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Please handle $\qquad$ .

For your information $\qquad$
party State Executive Committee

April 28, 1972

Mr. Harry Dent
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dent:
Dick Bennett asked me to send you a copy of a recent poll of 910 students at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. As you can see, the overwhelming majority of the students were for President Nixon. I thought that you might want this information for your files,

A Senatorial preference is also shown with Mr.
Blount leading Mr. Nettles and both leading Mr. Martin.
Sincerely,

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The White House
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October 5, 1971
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Unit Opinion Research Poll of Alabama
You asked for one page summary of the mos poll of Alabama conducted between June 21 and July 14 under the direction of Allison Tretieaven and Rifts for the Comate to Encourage Winton Blount to Run for the 0.8. Senate. Even without the material on Blount': candidacy the results are interesting, but technical weaknesses cast doubt on the poll': accuracy:

1) Although 805 personal interviews would yield result e with a statistical error of $+3.5 \%$, an indeterminate number of secret ballots" were administered either as part of or substitutes For the personal interviews;
2) Only 64 Republicans and 61 18-24 year old were interviewed yet conclusions are offered without noting that the accuracy level would be no better than $+7-12 \%$,
3) If my "weighting" process were used to assure accuracy of the sample there is no discussion of the process. Only a crude "verification" system that compares known voting results from 1968 with the claimed voting behavior of the respondents is mentioned;
4) The report contains internally contradictory statements;
5) The demographic table indicates that $50 \%$ of the respondents refuted to give their age. One wonders how successful the interviewers were in obmaining accurate results to other questions.

Substantive result w of interest include:

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2) In non-Wallace trial hats MOR does not probe wo benefits from Wallace' 5 absence:
3) The open-end and comparative position before and during Nixon's Presidency indicate that $20 \%$ of those who disapprove of the president mention he "is not working hard enough," yet only 11.2 mention bussing as e source of disapproval.
4) Alabamans rank the social issue first, Vietnam second, the economy third and the environment fourth.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 4, 1971
GORDON STRACHAN
Market Opinion Research Poll of Alabama
Technical Comments
The substantive results, even without the material on Blount's candidacy, are interesting, but the technical weaknesses cast considerable doubt on the accuracy of the poll. 805 personal interviews would yield results with a statistical error of $\pm 3.5 \%$, but an indeterminate number of "secret ballots" were administered. In addition, conclusions are based on 6118 to 24 year olds and 64 Republicans, yet the report does not mention that the accuracy level would be no better than $\pm 7-12 \%$ for these two groups. There is no discussion of the type of "weighting" process which may or may not have beeh used to assess the accuracy of the initial sample. Instead MOR used only a "verification" system that compares known voting results from 1968 and the claimed voting behavior of the respondents. Conflicting statements in the report undermine its credibility: "a sample of registered voters in the state of Alabama" vs. (a) pproximately 84\% of the adults interviewed are registered voters in Alabama." Also, the demographic table indicating that $50 \%$ of the respondents refused to give their age makes the interviewers' representation of the balance of the results questionable. Finally, a copy of the actual questionnaire should have been included.

## Substantive Results

In either two-way (Nixon-Wallace) or three-way the President loses Alabama but not by much (2.1 if Nixon vs. Wallace; $2.7,6.8$ and 8.1 if Nixon vs. Muskie, Humphrey and Kennedy respectively, with Wallace as third party candidate). MOR offers non-Wallace trial heats, but does not probe who benefits from Wallace not being in the race. Also, MOR surprisingly claims that Kennedy leads Muskie and Humphrey against Nixon with Wallace out of the race.

The perception of political figures section of the survey contains useful open-ended questions, such as "(w)hy do you disapprove of the way Nixon is handling his job as President?" as well as the comparative position questions such as "(s)ince President Nixon became President, have (Vietnam, Racial Problems, etc.) become better or worse?" The two most interesting results in this section are: $20 \%$ disapprove of Nixon because he "is not working hard enough," while only $11.2 \%$ mention the school bussing situation as a source of disapproval." Few in Alabama believe the President is responsible for bussing because a follow-up question indicates that $67.9 \%$ blame the Federal courts while only $5.5 \%$ blame the President. Of course, the interviewing was conducted before the mid-summer heat on bussing, so these results might have changed.

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Memo To: Committee to Encourage Winton Blount

- to Run for the U.S. Senate

From: Jimny"Allison

Attached are excerpts from a statewide Alabama survey conducted Jume 21 - July 14, 1971 by Market Opinion Research of Detroit, Michigan.

When reviewing the Presidential information, it should be noted that the survey was made prior to the President's economic policy address. It also was made, however, before the recent heat on bussing increased in the South. I think it's safe to say that, on balance, the President today would still rate the same or possibly higher than shown in this research.
I. Presidential Information

- .. The Presìdent makes a good showing in Alabana. In my opinion, he comes much closer to Wallace in both the three-man race and the head-to-head contest than most professionals in Alabama would say is possible. Wallace still is strong but it's evident his strength is slowly declining. This is true largely because he has been in office and, as Governor, has had to deal with unpopular tax and spending problems. His peak was reached in 1968 and he's had nowhere to go but down. Remember, he was just barely elected Governor over Albert Brewer.

Of course, Wallace's decline is not the sole reason for the President's good showing. People in Alabama feel he has done a good job generally, that he's "doing his best", trying to "bring the boys home, etc." He defeats all Democrats by wide margins, although it is interesting to note that Kennedy does slightly better against Nixon than the others. Kennedy's increase all comes in District 6 (Birmingham), where he does much better with young voters and Blacks against Nixon than the other Democrats.

It's realistic to say that a Presidential race today in Alabama would be a close one. But this should be encouraging to the Administration, because in other Southern states Wallace certainly wouldn't be as strong as he is in Alabama.

Nixon's two significant weaknesses in Alabama are the economy and the "bussing/doesn't keep his promises" concern. A year from now both of these could be cooled. If so, the President will be in good shape.

## II. The Blount Candidacy

As for the Red Blount candidacy, there are a lot of encouraging facts in the report. First, the President's popularity is a real plus. Realistically, a candidate can't ride his coattails, but an unpopular President can defeat the candidate.

The Blount awareness is higher than I would have guessed ... $63 \%$. It's significant too that the percentage is even higher among ticket-splitters -- 74.7\%. For a non-incumbent this far before an election, cabinet member or not, this high an identification is a favorable sign. This is especially true because there are no real negatives against Blount. Increased postal rates, etc. just aren't real issues, nor is his wealth.

The big plus in the survey is the fact that Sparkman does not get $50 \%$ of the vote in any test against Blount. The undecided count is fairly heavy but that is natural at this stage of the game. An incumbent's in trouble when he cannot muster $50 \%$.

The survey shows that Blount handily defeats any other Democrat including Lambert Mims, John Cashen and Jimmie Faulkner. And he defeats Jim Martin in a Primary in seven of the eight Districts (Martin carries only his own, the 7th). No other Republican shows any weight in the survey. The poll conclusively shows that no other Republican has a chance to defeat Sparkman except Blount.

But Blount's chances have to be considered uphill. First, there's a very small, straight Republican vote and, as we know, the Party is functioning poorly at the state level in Alabama. This means he'll have to pull about $85 \%$ of the ticket-splitters and $40 \%$ of the Democrats to win.

Secondly, there are few issues for a campaign with the exception of Sparkman's age. Many people identified him as old or in office too long and this is a plus ... handled correctly. But there's no Gore or Yarborough stigma to Sparkman in Alabama. The issues have to be youth and leadership and "He will do more for Alabama." Sparkman should be pushed as far to the left as possible, but this will be difficult.

The Blacks will be for Sparkman. There should be no great financial expenditure to attract this vote because it can't be won. The best solution would be for a John Cashen to run as a 3rd Party Senate candidate. Each vote he attracts will come from Sparkman, not Blount, so encouragement of a Black candidate is in order.

## III. Summary:

The Senate race is winnable but a "mistake-free" campaign is necessary. We know that the turnout will be high in the Presidential year so a positive campaign to attract the ticket-splitters and Democrats is called for. A real study of the Danforth-Symington race in Missouri in 1970 needs to be made as there are many similarities ..age of candidate, lack of conservative/liberal issues, relatively high awareness of non-incumbent, little chance to get the Black vote, poor Republican organization, etc.

As we said in our earlier report, the odds probably are 60/40 against us. But they're no worse than any other Southern campaign this far before the election --- and in recent years we've won some with even greater odds against the Republican candidate.

Encs.
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# THE WHITE HOUSE 

## ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

| MEMORANDUM FOR: | GORDON STRACHAN |
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| FROM: | L. HIGBY |

Bob asked that you pull out a one-page excerpt of the important items contained in the attached. He views this as a test of your insight in this whole area. Pull carefully.

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## FOREWORD

## Purpose

The purpose of this study was to provide base data on Alabama voters prior to the 1972 election year. The study sought to:
(1) identify the ballot strengths and weaknesses of

- various`Presidential and Senatorial candidates
(2) anaiyze voter perceptions and awarenesses of incumbent office holders and of the abilities of their potential challengers
(3) determine the factors that can be influential in voters' ballot decisions
(4) identify the national and state issue structure of voters in Alabama


## Research Design

Eight hundred and five (805) personal interviews and secret ballots were administered to a sample of registered voters in the State of Alabama. All interviewing was done between June 21 and Juiy 14, 1971.

Interviewing was conducted by professional interviewers under the supervision of Market Interviews, a wholly owned subsidiary of Market Opinion Research.

The sample of registered voters interviewed was selected in a manner to guarantee their representativeness of the registered voter population in Alabama. A probability-proportionate-to-size stratified area sampling design was used. This technique allows precise computation of the probable sampling error in the research estimates: the standard error (sampling error) of a sample of 800 is $\pm 3.5 \%$. This means that an interval of $3.5 \%$ on either side of the percentage results found in this survey will very probably contain the true population value.

As a verification of the sample, the report of the past vote was checked against the actual Alabama vote in the 1968 Presidential election. The figures for the Humphrey vote are within sampling tolerance, while those for the Wallace vote are not. This finding is consistent with the observed tendency of voters to overclaim the victor (Mixon) and underclaim the loser in a post election survey.

| 1968 Presidential Election |  | Actual Vote | Poll Committed Vote |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $14.0 \%$ |  |
| Nixon |  | $32.8 \%$ |  |
| Humphrey |  | 18.7 |  |
| Wallace | 65.9 |  | 49.0 |

For purposes of analysis, the data were broken in five ways:

|  | Number Of Respondents | Percentage of Respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By Type of Voter |  |  |
| Repubiican | 67 | 8.3\% |
| Ticket-splitter | 178 | 22.1 |
| Democrat | 380 | 47.2 |
| Marginal | 180 | 22.4 |
| By Congressional District |  |  |
| One | 98 | 12.2 |
| Two | 88 | 11.0 |
| Three | 112 | 13.9 |
| Four | 64 | 7.9 |
| Five | 96 | 11.9 |
| Six | 107 | 13.3 |
| Seven | 128 | - 15.9 |
| Eight | 112 | 13.9 |
| By Age of Respondent |  |  |
| 18 to 24 | 61 | 7.6 |
| 25 to 34 | - 141 | 17.5 |
| 35 to 44 | 123 | 15.3 |
| 45 to 54 | 143 | 17.8 |
| 55 to 64 | 162 | 20.1 |
| . 65 and over | 167 | 20.7 |
| Don't know | 8 | 1.0 |
| By Income of Respondent |  |  |
| 0-\$4,999 | 284 | 35.3 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | 256 | 31.8 |
| \$10,000 - \$14,999 | 102 | 12.7 |
| \$15,000 and over | 70 | 8.7 |
| Don't know | 93 | 11.5 |
| By Race of Respondent |  |  |
| White | 636 | 79.0 |
| Black | 163 | 20.2 |
| Don't know | 6 | . 8 |
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## BACKGROUND

