

800 registered voters  
TIMING: 19 minutes

Sex of respondent

Male..... 48  
Female ..... 52

**NATIONWIDE**  
September, 2003

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

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) 18 years or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently?

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET]**
2. How likely are you to vote in the 2004 election for United States President, United States Congress and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost certain ..... 65  
 Probably ..... 26  
 50-50 ..... 7  
 Probably not ..... 1  
 Definitely not ..... 0  
 (Don't know) ..... 0

3. What concerns do you have about children during the hours after school today?
  - Lack of supervision and discipline ..... 19
  - Mindless activities, laziness: TV, video games ..... 7
  - Their safety ..... 6
  - Getting into trouble ..... 11
  - Unstructured, unguided time ..... 3
  - Drugs and alcohol ..... 7
  - Gangs, crime, violence ..... 7
  - Not enough programs, cut backs on programs ..... 6
  - Boredom ..... 3
  - Dangerous time of day ..... 0
  - Teen sex ..... 1
  - Peer pressure ..... 2
  - Not getting time with parents ..... 2
  - Being alone ..... 9
  - Not doing their homework ..... 1
  - (Other/none) ..... 8
  - (Don't know) ..... 10

**RECORD RESPONSE VERBATIM, CODE AFTER INTERVIEW COMPLETE**

**SPLIT SAMPLE A (SPLIT SAMPLE B GO TO Q5)**

4. How concerned are you that children are unsupervised after school with too much unstructured time – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	50	<b>88</b>
Somewhat concerned .....	38	
A little concerned.....	9	
Not concerned at all .....	3	<b>11</b>
(Don't know) .....	0	

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q6****SPLIT SAMPLE B**

5. How concerned are you that children and teens are unsupervised after school with too much unstructured time – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	54	<b>86</b>
Somewhat concerned .....	32	
A little concerned.....	11	
Not concerned at all .....	3	<b>14</b>
(Don't know) .....	0	

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q6****RESUME ASKING ALL**

6. [T-2001] Do you agree or disagree there should be some type of organized activity or place for children and teens to go after school every day that provides opportunities for them to learn? (If agree/disagree, Ask: is that strongly/not so strongly?)

Strongly agree.....	66	<b>94</b>
Not so strongly agree .....	29	
Not so strongly disagree .....	3	
Strongly disagree .....	1	<b>4</b>
(Don't know) .....	2	

7. Thinking about the children and the hours after school, would you say that afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for your community? (If yes/no, Ask: is that strongly/not so strongly?)

Strongly agree.....	48	<b>80</b>
Not so strongly agree .....	32	
Not so strongly disagree .....	10	
Strongly disagree .....	3	<b>13</b>
(Don't know) .....	7	

8. If children had no place to go after school in your community, how concerned would you be– very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	50	<b>85</b>
Somewhat concerned .....	35	
A little concerned.....	10	
Not concerned at all .....	3	<b>14</b>
(Don't know) .....	1	

**SPLIT SAMPLE A (SPLIT SAMPLE B GO TO Q17)**

Now I am going to read you some items about children and teens in afterschool programs. Thinking about opportunities for children and teens in afterschool programs, please tell me how important afterschool programs are for each item – very important, somewhat important, a little important, or not important at all.

**[Follow-up: How important are afterschool programs for READ ITEM – very important, somewhat important, a little important, or not important at all?]**

	Very imp	Smwht imp	A little imp	Not at all	(don't know)	Imp	Not Imp
<b>[ROTATE Q9-Q16]</b>							
9. _Keeping kids safe and out of trouble .....	80	16	3	1	0	<b>96</b>	<b>4</b>
10. _Providing academic support .....	47	38	13	1	1	<b>85</b>	<b>14</b>
11. _Helping working families by providing afterschool care.....	55	31	11	2	1	<b>86</b>	<b>13</b>
12. _Providing supervision and structured activities.....	59	31	9	1	0	<b>89</b>	<b>11</b>
13. _Helping children and teens learn social skills.....	40	44	11	3	1	<b>85</b>	<b>14</b>
14. _Providing sports and other healthy activities.....	50	38	10	1	0	<b>89</b>	<b>11</b>
15. _Providing discipline and character development.....	61	33	6	0	0	<b>93</b>	<b>6</b>
16. _Encouraging creativity .....	44	41	12	2	0	<b>86</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q25</b>							

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

Now I am going to read you some items. Thinking about children and teens and afterschool programs, I want you to tell me how concerned you would be about each item if children and teens did not have afterschool programs to go to after school – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all.

