

WYOMING ELECTION YEAR SURVEY, 1994

The Wyoming Election Year Survey (WEYS) is statewide telephone poll conducted biennially by the Survey Research Center under the sponsorship of the Government Research Bureau. A total of 611 respondents (selected at random) were included in the 1994 WEYS. The number of respondents in the Post-Election Survey is slightly lower (N=533) because some respondents declined to participate in the second survey or could not be reached. The Pre-Election Survey was conducted October 16-27. The Post-Election Survey was conducted November 9-15.

PRE-ELECTION SURVEY

(N=611)

[The information in items #1-E6 concerned the administration of the survey and are omitted from the summary.]

<u>COUNTY</u>
<u>PROBCOMM</u>

7. What county do you live in?

Albany	7.2%	Natrona	11.3%
Big Horn	3.1%	Niobrara	1.1%
Campbell	4.9%	Park	3.8%
Carbon	2.6%	Platte	2.0%
Converse	3.3%	Sheridan	7.2%
Crook	2.8%	Sublette	1.8%
Fremont	7.2%	Sweetwater	16.7%
Goshen	1.8%	Teton	0.0%
Hot Springs	1.0%	Uinta	0.0%
Johnson	2.0%	Washakie	0.0%
Laramie	17.2%	Weston	0.0%
Lincoln	3.1%		

8. 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?

Economy	15.1%		
Roads/Streets	4.1%		
Jobs/Employment	11.9%		
Water	2.8%		
Education/Schools	8.0%		
Taxes	2.1%		
Government/Politics	6.9%		
Drug/Alcohol	1.6%		
Youth	4.9%		
Health Care	1.1%		
Crime	4.9%		
Other	9.3%		
Environment/Land	4.6%		Refused/DK
	18.0%		
Housing	4.0%		

VOTE92

PRES92

CLINAPP

SULLAPP

WALLAPP

SIMPAPP

THOMAPP

LEGAPP

JUDAPP

REGVOTE

REGPARTY

10. Did you vote in the 1992 Presidential Election where Bill Clinton ran against George Bush and Ross Perot?
 (1) Yes - 83.5% (2) No - 15.9% (8) DK - .7%

If #10 is YES:

11. Did you vote for Bill Clinton, George Bush, Ross Perot, or some other candidate?
 (1) Clinton - 34.5% (2) Bush - 39.0%
 (3) Perot - 19.4% (4) Other - 1.4%
 (5) Refused/DK - 5.7%

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

	Exc	Good	Fair	Poor	DK
12. U.S. President Bill Clinton?	2.1%	19.6%	38.8%	37.5%	2.0%
13. Wyoming Governor Mike Sullivan?	11.0%	42.9%	31.1%	9.0%	6.1%
14. U.S. Senator Malcolm Wallop?	9.2%	38.0%	27.7%	12.9%	11.3%
15. U.S. Senator Alan Simpson?	12.1%	41.6%	27.7%	10.5%	8.2%
16. U.S. Congressman Craig Thomas?	12.8%	37.6%	26.8%	12.4%	10.3%
17. What about the Wyoming legislators? How do you think they have performed in recent years?	1.6%	35.2%	36.2%	13.1%	13.9%
18. What about Wyoming Judges? How do you think they have performed in recent years?	2.5%	35.5%	27.3%	8.7%	26.0%

19. Now let's talk about the upcoming general election on November 8th. Are you registered to vote in the General Election?
 (1) Yes - 83.6% (2) No - 15.7% (8) DK - .7%

20. Are you registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or some other party?
 (1) Republican - 52.3% (2) Democrat - 31.5%

(3) Independent/Other - 11.7%

(4) Refused/DK - 4.5%

PLANVOTE

21. Do you plan to vote in that General Election?

(1) Yes - 97.5% (2) No - 1.0% (8) DK - 1.6%

[Questions 22-36 based only on those planning to vote]

GOVCH

22. In the race for Governor, Democrat Kathy Karpan is running against Jim Geringer, a Republican. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

(1) Kathy Karpan - 42.0% (2) Jim Geringer - 44.8%

(3) Other Candidate - .4% (4) Will not vote - .2%

(5) Refused - 1.2% (8) Undecided/DK - 11.4%

SENVCH

23. What about the Senate race? Republican Craig Thomas is running against Mike Sullivan, a Democrat. If the election were held today, would you vote for:

(1) Mike Sullivan - 38.0% (2) Craig Thomas - 47.4%

(3) Other Candidate - .8% (4) Will not vote - .2%

(5) Refused - 1.2% (8) Undecided/DK - 12.4 %

CONGCH

24. What about the Congressional election where Republican Barbara Cubin is running against Democrat Bob Schuster? If the election were held today, would you vote for:

(1) Bob Schuster - 30.5% (2) Barbara Cubin - 44.2%

(3) Other Candidate - .8% (4) Will not vote - .8%

(5) Refused - 1.4% (8) Undecided/DK - 22.3%

JUDVOT

25. What about the judicial retention elections where a state supreme court justice is asking the voters to keep them in office? If the elections were held today, would you vote to keep Justice William Taylor in office?

