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

3. How active have you been in campaigns for each of the following types of offices during the past five years?
   **Democratic Campaigns**
   - Very active
   - Active
   - Not active

   **Republican Campaigns**
   - Very active
   - Active
   - Not active

   - Presidency
   - U.S. Senate
   - U.S. House of Representatives
   - Governor
   - Other Statewide offices
   - State Legislative races
   - County races
   - Local races

4. Which of the following positions have you held within the past five years for either the Democratic or Republican party? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
   - Member or chair of local party committee
   - Member or chair of state party committee
   - Delegate to state or national convention
   - Member of state or national committee
   - Paid campaign position
   - Other political position

5. Do you currently hold an appointive political office?
   - Yes. What office?
   - No

6. Do you currently hold an elected political office?
   - No. Please go to question #19.
   - Yes. What office (e.g., secretary of state, state representative, district attorney, city councilperson, sheriff, etc.)?

7. Is this elected office a paid position?
   - Yes
   - No

8. 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

9. How many additional terms do you expect to serve in your current office?
   - None
   - 1-3 terms
   - 4-5 terms
   - 6 or more terms

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What is the constitutional length of the term of office for the office you currently hold?

- 0-2 years
- 3-4 years
- More than 4 years
- Life tenure

11. How long have you held this office?

- 1 year or less
- 2 years
- 3 to 4 years
- 5 to 7 years
- 8 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

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. Did you hold an elective office before your current office?

- No, this is my first elective office.
- Yes, I previously held an elective office.

What office did you hold?

14. Do you currently hold a leadership position that is related to the office you occupy?

- No, I do not hold a current leadership position.
- Yes, what is this leadership position?

15. Approximately how many of the constituents of your current office live in your U.S. House district?

- Under 20,000
- 20,001 to 50,000
- 50,001 to 100,000
- 100,001 - 200,000
- Over 200,000
- Not sure

16. Will you be up for reelection in 1998?

- Yes
- No

17. At this time, what would you say your plans are once you leave your current office?

- Return to private life
- Seek an appointive governmental office
- Seek another elective office

What office do you expect to seek?

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

- Not sure
- Extremely high
- High
- Somewhat high
- Fair
- Somewhat low
- Low

- Extremely low

a. The difficulty of winning your party's nomination
b. The difficulty of winning the general election
c. The effectiveness of your office in making public policy
d. The prestige your office has with the general public
e. The opportunities your office provides to help you to secure other elective or appointive office
f. The opportunities for advancement to leadership positions in your current political institution
g. Your desire to advance to a leadership position in your current political institution
h. The overall value of this office to you

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

- Not sure
- Extremely important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- In between
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Extremely unimportant

a. To influence public policy generally
b. To advance my political career
c. To make business contacts
d. To make social contacts
e. To fulfill my civic duty
f. My dedication to a particular candidate
g. The excitement of politics
h. My concern about a particular issue
i. My attachment to the party and my support of it
j. My interest in serving the public

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21a. Which level of government do you think is best to deal with the following issue areas?

- Not sure
- Federal
- State
- Local

a. Managing the economy
b. School choice
c. Environment
d. Affirmative action
e. Health care
f. Funding of education
g. Fighting crime
h. Agriculture
i. Abortion

21b. Which of these issue areas is most important to you personally? (MARK ONLY ONE)

- a
- c
- e
- g
- i
- b
- d
- f
- h

21c. Which of these issue areas is most important to the constituents in your U.S. House District? (MARK ONLY ONE)

- a
- c
- e
- g
- i
- b
- d
- f
- h

21d. Which of those issue areas do you believe most divides the voters in your U.S. House district? (MARK ONLY ONE)

- a
- c
- e
- g
- i
- b
- d
- f
- h

21e. Which of those issue areas do you believe most unites the voters in your U.S. House district? (MARK ONLY ONE)

- a
- c
- e
- g
- i
- b
- d
- f
- h

22. In general, how would you rate each of the institutions listed below.

- Not sure
- Extremely high
- High
- Not so high
- Toss-up
- Not so low
- Low
- Extremely low

A. Effectiveness in making public policy

- a. Your state legislature
- b. The U.S. Senate
- c. The office of Governor in your state
- d. The U.S. House of Representatives
- e. Your state judicial system
- f. Your local government
- g. The Democratic party
- h. The Republican party

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24. How would you characterize your interest in holding elective office?