Introduction

The adult population can be categorized into four groups, based on their past voting behavior. The behavioral Republican voter group consists of persons who vote either a straight Republican ticket or who vote mostly Republican. The behavioral Democrat. similarly, consists of persons who vote a straight Democratic ticket or who vote mostly Democratic. The behavioral Ticket Splitter consists of persons who divide their votes between Republican and Democratic tickets in some roughly equal proportion. The Marginal voters consists of persons who did not vote in the last election and who do not remember how they voted. . The definitions of these four groups is well established in political research and is of considerable use in data analysis. The groups occur in the adult population in the following proportions:

| Type of Voter | \% of Total Adults |
| :---: | :---: |
| Republican | 8.3\% |
| Ticket Splitter | 24.1 |
| Democratic | 47.2 |
| Marginal | 24.2 |

A Republican candidate, to win in an Alabama election by even a small margin will need (1) very strong support among his own party, (2) to dominate among the Ticket Splitters, and (3) to run fairly strong among his opponent's party. Furthermore, (4) he would have to secure almost half of the vote of those

Marginal voters that do turn out. For example:
Candidate A (Republican): $51 \%$ of popular vote needed to win:

| Party/Voter Type | \% of Total Voters | \% Vote Among Party Needed by Candidate A | \% of Popular Vote Needed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Republican | 8.3\% | 95\% | 7.9\% |
| Ticket Splitter | 24.+22. | 85 | $20.4 / 8.8$ |
| . Democrat | 47.2 | 42 | $20.0 / 9.8$ |
| Marginal | 24.022 .4 | 20 | 4.84 .5 |
|  | 100.0 |  |  |

## Congressional Districts by Voter Type

In all eight Alabama Congressional Districts the Democratic voters outnumber all other voter types. Congressional Districts Two, Four, Five, Seven, and Eight are the most heavily Democratic. On the other hand, there are proportionately more Republicans in Districts Six, Seven, and Eight. Ticket Splitters are found most often in Districts One and Two. The Marginal voter appears most often in Districts Three, Five and Six.

## Congressional Districts

| Type of Voter | Total | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eioht |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Republican | 8.3 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 4.2 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 12.5 |
| Ticket Splitter | 22.124 .7 | 30.6 | 36.3 | 17.0 | 21.9 | 11.5 | 27.1 | 22.7 | 412.5 |
| Democrat | 47.2 | 44.9 | 44.1 | 38.4 | 51.6 | 50.0 | 38.3 | 53.9 | 64.2 |
| Marginal | 22.4 | 20.4 | 27.3 | 41.1 | 20.3 | 34.4 | 29.6 | 8.6 | 10.7 |

Key Demographic Variables by Voter Type

Among age groups, there are relatively more Democrats in the over 35 bracket. Republicans are found most often in the young-middle age group (25-34), and Ticket Splitters in a slightly more broad age group (25-44). The young (18-24) and the very old (65+) contain the largest proportion of Marginal Voters.

| Type of Voter | Totals | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54. | 55-64 | Over 64, |
| Republican | 8.3\% | 4.9\% | 13.4\% | 4.9\% | 9.1\% | 7.5\% | 8.4\% |
| Ticket Splitting | 22.1 | 18.0 | 28.4 | 26.8 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 16.2 |
| Democrat | 47.2 | 11.5 | 37.5 | 52.8 | 53.9 | 55.6 | 50.3 |
| Marginal | 22.4 | 65.6 | 20.5 | 15.5 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 25.2 |

Among all income groups, the Democrat voter is the most prevalent type of voter. However, as income rises, the relative proportion of Democrats decreases, the proportion of Republicans and Ticket Splitters increases, and the proportion of Marginal voters decreases. While the lowest income group is four to one Democrats to Ticket Splitters and over eight to one Democrats to Republicans, the uppermost income group is only three to one Democrats to Ticket Splitters and three to one Democrats to Republicans.

Among racial groups, blacks tend to be more Democratic or Marginal voter, and less Ticket Splitter or Republican than whites.

|  | Income |  |  |  |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Totals | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 0- \\ & 5,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 5,000- \\ & 10,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 10,000- \\ 15,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 15,000- \\ & \text { Over } \end{aligned}$ | White | Black |
| Republican | 8.3\% | 6.0\% | 5.5\% | 11.8\% | 15.7\% | 9.7\% | 3.1\% |
| Ticket Splitter | 22.1 | 13.4 | 26.9 | 31.3 | 30.0 | 25.0 | 11.6 |
| Democratic | 47.2 | 51.7 | 46.5 | 44.1 | 45.7 | 46.5 | 49.7 |
| Marginal | 22.4 | 28.9 | 21.1 | 12.8 | 8.6 | 18.7 | 35.6 |

## C Registered Voters

Approximately $84 \%$ of the adults interviewed are registered voters in Alabama. The Democrats are most registered ( $96.6 \%$ ), the ticket-splitters very close by ( $94.4 \%$ ), and the Republicans surprisingly lower ( $92.5 \%$ ). The lowest group are the marginal voters (45.0\%). Congressional Districts One, Three, Five, and Six are below the sample average proportion of adult registered voters. Expectedly, the young (18-24), the poor (income under $\$ 5,000$ ) and the blacks have the highest levels of nonregistered voters.

Are you a registered voter in Alabama?


## Regularity of Voting

Forty-one point four percent ( $41.4 \%$ ) of the persons interviewed claim to vote in nearly all elections, while $29.9 \%$ indicate they vote in all elections. The proportion that votes in one-half or less is only $\mathbf{1 2 . 5 \%}$, and persons that do not vote in any elections total 13.4\%. Ticket-splitters seem to be the most regular voters by a slight margin, Districts Four and Seven hold an edge on other Districts in terms of their regularity of voting, and whites vote more often and regularly than blacks.

Thinking about all elections would you say that you . . .


## Perceived Voting Affiliation

Quite aside from what type of voter a person might be on the basis of his past voting behavior, respondents were asked what they considered themselves ... Republican, Democrat, or Independent. Most persons see themselves as Democrats (49.4\%), while $26.3 \%$ see themselves as Independents, and $14.3 \%$ as Republicans. About $10 \%(9.9 \%)$ indicate they don't know. A higher percentage of behavioral Republicans see themselves as Republicans than do behavioral Democrats see themselves as Democrats or behavioral ticket-splitters see themselves as Independents. This latter group, while splitting its tickets, tends to call itself Democratic more so than Republican.

Do you consider yourself a ...
Type of Voter

|  | Total | Rep. | T-S |  | Dem. | Marginal |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
|  | $100 \%$ |  | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 14.3 |  | 82.1 | 9.6 | 3.7 |  |
| Republican | 49.4 | .- | 27.5 | 77.1 | $16.1 \checkmark$ |  |
| Democrat | 26.3 |  | 14.9 | 55.6 | 16.1 | 37.1 |
| Independent | 9.9 |  | 3.0 | 7.3 | 3.2 | 23.3 |
| Don't know |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Key Past Elections

In the 1968 Presidential election, $35.0 \%$ of the respondents indicated that they voted for Wallace, $23.5 \%$ for Nixon, $13.3 \%$ for Humphrey, and $28.4 \%$ did not vote/do not remember. Behavioral Republicans stood solidly behind Nixon, while

ticket-splitters and marginals split between Wallace and Nixon. Behavioral Democrats supported Wallace followed by Humphrey and Nixon. Congressional District Six was the only one clearly for Nixon, the others going to Wallace (except for Four, which was tied between Nixon and Wallace). Wallace got his best support among the over $-35^{\circ}$ voters, from the under $\$ 10,000$ income households and from whites, while Nixon got his support evenly across age groups, from upper incone ( $\$ 15,000+$ ) households and from whites. Blacks went predominantly to Humphrey.

How did you vote for President in 1968?


How did you vote for Senator in 1966?

|  | Total | Type of Voter |  |  |  | Income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | Marg. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Under } \\ \$ 10,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\$ 10,000$ and Over |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Sparkman | 54.7 | 41.8 | 59.6 | 71.3 | 19.4 | 53.5 | 56.4 |
| Grenier | 5.5 | 19.4 | 8.4 | 3.9 | . 6 | 3.0 | 11.6 |
| Did not.vote/ Don't know | 39.8 | 38.8 | 32.0 | 24.8 | 80.0 | 43.5 | 32.0 |

In the 1970 Gubernatorial election, $40.6 \%$ of the respondents claim voting for Wallace against $34.5 \%$ for Brewer, with $24.8 \%$ not voting/not knowing. Republicans went over two to one for Brewer, but ticket-splitters significantly preferred Wallace, and the behavioral Democrats gave Wallace a slim

- decisive edge. Brewer won Districts Four and Six and was close in Seven, all others going to Wallace. Higher income groups ( $\$ 10,000+$ ) went to Brewer, while blacks were heavily in favor of Brewer; a. $30 \%$ nonvote cut down on Brewer's margin. Whites, of course, were heavily for Wallace.

How did you vote for Governor in 1970?

| - | Type of Voter |  |  |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | Marg. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ \$ 10,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | White | Black |
|  | .100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Wallace | 40.6 | 23.9 | 52.2 | 48.4 | 18.9 | 40.7 | 36.0 | 50.2 | 4.9 |
| Brewer | 34.5 | 52.2 | 37.6 | 41.1 | 11.1 | 31.9 | 43.6 | 28.3 | 58.9 |
| Did not vote/ Don't know | 24.8 | 23.9 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 70.0 | 27.4 | 20.3 | 21.5 | 36.2 |
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## MARKET OPINION RESEARCH

Voter Group Demographic Profiles

Republicans are fairly similar demographically to ticket-splitters, and together they are considerably different from the Democratic and marginal voters. The Republican and ticket-splitterare significantly more likely to have a college or college post-graduate education, more likely to be in a higher income bracket ( $\$ 10,000+$ ), more likely to be in the 21-34 age groups, more likely to be white, more likely to be of the Roman Catholic religion, and more likely to be professional/technical in occupation. The Democrat, on the other hand, is more likely to have an education only up to high school, to have income under $\$ 10,000$, to be blue collar, to be older ( 35 and above), to be black, and hold the Protestant faith. The marginal voter is somewhat similar to the Democrat, aside from the higher incidence of young people (18-24), housewives and students, lower than high school education and lower incomes.