(1) Yes - 48.4% (2) No - 14.7%

(3) Probably won't vote - 1.4% (4) Refused - .8%

(8) Undecided/DK - 34.7%

JTKNOW

26. Do you know Justice Taylor personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?

(1) Yes, know personally - 3.2%

(2) Yes, has heard or read about him - 27.3%

(3) Neither - 54.2 (8) DK - 15.3%

ABORTHRD

This year the voters of Wyoming are being asked to decide several issues in the November 8th election. We would like to know your opinions about these issues.

27. The first proposal on the ballot concerns abortion. Have your read or heard about this proposal?

(1) Yes - 81.5% (2) No - 17.5%

(8) DK - 1.0%

ABORTCH

If #27 is YES:

28. The proposal would make it illegal to perform an abortion except to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?
(1) Vote for - 37.7% (2) Vote against - 58.4%
(8) DK - 3.9%

GAMBHRD

29. The second ballot proposal concerns local-option gambling. Have your read or heard about this proposal?
(1) Yes - 94.0% (2) No - 5.4% (8) DK - .6%

GAMCH

If #29 is YES:

30. The proposal would permit the voters of a county to approve of gambling with games such as slot machines, poker, and blackjack. A state gaming commission would be created to establish the rules for gambling and to license game operators. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?
(1) Vote for - 33.8% (2) Vote against - 60.0%
(8) DK - 6.2%

BANKHRD

31. Another ballot would allow the state treasurer to invest state funds in Wyoming banks to make low-interest loans to Wyoming businesses and citizens. Have your read or heard about this proposal?
(1) Yes - 72.3% (2) No - 24.3% (8) DK - 3.4%

BANKCH

If #31 is YES:

32. Under this proposal, the state treasurer to could invest five hundred million dollars of state funds in Wyoming banks to make low-interest loans to Wyoming businesses and citizens. The purpose of these loans is to stimulate the state's economy. The state treasurer has estimated that this proposal will actually decrease state revenues. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?
(1) Vote for - 40.6% (2) Vote against - 45.6%
(8) DK - 13.9%

PARHRD

33. One ballot proposal would amend the Wyoming Constitution to permit criminal sentences of life in prison without parole. Have your read or heard about this proposal?
(1) Yes - 76.3% (2) No - 22.7% (8) DK - 1.0%

PARCH

If #33 is YES:

34. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?
(1) Vote for - 81.6% (2) Vote against - 12.1%
(8) DK - 6.3%
35. The final ballot proposal concerns investing state funds in the stock market. Have your read or heard about this proposal?
(1) Yes - 66.1% (2) No - 31.7% (8) 2.2%

STOCKHRD

If #35 is YES:

STOCKCH

36. This proposal would amend the Wyoming Constitution to allow the state treasurer to invest state funds in the stock market as a way of increasing state revenue. If the election were held today, would you vote for or against this proposal?
(1) Vote for - 31.0% (2) Vote against - 54.4%
(8) DK - 14.6%

GOVTRUST

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

37. 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 - 1.3% (2) Most of the time - 10.3%
(3) Some of the time - 66.1% (4) None of the time - 21.8%
(8) DK - .5%

WYOTRUST

38. 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 - 2.8% (2) Most of the time - 48.1%
(3) Some of the time - 42.4% (4) None of the time - 4.6%
(8) DK - 2.1%

GOVINT

39. 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) A few big interests - 84.3% (8) DK - 6.5%
(2) For the benefit of all - 9.2%

WYOINT

40. 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) A few big interests - 30.1% (8) DK - 13.6%
(2) For the benefit of all - 56.3%

GOVWASTE

41. 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 - 83.3% (2) Waste some of it - 15.1%
(3) Don't waste very much - .7% (8) DK - 1.0%

WYOWASTE

42. Do you think the people in the state 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 - 20.0% (2) Waste some of it - 60.2%
(3) Don't waste much - 14.2% (8) DK - 5.6%

GOVCROOK

43. 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 a crooked?
(1) Quite a few are crooked - 50.1%
(2) Not very many are crooked - 39.1%

WYOCROOK

(3) Hardly any are crooked - 6.9% (8) DK - 3.9%

44. Do you think that quite a few of the people running the state 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 - 9.51%

(2) Not very many are crooked - 46.0%

(3) Hardly any are crooked - 37.2% (8) DK - 7.4%

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 the statement.