**[Follow-up: How concerned would you be about READ ITEM if children did not have afterschool programs to go to after school – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?]**

	Very conc	Smwht conc	A little conc	Not at all	(don't know)	Conc	Not Conc
<b>[ROTATE Q17-Q24]</b>							
17. _Children and teens getting into trouble.....	69	21	9	1	0	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>
18. _Children and teens having too much unsupervised and unstructured time .....	64	24	9	2	0	<b>88</b>	<b>11</b>
19. _The impact on working families .....	39	37	17	6	2	<b>75</b>	<b>23</b>
20. _Lack of creative outlet for children and teens .....	38	40	14	7	1	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>
21. _Lack of sports and other healthy activities .....	44	38	12	5	1	<b>82</b>	<b>18</b>
22. _Lack of discipline and character building.....	59	27	9	4	1	<b>86</b>	<b>13</b>
23. _Lack of academic support.....	47	33	14	5	0	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>
24. _Fewer opportunities to learn social skills.....	40	35	16	7	0	<b>76</b>	<b>24</b>

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q25**

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

25. [T] Do you think there are **[ALTERNATE TOP TO BOTTOM]** more than enough, enough, not enough afterschool programs available for children and teens today?

**ALTERNATE TOP TO BOTTOM**

More than enough.....	5
Enough.....	24
Not enough.....	55
(Don't know).....	17

26. [T – wording change] Now let me read you a description of a program some people have recommended implementing. This comprehensive afterschool program would take place during after school hours five days a week to provide children and teens with fun, enriching learning opportunities that extend beyond school's traditional academic style, that challenge them, and that give them more individualized attention.

Having heard this description would you favor or oppose providing this program to children and teens in your community? **(If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?)**

Strongly favor .....	58	<b>88</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	30	
Not so strongly oppose .....	6	
Strongly oppose .....	2	<b>8</b>
(Don't know).....	5	

27. If I told you this program will cost \$1,500 per child, per school year, how willing would you be to use federal or state taxpayer money to put these programs in your community – very willing, somewhat willing, not too willing, or not willing at all?

Very willing .....	25	<b>62</b>
Somewhat willing .....	37	
Not too willing .....	19	
Not willing at all .....	14	<b>33</b>
(Don't know) .....	5	

28. [T] Do you favor or oppose the federal government setting aside specific funds to be used for afterschool programs? [If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?]

Strongly favor .....	48	<b>77</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	29	
Not so strongly oppose .....	10	
Strongly oppose .....	7	<b>17</b>
(Don't know) .....	6	

**SPLIT SAMPLE A (SPLIT SAMPLE B GO TO Q30)**

29. [T] Do you favor or oppose your state government setting aside specific funds to be used for afterschool programs? [If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?]

Strongly favor .....	45	<b>75</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	30	
Not so strongly oppose .....	13	
Strongly oppose .....	6	<b>19</b>
(Don't know) .....	6	

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q31**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

30. Do you favor or oppose your state government dedicating a percentage of the money it spends on children to be set aside for afterschool programs in your state? [If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?]

Strongly favor .....	47	<b>77</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	30	
Not so strongly oppose .....	9	
Strongly oppose .....	7	<b>16</b>
(Don't know) .....	7	

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q31**

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

31. [T] Do you favor or oppose your local government setting aside specific funds to be used for afterschool programs? [If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?]

