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DATA COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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SUMMARY: This election poll, fielded November 26, 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 19 days after the election. Respondents were asked about the extent of their personal interest in the post-election situation in the country, whom they wanted to see become the next president, the legitimacy of this election, and their confidence about the accuracy of Florida's recount. They also expressed their views about whether, after the Secretary of State in Florida had declared George W. Bush the winner, Al Gore should concede or if he should ask the courts to review the vote. Questions elicited respondents' opinions about whether the United States Supreme Court and the Florida state legislature should be involved in determining the winner of the election in Florida and whether ballots with dimpled or indented chads should be counted as votes. Respondents answered additional questions on whether the Secretary of State in Florida did the right thing in denying Palm Beach County officials' request to extend the deadline for a hand recount, and whether respondents wanted to end the unclear situation quickly or give both campaigns a chance to make their full case in court. Background information on respondents includes age, gender, education, race, 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: 607

Variables: 38

TNS INTERSEARCH
Horsham, PA

#DL-16069
November 26, 2000
FINAL

(839-POST ELECTION POLL #3)

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?)**

1. How closely have you been following the situation involving the presidential election - very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not closely at all?

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

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

2. Tonight the Secretary of State in Florida declared George W. Bush as the winner of the election there. Al Gore says the votes were not counted fairly. Do you think Gore should (concede the election and let Bush become president), or (ask the courts to decide whether the vote count in Florida was fair?)

INTERVIEWER NOTE: GET RESPONSE THEN ASK "Do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?"

- 1 Concede election/let Bush become President: STRONGLY
- 2 Concede election/let Bush become President: NOT STRONGLY
- 3 Ask courts to review vote count: STRONGLY
- 4 Ask courts to review vote count: NOT STRONGLY
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q.2 = 1,2*****

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

3. Do you feel that way mainly because (you think the vote count was fair), or mainly because (you want this to be over with)?

- 1 Think vote count was fair
- 2 Want this to be over with
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

4. How confident are you that the votes in Florida have been 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. Earlier today officials in Palm Beach County asked for an extension until 9 a.m. tomorrow to finish their hand count of the votes there. The Florida secretary of state denied the request and said she would not accept any of the hand count in Palm Beach since it wasn't completed by the deadline of 5 p.m. today. Do you think she (did the right thing by keeping the 5 p.m. deadline) or do you think she (should have allowed the extension to 9 a.m. tomorrow)?

- 1 Did the right thing by keeping deadline
- 2 Should have allowed the extension
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

6. The United States Supreme Court has agreed to a request from the Bush campaign that it review the Florida vote count. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States Supreme Court getting involved in this case?

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

7. Leaders of the state legislature in Florida have said they may get involved in determining the winner of the election there. Would you approve or disapprove of the Florida state legislature getting involved in this matter?

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

8. You may have heard or read about "dimpled" or "indented" chads. These are punch-card ballots in which the voter's punch did not go all the way through. Do you think ballots with dimpled or indented chads should or should not be counted as votes?

- 1 Yes, Should be counted
- 2 No, Should NOT be counted
- 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?

Interviewer Note: (IF RESPONDENT SAYS "THEY SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR CASE IN COURT" ASK) How long are you willing to wait for this to end - a couple of weeks, up to a month or longer than that?

- 1 End this quickly
- 2 Make case in court, willing to wait a couple of weeks
- 3 Make case in court, willing to wait up to a month
- 4 Make case in court, willing to wait longer than a month
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

10. If this ends with **(INSERT CANDIDATE NAME)** winning the presidency, will you consider him to have been legitimately elected as president, or not?

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: ROTATE CANDIDATES*****

- a. Gore
- b. Bush

- 1 Yes, legitimately elected
- 2 No, not legitimately elected
- 8 DK/No opinion
- 9 NA/Refused

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

11. Who do you personally want to 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

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

*****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

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