GOVSAY

45. People like me don't have any say about what the federal government in Washington does.

(1) Strongly agree - 19.1% (2) Agree - 46.0%

(3) Disagree - 29.6% (4) Strongly disagree - 3.8%

(8) DK - 1.5%

WYOSAY

46. People like me don't have any say about what the state government in Cheyenne does.

(1) Strongly agree - 5.7% (2) Agree - 29.0%

(3) Disagree - 56.3% (4) Strongly disagree - 6.1%

(8) DK - 2.9%

HOME

47. We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home.

(1) Strongly agree - 28.3% (2) Agree - 48.4%

(3) Disagree - 19.5% (4) Strongly disagree - .8%

(8) DK - 2.9%

MILSTR

48. The best way to ensure peace is through military strength.

(1) Strongly agree - 10.3% (2) Agree - 48.8%

(3) Disagree - 30.1% (4) Strongly disagree - 3.8%

(8) DK - 7.0%

ENVIR

49. The United States has a moral responsibility to support sound environmental policies both at home and abroad.

(1) Strongly agree - 19.9% (2) Agree - 60.6%

(3) Disagree - 18.5% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.3%

(8) DK - 4.7%

UN

50. The United States should rely on the United Nations for dealing with most international crises around the world.

(1) Strongly agree - 10.0% (2) Agree - 63.0%

(3) Disagree - 16.5% (4) Strongly disagree - 5.4%

(8) DK - 5.1%

UWRES

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

- 51. Wyoming does not have the resources to pay for a university comparable to the best in surrounding states such as the University of Colorado, University of Nebraska, or the University of Utah.
 - (1) Strongly agree - 2.5%
 - (2) Agree - 20.9%
 - (3) Disagree - 47.1%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 11.3%
 - (8) DK - 18.2%

UWSPEND

- 52. Considering what the University of Wyoming contributes to the state, the University is spending its budget wisely.
 - (1) Strongly agree - 3.9%
 - (2) Agree - 47.1%
 - (3) Disagree - 12.9%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 1.1%
 - (8) DK - 34.9%

UWDEGREE

- 53. The University should reduce the number of degree programs available to students.
 - (1) Strongly agree - .7%
 - (2) Agree - 5.1%
 - (3) Disagree - 53.8%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 18.7%
 - (8) DK - 21.8%

USIMP

- 54. In general, the University has steadily improved during the last several years.
 - (1) Strongly agree - 4.9%
 - (2) Agree - 49.6%
 - (3) Disagree - 9.2%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 1.3%
 - (8) DK - 35.0%

UWOR

- 55. 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 - 68.4%
 - (2) No - 22.4%
 - (8) DK - 9.2%

UWORREC

If #55 is YES:

- 56. Can you recall the names of any of these outreach programs?
 - (1) Yes - 51.4%
 - (2) No - 45.9%
 - (8) DK - 2.6%

UWORQU

If #55 is YES:

- 57. Would you rate these programs as excellent, good, fair, or poor or don't you have enough information to make a judgment?
 - (1) Excellent - 20.5%
 - (2) Good - 44.7%
 - (3) Fair - 3.7%
 - (4) Poor - 1.4%
 - (8) DK - 29.8%

NUCWAR

- 58. Now a different kind of question.
How likely do you think the United States is to get into a nuclear war within the next 10 years? Would you say very likely, fairly likely, fairly unlikely, or very unlikely?

MRSHRD

MRSAPP

FINANCE

FINFUT

CONTCOND

FINWYO

FINIMP

EMP

- (1) Very likely - 8.0%
- (2) Fairly likely - 13.6%
- (3) Fairly unlikely - 41.6%
- (4) Very unlikely - 33.6%
- (8) DK - 3.3%

59. During the past year, there have been discussions about proposals to build a storage site in Wyoming for nuclear waste. Have you heard or read anything about this MRS proposal?
- (1) Yes - 82.8%
 - (2) No - 16.5%
 - (8) DK - .7%

If #59 is YES:

60. Would you favor or oppose building a nuclear waste facility in Wyoming?
- (1) Favor - 15.0%
 - (2) Oppose - 80.4%
 - (8) DK - 4.5%

Next we turn to some economic issues.

61. 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 - 29.3%
 - (2) Getting worse - 27.5%
 - (3) Remained the same - 42.6%
 - (8) DK - .7%

62. 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 - 28.5%
 - (2) Get worse - 14.9%
 - (3) Stay about the same - 55.2%
 - (8) DK - 1.5%

63. Now let's talk about the country as a whole. Would you say that over the past year the nations' economy has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?
- (1) Gotten better - 32.4%
 - (2) Stayed the same - 28.5%
 - (3) Gotten worse - 36.5%
 - (8) DK - 2.6%

64. 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 - 32.4%
 - (2) Stayed the same - 41.4%
 - (3) Gotten worse - 21.9%
 - (8) DK - 4.3%

65. 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 - 17.0%
 - (2) Next five years - 42.2%
 - (3) Next ten years - 16.9%
 - (4) May never - 14.2%
 - (8) DK - 7.8%

66. Last week, were you employed outside the home, either part-time or full-time, were you unemployed or what?
- (1) Not employed - 26.8%
 - (2) Unemployed - 3.1%
 - (3) Employed part-time - 12.9%
 - (4) Employed Full-time - 56.1%
 - (5) Refused - 1.0%

OCCU

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HLTHREF

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HLTHREG

What is your job or occupation?
(Indicate type of industry then type of job)

<u>67. Industry</u>		<u>68. Job</u>	
(1) Agriculture	5.9%	(1) Craftsman	3.8%
(2) Construction	6.6%	(2) Farming/fishing	4.3%
(3) Education	14.6%	(3) Laborer	13.7%
(4) Finance	3.6%	(4) Managerial	10.9%
(5) Government	7.3%	(5) Professional	35.8%
(6) Health	5.9%	(6) Sales	6.4%
(7) Law	1.4%	(7) Self-employed	7.8%
(8) Manufacturing	1.9%	(8) Student	1.2%
(9) Military	.7%	(9) Technical	14.5%
(10) Mining	4.7%	Refused	1.7%
(11) Public Administration	2.4%		
(12) Public Utilities	4.3%		
(13) Retail Trade	5.9%		
(14) Services	25.1%		
(15) Transportation/comm	5.9%		
(16) Wholesale	.9%		
Refused	2.4%		

69. Over the past year there has been quite a bit of discussion about health care in the United States. Do you think the country's health-care system needs a great deal of reform, only some reform, or no reform at all?

