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Wyoming Election Year Survey: 2002

Pre-Election Survey Instrument

COUNTY

1. In what county do you live?
 - (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

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

PROBWYO

3. What do you think is the most pressing problem facing Wyoming as a whole?

VOTE2000

4. Did you vote in the 2000 Presidential Election where George W. Bush ran against Al Gore?
 - (1) Yes
 - (2) No [skip to Q6]

PRES2000

5. **If YES:** Did you vote for George W. Bush, Al Gore, or another candidate?
 - (1) Bush
 - (2) Gore
 - (3) other

BUSHAPP

6. Please rate the job the following public officials are doing. Is their performance excellent, good, fair, or poor. President George W. Bush:
 - (1) Excellent
 - (2) Good
 - (3) Fair
 - (4) Poor

CHENAPP

7. Vice President Dick Cheney
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

GERAPP

8. Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

THOMAPP

9. United States Senator Craig Thomas
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

ENZIAPP

10. United States Senator Mike Enzi
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

CUBINAPP

11. United States Congresswoman Barbara Cubin
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

LEGAPP

12. Wyoming State Legislators
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

JUDAPP

13. Wyoming Judges
(1) Excellent
(2) Good
(3) Fair
(4) Poor

REGVOTE

14. Now let's talk about the upcoming general election on November 5th. Are you registered to vote in the General Election?
(1) Yes [continue with Q15]
(2) No [skip to Q16]

REGPARTY

15. **If YES:** Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or some other party?
(1) Republican
(2) Democrat
(3) Independent/Other

PLANVOTE

16. Do you plan to vote in the November 5th general election?
(1) Yes [continue with Q17]
(2) No [skip to Q20]

GOVCH

17. In the race for Governor, Republican Eli Bebout is running against Dave Freudenthal, a Democrat, and David Dawson of the Libertarian Party. If the election were held today, would you vote for:
(1) Bebout
(2) Freudenthal
(3) Dawson
(4) Another candidate
(5) Would not vote (volunteered only)

SENCH

18. In the race for United States Senate, Republican Mike Enzi is running against Joyce Corcoran, a Democrat. If the election was held today, would you vote for:
(1) Enzi
(2) Corcoran
(3) another candidate
(4) Would not vote (volunteered only)

CONGCH

19. What about the Congressional election where Republican Barbara Cubin is running against Democrat Ron Akin. If the election was held today, would you vote for:
(1) Cubin
(2) Akin
(3) another candidate
(4) Would not vote (volunteered only)

GOVTRUST

20. 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
 - (2) Most of the time
 - (3) Some of the time
 - (4) None of the time

WYOTRUST

21. 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
 - (2) Most of the time
 - (3) Some of the time
 - (4) None of the time

GOVINT

22. 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) Few big interests
 - (2) All of the people

WYOINT

23. 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
 - (2) All of the people

GOVWASTE

24. 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

WYOWASTE

25. 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
 - (2) Waste some
 - (3) Don't waste much

GOVCROOK

26. 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
- (2) Not very many are crooked
- (3) Hardly any are crooked

WYOCROOK

27. 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
- (2) Not very many are crooked
- (3) Hardly any are crooked

GOVSAY

28. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements. 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

WYOSAY

29. 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

IRAQ

Here are a few questions on another topic. Do you approve of the United States taking military action against Iraq to try to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

- 1. Approve
- 2. Disapprove
- 3. DK
- 4. NA

ALLYIRAQ

What if American allies opposed such military action—in that case would you approve of the U.S. taking military action against Iraq?

- 1. Approve
- 2. Disapprove
- 3. DK
- 4. NA

If military action in Iraq would result in substantial American military casualties, would you favor or oppose it?

1. Favor 2. Oppose 3. DK 4. NA

Should the U.S. take military action against Iraq fairly soon or wait and give the United Nations more time to get weapons inspectors into Iraq?

1. Take action 2. Wait 3. DK 4. NA

IRAWCOST

IRAQUN

FINANCE

30. Next we turn to some economic issues. 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) Remained the same

FINFUT

31. 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

CONTCOND

32. 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

FINWYO

33. 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

WYOIMP

34. 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
(2) Next five years
(3) Next ten years

(4) May never improve

BUSHWS

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling the nation's economy?
(1) Approve
(2) Disapprove

GERREC

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Geringer is handling the state's economy?
(1) Approve
(2) Disapprove

Q37-Q54 to be asked of one-half of the sample.

TAX

37. 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
(2) Too high

LAW

38. 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 think the state should spend more, spend less, or keep spending at the current level. Law enforcement and corrections
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spending at current level

PS

39. Local public schools
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

COMCL

40. Community colleges
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

ROADS

41. Streets and highways
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

UWYO

42. University of Wyoming
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

ECON

43. State economic development
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

WATER

44. Water development
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

HEALTH

45. Health and social services
(1) Spend more
(2) Spend less
(3) Keep spend at current level

[If answered "Spend more" to Q37 to Q45 ask Q46. Otherwise skip to Q47.]