| $C$ |  | Demographic Data |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | Marg. |
|  | EDUCATIO: | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
|  | Grade school or less | 27.7 | 19.4 | 18.5 | 29.2 | 36.7 |
|  | Some high school | 21.2 | 10.4 | 20.8 | 23.7 | 20.6 |
|  | Graduated high school | 29.2 | 32.8 | 28.1 | 30.3 | 26.7 |
|  | Some college | 11.3 | 14.9 | 13.5 | 10.8 | 8.9 |
|  | Graduated college | 6.6 | 9.0 | 12.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
|  | Post graduate work | 3.0 | 10.4 | 5.1 | 1.6 | 1.1 |
|  | Refused | 1.0 | 3.0 | 1.1 | . 3 | 1.7 |
|  | INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0-\$2,999 | 20.0 | 14.9 | 10.1 | 21.3 | 28.9 |
|  | \$3,000-\$4,999 | 15.3 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 17.4 | 16.7 |
|  | \$5,000-\$5,999 | 9.1 | 1.5 | 10.7 | 7.6 | 13.3 |
|  | \$6,000-\$6,999 | 10.1 | 9.0 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 7.2 |
|  | \$7,000-\$9,999 | 12.7 | 10.4 | 16.9 | 12.6 | 9.4 |
|  | \$10,000-\$14,999 | 12.7 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 11.8 | 7.2 |
|  | \$15,000-\$24,999 | 7.5 | 14.9 | 10.7 | 7.1 | 2.2 |
|  | \$25,000 and over | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
|  | Refused | 11.6 | 19.4 | 10.1 | 9.7 | - 13.9 |
| $0$ | AGE | - |  |  |  |  |
|  | 18-20 years | 2.6 | -- | -- | -- | 11.7 |
|  | 21-24 years | 5.0 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 1.8 | 10.6 |
|  | 25-29 years | 9.6 | 13.4 | 12.4 | 7.1 | 10.6 |
|  | 30-34 years | 8.0 | 14.9 | 10.1 | 6.8 | 5.6 |
|  | 35-39 years | 6.8 | 6.0 | 10.7 | 6.6 | 3.9 |
|  | 40-44 years | 8.4 | 3.0 | 7.9 | 10.5 | 6.7 |
|  | 45-49 years | 8.7 | 11.9 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 6.7 |
|  | 50-54 years | 9.1 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 11.6 | 6.1 |
|  | 55-59 years | $<0 \% 0^{10.8}$ | 7.5 | 10.1 | 13.4 | 7.2 |
| \% | 60-64 years | 50109.3 | 10.4 | 9.0 | 10.3 | 7.2 |
|  | 65 and over | S 20.7 | 20.9 | 15.2 | 22.1 | 23.3 |
|  | Refused | $\cdots 1.0$ | - | 1.7 | 1.1 | . 6 |
|  | SEX |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male | 50.4 | 47.8 | 52.2 | 51.3 | 47.8 |
|  | Female | 49.6 | 52.2 | 47.8 | 48.7 | 52.2 |
|  | NATIONAL ORIGIN |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | American born white | 78.5 | 92.5 | 88.8 | 77.4 | 65.6 |
|  | Negro | 20.2 | 7.5 | 10.7 | 21.3 | 32.2 |
|  | Foreign born | . 5 | -- | . 6 | . 5 | . 6 |
|  | Not stated | . 7 | -- | -- | . 8 | 1.7 |
| ( |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Demographic Data

(Continued)

UNION MEMBERSHIP
Yes
No
Not stated

| Total | Pep. | T-S | Dem. | Marg. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 14.3 | 13.4 | 12.9 | 16.3 | 11.7 |
| 80.7 | 83.6 | 82.6 | 77.4 | 85.0 |
| 5.0 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 3.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| - | - | - | - |  |
| 91.7 | 89.6 | 92.7 | 93.7 | 87.2 |
| 3.5 | 9.0 | 3.9 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| 4.2 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 8.3 |
| .6 | -- | .6 | .3 | 1.7 |

OCCUPATION-RESPONDEMT
Professiona1/Technical
Farm owners/ilanagers
Officials/Business owner
Cierical/Sales workers
Skilled craftsmen/Foremen
Operatives/Kindred workers
Service workers/Laborers
Housewife/Student
Retired
Unemployed/Disabled/Refused
OCCUPATION-HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
Professional/Technical
Farm owners/Managers
Officials/Business owner
Clerical/Sales workers
Skilied craftsmen/Foremen
Operatives/Kindred workers
Service workers/Laborers
Housewife/Student
Retired
Unemployed/Disabled/Refused

| 6.8 | 14.9 | 11.2 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2.6 | .- | 2.8 | 2.9 | $2.8\rangle$ |
| 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 1.1 |
| 7.3 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 3.9 |
| 7.1 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 9.2 | 5.0 |
| 10.6 | 3.0 | 8.4 | 12.4 | 11.7 |
| 8.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 8.2 | 11.7 |
| 34.7 | 37.3 | 36.0 | 30.5 | 41.1 |
| 15.3 | 19.4 | 15.2 | 16.3 | 11.7 |
| 2.7 | -- | 2.3 | 1.6 | 6.7 |


| 9.2 | 19.4 | 12.9 | 6.1 | 8.3 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 4.5 | -- | 5.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| 7.2 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 5.0 |
| 8.9 | 17.9 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 5.6 |
| 13.7 | 6.0 | 13.5 | 15.5 | 12.8 |
| 14.9 | 7.5 | 12.9 | 16.8 | 15.6 |
| 10.2 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 12.2 |
| 9.1 | 11.9 | 9.6 | 8.4 | 8.9 |
| 18.3 | 19.4 | 14.0 | 19.7 | 18.9 |
| 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 7.8 |

Respondents were asked to consider each of eleven possible factors in election decisions and to then rate the factor on an eleven point scale, depending on how important it was them. The total electorate rates Honesty by a significant margin as the most important factor (9.5) in deciding which candidate to vote for. This is followed by Intelligence (9.2). Next are Position on Vietnam (8.4), Experience and Position on racial problems (both 8.3), followed by Maturity (8.1) and Position on unemployment (8.0). Position on pollution (7.5) comes next, with Youthfulness (4.9) and Political party (4.5) following. Last and expressed as fairly, unimportant is the Area of the state the candidate is from (3.0). This latter rating is an interesting result, considering the variability of the secret ballot races by Congressional District. It indicates that people do have geographic (local) favorites in spite of what they claim to be true under a direct question.

When the data are broken by type of voter, Republicans tend to rate Position on Vietnam and Intelligence more important than other voters. Ticket Splitters give notably lower ratings to Area of state, Political party, Position on Vietnam, Youthfulness; they give higher ratings to Position on racial problems and maturity. Democrats put a premium on Experience, Political party, Position on unemployment, and Area of state.

Rate how important each of the following factors will be to you in deciding which candidate to vote for . - .
(Important is scaled from 0, very unimportant, to 11, extremely important)

Type of Voter

|  | Total | Rep. |  | T-S |  | Dem. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Marg.

Ratings of Politicai Endorsements

Respondents were also asked to rate how important to them a political endorsement by each of several figures would be. Endorsements, in general, are valued low, as indicated by the low ratings on the eleven point scale. Among the total electorate, endorsements by George Wallace are said to be most important, foliowed by those of President Nixon and close behind, Albert Brewer and James Ailen. Least important are endorsements by Attorney General John Mitchell, Hubert Humphrey, and Senator Edmund Muskie. Republicans value endorsements by Nixon, Allen, and Agnew the most. Ticket-splitters say those by Nixon and Wallace are most important, while Democrats say Brewer and Wallace are most important. Marginals give a Wallace endorsement the highest rating, followed by one from Senator Edward Kennedy.


Rate how important the endorsement of each of the following persons
is to you. .

- Type of Voter

| George Wailace | 4.6 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Richard Ilixon | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Albert Brewer | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| James Allen | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Spiro Agnew | 3.3 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.8 |
| Edward Kennedy | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 4.2 |
| Edmund Huskie | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 |
| Hubert Humphrey | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 3.7 |
| John Hitcheil | 2.6 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 1.2 |

i. Nixon - Muskie - Wallace

At the present time, voters in Alabama place Governor Nallace slightly ahead of President Nixon ( $33.3 \%$ to $30.6 \%$ ), with Senator Muskie trailing far behind (11.9\%). Almost one-quarter (24.2\%) of all persons polled indicate they are presently undecided. .Over the various repeat ballots conducted on this Presidential race (needed to test the combination of Senatorial candidates) there are no significant differences between each candidate's polling.

Wallace runs strongly with the traditional Democratic voting group and takes about half of the ticket-splitters. Wallace is also strong among the marginal voters. Nixon follows a similar pattern, except that he pulls more of the core Repubiicans than Hallace does of the core Democrats. Huskie's support comes from the traditional Democrats, who as a group vote for Nixon as often as they do lluskie. Geographically, Nixon's strength and leadership is found in central Alabama, Congressional Districts Four, Five, Six and Seven. Hallace dominates in the south and northernmost parts of the State (Districts One, Two, Three, and Eight), being weak in the regions of Nixon's strength (Districts Six and Seven). Muskie makes his strongest showing relative to his statewide average in Districts Three through Six, even though these areas are dominated by fixon and Nallace.

In terms of demographic groups, Wallace leads Nixon in the over 35 age groups, in the under $\$ 10,000$ income groups, and among whites. Aside from the support from younger voters, this pattern is similar to the pattern of upper-end socio-economic support for the Republican candidate observed elsewhere in the nation. Muskie is more similar to Nixon than Wallace in his support. Muskie runs stronger with younger voters, higher income voters, and blacks than he does with older, lower income or white voters.

Type of Voter

|  | Total | Rep. |  | T-S |  | Dem. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

Congressional Districts

|  | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 28.6 | 28.4 | 15.2 | 35.9 | 38.5 | 43.9 | 35.9 | 20.5 |  |
| Nixon | 8.2 | 5.7 | 17.0 | 14.1 | 13.5 | 19.6 | 10.2 | 7.1 |  |
| Muskie | 43.9 | 51.1 | 44.6 | 31.3 | 31.3 | 6.5 | 20.3 | 42.0 |  |
| Wallace | 19.4 | 14.8 | 23.2 | 18.8 | 16.7 | 29.9 | 33.6 | 30.4 |  |

## Demographic Tables

|  | Total | Nixon | Muskie | Wallac | Undecided |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOITE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-\$4,999 | 100\% | 22.9 | 11.6 | 33.5 | 32.0 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | 100\% | 29.7 | 14.5 | 36.7 | 19.1 |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 | 100\% | 39.2 | 11.8 | 32.4 | 16.7 |
| \$15,000 and over | 100\% | 52.9 | 10.0 | 21.4 | 15.7 |
| AGE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-24 years | 100\% | 37.7 | 13.1 | 27.9 | 21.3 |
| 25-34 years | 100\% | 34.8 | 13.5 | 34.0 | 17.7 |
| 35-44 years | 100\% | 30.9 | 14.6 | 31.7 | 22.8 |
| 45-54 years | 100\% | 31.5 | 13.3 | 32.2 | 23.1 |
| 55-64 years | 100\% | 22.2 | 10.5 | 34.0 | 33.3 |
| 65 years and over | 100\% | 31.1 | 9.0 | . 34.7 | 25.1 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 100\% | 30.7 | 7.5 | 40.9 | 20.9 |
| Black | 100\% | 29.4 | 29.4 | 3.1 | 38.0 |

2. Nixon - Wallace

When Wallace faces Nixon aione on the Presidential ballot, the President
trails by a narrower margin than previously, $2: 1 \%$. More than onequarter of those polled indicate they are undecided between the two candidates at this time. There are no significant differences between these proportions over five bailots administered on which this was the Presidential choice. The vote that previously went to Muskie goes to Nixon (4.4\%), Wallace (3.8\%) and undecided (3.6\%).

Among voter groups, the core Republicans are eight to one in favor of Nixon over Wallace, and the ticket-splitters give Nixon a significant edge over Wallace ( $48.3 \%$ to $33.7 \%$ ). Behavioral Democrats are less
certain: while they favor Wallace by a two-to-one margin, more than one-third are undecided. Marginal voters go for Wallace more than Nixon, by a small margin ( $6.1 \%$ ).

As previously, Nixon leads in central Alabama, Congressionai Districts Four, Five, Six, and Seven. Wallace's strength comes from Districts One, Two, Three, and Eight (southern and northernmost parts of Alabama). As might be expected, each candidate is weakest in the other's strongest region.

Demographic patterns follow the trends established previously in the Nixon, Muskie, Wallace race: persons most in. favor of Nixon come from the under 44 age groups, the over $\$ 10,000$ income groups, and the blacks, while the older, lower income, and white voters in Alabama are more likely to support Wallace.

