMCOL

111. What about the state's community colleges? What grade would you give to them?
 (1) A – 17.8% (2) B – 50.0% (3) C – 12.3%
 (4) D - .7% (5) F - .3% (9) DK/NR – 18.9%

UW

112. And finally, what about the University of Wyoming? What grade would you give the University for the quality of its work?
 (1) A – 25.2% (2) B – 45.3% (3) C – 10.5%
 (4) D - .7% (5) F - .5% (9) DK/NR – 17.7%

MOSTINFO

113. 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 – 38.2% (2) Radio – 11.3%
 (3) Newspapers – 34.7% (4) Magazines – 3.8%
 (5) Friends – 5.1% (6) Other sources – 4.7%
 (9) DK/NR – 2.2%

SOUINFO

LIST OF INFORMATION SOURCES

I will now read you a list of groups of people or organizations in Wyoming. For each, please tell me if your overall impression of the group is favorable, neutral, or unfavorable.

		<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>DK/NR</u>
<u>COAL</u>	115. Coal mining industry	63.8%	25.9%	5.1%	5.1%
<u>PSTEACH</u>	116. Public school teachers	74.6%	15.9%	18.0%	1.5%
<u>HUNTERS</u>	117. Hunters and fishermen	74.4%	19.3%	4.2%	2.1%
<u>LABOR</u>	118. Labor unions	31.7%	25.2%	34.7%	8.3%
	119. Ranchers	67.3%	19.8%	10.6%	4.4%
<u>RANCHER</u>	120. Environmentalists	33.1%	26.7%	36.5%	3.7%
<u>ENVIRO</u>	121. State employees	59.0%	28.9%	8.6%	3.5%
<u>OILGAS</u>	122. Oil and gas industry	60.3%	27.6%	8.8%	3.4%
<u>SAFE</u>	123. 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 do you feel living in your community: very safe, reasonably safe, somewhat safe or very unsafe? (1) Very safe – 58.0% (2) Reasonably safe – 35.7% (3) Somewhat safe – 5.5% (4) Very unsafe - .8%				
<u>RELIGION</u>	124. Are you a member of a church or religious group? (1) Yes – 64.8% (2) No – 35.0% (9) DK/NR - .2%				
<u>DENOM</u>	125. IF YES: Of what denomination?				
<u>ATTEND</u>	126. How often do you go to church? Would you say: (1) Every week – 39.0% (2) Almost every week – 16.9% (3) Once or twice a month – 19.5% (4) A few times a year – 21.5% (5) Never – 1.8% (9) DK/NR – 1.3%				
<u>ABORTATT</u>	127. 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 – 7.3% (2) Only in case of rape, incest, etc – 31.1% (3) Only after need is clearly established – 15.0% (4) Abortion is a matter of personal choice – 44.2% (9) DK/NR – 2.5%				

BIRTHYR

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

AGE

128. In what year were you born?
Median year = 1952 Mean age = 48.3 Median age = 46

EDUC

129. What was the last year or grade you completed in school?
(1) Grade school - .5% (2) Some high school - 5.5%
(3) High school graduate - 30.1% (4) Some college - 30.2%
(5) Bachelor's degree - 20.1% (6) Graduate or professional degree - 13.5%
(9) DK/NR - .2%

RACE

129. Of which of the following groups do you consider yourself a member?
White/Caucasian, Black/Afro American, Native American, Hispanic, Oriental.
(1) White - 94.5% (2) Black - .2%
(3) Native American - 2.3% (4) Hispanic - 1.2%
(5) Oriental - .3% (9) DK/NR - 1.3%

MARRIED

131. What is your marital status?
(1) Married - 71.9% (2) Single - 12.6%
(3) Separated/divorced - 7.1% (4) Widowed - 8.0%
(9) DK/NR - .4%

SPEMP

132. IF YES: Is your spouse employed outside the home?
(1) Not employed (not seeking work) - 13.2%
(2) Retired - 13.9%
(3) Unemployed - 2.5%
(4) Employed part-time - 10.9%
(5) Employed full-time - 59.6%

