

Trends in National Spending Priorities, 1973-1998

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Table 1

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We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. First, (READ ITEM A)... are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on (ITEM)?

- A. Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration^a
- B. Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment
- C. Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health
- D1. Solving the Problems of the Big Cities
- D2. Assistance to Big Cities
- E1. Halting the Rising Crime Rate
- E2. Law Enforcement
- F1. Dealing with Drug Addiction
- F2. Drug Rehabilitation
- G. Improving the Nation's Education System/Education
- H1. Improving the Condition of Blacks
- H2. Assistance to Blacks
- I. The Military, Armaments, and Defense/National Defense
- J. Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries
- K1. Welfare
- K2. Assistance to the Poor
- L. Highways and Bridges
- M. Social Security
- N. Mass Transportation
- O. Parks and Recreation

^aFor explanation of the dual headings see Technical Appendix.

Table 1 (continued)

A. Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 7.5 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 12.2 | 19.7 | 13.6 |
| About right | 31.1 | 29.2 | 32.2 | 29.4 | 37.3 | 37.9 | 37.7 | 44.5 |
| Too much | 61.4 | 62.9 | 59.8 | 60.8 | 51.9 | 49.9 | 42.6 | 41.9 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -53.9 | -55.0 | -51.8 | -51.8 | -41.1 | -37.7 | -22.9 | -28.3 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 14.8 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 16.9 | 20.3 | 16.1 | 11.4 |
| About right | 43.1 | 43.8 | 45.7 | 48.3 | 43.5 | 42.6 | 46.3 | 46.8 |
| Too much | 42.1 | 44.2 | 42.8 | 40.9 | 39.6 | 37.1 | 37.7 | 41.8 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -27.3 | -32.1 | -31.3 | -30.1 | -22.7 | -16.8 | -21.6 | -30.4 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 12.9 | 7.9 | 9.5 | 12.7 | 11.5 | | | |
| About right | 48.3 | 39.7 | 41.6 | 44.6 | 46.9 | | | |
| Too much | 38.8 | 52.4 | 48.9 | 42.7 | 41.6 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | -25.9 | -44.5 | -39.4 | -30.0 | -30.1 | | | |

B. Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 64.6 | 63.7 | 57.9 | 58.6 | 52.1 | 55.0 | 51.9 | 54.4 |
| About right | 27.6 | 27.9 | 32.2 | 32.0 | 36.3 | 34.7 | 32.0 | 33.4 |
| Too much | 7.7 | 8.3 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 16.1 | 12.2 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +56.9 | +55.4 | +48.0 | +49.2 | +40.5 | +44.7 | +35.8 | +42.2 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 58.1 | 60.4 | 62.4 | 62.4 | 66.5 | 68.1 | 75.0 | 75.0 |
| About right | 32.5 | 32.4 | 29.6 | 31.3 | 27.4 | 27.4 | 20.4 | 21.2 |
| Too much | 9.4 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +48.7 | +53.3 | +54.4 | +56.1 | +60.4 | +63.5 | +70.4 | +71.2 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 71.8 | 60.5 | 62.7 | 62.0 | 64.7 | | | |
| About right | 23.2 | 30.2 | 28.2 | 27.7 | 27.5 | | | |
| Too much | 5.0 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 10.3 | 7.8 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +66.8 | +51.3 | +53.7 | +51.7 | +56.9 | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

C. Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 63.4 | 66.9 | 65.6 | 63.0 | 59.2 | 57.2 | 57.9 | 59.3 |
| About right | 31.8 | 28.8 | 29.1 | 32.4 | 34.0 | 35.9 | 34.3 | 33.8 |
| Too much | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 6.9 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +58.6 | +62.6 | +60.2 | +58.4 | +52.4 | +50.3 | +50.1 | +52.4 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 59.5 | 58.8 | 57.8 | 60.6 | 68.5 | 70.2 | 70.4 | 72.2 |
| About right | 34.7 | 33.4 | 34.5 | 34.1 | 25.3 | 25.5 | 25.0 | 24.1 |
| Too much | 6.9 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 3.7 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +52.6 | +53.0 | +50.0 | +52.9 | +63.0 | +64.1 | +65.8 | +68.5 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 70.7 | 73.2 | 66.0 | 65.6 | 69.6 | | | |
| About right | 26.0 | 16.2 | 23.0 | 24.9 | 23.5 | | | |
| Too much | 3.3 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 6.9 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +67.4 | +62.5 | +55.0 | +56.2 | +62.7 | | | |

