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# Wyoming Election Survey 2004

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## Wyoming Election Year Survey: 2004

The Wyoming Election Survey is statewide telephone poll conducted biennially by the University of Wyoming's Survey Research Center under the co-sponsorship of the Department of Political Science and College of Arts and Sciences. A total of 677 households (selected at random) were included in the 2004 survey. The number of respondents in the Post-Election Survey is slightly lower (N=529) because some respondents declined to participate in the second survey or could not be reached. The Pre-Election Survey was conducted in mid- to late-October. The Post-Election Survey was conducted immediately following the November 2nd 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 on most questions. Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding error.

### Pre-Election Survey Instrument

1. In what county do you live?

- |                     |                        |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Albany - 8.0%   | (9) Hot Springs - 1.0% | (17) Sheridan - 6.5%   |
| (2) Big Horn - 1.3% | (10) Johnson - 1.2%    | (18) Sublette - 1.8%   |
| (3) Campbell - 5.2% | (11) Laramie - 16.4%   | (19) Sweetwater - 6.2% |
| (4) Carbon - 3.1%   | (12) Lincoln - 3.7%    | (20) Teton - 4.3%      |
| (5) Converse - 2.7% | (13) Natrona - 11.7%   | (21) Uinta - 3.1%      |
| (6) Crook - 1.5%    | (14) Niobrara - .3%    | (22) Washakie - 1.6%   |
| (7) Fremont - 8.9%  | (15) Park - 6.8%       | (23) Weston - 1.3%     |
| (8) Goshen - 1.8%   | (16) Platte - 1.8%     |                        |

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

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Jobs, unemployment, wages - 17.7%      | Highways, roads, traffic - 2.5% |
| Other economic issues - 12.6%          | Taxes - 2.4%                    |
| Drug abuse (including alcohol) - 11.8% | Youth activities - 1.8%         |
| Health care issues - 10.0%             | Crime - 1.8%                    |
| Education - 5.9%                       | Energy prices - 1.0%            |
| Natural resource-related issues - 4.6% | Other problems - 6.9%           |
| Housing - 4.4%                         | No problems - 1.6%              |
| Local government issues - 3.5%         | DK/NR - 11.4%                   |

COUNTY

PROBCOM  
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3. What do you think is the most pressing problem facing Wyoming as a whole?
- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Jobs, unemployment, wages - 23.6%       | Highways, roads, traffic - 1.0%    |
| Other economic issues - 16.0%           | Energy prices - 1.0%               |
| Health care issues - 11.2%              | Federal government influence - .9% |
| Natural resource-related issues - 10.9% | Taxes - .9%                        |
| Drug abuse (including alcohol) - 4.9%   | Other problems - 8.7%              |
| Education - 3.5%                        | No problems - 1.2%                 |
| State government issues - 1.6%          | DK/NR - 14.5%                      |

VOTE2000

4. Did you vote in the 2000 Presidential Election where George W. Bush ran against Al Gore?  
(1) Yes - 84.9% (2) No - 14.9% (3) DK/NR - .1%

PRES2000

5. **If YES:** Did you vote for George W. Bush, Al Gore, or another candidate?  
(1) Bush - 72.7% (2) Gore - 20.0%  
(3) other candidate - 7.1% (4) DK/NR - 2.6%

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

BUSHAPP

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>DK/NR</i>
6. President George W. Bush	27.2%	39.0%	16.5%	16.8%	.4%
7. Vice President Dick Cheney	28.2%	38.7%	14.3%	16.0%	2.8%
8. Governor Dave Freudenthal	14.0%	52.9%	20.5%	3.2%	9.3%
9. U.S. Senator Craig Thomas	11.5%	46.8%	18.5%	5.5%	17.7%
10. U.S. Senator Mike Enzi	13.6%	44.3%	18.6%	4.6%	18.9%
11. U.S. Rep. Barbara Cubin	12.4%	33.4%	20.1%	26.0%	8.1%
12. Wyoming Legislators	2.8%	45.6%	31.0%	2.8%	17.7%
13. Wyoming Judges	5.0%	37.2%	27.2%	5.5%	25.1%

CHENAPP

FREUDAPP

THOMAPP

ENZIAPP

CUBINAPP

LEGAPP

JUDAPP

REGVOTE

14. Now let's talk about the upcoming general election on November 2nd. Are you registered to vote in the General Election?  
(1) Yes - 87.7% (2) No - 12.0% (3) DK/NR - .3%

