

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

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

CORRECT MARK



INCORRECT MARKS



1. Which of the following campaigns have you been active in during the past five years? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Presidency U.S. Senate
 U.S. House Governor
 Other statewide offices Local offices
 State legislative races

2. How would you characterize your interest in holding elective office in the future?

- I have absolutely no interest in holding elective office at any time in the future
 I am open to the possibility of holding elective office in the future
 I am actively considering running for elective office

We understand that redistricting may be occurring in your state at this time. We would like to know your views on the situation in your area. Please answer the following questions even if you are unsure of the 2002 boundaries of your U.S. House district.

3.A. Has the process of redistricting been completed in your state at this time?

- Yes
 No

3.B. Which of the following statements best describes your current understanding of how your U.S. House district's boundaries will be drawn after any possible redistricting?

- I am certain of the 2002 district boundaries for my House district
 I am pretty sure of the 2002 district boundaries for my House district
 I am not at all certain of the 2002 district boundaries for my House district

4. What is your best estimate of the percentage of voters in your U.S. House district that will be new to your district in 2002 after redistricting?

- None 61% to 80%
 20% or less 81% to 100%
 21% to 40% Not sure
 41% to 60%

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5. What will the partisan make-up of your congressional district most likely be in 2002 after any redistricting takes place?

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

6. In some cases, district numbers have changed due to redistricting. Please indicate your state and number of the U.S. Congressional District in 2000 and in 2002 (if known):

State: _____ District Number (in 2000): _____

District Number (in 2002): _____

7. A. Have you ever held an elective political office?

- Yes No

B. Do you currently hold elective public office?

- No (Go to Question #19)
 Yes (Continue with Question #8)

8. A. Will your current term end in 2002?

- Yes No

B. When your term ends, will you seek reelection to your current office?

- Yes No Not sure

C. Which year (if any) are you required to leave your current position due to term limits?

- Never, my office has no term limit
 2002 or 2003
 2004 or 2005
 2006 or 2007
 2008 or later

9. How much time do you spend conducting the business of this elected office?

- Full time, all year
 Full time, part of the year
 Part time, all year
 Part time, part of the year

10. How many additional terms do you expect to serve in your current office?

- None 3 - 4 terms
 1 - 2 terms 5 or more terms

11. How long have you held this office?

- Less than 1 term 3 terms
 1 term 4 terms
 2 terms 5 or more terms

12. Are you currently in the majority party or the minority party in the institution in which you serve?
- Majority party
 - Minority party
 - Nonpartisan elections
 - Not applicable

13. At this time, what would you say your plans are once you leave your current office?
- Return to private life
 - Seek an appointive political office
 - Seek another elective office
 - What office will you seek? _____
 - Not sure

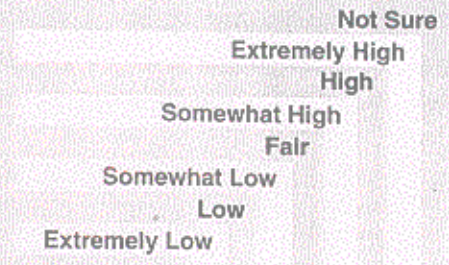
14. Approximately how many constituents live in your current office district?
- Under 20,000
 - 20,001 - 50,000
 - 50,001 - 100,000
 - 100,001 - 150,000
 - 150,001 - 200,000
 - Over 200,000

15. Approximately what percentage of your current constituency falls within your U.S. House district as you believe it will be drawn in 2002?
- None
 - 20% or less
 - 21% to 40%
 - 41% to 60%
 - 61% to 80%
 - 81% to 100%
 - Not sure

16. How much do you think your current office district's boundaries will change due to redistricting?
- None
 - Some
 - A great deal
 - Not sure

17. Generally speaking, how difficult is it for the average potential candidate to get elected to the office you currently hold?
- Very difficult
 - Difficult
 - Somewhat difficult
 - So-so
 - Somewhat easy
 - Easy
 - Very easy
 - Not sure

18. Please rate the following characteristics of the elected office that you currently hold.



- a. The prestige your office has with the general public
- b. The opportunities for advancement to leadership positions in your current political institution
- c. The opportunity to increase your visibility with the public
- d. The opportunity to develop campaign skills
- e. The opportunity to satisfy your policy goals
- f. The overall value of this office to you

19. Now thinking about your current involvement in politics, please indicate the importance of each of the following factors for your participation.