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | Marg. |  |
|  | $100 \%$ |  | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| Nixon | 35.0 | 74.6 | 48.3 | 22.6 | 33.3 |  |
| Vallace | 37.1 | 9.0 | 33.7 | 42.6 | 39.4 |  |
| Undecided | 27.8 | 16.4 | 18.0 | 34.7 | 27.2 |  |

Congressionai Districts

| One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |
| 32.7 | 29.5 | 20.5 | 42.2 |  | 43.8 | 53.3 | 39.8 | 21.4 |
| 48.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 34.4 | 34.4 | 8.4 | 32.8 | 41.1 |  |
| 19.4 | 20.5 | 29.5 | 23.4 | 21.9 | 38.3 | 27.3 | 37.5 |  |


|  | Total | Nixon | Wallace | Undecided |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |
| 0-\$4,999 | 100\% | 29.6 | 35.9 | 34.5 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | 100\% | 32.0 | 43.4 | 24.6 |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 | 100\% | 43.1 | 34.3 | 22.5 |
| \$15,000 and over | 100\% | 58.6 | 21.4 | 20.0 |
| AGE |  |  |  |  |
| 18-24 years | 100\% | 50.8 | 29.5 | 19.7 |
| 25-34 years | 100\% | 38.3 | 35.5 | 26.2 |
| 35-44 years | 100\% | 39.0 | 35.8 | 25.2 |
| 45-54 years | 100\% | 33.6 | 36.4 | 30.1 |
| 55-64 years | 100\% | 24.7 | 40.1 | 35.2 |
| 65 and over | 100\% | 34.7 | 38.9 | 26.3 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |
| White | 100\% | 32.2 | 45.0 | 22.8 |
| Black | 100\% | 45.4 | 6.1 | 48.5 |

3. Nixon - Humphrey - Hallace

In this three-way Presidential race, Wallace leads Nixon by a significant margin ( $35.7 \%$ to $28.9 \%$ ), and Humphrey polls a distant third with $14.4 \%$ of the ballots. Compared to the Nixon-Wallace race, Humphrey's support has emerged primarily from the ranks of the undecided and previouslyNixon voters. In addition, Humphrey runs slightly stronger than Muskie as the Democratic candidate (14.4\% for Humphrey, 11.9\% for Huskie).

Nixon runs very strong among core Republicans, more so than does Wallace run among core Democrats. Ticket-splitters favor Nixon by a slight margin. Democrats favor Wallace by a substantial margin over Humphrey and Nixon, who run fairly close. Marginal voters favor Wallace by almost two to one over Nixon, with Humphrey plafing third.

Geographically, Nixon leads in central Alabama as previously. Humphrey shows most support in Congressional Districts Four, Five, and Six, while Wallace is again leading in southern and northernmost Alabama.

The demographic' groups in support of the candidates are similar to patterns observed previously with the following exceptions: the younger voters are only slightly more in favor of Nixon and the group is limited to those aged 18-24. Wallace leads in all other age groups. Apparently placing Humphrey on the ballot pushes the younger voter more to Wallace instead of Nixon. Higher income voters tend to vote Nixon, while the black vote goes heavily to Humphrey.


|  | Total | Nixon | Humphr | Wallace | Undecided |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-\$4,999 | 100\% | 17.3 | 21.5 | 34.5 | 26.8 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | 100\% | 27.7 | 12.5 | 41.0 | 18.8 |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 | 100\% | 44.1 | 7.8 | 33.3 | 14.7 |
| \$15,000 and over | 100\% | 57.1 | 8.6 | 21.4 | 12.9 |
| AGE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-24 years | 100\% | 36.1 | 14.8 | 32.8 | 16.4 |
| 25-34 years | 100\% | 34.8 | 12.1 | 36.9 | 16.3 |
| 35-44 years | 100\% | 30.1 | 21.1 | 33.3 | 15.4 |
| 45-54 years | 100\% | 28.7 | 14.0 | 33.6 | 23.8 |
| 55-64 years | 100\% | 22.8 | 13.6 | 36.4 | 27.2 |
| 65 and over | 100\% | 26.3 | 13.2 | 37.7 | 22.8 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 100\% | 31.3 | 6.1 | 44.0 | 18.6 |
| Black | 100\% | 19.0 | 47.2 | 2.5 | 31.3 |

4. Nixon - Kennedy - Wallace

Replacing Humphrey on the ballot with Kennedy has only slight effects upon each of the three Presidentiai candidates. As before, Vallace polls $34.2 \%$ to lead Nixon ( $26.1 \%$ ) by a significant margin. Kennedy places third with $16.0 \%$ of the ballots.

Wallace runs strong, among the Democratic regulars and picks up as much of the ticket-splitters vote as does Nixon. Marginal voters, too, are in favor of Wallace. Mixon's support comes from the core Republican voters, about half of the ticket-splitters and $15 \%$ of the Democrats. Kennedy is the most popular of the Democratic candidates tested on the
secret ballots, among the entire sample as well as the Democrats. He trails Hallace among these voters, however, by a nearly two to one margin.

Nixon's geographic support falls to Congressional Districts Four, Five, and Seven when Kennedy runs on the same baliot against Wallace. Kennedy is responsible for this loss, leading Nixon slightly in District Six. Wallace, as usual, dominates Districts One, Two, Three and Eight, with a particular weakness in District Six.
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Demographically, Wallace leads in all age groups except the young, 18-24 years, which goes largely to wixon. Kennedy makes his strongest showing among the 35-44 age group. In terms of income, normal party voting behavior is obvious, with Nixon carrying the upper income groups ( $\$ 10,000$ and over) substantially. While the white vote is 4 to 3 for Wallace over Nixon, the black vote is heavily in favor of Kennedy over Nixon.

|  | Total | Type of Voter |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | Marg. |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Nixon | 26.1 | 71.6 | 39.9 | 15.0 | 18.9 |
| Kennedy | 16.0 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 19.2 | 21.7 |
| Waitace | 34.2 | 6.0 | 37.1 | 36.8 | 36.1 |
| Undecided | 23.7 | 17.9 | 15.2 | 28.9 | 23.3 |


|  | Congressional Districts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Nixon | 25.5 | 20.5 | 9.8 | 35.9 | 29.2 | 35.5 | 32.8 | 22.3 |
| Kennedy | 9.2 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 12.5 | 20.8 | 37.4 | 12.5 | 10.7 |
| Wailace | 49.0 | 43.2 | 42.9 | 34.4 | 32.3 | 7.5 | 24.2 | 43.8 |
| Undecided | 16.3 | 26.1 | 33.9 | 17.2 | 17.7 | 19.6 | 30.5 | 23.2 |


|  | Total | Nixon | Kennedy | Wallace | Undecided |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-\$4,999. | 100\% | 13.7 | 21.5 | 33.5 | 31.3 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 | 100\% | 24.2 | 16.8 | 39.5 | 19.5 |
| \$10,000 - \$14,999 | 100\% | 41.2 | 7.8 | 30.4 | 20.6 |
| \$15,000 and over | 100\% | 55.7 | 8.6 | 21.4 | 14.3 |
| AGE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-24 years | 100\% | 37.7 | 21.3 | 27.9 | 13.1 |
| 25-34 years | 100\% | 29.1 | 19.9 | 35.5 | 15.6 |
| 35-44 years | 100\% | 26.8 | 22.8 | 31.7 | 18.7 |
| 45-54 years | 100\% | 25.2 | 14.7 | 32.9 | 27.3 |
| 55-64 years | 100\% | 20.4 | 11.7 | 34.6 | 33.3 |
| 65 and over | 100\% | 24.6 | 12.0 | 37.1 | 26.3 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 100\% | 29.9 | 6.1 | 42.6 | 21.4 |
| Black | 100\% | 10.4 | 55.2 | . 6 | 33.7 |
| 5. Remaining Presidential Ballots |  |  |  |  |  |

When Nixon faces Muskie, Humphrey, and Kennedy individually on separate ballots, he polls between $43 \%$ and $47 \%$ of the ballots. The most votes received by one of these three Democrats is Kennedy's 20.9\%, the least being ituskie's 17.3\%. In each case, however, a substantial portion of the voters remain at this time undecided.

Nixon runs very heavily among behavioral Repubiicans and ticket-splitters against each D'emocratic candidate. In addition, among the Democrats, he polls more votes than the Democratic candidate. A comparison of the three Democratic candidates indicates that Kennedy is by a very slight
margin the most acceptable of the three. Geographically, Nixon leads in all Congressional Districts but exhibits particular strength in Districts One, Four, and Six. The Democratic candidates are notably strong also in District Six, which along with the previous data on Wallace support indicates that this area is closest to the normal bi-party voting behavior observed in the rest of the U.S. District Two is particularly high in its undecided sentiment, indicating a reluctance on the part of Wallace supporters to vote for either of the major parties' candidates.

Demographically, Nixon leads Muskie, Humphrey, and Kennedy in all age and income groups, though the President runs strongest among the young (18-34) voters and the upper income voters (\$70,000 and above). Whites vote predominantly Nixon, while the Democratic candidates gather most of the black vote, particularly in the case of Kennedy.



## Demographic Tables

Mus-
Total Nixon Kie Und. Nixon phrey Und. Nixon Kennedy Und.
INCOME

| $0-\$ 4,999$ | $100 \%$ | 31.3 | 18.0 | 50.7 | 32.0 | 26.4 | 41.5 | 29.2 | 27.8 | 43.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999$ | $100 \%$ | 42.2 | 20.3 | 37.5 | 47.3 | 16.8 | 35.9 | 42.6 | 23.0 | 34.4 |
| $\$ 10,000-\$ 14,999$ | $100 \%$ | 57.8 | 14.7 | 27.5 | 67.6 | 8.8 | 23.5 | 63.7 | 7.8 | 28.4 |
| $\$ 15,000$ and over | $100 \%$ | 65.7 | 15.7 | 18.6 | 71.4 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 70.0 | 15.7 | 14.3 |

AGE

| $18-24$ years | $100 \%$ | 54.1 | 19.7 | 26.2 | 63.9 | 14.8 | 21.3 | 55.7 | 21.3 | 23.0 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $25-34$ | years | $100 \%$ | 48.2 | 22.0 | 29.8 | 58.9 | 14.9 | 26.2 | 49.2 | 27.7 |
| 24.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $35-44$ years | $100 \%$ | 47.2 | 15.4 | 37.4 | 44.7 | 23.6 | 31.7 | 42.3 | 26.0 | 31.7 |
| $45-54$ years | $100 \%$ | 38.5 | 20.3 | 41.3 | 44.1 | 16.1 | 39.9 | 44.1 | 18.2 | 37.8 |
| $55-64$ years | $100 \%$ | 31.5 | 16.0 | 52.5 | 34.6 | 19.1 | 46.3 | 33.3 | 20.4 | 46.3 |
| 65 and over | $100 \%$ | 43.7 | 13.2 | 43.1 | 44.9 | 19.8 | 35.3 | 44.9 | 15.0 | 40.1 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . |  |
| White | . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wiack | $100 \%$ | 46.4 | 14.3 | 39.3 | 53.5 | 10.2 | 36.3 | 51.7 | 11.3 | 36.9 |
|  | $100 \%$ | 25.8 | 29.4 | 44.8 | 19.0 | 49.7 | 31.3 | 9.8 | 58.9 | 31.3 |




## AWARENESS AND PERCEPTIONS OF POLITICAL FIGURES

## President Nixon

President Nixon's current approval in Alabama is $61.5 \%$. His appeai ratings generally follow the normal patterns for a Republican with two exceptions: (1) the President's approval among ticket-splitters and core Democrats is unusuallyhigh; and (2) his approval is strongest among the very. young (18-24) and older (45 and above) voters.

The resuits are an interesting contrast to the secret bailot data, in which Nixon runs second to Wallace. Apparently voters like Nixon, but they like Wallace more.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Nixon is handling his job as President?


Of those respondents who approve of President Nixon, $48.9 \%$ feel he is "doing his best." Twenty percent (20.4\%) indicate that Nixon is the "best man we've had in a long time'" and almost as many (18.4\%) think he is "trying to bring the boys home."

