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SUMMARY: This special topic poll, fielded November 16, 2000, is part of a continuing series of monthly surveys that solicit public opinion on the presidency and on a range of other political and social issues. This data collection focused on the presidential election that took place on November 7, 2000. The poll queried respondents about the situation in the country nine days after the election. Respondents were asked for their opinions on how Vice President Al Gore, Texas governor George W. Bush, and Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris were handling the election situation, as well as whom they wanted to see become the next president. A major topic of the survey was the hand counting of ballots. Questions elicited respondents' views on whether the hand counts should be included in the Florida final vote total, how accurate hand and machine vote recounts were, and the extent to which the result with and without the hand recounts was acceptable to them. Respondents expressed their views about whether Al Gore should concede the election to George W. Bush in the event that Secretary of State Harris declared Bush the winner without including the hand recount, or if Gore should appeal to the courts. The survey also gathered respondents' opinions regarding whether they wanted to end the unclear situation quickly or give both campaigns a chance to make their full case in court, and how confident they were in the accuracy of Florida's recount. Background information on respondents includes age, gender, education, race, income range, party affiliation, political orientation, and voter registration.

NOTE: (1) The data are provided as an SPSS portable file. (2) This collection has not been processed by ICPSR staff. ICPSR is distributing the data and documentation for this collection in essentially the same form in which they were received. When appropriate, documentation has been converted to Portable Document Format (PDF), data files have been converted to non-platform-specific formats, and variables have been recoded to ensure respondents' anonymity. (3) The codebook is provided by ICPSR as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation
(PDF)

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: REFORM.DATA/ REFORM.DOC

Cases: 610

Variables: 39

TNS INTERSEARCH
Horsham, PA

#DL-16068
November 16, 2000
FINAL

(838-POST ELECTION POLL #2)

INTRODUCTION: Hello, I'm calling on behalf of ABC News. We're conducting a public opinion survey today on some current events.

IF RELUCTANT RESPONDENT USE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

We're not selling anything; we're just interested in your opinions.

It's for a news poll that will be reported on ABC.

We need opinions of average Americans and it will only take a few minutes of your time.

IF RESPONDENT ASKS "WHO ARE YOU," "WHERE ARE YOU CALLING FROM": My name's _____ and I work for TNS Intersearch, which conducts these polls for ABC.

Our research experts have randomly selected the person in your household that I should speak to, so that all types of people will be represented in our survey. Thinking of all the (male/female) adults age 18 or over who live in your household and are at home right now, may I please speak to the one who last had a birthday? **(IF NO MALE/FEMALE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, ASK: Then may I please speak to the (female/male) who last had a birthday?)**

I have a few questions about the presidential election situation, including the recount in Florida.

1. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way **(INSERT ITEM)** is handling the election situation.

How about the way **(INSERT NEXT ITEM)** is handling the election situation?

PROGRAMMER NOTE: REPRESENT QUESTION ON SCREEN:

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: SCRAMBLE ITEMS*****

- A. The Bush campaign
- B. The Gore campaign
- C. The Florida Secretary of State, Katherine Harris

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

2. As you may know, some counties in Florida are hand-counting ballots to recheck the vote totals there. Secretary of State Harris has said she will not include these hand-counts in her final tally of Florida votes because they missed the deadline. Do you think these hand-counts should or should not be included in the final vote total to determine the winner in Florida?

INTERVIEWER, GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Do you feel that way strongly or only somewhat?

- 1 Should include hand-counts in final vote, STRONGLY
- 2 Should include hand-counts in final vote, ONLY SOMEWHAT
- 3 Should not include hand-counts in final vote, STRONGLY
- 4 Should not include hand-counts in final vote, ONLY SOMEWHAT
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

3. George W. Bush currently leads in the Florida recount by 300 votes. If Secretary of State Harris declares Bush as the winner without including the hand recounts, what do you think Al Gore should do - concede the election to Bush, or continue to try to have the courts order Harris to include the hand-counts?

