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THE WISCONSIN SURVEY – FALL 2005
Most Important Problem Facing the Country

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Survey Information:

Number of Adult Wisconsin Resident Respondents: 400

Interview Period: October 31 – November 11, 2005

Margin of Error: +/- 5% at the 95% confidence level.

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What is the most important problem facing the country today? (open-ended)

1. Foreign Policy Issues	39%
Iraq = 28% of all responses, 73% of this category	
Terrorism = 7% of all responses, 18% of this category	
2. Economy and Jobs	11%
3. Health Care	9%
4. Morality	8%
5. Government Budget	7%
6. Gas Prices/Energy Policy	5%
7. Politics	5%
8. Poverty	5%
9. Education	2%
10. Crime, Violence, and Drugs	2%
11. Natural Disasters	1%
12. Social Security	1%
13. Environment	1%
No Opinion	2%
Not Sure	1%
No Problems	<1%

Note, the issue categories above are ranked as per the raw number of responses, percentages appear the same due to rounding.

	Fall '05	Fall '04	Sp '03
Iraq	28%	21%	53%
Terrorism	7%	15%	8%
Economy	11%	23%	17%
Health Care	9%	16%	2%
Morality	8%	3%	1%
Government Budget & Taxes	7%	4%	4%
Gas Prices	5%	1%	0%
Politics	5%	7%	7%
Poverty & Soc Security	6%	2%	1%
Education	2%	<1%	1%
Crime	2%	0%	0%
Environment	1%	1%	<1%