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July 8-14 N=1207 Adults Statewide  
 July 1996 Minnesota Pre-election Poll

1. Do you think things in the United States are generally going in the right direction or do you think things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction.....	1	
Wrong track.....	0	7
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

Now some questions about you personally. . .

2. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or township where you live?

Yes.....	2	
No.....	0	
Plan to.....	1	8
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

3. Generally speaking, how much interest would you say you have in the upcoming September primary election; a great deal, a fair amount, only a little or no interest at all?

Great deal.....	3	
Fair amount.....	2	
Only a little.....	1	9
No interest at all.....	0	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

4. How likely is it that you will vote in the September primary? Would you say you definitely WILL vote, probably WILL vote, probably WON't vote or definitely WON't vote in the September primary?

go to Q5 - Definitely WILL.....	3	
go to Q5 - Probably WILL.....	2	
go to Q6 - Probably WON'T.....	1	10
go to Q6 - Definitely WON'T.....	0	
go to Q6 - Don't know.....	8	
go to Q6 - Refused.....	9	

5. Will you vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary?
- |                                     |   |    |
|-------------------------------------|---|----|
| go to Q6 - Democratic.....          | 1 |    |
| go to Q6 - Republican.....          | 2 |    |
| go to Q6 -. Neither/won't vote..... | 0 | 11 |
| ask A - Don't know/not sure.....    | 8 |    |
| ask A - Refused.....                | 9 |    |

A. Are you leaning toward voting in the Democratic primary or leaning toward voting in the Republican primary?

- |                          |   |    |
|--------------------------|---|----|
| Democratic.....          | 1 |    |
| Republican.....          | 2 |    |
| Neither/won't vote.....  | 0 | 12 |
| Don't know/not sure..... | 8 |    |
| Refused.....             | 9 |    |

Now thinking about the general election for president and U.S. Senate. . .

6. Generally speaking, how much interest would you say you have in the upcoming November general election; a great deal, a fair amount, only a little or no interest at all?

- |                         |   |    |
|-------------------------|---|----|
| Great deal.....         | 3 |    |
| Fair amount.....        | 2 |    |
| Only a little.....      | 1 | 13 |
| No interest at all..... | 0 |    |
| Don't know.....         | 8 |    |
| Refused.....            | 9 |    |

7. How likely is it that you will vote in the November general election? Would you say you definitely WILL vote, probably WILL vote, probably WON'T vote or definitely WON'T vote in the November general election?

- |                       |   |    |
|-----------------------|---|----|
| Definitely WILL.....  | 3 |    |
| Probably WILL.....    | 2 |    |
| Probably WON'T.....   | 1 | 14 |
| Definitely WON'T..... | 0 |    |
| Don't know.....       | 8 |    |
| Refused.....          | 9 |    |

Next a couple of questions about past elections. . .

8. Thinking back to 1992. . . Did you vote in the 1992 general election for president or did something come up that kept you from getting to the polls that day?

Voted.....	1	
Did not vote.....	0	15
Don't know/remember.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

9. How about in 1994. . . Did you vote in the 1994 primary election for governor and U.S. senate or did something come up that kept you from getting to the polls that day?

Voted.....	1	
Did not vote.....	0	16
Don't know/remember.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

(If respondent said "Republican" at either Q5 or Q5a ask:)

10. If the Republican primary election for senator were held today, would you vote for. . . (READ LIST, ROTATE)

go to Q11 - Rudy Boschwitz.....	1	
go to Q11 - Bert McKasy.....	2	
go to Q11 - Monti Moreno.....	3	
go to Q11 - Steve Young.....	4	
go to Q11 - John Herman.....	5	17
go to Q11 - Won't vote (VOL).....	0	
ask A - Don't know.....	8	
ask A - Refused.....	9	

A. Which of the following are you leaning toward right now? (READ LIST, USE SAME ROTATION AS ABOVE)

Rudy Boschwitz.....	1	
Bert McKasy.....	2	
Monti Moreno.....	3	
Steve Young.....	4	18
John Herman.....	5	
None.....	0	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

Next I will read a list of people who are running for president this November. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you don't know the name, just say so. (ROTATE Q11--Q14)

11. Bill Clinton

Favorable.....	2	
Unfavorable.....	0	
Don't know name.....	1	19
Not sure of impression.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

12. Bob Dole

Favorable.....	2	
Unfavorable.....	0	
Don't know name.....	1	20
Not sure of impression.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

