

Change To Win
 March 11-19 2007
 800 non-supervisory workers

WORKING AMERICAN DREAM AGENDA SURVEY

	<i>March 2007 (n=800)</i>	<i>August 2006 (n=800)</i>
Gender of respondent		
Male.....	54	54
Female.....	46	46
Region		
New England.....	5	5
Middle Atlantic.....	14	14
East North Central.....	16	16
West North Central.....	7	7
South Atlantic.....	19	18
East South Central.....	6	6
West South Central.....	11	11
Mountain.....	6	7
Pacific.....	16	16
Region		
Northeast.....	19	19
Midwest.....	23	23
South.....	36	36
West.....	22	23

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey, and I would like to ask you some questions concerning the issues facing our nation and local communities. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

May I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) 18 years or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently? CONFIRM RESPONDENT IS OVER AGE 18.

1. Are you a full time student?

Yes.....	TERMINATE	0	
No.....		100	100
(Don't know).....	TERMINATE	0	

2. First, are you currently working full-time, working part-time, unemployed, or are you retired?

Working full time.....	GO TO Q5	71	76
Working part time.....	GO TO Q4	16	14
Unemployed.....	GO TO Q3	14	10
Retired.....	TERMINATE	0	0

ASK Q3 IF UNEMPLOYED (Q2=3)

3. Are you actively looking for work?

Yes.....	GO TO Q5	100	100
No.....	TERMINATE	0	
(Don't know).....	TERMINATE	0	

ASK Q4 IF PART-TIME (Q2=2)

4. Do you typically work more than 20 hours per week?

Yes.....	100	100
No.....	TERMINATE	0
(Don't know).....	TERMINATE	0

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5. How would you describe your position in your company? Are you a...

READ CHOICES

Business owner or CEO.....	TERMINATE	0	0
Manager or supervisor*.....	TERMINATE	0	7
Company executive	TERMINATE	0	0
Independent professional such as a physician or lawyer ...	TERMINATE	0	0
Independent contractor		8	7
Hourly employee.....		38	50
Salaried employee.....		45	28
(Other).....		8	4
(Don't know)		1	3

ASK Q6

* In 2006 we kept managers or supervisors who were paid by the hour

IF Q5="OTHER"

6. Would you describe yourself as a business owner, executive, or manager, or none of those?

Yes, owner/executive/manager.....	TERMINATE	0	0
No, none of those		81	86
(Don't know)		19	14

7. In which of the following ranges does your personal annual income fall, before taxes?

READ CATEGORIES:

Below 20 thousand		20	21
Between 20 and 30 thousand		24	23
Between 30 and 40 thousand		20	20
Between 40 and 50 thousand		12	13
Between 50 and 75 thousand		14	13
Between 75 thousand and 100 thousand		10	9
Over 100 thousand	TERMINATE	0	0
(Don't know/refused): Is it more than 100 thousand or less than that?			
TERMINATE IF OVER \$100,000 OR REFUSED		0	1

8. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes.....		81	84
No		18	15
(Don't know)		1	0

[ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMY/ANXIETY]

9. **[T]** Generally speaking, do you think that the economy in this country is going in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel the economy has gotten pretty seriously off on the WRONG TRACK?

Right direction		26	28
Wrong track.....		64	63
(Don't know)		10	9

10. How about for people like you, do you think that the economy in this country is going in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel the economy has gotten pretty seriously off on the WRONG TRACK?

Right direction	29
Wrong track.....	62
(Don't know)	8

11. **[T]** Which of the following words best describes how you feel about your financial future?

ROTATE/READ CHOICES

_Optimistic	31	26
_Angry.....	4	4
_Cautious.....	33	31
_Worried.....	16	20
_Sad.....	1	1
_Hopeful.....	10	11
_Disappointed	4	5
(Don't know/other)	1	2

12. **[T]** Thinking about the next generation of Americans who are children today, the way things are going, do you think economically they will be better off, worse off, or about the same as the generation of adults who are working today?

Better off.....	15	18
About the same	30	27
Worse off.....	49	51
(Don't know)	6	4

13. *¹Thinking about the global economy, which is more important to you personally – economic opportunity or economic security?

Opportunity.....	26
Security	69
(Don't know)	4

14. **[T]** Thinking about the American Dream and what that means to you and your family, do you think the American Dream is obtainable, you have already obtained it, you may not be able to obtain it, you will not be able to obtain it, or you are not sure?

