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ABC NEWS JURY CHARGE POLL, SEPTEMBER 1995 (ICPSR 6674)

SUMMARY: This special topic poll sought respondents' views on the O.J. Simpson murder trial and on the treatment of minorities in the criminal justice system. Those queried were asked for their opinions on the fairness of the Simpson trial, the innocence or guilt of Simpson, media coverage of the Simpson case, and whether there was a police conspiracy to frame Simpson. Respondents were asked whether they believed that Detective Mark Furhman found the bloody glove as he testified. Demographic variables include sex and race.

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EXTENT OF PROCESSING: SCAN/ REFORM.DOC

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 685

Variables: 20

Record Length: 80

Records Per Case: 4

PROCESSING NOTE FOR ICPSR #6674

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This poll consists of a black oversample with sample weighting by sex and race.

LOCATION OF WEIGHT VARIABLE

The weight variable for ICPSR #6674 is located on Card 4 (11-13).

CHILTON STATE		1 (60-61)
CHILTON REGION		1 (62-63)
ABC STATE		1 (64-65)
ABC REGION		1 (66-67)
ABC 3-LETTER STATE		1 (68-70) [ALPHA]
JULIAN DATE		1 (71-75)
SELECT SEX (B-DAY)		1 (76)
RECODED AGE		1 (78)
18-30	1	
31-44	2	
45-60	3	
61+	4	
Refused	9	
DK/NA	blank	
WEIGHT		4 (25-32)
RESPONDENT ID		ALL DECKS (1-5)
DECK #		ALL DECKS (80)

CHILTON State Code List (No Polling done in Alaska or Hawaii)

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 01. Maine | 25. West Virginia |
| 02. New Hampshire | 26. Virginia |
| 03. Vermont | 27. North Carolina |
| 04. Massachusetts | 28. South Caroline |
| 05. Connecticut | 29. Georgia |
| 06. Rhode Island | 30. Florida |
| 07. New York | 31. Mississippi |
| 08. New Jersey | 32. Alabama |
| 09. Pennsylvania | 33. Tennessee |
| 10. Ohio | 34. Kentucky |
| 11. Indiana | 35. Arkansas |
| 12. Illinois | 36. Louisiana |
| 13. Michigan | 37. Texas |
| 14. Wisconsin | 38. Oklahoma |
| 15. Minnesota | 39. New Mexico |
| 16. Iowa | 40. Arizona |
| 17. Missouri | 41. Nevada |
| 18. Kansas | 42. Utah |
| 19. Nebraska | 43. Colorado |
| 20. South Dakota | 44. Wyoming |
| 21. North Dakota | 45. Montana |
| 22. Delaware | 46. Idaho |
| 23. Maryland | 47. Washington |
| 24. District of Columbia | 48. Oregon |
| | 49. California |

CHILTON Region Code

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|---|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | NEW ENGLAND | Connecticut | New Hampshire |
| | | Maine | Rhode Island |
| | | Massachusetts | Vermont |
| 2 | MIDDLE ATLANTIC | New Jersey | |
| | | New York | |
| | | Pennsylvania | |
| 3 | EAST NORTH CENTRAL | Illinois | Ohio |
| | | Indiana | Wisconsin |
| | | Michigan | |
| 4 | WEST NORTH CENTRAL | Iowa | Nebraska |
| | | Kansas | North Dakota |
| | | Minnesota | South Dakota |
| | | Missouri | |
| 5 | SOUTH ATLANTIC | Delaware | North Carolina |
| | | District of Columbia | South Carolina |
| | | Florida | Virginia |
| | | Georgia | West Virginia |
| | | Maryland | |
| 6 | EAST SOUTH CENTRAL | Alabama | Mississippi |
| | | Kentucky | Tennessee |
| 7 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL | Arkansas | Oklahoma |
| | | Louisiana | Texas |
| 8 | MOUNTAIN | Arizona | Nevada |
| | | Colorado | New Mexico |
| | | Idaho | Utah |
| | | Montana | Wyoming |
| 9 | PACIFIC | Alaska | Oregon |
| | | California | Washington |
| | | Hawaii | |

ABC NEWS STATE CODES

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ALA	01	Alabama	MON	27	Montana
LAS	02	Alaska	NEB	28	Nebraska
ARI	03	Arizona	NEV	29	Nevada
ARK	04	Arkansas	N/H	30	New hampshire
CAL	05	California	N/J	31	New Jersey
COL	06	Colorado	N/M	32	New Mexico
CON	07	Connecticut	N/Y	33	New York
DEL	08	Delaware	N/C	34	North Carolina
D/C	09	District of Columbia	N/D	35	North Dakota
FLO	10	Florida	OHI	36	Ohio
GEO	11	Georgia	OKL	37	Oklahoma
HAW	12	Hawaii	ORE	38	Oregon
IDA	13	Idaho	PEN	39	Pennsylvania
ILL	14	Illinois	R/I	40	Rhode Island
IND	15	Indiana	S/C	41	South Carolina
IOW	16	Iowa	S/D	42	South Dakota
KAN	17	Kansas	TEN	43	Tennessee
KEN	18	Kentucky	TEX	44	Texas
LOU	19	Louisiana	UTA	45	Utah
MAI	20	Maine	VER	46	Vermont
MAR	21	Maryland	VIR	47	Virginia
MAS	22	Massachusetts	WAS	48	Washington
MIC	23	Michigan	W/V	49	West Virginia
MIN	24	Minnesota	WIS	50	Wisconsin
MIS	25	Mississippi	WYO	51	Wyoming
ISS	26	Missouri			

ABC NEWS REGION CODES

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1 EAST

Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont

2 MIDWEST

Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
Ohio
South Dakota
Wisconsin

3 SOUTH

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
West Virginia

4 WEST

Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
New Mexico
Oregon
Utah
Washington
Wyoming

Chilton Research Services
Radnor, Pennsylvania

Study #5765
ABC POLL #614

ABC NEWS JURY CHARGE POLL
SR45: National Representative Sample (IDENTS: 11,12,13, & 14)
Sep 26, 1995

Hello, I'm calling from Chilton Research Services. We are doing a survey for ABC News on some current events.

Our research experts have randomly selected the person in your household that I should speak to, so that all types of people will be represented in our survey. Thinking of all the male/female adults 18 years of age and older, living in this household and who are currently at home . . . may I please speak to the one who last had a birthday? (IF NO MALE/FEMALE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, ASK: Then may I please speak to the female/male who last had a birthday?) (REPEAT INTRODUCTION IF NEEDED)

01. Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?

		206
Yes, receive equal treatment	1	
No, do not receive equal treatment	2	
Don't Know/No Opinion	8	
NA/Refused	9	

02. I have a couple of questions about the O. J. Simpson case. Do you think Simpson has gotten a fair trial or not?

		208
Yes	1	
No	2	
Don't Know/No Opinion	8	
NA/Refused	9	

03. Just your best guess, do you think Simpson is definitely guilty, probably guilty, probably not guilty, or definitely not guilty?

		211
Definitely guilty	1	
Probably guilty	2	
Probably not guilty	3	
Definitely not guilty	4	
Don't Know/No Opinion	8	
NA/Refused	9	

04. Do you think there was a police conspiracy to frame O. J. Simpson, or not?

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Yes	1
No	2
Don't Know/No Opinion	8
NA/Refused	9

05. How about police Detective Mark Furhman? Do you think Furhman tried to frame Simpson by planting the bloody glove, Furhman says he found outside Simpson's house, or do you think Furhman really did find the glove there?

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Tried to frame Simpson by by planting the bloody glove	1
Did find the bloody glove outside Simpson's house	2
Don't Know/No Opinion	8
NA/Refused	9

06. Would you say the news media have given the O.J. Simpson case too much coverage, not enough or about the right amount?

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Too much	1
Not enough	2
About the right amount	3
Don't Know/No Opinion	8
NA/Refused	9

07. How would you rate the job the news media have done covering the O.J. Simpson case -- excellent, good, not so good or poor?

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Excellent	1
Good	2
Not so good	3
Poor	4
Don't Know/No Opinion	8
NA/Refused	9

Now just a few more questions to help classify your answers.

918. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?
(IF "YES," ASK:) Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?
(IF "NO," ASK:) are you white, black, or some other race?

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White	1
Black	2
White Hispanic	3
Black Hispanic	4
Hispanic(no race given)	5
Other Race	6
NA/Refused	9

921. RESPONDENT'S SEX:

159

Male	1
Female	2

FIPS State Code based on phone #	136-37
FIPS County Code	138-40
HH Weight	142-46
Telephone #	149-58
Chilton State Code	160-61
Chilton Region Code	162-63
ABC State Code	164-65
ABC Region Code	166-67
ABC 3-Letter	168-70
Julian Date	171-75
Select Sex for Birthday Method	176
Selected Sex	177
Original Interview Number	306-10
Wave #	311-12
County Size	313
FIPS County Code	314-16
Region	317
ADI Rank	318-20
Metro Status Code	321
DMA Code	322-24
State Abbrev.	325-26
Julian Date of Interview	327-31
Respondent's Age	332-33
Respondent's Sex	334
Respondent's Name	335-54
Year Born	355-58
MSA (zero-filled)	359-62
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