13. Ross Perot

Favorable.....	2	
Unfavorable.....	0	
Don't know name.....	1	21
Not sure of impression.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

14. Richard Lamm

Favorable.....	2	
Unfavorable.....	0	
Don't know name.....	1	Record #2
Not sure of impression.....	8	15
Refused.....	9	

↓ added on 7/10

Now here are some people who may be on the ballot for the U.S. Senate in November. Once again, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you don't know the name, just say so. (ROTATE Q15--Q21)

15. Rudy Boschwitz

Favorable.....2  
 Unfavorable.....0  
 Don't know name.....1  
 Not sure of impression.....8  
 Refused.....9

Record #1  
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16. Bert McKasy (MAC uh see)

Favorable.....2  
 Unfavorable.....0  
 Don't know name.....1  
 Not sure of impression.....8  
 Refused.....9

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17. Paul Wellstone

Favorable.....2  
 Unfavorable.....0  
 Don't know name.....1  
 Not sure of impression.....8  
 Refused.....9

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18. John Herman

Favorable.....2  
 Unfavorable.....0  
 Don't know name.....1  
 Not sure of impression.....8  
 Refused.....9

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19. Monti Moreno (MOR ee no)

Favorable.....2  
 Unfavorable.....0  
 Don't know name.....1  
 Not sure of impression.....8  
 Refused.....9

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20. Steve Young

Favorable.....2  
 Unfavorable.....0  
 Don't know name.....1  
 Not sure of impression.....8  
 Refused.....9

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21. Dean Barkley

Favorable.....	2	
Unfavorable.....	0	
Don't know name.....	1	28
Not sure of impression.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

Now a couple questions about the upcoming election this November. . .

22. If the election for president were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Bill Clinton and Republican Bob Dole for whom would you vote?

(ROTATE NAMES IN QUESTION WORDING)

Democrat Bill Clinton.....	1	
Republican Bob Dole.....	2	
ask A - Neither (VOL).....	0	29
ask A - Other (VOL).....	4	
ask A - Don't know.....	8	
ask A - Refused.....	9	

A. Which of those are you leaning toward right now?

Democrat Bill Clinton.....	1	
Republican Bob Dole.....	2	
Neither (VOL).....	0	30
Other (VOL).....	4	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

23. If the election for president were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Bill Clinton, Republican Bob Dole, and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, for whom would you vote? (ROTATE NAMES IN QUESTION WORDING)

Democrat Bill Clinton.....	1	
Republican Bob Dole.....	2	
Reform Party candidate Ross Perot.....	3	
ask A - Neither (VOL).....	0	31
ask A - Other (VOL).....	4	
ask A - Don't know.....	8	
ask A - Refused.....	9	

A. Which of those are you leaning toward right now?

Democrat Bill Clinton.....	1	
Republican Bob Dole.....	2	
Reform Party Ross Perot.....	3	
Neither (VOL).....	0	32
Other (VOL).....	4	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

24. If the election for president were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Bill Clinton, Republican Bob Dole, and Reform Party candidate Richard Lamm, for whom would you vote? (ROTATE NAMES IN QUESTION WORDING)

Democrat Bill Clinton.....	1	
Republican Bob Dole.....	2	
Reform Party candidate Richard Lamm.....	3	
ask A - Neither (VOL).....	0	16
ask A - Other (VOL).....	4	
ask A - Don't know.....	8	
ask A - Refused.....	9	

*Record # 2*

A. Which of those are you leaning toward right now?

Democrat Bill Clinton.....	1	
Republican Bob Dole.....	2	
Reform Party Richard Lamm.....	3	
Neither (VOL).....	0	17
Other (VOL).....	4	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

*Added on 7/90*

25. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Paul Wellstone, Republican Rudy Boschwitz and Reform Party candidate Dean Barkley, for whom would you vote?

(ROTATE NAMES IN QUESTION WORDING)

- Democrat Paul Wellstone.....1
- Republican Rudy Boschwitz.....2
- Reform party Dean Barkley.....3
- ask A - Neither (VOL).....0
- Other (VOL).....4
- ask A - Don't know.....8
- ask A - Refused.....9

Record #1  
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A. Which of those are you leaning toward right now?