It is obtainable	50	51
Have already obtained it	18	14
May not be able to obtain it.....	15	15
Will not be able to obtain it.....	6	9
Not sure.....	11	12

¹ * = Question was asked of half the sample.

Now I am going to ask you a few questions about the American Dream.

15. *Do you think it is becoming harder or easier these days to achieve the American Dream, or is it about the same?

Harder	74
Easier	7
The same	16
(Don't know)	3

16. Looking to the next generation, the way things are going now, do you feel the American Dream will be easier to reach than today, harder to reach, or will it be the same?

Harder	69
Easier	8
The same	19
(Don't know)	4

17. What is the number one reason you think the American Dream is becoming more difficult to reach?
(RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)

Economic reasons	43
Politics / Government's Fault.....	11
Change in Morals/Work Ethic.....	10
Education	8
Globalization / Competition	4
Corporations / CEO's.....	2
War	2
Health Care	0
Other	12
Don't know.....	5
Refused.....	2

[OVERALL VALUES AND BELIEFS ON SECURITY, OPPORTUNITY, GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS]

Now I am going to read you some statements and I want you to tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

[READ ITEM] Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

[If agree/disagree]: Is that strongly or not so strongly?

RANDOMIZE [Q18 TO Q24]

18. *: In America, hard work should lead to economic security for your family.

Strongly agree	77
Not so strongly agree.....	18
Not so strongly disagree	4
Strongly disagree.....	1
(Don't know)	1
Agree	94
Disagree	4

19. *: Making sure that America continues to have a strong working middle class is essential to the strength and security of our country.

Strongly agree	72
Not so strongly agree.....	22
Not so strongly disagree	4
Strongly disagree.....	0
(Don't know)	2
Agree	93
Disagree	4

20. *: Corporations in America have a responsibility to see to it that their workers get ahead when they are profitable, not just the CEOs.

Strongly agree	68
Not so strongly agree.....	22
Not so strongly disagree	4
Strongly disagree.....	3
(Don't know)	3
Agree	90
Disagree	7

21. [T] No matter what you hear about the economy, working families are falling behind.

Strongly agree	56	56
Not so strongly agree.....	26	25
Not so strongly disagree	10	10
Strongly disagree.....	6	5
(Don't know)	2	4
Agree	82	81
Disagree	15	15

22. Government has a responsibility to help restore the American Dream and help people who work hard to be able to achieve it.

Strongly agree	56
Not so strongly agree.....	22
Not so strongly disagree	10
Strongly disagree.....	8
(Don't know)	4
Agree	78
Disagree	18

23. There should be a path to citizenship for immigrant workers who have jobs, work hard, are learning English, and have not committed crimes.

Strongly agree	50
Not so strongly agree.....	30
Not so strongly disagree	6
Strongly disagree.....	10
(Don't know)	4
Agree	80
Disagree	16

24. There should be tough legal penalties against employers who exploit immigrant workers and drive down wages for all workers.

Strongly agree.....	73
Not so strongly agree.....	18
Not so strongly disagree.....	3
Strongly disagree.....	3
(Don't know).....	4
Agree.....	91
Disagree.....	6

[GOALS OF THE AMERICAN DREAM]

I'm going to read some goals that some people say are important for reaching the American Dream. For each one, please rate how important it is for you personally as part of the American Dream. Again use a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means it is an extremely important part of the American Dream for you, and 0 means it is not important at all, and 5 is neutral. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

[READ ITEM]: On a scale from 0 to 10, how important is that to you as part of the American Dream?
RANDOMIZE Q25 to Q33

25. Being able to afford to own your own home

Mean.....	9.1
10.....	68
8-9.....	19
7-6.....	6
5.....	6
0-4.....	1
(Don't know).....	0

26. Being treated with respect for the work you do

Mean.....	9.2
10.....	71
8-9.....	19
7-6.....	5
5.....	4
0-4.....	1
(Don't know).....	0

27. [T] Having affordable quality health care that you can depend on

Mean.....	9.3	8.7
10.....	75	61
8-9.....	16	18
7-6.....	5	9
5.....	2	6
0-4.....	2	5
(Don't know).....	0	0