(1) Needs a great deal of reform - 45.3%

(2) Needs only some reform - 47.6%

(3) Needs no reform at all - 5.7%

(8) DK - 1.3%

I am now going to read a series 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.

70. Almost every American can afford health insurance.

(1) Strongly agree - .5% (2) Agree - 11.6%

(3) Disagree - 53.0% (4) Strongly disagree - 33.7%

(8) DK - 1.1%

71. Health-care costs are about the same as what they were 20 years ago.

(1) Strongly agree - .5% (2) Agree - 2.0%

(3) Disagree - 35.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 59.1%

(8) DK - 3.1%

72. If the federal government increases regulation of the health-care industry, costs will only increase.

(1) Strongly agree - 12.4% (2) Agree - 51.2%

(3) Disagree - 20.9% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.3%

(8) DK - 13.1%

HLTHMKT

73. The free market will eventually drive health care costs down.
(1) Strongly agree - 2.1% (2) Agree - 22.9%
(3) Disagree - 50.7% (4) Strongly disagree - 6.5%
(8) DK - 17.7%

HLTHFEAR

74. Most politicians are afraid to challenge those who benefit from the cost of health care such as medical doctors and the insurance industry.
(1) Strongly agree - 14.2% (2) Agree - 60.7%
(3) Disagree - 14.7% (4) Strongly disagree - 1.3%
(8) DK - 9.0%

HLTHPROB

75. The cost of health care is a major problem for me and my family.
(1) Strongly agree - 14.9% (2) Agree - 28.6%
(3) Disagree - 48.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 6.2%
(8) DK - 1.8%

Now we turn to the subject of public services and taxes in Wyoming.

TAX

76. 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 - 83.5%
(2) Too high - 13.4% (8) DK - 3.1%

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 state spending, leave it at present levels or decrease state spending.

LAW

77. Law enforcement & Corrections
(1) More - 55.6% (2) Same - 38.0%
(3) Less - 2.1% (8) DK - 2.1%

PS

78. Local public schools
(1) More - 64.8% (2) Same - 27.0%
(3) Less - 4.3% (8) DK - 3.9%

CC

79. Community colleges
(1) More - 47.8% (2) Same - 41.4%
(3) Less - 3.8% (8) DK - 7.0%

ROADS

80. Streets and highways
(1) More - 35.7% (2) Same - 56.1%
(3) Less - 6.2% (8) DK - 2.0%

UWYO

81. University of Wyoming
(1) More - 44.5% (2) Same - 38.8%
(3) Less - 3.1% (8) DK - 13.6%

ECON

- 82. State economic development
 - (1) More - 46.2%
 - (2) Same - 34.9%
 - (3) Less - 7.4%
 - (8) DK - 11.6%

WATER

- 83. Water Development
 - (1) More - 42.7%
 - (2) Same - 40.6%
 - (3) Less - 6.9%
 - (8) DK - 9.8%

HEALTH

- 84. Health and social services
 - (1) More - 34.5%
 - (2) Same - 44.2%
 - (3) Less - 15.7%
 - (8) DK - 5.6%

Of those who want to spend more for the above programs:

TAXINC

- 85. You indicated that you thought the state should spend for _____ (indicate items respondent wishes more spending on). Would you be willing to have state taxes increased to cover these spending increases?
 - (1) Yes - 72.4%
 - (2) No - 22.1%
 - (8) DK - 5.5%

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?

CIG

- 86. Cigarettes
 - (1) Yes - 75.5%
 - (2) No - 23.2%
 - (8) DK - 1.3%

GAS

- 87. Gasoline
 - (1) Yes - 47.1%
 - (2) No - 50.6%
 - (8) DK - 2.3%

BEER

- 88. Beer
 - (1) Yes - 80.4%
 - (2) No - 18.7%
 - (8) DK - 1.0%

SALES

- 89. Sales tax
 - (1) Yes - 51.6%
 - (2) No - 46.3%
 - (8) DK - 2.1%

PROP

- 90. Property tax
 - (1) Yes - 26.2%
 - (2) No - 70.7%
 - (8) DK - 3.1%

HARD

- 91. Hard liquor
 - (1) Yes - 84.8%
 - (2) No - 14.2%
 - (8) 1.0%

WINE

- 92. Wine
 - (1) Yes - 83.1%
 - (2) No - 15.4%
 - (8) 1.5%

SEV

- 93. Severance
 - (1) Yes - 44.7%
 - (2) No - 39.6%
 - (8) DK - 15.7%

IDEOLOGY

- 94. 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 - 1.0%
- (2) Liberal - 7.7%
- (3) Slightly liberal - 10.1%
- (4) Moderate - 31.8%
- (5) Slightly conservative - 14.7%
- (6) Conservative - 24.7%
- (7) Extremely conservative - 5.4%
- (8) DK/Refused - 4.6%