Why do you approve of the way Nixon is handling his job as President?* (61.5\% of total)
$\qquad$
Total Rep. T-S Dem. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over Under Over } \\ & \text { 18-24 25-44 } 45 \quad \$ 10,00010,000 \text { White Black }\end{aligned}$ -

Doing his best we've had in a long time/ Better than

| Johnson | 20.4 | 12.7 | 21.2 | 21.3 | 17.1 | 19.4 | 21.6 | 20.1 | 21.4 | 16.5 | 37.9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Trying to bring the $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}\text { boys home } & 18.4 & 17.5 & 16.9 & 17.9 & 24.4 & 25.2 & 14.2 & 18.8 & 22.2 & 19.5 & 12.6\end{array}$ Needs more cooperation/

Hands tied/
More help
from
$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Congress } & 10.3 & 7.9 & 13.6 & 9.2 & 7.3 & 9.0 & 11.5 & 11.3 & 11.1 & 12.3 & 1.1\end{array}$
Inherited
problems/ Walked into $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { a mess } & 8.3 & 7.9 & 10.2 & 4.8 & 19.5 & 9.0 & 5.1 & 6.3 & 11.9 & 9.6 & 2.3\end{array}$
*Does not include responses receiving less than $5 \%$ mention.

Reasons for disapproval of President Nixon center around the fact that the
Vietnam War still continues (27.6\%) and that Nixon's integrity may be questionable ("doesn't keep his promises"/"two faced"/"not honest") (33.7\%).

Surprisingly, $20.1 \%$ indicate they disapprove since Nixon "is not working hard enough." Only $11.2 \%$ mention the school bussing situation as a source of disapproval. And even fewer ( $5.6 \%$ ) mention inflation as a reason for not approving.

Why do you disapprove of the way Nixon is handing his job as President?* ( $26.6 \%$ of total)

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | Over $45$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Black |
| Still send- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ing troops |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| to Vietnam/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vietnam War |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ended | 27.6\% | 100.0\% | 41.9\% | 24.8\% | 31.3\% | 33.3\% | 24.4\% | \% 25.2\% | 40.0\% | 26.7\% | 32.7\% |
| Doesn't keep |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| promises/ |  |  | - | : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| two-faced/ |  |  | - | $\therefore$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not honest | 33.7 | - -- | 30.2 | 35.2 | 43.8 | 27.8 | 36.6 | 33.6 | 14.0 | 35.4 | 28.6 |
| Could work |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| harder/Not |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| active |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| enough | 20.1 | -- | 18.6 | 20.8 | 37.5 | 19.4 | 18.7 | 23.5 | 11.4 | 16.1 | 34.7 |
| Promised no |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bussing/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| situation | 11.2 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 9.6 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 10.6 | 10.1 | 17.1 | 14.3 | 2.0 |
| Infiation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| situation | 5.6 | - | 4.7 | 4.8 | -- | 8.3 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 8.6 | 5.0 | 8.2 |

When asked about President Nixon's effect on the Federal government's attitude and actions toward Alabama, $45.8 \%$ indicate they see no change. Those seeing improvement ( $31.9 \%$ ) outnumber those seeing deterioration

(13.4\%) by a significant margin. Young people, upper income households, and whites tend to be most positive in their outlook.

How do you think that the Federal government's attitude and actions toward Alabama have changed since President Nixon took office?


Respondents were also asked how various key issues had changed since President Nixon took office. On economic issues (inflation, taxes, and unemployment) people generaily see a worsening of problems since Nixon began his term of office. Nearly eighty percent (79.3\%) feel inflation has gotten worse, while $50.9 \%$ indicate unemployment and $40.1 \%$ cite taxes as worsening.

On environmentai issues, $41.4 \%$ see air and water pollution as worsening, rut aimost as many ( $40.6 \%$ ) see no change since Nixon's term began. Crime is generally perceived as having worsened ( $60.4 \%$ ) under Nixon's Presidency, as has the drug problem (78.5\%).

Student unrest is not so generally seen as having worsened since Nixon took office ( $47.7 \%$ ).

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General moral deterioration is viewed as having occurred under Nixon by almost half of the persons ( $46.8 \%$ ), but almost as many see no change.

The handing of the war is a benefit to the perceptions of the President: Vietnam is seen as having improved under Nixon's Presidency $(42.7 \%)$ or stayed the same ( $28.2 \%$ ).

Racial problems in general, are seen about equally as having improved, worsened, and stayed the same, indicating definite groups of opinions on the issue. However, integration of schools is seen as having worsened ( $40.9 \%$ ); this is tempered by a large group (37.9\%) feeing things are about the same. Last, people generally see Nixon as being personally in favor of moving about as fast as the government now in desegregating public schools, those saying he is in favor of moving faster equaliing the number saying slower.

Since President Nixon became President, have . . . become better or worse?

|  | Better | Worse | About The Same | Don't <br> Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vietnam | 42.7\% | 26.3\% | 28.2\% | 2.7\% |
| Racial problems | 28.8 | 32.0 | 37.0 | 2.1 |
| Youth/Student unrest | 21.5 | 41.7 | 34.3 | 2.5 |
| Schooi integration | 19.4 | 40.9 | 37.9 | 1.9 |
| Air/Water pollution | 15.5 | 41.4 | 40.6 | 2.5 |
| Unempioyment | 14.0 | 50.9 | 33.0 | 2.0 |
| Taxes | 10.1 | 40.1 | 48.4 | 1.4 |
| Crime | 7.8 | 60.4 | 30.8 | 1.0 |
| General moral deterioration | 7.3 | 46.8 | 43.2 | 2.6 |
| Drugs | 5.3 | 78.5 | 14.4 | 1.7 |
| Inflation | 3.7 | 79.3 | 15.3 | 1.7 |

Do you think President Nixon is personally in favor of moving faster, slower, or the same speed as the government now in desegregating the public schools?


## Vice President Agnew

Contrary to trends observed elsewhere in the nation, approval of Vice President Agne: 1 is higher ( $45.6 \%$ ) than disapproval ( $26.8 \%$ ). Agnew finds his greatest approvai among core Republicans ( $68.7 \%$ ), ticket-splitters ( $56.7 \%$ ), younger persons (18-34), middle and upper income households ( $\$ 10,000$ and over), and among whites more than blacks ( $49.2 \%, 31.3 \%$ ).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Vice President Agnew is handing his job as Vice President?


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Approval of Agnew is justified most frequently with the remarks "he
says what he thinks," "he speaks out" (49.3%) and "he's doing a good
job," "he works hard" (28.6%).
Why do you aporove of the way Vice President Agnew is handing his job as Vice President?*
( \(45.6 \%\) of total)
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Says what he thinks/
Speaks out $49.3 \% \quad 47.8 \% \quad 56.4 \% \quad 49.6 \% \quad 54.8 \% \quad 54.8 \% \quad 44.7 \% \quad 44.5 \% \quad 60.5 \% \quad 52.7 \% \quad 27.5 \%$ Doing a good job/Horks $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { hard } & 28.6 & 30.4 & 25.7 & 29.1 & 22.6 & 22.6 & 33.6 & 32.7 & 19.8 & 26.2 & 43.1\end{array}$ Puts media in their $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}\text { place } & 6.5 & 6.5 & 11.9 & 3.5 & 9.7 & 9.7 & 4.3 & 5.5 & 7.5 & 7.7 & --\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Like the man/ } & & & & & & & \\ \text { Admire him } & 6.0 & 13.0 & 5.9 & 6.4 & 3.2 & 8.1 & 5.3 & 5.9 & 8.5 & 6.1 & 5.9\end{array}$ *Does not include responses receiving less than $5 \%$ mention.

Disapproval of the way Agnew is handling his job of Vice President centers about his being overiy opinionated and talking too much (36.6\%). Also frequently mentioned are reasons pertaining to his lack of accomplishments (30.5\%) as Vice President.

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Why do you disapprove of the way Vice President Agnew is handling his
job as Vice President?*
(28.6% of total)
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In keeping with their general approval of Vice President Agnew, Alabama residents feel Mixon should keep Agnew as his running mate in the next

Presidential election (40.1\% of respondents say Nixon should, $29.2 \%$ say Nixon should not).

Do you think President Nixon should or should not keep Vice President Agnew as his running mate next year?

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 45 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Black |
| , | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Should | 40.1 | 49.3 | 46.6 | 38.4 | 47.5 | 42.4 | 37.9 | 36.8 | 52.9 | 42.3 | 31.9 |
| Should not | 29.2 | 19.4 | 25.8 | 34. | 31.1 | 29.2 | 29.2 | 30.2 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 30.1 |
| Don't know | 30.7 | 31.3 | 27.5 | $27.4$ | $2 / .3$ | 28.4 | 32.7 | 33.0 | 18.0 | 28.6 | 38.0 |

## (Governor Wallace

Approval of the manner in which Governor Wallace has handled his job is high, with $59.8 \%$ approving and $31.9 \%$ disapproving. Approval of the Governor is significantly higher among ticket-splitters, behavioral Democrats, and marginal voters, among the older voters (55 and over), among the lower income groups (below $\$ 10,000$ ), among whites, and among Congressional Districts One, Two, Three, Five and Eight.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Wallace is handling his job as Governor?

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. . | 18-24 | 25-44 | Over 45 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Black |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| - Approve | 59.8 | 38.8 | 66.3 | 60.0 | 67.2 | 53.0 | 63.7 | 61.1 | 53.5 | 64.5 | 41.1 |
| Disapprove | 31.9 | 56.7 | 26.4 | 29.5 | 29.5 | . 36.4 | 29.7 | 30.6 | 38.9 | 27.7 | 48.5 |
| Don't know | 8.3 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 10.5 | 3.3 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 10.4 |

Those approving of Waliace most often cite the general reason, "he's doing a good job" (41.6\%). Also mentioned are "he's doing the right thing for people" (13.1\%), "he stands up for Alabama" (11.2\%) and "he's a fine person" ( $11.2 \%$ ). Ten percent ( $10.2 \%$ ) of the approvals cite Wallace is improving the school situation.

Why do you approve of the way Governor hallace is handling his job as Governor?* (59.8\% of total)

|  | Type of Voter | Age |  | Income |  | Race |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rep. T-S Dem. | 18-24 25-44 | Over 45 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unider } \\ & \$ 10,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White Black |


| Doing a good job $41.6 \%$ | 15.4\% 36.4\% 46.5\% |  |  | 14.6\% 36.4\% 72.4\% |  |  | 44.8\% 31.5\% |  | 40.7\% | 49.3\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helping poor/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0id people/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Doing right |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| thing for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the people 13.1 | 42.3 | 9.3 | 11.8 | 17.1 | 14.3 | 18.5 | 12.7 | 14.1 | 12.4 | 14.9 |
| Understands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Alabama's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| problems/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stands up |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama 11.2 | 3.8 | 13.6 | 10.5 | 24.4 | . 7.1 | 16.8 | 10.9 | 15.2 | 11.7 | 4.5 |
| Fine person/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Good man 11.2 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 12.2 | 9.3 | 17.9 | 11.8 | 8.7 | 12.9 | 1.5 |
| Helping school |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| situation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| better/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Special |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| schools 10.2 | 11.5 | 8.5 | 11.4 | 9.8 | 12.1 | 13.8 | 12.4 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 4.5 |
| Not afraid |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| to make |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| decisions/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Speaks out 7.5 | 11.5 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 12.2 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 3.0 |
| Promotes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| highway Con- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| struction 5.8 | 7.7 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 5.0 | 8.8 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 6.1 | 4.5 |
| Good |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| governor 5.4 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 14.9 |

*Dces not include responses receiving less than $5 \%$ mention.

Disapprovals of Wallace indicate some feeling that he has not kept promises (21.0\%), that he has done little (13.2\%), and that he is overly publicity
minded (17.1\%). Nine percent (9.3\%) indicate he treats blacks pooriy, and this feeling is expected concentrated among Alabama blacks.