- I have absolutely no interest in holding elective office at any time. (go to question #29)
- I am unlikely to ever seek elective office, but it is a possibility.
- I am open to the possibility of seeking elective office, but I have no immediate plans to do so.
- I am interested in seeking elective office.
- I am actively investigating the possibility of seeking elective office.
- I am currently holding an elected office.

25. 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

- 1958 election
- The next 3-4 terms
- The foreseeable future

26. If you were ever to run for the U.S. House of Representatives, in which party would you run?

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- Other (please specify)

27. If there is a chance that you may run for the U.S. House of Representatives, are you likely to run for the seat in the district in which you currently reside or in some other district?

- I definitely will not run.
- If I run, it will definitely be in this district.
- If I run, it will probably be in this district.
- If I run, it may or may not be in this district.
- If I run, it will probably be in another district.
- If I run, it will definitely be in another district.

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

A. Your party's nomination for Congress if you were to seek it:
   - Not sure
   - Extremely likely
   - Likely
   - Somewhat likely
   - Toss-up
   - Somewhat unlikely
   - Unlikely
   - Extremely unlikely

   a. in 1998 ........................................
   b. the next 3-4 terms ......................
   c. the foreseeable future ..................

B. The general election for the seat if you were to win your party's nomination:
   - Not sure
   - Extremely strong
   - Strong
   - Somewhat strong
   - Fair
   - Somewhat weak
   - Weak
   - Extremely weak

   a. in 1998 ........................................
   b. the next 3-4 terms ......................
   c. the foreseeable future ..................

29. Please rate the following characteristics of your current incumbent U.S. House Member:

   - Not sure
   - Extremely strong
   - Strong
   - Somewhat strong
   - Fair
   - Somewhat weak
   - Weak
   - Extremely weak

   a. The support the incumbent has from voters in his/her own party in the district 
   b. The incumbent's personal integrity ........................................
   c. The support the incumbent has from voters in the opposite party in the district 
   d. The support the incumbent has from his/her own national party ............... 
   e. The support the incumbent has from his/her own state party ................

29. Continued:

   - Extremely strong
   - Strong
   - Somewhat strong
   - Fair
   - Somewhat weak
   - Weak
   - Extremely weak

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

30. Please indicate which of the above qualities, except overall strength (choice r), you see as most important for an incumbent to possess in order to be reelected (MARK ONLY ONE):

   o a  o d  o g  o j  o m  o p  
   o b  o e  o h  o k  o n  o q  
   o c  o f  o l  o l  o c  Not sure

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31. In general, at which level of government are most important policy decisions usually made?

- Local (mayor, city council, county commission)
- State (state legislature, governor)
- Federal (president, Congress, federal courts)
- Not sure

Please answer question 32 regardless of whether you have ever considered running for elective office or not.

32. How would you rate yourself on the following:

- Not sure
- Extremely strong
- Strong
- Somewhat strong
- Fair
- Somewhat weak
- Weak
- Extremely weak

- a. Current name recognition in the district

- b. Ability to raise money to fund your own campaign

- c. Ability to fund your own campaign personally

- d. Potential support from voters from your own party in the district

- e. Potential support from your own national party

- f. Ability to find solutions to problems

- g. Potential support from voters of the opposite party in your district

- h. Ability to work with other political leaders

- i. Public speaking abilities

- j. Dedication to public service

- k. Potential support from interest groups outside the district

- l. Your overall strength as a potential candidate

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

- Not sure
- Extremely likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Toss-up
- Somewhat unlikely
- Unlikely
- Extremely unlikely

- a. The incumbent U.S. Representative in your district will run for reelection in 1998

- b. The incumbent U.S. Representative in your district will win the primary election in 1998 if he/she runs

- c. The incumbent U.S. Representative will win the general election in 1998, if he/she wins the primary

- d. The incumbent U.S. Representative will leave office within the next 5-6 terms

- e. The incumbent U.S. Representative will face a strong primary challenger for the party's nomination in 1998

- f. The incumbent U.S. Representative will face a strong challenger in the 1998 general election campaign

- g. The Democrats will win control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1998

34. How much of the time do you think you can trust the following institutions to do what is right?

- Never
- Almost never
- Only some of the time
- Most of the time
- Just about always

The federal government
Your state government
Your local government

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35. Please rate the following characteristics of the U.S. House district in which you live:

- Not sure
- Extremely strong
- Strong
- Somewhat strong
- Fair
- Somewhat weak
- Weak
- Extremely weak

a. The overall strength of the Republican party organization in your district .............. 

b. The overall strength of the Democratic party organization in your district .............. 

c. The strength of the Republican U.S. House candidate in the 1996 general election .............. 

d. The strength of the Democratic U.S. House candidate in the 1996 general election .............. 

e. The strength of the primary challenger who came closest to the Republican nominee in the 1996 primary (if applicable) .................. 

f. The strength of the primary challenger who came closest to the Democratic nominee in the 1996 primary (if applicable) .................. 

g. The economic outlook of the district .................. 

