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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Using pencil or dark blue or black pen, please complete the survey by making heavy dark marks that fill the oval completely.

CORRECT MARK



INCORRECT MARKS



I. We would like to begin by asking you some questions about the congressional district in which you live.

1. Please indicate how you think the following conditions may affect candidates for the U.S. House in your district in 2002:

- Not Sure
- Strongly Favor Republicans
Favor Republicans
Somewhat Favor Republicans
Toss-up
Somewhat Favor Democrats
Favor Democrats
Strongly Favor Democrats
- a. State political conditions
 - b. Local political conditions
 - c. Popular evaluation of the U.S. House
 - d. Popular evaluation of the presidency
 - e. National economic conditions
 - f. Local economic conditions
 - g. Changes in district boundaries due to redistricting

2. Some districts lean toward one party or the other. What is the partisan distribution of your congressional district?

- Strongly Democratic Somewhat Republican
- Democratic Republican
- Somewhat Democratic Strongly Republican
- Balanced Not sure

3. Approximately what percent of voters in your district do not identify with either of the major parties?

- Less than 5% 25%-34%
- 5%-14% 35%-44%
- 15%-24% 45% or more
- Don't know

4. Please rate the following characteristics for the U.S. House district in which you live:

- Not Sure
Extremely Strong
Strong
Somewhat Strong
Fair
Somewhat Weak
Weak
Extremely Weak

A. The Republican U.S. House candidate who ran in 2000

- a. Name recognition in the district
- b. Ability to raise money from others to fund his/her campaign.
- c. Personal integrity
- d. Dedication to serving the public
- e. Overall strength as a public servant
- f. Overall strength as a campaigner

B. The Democratic U.S. House candidate who ran in 2000

- a. Name recognition in the district
- b. Ability to raise money from others to fund his/her campaign.
- c. Personal integrity
- d. Dedication to serving the public
- e. Overall strength as a public servant
- f. Overall strength as a campaigner

5. How would you describe the political philosophy of each of the following individuals or groups in your U.S. House district?

- Don't Know
Extremely Conservative
Conservative
Somewhat Conservative
Moderate
Somewhat Liberal
Liberal
Extremely Liberal

- a. All voters
- b. The incumbent Representative elected in 2000
- c. The losing House candidate in 2000

6. Please rate the following characteristics of the current incumbent U.S. House Member in your district:

Don't Know
Extremely Strong
Strong
Somewhat Strong
Fair
Somewhat Weak
Weak
Extremely Weak

- a. The incumbent's personal integrity
- b. The incumbent's ability to stay in touch with the district
- c. The incumbent's dedication to serving the public
- d. The incumbent's name recognition in the district
- e. The incumbent's ability to raise money to fund his/her campaign
- f. The incumbent's grasp of the issues
- g. The incumbent's ability to find solutions to problems
- h. The incumbent's public speaking abilities
- i. The incumbent's legislative accomplishments in the House
- j. The incumbent's ability to bring federal funds to the district
- k. The incumbent's ability to provide constituency services
- l. The incumbent's ability to work with other political leaders
- m. The overall strength of the incumbent as a campaigner
- n. The overall strength of the incumbent as a public servant

7. Please give your best estimate of how likely each of the following is:

Don't Know/NA
Extremely Unlikely
Unlikely
Somewhat Unlikely
Toss-up
Somewhat Likely
Likely
Extremely Likely

- a. The incumbent U.S. Representative in your district will win the primary election in 2002 if he/she runs
 - b. The incumbent U.S. Representative in your district will win the general election in 2002 if he/she wins the primary
 - c. A strong non-incumbent Republican candidate will run for the U.S. House in 2002 ...
 - d. A strong non-incumbent Democratic candidate will run for the U.S. House in 2002
 - e. District boundaries in your U.S. House district will change due to redistricting before the 2002 elections
8. How would you describe your party affiliation?
- Strong Democrat
 - Democrat, not so strong
 - Independent, closer to Democrats
 - Independent
 - Independent, closer to Republicans
 - Republican, not so strong
 - Strong Republican
 - Other party (please specify) _____
9. What is your gender?
- Male Female
10. Have you been active in recruiting candidates to run for any of the following offices? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
- State legislative seats U.S. House seats
 - City or county offices Statewide offices
11. Are you likely to consider running for elective office in the future?
- Yes No Not sure
12. Since some district numbers may change in the process of redistricting, please indicate the district number of your district for 2000 and for 2002 (If known).