Strongly favor .....	35	<b>63</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	28	
Not so strongly oppose .....	14	
Strongly oppose .....	12	<b>26</b>
(Don't know) .....	12	

32. Which one of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

**READ, ALTERNATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**

\_Afterschool programs are important and they need more funds. I would support the state increasing my taxes so that we can expand these programs..... 37

\_Afterschool programs are important and I would support the state increasing the amount of money it spends on afterschool programs but I am against increasing MY taxes to pay for it..... 31

\_Afterschool programs are important and we shouldn't cut existing programs..... 24

\_I do not think the state should spend ANY money on afterschool programs ..... 6

(all, BUT IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE) ..... 0  
 (none, BUT IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE)..... 0  
 (don't know) ..... 2

33. [T] Thinking about this issue and your taxes. One proposal that has been put forward to pay for the program we described earlier would be to increase your state taxes by one hundred dollars per year. Thinking about this proposal, would you favor or oppose having your state taxes increased by one hundred dollars per year to pay for every child to attend an afterschool program? (If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?)

Strongly favor .....	26	<b>52</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	26	
Not so strongly oppose .....	18	
Strongly oppose .....	24	<b>42</b>
(Don't know) .....	5	

34. Some people say they would be willing to pay more in taxes if it was guaranteed that the money would go to fund afterschool programs. If additional taxpayer money was set aside in a TRUST fund so that the money could only be spent on afterschool programs would you favor or oppose having your state taxes increased by one hundred dollars per year to pay for every child to attend an afterschool program? (If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?)

Strongly favor .....	38	<b>60</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	22	
Not so strongly oppose .....	19	
Strongly oppose .....	15	<b>35</b>
(Don't know) .....	6	

35. Earlier this year, President Bush proposed cutting federal funding for afterschool programs. How concerned does this make you about his commitment to “leave no child behind” – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	51	<b>75</b>
Somewhat concerned .....	24	
A little concerned.....	13	
Not concerned at all .....	9	<b>22</b>
(Don't know) .....	3	

36. [T] Some people say that the number of afterschool programs has grown in the past because of increased federal funding. Now, with no new funds coming to the programs not only will there not be new afterschool programs, but some existing programs may have to reduce their services or close their doors. How concerned are you about this – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	44	<b>76</b>
Somewhat concerned .....	32	
A little concerned.....	16	
Not concerned at all .....	6	<b>22</b>
(Don't know) .....	2	

37. Some people say that current budget problems in many STATES have resulted in afterschool programs reducing their services or closing their doors. How concerned are you about this – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	45	<b>80</b>
Somewhat concerned .....	35	
A little concerned.....	14	
Not concerned at all .....	5	<b>19</b>
(Don't know) .....	2	

38. Which of these statements about political candidates and funding for afterschool programs comes closest to your own view?

**READ, ALTERNATE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**

_Public officials who want to cut afterschool funding don't deserve my vote .....	16
_Afterschool isn't the only issue that matters to me, but I'd be reluctant to vote for a public official who wants to cut afterschool funding .....	45
_It's a shame to cut afterschool funding, but public officials face difficult budget decisions and I respect their choices .....	34
(all, BUT IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE) .....	1
(none, BUT IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE ONE).....	0
(don't know) .....	4

39. Now for something slightly different. Do you think the PRIMARY goal of afterschool programs should be to improve the test scores of the children who attend the programs or should that not be the primary goal? (If answer, ASK: Is that strongly or not so strongly?)

Strongly- primary goal.....	14	<b>41</b>
Not strongly- primary goal.....	26	
Not strongly- NOT the primary goal .....	33	
Strongly- NOT the primary goal .....	19	<b>52</b>
(Don't know) .....	7	

40. Now let me read you two statements about afterschool programs. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view.

**READ AND ROTATE**

Some people/other people say that with the new academic standards required of children today we need to make sure they spend as much time as possible learning in a classroom environment. Afterschool programs can become an extension of the school day allowing more time for children to learn and better preparing them to meet the standards. We need to do all we can to make sure all children have the chance to succeed academically and afterschool programs are one way to get there.

Some people/other people say that afterschool programs should not become more school. They say helping to meet the new academic standards should not be an expectation of afterschool programs. Afterschool programs should be a place where children have hands-on, enriching learning opportunities, recreation, community service, and creative activities in a relaxed, fun environment. Afterschool programs can't be expected to fix the problems of a failing school system – that is not realistic for the programs or fair to the children.

Which statement comes closest to your own view? [IF ANSWER: And is that much more or somewhat more?]