REGPARTY

15. **If YES:** Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or some other party?  
(1) Republican - 56.3% (2) Democrat - 20.1%  
(3) Independent/Other - 10.0% (4) DK/NR - .7%

PLANVOTE

16. Do you plan to vote in the November 2nd general election?  
(1) Yes - 93.1% (2) No - 6.2% (3) DK/NR - .7%

PRESCH

17. This year the candidates for President of the United States are Republican George W. Bush, Democrat John Kerry, and independent Ralph Nader. If the election were held today, would you vote for:
- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) George W. Bush - 64.7%                  | (2) John Kerry - 21.4%      |
| (3) Ralph Nader - 1.3%                      | (4) another candidate - .6% |
| (5) Would not vote (volunteered only) - .1% | (6) DK/NR - 5.6%            |

CONGCH

18. What about the Congressional election where Republican Barbara Cubin is running against Democrat Ted Ladd. If the election was held today, would you vote for:
- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Barbara Cubin - 49.3%    | (2) Ted Ladd - 31.9%                         |
| (3) another candidate - 1.9% | (4) Would not vote (volunteered only) - 1.0% |
| (5) DK/NR - 7.2%             |  |

CONSTCH

19. Also on the ballot is a proposed amendment to the Wyoming Constitution that would allow the Wyoming legislature to limit the amount of damages for non-economic loss in medical malpractice law suits. Non-economic losses include such things as pain and suffering, inconvenience, and loss of capacity to enjoy life. Actual economic damages such as direct medical expenses and loss of earnings would not be affected. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this constitutional amendment?
- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| (1) Vote for - 51.1%                         | (2) Vote against - 32.8% |
| (3) Would not vote (volunteered only) - 1.0% | (4) DK/NR - 8.7%         |

BUSHINT

20. I am going to read a list of words and phrases people use to describe political figures. For each, please tell me whether the word or phrase describes the candidate I name extremely well, quite well, not too well, or not well at all. Think about George W. Bush. The first word on our list is "intelligent." In your opinion does the word intelligent describe Bush extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?
- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 26.4% | (2) Quite well - 49.0%      |
| (3) Not too well - 12.4%   | (4) Not well at all - 11.1% |
| (5) DK/NR - .8%            |                             |

BUSHVAL

21. George W. Bush: "Shares my values":
- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 33.8% | (2) Quite well - 34.9%      |
| (3) Not too well - 13.6%   | (4) Not well at all - 16.4% |
| (5) DK/NR - 1.3%           |                             |

BUSHTG

22. George W. Bush: "Can make tough decisions":
- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 43.4% | (2) Quite well - 36.0%     |
| (3) Not too well - 10.9%   | (4) Not well at all - 8.1% |
| (5) DK/NR - 1.4%           |                            |

BUSHCARE

23. George W. Bush: "Cares about people like me":
- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 30.4% | (2) Quite well - 37.4%      |
| (3) Not too well - 12.6%   | (4) Not well at all - 17.1% |
| (5) DK/NR - 2.5%           |                             |

BUSHTRST

24. George W. Bush: "Trustworthy":
- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 35.3% | (2) Quite well - 36.9%      |
| (3) Not too well - 11.1%   | (4) Not well at all - 14.8% |
| (5) DK/NR - 1.9%           |                             |

KERINT

25. Now think about John Kerry. Does the word "intelligent" describe Kerry extremely well, quite well, not too well or not well at all?
- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 19.4% | (2) Quite well - 47.1%      |
| (3) Not too well - 17.7%   | (4) Not well at all - 13.6% |
| (5) DK/NR - 2.2%           |                             |

KERVAL

26. John Kerry: "Shares my values":
- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 6.2% | (2) Quite well - 20.4%      |
| (3) Not too well - 27.5%  | (4) Not well at all - 43.3% |
| (5) DK/NR - 2.6%          |                             |

KERTG

27. John Kerry: "Can make tough decisions":
- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 4.6% | (2) Quite well - 23.5%      |
| (3) Not too well - 25.8%  | (4) Not well at all - 34.6% |
| (5) DK/NR - 11.5%         |                             |

KERCARE

28. John Kerry: "Cares about people like me":
- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 7.8% | (2) Quite well - 29.8%      |
| (3) Not too well - 23.9%  | (4) Not well at all - 32.8% |
| (5) DK/NR - 5.6%          |                             |