- Democrat Paul Wellstone.....1
- Republican Rudy Boschwitz.....2
- Reform party Dean Barkley.....3
- Neither (VOL).....0
- Other (VOL).....4
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9

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26. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were Democrat Paul Wellstone, Republican Bert McKasy, (MAC uh See) , and Reform Party candidate Dean Barkley, for whom would you vote?

(ROTATE NAMES IN QUESTION WORDING)

- Democrat Paul Wellstone.....1
- Republican Bert McKasy.....2
- Reform party Dean Barkley.....3
- ask A - Neither (VOL).....0
- Other (VOL).....4
- ask A - Don't know.....8
- ask A - Refused.....9

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A. Which of those are you leaning toward right now?

- Democrat Paul Wellstone.....1
- Republican Bert McKasy.....2
- Reform party Dean Barkley.....3
- Neither (VOL).....0
- Other (VOL).....4
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9

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Next a couple of questions about current office holders. . .

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

Approve strongly.....	4	
Approve not strongly.....	3	
Disapprove not strongly.....	1	
Disapprove strongly.....	0	37
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Arne Carlson is handling his job as governor?

Approve strongly.....	4	
Approve not strongly.....	3	
Disapprove not strongly.....	1	38
Disapprove strongly.....	0	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Wellstone is handling his job as senator?

Approve strongly.....	4	
Approve not strongly.....	3	
Disapprove not strongly.....	1	39
Disapprove strongly.....	0	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

Now some questions of a different kind . . .

30. Looking back at efforts that have been made to improve the environment during the past 10 years, do you think we've gone too far, not far enough, or about right?

Too far.....	0	
Not far enough.....	2	
About right.....	1	40
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

31. Which of these statements comes closer to your own point of view. . . (ROTATE CHOICES)
- A. Protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth.....1
- or B. Economic growth should be given priority even if the environment suffers to some extent.....2
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9
- 41

Do you consider yourself to be. . .

32. A snowmobiler?
- Yes.....1
- No.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9
- 42

33. A canoeist?
- Yes.....1
- No.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9
- 43

34. A wilderness camper?
- Yes.....1
- No.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9
- 44

35. A cross-country skier?
- Yes.....1
- No.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9
- 45

36. A hunter?
- Yes.....1
- No.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9
- 46

The next few questions are about two areas in Northern Minnesota,  
) Voyageurs National Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

37. Have you, yourself ever been to Voyageurs National Park?

Yes.....	1	
No.....	0	47
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

38. Have you, yourself, ever been to to the Boundary Waters  
Canoe Area Wilderness?

Yes.....	1	
No.....	0	48
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

39. Congress is currently considering a bill that would allow  
motorboats to use all of several large, popular lakes in the  
Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness that now are partially  
closed to motorboats. Do you favor or oppose that legislation?  
(IF OPINION STATED): Do you feel strongly or not so  
strongly about that?

Favor strongly.....	4	
Favor not strongly.....	3	
Oppose not strongly.....	1	49
Oppose strongly.....	0	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

40. Legislation pending in Congress would allow more use of  
motorboats, snowmobiles and floatplanes in Voyageurs National  
Park. Do you favor or oppose that legislation?  
(IF OPINION STATED): Do you feel strongly or not so  
strongly about that?

Favor strongly.....	4	
Favor not strongly.....	3	
Oppose not strongly.....	1	50
Oppose strongly.....	0	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

41. As in almost all other national parks, hunting now is banned in Voyageurs National Park but under a bill pending in Congress, hunting could be opened in Voyageurs. Do you favor or oppose that bill?

(IF OPINION STATED): Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that?

- Favor strongly.....4
- Favor not strongly.....3
- Oppose not strongly.....1 51
- Oppose strongly.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9

42. Another bill pending in Congress would further limit motorized recreation in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park. It also would add slightly more land to the BWCA and designate about a third of Voyageurs as a federally-protected wilderness area. Do you favor or oppose that legislation?

(IF OPINION STATED): Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that?

- Favor strongly.....4
- Favor not strongly.....3
- Oppose not strongly.....1 52
- Oppose strongly.....0
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9

43. This legislation is a result of the difference in opinions on how Voyageurs National Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness should be used and managed. Senator Paul Wellstone has arranged for federal mediators to try to resolve the dispute. Is mediation an appropriate way to resolve the issue, or should Congress resolve it by passing legislation?