Why do you disapprove of the way Governor Wallace is handling his job as Governor?*
(31.9\% of total)

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Black |
| Hasn't kept his promises | 21.0\% | 28.9\% | 12.8\% | 24.1\% | 11.1\% | 24.0\% | 20.7\% | 23.6\% | 14.9\% | 23.9\% | 15.2\% |
| Too publicity minded | 17.1 | 31.6 | 29.8 | 11.6 | 33.3 | 17.7 | 15.0 | 13.3 | 28.4 | 22.7 | 5.1 |
| Does nothing | 13.2 | 10.5 | 14.9 | 10.7 | 27.8 | 13.5 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 16.4 | 13.1 | 13.9 |
| Don't like him | 12.1 | 10.5 | 12.8 | 15.2` | 5.6 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 10.1 |
| Against Negroes/ mistreats colored | 9.3 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 7.1 | 16.7 | 6.3 | 10.7 | 13.9 | --- | 0.6 | 29.1 |
| Holding education back/ dipping into teachers' |  | - |  |  |  | . | - |  | . |  |  |
| retirement | 8.9 | 10.5 | 6.4 | 2.7 | 5.6 | 3.1 | 13.6 | 9.7 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 12.7 |
| Too many taxes | 8.9 | 7.9 | 4.3 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 7.5 | 9.1 | 8.9 |

When asked whether they felt Governor Wallace should run for President in the 1972 Presidential election, it is surprising thata significant majority indicated he should not ( $56.6 \%$ ). This feeling is most pronounced among behavioral Republicans, among residents of Congressionai Districts Six,

Five, and Seven, among younger and middle age voters (18-54), among upper income households ( $\$ 10,000$ and above) and among blacks.

Do you think that Governor Waliace should or should not 'run for President in the 1972 Presidentiai election?

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | Over $45$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Biack |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Should | 32.0 | 19.4 | 33.1 | 32.1 | 32.8 | 33.0 | 31.5 | 35.2 | 25.6 | 37.9 | 9.2 |
| Shourd not | 56.6 | 74.5 | 55.6 | 57.9 | 63.9 | 58.3 | 54.7 | 53.3 | 65.7 | 51.4 | 76.7 |
| Don't know | 11.3 | 6.0 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 3.3 | 8.7 | 13.8 | 11.5 | 8.7 | 10.7 | 14.1 |

Of those persons expressing opinions that Wailace should run for President, a significant margin indicate he should do so as a Democrat ( $44.6 \%$ ) rather than the candidate of the American Independent Party ( $36.0 \%$ ). Support for Wallace's running as a Democrat comes from voters in the 25 and above group, voters in the under $\$ 15,000$ income group, and white voters.

Do you think Governor Wallace should run as a Democrat or as a candidate of the fmerican Independent Party?
( $36.0 \%$ of total)


On the issue of public school desegregation, a preponderance of Alabama residents view Wallace as being in favor of moving slower than the Federal government's pace ( $65.1 \%$ ).

Persons in Alabama most often see Governor Wallace having done his best job in the area of educational development (36.9\%). Road improvement is mentioned next most often as Wallace's best job (15.4\%), followed by medical facilities ( $9.3 \%$ ) and more industry (8.9\%).

Areas in which Governor Wallace has done his poorest jobs are much less frequently mentioned. Beyond the mention that Wallace has done nothing (18.3\%), people cite raised taxes (7.8\%), public school desegregation ( $6.6 \%$ ), education/poor textbooks (5.5\%), race relations (5.5\%), and county roads/highways ( $6.2 \%$ ). Appacently, there are mixed feelings as to whether Hallace's efforts in road building and education have been of value.

In what areas do you think Governor Wail ace has done his best job?*

*Does not include responses receiving less than $5 \%$ mention.

In what areas do you think Governor Hallace has done his poorest job?*


As in the Presidential perceptions, persons were asked how several problem areas had changed (improved, worsened, or stayed the same) since the individual began his term of office. With the exception of the Vietnam War and racial problems, people generally view these areas as being the same or having worsened since Wallace took office as Governor. From the data, it is not clear how much responsibility is imputed to Governor Wallace. It is noteworthy that the relatively most optimistic group of persons are (1) the group of younger persons (18-24) except for the pollution issue; (2) the group of Congressional District Five residents; (3) the middle and high income households (\$10,000-\$15,000; \$15,000 and above), depending on the issue.


Since Wallace became Governor, have the following areas gotten better or worse?

|  | Better | Worse | About the Same | Don't <br> Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Taxes | - $6.7 \%$ | 34.7\% | 56.6\% | 2.0\% |
| Inflation/Cost of living | 3.1 | 66.3 | 28.6 | 2.0 |
| Unemployment | 15.5 | 33.9 | 47.6 | 3.0 |
| Air/Water pollution | 13.9 | 31.6 | 51.7 | 2.9 |
| Crime | 12.2 | 40.2 | 45.1 | 2.5 |
| Drugs | 8.6 | 54.5 | 34.7 | 2.2 |
| Youth/Student unrest | 18.4 | 24.7 | 53.9 | 3.0 |
| General moral deterioration | 8.7 | 32.8 | 54.9 | 3.6 |
| Vietnam | 26.3 | 17.3 | 53.3 | 3.1 |
| Raciai probiems | 23.6 | 22.6 | 51.4 | 2.4 |
| School integration | 15.9 | 29.9 | 51.2 | 3.0 |

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## National Issues

When asked about the most important issues currently facing the U.S., persons in Alabama cite several groups of problems. The most frequently menfioned problems are those involving civil unrest and turbulence (80.6\%): drug addiction, racial problems, crime, student unrest, falling moral standards. Not surprisingly, the Vietnam War is cited next most often (56.1\%), foliowed by domestic economic problems (44.3\%) inflation, unemployment, higher taxes. Also mentioned are the environmental poliution (17.1\%), education problems (16.6\%), political - legal problems (11.0\%), and poverty - welfare problems (3.4\%).


Quite expectedly, the Vietnam Nar is of most widespread concern to the young (18-24) and least to the older voters (55-64). However, it is also most often mentioned by behavioral Republican voters and voters in the Fifth Congressional District. Drug addiction as a problem is most often mentioned by voters in Congressional District Five, high middle income househoids ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) and the $25-34$ age group; not surprisingly, it is not as great a concern to the youngest age group (18-24). Environmental poliution is an important issue, particularly to the young adult (18-24). Inflation and educational problems are most often mentioned by the high middle income ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) person. Unemployment is particularly a problem to blacks as opposed to whites.

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## What are the most important problems facing our nation at the present time?

Vietnam War/Bring the boys home Drug addiction among young
Race issue
Infiation
Air/Mater pollution/Ecology
Uograde education/School integration/ rded schools
ase in crime
loyment
mon taxes
Youth unrest/Hippies
Economy
Civil unrest/Violence
Lack of confidence in government/
Lack of leadership
Communism
Courts/Not enforcing laws
Moral standards
Too much welfare
Poverty
All others/Don't know'

Type of Voter $\qquad$
Age
Over Under Over Total Rep. T-S Dem. 18-24 25-44 45 \$10,000 10,000 White Black

| 56.1 | 71.6 | 51.1 | 54.2 | 72.1 | 60.6 | 52.3 | 56.3 | 58.1 | 57.7 | 50.3 |
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| 33.5 | 32.8 | 32.0 | 36.1 | 23.0 | 39.8 | 31.4 | 35.2 | 27.3 | 34.3 | 31.9 |
| 21.1 | 7.5 | 24.2 | 22.9 | 21.3 | 23.9 | 19.9 | 20.9 | 17.4 | 21.9 | 18.4 |
| 18.9 | 20.9 | 18.0 | 20.5 | 13.1 | 18.6 | 20.1 | 18.3 | 26.2 | 19.7 | 16.6 |
| 17.1 | 20.9 | 19.7 | 16.1 | 36.1 | 19.3 | 13.6 | 14.8 | 22.7 | 17.6 | 14.7 |
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| 16.6 | 14.9 | 19.7 | 16.8 | 16.4 | 15.9 | 17.2 | 15.6 | 20.9 | 17.1 | 14.7 |
| 10.6 | 16.4 | 13.5 | 8.2 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 11.7 | 7.0 | 9.9 | 12.9 |
| 9.7 | 9.0 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 8.2 | 12.5 | 8.3 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 7.9 | 17.2 |
| 8.9 | 13.4 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 8.3 | 10.4 |
| 7.8 | 7.5 | 10.1 | 7.1 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 2.5 |
| 6.8 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 8.4 | 13.1 | 9.5 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 7.4 | 4.9 |
| 5.0 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 8.7 | 6.1 | .6 |
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| 4.2 | 7.5 | 2.2 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 7.0 | 5.0 | .6 |
| 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 1.2 |
| 3.4 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.1 | .- |
| 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.1 | .6 |
| 2.0 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| 1.4 | -2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 | .9 | 1.2 | .9 | 2.5 |
| 24.0 | 22.4 | 24.2 | 22.9 | 27.9 | 18.9 | 25.8 | 25.6 | 22.1 | 22.6 | 28.8 |

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When asked about the single most important problem currently facing the U.S., the Vietnam War is most often mentioned (31.3\%), followed by drug addiction among the young (16.4\%). Severai other issues are bunched far behind: the race issue ( $6.3 \%$ ), inflation ( $5.2 \%$ ), education $(4.5 \%)$, pollution ( $3.1 \%$ ), unemployment ( $2.9 \%$ ), and crime ( $2.4 \%$ ).

## Ratings of Importance of Issues

Following the free-responsequestion about national issues, respondents were asked to rate how important they felt several pre-selected issues were. The differences observed between these ratings of issue importance and the issues mentioned to the free-response question (discussed in the previous section) reflect intensity of feeling as opposed to top of the mind awareness. Respondents were asked to rate eleven issues on an eleven point scale, ranging from not important (0) to very important (11). Across the Alabama electorate, the most intensely felt probiem appears to be the cost of living and inflation issue (9.1). Next is the drug probiem (8.9), followed by crime (8.7) and the Vietnam War (8.7), racial problems (8.3), school integration, taxes and unemployment (all with 8.0), generai moral deterioration (7.9), student unrest (7.8), and air/water pollution (7.7). Differences of .2 in ratings are statistically significant.

Compared to the total electorate, core Republicans are significantiy.more concerned with high taxes, and less concerned with unemployment, Vietnam, racial problems, inflation and integration. Ticket-splitters are significantly more concerned with crime and environmental pollution than the electorate as a whole.

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Democrats are significantly more concerned with the school integration issue. Marginal voters are more concerned about unemployment, racial problems, and school integration, and less with taxes, pollution, drugs and moral deterioration.


When the data are broken by Congressional District, the issues group geographically in an interesting manner. District One is significantly more concerned with school integration and racial issues as is District Three. Both tend to be less concerned with unemployment, crime, drugs and District Three also less concerned with taxes, pollution, and Vietnam. This suggests residents of these two areas have narrow perspectives aside from their immediate daily ones of racial tension. District Two is significantly more concerned with youth and student unrest, and less concerned with unemployment and inflation. District Four is more concerned about pollution and less with most other problems: taxes, student unrest, Vietnam, racial problems, school integration, and moral deterioration. The Fifth District expresses significantly more concern with pollution, drugs, moral
deterioration and Vietnam. It is less concerned with high taxes, unemployment, and crime. District Six expresses more concern with taxes, unemployment, crime, drugs and racial problems, significantly less concern with student unrest, Vietnam, and general moral deterioration. The Seventh District is most concerned with unemployment, pollution, crime, and moral deterioration; it is less concerned with racial problems, school integration, and inflation. Last, District Eight is most concerned with taxes, unempioyment, crime, drugs, Vietnam, and moral decay, and less concerned with school integration and inflation.

