Question: In the last four years, have you given money to a candidate, party or other organization that supported or opposed candidates during an election campaign, or not?



Source: Survey by CBS News, September 14-18, 1999.

Question: Do you think a candidate's ability to raise money is a good measure of his or her ability to get things done or don't you think this is a good measure?



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Pew Research Center, July 13-18, 1999.

Question: How much influence do you think large political donors have on which candidates become presidential nominees: too much, too little, or about the right amount?



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Pew Research Center, September 1-12, 1999.

Question: If you had to guess, which is the bigger reason that people make donations to political candidates—because they believe in what certain candidates stand for, or because they hope to have more access and influence over those candidates?



Source: Survey by the Washington Post, January 14-19, 1997.

Question: As you may know, George W. Bush has raised more than thirty-seven million dollars for his presidential campaign. Do you think that George W. Bush's fundraising total is impressive and a sign of broad-based support, or do you think that his fundraising total is excessive and a sign of what's wrong with politics today?



Source: Survey by NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, July 24-26, 1999.

Question: I'm going to read several pairs of statements. ...[P]lease tell me which statement you agree with more... Elections are generally for sale to the candidate who can raise the most money, or elections are generally won on the basis of who is the best candidate?



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today*, October 3-5, 1997.

Reforming the Funding

Question: Now I'd like to read you some problems that some people have mentioned about the way political campaigns are financed in this country. Please tell me which one concerns you the most.



Source: Survey by NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, October 23-25, 1999.

Question: Suppose that Congress passed campaign finance reform legislation. Some people say that campaign finance reform would have a positive effect on the political system, because it would reduce the influence that the wealthy and special interests have on elections. Other people say that campaign finance reform would have no effect on the political system, because the wealthy and special interests will always find loopholes in the law and continue to have just as much influence on elections. Which point of view do you agree with more?



Source: Survey by NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, October 23-25, 1999.

Question: I'm going to read you some proposed changes to reform the way political campaigns are financed in this country. Please tell me which one you think is the most important.





Question: Suppose that Congress passes campaign finance reform legislation. Do you think that such legislation passed by Congress will make it easier for challengers to defeat incumbents or harder for challengers to defeat incumbents?



Source: Survey by Rasmussen Research, June 29, 1999.

Question: In a 1976 ruling, the Supreme Court of the United States determined that campaign spending is a matter of free speech and that Congress cannot regulate how much money is spent on political campaigns. Do you agree or disagree with that ruling? Agree **65**[°] 30% Disagree

Money Talks

Question: Thinking about any new campaign finance laws that might be passed, which of the following is more important to you-protecting the freedom of individuals to support political candidates and parties financially or protecting government from excessive influence by campaign contributors?



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, October 3-5, 1997.

Source: Survey by NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, January 25-27, 1997.

Not sure

5%

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