- a. Influence on public policy generally
- b. Advancement of your political career
- c. Increase business contacts
- d. Increase social contacts
- e. Fulfill your civic duty
- f. Your dedication to a particular candidate
- g. Excitement of politics
- h. Your concern about a particular issue
- i. Your desire to support your political party
- j. Interest in serving the public

20. What is your best estimate of the chance that you will seek your party's nomination or run as an independent candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in:

Not Sure
 Extremely Likely
 Likely
 Somewhat Likely
 Toss-up
 Somewhat Unlikely
 Unlikely
 Extremely Unlikely

- a. The 2002 election
- b. The next 3 - 4 terms
- c. The foreseeable future

21. In general, how would you rate each of the following:

Not Sure
 Extremely High
 High
 Not So High
 Toss-up
 Not So Low
 Low
 Extremely Low

A. The importance to you personally of influencing policy at:

- a. The national level
- b. The state level
- c. The local level

B. The popular prestige of:

- a. Your state legislature
- b. The U.S. Senate
- c. The Office of Governor in your state
- d. The U.S. House
- e. The Democratic party
- f. The Republican party

C. The importance of the policy decisions made at:

- a. The national level
- b. The state level
- c. The local level

D. The attraction to you personally of a political career in:

- a. Your state legislature
- b. The U.S. Senate
- c. The Office of Governor in your state
- d. The U.S. House

Please answer the following questions, regardless of whether you have ever considered running for the U.S. House.

22. Please give your best estimate of how likely it is you would win:

Not Sure
 Extremely Likely
 Likely
 Somewhat Likely
 Toss-up
 Somewhat Unlikely
 Unlikely
 Extremely Unlikely

A. Your party's nomination for Congress if you were to seek it:

- a. In 2002
- b. In the next 3 - 4 terms
- c. In the foreseeable future

B. The general election for the seat if you were to win your party's nomination:

- a. In 2002
- b. In the next 3 - 4 terms
- c. In the foreseeable future

23. Which of the following sources of information (if any) have you used to help you assess your chances of winning the nomination or general election for a House seat? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Your national political party
- Your state political party
- Your local political party
- Campaign consultants
- Newspaper or other media assessments
- Political polls conducted by you
- Political polls conducted by others
- Interest groups

24. 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

25. Please rate the following characteristics of the incumbent in your 2002 U.S. House District:

Not Sure
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 own party outside the district
- c. 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 own campaign
- 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 this incumbent as a campaigner.
- n. The overall strength of this incumbent as a public servant.

26. How would you describe the political philosophy of each of the following in your U.S. House district, as the district boundaries are likely to be drawn for 2002?

Don't Know
Extremely Conservative
Conservative
Somewhat Conservative
Middle-of-the-road
Somewhat Liberal
Liberal
Extremely Liberal

- a. All voters in your district
- b. The incumbent in your district.
- c. Republican voters in your district
- d. Democratic voters in your district

Please answer the following question about your potential skills and characteristics as a candidate for the U.S. House regardless of whether you have ever considered running.

27. How would you rate yourself on the following:

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

- a. Name recognition in your 2002 House district
- b. Ability to raise money to fund your own campaign
- c. Ability to fund your own campaign personally
- d. Potential support from your own national party
- e. Ability to find solutions to problems
- f. Ability to work with other political leaders
- g. Public speaking abilities
- h. Dedication to public service.
- i. Potential support from interest groups outside the district
- j. Your overall strength as a campaigner
- k. Your overall strength as a public servant

28. In general how important would you say the following influences are on voters in your 2002 House district as they make their choice among U.S. House candidates?