KERTRST

29. John Kerry: "Trustworthy":
- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Extremely well - 6.1% | (2) Quite well - 20.1%      |
| (3) Not too well - 24.5%  | (4) Not well at all - 39.1% |
| (5) DK/NR - 11.1%         |                             |

ECONOMY

30. Regardless of which presidential candidate you support, please tell me if you think George W. Bush or John Kerry would better handle each of the following issues. How about the economy
- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Bush - 62.6%              | (2) Kerry - 32.2% |
| (3) Same (volunteered) - 2.1% | (4) DK/NR - 3.1%  |

TAXES

31. Taxes
- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Bush - 67.5%              | (2) Kerry - 27.3% |
| (3) Same (volunteered) - 2.1% | (4) DK/NR - 3.8%  |

SOCSEC

32. Social Security
- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Bush - 56.9%              | (2) Kerry - 30.3% |
| (3) Same (volunteered) - 4.4% | (4) DK/NR - 8.4%  |

FORAFF

33. Foreign affairs
- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Bush - 69.9%              | (2) Kerry - 25.6% |
| (3) Same (volunteered) - 1.2% | (4) DK/NR - 3.3%  |

TERR

34. War on terrorism
- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Bush - 74.4%              | (2) Kerry - 21.1% |
| (3) Same (volunteered) - 1.5% | (4) DK/NR - 3.4%  |

IRAQWAR

35. War in Iraq
- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Bush - 71.0%              | (2) Kerry - 23.8% |
| (3) Same (volunteered) - 1.8% | (4) DK/NR - 3.4%  |

GOVTRUST

36. 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 - 3.9% | (2) Most of the time - 33.5% |
| (3) Some of the time - 57.6% | (4) None of the time - 4.1%  |
| (5) DK/NR - .9               |                              |

WHOTRUST

37. 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 - 6.6% | (2) Most of the time - 55.7% |
| (3) Some of the time - 34.0% | (4) None of the time - 1.8%  |
| (5) DK/NR - 1.9%             |                              |

IRAQWOR

38. Our next questions concern the war in Iraq. All in all, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting or not?
- |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (1) Yes, worth fighting - 66.9% | (2) No, not worth fighting - 29.1% |
| (3) DK/NR - 4.0%                |                                    |

IRAQGO

39. How would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now that the major fighting has ended—very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?
- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Very well - 7.7%         | (2) Moderately well - 52.0% |
| (3) Moderately badly - 22.2% | (4) Very badly - 15.8%      |
| (5) DK/NR - 2.3%             |                             |

IRAQALQ

40. Do you think Iraq did or did not provide direct support to the Al Qaeda terrorist group?
- |                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) Did provide support - 62.9% | (2) Did not provide support - 26.7% |
| (3) DK/NR - 10.4%               |                                     |

IRAQWMD

41. Do you think Iraq did have weapons of mass destruction that may not be found or do you think Iraq did not have any weapons of mass destruction?
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| (1) Did have weapons of mass destruction - 66.2%     |  |
| (2) Did not have weapons of mass destruction - 29.4% |  |
| (3) DK/NR - 4.4%                                     |  |

SAFE

42. Compared to a year ago, do you think the country today is safer from terrorism or less safe from terrorism?
- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| (1) Safer - 64.4%                       | (2) Less safe - 20.4% |
| (3) No difference (volunteered) - 12.0% | (4) DK/NR - 3.2%      |

FINANCE

43. 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 - 43.1%    | (2) Getting worse - 19.5% |
| (3) Remained the same - 36.9% | (4) DK/NR - .4%           |

FINFUT

44. 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 - 43.1%          | (2) Get worse - 8.7% |
| (3) Stay about the same - 43.0% | (4) DK/NR - 5.2%     |

CONTCOND

45. 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 - 40.5% (2) Gotten worse - 31.8%  
(3) Stayed the same - 24.7% (4) DK/NR - 3.1%

FINWYO

46. 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 - 49.6% (2) Gotten worse - 11.4%  
(3) Stayed the same - 32.3% (DK/NR - 6.6%)

WYOIMP

47. 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 - 38.1% (2) Next five years - 39.4%  
(3) Next ten years - 7.1% (4) May never improve - 6.9%  
(5) DK/NR - 8.4%

BUSHEC

48. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling the nation's economy?  
(1) Approve - 65.0% (2) Disapprove - 29.4% (3) DK/NR - 5.6%

FREUDEC

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Freudenthal is handling the state's economy?  
(1) Approve - 74.9% (2) Disapprove - 9.7% (3) DK/NR - 15.4%

