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0004: AINT1

Hello, my name is \$i and I'm calling from the University of Arkansas' Survey Research Center. We're conducting the Arkansas Poll to hear from concerned residents, like yourself, about issues that affect them. Do you have 15 minutes to answer some important questions?

=> AINT3 Yes 1 (1/80)
No 2

0005: AINT2

I'm not trying to sell anything and it's really important that we hear from a diverse group of people. Would you please take just a few minutes from your busy day to help me out?

Yes 1 (1/81)
=> THANK No 2

0006: AINT3

Great! Thanks for your help. Are you at least 18 years old?

=> AINT5 Yes 1 (1/82)
No 2

0007: AINT4

I'm sorry, today I'm trying to get the opinions of only those people who are 18 or older. Is there someone else in the house over 18 with whom I may speak? (May I please speak with him/her?)

=> AINT6 Yes 1 (1/83)
=> THANK No 2

0008: AINT5

Before we begin, I want to let you know that the poll is being sponsored by the Political Science Department and that all your answers will be kept completely anonymous and confidential. Your participation is voluntary and if you feel you can't answer some questions, please let me know. May I start the interview?

=> Q8 Yes 1 (1/84)
=> THANK No 2

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0009: AINT6

0014: THANK

Ok, sorry to have bothered you, have a good day. Goodbye.

=> INT 1 (1/90)

0015: Q8

ENTER # OF YEARS 1-99 OR SELECT "ALL MY LIFE" OR "< 1 YEAR"

I would like to start by asking you, how many years you have lived in Arkansas, or have you lived here all of your life?

Less than 1 year 101 (1/91)
=> Q10 All my life 102
=> Q10 Don't know 888
=> Q10 Refused 999
mask \$E 1 99

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0016: Q9

ASK IF NAME CITY, WHAT STATE IS THAT IN? Where did you spend most of your life before coming to Arkansas?

Alabama 1 (1/94)

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0017: Q10

PROMPT: "Whatever comes to mind as a pressing issue IN OUR STATE." Okay, thank you. Now, moving on to several important topics. First, in your opinion, what do you think is the most important problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today?

Record Response 10 (1/96)
=> Q12 Don't know 8

=> Q12 Refused 9

if Record Response _____

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0018:Q11

Is there another problem or issue facing people in Arkansas today you would like to mention?

Record Response	10	(1/97)
No	2	
Don't Know	8	
Refused	9	

if Record Response _____

0019:Q12

Thank you. Let's move on now to your thoughts on some of the people who are involved in government and politics. First, do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Huckabee is handling his job as governor?

Approve	1	(1/98)
Disapprove	2	
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

0020:Q13

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tim Hutchinson is handling his job as a U.S. Senator?

Approve	1	(1/99)
Disapprove	2	
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

0021:Q14

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Blanche Lincoln is handling her job as a U.S. Senator?

Approve	1	(1/100)
Disapprove	2	
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

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0022:Q15

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

Approve	1	(1/101)
Disapprove	2	
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

0023:Q16

And, do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton is handling her job as First Lady?

Approve	1	(1/102)
Disapprove	2	
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

0024:Q17

Now, I'm going to mention some features or services in Arkansas. Please rate each one telling me if you are very satisfied, satisfied, unsatisfied, or very unsatisfied, okay?

1D (1/103)

0025:Q18

PROMPT, WHATEVER IT MEANS TO YOU.

Police Protection in your community, are you very satisfied, satisfied, unsatisfied, very unsatisfied.

Very Satisfied	1	(1/104)
Satisfied	2	

Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

0026:Q19

Health care and hospital services in your community

Very Satisfied 1 (1/105)
Satisfied 2
Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

0027:Q20

The public libraries in your community

Very Satisfied 1 (1/106)
Satisfied 2
Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

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0028:Q21

K IS KINDERGARTEN

The K through 12th grade public schools in your community

Very Satisfied 1 (1/107)
Satisfied 2
Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

0029:Q22

Cultural activities such as concerts, plays, and art shows in your community

Very Satisfied 1 (1/108)
Satisfied 2
Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

0030:Q23

The opportunity for good jobs in your community

Very Satisfied 1 (1/109)
Satisfied 2
Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

0031:Q24

SERVICES INCLUDE SENIOR CENTER, MEALS ON WHEELS, THAT SORT OF THING..