Your District number in 2000 _____

Your District number in 2002 _____

II. In this section of the survey, we would like for you to identify up to 4 potentially strong candidates for the U.S. House seat in your district. Please give us as much information as you can, but do not omit potential candidates if your information is incomplete. We are interested in people you think would be strong candidates, even if they have never expressed an interest in running for the U.S. House of Representatives.

First Potential Candidate's Name:

Address (please be as complete as possible):

1. Does this person currently hold elective office?
 Yes No
 If yes, what office? _____
 If no, has this person held elective office in the past? Yes No
 If yes, what office? _____

2. What is this individual's gender?
 Male Female

3. Please rate this potential candidate on the following qualities:

Don't Know
 Extremely Strong
 Strong
 Somewhat Strong
 Fair
 Somewhat Weak
 Weak
 Extremely Weak

- a. Current name recognition in the district ○○○○○○○○○○
- b. Ability to raise money from others to fund his/her own campaign ○○○○○○○○○○
- c. Ability to fund his/her own campaign ○○○○○○○○○○
- d. Personal integrity ○○○○○○○○○○
- e. Ability to find solutions to problems ○○○○○○○○○○
- f. Dedication to serving the public ○○○○○○○○○○
- g. Grasp of the issues ○○○○○○○○○○
- h. Overall strength or potential strength as a campaigner ○○○○○○○○○○
- i. Overall strength or potential strength as a public servant ○○○○○○○○○○

4. How would you describe this potential candidate's political philosophy?
 Extremely conservative Slightly liberal
 Conservative Liberal
 Slightly conservative Extremely liberal
 Middle-of-the-road Other (please specify) _____
 Not sure

5. How would you describe this potential candidate's party identification?
 Democrat Republican
 Independent Other party (please specify) _____

6. Please give your best estimate of how likely each of the following is:

Don't Know
 Extremely Unlikely
 Unlikely
 Somewhat Unlikely
 Toss Up
 Somewhat Likely
 Likely
 Extremely Likely

- a. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House in 2002 ○○○○○○○○○○
- b. This potential candidate will win the party nomination in 2002 if he/she runs in the primary ○○○○○○○○○○
- c. This potential candidate will win the general election in 2002 if he/she wins the party nomination ○○○○○○○○○○
- d. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House within the next 3-4 terms ○○○○○○○○○○

7. Potential candidates come to mind for many different reasons. Please indicate which, if any, of the following are reasons this individual came to mind. (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- He/she is a prominent member of community.
- He/she has indicated interest in seeking political office.
- He/she has been active in local politics.
- He/she has been active in local charity or service activities.
- He/she has been active as a business leader.
- He/she has been active as a labor leader.
- Others have mentioned him/her as a potential candidate.
- Other _____



Second Potential Candidate's Name:

Address (please be as complete as possible):

1. Does this person currently hold elective office?
 Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

If no, has this person held elective office in the past?

Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

2. What is this individual's gender?

Male Female

3. Please rate this potential candidate on the following qualities:

Don't Know
Extremely Strong
Strong
Somewhat Strong
Fair
Somewhat Weak
Weak
Extremely Weak

a. Current name recognition in the district

b. Ability to raise money from others to fund his/her own campaign

c. Ability to fund his/her own campaign

d. Personal integrity

e. Ability to find solutions to problems

f. Dedication to serving the public

g. Grasp of the issues

h. Overall strength or potential strength as a campaigner

i. Overall strength or potential strength as a public servant

4. How would you describe this potential candidate's political philosophy?

Extremely conservative Slightly liberal
 Conservative Liberal
 Slightly conservative Extremely liberal
 Middle-of-the-road Other (please specify) _____
 Not sure

5. How would you describe this potential candidate's party identification?

Democrat
 Independent
 Republican
 Other party (please specify) _____

6. Please give your best estimate of how likely each of the following is:

Don't Know
Extremely Unlikely
Unlikely
Somewhat Unlikely
Toss Up
Somewhat Likely
Likely
Extremely Likely

a. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House in 2002.