Should be extension- Much more .....	10	<b>34</b>
Should be extension- Somewhat more .....	23	
Should NOT be more school- Somewhat more .....	28	
Should NOT be more school- Much more .....	28	<b>56</b>
(Don't know) .....	11	

**SPLIT SAMPLE A (SPLIT SAMPLE B GO TO Q51)**

Now I would like to read you some facts about children and afterschool programs. For each statement please tell me, if true, on a scale that goes from zero to ten, how big of a problem you think it is for children and our community. A 10 means it is a very big problem and a ZERO means it is not a problem at all.

**[FOLLOW-UP: How big of a problem you think this is for children and our community? A 10 means it is a very big problem and a ZERO means it is not a problem at all.]**

**[ROTATE Q41-Q50]**

41. \_As many as 15 million children have no place to go once the school day ends.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.5</b>
10 .....	47
8-9 .....	27
6-7 .....	15
5 .....	6
0-4 .....	4
(Don't know).....	0

42. \_Police chiefs say that the after school hours are the most dangerous for children and teens because it is during this time period that more juvenile crimes occur and more teen pregnancies happen

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.9</b>
10 .....	50
8-9 .....	31
6-7 .....	15
5 .....	2
0-4 .....	1
(Don't know).....	0

43. \_Only 1 out of 9 households with children have a child in an afterschool program.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.8</b>
10 .....	29
8-9 .....	38
6-7 .....	16
5 .....	9
0-4 .....	7
(Don't know).....	1

44. \_Studies show that students who are not involved in afterschool programs get worse grades, attend school less often and have more behavioral problems

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.4</b>
10 .....	38
8-9 .....	37
6-7 .....	17
5 .....	5
0-4 .....	3
(Don't know).....	1

45. \_Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are more likely to skip class, use marijuana and other drugs, smoke, drink alcohol, and engage in sexual activity

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.7</b>
10 .....	49
8-9 .....	32
6-7 .....	13
5 .....	3
0-4 .....	3
(Don't know).....	0

46. \_Federal funding for afterschool programs has remained the same for the past three years

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.5</b>
10 .....	24
8-9 .....	32
6-7 .....	25
5.....	8
0-4 .....	9
(Don't know).....	2

47. \_28 million children live in households where their parents work outside of the home

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.9</b>
10 .....	33
8-9 .....	32
6-7 .....	21
5.....	7
0-4 .....	7
(Don't know).....	1

48. \_Two-thirds of Americans say that it is difficult to find afterschool programs in their communities and that not enough programs are available

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.1</b>
10 .....	33
8-9 .....	33
6-7 .....	23
5.....	5
0-4 .....	5
(Don't know).....	1

49. \_The federal government only provides enough money to fund one out of every four requests for afterschool funding

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.1</b>
10 .....	33
8-9 .....	33
6-7 .....	21
5.....	4
0-4 .....	7
(Don't know).....	2

50. \_The juvenile crime rate triples between the hours of 3 PM and 8 PM, with violent crimes by juveniles peaking between 3 PM and 4 PM.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.9</b>
10 .....	53
8-9 .....	33
6-7 .....	8
5.....	3
0-4 .....	2
(Don't know).....	1

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q61**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

Now I would like to read you some facts about children and afterschool programs. For each statement please tell me, if true, on a scale that goes from zero to ten, how favorable it makes you toward supporting afterschool programs for all children, where zero means not all favorable toward supporting afterschool programs for all children and 10 means extremely favorable toward supporting afterschool programs for all children.

**[FOLLOW-UP: How favorable does this make you toward supporting afterschool programs for all children? A 10 means extremely favorable and a ZERO means not favorable at all.]**

**ROTATE Q51-Q60**

51. \_As many as 15 million children have no place to go once the school day ends.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.3</b>
10 .....	40
8-9 .....	33
6-7 .....	18
5.....	4
0-4 .....	4
(Don't know).....	1

52. \_Police chiefs say that the after school hours are the most dangerous for children and teens because it is during this time period that more juvenile crimes occur and more teen pregnancies happen

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.7</b>
10 .....	45
8-9 .....	35
6-7 .....	14
5.....	2
0-4 .....	2
(Don't know).....	1

53. \_Only 1 out of 9 households with children have a child in an afterschool program

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.7</b>
10 .....	28
8-9 .....	33
6-7 .....	22
5.....	9
0-4 .....	7
(Don't know).....	2