HLTHCARE

50. There has been a lot of discussion in recent months about the cost of health care in Wyoming. How would you describe the health care available in your community. Is it excellent, good, fair, or poor?  
(1) Excellent - 17.1% (2) Good - 36.3% (3) Fair - 27.0%  
(4) Poor - 17.4% (5) DK/NR - 2.1%

HLTHCOST

51. Who do you think is most responsible for the high cost of health care in the United States: doctors, insurance companies, hospitals, drug manufacturers, or trial lawyers?  
(1) doctors - 5.3% (2) insurance companies - 37.1%  
(3) hospitals - 5.8% (4) drug manufacturers - 11.1%  
(5) trial lawyers - 30.0% (6) other (volunteered) - 6.5%  
(7) DK/NR - 4.3%

**Q52-Q69 asked of part of the sample (N=481).**

TAX

52. 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 - 84.9% (2) Too high - 13.4% (3) DK/NR - 1.5%

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.

		<i>Spend More</i>	<i>Current Spend level</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>DK/NR</i>
<u>LAW</u>	53. Law enforcement & corrections	44.7%	47.2%	5.6%	3.2%
<u>PS</u>	54. Local public schools	65.9%	28.5%	5.0%	.6%
<u>CONCL</u>	55. Community colleges	48.2%	41.6%	5.2%	5.0%
<u>ROADS</u>	56. Streets & highways	36.0%	57.2%	6.4%	.4%
<u>UWYO</u>	57. University of Wyoming	41.3%	40.5%	8.5%	9.6%
<u>ECON</u>	58. State economic development	52.0%	34.1%	8.3%	5.6%
<u>WATER</u>	59. Water development	52.2%	39.3%	3.1%	5.4%
<u>HEALTH</u>	60. Health & social services	53.8%	36.8%	6.4%	2.9%

**[If answered “Spend more” to any question between Q53 and Q60 ask Q61. Otherwise skip to Q62.]**

61. 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 - 73.1% (2) No - 22.2% (3) DK/NR - 3.5%

If taxes had to be increased to maintain existing state programs, would you favor increasing the following taxes?

		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>DK/NR</i>
<u>CIG</u>	62. Cigarette tax:	75.1%	23.1%	1.9%
<u>GAS</u>	63. Gasoline tax	27.0%	71.9%	1.0%
<u>BEER</u>	64. Tax on Beer	77.8%	20.4%	1.9%
<u>SALES</u>	65. Sales tax	55.7%	43.2%	1.0%
<u>PROP</u>	66. Property tax	26.2%	73.0%	.8%
<u>HARD</u>	67. Tax on hard liquor	84.4%	13.5%	2.0%
<u>WINE</u>	68. Tax on wine	81.7%	15.8%	2.4%
<u>SEV</u>	69. Mineral severance tax	57.4%	32.8%	9.8%

**Q70-Q77 asked of part of the sample (N=194).**

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

GUN

70. The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.  
(1) Strongly agree - 10.3% (2) Agree - 22.2%  
(3) Disagree - 34.0% (4) Strongly disagree - 29.9%  
(5) DK/NR - 3.6%

GAYMAR

71. Homosexual couples should be allowed to get married.  
(1) Strongly agree - 8.8% (2) Agree - 18.0%  
(3) Disagree - 27.8% (4) Strongly disagree - 40.7%  
(5) DK/NR - 4.6%

GAYCON

72. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.  
(1) Strongly agree - 41.8% (2) Agree - 20.6%  
(3) Disagree - 25.8% (4) Strongly disagree - 9.8%  
(5) DK/NR - 2.1%

MURDER

73. Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty.  
(1) Strongly agree - 20.6% (2) Agree - 38.1%  
(3) Disagree - 28.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 4.1%  
(5) DK/NR - 8.8%

PRAYER

74. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would permit organized prayers in public schools.  
(1) Strongly agree - 20.6% (2) Agree - 37.1%  
(3) Disagree - 31.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 8.2%  
(5) DK/NR - 2.6%

TERROR

75. The United States should use military force to stop terrorism in the world.  
(1) Strongly agree - 35.6% (2) Agree - 41.8%  
(3) Disagree - 14.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.6%  
(5) DK/NR - 5.7%

AFFIRM

76. 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 - 43.8% (2) Disapprove - 51.5% (3) DK/NR - 4.6%