SPOCCU

133. IF SPOUSE IS EMPLOYED: Spouse's principle occupation?
Industry:
(1) Agriculture - 6.2% (2) Construction - 6.6%
(3) Education - 14.4% (4) Finance - 3.9%
(5) Government - 6.6% (6) Health - 9.2%
(7) Law - 1.6% (8) Manufacturing - 2.6%
(9) Military - .7% (10) Mining - 7.9%
(11) Public Administration - 1.0% (12) Public Utilities - 2.6%
(13) Retail Trade - 5.6% (14) Services - 22.3%
(15) Transportation/Communications - 4.9% (16) Wholesale - 1.3%
(17) Refuse - 2.6%

SPJOB

132. Job type?
(1) Craft - 2.3% (2) Farming/Fishing - 2.6%
(3) Laborer - 18.4% (4) Managerial - 14.1%
(5) Professional - 31.5% (6) Sales - 7.%
(7) Self-employed - 7.9% (8) Student - 0%
(9) Technical - 10.5% (10) Refused - 5.2%

UNION1

UNION2

CHILD18

INCOME

SEX

WASINT

DIDVOTE

CONGVOTE

GOVVOTE

135. Do you belong to a labor union?
 (1) Yes – 10.0% (2) No – 89.5% (9)
 DK/NR - .5%

136. IF MARRIED: Does your spouse belong to a labor union?
 (1) Yes – 8.8% (2) No – 90.8% (9)
 DK/NR - .5%

137. Do you have school age children under age 18 who are living with you now?
 (1) Yes – 38.5% (2) No – 61.5%

138. Finally, the very last question. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 1997. (Include spouse's income if married)
 (1) Under \$10,000 – 4.7% (2) \$10,000-\$20,000 – 11.0%
 (3) \$20,000-\$30,000 – 11.0% (4) \$30,000-\$40,000 – 13.1%
 (5) \$40,000-\$50,000 – 12.8% (6) \$50,000-\$60,000 – 10.0%
 (7) \$60,000-\$70,000 – 6.3% (8) Over \$70,000 – 13.5%
 (9) DK/NR – 16.3%

139. Sex of respondent.
 (1) Male – 46.2% (2) Female – 53.8%

Post-Election Survey
 (N=504)

140. Do you recall being interviewed during the two weeks prior to the November 3rd General Election? (Note: The interview is continued only if the respondent answered “Yes.” Otherwise, the interview is terminated)
 (1) Yes – 83.7% (2) – 16.2%
 (N=602 for Q140)

141. 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 3rd election?
 (1) Yes – 80.6% (2) No – 19.4%

Questions 142-151 asked only of those answering “yes” to Q141.

142. In the U.S. House race, did you vote for:
 (1) Barbara Cubin – 54.2% (2) Scott Farris – 36.7%
 (3) Another candidate – 4.2% (4) Did not vote - .5%
 (9) DK/NR – 4.2%

143. In the Governor's race, did you vote for:

- (1) Jim Geringer – 51.7%
- (2) John Vinich – 39.2%
- (3) Dave Dawson – 3.0%
- (4) Another candidate – 1.2%
- (5) Did not vote – 1.0
- (9) DK/NR – 3.9%

TREAVOTE

144. In the State Treasurer's race, did you vote for:
- (1) Cynthia Lummis – 55.2%
 - (2) Butch Loveridge – 17.7%
 - (3) Another candidate – 2.7%
 - (4) Did not vote – 7.4%
 - (9) DK/NR – 17.0%

SSVOTE

145. In the Secretary of State race, did you vote for:
- (1) Joe Meyer – 54.4%
 - (2) Jayne Mockler – 29.6%
 - (3) Another candidate – 1.2%
 - (4) Did not vote – 3.2%
 - (9) DK/NR – 11.6%

PIVOTE

146. In the Superintendent of Public Education race, did you vote for:
- (1) Judy Catchpole – 49.5%
 - (2) Gene Lane – 37.2%
 - (3) Another candidate – 1.2%
 - (4) Did not vote – 3.2%
 - (9) DK/NR – 7.1

GOLDVOTE

147. In the judicial races, Justice Michael Golden 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 Taylor? Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, did you not vote either way, or don't you recall how you voted?
- (1) Yes, to keep him – 66.7%
 - (2) Against keeping him – 12.3%
 - (3) Did not vote – 11.1%
 - (9) DK/NR – 9.8%

