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. Have you ever held or do you currently hold an elective political office?
- Yes
- No

3. How would you characterize your interest in holding elective office?
- I have absolutely no interest in holding elective office at any time.
- 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

If you currently hold an elective political office, please complete questions 4 to 6 below. If you do not currently hold an elective office, please proceed to question 7.

4. Will you be up for reelection in 2000?
- Yes
- No

5. 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

6. 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 opportunity to increase your visibility with the public
b. The opportunity to develop campaign skills
c. The opportunity to satisfy your personal political goals
d. The overall value of this office to you

7. 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 2000 election
b. the next 3-4 terms
c. the foreseeable future

8. Are you living in the same U.S. House district as you were in 1997?
- Yes
- No
9. 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

   a. The federal government
   b. Your state government
   c. Your local government

10. 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 2000
   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:

   d. in 2000
   e. in the next 3-4 terms
   f. in the foreseeable future

11. Some districts lean toward 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

12. 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 of Representatives
   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 for 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 of Representatives
13. Please rate the following characteristics for the U.S. House district in which you live:

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

A. Economic conditions

a. The economic outlook of the district.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.


a. Name recognition.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

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

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

c. Personal integrity.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

d. Dedication to serving the public.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

e. Overall strength of the Republican candidate.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

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

a. Name recognition.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

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

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

c. Personal integrity.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

d. Dedication to serving the public.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

e. Overall strength of the Democratic candidate.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

14. 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 the my family have encouraged me to run.
- National, state, or local interest groups.

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

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

a. The incumbent's personal integrity.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

b. The support the incumbent has from his/her own party outside the district.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

c. Incumbent's ability to stay in touch with the district.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

d. The incumbent's dedication to serving the public.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

e. The incumbent's name recognition in the district.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

f. The incumbent's ability to raise money to fund his/her own campaign.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

g. The incumbent's grasp of the issues.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

h. The incumbent's ability to find solutions to problems.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

i. The incumbent's public speaking abilities.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

j. The incumbent's legislative accomplishments in the House.

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k. The incumbent's ability to bring federal funds to the district.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

l. The incumbent's ability to provide constituency services.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

m. The incumbent's ability to work with other political leaders.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

n. The support from interest groups outside the district.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

o. The overall strength of the incumbent.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.
18. Please give your best estimate of how likely each of the following is:

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<td>c. The incumbent Representative will win the general election in 2000 if he/she wins the primary.</td>
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19. Please indicate how the following factors would influence your interest in running for the U.S. House.

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