PI1

95. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?
- (1) Republican - 38.1%
 - (2) Democrat - 20.6%
 - (3) Independent - 34.4%
 - (4) Other - 3.8%
 - (5) Refused/DK - 3.1%

PI2

If #95 is Republican:

96. Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?
- (1) Strong Republican - 40.8%
 - (2) Weak Republican - 56.7%
 - (8) DK - 2.6%

PI3

If #95 is Democrat:

97. Would you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?
- (1) Strong Democrat - 34.9%
 - (2) Weak Democrat - 62.7%
 - (8) DK - 2.4%

If #95 is Independent:

PI4

98. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?
- (1) Leaning Republican - 41.9%
 - (2) Independent - 22.9%
 - (3) Leaning Democrat - 31.4%
 - (8) DK - 3.8%

PARTYID

Partisanship, based on combined responses to #95 to #98:

- (1) Strong Republican - 15.5%
- (2) Weak Republican - 22.6%
- (3) Leaning Republican - 14.4%
- (4) Independent - 9.2%
- (5) Leaning Democrat - 10.8%
- (6) Weak Democrat - 13.4%
- (7) Strong Democrat - 7.2%
- (8) Other - 3.8%
- (9) DK/Refused - 3.1%

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

GUN

99. The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.
- (1) Strongly agree - 7.2%
 - (2) Agree - 29.5%
 - (3) Disagree - 38.6%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 19.6%
 - (9) DK/Refused - 5.1%

ABORT

100. I favor an amendment to the United States Constitution that would make all abortions illegal.
- (1) Strongly agree - 4.7%
 - (2) Agree - 13.7%
 - (3) Disagree - 51.7%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 27.2%
 - (9) DK/Refused - 2.7%

RUSSIA

<u>RUSSIA</u>	101.	The United States should provide economic aid to promote democracy in Russia. (1) Strongly agree - .7% (2) Agree - 27.7% (3) Disagree - 53.7% (4) Strongly disagree - 10.6% (9) DK/Refused - 7.4%
<u>WYOECON</u>	102.	State spending for economic development has effectively improved Wyoming's economy. (1) Strongly agree - 1.5% (2) Agree - 47.5% (3) Disagree - 25.9% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.8% (8) DK - 22.3% (9) Refused - .2%
<u>MURDER</u>	103.	Persons convicted of first degree murder should receive the death penalty. (1) Strongly agree - 16.9% (2) Agree - 50.2% (3) Disagree - 20.8% (4) Strongly disagree - 2.5% (9) DK/Refused - 9.7%
<u>HAITI</u>	104.	The United States should use military force to protect democracy in Haiti. (1) Strongly agree - .8% (2) Agree - 22.4% (3) Disagree - 56.6% (4) Strongly disagree - 11.9% (9) DK/Refused - 8.2%
<u>MENPOL</u>	105.	Men are better suited emotionally for politics than are most women. (1) Strongly agree - 1.0% (2) Agree - 9.3% (3) Disagree - 56.8% (4) Strongly disagree - 25.7% (9) DK/Refused - 7.2%
<u>MENFOR</u>	106.	Political leaders who are men are better able to stand up to foreign enemies than political leaders who are women. (1) Strongly agree - 1.0% (2) Agree - 17.8% (3) Disagree - 56.0% (4) Strongly disagree - 17.2% (9) DK/Refused - 7.9%
<u>WENSEN</u>	107.	Women politicians are more sensitive to the poor and their problems. (1) Strongly agree - 2.1% (2) Agree - 43.7% (3) Disagree - 42.6% (4) Strongly disagree - 3.1% (9) DK/Refused - 8.6%
<u>MENWAR</u>	108.	In general, men are better than women at making decisions about war and peace. (1) Strongly agree - 1.0% (2) Agree - 20.8% (3) Disagree - 55.5% (4) Strongly disagree - 14.4% (9) DK/Refused - 8.3%
<u>WOMCHILD</u>	109.	Women with children should wait to run for political office until they have raised their families. (1) Strongly agree - 1.6% (2) Agree - 27.7% (3) Disagree - 52.4% (4) Strongly disagree - 12.1% (9) DK/Refused - 6.2%

I am going to read a number of problem areas. For each, tell me if you feel that if in recent years, the federal government's efforts in this area have improved things a great deal, only somewhat, not changed things or made things worse.

WATPOL

ENERGY

PARK

RANGE

GRADE

COMCL

110. First, what effect has government activity had on reducing water pollution?
 (1) Improved things a great deal - 7.2%
 (2) Improved things only somewhat - 48.1%
 (3) Not changed things - 29.1%
 (4) Made things worse - 5.9%
 (8) DK/Refused - 9.7%
111. Developing energy resources.
 (1) Improved things a great deal - 4.7%
 (2) Improved things only somewhat - 41.7%
 (3) Not changed things - 33.2%
 (4) Made things worse - 9.5%
 (8) DK/Refused - 10.8%
112. Protecting parks and wilderness areas.
 (1) Improved things a great deal - 13.1%
 (2) Improved things only somewhat - 46.6%
 (3) Not changed things - 21.6%
 (4) Made things worse - 13.3%
 (8) DK/Refused - 5.4%
113. Regulating the public rangelands.
 (1) Improved things a great deal - 3.9%
 (2) Improved things only somewhat - 26.2%
 (3) Not changed things - 23.2%
 (4) Made things worse - 32.2%
 (8) DK/Refused - 14.4%

Now three questions on our educational system. Students are often 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.