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28. [T] Having a secure and dignified retirement		
Mean	9.2	8.6
10.....	70	59
8-9.....	19	20
7-6.....	6	8
5.....	3	6
0-4.....	2	7
(Don't know)	0	1
29. _ Being able to ensure your children have the opportunity to succeed		
Mean	9.3	
10.....	74	
8-9.....	15	
7-6.....	4	
5.....	4	
0-4.....	1	
(Don't know)	0	
30. _* : Having access to training at work so you can advance and do well		
Mean	9.0	
10.....	59	
8-9.....	24	
7-6.....	11	
5.....	4	
0-4.....	1	
(Don't know)	1	
31. _ Being able to afford to spend more time with family, and in your community.		
Mean	9.0	
10.....	61	
8-9.....	23	
7-6.....	10	
5.....	5	
0-4.....	1	
(Don't know)	0	
32. _ Having a job that pays enough to support a family		
Mean	9.5	
10.....	80	
8-9.....	14	
7-6.....	4	
5.....	2	
0-4.....	1	
(Don't know)	0	

33. _Having benefits that fit your life in the new economy and follow you when you change jobs, move, or become self-employed or unemployed

Mean	8.8
10.....	62
8-9.....	20
7-6.....	7
5.....	7
0-4.....	3
(Don't know)	1

[BARRIERS]

Now, still thinking about the American Dream, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people say are reasons the American Dream is becoming more difficult to reach. For each one, please rate how convincing it is as a reason for why the American Dream may be more difficult to reach. Use a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means it is an extremely convincing reason, and 0 means it is not convincing at all as a reason, and 5 is neutral. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

[READ ITEM]: On a scale from 0 to 10, how convincing is this as a reason for why the American Dream may be more difficult to reach? Remember this is not how much you agree with this, but how much you think it is a reason why the American Dream may be more difficult to reach.

RANDOMIZE Q34 to Q44

34. _Cuts have been made to government programs that helped previous generations succeed such as job training and college loans

Mean	7.3
10.....	36
8-9.....	17
7-6.....	15
5.....	18
0-4.....	12
(Don't know)	1

35. _When corporations are profitable, the benefits are not shared with workers but go only to the top.

Mean	7.9
10.....	48
8-9.....	18
7-6.....	12
5.....	10
0-4.....	11
(Don't know)	2

36. _Corporations have gained too much power in the political system and that has hurt working people.

Mean	8.2
10.....	53
8-9.....	18
7-6.....	10
5.....	10
0-4.....	8
(Don't know)	2

37. **_***: The government doesn't do enough to rein in greedy and unethical behavior by corporations and CEOs

Mean	7.9
10.....	48
8-9.....	20
7-6.....	10
5.....	12
0-4.....	10
(Don't know)	1

38. **_**The government gives tax breaks and special favors to the rich while neglecting working and middle class families

Mean	8.0
10.....	54
8-9.....	15
7-6.....	9
5.....	9
0-4.....	11
(Don't know)	1

39. **_SSA**: A decline in the strength of unions has reduced the voice of working people for good wages and benefits

Mean	7.3
10.....	38
8-9.....	18
7-6.....	11
5.....	13
0-4.....	16
(Don't know)	3

40. **_SSB**: A decline in the strength of unions has made corporations think they can do anything and working people can't push back

Mean	7.3
10.....	39
8-9.....	17
7-6.....	13
5.....	14
0-4.....	15
(Don't know)	2

41. _Unfair trade agreements are making it harder for Americans to keep good jobs

Mean	7.8
10.....	44
8-9.....	19
7-6.....	10
5.....	13
0-4.....	10
(Don't know)	3

42. _SSA: Corporations are too focused on short-term profits rather than investing in their workers and the future

Mean	8.1
10.....	47
8-9.....	24
7-6.....	9
5.....	9
0-4.....	9
(Don't know)	3

43. _SSB: Corporations are too focused on short-term profits and treat their workers like they are a disposable workforce

Mean	8.0
10.....	46
8-9.....	21
7-6.....	12
5.....	10
0-4.....	9
(Don't know)	2

44. _Multinational corporations have so much power they can drive down wages, eliminate health benefits and pensions, and disregard labor laws

Mean	8.1
10.....	51
8-9.....	17
7-6.....	9
5.....	8
0-4.....	10
(Don't know)	4

SPLIT SAMPLE C

45. Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

(READ BELOW)

(PROMPT) Which statement comes closer to your own view?

(FOLLOW-UP) Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not so strongly?

DO NOT ROTATE

. Talking about restoring the American Dream sounds good but nothing will change. The wealthy and powerful make the rules in this country, and there's not much working people can do about it.

Or

. Real change is possible if we join together businesses, families, working people, and community groups. We have done it before and we can restore the American Dream together.