Congressional District

|  | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | ight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of living/Inflation | 9.2 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.9 |
| Drugs | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.1 |
| Crime | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.0 |
| Vietnam | 8.9 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 |
| Racial problems | 8.7 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 8.3 |
| Unempioyment | 7.8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 3.6 |
| Taxes | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.4 |
| Integration of schoois | 8.8 | 8.1 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| General moral deterioration | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 8.4 |
| Youth/Student unrest | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.8 |
| Air/Water poliution | 7.7 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.6 |

In terms of age, the 18-24 bracket is significantly more concerned with pollution and iess concerned with the economic issues (taxes, unemployment, inflation), crime, drugs, civil unrest and moral decay, compared to the total sample.

The 25-34 group is more concerned with the economic issues, pollution and drugs, and less concerned with-moral decay and racial problems. The 35-44 group is highly concerned with all issues, but significantly more with school integration, moral decay and the economic issues. The 45-54 group is higher on unemployment and moral decay and low on inflation and integration. Persons 55-64 are more concerned with the drug problem and less with the economic issues, pollution, and Vietnam. And the oldest age group $(65+$ ) is more concerned with racial problems and less concerned with the economic issues and drugs.

Low income households (under $\$ 5,000$ ) are more concerned with racial and integration issues and less with taxes and pollution. Low to middle income ( $\$ 5,000-\$ 10,000$ ) persons are more concerned with unemployment and pollution; less with moral decay. Middle to high ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) income persons are more concerned with pollution and moral decay; less with integration. And high income ( $\$ 15,000+$ ) persons are low on almost all issues.

Compared to whites, black persons are more concerned with economic, racial and school integration issues and less concerned with pollution, crime, drugs, civil unrest, moral decay, and Vietnam.

Over half (55.3\%) of the respondents polled indicate they feel the U.S. is worse off than two to three years ago, and only one person in four says things are better off. This pessimism is found most often. among behaviorà Democrats and Seventh District residents, while optimism is relatively more preponderant among Republicans, Sixth District residents and blacks.

Overail, do you think that the U.S. as a nation is better off or worse off than it was two or three years ago?

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 45 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Black |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Better off | 23.1 | 46.3 | 22.5 | 16.8 | 27.9 | 24.2 | 22.2 | 23.1 | 24.4 | 19.0 | 39.3 |
| Worse off | 55.3 | 31.3 | 49.4 | 62.6 | 52.5 | 56.8 | 55.1 | 57.2 | 51.2 | 58.5 | 42.9 |
| About the |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| same | 17.3 | 14.9 | 21.9 | 17.4 | 18.0 | 16.3 | 17.2 | 15.0 | 22.7 | 18.1 | 13.5 |
| Don't know | 4.3 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 1.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 |

Reasons most often cited for the U.S. being worse off today are: the continued Vietnam War (22.9\%), the rising cost of living (22.5\%), the drug problem ( $19.6 \%$ ), unemployment ( $13.9 \%$ ), crime increase ( $11.7 \%$ ), low confidence in government ( $8.1 \%$ ), the integration/racial issue (7.9\%), as well as several others. In general, these reasons follow closely Alabama voter's perceptions of problems in the U.S. discussed previously.
(.- Why do you say that the U.S. is worse off than two/three years ago?
(55.3\% of total)

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 45 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Under $\$ 10,000$ | Over $10,000$ | White | Black |
| Vietnam/Stil sending troops to |  |  |  |  | 31.3\% | . |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vietnam | 22.9\% | 23.8\% | 14.8\% | 24.4\% | 31.3\% | 22.0\% | 22.3\% | 23.0\% | 20.5\% | 20.4\% | 34.3\% |
| Cost of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| living | 22.5 | 28.6 | 22.7 | 23.9 | 12.5 | 18.0 | 26.5 | 22.7 | 25.0 | 23.1 | 20.0 |
| Drugs | 19.6 | 14.3 | 19.3 | 20.6 | 31.3 | 19.3 | 17.7 | 22.0 | 13.6 | 18.3 | 27.1 |
| Unemployment | 13.9 | 42.9 | 10.2 | 15.5 | 12.5 | 16.0 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 22.7 | 13.4 | 17.1 |
| Crime increase | 11.7 | 9.5 | 19.3 | 8.8 | 12.5 | 9.3 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 8.0 | 11.3 | 12.9 |
| No faith in government/ Corrupt officials | 8.1 | -- | 8.0 | 9.7 | 6.3 | 11.3 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 10.2 | 7.8 | 8.6 |
| Forced integration/ Race issue | 7.9 | 9.5 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 7 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 4.5 | 9.1 |  |
| Low morals | 4.7 | 4.8 | 9.1 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 6.0 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 11.3 | 5.4 | 1.4 |
| No. 1 aw and order/ Criminals going free/ Court decisions | 4.0 | - | 1. | 5.0 | 6.3 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 1.4 |
| Riots | 2.7 | -- | 1.1 | 2.5 | . 3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Air/Water poliution | 2.5 | -- | 3.4 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| Unrest among the people | 1.3 | -- | 2.3 | 1.7 | -- | 2.7 | . 8 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | -- |
| All others/ Don't know | 18.6 | 28.6 | 20.5 | 16.8 | 25.0 | 23.3 | 15.4 | 16.5 | 20.5 | 19.9 | 12.8 |

The U.S. is better off today in the eyes of some because the war is coming to an end ( $23.1 \%$ ), because we are aware and trying to solve our problems (22.6\%), because wages are higher and more money is available to spend ( $16.1 \%$ ) and because of an improved racial situation ( $12.9 \%$ ).

Several other reasons are aiso.cited.

Why do you say that the U.S. is better off than two/three years ago? ( $23.1 \%$ of total)


Turning to attitudes on specific national issues, $78.1 \%$ of the respondents indicate they favor the Federal government passing and enforcing stricter anti-pollution laws, while only $12.3 \%$ are against such Federal action. Support for this is highest among Districts One, Three, and Six, and among the younger age groups (18-44). Income and race differences are insignificant. When reminded that such laws might mean loss of jobs, support for the issue drops significantly ( $57.2 \%$ ), but the favorable voters still outweigh the unfavorable voters by a significant margin. District Four is most supporting, while One, Two and Six the least in favor. Support is also high among the young middle age person (25 to 34), and high among the high medium income household ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ).

Are you in favor of the Federal government passing more anti-pollution laws?
Type of Voter_ Age_ Income Race

Over Under Over
Total Rep. T-S Dem. 18-24 25-34 45 \$10,000 10,000 White Black $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \% & 100 \%\end{array}$

| In favor | 78.1 | 79.1 | 78.1 | 77.9 | 90.2 | 86.7 | 51.5 | 79.1 | 77.9 | 77.8 | 80.4 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Not in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ favor | 12.3 | 17.9 | 14.0 | 13.4 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 14.2 | 9.6 | 18.0 | 13.2 | 7.4 |
| Don't know | 9.6 | 3.0 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 1.6 | 4.9 | 13.1 | 11.3 | 4.1 | 9.0 | 12.3 |

Are you in favor of the Federal government passing stricter anti-pollution Taws, even though it may mean the loss of some jobs?
( $78.1 \%$ of totai)

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-34 | Over 45 | Under $\$ 10,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | White | Biack |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| In favor | 57.2 | 54.7 | 63.3 | 57.1 | 60.0 | 62.9 | 53.1 | 52.0 | 65.7 | 63.0 | 34.4 |
| Not in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Don't. know | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 11.4 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.9 |

## State Issues

People in Alabama most often cite school and related educational probiems (funding, quality of education) as the most important problem currently facing the State of Alabama ( $27.2 \%$ ). The drug problem is next most often mentioned (21.4\%), followed by the racial integration problem (17.3\%). Economic issues (high taxes, inflation, unemployment) follow these two problems with about one person in six mentioning them. Environmental pollution is noted as a problem by $10.1 \%$ of the sample, followed by poor governmental leadership ( $9.3 \%$ ), crime ( $6.5 \%$ ), highway construction $(6.0 \%)$, state financial issues ( $5.8 \%$ ), excess welfare ( $2.7 \%$ ) and law enforcement (1.2\%).

What kinds of people feel which problems are most important? The educational and school problems are mentioned slightly more of ten by
core Republicans, and more often by residents of the Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts, by the middle and high middle income households $(\$ 5,000-\$ 15,000)$, and by whites. Drugs are seen as a problem most often by core Democrats, residents of District Five, lower income persons (under $\$ 10,000$ ) and blacks. The integration issue is big to the ticketsplitters and residents of District One. High taxes are noted often by Republicans, residents of Districts Six and Seven, middle and high middle income househoids ( $\$ 5,000-\$ 15,000$ ), and blacks. Inflation follows a similar pattern except that few Republicans mention it. Unemployment is felt by the young (18-24), blacks, and the middle income groups ( $\$ 5,000-\$ 10,000$ ); District Eight appears to be hard-hit with unemployment. Environmental pollution is most an issue among the young (18-24), District Five, and the upper income groups ( $\$ 15,000$ and over). The issue of poor governmental leadership is strongest among the young (18-24) and blacks.

## What do you think are the most important problems facing the State of Alabama at the present time?

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-44 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 45 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Over $10,000$ | White | Black |
| School problems/Money for schools/Quality education | 27.2 | 32.8 | 27.5 | 28.2 | 24.6 | 31.4 | 25.4 | 23.3 | 39.5 | 29.1 | 20.2 |
| Drugs | 21.4 | 16.4 | 22.5 | 22.4 | 18.0 | 22.0 | 21.0 | 23.3 | 15.1 | 20.1 | 27.0 |
| Integration/Bussing/Should. ave freedom of choice | 17.3 | 11.9 | 22.5 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 18.2 | 17.4 | 18.5 | 14.5 | 18.7 | 12.3 |
| in taxes | 16.4 | 22.4 | 18.5 | 15.0 | 6.6 | 17.0 | 16.7 | 15.0 | 17.4 | 16.4 | 14.7 |
| mployment/Need new industries | 15.7 | 16.4 | 10.1 | 16.8 | 19.7 | 14.0 | 16.1 | 16.9 | 13.4 | 13.2 | 25.2 |
| nucial problems | 11.8 | 6.0 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 9.8 | 14.0 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 9.9 | 12.1 | 11.0 |
| Inflation/High prices | 11.4 | 4.5 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 11.5 | 9.5 | 12.7 | 13.5 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 17.2 |
| Air/Water pollution/Ecology. | 10.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.3 | 19.7 | 10.2 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.2 |
| Poor leadership/Political issues/Legislature | 9.3 | 19.4 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 16.4 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 15.7 | 10.7 | 4.3 |
| Crime/Increase of crime | 6.5 | 10.4 | 8.4 | 6.1 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| Highways/Road improvements | 6.0 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 2.5 |
| Finances/Over-spending/Waste of money | 5.8 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 1.6 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| Too much welfare | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| Law enforcement/Law and order | 1.2 | -- | 2.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | -- |
| A11 others/Don't know | 24.0 | 19.4 | 17.4 | 23.1 | 32.8 | 19.3 | 25.8 | 24.6 | 19.8 | 3.9 | 9.2 |

When asked about the single most important problem currently facing Alabama, the issues are ranked in roughly the same order of importance as those just discussed. School problems are by a significant margin seen to be the most important (18.1\%), followed by the school integration issues (12.0\%), and the drug problem (11.4\%). The economic issues of unemployment, high taxes, and inflation are mentioned as the most important problem facing Alabama by about six percent of the respondents. Racial problems and poor governmental administration are close behind; the environmental issue follows but is surprisingly low when viewed as a problem facing the State.

On the issue of whether the State of Alabama is better or worse off than two years ago; about equal numbers of persons indicate it is better off (33.4\%) and worse off (32.4\%). Slightly fewer (27.2\%) say things are about the same. The following types of persons are more likely to say things are better off: all types of voters except core Democrats, residents of Congressional Districts Two, Four, Five, and Six, the youngest and oldest age groups (18-24, and 65 and over), the higher income households ( $\$ 10,000$ and above), and blacks. Behavioral Democrats and residents of Districts One, Three, Seven, and Eight tend to see things most pessimistically, while middle income ( $\$ 5,000-$ $\$ 15,000$ ), middle age ( $35-54$ ) white persons tend to view things most neutrally, ie. about the same.