114. What grade would you give your local public school?
 (1) A - 20.5% (2) B - 45.2% (3) C - 20.3%
 (4) D - 4.6% (5) F - 1.8% (8) DK - 7.7%
115. What about the state's community colleges? What grade would you give them?
 (1) A - 19.8% (2) B - 43.5% (3) C - 14.4%
 (4) D - 1.1% (5) F - .7% (8) DK - 20.5%

UW

RELIGION

DENOM

ATTEND

ABORTATT

AGE

EDUC

RACE

116. And finally, what about the University of Wyoming? What grade would you give the University for the quality of its work?
 (1) A - 23.6% (2) B - 41.1% (3) C - 13.6%
 (4) D - 1.8% (5) F - .7% (8) DK - 19.3%
117. Are you a member of a church or religious group?
 (1) Yes - 63.5% (2) No - 36.0% (8) DK/Refused - .5%
118. Denomination
- If #117 is YES:**
119. How often do you go to church? Would you say:
 (1) Every week - 26.8% (2) Almost every week - 8.5%
 (3) Once or twice a month - 12.9%
 (4) A few times a year - 29.8% (5) Never - 19.3%
 (8) DK/Refused - 2.6%
120. 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 - 6.5%
 (2) The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest or when the woman's life is in danger. - 27.8%
 (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. - 16.4%
 (4) By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice. - 47.6%
 (8) DK/Refused - 1.6%
121. If what year were you born?
122. What was the last year or grade you completed in school?
 (1) Grade School - 2.1%
 (2) Some High School - 6.7%
 (3) High School Graduate - 25.7%
 (4) Some College - 36.3%
 (5) Bachelor's degree - 18.8%
 (6) Graduate/professional degree - 10.0%
 (8) DK/Refused - .3%
123. Of which of the following groups do you consider yourself a member?
 White, Caucasian, Black/AfroAmerican, Hispanic, Oriental.
 (1) White - 95.1% (2) Black - .2%
 (3) Native American - 1.5% (4) Hispanic - 1.6%
 (5) Oriental - .2% (8) DK/Refused - 1.5%

MARRIED

124. What is your marital status?
(1) Married - 64.8% (2) Single - 14.6%
(3) Separated/divorced - 11.1% (4) Widowed - 8.2
(5) Other - 1.3%

If Married:

125. Is your spouse employed outside the home?
(1) Not employed - 13.9% (2) Retired - 11.9%
(3) Student - .8% (4) Unemployed - 2.5%
(5) Employed part-time - 6.8% (6) Employed full-time - 64.8%

SPEMP

SPINDUS

SPJOB

UNION1

128. Do you belong to a labor union?
(1) Yes - 10.8% (2) No - 88.9% (8) DK/Refused - .3%

If Married:

129. Does your spouse belong to a labor union?
(1) Yes - 11.9% (2) No - 87.1% (8) DK/Refused - 1.0%

UNION2

INCOME

130. Finally, the very last question. Would you tell me what your total family income was in 1993. (Includes spouse's income if married)
(1) Under \$5,000 - 1.8% (2) \$5-10,000 - 4.4%
(3) \$10-20,000 - 13.7% (4) \$20-25,000 - 10.1%
(5) \$25-30,000 - 7.2% (6) \$30-35,000 - 7.0%
(7) \$35-40,000 - 6.5% (8) \$40-50,000 - 14.4%
(9) \$50-60,000 - 6.5% (10) Over \$60,000 - 14.4%
(11) DK/Refused 13.7%

SEX

131. Indicate sex of respondent.
(1) Male - 46.0% (2) Female - 54.0%

WYOMING ELECTION YEAR SURVEY, 1994
(POST-ELECTION CALL BACKS)
(N=533)

[The information in item #1 concerned the administration of the survey and is omitted from the summary.]

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 8th election?
- (1) Yes - 83.7% (2) No - 15.9% (8) DK - .4%

[Questions 3-29 based only on those who voted]

SENVOTE

3. In the U.S. Senate race, did you vote for:
- (1) Mike Sullivan - 37.7% (2) Craig Thomas - 54.7%
(3) Another candidate - .9% (4) Did not vote - .4%
(8) DK/Refused - 6.3%

CONGVOTE

4. In the U.S. House race, did you vote for:
- (1) Bob Schuster - 36.8% (2) Barbara Cubin - 51.8%
(3) Another candidate - 2.9% (4) Did not vote - 1.8%
(8) DK/Refused - 6.7%

GOVVOTE

5. In the Governor's race, did you vote for:
- (1) Kathy Karpan - 34.8% (2) Jim Geringer - 57.0%
(3) Another candidate - .7% (4) Did not vote - .2%
(8) DK/Refused - 7.4%