54. \_Studies show that students who are not involved in afterschool programs get worse grades, attend school less often and have more behavioral problems

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.2</b>
10 .....	35
8-9 .....	37
6-7 .....	18
5.....	5
0-4 .....	4
(Don't know).....	0

55. \_Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are more likely to skip class, use marijuana and other drugs, smoke, drink alcohol, and engage in sexual activity

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.5</b>
10 .....	44
8-9 .....	36
6-7 .....	10
5.....	6
0-4 .....	4
(Don't know).....	1

56. \_Federal funding for afterschool programs has remained the same for the past three years

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.3</b>
10 .....	22
8-9 .....	32
6-7 .....	22
5.....	11
0-4 .....	11
(Don't know).....	3

57. \_28 million children live in households where their parents work outside of the home

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10 .....	32
8-9 .....	33
6-7 .....	23
5.....	6
0-4 .....	6
(Don't know).....	1

58. \_Two-thirds of Americans say that it is difficult to find afterschool programs in their communities and that not enough programs are available

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.1</b>
10 .....	33
8-9 .....	36
6-7 .....	20
5.....	5
0-4 .....	5
(Don't know).....	1

59. \_The federal government only provides enough money to fund one out of every four requests for afterschool funding

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.9</b>
10 .....	31
8-9 .....	34
6-7 .....	21
5.....	5
0-4 .....	6
(Don't know).....	3

60. \_The juvenile crime rate triples between the hours of 3 PM and 8 PM, with violent crimes by juveniles peaking between 3 PM and 4 PM

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.8</b>
10 .....	52
8-9 .....	31
6-7 .....	10
5.....	3
0-4 .....	3
(Don't know).....	1

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q61**

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

61. Sometimes during the course of a survey people change their minds. Let me re-read you the description of a program some people have recommended implementing. This comprehensive afterschool program would take place during after school hours five days a week to provide children with fun, enriching learning opportunities that extend beyond school's traditional academic style, that challenge them, and that give them more individualized attention.

Would you favor or oppose providing this program to children in your community? (If favor/oppose, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?)

Strongly favor .....	53	<b>83</b>
Not so strongly favor .....	30	
Not so strongly oppose .....	11	
Strongly oppose .....	4	<b>14</b>
(Don't know) .....	3	

62. How willing would you be to use additional federal or state taxpayer money to put these programs in your community – very willing, somewhat willing, not too willing, or not willing at all?

Very willing .....	34	<b>66</b>
Somewhat willing .....	32	
Not too willing .....	15	
Not willing at all .....	16	<b>31</b>
(Don't know) .....	4	

**SPLIT SAMPLE A (SPLIT SAMPLE B GO TO Q68)**

Now I would like to read you some statements that other people have made about afterschool programs. For each one please tell me if that is very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not convincing at all a reason to support providing all children access to afterschool programs.

**[FOLLOW-UP: How convincing is that statement- is it very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not convincing at all]**

Very conv	Smwht conv	Not too conv	Not at all	(don't know)	Conv	Not Conv
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**[ROTATE Q63-Q67]**

63. \_The hours children spend after school are just as important as the time they spend in school and we need to provide an environment that allows them to continue the learning process and develop to their fullest potential. These hours should be used to strengthen basic skills and allow children to explore new skills. This is time that should be focused on individual learning and we need to give all children this opportunity.  
.....37 43 14 5 1 **81 18**

64. \_We need to provide quality afterschool programs for our children so that they have a place to go that provides them a stimulating and safe environment. Too often these days children have to go home after school with only the television for company. Providing them with afterschool programs will allow our children to have the socialization and stimulation they need to continue learning after the school day.  
.....52 33 10 3 2 **85 14**

65. \_We need afterschool programs because of the changing economy. Nowadays both parents in many families need to work in order to make ends meet and many children come home to empty homes. Afterschool programs allow these parents to work and meet the needs of their families and they also contribute to employee productivity. We need to provide these parents with peace of mind knowing their children are safe and being looked after by caring adults.....49 33 12 4 1 **83 16**

