

JOHN DEWEY - HANOVER POLL

Please answer each of the following questions, and be as honest as possible. Clearly place your answers in the boxes provided.

Check appropriate boxes: _____ John Dewey _____ Hanover
 _____ Student _____ Parent

1. What do you think are the two or three most important problems facing the nation today?
 (A) _____ (B) _____
 (C) _____

2. Compared with five years ago, do you feel more confident or less confident about the ability of this country to solve its problems?
 (A) more confident (B) less (C) no difference (D) don't know

3. How have economic conditions changed for you and your family during the past five years?
 (A) for better (B) for worse (C) same (D) don't know

4. Thinking ahead to five years from now, would you say economic and social conditions for people like yourself and your family will be...
 (A) better (B) worse (C) the same (D) don't know

5. In your opinion, do blacks today have a better chance or a worse chance than whites to get well-paying jobs?
 (A) better (B) worse (C) same (D) don't know
 to get a good education for their children?
 (A) better (B) worse (C) same (D) don't know
 to get good housing at a reasonable cost?
 (A) better (B) worse (C) same (D) don't know
 to get financial help from the government when out of work?
 (A) better (B) worse (C) same (D) don't know

6. On which, if any, of the items on this list do you think the government should be spending more money than it is now? On which should it be spending less?

(A) - gov't should spend more (B) - gov't should spend less

- _____ Military aid to foreign countries
- _____ Economic aid to foreign countries
- _____ National defense expenditures
- _____ Social security benefits
- _____ Medicare for elderly
- _____ Provide better housing for poor, especially in the ghettos
- _____ Education
- _____ Job training for the unemployed
- _____ Drug rehabilitation
- _____ Welfare
- _____ Providing public transportation (buses and trains)
- _____ Building highways
- _____ Aid to agriculture
- _____ Do something about organized crime (Gangsters, Racketeers)
- _____ Do something about crimes like muggings and burglaries
- _____ Air and water pollution
- _____ Space exploration to the moon, Mars, etc.
- _____ Energy research
- _____ Wildlife preservation
- _____ Aid to cities
- _____ Other: _____

7. After the "Watergate scandal," how much do you trust the federal government?
 (A) a great deal (B) some (C) little
 (D) not at all (E) don't know

8. Do you object to having a non-elected President and Vice President?
 (A) yes (B) no (C) no opinion

9. Nuclear reactors should be
 (A) strictly controlled (B) banned (C) built as fast as possible
 (D) limited until we have more information about their effects
 (E) don't know

16. Would you consider yourself to be....
 (A) very always (B) some-what religious
 (C) not religious at all
17. When are you proud of being an American?
 (A) always (B) usually (C) sometimes
 (D) seldom (E) never
18. Should the terminally-ill with no hope of recovery,
 (such as Karen Ann Quinlan) be
 (A) kept alive indefinitely
 (B) allowed to die with dignity (C) don't know
19. Which of the following best describes your plans about
 living in your community (meaning New York City or the
 Hanover area)?
 (A) I wish to continue living in this community or
 one like it
 (B) I plan to leave to go somewhere else
 (C) I want to leave here, but don't expect to be able to
20. What are your immediate plans after finishing high school?
 (A) go to a two or four year college
 (B) learn a trade or business
 (C) get a job
 (D) join the armed forces
 (E) travel for a year
 (F) not sure
21. Which goal would you most like to achieve in your life?
 (A) making over \$20,000 a year
 (B) becoming a leader in the field of my choice
 (C) marrying and raising a family
 (D) doing something creative
 (E) being better off than my parents were
 (F) making some change in our society
 (G) finding inner peace
 (H) serving my country