TAXINC

46. 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
(2) No

CIG

47. If taxes had to be increased to maintain existing state, would you favor increasing the following taxes? Cigarette tax:
(1) Yes
(2) No

GAS

48. Gasoline tax
(1) Yes
(2) No

BEER

49. Tax on Beer
(1) Yes
(2) No

SALES

50. Sales tax
(1) Yes
(2) No

PROP

PROP

HARD

WINE

SEV

51. Property tax
(1) Yes
(2) No
52. Tax on hard liquor
(1) Yes
(2) No
53. Tax on wine
(1) Yes
(2) No
54. Mineral severance tax
(1) Yes
(2) No

Q55-Q68 to be asked of one-half of the sample.

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

MENPOL

MENTUF

WEMSEN

55. Men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
56. Political leaders who are men are better able to stand up to foreign enemies than political leaders who are women.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree
57. Women politicians are more sensitive to the poor and their problems.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree

MENDEC

58. In general, men are better than women at making decisions about war and peace.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree

WOMCHILD

59. Women with children should wait to run for political office until they have raised their families.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree

GUN

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

ABORT

61. 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

MJ

62. 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

MURDER

63. Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty.
(1) Strongly agree
(2) Agree
(3) Disagree
(4) Strongly disagree

PRAY

64. 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

TERROR

65. The United States should use military force to stop terrorism in the world.
- (1) Strongly agree
 - (2) Agree
 - (3) Disagree
 - (4) Strongly disagree

AFFIRM

66. 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

AFFHELP

67. 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
 - (2) Hurt
 - (3) Had no effect

WELFARE

68. 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

IDEOLOGY

69. 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
 - (5) Slightly conservative
 - (6) Conservative
 - (7) Extremely conservative

PI1

70. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?
- (1) Republican [If "Republican" go to Q71]
 - (2) Democrat [If "Democrat" go to Q72]
 - (3) Independent [If "Independent" go to Q73]
 - (4) Other [If "Other," "don't know," or "no response" go to Q74]

PI2

71. **If Republican:** Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?
- (1) Strong
 - (2) Not so strong
- [go to Q74]

PI3

72. **If Democrat:** Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?
- (1) Strong
 - (2) Not so strong
- [go to Q74]

PI4

73. **If Independent:** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democrat Party
- (1) Closer to Republican Party
 - (2) Closer to Democratic Party
 - (3) Neither

PARTYID

Party identification

- Strong Democrat 2. Weak Democrat 3. Lean Democrat
4. Independent 5. Lean Republican 6. Weak Republican
7. Strong Republican

<u>GRADE</u>
<u>COMCOL</u>
<u>UW</u>
<u>MOSTINFO</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>
<u>DENOM</u>

74. Now three questions on our educational system. 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
 - (2) B
 - (3) C
 - (4) D
 - (5) F
75. What about the state's community colleges? What grade would you give to them?
- (1) A
 - (2) B
 - (3) C
 - (4) D
 - (5) F
76. And finally, 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
77. 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
 - (6) Other sources
78. Are you a member of a church or religious group?
- (1) Yes
 - (2) No [skip to Q81]
79. **If YES:** Of what denomination?

ATTEND

80. 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

ABORTATT

81. There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which one of these opinions best agrees with your view?
- (1) By law abortion should never be permitted.
 - (2) The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger.
 - (3) 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.
 - (4) By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice.

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

BIRTHYR

82. In what year were you born?

AGE

EDUC

83. 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

RACE

84. Of which of the following groups do you consider yourself a member?
- (1) White or Caucasian
 - (2) African American
 - (3) Native American
 - (4) Hispanic
 - (5) Oriental.

MARRIED

85. What is your marital status?
- (1) Married
 - (2) Single
 - (3) Separated/divorced

(4) Widowed

CHILD18

86. Do you have children under age 18 who are living with you?

(1) Yes

(2) No

OCCU

87. What is your principal occupation?

OCCUSP

88. **If Married (Q95=1):** What is your spouse's principal occupation?