D1. Solving the Problems of the Big Cities

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 55.4 | 58.6 | 56.5 | 48.0 | 47.7 | 45.0 | 45.9 | 49.8 |
| About right | 31.0 | 29.0 | 29.5 | 29.9 | 29.6 | 33.6 | 29.5 | 26.9 |
| Too much | 13.7 | 12.3 | 14.0 | 22.0 | 22.7 | 21.5 | 24.6 | 23.4 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +41.7 | +46.3 | +42.5 | +26.0 | +25.0 | +23.5 | +21.3 | +26.4 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 47.3 | 51.9 | 43.3 | 49.2 | 44.4 | 54.7 | 53.1 | 59.0 |
| About right | 34.5 | 33.3 | 38.0 | 33.3 | 39.2 | 34.4 | 34.0 | 30.4 |
| Too much | 18.3 | 14.7 | 18.8 | 17.5 | 16.4 | 10.9 | 12.9 | 10.7 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +29.0 | +37.2 | +24.5 | +31.7 | +28.0 | +43.8 | +40.2 | +48.3 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 52.5 | 62.1 | 60.8 | 59.1 | 51.6 | | | |
| About right | 33.5 | 25.3 | 25.0 | 25.9 | 34.5 | | | |
| Too much | 13.9 | 12.5 | 14.1 | 14.9 | 13.9 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +38.6 | +49.6 | +46.7 | +44.2 | +37.7 | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

D2. Assistance to Big Cities

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Too little | 19.2 | 20.5 | 17.1 | 22.5 | 25.3 | 22.3 | 24.9 | 24.2 |
| About right | 42.0 | 37.4 | 43.4 | 43.1 | 40.3 | 40.1 | 44.7 | 39.5 |
| Too much | 38.8 | 42.1 | 39.5 | 34.4 | 34.4 | 37.6 | 30.4 | 36.3 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -19.6 | -21.6 | -22.4 | -11.9 | -9.1 | -15.3 | -5.5 | -12.1 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 27.2 | 27.2 | 25.6 | 22.0 | | | | |
| About right | 35.9 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 44.8 | | | | |
| Too much | 36.9 | 34.9 | 36.5 | 33.2 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | -9.7 | -7.7 | -10.9 | -11.2 | | | | |

E1. Halting the Rising Crime Rate

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 68.3 | 70.6 | 69.2 | 70.0 | 70.6 | 67.7 | 72.2 | 75.9 |
| About right | 26.9 | 24.4 | 25.1 | 21.8 | 23.4 | 25.9 | 21.7 | 18.9 |
| Too much | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.2 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +63.5 | +65.5 | +63.5 | +61.8 | +64.5 | +61.3 | +66.1 | +70.7 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 68.8 | 71.3 | 65.1 | 66.4 | 72.2 | 72.4 | 74.9 | 70.9 |
| About right | 25.8 | 23.8 | 29.0 | 29.1 | 22.5 | 23.4 | 20.1 | 24.8 |
| Too much | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +63.4 | +66.4 | +59.2 | +61.9 | +66.9 | +68.2 | +70.0 | +66.9 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 68.1 | 73.7 | 77.6 | 69.3 | 63.7 | | | |
| About right | 26.7 | 21.1 | 16.3 | 23.1 | 28.9 | | | |
| Too much | 5.2 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 7.4 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +62.9 | +68.6 | +71.4 | +61.7 | +56.3 | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

E2. Law Enforcement

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 57.7 | 58.1 | 52.8 | 53.7 | 56.4 | 62.3 | 58.0 | 56.9 |
| About right | 35.3 | 36.2 | 40.5 | 39.8 | 38.1 | 30.9 | 36.4 | 37.1 |
| Too much | 6.9 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +50.8 | +52.4 | +46.2 | +47.2 | +50.9 | +55.5 | +52.3 | +50.8 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 60.4 | 65.3 | 59.1 | 56.8 | | | | |
| About right | 33.3 | 27.8 | 32.1 | 35.0 | | | | |
| Too much | 6.2 | 7.0 | 8.8 | 8.3 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | +54.2 | +58.3 | +50.3 | +48.5 | | | | |

F1. Dealing with Drug Addiction

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 70.3 | 63.6 | 59.3 | 63.6 | 59.5 | 57.8 | 64.9 | 61.2 |
| About right | 23.1 | 29.4 | 32.3 | 28.5 | 31.9 | 32.7 | 27.3 | 29.6 |
| Too much | 6.6 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 7.9 | 9.3 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +63.7 | +56.6 | +50.8 | +55.7 | +50.8 | +48.3 | +57.0 | +51.9 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 62.0 | 66.2 | 64.8 | 60.1 | 66.4 | 70.9 | 73.0 | 64.6 |
| About right | 32.2 | 27.7 | 29.6 | 33.8 | 28.1 | 25.0 | 20.7 | 28.5 |
| Too much | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 6.9 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +56.2 | +60.1 | +59.2 | +54.0 | +60.9 | +66.8 | +66.7 | +57.7 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 60.3 | 63.3 | 63.2 | 60.4 | 60.8 | | | |
| About right | 31.8 | 28.7 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 29.5 | | | |
| Too much | 7.9 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 11.7 | 9.7 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +52.4 | +55.2 | +54.0 | +48.7 | +51.1 | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