- 1 Concede the election to Bush
- 2 Continue to pursue a court order
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

4. How confident are you that the Florida results will be counted accurately - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not confident at all
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

5. There are two ways to recount votes. One is a machine recount, in which each ballot is re-fed through a machine that adds them up. The other is a hand recount, in which election inspectors examine each ballot by hand. Which in your opinion is more accurate - a (hand recount) or a (machine recount)?

- 1 Hand recount
- 2 Machine Recount
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

6. Who do you personally want to see become the next president - (Al Gore) or (George W. Bush)?

- 1 Gore
- 2 Bush
- 3 (VOL) Neither
- 4 (VOL) Other
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: ROTATE QUESTIONS 7 AND 8*****

7. Regardless of your preference, if the courts do not step in and the Florida vote tally becomes final without the hand recounts, would that be acceptable or unacceptable to you?

- 1 Acceptable
- 2 Not acceptable
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

8. Regardless of your preference, if the courts do step in and order the hand recounts to be included in the final Florida vote tally, would that be acceptable or unacceptable to you?

- 1 Acceptable
- 2 Not acceptable
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

9. What do you think is more important - for this to end quickly, say within a week; or for both campaigns to have a chance to make their full case in court, even if it takes longer than that?

- 1 End this quickly
- 2 Make full case in court
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

Now just a few more questions to help classify your answers:

****AUTHOR NOTE: ROTATE ORDER OF CODES 1 and 2****

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (READ LIST)

- 1 A Democrat
- 2 A Republican
- 3 An Independent (ASK Q.904)
- 4 Or what? (ASK Q.904)
- (DO NOT READ BELOW)
- 8 DK/No opinion (ASK Q.904)
- 9 NA/Refused (ASK Q.904)

****AUTHOR NOTE: ROTATE ORDER OF CODES 1 and 2 IN SAME ORDER AS Q.901****

904. Do you lean more towards the: (READ LIST)

- 1 Democratic Party
- 2 Or, Republican Party
- (DO NOT READ BELOW)
- 3 (VOL)Neither
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

905. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

908a. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Moderate
- 3 Conservative
- 4 (VOL)Don't think in those terms
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

909. What was the last grade of school you completed?

- 1 8th grade or less
- 2 Some high school
- 3 Graduated high school
- 4 Some college (ASK IF SCHOOL WAS A TECHNICAL SCHOOL; IF IT WAS, CIRCLE CODE 3,
FOR HIGH SCHOOL)
- 5 Graduated College

- 6 Post-graduate
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

910. What is your age?

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- DK/No opinion 8888
- NA/Refused 9999

918. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

(IF "YES," ASK:) Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?

(IF "NO," ASK:) are you white, black, or some other race?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 White Hispanic
- 4 Black Hispanic
- 5 Hispanic(no race given)
- 6 Other Race
- 9 NA/Refused

919. If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 1999, would the total be: (READ LIST)

- 1 Less than \$30,000, or
- 2 \$30,000 or more (SKIP TO Q.919.2)
- 9 (DO NOT READ) NA/Refused (SKIP TO 921)

919.1 Would that be: (READ LIST)

- 1 Under \$8,000 (SKIP TO 921)
- 2 \$8,000 but less than \$12,000 (SKIP TO 921)
- 3 \$12,000 but less than \$20,000 (SKIP TO 921)
- 4 \$20,000 but less than \$30,000 (SKIP TO 921)
- 9 (DO NOT READ) NA/Refused (SKIP TO 921)

919.2 Would that be: (READ LIST)

- 1 \$30,000 but less than \$50,000
- 2 \$50,000 but less than \$75,000
- 3 Or more than \$75,000
- 9 (DO NOT READ)NA/Refused

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: ASK ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE RESPONDENTS*****

920.1 May a reporter call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?

1 Yes

2 No (SKIP TO Q.921)

8 DK/No opinion (SKIP TO Q.921)

9 NA/Refused (SKIP TO Q.921)

920.2 May I please have your first name, so the reporter will know who to ask for:

921. RECORD GENDER

1 Male

2 Female

*****END*****