b. This potential candidate will win the party nomination in 2002 if he/she runs in the primary

c. This potential candidate will win the general election in 2002 if he/she wins the party nomination

d. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House within the next 3-4 terms

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 He/she has been active in local politics.
 He/she has been active in local charity or service activities.
 He/she has been active as a business leader.
 He/she has been active as a labor leader.
 Others have mentioned him/her as a potential candidate.
 Other _____

Third Potential Candidate's Name:

Address (please be as complete as possible):

1. Does this person currently hold elective office?

Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

If no, has this person held elective office in the past?

Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

2. What is this individual's gender?

Male Female

3. Please rate this potential candidate on the following qualities:

Don't Know
Extremely Strong
Strong
Somewhat Strong
Fair
Somewhat Weak
Weak
Extremely Weak

a. Current name recognition in the district

b. Ability to raise money from others to fund his/her own campaign

c. Ability to fund his/her own campaign

d. Personal integrity

e. Ability to find solutions to problems

f. Dedication to serving the public

g. Grasp of the issues

h. Overall strength or potential strength as a campaigner

i. Overall strength or potential strength as a public servant

4. How would you describe this potential candidate's political philosophy?

Extremely conservative Slightly liberal
 Conservative Liberal
 Slightly conservative Extremely liberal
 Middle-of-the-road Other (please specify) _____
 Not sure

5. How would you describe this potential candidate's party identification?

Democrat
 Independent
 Republican
 Other party (please specify) _____

6. Please give your best estimate of how likely each of the following is:

Don't Know
Extremely Unlikely
Unlikely
Somewhat Unlikely
Toss Up
Somewhat Likely
Likely
Extremely Likely

a. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House in 2002.

b. This potential candidate will win the party nomination in 2002 if he/she runs in the primary

c. This potential candidate will win the general election in 2002 if he/she wins the party nomination

d. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House within the next 3-4 terms

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 He/she has been active in local politics.
 He/she has been active in local charity or service activities.
 He/she has been active as a business leader.
 He/she has been active as a labor leader.
 Others have mentioned him/her as a potential candidate.
 Other _____

Fourth Potential Candidate's Name:

Address (please be as complete as possible):

1. Does this person currently hold elective office?

Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

If no, has this person held elective office in the past? Yes No

If yes, what office? _____

2. What is this individual's gender?

Male Female

3. Please rate this potential candidate on the following qualities:

Don't Know
Extremely Strong
Strong
Somewhat Strong
Fair
Somewhat Weak
Weak
Extremely Weak

a. Current name recognition in the district

b. Ability to raise money from others to fund his/her own campaign

c. Ability to fund his/her own campaign

d. Personal integrity

e. Ability to find solutions to problems

f. Dedication to serving the public

g. Grasp of the issues

h. Overall strength or potential strength as a campaigner

i. Overall strength or potential strength as a public servant

4. How would you describe this potential candidate's political philosophy?

Extremely conservative Slightly liberal
 Conservative Liberal
 Slightly conservative Extremely liberal
 Middle-of-the-road Other (please specify) _____
 Not sure

5. How would you describe this potential candidate's party identification?

Democrat Republican
 Independent Other party (please specify) _____

6. Please give your best estimate of how likely each of the following is:

Don't Know
Extremely Unlikely
Unlikely
Somewhat Unlikely
Toss Up
Somewhat Likely
Likely
Extremely Likely

a. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House in 2002.

b. This potential candidate will win the party nomination in 2002 if he/she runs in the primary

c. This potential candidate will win the general election in 2002 if he/she wins the party nomination

d. This potential candidate will run for the U.S. House within the next 3-4 terms

7. Potential candidates come to mind for many different reasons. Please indicate which, if any, of the following are reasons this individual came to mind. (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

He/she is a prominent member of community.
 He/she has indicated interest in seeking political office.
 He/she has been active in local politics.
 He/she has been active in local charity or service activities.
 He/she has been active as a business leader.
 He/she has been active as a labor leader.
 Others have mentioned him/her as a potential candidate.
 Other _____

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to return the survey as soon as possible.