F2. Drug Rehabilitation

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 50.7 | 57.8 | 55.6 | 60.8 | 61.3 | 62.5 | 66.7 | 61.4 |
| About right | 39.2 | 33.9 | 34.4 | 31.2 | 30.4 | 28.2 | 25.1 | 30.8 |
| Too much | 10.1 | 8.3 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 7.8 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +40.6 | +49.5 | +45.6 | +52.8 | +53.1 | +53.2 | +58.5 | +53.6 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 57.9 | 55.5 | 57.2 | 56.0 | | | | |
| About right | 31.4 | 32.6 | 30.7 | 31.6 | | | | |
| Too much | 10.7 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 12.4 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | +47.2 | +43.6 | +45.1 | +43.6 | | | | |

G. Improving the Nation's Education System/Education

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 51.3 | 53.5 | 51.8 | 52.6 | 50.4 | 53.3 | 55.9 | 57.2 |
| About right | 39.4 | 38.3 | 36.5 | 38.1 | 39.8 | 34.9 | 34.3 | 33.8 |
| Too much | 9.3 | 8.2 | 11.7 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 11.8 | 9.9 | 9.0 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +42.0 | +45.3 | +40.1 | +43.3 | +40.6 | +41.5 | +46.0 | +48.2 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 61.7 | 64.4 | 64.9 | 65.0 | 65.1 | 68.5 | 71.2 | 74.5 |
| About right | 32.2 | 20.6 | 28.8 | 30.4 | 29.3 | 27.7 | 25.5 | 22.5 |
| Too much | 6.1 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +55.6 | +59.4 | +58.7 | +60.3 | +59.5 | +64.7 | +67.9 | +71.5 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 70.7 | 71.4 | 73.0 | 73.0 | 72.9 | | | |
| About right | 24.8 | 23.0 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 20.5 | | | |
| Too much | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.6 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +66.2 | +65.8 | +67.5 | +67.5 | +66.3 | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

H1. Improving the Condition of Blacks

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 35.3 | 33.4 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 27.5 | 26.3 | 26.7 | 30.2 |
| About right | 41.9 | 44.5 | 44.4 | 42.7 | 46.2 | 46.9 | 47.8 | 48.0 |
| Too much | 22.8 | 22.0 | 26.3 | 27.6 | 26.3 | 26.8 | 25.5 | 21.8 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +12.5 | +11.4 | +3.1 | +2.0 | +1.2 | -0.5 | +1.2 | +8.4 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 31.7 | 37.3 | 32.1 | 37.2 | 37.4 | 38.0 | 37.3 | 41.1 |
| About right | 47.2 | 46.0 | 46.3 | 46.2 | 46.3 | 45.3 | 46.1 | 42.7 |
| Too much | 21.1 | 16.3 | 21.6 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 16.1 | 15.9 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +10.6 | +21.0 | +10.5 | +20.6 | +21.1 | +21.4 | +21.2 | +25.2 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 39.0 | 39.4 | 34.0 | 35.4 | 36.9 | | | |
| About right | 45.3 | 43.6 | 43.9 | 43.2 | 45.2 | | | |
| Too much | 15.6 | 17.0 | 22.1 | 21.4 | 17.9 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +23.4 | +22.4 | +11.9 | +14.0 | +19.0 | | | |

H2. Assistance to Blacks

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Too little | 26.5 | 28.8 | 23.5 | 28.2 | 29.0 | 31.3 | 31.1 | 34.5 |
| About right | 45.9 | 44.8 | 47.8 | 47.6 | 46.2 | 44.7 | 45.7 | 45.4 |
| Too much | 27.6 | 26.4 | 28.8 | 24.2 | 24.8 | 24.0 | 23.2 | 20.1 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -1.1 | +2.4 | -5.3 | +4.0 | +4.2 | +7.3 | +7.9 | +14.4 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 27.2 | 26.5 | 25.4 | 29.3 | | | | |
| About right | 44.8 | 44.1 | 46.4 | 45.6 | | | | |
| Too much | 28.0 | 29.4 | 28.2 | 25.2 | | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | -0.8 | -2.9 | -2.8 | +4.1 | | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