STVOTE

6. In the State Treasurer's race, did you vote for:
- (1) Matilda Hansen - 28.0% (2) Stan Smith - 54.5%
(3) Another candidate - 1.1% (4) Did not vote - 3.4%
(8) DK/Refused - 13.0%

SSVOTE

7. In the Secretary of State race, did you vote for:
- (1) Nick Deegan - 25.8% (2) Diana Ohman - 59.9%
(3) Another candidate - .4% (4) Did not vote - 3.4%
(8) DK/Refused - 10.5%

SUPVOTE

8. In the Superintendent of Public Education race, did you vote for:
- (1) Judy Minier - 32.5% (2) Judy Catchpole - 54.5%
(3) Another candidate - .9% (4) Did not vote - 1.6%
(8) DK/Refused - 10.5%

TAYLRVOT

TAYLPART

TAYLRBAR

TAYLNEWS

TAYLLTRS

TAYLFAM

TAYLINFO

TAYLPERS

COUNTY3

COUNTY4

KALOKVOT

KALOKNOW

9. In the judicial races, Justice William Taylor 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, or don't you recall how you voted?
 (1) To keep him - 63.0% (2) Against keeping him - 17.5%
 (3) Abstained on this question - 4.0% (8) DK/Refused - 15.5%

10. Was your vote on retaining Justice Taylor influenced by any of the following?

Justice Taylor's political party ties?
 (1) Yes - 5.4% (2) No - 75.1% (8) DK - 19.5%

11. Wyoming's State Bar Poll
 (1) Yes - 6.3% (2) No - 70.0% (8) DK - 23.8%

12. Editorials in newspapers or on television?
 (1) Yes - 20.9% (2) No - 60.1% (8) DK - 19.1%

13. Letters to the editors in newspapers?
 (1) Yes - 10.8% (2) No - 69.3% (8) DK - 20.0%

14. Opinions of your friends or family?
 (1) Yes - 18.8% (2) No - 62.3% (8) DK - 18.8%

15. Justice Taylor's campaign information
 (1) Yes - 9.0% (2) No - 70.4% (8) DK - 20.6%

16. Personal contacts with Justice Taylor?
 (1) Yes - 5.6% (2) No - 75.8% (8) DK - 18.6%

(The following questions were asked of only the respondents of the counties indicated:)

Laramie County only:

17. How about the District Court for your county where Judge Nicolas Kalokathis stood for retention. Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don't you recall how you voted?
 (1) To keep him - 63.4% (2) Against keeping him - 18.3%
 (3) Abstained on this question - 6.1% (8) DK/Refused - 12.2%

18. Do you know Judge Kalokathis personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
 (1) Yes, know personally - 14.6%
 (2) Have heard or read about him - 35.4%
 (3) Don't know him/have not heard or read about him - 40.2%
 (8) DK/Refused - 9.8%

TROUGVOT

TROUGKNOW

BRACKVOT

BRACKKNOW

KAUTZVOT

KAUTZKNW

VOIGTVOT

Sweetwater, Uinta, and Lincoln Counties only:

19. How about the District Court for your county where Judge John Troughton stood for retention. Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don't you recall how you voted?
(1) To keep him - 69.4% (2) Against keeping him - 14.5%
(3) Abstained on this question - 9.7% (8) DK/Refused - 6.5%
20. Do you know Judge Troughton personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
(1) Yes, know personally - 24.2%
(2) Have heard or read about him - 27.4%
(3) Don't know him/have not heard or read about him - 41.9%
(8) DK/Refused - 6.5%

Sheridan and Johnson Counties only:

21. How about the District Court for your county where Judge John Brackley stood for retention. Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don't you recall how you voted?
(1) To keep him - 71.9% (2) Against keeping him - 6.3%
(3) Abstained on this question - 12.5% (8) DK/Refused - 9.4%
22. Do you know Judge Brackley personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
(1) Yes, know personally - 18.8%
(2) Have heard or read about him - 43.8%
(3) Don't know him/have not heard or read about him - 25.0%
(8) DK/Refused - 12.5%

Converse, Niobrara, Platte, and Goshen Counties only:

23. How about the District Court for your county where Judge Kieth Kautz stood for retention. Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don't you recall how you voted?
(1) To keep him - 81.1% (2) Against keeping him - 10.8%
(3) Abstained on this question - 0% (8) DK/Refuse - 8.1%
24. Do you know Judge Kautz personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
(1) Yes, know personally - 13.5%
(2) Have heard or read about him - 37.8%
(3) Don't know him/have not heard or read about him - 43.2%
(8) DK/Refused - 5.4%
25. How about Judge Barton Voigt? Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don't you recall how you voted?
(1) To keep him - 73.0% (2) Against keeping him - 13.5%
(3) Abstained on this question - 2.7% (8) DK/Refuse - 10.8%

VOIGTKNOW

- 26. Do you know Judge Voigt personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
 - (1) Yes, know personally - 2.7%
 - (2) Have heard or read about him - 37.8%
 - (3) Don't know him/have not heard or read about him - 51.4%
 - (8) DK/Refused - 8.1%

OBRIEVOT

Campbell, Crook, and Weston Counties only:

- 27. How about the District Court for your county where Judge Terrence O'Brien stood for retention. Did you vote to keep him in office, did you vote against him, or don't you recall how you voted?
 - (1) To keep him - 76.7%
 - (2) Against keeping him - 9.3%
 - (3) Abstained on this question - 0%
 - (8) DK/Refuse - 14.0%

OBRIEKNW

- 28. Do you know Judge O'Brien personally, or have you heard or read anything about him?
 - (1) Yes, know personally - 16.3%
 - (2) Have heard or read about him - 39.5%
 - (3) Don't know him/have not heard or read about him - 37.2%
 - (8) DK/Refused - 7.0%

(The remaining questions were asked of all respondents)

Now we want to know how much people participated in political activities in the 1994 political campaign.