Services for the elderly in your community

Very Satisfied 1 (1/110)
Satisfied 2
Unsatisfied 3
Very Unsatisfied 4
Don't Know 8
Refused 9

0032:Q25

The present condition of the roads and highways in our state

Very Satisfied 1 (1/111)
 Satisfied 2
 Unsatisfied 3
 Very Unsatisfied 4
 Don't Know 8
 Refused 9

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0033:Q26

The quality of parks and recreation facilities in our state

Very Satisfied 1 (1/112)
 Satisfied 2
 Unsatisfied 3
 Very Unsatisfied 4
 Don't Know 8
 Refused 9

0034:Q27

Colleges and universities in our state

Very Satisfied 1 (1/113)
 Satisfied 2
 Unsatisfied 3
 Very Unsatisfied 4
 Don't Know 8
 Refused 9

0035:Q28

PROMPT: HOUSING, MEDICAL, OR FOOD ASSISTANCE -- THOSE KINDS OF THINGS

The public welfare system in our state

Very Satisfied 1 (1/114)
 Satisfied 2
 Unsatisfied 3
 Very Unsatisfied 4
 Don't Know 8
 Refused 9

0036:Q29

The quality of state and local government services considering the taxes you pay

Very Satisfied 1 (1/115)
 Satisfied 2
 Unsatisfied 3
 Very Unsatisfied 4
 Don't Know 8
 Refused 9

0037:TRN1

On other matters, because of term limits a lot of long-term members of the state Legislature were replaced by new members this past session. Some people have had a lot to say about term limits and their possible effect on our government in Little Rock, while others have not paid much attention to the matter.

1D (1/116)

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0038:Q30

In your view, what effect did having a large number of new state legislators have on the quality of the past legislative session? Did it greatly improve, slightly improve, slightly reduce, or greatly reduce the quality of the session or, haven't you thought much about this matter?

Greatly Improve 1 (1/117)
 Slightly Improve 2
 Slightly Reduce 3
 Greatly Reduce 4
 Haven't thought much about this matter 5

Don't know 8
Refused 9

0039:Q31

There also was some discussion about removing the state sales tax from the sale of groceries during this past legislative session. Do you approve or disapprove of taking the state sales tax off of food purchased at a grocery store? Or haven't you thought much about this matter?

Approve 1 (1/118)
=> Q31B Disapprove 2
=> Q32 Haven't thought much about this matter 3
=> Q32 Don't know 8
=> Q32 Refused 9

0040:Q31A

Strongly or somewhat

=> Q32 Strongly approve 1 (1/119)
=> Q32 Somewhat approve 2
=> Q32 Don't know 8
=> Q32 Refused 9

0041:Q31B

Strongly or somewhat

Strongly disapprove 1 (1/120)
Somewhat disapprove 2
Don't know 8
Refused 9

0042:Q32

PROMPT: IN GENERAL.

And, how do you feel about legalizing casino gambling here in Arkansas? That is, do you favor or oppose legalizing casino gambling in our state? Or haven't you thought much about this matter?

Favor 1 (1/121)
=> Q32B Oppose 2
=> TRAN2 Haven't thought much about it 3
=> TRAN2 Don't know 8
=> TRAN2 Refused 9

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0043:Q32A

IF "R" ASKS, RESPOND THAT "GAMBLING MEANS WHATEVER IT MEANS TO YOU" And how much do you favor legalizing gambling in the state of Arkansas would you say, strongly or only somewhat?

=> TRAN2 Strongly favor 1 (1/122)
=> TRAN2 Somewhat favor 2
=> TRAN2 Haven't thought much about it 3
=> TRAN2 Don't know 8
=> TRAN2 Refused 9

0044:Q32B

And how much do you oppose legalizing gambling in the state of Arkansas:

Strongly opposed 1 (1/123)
Somewhat opposed 2
Haven't thought much about it 3
Don't know 8
Refused 9

0045:TRAN2

Recent years also have produced a debate about the property tax in Arkansas. In fact, voters will be asked next fall to vote on at least one measure which would reduce property taxes. Other measures being proposed would abolish property taxes altogether and replace at least some of the lost revenue with revenue from other sources. Please tell me the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following:

1D (1/124)

0046:Q34A

Property taxes in Arkansas are too high. Do you Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree?

Strongly agree 1 (1/125)
 Agree 2
 Disagree 3
 Strongly disagree 4
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

0047:Q34B

Property taxes in Arkansas should be Increased, Kept the same, Reduced, or Abolished?

=> Q36 Increased 1 (1/126)
 => Q36 Kept the same 2
 Reduced 3
 Abolished 4
 => Q36 Don't know 8
 => Q36 Refused 9

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0048:Q34C

Okay. Please tell me which of the following options most closely represents your view. Property taxes in Arkansas should be <Q34B > only if all of the lost revenue is replaced, only if some of the lost revenue is replaced or regardless of whether or not the lost revenue is replaced.