FIRST statement STRONGLY	23
FIRST statement NOT SO STRONGLY	8
SECOND statement NOT SO STRONGLY	13
SECOND statement STRONGLY	45
(Both)	7
(Neither)	3
(Don't know/refused)	1
FIRST statement	31
SECOND statement	58

RESUME ASKING ALL

[ACTION AGENDA]

Now thinking overall about the goal of making the American Dream more attainable. I am going to read some steps that could be taken to help make the American Dream more attainable. For each one, please rate how effective that step would be in making the American Dream more attainable. Use a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means this step would be very effective, and 0 means the step is would not be effective at all, and 5 is neutral. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

[READ ITEM]: On a scale from 0 to 10, how effective would this step be in making the American Dream more attainable?

RANDOMIZE Q46 to Q65

46. _Strong enforcement of the laws to prevent discrimination and ensure that women and minorities get equal pay and have equal opportunity

Mean	8.4
10.....	56
8-9.....	21
7-6.....	9
5.....	8
0-4.....	6
(Don't know)	1

47. Working people becoming more politically active to hold politicians accountable

Mean	8.6
10.....	54
8-9.....	23
7-6.....	10
5.....	8
0-4.....	3
(Don't know)	1

48. Provide information about companies so Americans can use their power as consumers to support responsible companies that respect workers and families

Mean	8.6
10.....	53
8-9.....	23
7-6.....	12
5.....	8
0-4.....	3
(Don't know)	1

49. *: Make it less profitable for companies to outsource jobs by removing tax breaks for sending jobs overseas.

Mean	8.5
10.....	60
8-9.....	15
7-6.....	10
5.....	6
0-4.....	7
(Don't know)	2

50. Push for government and corporations to improve standards and wages in Mexico and other low-wage countries in order to protect the American standard of living

Mean	7.3
10.....	40
8-9.....	19
7-6.....	11
5.....	14
0-4.....	14
(Don't know)	2

51. **_***: More working people joining together across the nation to hold companies accountable to create family wage jobs with benefits

Mean	8.5
10.....	53
8-9.....	21
7-6.....	11
5.....	8
0-4.....	5
(Don't know)	2

52. **_**Creating unions or worker organizations to represent part-time, temporary and contract employees so that employers provide decent wages and benefits to these workers.

Mean	7.6
10.....	42
8-9.....	21
7-6.....	12
5.....	11
0-4.....	12
(Don't know)	2

53. **_SSA**: Have businesses work with organizations like unions on innovative new ways to create and keep good-paying jobs in America

Mean	8.0
10.....	48
8-9.....	21
7-6.....	10
5.....	10
0-4.....	10
(Don't know)	1

54. **_SSB**: Create partnerships of unions, businesses, and community organizations to work on innovative new ways to create and keep good-paying jobs in America

Mean	8.2
10.....	49
8-9.....	23
7-6.....	12
5.....	9
0-4.....	7
(Don't know)	1

55. **_SSA:** More working people being able to organize into unions at their workplace in order to hold employers accountable

Mean	7.5
10.....	43
8-9.....	17
7-6.....	10
5.....	13
0-4.....	14
(Don't know).....	3

56. **_SSB:** More working people being able to organize into unions at their workplace in order to have a stronger voice

Mean	7.7
10.....	44
8-9.....	18
7-6.....	15
5.....	10
0-4.....	11
(Don't know).....	1

57. **_Hold large global multinational corporations accountable to pay their fair share for the problems they create in the world, such as environmental pollution and low wages**

Mean	8.6
10.....	60
8-9.....	18
7-6.....	10
5.....	6
0-4.....	6
(Don't know).....	1

58. **_Government makes sure employers keep their promises to employees, including protecting their pensions and health care**

Mean	8.9
10.....	63
8-9.....	19
7-6.....	8
5.....	5
0-4.....	4
(Don't know).....	1

59. **_Create a more progressive tax system that is fair to workers and makes billionaires pay their fair share in taxes**

Mean	8.8
10.....	65
8-9.....	18
7-6.....	7
5.....	5
0-4.....	5
(Don't know).....	1

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60. *_**: Protect and preserve Social Security and make sure all workers have retirement benefits they can count on

Mean	8.9
10.....	66
8-9.....	17
7-6.....	5
5.....	6
0-4.....	4
(Don't know)	0

61. *_**: Government guarantees that every American has access to quality, affordable health care.