I. The Military, Armaments, and Defense/National Defense

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 12.1 | 17.9 | 17.8 | 26.2 | 25.7 | 29.8 | 60.9 | 31.2 |
| About right | 47.4 | 48.5 | 49.3 | 45.0 | 49.4 | 47.4 | 37.1 | 37.2 |
| Too much | 40.5 | 33.6 | 32.9 | 28.8 | 24.8 | 22.9 | 12.0 | 31.6 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -28.4 | -15.7 | -15.1 | -2.6 | +0.9 | +6.9 | +48.9 | +0.4 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 25.5 | 17.8 | 15.5 | 17.1 | 18.0 | 17.9 | 15.8 | 10.8 |
| About right | 40.2 | 43.0 | 42.5 | 44.3 | 41.3 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 44.9 |
| Too much | 34.3 | 39.1 | 42.0 | 38.7 | 40.8 | 39.5 | 41.3 | 44.3 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -8.8 | -21.3 | -26.5 | -21.6 | -22.8 | -21.6 | -25.5 | -33.5 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 14.2 | 11.2 | 17.3 | 18.2 | 18.8 | | | |
| About right | 59.1 | 44.2 | 49.3 | 48.9 | 49.2 | | | |
| Too much | 26.8 | 44.6 | 33.4 | 32.9 | 32.0 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | -12.6 | -33.4 | -16.1 | -14.7 | -13.2 | | | |

J. Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 4.9 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| About right | 21.9 | 18.3 | 17.8 | 18.5 | 25.5 | 25.3 | 21.5 | 19.0 |
| Too much | 73.2 | 78.5 | 76.7 | 78.6 | 70.8 | 70.4 | 72.9 | 75.3 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -68.3 | -75.3 | -71.1 | -75.7 | -67.1 | -66.1 | -67.4 | -69.7 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 4.4 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| About right | 17.7 | 19.3 | 23.6 | 19.3 | 21.1 | 22.3 | 22.4 | 23.4 |
| Too much | 77.9 | 76.3 | 68.8 | 75.5 | 72.6 | 72.8 | 72.1 | 70.4 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -73.5 | -71.9 | -61.2 | -70.3 | -66.3 | -67.9 | -66.5 | -64.2 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 6.8 | | | |
| About right | 21.0 | 20.9 | 19.8 | 20.7 | 25.3 | | | |
| Too much | 75.2 | 74.6 | 75.6 | 75.1 | 67.9 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | -71.5 | -70.1 | -71.0 | -70.9 | -61.1 | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

K1. Welfare

| | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 20.9 | 23.8 | 24.6 | 14.1 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 14.3 | 20.4 |
| About right | 25.0 | 32.8 | 30.0 | 22.7 | 24.2 | 24.9 | 26.5 | 28.4 |
| Too much | 54.1 | 43.4 | 45.4 | 63.2 | 62.7 | 61.6 | 59.2 | 51.2 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -33.2 | -19.6 | -20.8 | -49.1 | -49.6 | -48.1 | -44.9 | -30.8 |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Too little | 22.1 | 24.4 | 18.9 | 23.4 | 21.5 | 24.7 | 24.2 | 24.4 |
| About right | 28.7 | 35.9 | 34.7 | 34.5 | 32.6 | 32.5 | 32.7 | 37.1 |
| Too much | 49.2 | 39.8 | 46.4 | 42.1 | 45.9 | 42.8 | 43.1 | 38.4 |
| Net (TL - TM) | -27.1 | -15.4 | -27.5 | -18.7 | -24.4 | -18.1 | -18.9 | -14.0 |
| | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | |
| Too little | 24.0 | 17.1 | 13.1 | 15.3 | 16.0 | | | |
| About right | 36.7 | 25.6 | 24.6 | 26.6 | 37.7 | | | |
| Too much | 39.3 | 57.3 | 62.4 | 58.1 | 46.3 | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | -15.3 | -40.2 | -49.3 | -42.8 | -30.3 | | | |

K2. Assistance to the Poor

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 63.2 | 65.8 | 63.2 | 67.3 | 70.2 | 68.1 | 68.7 | 66.4 |
| About right | 25.6 | 24.3 | 28.1 | 23.3 | 22.8 | 23.4 | 24.5 | 24.5 |
| Too much | 11.3 | 9.9 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 9.2 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +51.9 | +55.9 | +54.5 | +57.9 | +63.3 | +59.6 | +62.0 | +57.2 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 64.4 | 59.3 | 55.1 | 62.8 | | | | |
| About right | 23.0 | 25.2 | 26.3 | 25.8 | | | | |
| Too much | 12.6 | 15.5 | 18.6 | 11.4 | | | | |
| Net (TL - TM) | +51.8 | +43.8 | +36.5 | +51.4 | | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

L. Highways and Bridges

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 49.1 | 44.0 | 36.5 | 36.9 | 37.4 | 40.1 | 47.0 | 36.4 |
| About right | 44.2 | 48.2 | 54.8 | 54.0 | 54.7 | 52.4 | 46.6 | 52.2 |
| Too much | 6.8 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 11.4 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +42.3 | +36.3 | +27.9 | +27.7 | +29.5 | +32.6 | +40.7 | +25.0 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 38.5 | 40.1 | 38.1 | 40.5 | | | | |
| About right | 52.4 | 51.9 | 52.3 | 49.4 | | | | |
| Too much | 9.1 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 10.1 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | +29.4 | +32.2 | +28.5 | +30.4 | | | | |

