

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

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

I. We would like to begin by re-asking you some questions about your political views.

1. 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) _____

2. How would you describe your own political philosophy?

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

II. This set of questions asks about your congressional district and the political affairs surrounding campaigns for the U.S. House in your district.

3. Please indicate how you think the following political conditions may affect candidates for the U.S. House in your district in 2000:

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| | Not sure |
| | Strongly favor Republicans |
| | Favor Republicans |
| | Somewhat favor Republicans |
| | Toss-up |
| | Somewhat favor Democrats |
| | Favor Democrats |
| | Strongly favor Democrats |
- a. National political conditions.....
 - b. State political conditions.....
 - c. Local political conditions.....
 - d. The 2000 presidential race in your district.....
 - e. Popular evaluation of the U.S. House.....
 - f. Popular evaluation of the presidency.....
 - g. National economic conditions....
 - h. Local economic conditions.....

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. Economic conditions

a. The economic outlook of the district.....

B. The Republican U.S. House candidate who ran in 1998

- a. Name recognition.....
- b. Ability to raise money to fund his/her own campaign....
- c. Personal integrity.....
- d. Dedication to serving the public.....
- e. Overall strength of the Republican candidate

C. The Democratic U.S. House candidate who ran in 1998

- a. Name recognition.....
- b. Ability to raise money to fund his/her own campaign....
- c. Personal integrity.....
- d. Dedication to serving the public.....
- e. Overall strength of the Democratic candidate

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

- Strongly Democratic
- Democratic
- Somewhat Democratic
- Balanced
- Somewhat Republican
- Republican
- Strongly Republican
- Not Sure

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

8. How would you describe the political philosophy of each of the following individuals and groups:

Don't Know
 Extremely conservative
 Conservative
 Slightly conservative
 Middle-of-the-road
 Slightly liberal
 Liberal
 Extremely liberal

- a. All voters in your district.....
- b. The incumbent Representative in your district.....
- 8. 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 run for reelection in 2000...
 - b. The incumbent U.S. Representative in your district will win the primary election in 2000 if he/she runs.....
 - c. The incumbent U.S. Representative will win the general election in 2000, if he/she wins the primary.....
 - d. The incumbent U.S. Representative will leave office within the next 3-4 terms.....
 - e. The incumbent U.S. Representative will face a strong primary challenger for the party's nomination in 2000..
 - f. The incumbent U.S. Representative will face a strong challenger in the 2000 general election campaign.....

Thank you very much for filling out the questionnaire.
Please use the stamped, addressed envelop to return the questionnaire as soon as possible.