Mean	8.8
10.....	65
8-9.....	16
7-6.....	8
5.....	6
0-4.....	5
(Don't know)	1

62. *_*Expand paid family leave and other policies that help people care for their families, including children or elderly parents

Mean	8.3
10.....	57
8-9.....	16
7-6.....	10
5.....	10
0-4.....	7
(Don't know)	1

63. _Expand job training so workers can be productive, and advance at work

Mean	8.6
10.....	54
8-9.....	22
7-6.....	12
5.....	7
0-4.....	4
(Don't know)	0

64. _Expand policies that make it easier for families to own their own home

Mean	8.6
10.....	58
8-9.....	20
7-6.....	9
5.....	8
0-4.....	4
(Don't know)	0

65. _Raise the national minimum wage and adjust it upward when the cost of living increases.

Mean	8.5
10.....	63
8-9.....	15
7-6.....	8
5.....	6
0-4.....	7
(Don't know)	1

[CAN UNIONS HELP WITH MOST IMPORTANT GOALS]

I'm going to read some goals that some people say are important for reaching the American Dream. For each one, please tell me whether working people joining together in unions or worker associations would help achieve that goal or not.

[IF HELP/NOT HELP, ask: Is that definitely or probably would [help/not help]?)

RANDOMIZE Q66 to Q75

66. _Being able to afford to own your own home

Definitely help.....	44
Probably help	33
Probably not help.....	12
Definitely not help.....	7
(Don't know)	4
Help	78
Not help	19

67. _Being treated with respect for the work you do

Definitely help.....	52
Probably help	36
Probably not help.....	6
Definitely not help.....	4
(Don't know)	1
Help	88
Not help	11

68. <u>Having affordable quality health care that you can depend on.</u>	
Definitely help.....	60
Probably help.....	29
Probably not help.....	5
Definitely not help.....	3
(Don't know).....	2
Help	90
Not help	8
69. <u>Having a secure and dignified retirement</u>	
Definitely help.....	58
Probably help.....	31
Probably not help.....	7
Definitely not help.....	3
(Don't know).....	1
Help	89
Not help	10
70. <u>Being able to ensure your children have the opportunity to succeed</u>	
Definitely help.....	53
Probably help.....	29
Probably not help.....	9
Definitely not help.....	6
(Don't know).....	4
Help	82
Not help	14
71. <u>SSA: Having access to training and a career path at work so you can advance and do well.</u>	
Definitely help.....	51
Probably help.....	37
Probably not help.....	8
Definitely not help.....	3
(Don't know).....	1
Help	88
Not help	11
72. <u>SSB: Having access to training at work so you can advance and do well.</u>	
Definitely help.....	54
Probably help.....	34
Probably not help.....	6
Definitely not help.....	4
(Don't know).....	1
Help	88
Not help	10

73. _Being able to afford to spend more time with family, and in your community.

Definitely help.....	47
Probably help.....	33
Probably not help.....	11
Definitely not help.....	5
(Don't know).....	3
Help	81
Not help	16

74. _Having a job that pays enough to support a family.

Definitely help.....	64
Probably help.....	28
Probably not help.....	5
Definitely not help.....	3
(Don't know).....	1
Help	91
Not help	8

75. _Having benefits that fit your life in the new economy and follow you when you change jobs, move, or become self-employed or unemployed.

Definitely help.....	53
Probably help.....	30
Probably not help.....	9
Definitely not help.....	6
(Don't know).....	2
Help	83
Not help	15

[Message Frames]

Now, I'm going to read you a series of statements made by a new organization of unions and other community groups that say they are working to renew the American Dream. I would like you rate each one on how excited it would make YOU to be a part of that organization on a scale from ZERO to FIVE, with FIVE meaning that the statement would make you VERY excited about being a part of the organization, and ZERO meaning it wouldn't make you excited at all. You can use any number from zero to five.

RANDOMIZE Q76 – Q80

[Security]

76. Changing jobs is reality for many workers in today's economy. Workers should have the security of knowing that they have health and retirement benefits that will go with them. Hard work should bring secure benefits, regardless of how many times a worker has to change jobs as the result of the new global economy. Joining together in worker associations or unions can help make this happen.

Mean	3.9
5.....	53
4.....	15
3.....	15
2.....	6
1.....	2
0.....	8
(Don't know).....	2

[shouldn't be so tough]

77. _Despite things getting tougher, workers and their families are working harder and making ends meet--instilling values in their children, caring for others and participating in their communities. But there is something wrong in America, where the people who work hard and do the right thing have to struggle so much just to get by. We need policies along with unions and worker associations that give people the tools to be responsible and get ahead if they work hard and take care of their families.