GOLDKNOW

148. Do you know Justice Golden personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
- (1) Yes, know personally – 4.4%
 - (2) Yes, has heard or read about him – 20.7%
 - (3) Neither – 68.%
 - (9) DK/NR – 6.9%

THOMVOTE

149. In another judicial race, Justice Richard Thomas of the Wyoming Supreme Court stood for retention. Do you recall how you voted on Justice Thomas? Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, did you not vote either way or don't you recall how you voted?
- (1) Yes, to keep him – 65.0%
 - (2) Against keeping him – 11.8%
 - (3) Did not vote – 9.9%
 - (9) DK/NR – 13.3%

THOMKNOW

150. Do you know Justice Thomas personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
- (1) Yes, know personally – 5.7%
 - (2) Yes, has heard or read about him – 23.9%
 - (3) Neither – 62.8%
 - (9) DK/NR – 7.6%

PART1

Questions 151-165 asked of all respondents.

151. Now we want to know how much people participated in political activities in the 1998 political campaign. Did you buy any tickets or give money to help the campaign for one of the parties or candidates?
 (1) Yes – 13.7% (2) No – 86.3%

PART2

152. Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, dinners, or things like that?
 (1) Yes – 13.9% (2) No – 86.1%

PART3

153. Did you do any other work for one of the parties or candidates?
 (1) Yes – 10.9% (2) No – 89.1%

PART4

154. Did you talk to any people to try to show them why they should vote for one of the parties or candidates?
 (1) Yes – 40.7% (2) No – 59.3%

CITDUT1

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

155. It isn't important to vote when you know your party doesn't have a chance to win.
 (1) Strongly agree – 1.4% (2) Agree – 5.8%
 (3) Disagree – 41.5% (4) Strongly disagree – 50.4%
 (9) DK/NR – 1.0%

CITDUT2

156. Many local elections aren't important enough to bother with.
 (1) Strongly agree - .2% (2) Agree – 4.8%
 (3) Disagree – 44.2% (4) Strongly disagree – 50.0%
 (9) DK/NR - .8%

CITCUT3

157. So many people vote in the national elections that it doesn't matter much to me whether I vote or not.
 (1) Strongly agree – 0% (2) Agree – 5.4%
 (3) Disagree – 49.0% (4) Strongly disagree – 44.6%
 (9) DK/NR – 1.0%

CITDUT4

158. If a person doesn't care how an election comes out he or she shouldn't vote in it.
 (1) Strongly agree – 1.8% (2) Agree – 25.8%
 (3) Disagree – 46.8% (4) Strongly disagree – 21.0%
 (9) DK/NR – 4.6%

UWCC

159. 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 – 73.4% (2) Disagree – 6.5% (9) DK/NR – 20.0%

UWATH

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.

UWUG

160. Intercollegiate activities
(1) Over emphasized – 17.3% (2) Receive right amount of emphasis – 50.0%
(3) Under emphasized – 7.3% (4) Don't know – 25.2%
(5) No response - .2%

UWGRD

161. Undergraduate education
(1) Over emphasized – 1.0% (2) Receive right amount of emphasis – 42.9%
(3) Under emphasized – 26.4 (4) Don't know – 29.2%
(5) No response - .6%

UWRESEAR

162. Graduate instruction
(1) Over emphasized – 2.8% (2) Receive right amount of emphasis – 33.1%
(3) Under emphasized – 22.8% (4) Don't know – 40.5
(5) No response - .8%

UWOFFCMP

163. Faculty research
(1) Over emphasized – 8.7% (2) Receive right amount of emphasis – 22.6%
(3) Under emphasized – 16.% (4) Don't know – 51.2%
(5) No response – 1.2%

UWSER

164. Off-campus instruction
(1) Over emphasized – 2.0% (2) Receive right amount of emphasis – 30.4%
(3) Under emphasized – 30.0% (4) Don't know – 37.1%
(5) No response - .6%

165. UW services to groups outside Laramie.
(1) Over emphasized - .6% (2) Receive right amount of emphasis – 27.4%
(3) Under emphasized – 31.9% (4) Don't know – 39.5%
(5) No response - .6%