

Which Party Is Better On Which Issues?

Perhaps Surprisingly, the NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* Polls
Show No Change in the Republicans' Standing,
May 1996 Compared to October 1994

May 1996			October 1994		Percentage Point Margin of Leading Party			
Republican	Democrat		Republican	Democrat	May 1996	October 1994	Republican	Democrat
43%	15%	Controlling government spending	34%	21%	+28		+13	
43	20	Foreign policy	34	15	+23		+19	
36	21	Promoting strong moral values	38	20	+15		+18	
31	21	Crime	28	23	+10		+5	
34	25	Taxes	38	23	+9		+15	
30	26	The Economy	30	22	+4		+8	
35	31	Reforming the welfare system	31	28	+4		+3	
25	34	Abortion	24	31		+9		+7
24	40	Education	21	34		+16		+13
22	42	Healthcare	25	37		+20		+12
35	18	Immigration	-	-	+17		-	
21	19	Drug problem	18 *	15	+2		+3	
26	45	Medicare	22 **	33		+19		+11
17	45	The Environment	15 *	44		+28		+29

Question: When it comes to [each item], which party do you think would do a better job—the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

Note: *October 22-26, 1993. **June 2-6, 1995.

Source: Surveys by NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*, May 10-14, 1996 and October 14-18, 1994.