PART1

- 29. Did you buy any tickets or give money to help the campaign for one of the parties or candidates?
 - (1) Yes - 18.8%
 - (2) No - 80.1%
 - (8) DK - 1.1%

PART2

- 30. Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, dinners, or things like that?
 - (1) Yes - 16.3%
 - (2) No - 82.4%
 - (8) DK - 1.3%

PART3

- 31. Did you do any other work for one of the parties or candidates?
 - (1) Yes - 12.6%
 - (2) No - 86.9%
 - (8) DK - .6%

PART4

- 32. Did you talk to any people to try to show them why they should vote for one of the parties or candidates?
 - (1) Yes - 36.2%
 - (2) No - 62.9%
 - (8) DK - .9%

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

CITDUTI

- 33. It isn't important to vote when you know your party doesn't have a chance to win.
 - (1) Strongly agree - 1.5%
 - (2) Agree - 3.9%
 - (3) Disagree - 44.3%
 - (4) Strongly disagree - 49.2%
 - (8) DK - 1.1%

CITDUT2

34. Many local elections aren't important enough to bother with.
(1) Strongly agree - .8% (2) Agree - 2.4%
(3) Disagree - 50.5% (4) Strongly disagree - 44.8%
(8) DK - 1.5%

CITDUT3

35. 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% (2) Agree - 3.6%
(3) Disagree - 51.0% (4) Strongly disagree - 43.7%
(8) DK - 1.5%

CITDUT4

36. If a person doesn't care how an election comes out he or she shouldn't vote in it.
(1) Strongly agree - 1.9% (2) Agree - 22.9%
(3) Disagree - 52.7% (4) Strongly disagree - 18.2%
(8) DK - 4.3%

UWCC

On another topic. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement or don't you have enough information to have an opinion?

37. The University of Wyoming and the state's community colleges are working together to provide high quality college education for Wyoming students.
(1) Agree - 75.4% (2) Disagree - 5.6% (8) DK - 18.9%

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.

UWATH

38. Intercollegiate athletics
(1) Over emphasized - 36.2%
(2) Receive right amount of emphasis - 40.0%
(3) Under emphasized - 3.6% (8) DK - 20.3%

UWUG

39. Undergraduate education
(1) Over emphasized - 2.3%
(2) Receive right amount of emphasis - 38.5%
(3) Under emphasized - 28.9% (8) DK - 30.4%

UWGRD

40. Graduate instruction
(1) Over emphasized - 2.8%
(2) Receive right amount of emphasis - 31.3%
(3) Under emphasized - 22.5% (8) DK - 43.3%

UWRESEAR

41. Faculty research
(1) Over emphasized - 9.9%
(2) Receive right amount of emphasis - 23.1%
(3) Under emphasized - 11.3% (8) DK - 55.7%

UWOFF

42. Off-campus instruction
(1) Over emphasized - 1.9%

(2) Receive right amount of emphasis - 32.3%
 (3) Under emphasized - 25.5% (8) DK - 40.3%

UWSER

43. UW services to groups outside Laramie
 (1) Over emphasized - 1.3%
 (2) Receive right amount of emphasis - 29.6%
 (3) Under emphasized - 24.0% (8) DK - 45.0%

People think about the University of Wyoming in many different ways. I am going to read a list of attributes which some people associate with the University. Please tell me if you associate each attribute with the University or not.

UWAT1

44. Affordable
 (1) Yes - 74.3% (2) No - 7.1% (8) DK - 18.6%

UWAT2

45. Safe
 (1) Yes - 74.1% (2) No - 5.6% (8) DK - 20.3%

UWAT3

46. Underrated
 (1) Yes - 48.0% (2) No - 28.1% (8) DK - 23.8%

UWAT4

47. Friendly
 (1) Yes - 73.0% (2) No - 4.7% (8) DK - 22.3%

UWAT5

48. Party school
 (1) Yes - 35.8% (2) No - 30.6% (8) DK - 33.6%

UWAT6

49. Attractive Campus
 (1) Yes - 76.2% (2) No - 3.4% (8) DK - 20.5%

UWAT7

50. Not well known
 (1) Yes - 50.3% (2) No - 36.0% (8) DK - 13.7%

UWAT8

51. Impersonal
 (1) Yes - 11.3% (2) No - 55.3% (8) DK - 33.4%

UWAT9

52. Caring
 (1) Yes - 60.6% (2) No - 7.5% (8) DK - 31.9%

UWAT10

53. Excellent teaching
 (1) Yes - 53.7% (2) No - 7.5% (8) DK - 38.8%