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**REGISTERED VOTERS/PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes .....	80
No.....	20
Refused/not sure .....	-

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

- 2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- 2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- 2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>
Strongly Republican .....	21
Moderately Republican .....	22
Definitely Independent/neither .....	9
Moderately Democrat.....	25
Strongly Democrat .....	21
Refused/not sure.....	2
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<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>46</b>

**HIV/AIDS STUDY**

1. I'm going to read you a list of health problems facing the United States today. Please tell me which of these health problems you think should be the federal government's highest priority for spending on medical research.

Cancer.....	37
Alzheimer's disease .....	15
Heart disease.....	14
AIDS.....	14
Obesity.....	10
Smoking .....	4
Strokes .....	3
(NOT READ) Something else.....	1
Not sure.....	2

2. Now thinking specifically about AIDS and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, how serious do you feel AIDS is as a national health problem? Would you say it is ...

Very serious.....	61
Somewhat serious .....	33
Not very serious.....	4
Not serious at all.....	2
Not sure .....	-
<b>Total Serious.....</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Total Not Serious.....</b>	<b>6</b>

3. And thinking about HIV and AIDS as a national health problem, compared to TEN YEARS AGO, do you think the situation in the United States is better today, worse today, or about the same today as it was ten years ago?

Better today.....	31
Worse today .....	42
About the same today .....	24
Not sure.....	3

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.3. THAT THE SITUATION WITH HIV AND AIDS IS BETTER TODAY THAN IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO.)**

3a. And which of these reasons do you think is the MOST important reason that the problem of HIV and AIDS is better today?

Prevention programs have reduced the number of new cases of HIV and AIDS.....	43
Medical research has led to treatments that prolong the lives of people with HIV and AIDS.....	45
(NOT READ) Both equally.....	11
(NOT READ) Neither.....	-
Not sure.....	1

4. When it comes to the problem of HIV and AIDS IN THE UNITED STATES today, compared to ten years ago do you think more people, fewer people, or about the same number of people are becoming infected with HIV?

More people .....	52
Fewer people.....	20
About the same number .....	25
Not sure.....	3

5. Do you think public education efforts to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS among young people should focus more on ...

Encouraging them to practice safe sex.....	55
Encouraging them to abstain from sex .....	40
(NOT READ) Both equally .....	4
(NOT READ) Neither .....	1
Not sure .....	-

6. The U.S. government has proposed a program to spend 15 billion dollars over five years to help fight HIV and AIDS in developing countries in Africa and elsewhere. Do you favor or oppose this program?

Favor .....	65
Oppose.....	33
Not sure.....	2

7. As you may know, HIV and AIDS is a global epidemic, and many of the poorest countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are particularly hard-hit. Some people say that the United States has a responsibility to spend money to help fight the epidemic in countries that can't afford to fight it on their own. Other people say that the money should be focused on preventing and treating the epidemic here in the United States. Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

The United States has a responsibility to spend money to help fight the HIV and AIDS epidemic in developing countries, even if that means less money is spent on the epidemic at home.....	30
The United States should focus on the HIV and AIDS epidemic at home first rather than spending money to help fight the epidemic in developing countries .....	63
(NOT READ) Both equally .....	5
(NOT READ) Neither .....	2
Not sure .....	-

**Now a few questions on how HIV and AIDS affects you personally.**

8. Bearing in mind the different ways people can be infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS – how concerned are you personally about becoming infected with HIV?

Very concerned.....	10
Somewhat concerned .....	12
Not too concerned .....	26
Not at all concerned.....	52
Not sure .....	-
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<b>Total Concerned .....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Not Concerned .....</b>	<b>78</b>

9. How concerned are you about a son or daughter becoming infected with HIV?

Very concerned.....	27
Somewhat concerned .....	24
Not too concerned .....	18
Not at all concerned.....	21
(NOT READ) No child.....	10
Not sure .....	-
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<b>Total Concerned .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Not Concerned .....</b>	<b>39</b>

10. Do you personally know anyone who now has AIDS, has died from AIDS, or has tested positive for HIV?

Yes .....	39
No.....	61
Not sure.....	-

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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**NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.**

D1a. First of all, in what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

**(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

D1c. Are you:

18-34 .....	31
35-49 .....	30
50-64 .....	22
65 and over .....	16
Refused/not sure .....	1

D2. Are you employed:

<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED .....</b>	<b>65</b>
- Full time.....	53
- Part time.....	12
Not employed .....	15
Retired.....	19
Refused/not sure .....	1

**(Q.D3 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME IN Q.D2.)**

D3. We would also like to have just a general idea of what type of occupation you have. Which one of the following best describes your current job?

Professional .....	16
Senior executive or manager.....	9
Clerical or administrative .....	8
Sales or services .....	9
A skilled trade or technical occupation.....	12
Blue-collar work or laborer.....	5
Farming or fishing .....	1
Other (VOL) .....	5
Refused/not sure .....	-
Not Employed Full/Part Time (Q.D2) .....	35

D4. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school .....	5
Completed high school .....	29
Some college but did not finish.....	23
Completed a two year college degree .....	10
Completed a four year college degree.....	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	13
Refused/not sure .....	-

D5. Are you currently married?

Yes .....	57
No.....	43
Refused/not sure .....	-

D6. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1 .....	18
2 .....	32
3 .....	20
4 .....	18
5 .....	6
6 or more .....	5
Refused/not sure .....	1

**(Q.D7a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)**

D7a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D7b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D7c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

<b>ANY CHILDREN – NET .....</b>	<b>39</b>
Under 6.....	21
6-12 .....	19
13-17 .....	15
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Refused/not sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>

D8. Do you currently own stocks, bonds or mutual funds?

Yes .....	51
No.....	46
Refused/not sure .....	3

**(Q.D9 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D8.)**

D9. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments - buying or selling stocks or stock mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	32
1 time.....	25
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	8
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	7
10 to 14 times.....	2
15 to 19 times.....	2
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more .....	2
Refused/not sure .....	3
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<b>Active Investors (5 times or more).....</b>	<b>13</b>

D10. Do you own your home, or do you rent?

Own .....	68
Rent.....	29
Refused/not sure .....	3

D11a. What religion are you? Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or some other religion?

Protestant.....	56
Catholic .....	20
Jewish .....	2
Some other religion .....	11
(NOT READ) No religion .....	8
Refused/not sure .....	3

D11b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or born-again Christian, or neither?

Born-again Christian.....	26
Fundamentalist.....	5
Neither.....	66
Refused/not sure .....	3

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2003?

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000 .....	7
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000 .....	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000 .....	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000 .....	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000 .....	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	9
\$100,000 or more .....	12
Refused/not sure .....	17

D15a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D15b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D15a.)**

D15b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White .....	81
Black.....	8
Hispanic.....	5
Asian.....	2
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	2
Refused .....	1

**REGION:**

Northeast.....	20
Midwest.....	23
South.....	35
West.....	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban.....	26
Suburban.....	49
Rural.....	25

**GENDER:**

Male.....	48
Female.....	52