ABORT

77. 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 - 11.3%
  - (2) The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger - 36.6%
  - (3) The law 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 - 17.5%
  - (4) By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice - 33.0%
  - (5) DK/NR - 1.5%

**Asked of all respondents:**

SMOKE

78. As you may know, the City of Laramie recently passed an ordinance that bans smoking in all public buildings, include government offices, stores, bars and restaurants. Thinking about your own community, do you think smoking should be banned in all public buildings?
- (1) Yes, smoking should be banned in public buildings - 60.4%
  - (2) No, smoking should not be banned in public buildings - 37.2%
  - (3) DK/NR - 2.4%

IDEOLOGY

79. 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 - 3.0%
  - (2) Liberal - 7.7%
  - (3) Slightly liberal - 6.8%
  - (4) Moderate - 27.5%
  - (5) Slightly conservative - 13.1%
  - (6) Conservative - 31.2%
  - (7) Extremely conservative - 7.7%
  - (8) DK/NR - 3.1%

PI1

80. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?
- (1) Republican - 53.8%
  - (2) Democrat - 16.8%
  - (3) Independent - 24.7%
  - (4) Other - 3.0%
  - (5) DK/NR - 1.8%

PI2

81. **If Republican [Q80=1]:** Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?
- (1) Strong - 59.6%
  - (2) Not so strong - 39.6%
  - (3) DK/NR - .8%

PI3

82. **If Democrat [Q80=2]:** Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?
- (1) Strong - 58.8%
  - (2) Not so strong - 41.2%
  - (3) DK/NR - .0%

PI4

83. **If Independent [Q80=3]:** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democrat Party
- (1) Closer to Republican Party - 42.5%
  - (2) Closer to Democratic Party - 33.5%
  - (3) Neither - 21.6%
  - (4) DK/NR - 2.2%

PARTYID

- Summary measure of Party Identification:
- (1) Strong Democrat - 9.9%
  - (2) Weak Democrat - 6.9%
  - (3) Independent leans Democratic - 8.3%
  - (4) Independent - 8.9%
  - (5) Independent leans Republican - 105.0%
  - (6) Weak Republican - 21.7%
  - (7) Strong Republican - 32.1%
  - (9) Missing - 1.8%

GRADE

84. 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 schools?
- |               |               |                  |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| (1) A - 18.0% | (2) B - 38.3% | (3) C - 26.9%    |
| (4) D - 5.0%  | (5) F - 1.9%  | (6) DK/NR - 9.9% |

COMPCOL

85. What about the state's community colleges? What grade would you give to them?
- |               |               |                   |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| (1) A - 19.2% | (2) B - 46.1% | (3) C - 12.0%     |
| (4) D - .9%   | (5) F - .4%   | (6) DK/NR - 21.4% |

UW

86. And finally, what about the University of Wyoming? What grade would you give the University for the quality of its work?
- |               |               |                   |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| (1) A - 28.5% | (2) B - 43.7% | (3) C - 8.1%      |
| (4) D - 1.0%  | (5) F - .4%   | (6) DK/NR - 18.2% |

MOSTINFO

87. 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 - 44.2% | (2) Radio - 13.7%  | (3) Newspapers - 20.7%    |
| (4) Magazines - 3.7%   | (5) Friends - 4.4% | (6) Other sources - 10.5% |
| (7) DK/NR - 2.8%       |                    |                           |

RELIGION

88. Are you a member of a church or religious group?
- |                 |                |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Yes - 67.2% | (2) No - 32.5% | (3) DK/NR - .3% |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|

DENOM

89. **If YES:** Of what denomination?
- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Protestant denominations – 57.1%   | Roman Catholic – 22.5% |
| Latter Day Saints (Mormon) – 13.2% | Other – 7.1%           |

ATTEND

90. How often do you go to church? Would you say:
- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) Every week - 27.8%            | (2) Almost every week - 13.9%  |
| (3) Once or twice a month - 13.6% | (4) A few times a year - 23.6% |
| (5) Never - 19.5%                 | (6) DK/NR - 1.6%               |

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

BTHYEAR  
AGE

91. In what year were you born?  
Mean age = 48.1 years    Minimum = 18    Maximum = 92

EDUC

92. What was the last year or grade you completed in school?
- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| (1) Grade school - 1.0%          | (2) Some high school - 5.0%                 |
| (3) High school graduate - 21.9% | (4) Some college - 35.7%                    |
| (5) Bachelor's degree - 21.4%    | (6) Graduate or professional degree - 14.5% |
| (7) DK/NR - .4%                  |   |