Only if all 1 (1/127)
 Only if some 2
 Regardless 3
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

0049:Q36

And what about this statement? If property taxes are reduced or abolished, it is likely that we will see fewer public services and/or services of lower quality. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

Strongly agree 1 (1/128)
 Agree 2
 Disagree 3
 Strongly disagree 4
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

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0050:Q37

And, overall, considering ALL the taxes you pay to state and local government, do you think the state and local taxes you pay are too high, too low, or about right, or haven't you thought much on this matter?

Too high 1 (1/129)
 => Q37B Too low 2
 => Q38 About Right 3
 => Q38 Haven't thought much on this matter 4
 => Q38 Don't Know 8
 => Q38 Refused 9

0051:Q37A

Much too high or only somewhat too high?

=> Q38 Much too high 1 (1/130)
 => Q38 Somewhat too high 2
 => Q38 Don't know 8
 => Q38 Refused 9

0052:Q37B

Somewhat low or much too low.

Somewhat low 1 (1/131)
 Much too low 2
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

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0053:Q38

Okay. Next, I have a couple of questions about some issues that have been prominent in the news. First, in general, would you say you favor stricter gun control, or less strict gun control?

- Stricter 1 (1/132)
- Less strict 2
- Neither 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

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0054:Q39

Do you favor laws that would make it MORE DIFFICULT for a woman to get an abortion, favor laws that would make it EASIER to get an abortion or should NO CHANGE be made to existing abortion laws?

- Make it more difficult to get an abortion 1 (1/133)
- Make it easier to get an abortion 2
- No change 3
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

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0055:Q40

READ SLOWLY

And, do you favor or oppose passing a Constitutional Amendment which makes it illegal to burn the American flag?

- Favor 1 (1/134)
- Oppose 2
- Don't Know 8
- Refuse 9

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0056:Y2K

Overall, how concerned are you about the Y2K computer bug problem? Are you Very concerned, Somewhat Concerned, Not Too Concerned, or Not At All Concerned?

- Very Concerned 1 (1/135)
- Somewhat Concerned 2
- Not Too Concerned 3
- Not At All Concerned 4
- Don't Know 8
- Refused 9

0057:Q41

PROMPT: WELL, IN YOUR GENERAL PERCEPTION...

The next questions are about your general evaluation of the quality of life in our state. First, how would you rate Arkansas as a place to live as compared to other states - that is, do you feel Arkansas is a much better place, a slightly better place, a slightly worse place, or much worse place in which to live? Or is it about the same?

- Much better 1 (1/136)
- Slightly better 2
- Slightly worse 3
- Much worse 4
- About the same 5
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0058:Q42

PROMPT: WELL, IN YOUR GENERAL PERCEPTION

What about living in Arkansas now as compared to, say, five years ago? Is it a much better place, a slightly better place, a slightly worse place, or a much worse place in which to live? Or is it about the same?

- Much better 1 (1/137)
- Slightly better 2
- Slightly worse 3
- Much worse 4
- About the same 5

Haven't lived here long enough to tell 6
Don't know 8
Refused 9

0059:Q43

And, overall, do you feel that Arkansas is generally headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right direction 1 (1/138)
Wrong direction 2
Don't know 8
Refused 9

0060:Q44

On a more individual level, would you say you are better off financially, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

Better off 1 (1/139)
Same 2
Worse off 3
Don't know 8
Refused 9

0061:Q45

Now, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as now?

Better off 1 (1/140)
Worse off 2
About the same 3
Don't know 8
Refused 9

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0062:Q46

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions about yourself so that we can be sure we're hearing from a wide range of Arkansans. First, do you live in a city, a suburb, a small town or a rural area?

City 1 (1/141)
Suburb 2
Small Town 3
Rural 4
No answer 5

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0063:Q47

In what county do you live?

Arkansas 01 (1/142)
Ashley 02
Baxter 03

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0064:Q48

READ RESPONSE SET TO "R"

Which of the following education categories that best describes the your level of schooling. Is it --- and I have a list here.....please feel free to stop me at any time.

No high school 1 (1/144)
Some high school 2
High school graduate or equivalent 3
Some college including business or trade schools 4
College graduate 5
Some graduate school 6
Graduate or professional degree 7
Don't know 8
Refused 9

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0065:Q49

IF RESPOND REAL AMERICAN, OR DON'T LIKE CATEGORIES MARK REFUSED

Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic group:

White 1 (1/145)
 Black or African-American 2
 Hispanic 3
 Asian 4
 Native American 5
 Multi-ethnic 6
 Something else 7O
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

if Something else _____

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0066:Q50

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

Republican 1 (1/146)
 => Q50B Democrat 2
 => Q50C Independent 3
 => Q51 Other 4O
 => Q51 Don't know 8
 => Q51 Refused 9

if Other _____

0067:Q50A

Would you call yourself a Strong Republican or a Not Very Strong Republican?