66. \_Our government and civic leaders have the wrong priorities. Afterschool programs are important and we need to make sure they are properly funded. Even though states and the federal government have deficits, our leaders need to set the right priorities. Educating children, stimulating their minds, and making sure they have a safe place to be after school is one of the most important things we can do to make sure they develop into healthy and responsible citizens.  
.....39 39 14 7 2 **77 21**

67. \_Afterschool programs save money and every dollar invested in afterschool saves three dollars in taxpayer money. Investing in quality afterschool programs may seem to cost a lot now, but research has shown that investments in quality afterschool programs pay off with reduced crime rates, lower instances of teenage alcohol and drug use, and higher graduation rates. By investing in afterschool now, we can ensure a safer community and higher achievement for all children. .  
.....49 33 9 7 3 **81 16**

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q73**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

Now I would like to read you some statements that other people have made about afterschool programs. For each one please tell me if that is very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not convincing at all a reason to support providing all children access to afterschool programs.

**[FOLLOW-UP: How convincing is that statement- is it very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not convincing at all]**

Very conv	Smwht conv	Not too conv	Not at all	(don't know)	Conv	Not Conv
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**[ROTATE Q68-Q72]**

68. \_Quality afterschool programs will help develop a smarter work force of the future. Business leaders recognize the importance of a good solid education that encompasses both time in school and time spent out of school. They know without a sound education system our children will not be productive members in the workplace and compete in the global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We need to support our schools and afterschool programs so all children can graduate to a better future.

.....38 46 8 7 1 84 15

69. \_We are all stakeholders in the education of our children. We rely on children and their education today to support us tomorrow. The older generation will depend on the younger generation. Chances are you will depend on the airline mechanic, the doctor, or electrician for your health and safety. Children will be a product of the time they spend both in school and out of school. Everyone's future depends on the children and afterschool programs can play a critical role in preparing children for the future.

.....46 38 9 7 0 84 16

70. \_Police chiefs tell us that the after school hours are the most dangerous for children and teens. Everyday in America as many as 15 million children are left home alone after school and it is during this time period that more juvenile crimes occur and more teen pregnancies happen. Children and teens in afterschool programs are supervised and safe and they receive additional values training that give them a better chance of avoiding drug and alcohol use. ....

.....52 34 9 2 3 87 11

71. \_Afterschool programs don't just benefit those children whose parents work during the after school hours. All children can benefit from the learning and interaction provided in afterschool programs. In today's fast paced environment, even children can be over-scheduled and stressed out. Afterschool programs provide children hands-on learning opportunities, recreation, creative activities, and time to socialize and have fun. All children deserve the opportunities that afterschool programs can provide.

.....41 38 14 6 2 78 20

72. \_The federal government continues to make promises about funding afterschool programs, but they fail to live up to their promises. While the need for afterschool programs has grown, funding has remained the same for the past three years, without any increases. While the demand for programs has grown, funding for the programs has remained stagnant. If the government would just live up to its promised funding for programs then every child who wants a spot in an afterschool program would have one

.....39 39 12 8 2 78 20

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q73**

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

73. \_Times are tough for kids -- global unrest, economic uncertainty, working parents, too much time alone all contribute to a weakened sense of community and belonging. Afterschool programs offer kids more time with caring adults, help with school, and a brighter future; and our communities are stronger when we provide for our children. We need safer and stronger children and communities. Our children and our communities deserve afterschool programs.

.....41 40 12 5 2 81 17

**SPLIT SAMPLE A (SPLIT SAMPLE B GO TO Q80)**

Now let me read you list of actions that some people say they might do to support afterschool programs. For each one, please tell me how likely you would be to take that action to make sure afterschool programs are available to all children – extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, a little likely, or not likely at all.

**[FOLLOW-UP: How likely are you to take that action- extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, a little likely, or not likely at all?]**

	Ext like	Very like	Smwht like	A little	Not at all	(don't know)	Likely	Not Likely
<b>[ROTATE Q74-Q79]</b>								
74. _Go to a website to learn more about afterschool programs.....	4	17	25	20	33	1	21	78
75. _Talk to school officials about the need for afterschool programs.....	5	19	23	23	29	1	24	75
76. _Write to an elected official using an automated e-mail service .....	6	12	17	26	36	3	18	79
77. _Volunteer at an afterschool program in your community .....	3	12	24	30	27	4	14	81
78. _Donate money to support afterschool programs .....	7	15	23	23	27	5	22	73
79. _Shop at businesses that support afterschool programs .....	24	27	25	10	12	2	52	46

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A, GO TO Q86**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

Now let me read you list of actions that some people say they might do to support afterschool programs. For each one, please tell me how likely you would be to take that action to make sure afterschool programs are available to all children – extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, a little likely, or not likely at all.