- Mediation.....2
- Legislation.....1
- Neither (VOL).....0 53
- Leave it as it is (VOL).....6
- Don't know.....8
- Refused.....9

44. Which ONE of the following statements comes closest to your view. . . (ROTATE CHOICES IN QUESTION)

A. Senator Paul Wellstone is using federal mediation to avoid choosing sides in the Boundary Waters and Voyaguers dispute.....2

or

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B. Mediation is a more sensible way to resolve the BWCA and Voyaguers dispute than involving Congress.....1

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. . .

45. Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

Better.....2

Worse.....0

Same (VOL).....1

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

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46. Now, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same?

Better.....2

Worse.....0

Same (VOL).....1

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

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47. Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially, or bad times or what?

Good times.....2

Bad times.....0

Mixed.....1

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

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48. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely. . .

That in the country as a whole, we will have continuous good times during the next five years or so.....2

OR

That we will have periods of widespread unemployment or depression.....0

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OR

What (IF MIXED FEELINGS, CODE HERE).....1

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

49. About the things that people buy for their homes such as furniture, a refrigerator, stove, television and things like that. Generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or a bad time for people to buy major household items?

Good time.....2

Bad time.....0

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

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Next a couple of questions about your own personal feelings on abortion.

50. Do you agree or disagree that every woman should have the right to decide for herself whether or not to have an abortion?

Agree strongly.....4

Agree not strongly.....3

Disagree not strongly.....1

Disagree strongly.....0

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

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51. Do you personally believe abortion is morally right or morally wrong?

Right.....1

Wrong.....0

Depends (VOL).....7

Don't know.....8

Refused.....9

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52. I dialed you at (phone number). How many other telephone numbers are there in your home that I could have dialed and talked to you on? I don't mean extensions or lines dedicated to computers, but different telephone numbers in your home that I could have called to reach you.

Refused.....9

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And finally, some questions for background purposes. . .

53. Including yourself, how many people living in this household are 18 years of age or older?

Refused.....99

63-64

54. How many children under the age of 18 live in this household?

Refused.....99

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55. What year were you born?

Don't know.....8888  
Refused.....9999

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56. Of the following, which is the highest level of education you yourself have completed? (READ LIST)

Grade school or less.....1  
Some high school.....2  
High school graduate.....3  
Vocational or technical school....4  
Some college.....5  
College graduate.....6  
Post graduate.....7  
Refused.....9

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57. In politics, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, or an independent?

Republican.....	1	
Democrat.....	2	
Independent.....	3	72
None.....	0	
Other.....	4	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

A. As of today, would you say you lean more to the Republican party or more to the Democratic party?

Republican.....	1	
Democrat.....	2	
Neither.....	3	73
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

58. When it comes to politics, do you consider yourself a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?

Liberal.....	1	
Moderate.....	2	
Conservative.....	3	74
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

A. Would you say you are very liberal or somewhat liberal?

Very liberal.....	1	
Somewhat liberal.....	0	75
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

B. Would you say you are very conservative or somewhat conservative?

Very conservative.....	1	
Somewhat conservative.....	0	76
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

59. Is your religious preference Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, something else, or would you say you have no religious preference?

Protestant.....	1	
Catholic.....	2	
Jewish.....	3	77
Something else.....	4	
No preference.....	0	
Refused.....	9	

60. Would you say you are born again or have had a born again experience?

Yes.....	1	
No.....	0	78
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

61. I'm going to read some income categories. Please stop me when we get to the one that includes your total household income before taxes in 1995.

Less than \$10,000.....	1	
\$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.....	2	
\$20,000 or more but less than \$30,000.....	3	
\$30,000 or more but less than \$40,000.....	4	79
\$40,000 or more but less than \$50,000.....	5	
\$50,000 or more but less than \$75,000.....	6	
or \$75,000 or more.....	7	
Don't know.....	8	
Refused.....	9	

62.. (SEX OF RESPONDENT)

Male.....	1	
Female.....	2	

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) The opinions of people like yourself are a valuable resource in shaping public policy in Minnesota. I would like to get your name and verify your phone number in case we need to contact you again for future research.

Gave name.....1  
Refused name.....0

Records #2  
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Name NOT AVAILABLE

We are conducting this poll for a newspaper and television station. Sometimes a reporter is interested in talking with people who participated in the poll. May we give your name to a reporter or would you rather remain anonymous?

Gave name.....1  
Anonymous.....0

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Name NOT AVAILABLE

Demographic weight @ 10-21 record #3

Likely voter weight @ 50-61 record #3

Record Number @ 80 on all