Mean	3.9
5.....	51
4.....	18
3.....	14
2.....	6
1.....	2
0.....	8
(Don't know)	1

[next generation]

78. _The belief that every generation in America will be able to reach higher and have a better life is central to the American Dream. But today many of us worry that the next generation will fall behind with fewer opportunities. We need quality education, good-paying jobs, health care and retirement security. Joining together in worker associations and unions, we can help make sure the next generation does better and can achieve the American Dream for themselves and their children

Mean	3.9
5.....	52
4.....	18
3.....	13
2.....	6
1.....	3
0.....	8
(Don't know)	1

[anti-greed/hope]

79. _**SSA:** CEOs are now making 262 times as much as the average worker. Hard work and loyalty are no longer valued. Instead there is a culture of greed and selfishness that puts profits above everything else. We can fight back. That means people putting aside their differences to join together in their communities, unions and responsible employers working together to raise the standard of living for all workers, and government ensuring fairness and equal opportunity

Mean	3.8
5.....	56
4.....	14
3.....	10
2.....	4
1.....	3
0.....	11
(Don't know)	2

[anti-greed/anger]

80. **_SSB:** CEOs are now making 262 times as much as the average worker while hard-working Americans are falling behind and losing hope for their children’s future. Corporations put short-term profits above everything else and the government stands with the wealthy and powerful instead of regular working people. We need to join together in unions and worker associations to make our voices and priorities heard again

Mean	3.9
5.....	57
4.....	11
3.....	11
2.....	6
1.....	5
0.....	8
(Don't know)	1

SPLIT SAMPLE D

81. Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. Please tell me whether the **FIRST** statement or the **SECOND** statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

(READ BELOW)

(PROMPT) Which statement comes closer to your own view?

(FOLLOW-UP) Do you feel **STRONGLY** about that, or not so strongly?

DO NOT ROTATE

. Talking about restoring the American Dream sounds good but nothing will change. The wealthy and powerful make the rules in this country, and there’s not much working people can do about it.

Or

. Real change is possible if we join together businesses, families, working people, and community groups. We have done it before and we can restore the American Dream together. .

FIRST statement STRONGLY	21
FIRST statement NOT SO STRONGLY	7
SECOND statement NOT SO STRONGLY	16
SECOND statement STRONGLY	44
(Both)	8
(Neither)	2
(Don't know/refused)	1
FIRST statement	28
SECOND statement	61

RESUME ASKING ALL

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

82. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat	27	29
Not very strong Democrat	7	6
Independent/lean Democrat.....	8	6
Democrat	43	42
Strictly independent	22	23
Republican	26	23
Independent/lean Republican	6	4
Not very strong Republican.....	5	5
Strong Republican	14	15
Other	5	5
(Not sure/nothing).....	4	8

83. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? **(READ LIST.)**

Under 16	0	0
16-20.....	3	5
21-24.....	6	7
25-29.....	7	8
30-34.....	8	8
35-39.....	10	9
40-44.....	12	15
45-49.....	12	12
50-54.....	17	17
55-59.....	13	8
60-64.....	5	4
65-69.....	2	1
70-74.....	2	1
75 and older	1	1
(Refused)	3	3

84. Are you a current member of a labor union? **(IF NOT CURRENT MEMBER, ASK:)** Is anyone in your household a current or retired member of a union?

Yes, current member of a labor union	13	13
Yes, retired member of a labor union	2	0
Yes, current member in household	5	4
Yes, retired member in household	1	2
No, no one in household is union member	77	78
(Not sure)	2	3

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85. Are you currently married, unmarried with a partner, single, widowed, or divorced?

Married.....	62	60
Unmarried with partner	5	6
Single.....	21	21
Widowed	3	3
Divorced.....	8	8
(Refused/DK).....	2	1

86. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? **(DO NOT READ LIST.)**

1st through 11th grade.....	7	6
High school graduate.....	30	30
Non-college post-high school (e.g., technical school)	4	6
Some college.....	25	26
College graduate	22	22
Postgraduate school	11	10
Not sure	0	1

87. Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home with you?

Yes.....	41	40
No	58	59
(Don't know)	1	1

88. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **[IF "NO", ASK:]** What is your race--white, black, Asian, American Indian, or something else?

DO NOT READ

White/Caucasian	69	67
Black/African American.....	12	12
Hispanic/Latino.....	13	13
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	3
Native American/American Indian.....	1	1
(Other).....	2	3
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1

89. What is your zip code?

90. **[RECORD RESPONDENT'S FIRST NAME FOR VERIFICATION]**

That concludes my interview today. Thank you for your time and cooperation.