**[FOLLOW-UP: How likely are you to take that action- extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, a little likely, or not likely at all?]**

	Ext like	Very like	Smwht like	A little	Not at all	(don't know)	Likely	Not Likely
<b>[ROTATE Q80-Q85]</b>								
80. _Talk to others in your community about the importance of afterschool programs .....	6	21	36	19	17	0	28	72
81. _Attend a school board meeting concerning afterschool issues .....	6	15	31	22	25	1	21	78
82. _Ask a candidate their position on afterschool programs .....	9	18	29	21	20	3	26	71
83. _Write and mail a personalized letter to an elected official .....	6	13	24	21	33	3	19	78
84. _Pay more in taxes to pay for the program .....	8	18	22	17	30	4	27	69
85. _Go to an event in your community to show support for afterschool programs .....	11	24	29	19	14	3	35	62

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO TO Q86**

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

86. _Vote for officials who support expanding afterschool programs .....	21	26	27	9	9	8	47	45
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Now I am going to read you some different groups. Please tell me how much you think each one is doing to support quality afterschool programs – a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all.

	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing at all	DK	A lot /Some	A little /Nothing
<b>[ROTATE Q87–Q93]</b>							
87. _Your mayor .....	7	41	23	5	24	<b>48</b>	<b>28</b>
88. _Your state representative.....	8	31	26	5	31	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>
89. _Your governor .....	8	36	26	8	22	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>
90. _Your U.S. Senators .....	6	31	28	7	29	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>
91. _Your Member of Congress .....	4	29	25	7	35	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>
92. _The President .....	5	25	27	28	14	<b>30</b>	<b>55</b>
93. _Your school board .....	21	42	17	4	17	<b>62</b>	<b>20</b>

**Thank you. The few remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.**

94. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?  
**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?  
**[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Democrat .....	19	<b>41</b>
Not so strong Democrat .....	16	
Indep. leans Democrat .....	5	
Independent .....	18	
Indep. leans Republican .....	5	
Not so strong Republican.....	13	
Strong Republican.....	20	<b>39</b>
(Dk/na/other) .....	3	

95. On political issues do you consider yourself a liberal, a conservative, or a moderate?

**(IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE:)** Would you call yourself a strong (liberal/conservative), or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

**(IF MODERATE:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to being liberal or being conservative?

Strong liberal .....	10	<b>31</b>
Not strong liberal .....	13	
Moderate - lean liberal .....	8	
Moderate .....	23	
Moderate - conservative .....	10	
Not strong conservative .....	15	
Strong conservative .....	19	<b>44</b>
(Other).....	0	
(Don't know/refused).....	2	

- 96/97. What is your age? I am going to read you some age categories. Please stop me when we get to your category:

18-24 years .....	7
25-29 .....	7
30-34 .....	9
35-39 .....	12
40-44 .....	11
45-49 .....	9
50-54 .....	9
55-59 .....	9
60-64 .....	6
Over 64 .....	19
(Refused/don't know) .....	1

98. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

**[CIRCLE ONE - DO NOT READ]**

1 - 11th grade.....	4
High school graduate.....	31
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech).....	6
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree).....	24
College graduate.....	30
Post-graduate school.....	6
(Don't know).....	0

99. Are you married, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married.....	67
Single.....	17
Separated/divorced.....	8
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know).....	0

100. **[IF MARRIED MALE]** Does your wife work, half-time or more outside the home, or would you say that her work is mainly at home?

Employed.....	67
At home.....	32
(Don't know).....	0

101 **[IF FEMALE RESPONDENT]** Do you have a paid job, half-time or more, outside your home or would you say that your work is mainly at home?

Employed.....	62
At home.....	36
(Don't know).....	2

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

102.What is your occupation?