Overall, do you think Alabama as a State is better off or worse off than it was two or three years ago?


Respondents who felt Alabama was better off than two to three years ago cite most often reasons of economic improvement (20.8\%) notably more jobs, more industry. They also mention "a better way of life" (16.7\%), better schools (13.8\%), Wallace as Governor (11.5\%), more opportunities for blacks (11.5\%), and a better road system (10.0\%).

Mention of improvement in the economic situation is highest among residents of District Eight, the middle age (35-44) and middle to high income $(\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000)$ group, and whites. A "better way of life" is cited most frequently by behavioral Democrats, residents of District one, and by middle age (35-44) persons. The rationaie of school improvements is strongest among ticket-splitters and Democrats, among residents of District Four, among the 25-34 age group (probably home-building families) and among middle to high income ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) households. The cited reason that Wallace is Governor now is strongest among whites,


Those who feel Aiabama is worse off cite as reasons: unemployment, inflation, and taxes (33.3\%), educational system problems - notably funding ( $14.2 \%$ ), the drug problem ( $12.3 \%$ ), personal dislike of Wallace (10.3\%), increasing crime ( $9.2 \%$ ), racial problems ( $8.4 \%$ ), government power ( $8.4 \%$ ) and the school integration/bussing issue ( $7.3 \%$ ), among others.

Among types of voters, Republicans who think Alabama is worse off mention most often the reasons of personal dislike for Wallace and high taxes. Ticket-splitters cite increasing crime, high taxes, and excessive government power. Democrats tend to mention unemployment, while marginal voters cite racial problems. Young (18-24) persons mention most racial problems, young-middie age groups (25-44) mention most school problems, unemployment; and drugs, and older (over 65) mention most crime and unemployment. Unemployment and taxes are the reasons cited by lower income households (under $\$ 10,000$ ). while higher income voters more often mention personal dislike of Wallace, the school problem, and drugs. Among blacks, key reasons mentioned are unemployment and high taxes.

Why do you say Alabama is worse off than two or three years ago?

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(32.4% of total)
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$\qquad$ Income
Race
Under 5,000- Over
Tota1 Rep. T-S Dem. Marg. $\$ 5,000$ 15,000 15,000 White Black
Unemploy--
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { ment } & 15.3 \% & 18.2 \% & 8.6 \% & 19.8 \% & 10.9 \% & 21.6 \% & 13.8 \% & 4.8 \%\end{array} \quad 12.9 \% \quad 27.1 \%$
School system/
Money for

| school | 14.2 | 18.2 | 10.3 | 15.1 | 14.5 | 9.3 | 18.3 | 9.5 | 16.2 | 6.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Too much } \\ \text { drugs }\end{array} & 12.3 & 9.1 & 15.5 & 14.3 & 5.5 & 10.3 & 16.5 & 4.8 & 14.3 & 4.2\end{array}$
Governor/
Can't stand
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Wallace } & 10.3 & 22.7 & 10.3 & 10.3 & 15.5 & 3.1 & 11.0 & 38.1 & 11.0 & 4.2\end{array}$
Inflation/
Incones $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { too low } & 10.0 & 9.1 & 8.6 & 12.7 & 5.5 & 11.3 & 11.0 & 4.8 & 11.4 & 4.2\end{array}$
Crime on
the
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { increase } & 9.2 & -- & 15.5 & 10.3 & 3.6 & 10.3 & 10.1 & -- & 8.6 & 12.5\end{array}$
Too many
taxes/
Taxes too
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { high } & 8.8 & 18.2 & 12.1 & 6.3 & 7.3 & 13.4 & 2.8 & -- & 7.1 & 16.7\end{array}$
Political
power/
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Government } & 8.4 & 9.1 & 13.8 & 7.9 & 3.6 & 6.2 & 9.2 & 23.8 & 9.0 & 6.3\end{array}$
Racial
problems $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}8.4 & -- & 8.6 & 5.6 & 18.2 & 12.4 & 6.4 & -- & 9.5 & 4.2\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Integration/ } \\ \text { bussing }\end{array} & 7.3 & -- & 12.1 & 4.8 & 10.9 & 10.3 & 7.3 & -- & 9.0 & --\end{array}$
In debt/
No móney/
Spend too
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { much } & 5.4 & 13.6 & 5.2 & 4.8 & 3.6 & 2.1 & 5.5 & 9.5 & 6.2 & 2.1\end{array}$
All others/
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Don't know } & 31.4 & 9.1 & 20.7 & 35.0 & 43.6 & 35.0 & 37.2 & 23.8 & 31.0 & 33.3\end{array}$

## Federal - State Relationships

Aimost sixty percent (58.5\%) of Alabama residents feel Alabama has not been treated fairly by the Federal government. This sentiment is highest among core Republicans and ticket-splitters, Congressional Districts One, Four, and Seven, the youngest age group (18-24), the middle to high income group ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) and whites.

Do you think that Alabama has or has not been treated as well as other states by the Federal government?

|  |  | Type of | of Vot |  | Age |  | Incon |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tota 1 | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | óver $\qquad$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ \$ 10,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Over $\$ 10,0$ | Whi | Black |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Has | 25.2 | 23.9 | 18.0 | 23.9 | 26.2 | 24.9 | 27.4 | 20.9 | 17.8 | 54.0 |
| Has not | 58.5 | 68.7 | 69.7 | 57.1 | 67.2 | 58.1 | 54.3 | 68.6 | 67.1 | 24.5 |
| Don't know | 16.3 | 7.5 | 12.4 | 18.9 | 6.6 | 17.0 | 18.3 | 10.5 | 15.1 | 21.5 |
| Those who feel Alabama has not been well treated mention primarily |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| forced integration and school integration issues (33.9\%) and the |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| unfairness of Federal enforcement on the topic (18.0\%). Also mentioned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| is the feeling that Alabama does not get its share of Federal grants. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $(13.2 \%)$ and the feeling that Alabama is unfairiy pin-pointed for raciai |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| problems (11.5\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Why do you say that Alabama has not been treated as well by the Federal government?*


A majority of the respondents indicate they feel the Federal government went too fast in desegregating the public schools in Alabama (58.5\%); 27.7\% feel the pace was about right, and $12.3 \%$ indicate the pace was too slow. Persons most likely to hold the opinions that the pace was too slow tend to be ticket-splitters, residents of Districts One, Four, and Eight, persons over 35,
middle upper income ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) and white. Expectedly, the blacks, lower income, younger and marginal voters, in District Six, are more likely to have said the pace was about right or too slow.

How do you think that the Federal government went in desegregating the public schools?

|  |  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  | Income |  |  | Race |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-34 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 35 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Under } \\ \$ 10,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 10,000 \\ 15,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 15.000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | White | Blac |
| Too fast | 58.5 | 61.2 | 65.2 | 60.3 | 54.5 | 59.8 | 55.4 | 70.6 | 65.7 | 70.9 | 9.2 |
| Too slow | 12.3 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 11.6 | 15.3 | 11.4 | 15.0 | 8.8 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 35.6 |
| About right | 27.7 | 37.3 | 25.8 | 26.6 | 30.2 | 26.7 | 27.6 | 20.6 | 30.0 | 22.2 | 49.7 |
| Don't know | 1.5 |  | . 6 | 1.6 | -- | 2.0 | 2.0 | -- . | - 1.4 | . 5 | 5.5 |

Those persons who see the desegregation pace imposed by the Federal government as too fast most often hold the Federal courts responsible ( $67.9 \%$ ). Also mentioned as being responsible are the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ( $15.7 \%$ ) and the Justice Department ( $9.3 \%$ ). The United States Congress and President Nixon are mentioned only by about $6 \%$ of the respondents.
(. Who do you believe is most to blame for the forcing of the desegregation in public schools?*


A significant majority of Alabama residents are not in favor of desegregating Alabama public schools (54.9\%). Thirty-seven percent (37.3\%) are in favor, and only $7.8 \%$ don't know. Republicans' are most likely to be against desegregation, as are residents of Districts, One, Two, and Seven, older persons (35 and above) and whites.

Are you in favor or not in favor of the desegregation of the Alabama public schools?

|  |  |  | of Vo |  | Ag |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{\text { Total }}{100 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Rep }}{100 \%}$ | $\frac{T-S}{100 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Dem. }}{100 \%}$ | $\frac{18-34}{100 \%}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & \frac{35}{100 \%} \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\text { White }}{100 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { B7ack }}{100 \%}$ |
| Favor | 37.3 | 32.8 | 39.3 | 36.1 | 48.5 | 33.4 | 27.2 | 76.7 |
| Not in favor | 54.9 | 61.2 | 55.1 | 54.7 | 46.5 | 57.8 | 65.4 | 13.5 |
| Don't know | 7.8 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 9.8 |

Those against desegregation cite reasons of "it's not right to do"/ "don't believe in mixing" ( $35.7 \%$ ), "must have freedom of choice" $(14.7 \%)$, "school standards are lowered" (11.1\%), "undesirability of bussing" (9.0\%), among others. Behavioral Republicans, younger (18-24) and middle high income ( $\$ 10,000-\$ 15,000$ ) persons are more likely than other voter, age or income groups to give a freedom of choice rationale, while older ( 55 and above) and poorer (under $\$ 5 ; 000$ ) persons are more likely to insist that desegregation and mixing are simply not right.

Why are you not in favor of desegregating Alabama schools?*

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(54.9% of total)
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|  | Type of Voter |  |  | Age |  |  | Income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Rep. | T-S | Dem. | 18-24 | 25-54 | Over 55 | Under $\$ 5,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 10,000 \\ & \$ 15,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |

Don't believe in mixing/Not right $\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { to do } & 35.7 \% & 26.8 \% & 32.7 \% & 36.1 \% & 28.0 \% & 26.3 \% & 46.9 \% & 51.0 \%\end{array} \quad 22.8 \%$
Bel ieve in freedom of choice/Slower process
$\begin{array}{lllllll}14.7 & 22.0 & 11.2 & 15.4 & 24.0 & 18.0 & 10.2\end{array}$
8.433 .3

Standards are
lowered/Quality
more important
$\begin{array}{lllllll}11.1 & 12.2 & 11.2 & 12.0 & 4.0 & 15.7 & 7\end{array}$
Don't want
bussing
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}9.0 & 12.2 & 10.2 & 10.1 & 8.0 & 9.7 & 8.2 & 10.3 & 8.8\end{array}$
Won't work/Cause friction
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}8.6 & 4.9 & 6.1 & 11.5 & 12.0 & 8.3 & 8.7 & 7.7 & 5.3\end{array}$

* Does not include responses receiving less than $5 \%$ mention.


## MARKET OPINION RESEARCH

Those in favor of desegregation cite most often reasons of equal rights for all (48.3\%) and of blacks needing education (12.3\%), and other reasons.

Why are you in favor of desegregating Alabama schools?* . (37.3\%) of total)

## Total \%

| Equal rights for all/go wherever |
| :--- | :--- |
| you want |$\quad 48.3 \%$..

In spite of their predominantly negative desire for public school desegregation, most persons in Alabama ( $59.6 \%$ ) bel ieve that the Federal government will ultimately force the complete integration of all public schools. Those insisting it will not (20.9\%) are about as large a group as those not knowing (19.5\%) . Congressional District One is notably low in its belief that complate integration will result, as are the oldest age group of respondents ( 65 and over). Opinion also polarizes in the over $\$ 15,000$ income bracket, where there are fewer don't know responses and relatively much feeling that complete integration will not be ultimately achieved. Blacks are the most uncertain group.

Do you think that the Federal government will or will not ultimately
force the complete integration of all public schools?