M. Social Security

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 53.9 | 54.2 | 57.3 | 57.1 | 55.5 | 57.1 | 52.1 | 55.8 |
| About right | 35.9 | 38.5 | 36.2 | 36.1 | 39.4 | 37.9 | 42.2 | 40.2 |
| Too much | 10.2 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 4.0 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +43.7 | +46.9 | +50.8 | +50.3 | +50.4 | +52.1 | +46.3 | +51.8 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 46.0 | 49.1 | 51.7 | 59.8 | | | | |
| About right | 46.2 | 43.6 | 39.6 | 33.3 | | | | |
| Too much | 7.8 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 6.9 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | +38.2 | +41.8 | +43.0 | +52.9 | | | | |

Table 1 (continued)

N. Mass Transportation

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 37.2 | 32.1 | 30.6 | 32.2 | 31.7 | 33.3 | 37.1 | 37.2 |
| About right | 50.9 | 54.2 | 55.3 | 53.7 | 57.2 | 56.3 | 53.2 | 53.0 |
| Too much | 11.9 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 9.8 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +25.3 | +18.4 | +16.5 | +18.1 | +20.6 | +23.0 | +27.3 | +27.4 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 38.1 | 38.2 | 35.0 | 34.9 | | | | |
| About right | 50.9 | 53.1 | 53.4 | 54.7 | | | | |
| Too much | 11.0 | 8.7 | 11.6 | 10.4 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | +27.1 | +29.5 | +23.4 | +24.5 | | | | |

O. Parks and Recreation

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too little | 33.9 | 31.5 | 30.6 | 30.2 | 31.3 | 35.0 | 32.7 | 32.1 |
| About right | 60.5 | 60.7 | 63.1 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 59.7 | 61.3 | 63.1 |
| Too much | 5.6 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 4.8 |
| Net (TL - TM) | +28.3 | +23.7 | +24.2 | +23.6 | +25.8 | +29.7 | +26.7 | +27.3 |
| | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | | | | |
| Too little | 32.5 | 31.4 | 33.5 | 36.3 | | | | |
| About right | 60.6 | 62.2 | 60.2 | 57.4 | | | | |
| Too much | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 | | | | |
| Net (TL -TM) | +25.6 | +25.0 | +27.3 | +30.0 | | | | |

Table 2

Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1973-1998

| RANK | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1980 | 1982 | 1983 |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Drugs +63.7 | Crime +65.5 | Crime +63.5 | Crime +61.8 | Crime +64.5 | Crime +61.3 | Crime +66.1 | Crime +70.7 | Crime +63.4 |
| 2 | Crime +63.5 | Health +62.6 | Health +60.2 | Health +58.4 | Health +52.4 | Health +50.3 | Drugs +57.0 | Health +52.4 | Drugs +56.2 |
| 3 | Health +58.6 | Drugs +56.6 | Drugs +50.8 | Drugs +55.7 | Drugs +50.8 | Drugs +48.3 | Health +50.1 | Drugs +51.9 | Educ. +55.6 |
| 4 | Envir. +56.9 | Envir. +55.4 | Envir. +48.0 | Envir. +49.2 | Educ. +40.6 | Envir. +44.7 | Defense +48.9 | Educ. +48.2 | Health +52.6 |
| 5 | SolCity +41.7 | SolCity +46.3 | SolCity +42.5 | Educ. +43.3 | Envir. +40.5 | Educ. +41.5 | Educ. +46.0 | Envir. +42.2 | Envir. +48.7 |
| 6 | Educ. +42.0 | Educ. +45.3 | Educ. +40.1 | SolCity +26.0 | SolCity +25.0 | SolCity +23.5 | Envir. +35.8 | SolCity +26.4 | SolCity +29.0 |
| 7 | ImpBlks +12.5 | ImpBlks +11.4 | ImpBlks + 3.1 | ImpBlks + 2.0 | ImpBlks + 1.2 | Defense + 6.9 | SolCity +21.3 | ImpBlks + 8.4 | ImpBlks +10.6 |
| 8 | Defense -28.4 | Defense -15.7 | Defense -15.1 | Defense - 2.6 | Defense + 0.9 | ImpBlks - 0.5 | ImpBlks + 1.2 | Defense + 0.4 | Defense - 8.8 |
| 9 | Welfare -33.2 | Welfare -19.6 | Welfare -20.8 | Welfare -49.1 | Space -41.1 | Space -37.7 | Space -22.9 | Space -28.3 | Welfare -27.1 |
| 10 | Space -53.9 | Space -55.0 | Space -51.8 | Space -51.8 | Welfare -49.6 | Welfare -48.1 | Welfare -44.9 | Welfare -30.8 | Space -27.3 |
| 11 | ForAid -68.3 | ForAid -75.3 | ForAid -71.1 | ForAid -75.7 | ForAid -67.1 | ForAid -66.1 | ForAid -67.4 | ForAid -69.7 | ForAid -73.5 |

