

Study 46 Public Reaction to the Election

First we want to get an idea of what people think the new Congress ought to do.

1. For instance, do you think rent control should be kept on or should it be dropped? _____

2. Some people think the Government ought to do something to control prices and others say that government controls just make matters worse. How do you feel about that? _____

3. Have you heard anything about the Taft-Hartley Act? _____

3a. (If Yes) What do you think ought to be done about it? _____

4. Now turning to the election itself, did the presidential election come out the way you thought it would or were you surprised? _____

4a. Why is that? _____

5. Why do you think people voted for Truman? _____

5a. Are there any other kinds of reasons why you think people voted for Truman?

6. Do you think there was anything special about Truman that made some people vote against him? _____

7. Why do you think people voted for Dewey? _____

7a. Are there any other kinds of reasons why you think people voted for Dewey?

8. Do you think there was anything special about Dewey that made some people vote against him? _____

9. In this election about half the people voted and half of them didn't. Did you vote?

IF R VOTED _____ (If R did not vote, skip to question 15)

10. Whom did you vote for? _____

11. How long before the election did you decide that you were going to vote the way you did? _____

12. Had you ever thought during the campaign that you might vote for somebody else? _____

If Yes:

12a. Who was that? _____

12b. Why did you decide not to vote for him? _____

13. What made you decide to vote the way you did? _____

14. You say you voted for _____. Did you vote a straight ticket or did you vote for some candidates from other parties? _____

IF R DID NOT VOTE

15. Whom would you have voted for if you had voted? _____

16. What was the main reason you didn't vote? _____

17. Were you registered to vote? _____

ASK OF EVERYONE

18. Have you voted in any presidential elections before this one? _____

If Yes .:

18a. Have you usually voted Democratic or Republican? _____

18b. Do you remember whether you voted in 1944 when Roosevelt ran against Dewey ? _____

If Yes:

18c. Whom did you vote for then? _____

Now that finishes my questions. I just want to check two or three items before I go.

19. What is your (head of household's) occupation? I mean, what kind of work do you (head) do? _____

20, Do you (head) belong to a labor union? _____