Not Sure
Very Important
Somewhat Important
Not Important

- a. Party affiliation
- b. Visibility of campaign
- c. Issue positions of candidate
- d. Loyalty to the current incumbent
- e. Incumbent performance in office
- f. Contact by campaigns
- g. Media/News opinions
- h. Mass media advertising
- i. Candidate integrity

29. Have you been mentioned by members of the local media as a potential candidate for the U.S. House?

- Yes No

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

Not Sure
Extremely Unlikely
Unlikely
Somewhat Unlikely
Toss-up
Somewhat Likely
Likely
Extremely Likely

- a. The incumbent in your district will run for reelection in 2002.
- b. The incumbent in your district will win the primary election in 2002 if he/she runs
- c. The incumbent will win the general election in 2002, if he/she wins the primary
- d. The Democrats will win control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002
- e. A strong candidate who is not the incumbent will seek the Republican party nomination in 2002
- f. A strong candidate who is not the incumbent will seek the Democratic party nomination in 2002

31. Please indicate how you think the following political 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 President
- e. State economic conditions ..
- f. Local economic conditions ..
- g. Changes in district boundaries due to redistricting

32. If you choose to run for a U.S. House seat, would you have to give up your current career to campaign?

- Yes No Not sure

Please answer the following questions about your House district as it was configured during the 2000 elections.

33. Using the scale below, please rate the following:

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
- 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

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

- 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

C. The strength of the district party organizations in 2000

- a. Democratic
- b. Republican

34. Some districts lean toward one party or the other. What was the partisan make-up of your congressional district in the 2000 elections?

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

35. Please indicate how the following factors would influence your interest in running for the U.S. House. Please answer this question even if you have no interest in running for the U.S. House.

Not Sure
Makes No Difference
Somewhat Discourage
Discourage
Strongly Discourage

- a. Lost personal and family privacy
- b. The negative impact on my political career if I were to lose
- c. Loss of leisure time
- d. Enduring negative advertising
- e. Separation from family and friends
- f. The need to raise large amounts of money
- g. Lost income
- h. The possibility of serving in the minority party
- i. Having to give up my current career
- j. The difficulty of running a campaign
- k. The length of the campaign process
- l. Uncertainty over redistricting

36. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about your U.S. House district.

Not Sure
Strongly Agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly Disagree

- a. Redistricting makes it more difficult to unseat the incumbent...
- b. Voters are aware of the incumbent's performance
- c. I feel confident in my ability to assess my chances of winning, if I were to run
- d. I disagree substantially with the incumbent on policy issues
- e. I know the incumbent personally
- f. I feel that I could make a difference by serving in the U.S. House
- g. I like the incumbent personally
- h. In times of crisis it is inappropriate to challenge an incumbent
- i. When faced with a risky decision, I usually play it safe

37. Please indicate whether any of the following have contacted you to encourage or discourage you in running for the U.S. House. If the group has not contacted you at all about running, please mark the "no contact" circle. (PLEASE MARK ONE CIRCLE FOR EACH ITEM)

No Contact Encouraged Discouraged

- a. My national political party committee
- b. The state political party
- c. The political party in the district or county
- d. Local community leaders
- e. Members of my family
- f. National interest groups
- g. Local interest groups
- h. Members of the media

38. What is your current party affiliation?

- Democrat
- Independent, leaning Democrat
- Strictly Independent
- Independent, leaning Republican
- Republican
- Other (please specify) _____

39. What is your sex?

- Male
- Female

40. What is your race? _____

41. What is your age?

- Under 30
- 30 - 39
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60 - 64
- 65 and older

42. What was your approximate family income last year - before taxes?

- Under \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$100,000
- \$100,001 - \$200,000
- Over \$200,000

43. What is your current marital status?

- Not married
- Married

44. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

- No
- Yes. How many? _____

45. What is your current occupation?

46. Please indicate the date you are completing the survey: _____

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