Professional.....	15
WC Managerial.....	11
WC Clerical.....	6
Service employee.....	9
Govt employee.....	3
Farmer.....	1
Unskilled BC.....	6
Skilled BC.....	11
Homemaker.....	9
Unemployed.....	6
(Other).....	21
(Don't know).....	0
(Refused).....	2

103.Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

Yes <b>[GO TO Q104]</b> .....	34
No <b>[GO TO Q112]</b> .....	66
(Don't know) <b>[GO TO Q112]</b> .....	0

**ASK IF Q104=1**

104.What is the age of your youngest child?

0-5 years .....	32
6-12 years .....	39
13-18 years .....	29
(Don't know/refused) .....	0

**ASK IF Q104=1**

105.How many children do you have in your household?

1 child .....	40
2 children .....	44
3 or more children .....	16
(Don't know/refused) .....	0

**ASK IF Q104=1**

106.Do your children attend public school, private school, or parochial or religious school?

Public school .....	84
Private school .....	3
Parochial or religious school .....	2
(Attend more than one type) .....	0
(Don't know) .....	0
(None – child too young) .....	10

**ASK IF Q104 =1**

107.What grade is your child/children in?

**Circle all that apply**

Pre-school .....	5
Kindergarten .....	9
1 <sup>st</sup> .....	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	11
3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	11
4 <sup>th</sup> .....	12
5 <sup>th</sup> .....	15
6 <sup>th</sup> .....	10
7 <sup>th</sup> .....	8
8 <sup>th</sup> .....	7
9 <sup>th</sup> .....	11
10 <sup>th</sup> .....	14
11 <sup>th</sup> .....	7
12 <sup>th</sup> .....	13
(Don't know) .....	1
(None-child too young) .....	9

**ASK IF Q104 =1**

108.Are you or your spouse or partner home when your children return from school?

Yes .....	53
No .....	41
(Don't know) .....	1
(NA – child not in school) .....	5

**ASK IF Q104=1**

109.Do your children currently attend an afterschool program?

Yes ( <b>GO TO Q110</b> ) .....	29
No ( <b>GO TO Q112</b> ).....	71
(Don't know) ( <b>GO TO Q112</b> ) .....	0

**IF Q109 =1, ASK:**

110.Do your children attend a DAILY afterschool program?

Yes ( <b>GO TO Q110</b> ) .....	58
No ( <b>GO TO Q112</b> ).....	42
(Don't know) ( <b>GO TO Q112</b> ) .....	0

**IF Q110x =1, ASK:**

111.Do they attend an afterschool program that takes place at school or one that takes place at a community organization, like the YMCA?

School based .....	75
Community based .....	22
(Both) .....	1
(Neither) .....	0
(Other).....	2
(Don't know).....	0

**RESUME ASKING ALL:**

112.Do you have any grandchildren?

Yes .....	34
No.....	66
(Don't know).....	0

113.How would you describe the area in which you live – do you live in a city with over a million people, in a smaller city, in a suburban area outside a city, in a small town, or in a rural area?

City (1 million+) .....	16
Smaller city.....	27
Suburban area .....	33
Small town.....	13
Rural area .....	11
(Don't know).....	0

114.What is your religion?

**DO NOT READ**

Protestant.....	24
Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, United Church of Christ.....	18
Methodist.....	8
Baptist .....	14
Evangelical (include Church of God, Pentecostal, 7th Day Adventist).....	3
Non-traditional (include Christian Science, Mormon Jehovah's Witness) .....	2
Catholic .....	20
Jewish .....	1
Other .....	3
(None) .....	7
(Don't know) .....	1

**[IF Q114=1-7, ASK:]**

115. Do you think of yourself as a fundamentalist or evangelical Christian or would you not describe yourself that way?

Yes, Fundamentalist or evangelical.....	20
No.....	76
(Don't know) .....	4

116/117.Just to make sure we have a representative sample, what is your race?

**DO NOT READ**

White .....	80
Black / African American .....	10
Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.).....	7
Asian .....	1
Native American.....	1
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/refused).....	0

What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

And finally, strictly for verification purposes, can I have just your first name?

And your phone number to make sure it is correctly marked off of our list?

**That completes our public opinion survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening).**