=> Q51 Strong Republican 1 (1/147)
 => Q51 Not Very Strong Republican 2
 => Q51 Don't know 8
 => Q51 Refused 9

0068:Q50B

Would you call yourself a Strong Democrat or a Not Very Strong Democrat?

=> Q51 Strong Democrat 1 (1/148)
 => Q51 Not Very Strong Democrat 2
 => Q51 Don't know 8
 => Q51 Refused 9

0069:Q50C

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Closer to Republican 1 (1/149)
 Closer to Democratic 2
 Just Independent 3
 Don't know 8
 Refused 9

0070:Q51

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as a Liberal, Moderate, or Conservative?

Liberal 1 (1/150)
 => TRAN3 Moderate 2
 => Q51B Conservative 3
 => TRAN3 Don't know 8
 => TRAN3 Refused 9

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0071:Q51A

Would you say you are Strongly Liberal or Somewhat Liberal?

=> TRAN3 Strongly Liberal 1 (1/151)
 => TRAN3 Somewhat Liberal 2
 => TRAN3 Don't know 8

=> TRAN3 Refused 9

0072:Q51B

Would you say your are Strongly Conservative or Somewhat Conservative?

- Strongly Conservative 1 (1/152)
- Somewhat Conservative 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0073:TRAN3

The next question is about the elections last November, when a governor and a U.S. Senator were elected, as well as many other positions. In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they were not registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you: Did you vote in the elections this past November, in 1998?

- Yes 1 (1/153)
- No 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0074:Q52

And did you give any money, or buy any tickets, to help a party or candidate pay campaign expenses in the past year?

- Yes 1 (1/154)
- No 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

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0075:Q54

IF ANSWER IS YES ASK: HOW MANY

How many letters have you written to public officials in the past year?

- None 1 (1/155)
- 1 2
- 2 to 3 3
- 4 to 5 or more 4
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

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0076:Q55

IF ANSWER IS YES ASK: HOW MANY?

Did you go to any political meetings, rallies, or dinners, etc., in the past year?

- None 1 (1/156)
- 1 2
- 2 to 3 3
- 4 to 5 or more 4
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0077:Q56

Alright then; we're nearly done. I have just a few more questions. First, which of the following income categories best describes your total 1998 household income? Was it - and I have a list here ... please feel free to stop me at any time:

- \$7,500 or less 01 (1/157)
- \$7,501 to \$15,000 02
- \$15,001 to \$25,000 03
- \$25,001 to \$35,000 04
- \$35,001 to \$50,000 05
- \$50,001 to \$75,000 06
- \$75,001 to \$100,000 07
- \$100,001 or over? 08
- Don't know 88
- Refused 99

0078:Q57

About how often do you attend religious services:

- Never 1 (1/159)

- Once a year or less 2
- Several times a year 3
- About once a month 4
- 2-3 times a month 5
- Every week 6
- More than once a week 7
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0079:Q57B

PLACE RESPONSE INTO ONE OF THE 3 CATEGORIES IF POSSIBLE

Which of the following best describes your current religious preference Is it:

- Protestant 1 (1/160)
- => Q59 Catholic 2
- => Q59 Jewish 3
- Something Else 40
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

if Something Else _____

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0080:Q58

What specific denomination or church is that, if any?

- African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) 1 (1/161)
- Assembly of God 2
- Baptist 3
- Christian 4
- Christian Science 5

0081:Q59

Some people think of themselves as Southerners - others do not.

How about you- would you say that you are a Southerner or not?

- Yes 1 (1/163)
- No 2
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0082:Q60

Which of the following best describes your present marital status:

- Married 1 (1/164)
- Not married but living together 2
- Separated or divorced 3
- Widowed 4
- Never married 5
- Don't know 8
- Refused 9

0083:Q61

ENTER NUMBER IN BOX

How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

- (1/165)
- Don't know 88
- Refused 99
- mask \$E 1 20

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0084:Q62

ENTER 2 DIGIT YEAR

In what year were you born?

- Don't know 88 (1/167)
- Refused 99
- mask \$E 1 81

0085:Q63

And, I am required to ask you this, are you male or female?

Male	1	(1/169)
Female	2	
Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

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0086:CLOSE

Thank you very much for helping us with the Arkansas Poll. We plan to release our results late in October. Have a nice day/afternoon/evening.

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