36. 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

37. In general what do you see as having the most important influence on voters in your district as they make their choice among U.S. House candidates?
- Party loyalty
- Candidate characteristics
- Positions on issues
- Not sure

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

- Not sure
- Extremely conservative
- Conservative
- Slightly conservative
- Middle-of-the-road
- Slightly liberal
- Liberal
- Extremely liberal

a. Democratic primary voters in your U.S. House district .............. 

b. Republican primary voters in your U.S. House district .............. 

c. All voters in your U.S. House district .............. 

d. The incumbent Representative in your U.S. House district .............. 

e. All voters in your state .............. 

f. All voters in your current office district (if you hold an elective office) .............. 

39. Please indicate which of the following organizations or groups (if any) has contacted you about running for the U.S. House of Representatives. (MARK AS MANY AS APPLY).
- I have not been contacted by anyone about running for the U.S. House.
- My national political party committee
- A national congressional campaign committee (NRCC, DCCC)
- The state political party
- The political party in the district or county
- Other community leaders
- Members of my family have encouraged me to run
- National, state, or local interest groups

40a. About how politically active is your spouse?
- Very Active
- Somewhat Active
- Inactive
- Not sure

40b. What is your spouse's party affiliation?
- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent
- Other ______
- Not married

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42. 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.

- Lost personal and family privacy
- The negative impact on my political career if I were to lose
- Loss of leisure time
- Enduring negative advertising attacks
- Separation from family and friends
- The need to raise large amounts of money
- Lost income
- Lack of assistance from my political party
- The possibility of serving in the minority party
- Having to give up my current career

43. People react very differently when they face a risky financial or career decision. In general, would you say that you are:
- Very comfortable taking risks
- Somewhat comfortable taking risks
- Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable taking risks
- Somewhat uncomfortable taking risks
- Very uncomfortable taking risks
- Not sure

44. How long have you lived in the community that is now your home?
- Less than 5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

45. What is your sex?
- Male
- Female

46. What is your race?
- White
- Black/African-American
- Asian-American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other (please specify) [redacted]

47. How much formal schooling have you completed?
- Grade school or less/0-8 years
- Some high school/9-11 years
- Graduated high school/12 years
- Some college/13-15 years
- College graduate
- Graduate or professional school

48. What is your age?
- Under 30
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-64
- 65 and older

49. What was your approximate family income last year - before taxes?
- Under $30,000
- $30,000-$49,999
- $50,000-$69,999
- $70,000-$89,999
- $90,000-$119,999
- $120,000-$199,999
- Over $200,000
50. What is your current marital status?
   O Never married
   O Married
   O Divorced/separated
   O Widow/widower

51. What is your religious preference?
   O Catholic
   O Jewish
   O Protestant
   O No religious preference
   O Other (please specify) ______________________

52. How religious do you consider yourself?
   O Very religious
   O Fairly religious
   O Not very religious
   O Not religious at all
   O Not sure

53. Do you have any children living at home?
   O No
   O Yes. How many? ______________________

   What ages are the children? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
   O 0-5 yrs.  O 6-12 yrs.  O 13 and older

54. Have you served on active military duty for at least 6 months?
   O Yes
   O No

55. In general, which of the following categories best describes your primary employment situation?
    (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
    O Self-Employed
    O Professional
    O Management
    O Education
    O Sales
    O Clerical
    O Labor
    O Homemaker
    O Retired
    O Not presently employed
    O Other (please specify) ______________________

56. Please indicate on the following scale how much flexibility in managing your time you have in your current employment.
    O Extremely flexible
    O Flexible
    O Somewhat flexible
    O Somewhat inflexible
    O Inflexible
    O Extremely inflexible
    O Not sure

57. Please indicate the state and number of the U.S. Congressional District in which you live.
    State: ____________________________
    District Number: ___________________

58. Please indicate the date you are completing the survey:

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