UNION

89. Does anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

(1) Yes

(2) No

INCOME

90. Finally, the very last question. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 2001. (Include spouse's income if married)

(1) Under \$10,000

(2) \$10,000-\$20,000

(3) \$20,000-\$30,000

(4) \$30,000-\$40,000

(5) \$40,000-\$50,000

(6) \$50,000-\$60,000

(7) \$60,000-\$70,000

(8) Over \$70,000

SEX

91. Sex of respondent (recorded by interviewer).

(1) Male

(2) Female

Post-Election Survey Instrument

WASINT

1. Do you recall being interviewed during the two weeks prior to the November 5th General Election?
(1) Yes [continue with interview]
(2) No [terminate the interview]

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 [continued with Q2]
(2) No [skip to Q12]

GOVVOTE

3. In the Governor's race, did you vote for Republican Eli Bebout, Democrat Dave Freudenthal, Libertarian David Dawson, or another candidate?
(1) Eli Bebout
(2) Dave Freudenthal
(3) David Dawson
(4) Another candidate
(5) Did not vote for Governor (volunteered)

SENVOTE

5. In the election for United States Senate, did you vote for Republican Mike Enzi, Democrat Joyce Corcoran, or another candidate?
(1) Mike Enzi
(2) Joyce Corcoran
(3) Another candidate
(4) Did not vote for U.S. Senate (volunteered)

CONGVOTE

4. In the United States House of Representatives race, did you vote for Republican Barbara Cubin, Democrat Ron Akin, or another candidate?
(1) Barbara Cubin
(2) Ron Akin
(3) Another candidate
(4) Did not vote for U.S. Representative (volunteered)

PIVOTE

6. In the Superintendent of Public Instruction race, did you vote for Republican Trent Blankenship, Democrat Kathy Emmons, or another candidate?
(1) Trent Blankenship
(2) Kathy Emmons
(3) Another candidate
(4) Did not vote for Superintendent of Public Instruction (volunteered)

7. In the election for State Auditor, did you vote for Republican Max Maxfield, Democrat Mark Harris, or another candidate?

- (1) Max Maxfield
- (2) Mark Harris
- (3) Another candidate
- (4) Did not vote for State Auditor (volunteered)

AUDVOTE

8. In the judicial races, Justice Marilyn Kite of the Wyoming Supreme court stood for retention--that is, people voted on whether or not to keep her in office. Do you recall how you voted on Justice Kite? Did you vote to keep her in office, did you vote against her, did you not vote either way, or don't you recall how you voted?

- (1) Yes, to keep Justice Kite
- (2) Against keeping Justice Kite
- (3) Did not vote on Justice Kite's retention

KITEVOTE

9. Do you know Justice Kite personally, or have you heard or read anything about her?

- (1) Yes, know her personally
- (2) Yes, has heard or read about her
- (3) Neither

KITEKNOW

10. In the judicial races, Justice Barton Voigt 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 Voigt? 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 Justice Voigt
- (2) Against keeping Justice Voigt
- (3) Did not vote on Justice Voigt's retention

VOIGVOTE

11. Do you know Justice Voigt personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?

- (1) Yes, know him personally
- (2) Yes, has heard or read about him
- (3) Neither

VOIGKNOW

Q12-Q33 asked of all respondents.

PART1

12. Now we want to know how much people participated in political activities in the 2002 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

PART2

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

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

PART3

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

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

PART4

15. 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

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

CITDUT1

16. 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

CITDUT2

17. Many local elections aren't important enough to bother with.

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Agree
- (3) Disagree
- (4) Strongly disagree

CITDUT3

18. 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

CITDUT4

19. 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

UWRES

20. Our last 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. 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
- (2) Agree
- (3) Disagree
- (4) Strongly disagree

UWSPEND

21. Considering what the University of Wyoming contributes to the state, the University is spending its budget wisely.

UWDEGREE

22. The University should reduce the number of degree programs available to students.

UWIMP

23. In general, the University has steadily improved during the last several years?

UWOR

24. 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 [ask Q25]
- (2) No [skip to Q27]

UWORREC

25. **If YES to Q24:** Can you recall the names of any of these outreach programs?

- (1) Yes [ask Q26]
- (2) No [skip to Q27]

UWORQU

26. **If YES to Q25:** Would you rate these programs as excellent, good, fair , poor or don't you have enough information to make a judgment?
- (1) Excellent
 - (2) Good
 - (3) Fair
 - (4) Poor

UWCC

27. 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

UWATH

28. As I read the following list of activities, please tell me if you think that the activities are over-emphasized, under-emphasized, or receive the right amount of emphasis. Intercollegiate activities
- (1) Over emphasized
 - (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
 - (3) Under emphasized

UWUG

29. Undergraduate education
- (1) Over emphasized
 - (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
 - (3) Under emphasized

UWGRAD

30. Graduate instruction
- (1) Over emphasized
 - (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
 - (3) Under emphasized

UWRESEAR

31. Faculty research
- (1) Over emphasized
 - (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
 - (3) Under emphasized

UWOFFCM

32. Off-campus instruction
- (1) Over emphasized
 - (2) Receive right amount of emphasis
 - (3) Under emphasized

33. UW services to groups outside Laramie.
(1) Over emphasized
(2) Receive right amount of emphasis
(3) Under emphasized

UWSER