RACE

93. Of which of the following groups do you consider yourself a member?
- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) White or Caucasian - 92.% | (2) African American - .0% |
| (3) Native American - 2.1%    | (4) Hispanic - 3.7%        |
| (5) Oriental. - .3%           | (6) DK/NR - 1.9%           |

MARRIED

94. What is your marital status?  
 (1) Married - 65.4% (2) Single - 15.7%  
 (3) Separated/divorced - 10.9% (4) Widowed - 7.1%  
 (5) DK/NR - .9%

CHILD18

95. Do you have children under age 18 who are living with you?  
 (1) Yes - 36.9% (2) No - 62.6% (3) DK/NR - .4%

OCCU

96. What is your principal occupation?

**If Married (Q94=1):** What is your spouse's principal occupation?

OCCUSP

UNION

97. Does anyone in your household belong to a labor union?  
 (1) Yes - 10.0% (2) No - 89.4% (3) DK/NR - .6%

INCOME

98. Finally, the very last question. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 2003. (Include spouse's income if married)
- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Under \$10,000 - 2.8%     | (2) \$10,000-\$20,000 - 10.6% |
| (3) \$20,000-\$30,000 - 13.0% | (4) \$30,000-\$40,000 - 13.7% |
| (5) \$40,000-\$50,000 - 12.3% | (6) \$50,000-\$60,000 - 8.4%  |
| (7) \$60,000-\$70,000 - 6.9%  | (8) Over \$70,000 - 24.4%     |
| (9) DK/NR - 7.8               |                               |

SEX

99. Gender of respondent (recorded by interviewer).  
 (1) Male - 45.5%  
 (2) Female - 54.5%

**Post-Election Survey Instrument**

WASINT

201. Do you recall being interviewed during the two weeks prior to the November 2nd General Election?  
 (1) Yes - 78.1% (2) No - 21.9 [interview terminated]

DIDVOTE

202. 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 2nd election?  
 (1) Yes - 90.4% (2) No - 9.6%

**Q203 - Q205 asked of those responding "Yes" to Q202:**

PRESVOTE

203. In the race for President of the United States, did you vote for Republican George W. Bush, Democrat John Kerry, or independent Ralph Nader?  
 (1) George W. Bush - 72.4% (2) John Kerry - 24.9%  
 (3) Ralph Nader - .4% (4) Another candidate (volunteered) - .4%  
 (5) DK/NR - 1.9%

CONGVOTE

204. In the United States House of Representatives race, did you vote for Republican Barbara Cubin or Democrat Ted Ladd?  
 (1) Barbara Cubin - 58.4% (2) Ted Ladd - 37.2%  
 (3) Another candidate (volunteered) - 1.3%  
 (4) Did not vote for U.S. Representative (volunteered) - 1.7%

AMDVOTE

(5) DK/NR - 1.5%

205. Also on the ballot was a proposed amendment to the Wyoming Constitution that would allow the Wyoming legislature to limit the amount of damages for non-economic loss in medical malpractice law suits. Non-economic losses include such things as pain and suffering, inconvenience, and lose of capacity to enjoy life. Actual economic damages such as direct medical expenses and loss of earnings would not be affected. Did you vote for or against this constitutional amendment?

(1) Voted for - 46.9% (2) Voted against - 50.6%  
(3) Did not vote on amendment (volunteered only) - 1.7% (4) DK/NR - .8%

PART1

**Q206-Q209 asked of all respondents.**

206. 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 - 18.0% (2) No - 81.9% (3) DK/NR - .2%

PART2

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

(1) Yes - 13.2% (2) No - 86.8% (3) DK/NR - .0%

PART3

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

(1) Yes - 8.7% (2) No - 91.1% (3) DK/NR - .2%

PART4

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

(1) Yes - 50.1% (2) No - 49.9% (3) DK/NR - .0%

UWRES

14. 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

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

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

UWDEGREE

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

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

UWIMP

17. In general, the University has steadily improved during the last several years?  
(1) Strongly agree  
(2) Agree  
(3) Disagree  
(4) Strongly disagree

UWOR

18. The University of Wyoming through various means offers university courses in many locations throughout the state. Have you heard or read anything about these outreach programs?  
(1) Yes  
(2) No

UWORREC

19. **If YES to Q18:** Can you recall the names of any of these outreach programs?  
(1) Yes  
(2) No

UWORQU

20. **If YES to Q18:** 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

21. 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