Abbreviations/Labels Used in Tables 2-3:

AidBlks=Assistance to Blacks
 AidCity=Assistance to Big Cities
 Crime=Halting the Rising Crime Rate
 Defense=The Military, Armaments, and Defense/National Defense
 Drugs=Dealing with Drug Addiction
 Educ.=Improving the Nation's Education System/Education
 Envir.=Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment
 ForAid=Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries
 Health=Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health
 ImpBlks=Improving the Condition of Blacks
 LawEnf=Law Enforcement
 Parks=Parks and Recreation
 Poor=Assistance to the Poor
 Rehab.=Drug Rehabilitation
 Roads=Highways and Bridges
 SocSec=Social Security
 SolCity=Solving the Problems of the Big Cities
 Space=Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration
 Trans.=Mass Transportation
 Welfare=Welfare

Table 2
Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1973-1998 (continued)

| RANK | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Crime +66.4 | Crime +59.2 | Crime +61.9 | Crime +66.9 | Crime +68.2 | Envir. +70.4 | Educ. +71.5 | Health +67.4 | Crime +68.6 | Crime +71.4 | Educ. +67.5 | Educ. +66.3 |
| 2 | Drugs +60.1 | Drugs +59.2 | Educ. +60.3 | Health +63.0 | Drugs +66.8 | Crime +70.0 | Envir. +71.2 | Envir. +66.8 | Educ. +65.8 | Educ. +67.5 | Crime +61.7 | Health +62.7 |
| 3 | Educ. +59.4 | Educ. +58.7 | Envir. +56.1 | Drugs +60.9 | Educ. +64.7 | Educ. +67.9 | Health +68.5 | Educ. +66.2 | Health +62.5 | Health +55.0 | Health +56.2 | Envir. +56.9 |
| 4 | Envir. +53.3 | Envir. +54.4 | Drugs +54.0 | Envir. +60.4 | Health +64.1 | Drugs +66.7 | Crime +66.9 | Crime +62.9 | Drugs +55.2 | Drugs +54.0 | Envir. +51.7 | Crime +56.3 |
| 5 | Health +53.0 | Health +50.0 | Health +52.9 | Educ. +59.5 | Envir. +63.5 | Health +65.8 | Drugs +57.7 | Drugs +52.4 | Envir. +51.3 | Envir. +53.7 | Drugs +48.7 | Drugs +51.1 |
| 6 | SolCity +37.2 | SolCity +24.5 | SolCity +31.7 | SolCity +28.0 | SolCity +43.8 | SolCity +40.2 | SolCity +48.3 | SolCity +38.6 | SolCity +49.6 | SolCity +46.7 | SolCity +44.2 | SolCity +37.7 |
| 7 | ImpBlks +21.0 | ImpBlks +10.5 | ImpBlks +20.6 | ImpBlks +21.1 | ImpBlks +21.4 | ImpBlks +21.2 | ImpBlks +25.2 | ImpBlks +23.4 | ImpBlks +22.4 | ImpBlks +11.9 | ImpBlks +14.0 | mpBlks +19.0 |
| 8 | Welfare -15.4 | Defense -26.5 | Welfare -18.7 | Defense -22.8 | Space -16.8 | Welfare -18.9 | Welfare -14.0 | Defense -12.6 | Defense -33.4 | Defense -16.1 | Defense -14.7 | Defense -13.2 |
| 9 | Defense -21.3 | Welfare -27.5 | Defense -21.6 | Space -22.7 | Welfare -18.1 | Space -21.6 | Space -30.4 | Welfare -15.3 | Welfare -40.2 | Space -39.4 | Space -30.0 | Space -30.1 |
| 10 | Space -32.1 | Space -31.3 | Space -30.1 | Welfare -24.4 | Defense -21.6 | Defense -25.5 | Defense -33.5 | Space -25.9 | Space -44.5 | Welfare -49.3 | Welfare -42.8 | Welfare -30.3 |
| 11 | ForAid -71.9 | ForAid -61.2 | ForAid -70.3 | ForAid -66.3 | ForAid -67.9 | ForAid -66.5 | ForAid -64.2 | ForAid -71.5 | ForAid -70.1 | ForAid -71.0 | ForAid -70.9 | ForAid -61.1 |

