AMERICAN NATIONALISM: A Data Essay

BROAD ADHERENCE TO THE IDEOLOGY

Question: Some people say that people get ahead by their own hard work; others say that lucky breaks or help from other people are more important. Which do you think is most important?


Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?...Hard work is no guarantee of success.

Source: Survey by Times Mirror, May 1990.

Question: Do you agree that because America has an open society, what one achieves in life no longer depends on one's family background, but on the abilities one has and the education one acquires?

Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center, General Social Surveys, February-April 1984.
STRONG ATTACHMENTS TO THE NATION

**Question:** How proud are you to be an American: Very proud, quite proud, not very proud, or not at all proud?

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, May 23-26, 1991.

**Question:** ...How patriotic do you consider yourself?...

**Source:** Survey by the Washington Post, June 16-20, 1989.
Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement..."I am very patriotic?"

Source: Survey by Times Mirror, May 1990.

Broad Support for the Governmental System

Question: ...Do you agree or disagree that: Whatever its faults, the US still has the best system of government in the world?


Question: ...Do you agree or disagree that..."I'd rather live in the US than anywhere else?"

HONORING THE SYMBOLS OF NATION

Question: Do you think US school children should be required to pledge allegiance to the flag in all US schools or not?


Stand When the National Anthem is Played

Question: Can someone be patriotic and still refuse to stand when the National Anthem is being played?

A GOOD GRADE ON KNOWLEDGE OF KEY NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND EVENTS

% answering correctly
76% say 50
67% say 13
54% say the original states
75% say the signing of the Declaration
69% say 1776
66% say Philadelphia

Question: What do the stars in the American flag symbolize?

Question: When was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Question: In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed?