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PARTY AFFILIATION

1a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.1a, Q.1b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.1a, Q.1c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.1a, Q.1d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 1b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- 1c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- 1d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Republican	17
Moderately Republican.....	22
Definitely Independent/neither.....	13
Moderately Democrat	30
Strongly Democrat.....	16
Refused/not sure	2

Total Republican	39
Total Democrat	47

BACK TO SCHOOL

1. Looking back at your school days, what was your favorite subject?

<u>Math (NET)</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Vocational (NET)</u>	<u>3</u>
- Math	22	- Shop	1
- Accounting	1	- Home Economics	1
- Algebra	1	- Business	1
- Geometry	-	- Industrial Arts	-
- Calculus	-	- Typing	-
- Statistics	-	- Drivers Education	-
<u>English/Literature/Writing (NET)</u>	<u>21</u>	- Computer	-
- English	16	- Other Vocational	-
- Reading	2	<u>Physical Education (NET)</u>	<u>3</u>
- Spelling	1	- Physical Education	1
- Journalism	1	- Gym	1
- Language Arts	1	- Recess	-
- Writing	-	<u>Religion/Philosophy (NET)</u>	<u>1</u>
- Literature	-	- Philosophy	-
<u>History (NET)</u>	<u>20</u>	- Religion	-
- History	20	- Other Religion/ Philosophy	-
<u>Science (NET)</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Foreign Languages (NET)</u>	<u>-</u>
- Science	11	- French	-
- Biology	2	- Latin	-
- Physics	1	Other	2
- Chemistry	1	None	2
- Anatomy	-	Not Sure	1
- Geology	-		
<u>Social Studies (NET)</u>	<u>5</u>		
- Geography	2		
- Social Studies	1		
- Economics	1		
- Politics/ Political Science	1		
- Sociology/ Social Work	-		
- Psychology	-		
- Civics	-		
- Law	-		
- Government	-		
- Current Events	-		
- Marxism	-		
- Other Social Studies	-		
<u>Arts (NET)</u>	<u>5</u>		
- Art	4		
- Music	1		
- Drama/ Theater	-		

2. And what was the subject you hated the most?

<u>Math (NET)</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>Arts (NET)</u>	<u>1</u>
- Math	31	- Art	1
- Algebra.....	3	- Band	-
- Geometry	1	- Music	-
- Calculus	1	- Drama/ Theater.....	-
- Arithmetic	1	<u>Religion/Philosophy (NET)</u>	<u>1</u>
- Accounting	-	- Religion	1
- Trigonometry	-	- Philosophy	-
<u>English/Literature/Writing (NET)</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Vocational (NET)</u>	<u>1</u>
- English	16	- Shop	-
- Spelling	1	- Business	-
- Literature.....	1	- Typing	-
- Language Arts.....	1	- Home Economics.....	-
- Writing.....	-	Other	1
- Reading.....	-	None	8
<u>Science (NET)</u>	<u>13</u>	Not Sure	1
- Science	8		
- Chemistry.....	3		
- Biology	1		
- Physics.....	1		
- Geology.....	-		
<u>History (NET)</u>	<u>10</u>		
- History.....	10		
<u>Social Studies (NET)</u>	<u>5</u>		
- Social Studies	2		
- Geography	1		
- Politics/ Political Science.....	1		
- Economics	-		
- Psychology.....	-		
- Sociology/ Social Work	-		
- Government	-		
- Civics	-		
- Law	-		
- Marxism	-		
- Other Social Studies	-		
<u>Foreign Languages (NET)</u>	<u>4</u>		
- Spanish.....	1		
- French.....	1		
- Latin	1		
- Foreign languages	1		
- German	-		
<u>Physical Education (NET)</u>	<u>2</u>		
- Physical Education.....	1		
- Gym	-		

3. If you had to choose, which ONE of these subjects would you say you wish you had learned more about or studied more of in school?

Foreign languages.....	23
Math.....	15
Business.....	13
History.....	13
Science.....	9
Government.....	7
English.....	6
Music.....	5
Art.....	4
Physical Education.....	2
(NOT READ) Other.....	2
(NOT READ) None.....	1
Not sure.....	-

4a. Some people have a teacher they remember who made a difference in how their life turned out. Did you have such a teacher, or not?

Yes.....	63
No.....	37
Not sure.....	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.4a THAT THEY REMEMBER A TEACHER THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE.)

4b. Thinking of the teacher who made the greatest difference in your life, was that teacher an elementary school, middle school, high school, or college teacher?

Elementary school.....	25
Middle school.....	15
High school.....	49
College.....	10
Not sure.....	1

5. In general, do you think USING A COMPUTER mostly helps or mostly hurts children's learning—or doesn't it have much effect either way?

Mostly helps.....	68
Mostly hurts.....	13
Doesn't have much effect.....	14
Not sure.....	5

6. For each of the following subjects, please tell me whether you think children today receive the right amount of education in that subject, too much education, or not enough education in the subject.

	<u>Right Amount</u>	<u>Too Much</u>	<u>Not Enough</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
The sciences like biology, chemistry and physics.....	39	3	53	5
The arts, like music and art appreciation.....	33	6	58	3
Physical education or gym class.....	40	8	49	3

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1a. 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	29
50-64	22
65 and over	18
Refused/not sure	-

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	64
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	12
Not employed	16
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure	-

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	27
Some college but did not finish.....	19
Completed a two year college degree	12
Completed a four year college degree.....	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	15
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	58
No.....	42
Refused/not sure	-

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	19
2	34
3	15
4	18
5	8
6 or more.....	5
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	37
Under 6.....	20
6-12.....	18
13-17.....	13
NO CHILDREN	61
Refused/not sure	1

D7a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D7b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D7a.)

D7b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	13
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	-
Refused	-

D8. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	15
Refused/not sure	14

REGION:

Northeast.....	19
Midwest.....	23
South.....	36
West.....	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	31
Suburban.....	48
Rural.....	21

GENDER:

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