Table 3
Rank of Net Spend Priorities, 1984-1998

| RANK | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1993 | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Crime +66.4 | Crime +59.2 | Crime +61.9 | Crime +66.9 | Crime +68.2 | Envir. +70.4 | Educ. +71.5 | Health +67.4 | Crime +68.6 | Crime +71.4 | Educ. +67.5 | Educ. +66.3 |
| 2 | Drugs +60.1 | Drugs +59.2 | Educ. +60.3 | Health +63.0 | Drugs +66.8 | Crime +70.0 | Envir. +71.2 | Envir. +66.8 | Educ. +65.8 | Educ. +67.5 | Crime +61.7 | Health +62.7 |
| 3 | Educ. +67.9 | Educ. +58.7 | Envir. +56.1 | Drugs +60.9 | Educ. +59.4 | Educ. +67.9 | Health +68.5 | Educ. +66.2 | Health +62.5 | LawEnf +58.3 | Health +56.2 | Envir. +56.7 |
| 4 | Envir. +53.3 | Poor +55.9 | Poor +54.5 | Envir. +60.4 | Health +64.1 | Drugs +66.7 | Crime +66.9 | Crime +62.9 | Drugs +55.2 | Health +55.0 | Envir. +51.7 | Crime +56.3 |
| 5 | Health +53.0 | Envir. +54.4 | Drugs +54.0 | Educ. +59.5 | Envir. +63.5 | Health +65.8 | Poor +62.0 | Poor +57.2 | LawEnf +54.2 | Drugs +54.0 | LawEnf +50.3 | SocSec +52.9 |
| 6 | Poor +51.9 | LawEnf +52.4 | Health +52.9 | Poor +57.9 | Poor +63.3 | Poor +59.6 | Rehab. +58.5 | Rehab. +53.6 | Poor +51.8 | Envir. +53.7 | Drugs +48.7 | Poor +51.4 |
| 7 | LawEnf +50.8 | Health +50.0 | SocSec +50.8 | Rehab. +52.8 | Rehab. +53.1 | LawEnf +55.5 | Drugs +57.7 | Drugs +52.4 | Envir. +51.3 | SolCity +46.7 | Rehab. +45.1 | Drugs +51.1 |
| 8 | SocSec +43.7 | Rehab. +49.5 | LawEnf +46.2 | SocSec +50.3 | LawEnf +50.9 | Rehab. +53.2 | LawEnf +52.3 | SocSec +51.8 | SolCity +49.6 | Poor +43.8 | SolCity +44.2 | LawEnf +48.5 |
| 9 | Roads +42.3 | SocSec +46.9 | Rehab. +45.6 | LawEnf +47.2 | SocSec +50.4 | SocSec +52.1 | SolCity +48.3 | LawEnf +50.8 | Rehab. +47.2 | Rehab. +43.6 | SocSec +43.0 | Rehab. +43.6 |
| 10 | Rehab. +40.6 | Roads +36.3 | SolCity +31.7 | SolCity +28.0 | SolCity +43.8 | SolCity +40.2 | SocSec +46.3 | SolCity +38.6 | SocSec +38.2 | SocSec +41.8 | Poor +36.5 | SolCity +37.7 |
| 11 | SolCity +37.2 | SolCity +24.5 | Roads +27.9 | Roads +27.7 | Roads +29.5 | Roads +32.6 | Roads +40.7 | Trans. +27.4 | Roads +29.4 | Roads +32.2 | Roads +28.5 | Roads +30.4 |
| 12 | Parks +28.3 | Parks +23.7 | Parks +24.2 | Parks +23.6 | Parks +25.8 | Parks +29.7 | Trans. +27.3 | Parks +27.3 | Trans. +27.1 | Trans. +29.5 | Parks +27.3 | Parks +30.0 |
| 13 | Trans. +25.3 | ImpBlks +10.5 | ImpBlks +20.6 | ImpBlks +21.1 | ImpBlks +21.4 | Trans. +23.0 | ImpBlks +25.2 | Roads +25.0 | Parks +25.6 | Parks +25.0 | Trans. +23.4 | Trans. +24.5 |
| 14 | ImpBlks +21.0 | Trans. +18.4 | Trans. +16.5 | Trans. +18.1 | Trans. +20.6 | ImpBlks +21.2 | Parks +26.7 | ImpBlks +23.4 | ImpBlks +22.4 | ImpBlks +11.9 | ImpBlks +14.0 | ImpBlks +19.0 |
| 15 | AidBlks - 1.1 | AidBlks + 2.4 | AidBlks - 5.3 | AidBlks + 4.0 | AidBlks + 4.2 | AidBlks + 7.3 | AidBlks + 7.9 | AidBlks +14.4 | AidBlks - 0.8 | AidBlks - 2.9 | AidBlks - 2.8 | AidBlks + 4.1 |
| 16 | Welfare -15.4 | AidCity -21.6 | Welfare -18.7 | AidCity -11.9 | AidCity - 9.0 | AidCity -15.3 | AidCity - 5.5 | AidCity -12.1 | AidCity - 9.7 | AidCity - 7.7 | AidCity -10.9 | AidCity -11.2 |
| 17 | AidCity -19.6 | Defense -26.5 | Defense -21.6 | Defense -22.8 | Space -16.8 | Welfare -18.9 | Welfare -14.0 | Defense -12.6 | Defense -33.4 | Defense -16.1 | Defense -14.7 | Defense -13.2 |
| 18 | Defense -21.3 | Welfare -27.5 | AidCity -22.4 | Welfare -24.4 | Welfare -18.1 | Space -21.6 | Space -30.4 | Welfare -15.3 | Welfare -40.2 | Space -39.4 | Space -30.0 | Space -30.1 |
| 19 | Space -32.1 | Space -31.3 | Space -30.1 | Space -22.7 | Defense -21.6 | Defense -25.5 | Defense -33.5 | Space -25.9 | Space -44.5 | Welfare -49.3 | Welfare -42.8 | Welfare -30.3 |
| 20 | ForAid -71.9 | ForAid -61.2 | ForAid -70.3 | ForAid -66.3 | ForAid -67.9 | ForAid -66.5 | ForAid -64.2 | ForAid -71.5 | ForAid -70.1 | ForAid -71.0 | ForAid -70.9 | ForAid -61.1 |