10. If the Arab nations withhold oil from the United States,
 would you favor military interventions in the Mideast?
 (A) yes (B) no (C) no opinion
11. Which stand should have been America's action in Angola?
 (A) none (B) economic aid only
 (C) give arms and ammunition (D) send U.S. troops
 (E) political support
12. How would you describe the record and role of Gerald
 Ford as president?
 (A) outstanding (B) good (C) fair (D) poor
 (E) very poor
13. Which of the following comes closest to your feelings
 about Archie Bunker?
 (A) he's saying the things I would like to say
 (B) he sometimes shares my feelings
 (C) I totally disagree with him
14. Who does Archie Bunker represent?
 (A) He represents a small fraction of the people in America
 (B) about half the country shares his opinions
 (C) almost everybody agrees with him
15. I feel that.....
 (A) the wife should be responsible for the housework
 and take care of the kids while the husband earns
 a living
 (B) both wife and husband should be responsible for
 housework and kids, and be earning a living
 (C) the wife could earn a living and still be responsible
 for housework and kids, while the husband earns
 a living
 (D) the wife should earn a living and the husband
 should be responsible for the housework and kids

22. Which of the following issues do you support? (select as many as you wish)
- (A) passing of Gay Rights Bill
 - (B) legalized abortion
 - (C) sex education/counseling in schools
 - (D) death penalty for drug pushers
 - (E) legalization of marijuana
 - (F) busing for school integration
 - (G) passing of Equal Rights Amendment
23. Which of the following issues do you think most people in your community support? (select as many as you wish)
- (A) passing of Gay Rights Bill
 - (B) legalized abortion
 - (C) sex education/counseling in schools
 - (D) death penalty for drug pushers
 - (E) legalization of marijuana
 - (F) busing for school integration
 - (G) passing of Equal Rights Amendment
24. How many people on welfare today do you think could earn their own way if they really wanted to?
- (A) most (B) about half (C) some (D) hardly any (E) don't know
25. Medicare should be
- (A) cheaper and easier to get (B) eliminated
(C) maintained as it is now (D) don't know
26. Do you think that socialists or communists represent a major internal threat to our country?
- (A) yes (B) no (C) not sure
27. Suppose you were being robbed while walking at night in your neighborhood. How likely do you think it is that people would help?
- (A) very likely (B) fairly likely (C) not too likely
(D) not likely at all (E) don't know

28. To what extent do you think the morals of this country are being undermined by the current emphasis on sex and nudity in the movies, theatres, books, and magazines?
- (A) a great deal (B) some (C) little (D) not at all
(E) don't know
29. Do you consider yourself to be a typical American?
- (A) yes (B) no
30. In your opinion, Patty Hearst is ...
- (A) totally innocent of any wrong-doing
 - (B) an innocent bystander who was compelled to act against the law
 - (C) guilty, but it wasn't all her fault
 - (D) entirely responsible for felonious activities she has undertaken
31. Which of the following best represents your view?
- (A) America is too materialistic
 - (B) America -- love it or leave it
 - (C) America -- the greatest country in the world
 - (D) America should be the policeman of the world
 - (E) America must change to meet the people's needs
32. In general, where do you think you would find a more permissive attitude among teenagers toward sex?
- (A) urban areas (B) rural areas (C) about the same
33. In general, where do you think you would find a more permissive attitude among teenagers towards drug use?
- (A) urban areas (B) rural areas (C) about the same

34. I have (Check as many as are applicable)

	never	tried it	regularly
a. smoked marijuana			
b. taken pills without prescription, like sleeping and diet pills			
c. taken pills such as "ups" or "downs"			
d. taken hallucinogens like LSD			
e. taken hard drugs like heroin			
f. drank liquor, such as scotch			

35. Do you believe in premarital sex? (Parents--answer this according to what you would want your children to do).
 (A) approve, and would do it
 (B) approve, and would not do it
 (C) disapprove totally

36. How do you feel about the federal government neglecting New York City's need for financial aid?
 (A) the government is right
 (B) the government should help
 (C) N.Y.C. is vital to the country
 (D) N.Y.C. who needs it

37. Richard Nixon should be remembered as
 (A) a fairly good president who was a pioneer in foreign affairs
 (B) an innocent man who was a scapegoat of the vicious media
 (C) a man who just got caught doing something everyone else gets away with
 (D) an indecisive president who became caught up in the crimes of his associates
 (E) a corrupt politician who abused his power

38. Which of the following comes closest to your attitude about the bicentennial?
 (A) It has become totally commercialized
 (B) It is helping to bring the country together
 (C) It is the best thing to happen to this country in a long time
 (D) It's become a time for most Americans to ponder the purpose of this nation