Table 4

Trends in Overall and Domestic Welfare Spending, 1972-1998

| | Overall Spending | Domestic Social Spending |
|------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1973 | +14.1 | +24.2 |
| 1974 | +16.1 | +29.2 |
| 1975 | +13.6 | +25.0 |
| 1976 | +10.7 | +16.1 |
| 1977 | +10.9 | +13.9 |
| 1978 | +11.3 | +13.3 |
| 1980 | +17.4 | +14.7 |
| 1982 | +13.8 | +20.9 |
| 1983 | +16.3 | +24.1 |
| 1984 | +19.1 | +31.0 |
| 1985 | +15.5 | +23.2 |
| 1986 | +17.9 | +29.4 |
| 1987 | +20.3 | +29.4 |
| 1988 | +24.4 | +35.2 |
| 1989 | +24.5 | +35.2 |
| 1990 | +24.3 | +39.9 |
| 1991 | +22.9 | +36.1 |
| 1993 | +17.0 | +32.0 |
| 1994 | +16.8 | +26.4 |
| 1996 | +16.9 | +27.8 |
| 1998 | +19.5 | +31.1 |

Overall Spending = Average Net Spending for all 11 items

Domestic Welfare Spending = Average Net Spending for 5 items (Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health, Solving the Problems of the Big Cities, Improving the Nation's Education System, Improving the Condition of Blacks, Welfare)

Technical Appendix

General Social Surveys (GSS)

The GSS are conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. James A. Davis and Tom W. Smith are the principal investigators. The GSS are full-probability samples of adults living in households in the United States. Interviews are conducted in-person. Sample size across 1973-1998 totals 37,409 respondents (1973=1504, 1974=1484, 1975=1490, 1976=1499, 1977=1530, 1978=1532, 1980=1468, 1982=1506, 1983=1599, 1984=1473, 1985=1534, 1986=1470, 1987=1466, 1988=1481, 1989=1537, 1990=1372, 1991=1517, 1993=1606, 1994=2992, 1996=2904, 1998=2832). Full technical details on the sample, response rates, and other methodological matters are presented in James A. Davis and Tom W. Smith, General Social Surveys, 1972-1998: Cumulative Codebook. Chicago: NORC, 1999.

National Spending Priority Items

Items covering 11 areas have been asked in every GSS since 1973 (Space Exploration Program, Improving and Protecting the Environment, Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health, Solving the Problems of the Big Cities, Halting the Rising Crime Rate, Dealing with Drug Addiction, Improving the Nation's Education System, Improving the Condition of Blacks, The Military, Armaments, and Defense, Foreign Aid, Welfare). Since 1984 an additional four areas have been included (Highways and Roads, Social Security, Mass Transportation, Parks and Recreation). Also since 1984, 11 alternative wordings for the original spending items have been asked on a random sub-sample (Space Exploration, The Environment, Health, Assistance to Big Cities, Law Enforcement, Drug Rehabilitation, Education, Assistance to Blacks, National Defense, Assistance to Other Countries, Assistance to the Poor). When the alternative wordings produced distributions that did not significantly differ from the original wordings they have been combined together (Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration, Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment, Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health, Improving the Nation's Education System/Education, The Military, Armaments, and Defense/National Defense, Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries). For the remaining five original spending areas the standard and alternative results are presented separately. Differences between the standard and alternative wordings are examined in Tom W. Smith, "A Preliminary Analysis of Methodological Experiments in the 1984 GSS," GSS Methodological Report No. 30. Chicago: NORC, 1984; Tom W. Smith, "That Which We Call Welfare by Any Other Name Would Smell Sweeter: An Analysis of the Impact of Question Wording on Response Patterns," Public Opinion Quarterly, 51 (Spring, 1987), 75-83; and Kenneth A. Rasinski, "The Effect of Question Wording on Public Support for Government Spending," GSS

Methodological Report No. 54. Chicago: NORC, 1988.