

Trends in National Spending Priorities, 1973-2018

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## Introduction:

With the United States government facing continuing deficits and disagreements over the mix of taxes and spending in the budget, it is valuable to consider what the American people think governmental spending priorities should be and how their preferences have changed over the last four decades.

Since 1973 the General Social Surveys (GSSs) conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago have asked people whether government spending in various areas from health to foreign aid is too much, too little, or about right. Table 1 presents the spending preferences of the American public for all areas across all years. (The question wording is given in Table 1 and details on the GSSs appear in the Technical Appendix.) Eleven spending topics have been covered in the 31 GSSs between 1973 and 2018, 20 spending areas from 1984-1998, 21 in 2000, 22 in 2002-2008, and 23 in 2010-2018.

To help distill this crunch of numbers, public support for spending is summarized in net spending scores. Net spending is the % saying that "too little" is being spent minus the % saying "too much" is being spent. For example, in 2018 71.6% said that "too little" was spent on the health and 7.1% said "too much" was spent for a net spending score of +64.5 (i.e.  $71.6\% - 7.1 = +64.5$  percentage points). If everyone favored more spending for an area, the maximum net spending score would be +100.0 and if everyone wanted less spending, the net spending score would -100.0. Positive scores indicate that more people want to increase spending than to decrease it and negative scores mean that the cutters outnumber the adders.

## Long-term Trends and Current Priorities:

Education had generally led spending priorities in recent years, topping the list in 1996-2002 and 2006-2018. In absolute terms support for educational spending has been very high and changed little since 1989 (with net spending scores ranging from +65.8 to +71.8). In 2018, it scored its record high of +71.8.<sup>1</sup>

In second place at +66.0, Assistance to the Poor has strongly rebounded from a 10th place showing in 1996. Its 2<sup>nd</sup> place positions in 2010, 2012, 2016, and 2018 were its top finishes ever and it had its best ever net spending score (+66.0) in 2018.

Health had a strong rebound in 2018. After a first-place rank in 2004 with a record high of +72.4, Health finished second in 2006-2008 with net spending scores of +66-68, but then slipped to eighth place in 2010 and ninth in 2016 with a score of +50.7 in 2016. The drop seems to be associated with the passage of the Affordable Care Act in March 2010. But in 2018, it rose to +64.5, its highest rank since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2008 and +23.1-23.7 points above its post Obamacare lows.

Dealing with Drug Addiction hit its record high of +66.8 and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1988, but slid back to a 7<sup>th</sup> place position with +57.7 by 1990. Support then tended to weaken further and reached a record low of +43.5 in 2012. In 2016, it rebounded to fourth place which it again held in 2018 with +63.6 (up 20.1 points from 2012).

Now in fifth place, Halting Crime was the perennial top choice from 1974 to 1988 and even regained first place in 1993 and 1994. But after 1994 net spending dropped from +71.4 to +50.6 in 2002, the lowest support for Halting Crime ever recorded. Its second-place finish in 2014 was its best rank since 1996. Since then its ranking has slipped to third in 2016 and fifth in 2018, but its level of absolute support actual rose to +62.5 in 2018, its highest level since 1994.

Support for environmental spending rose from +35.8 in 1980 to +70.4 and a first-place rank in 1989. But then after its record score of +71.2 in 1990, backing for the Environment declined to +51.3 and

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<sup>1</sup>Table 2 shows the rank and net spending scores for the eleven areas consistently covered from 1973 to 2018, Table 3 shows the same for the areas covered in 1984-2018, and Table 4 for the areas covered in 2002-2018. Rankings in the text reflect Table 4 plus the addition of the Alternative Energy item in 2010-2018.

a 7th place position in 1993. Then the Environment nudged upwards in both its net spending score and its relative rank, reaching 4th place in 2006, 2008, and 2014. By 2018, it had slipped to sixth position, but its score rose to +60.4, its highest level since 2006.

Social Security gained major ground in the 1990s rising from 10th place in 1993 and 1994 to 9th in 1996, and 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> position from 1998 to 2014. In 2018, its rank slipped to seventh place, but its net spending score increased to +55.3.

Drug Rehabilitation came in eighth place in 2018 with a score of +55.1, its highest score since 1990. It rebounded from a drop in both rank and absolute score in 2012. Support for spending on Drug Rehabilitation has almost always been lower than support for Dealing with Drug Addiction (see above), but support for both climbed in 2018 and have shown major increases in net spending support between 2012 and 2018 (+ 26.5 points for Drug Rehabilitation and +20.1 points for Drug Addiction).

From its high point 2000 when Assistance for Childcare ranked third and scored +59.1, support decreased to a score of +38.1 and a ninth-place ranking in 2012. In 2018, it was still in ninth place, but had risen to +54.3.

Developing Alternative Energy Sources was added to the list in 2010 and finished fourth in 2010 and 2012. In 2014 it slipped to seventh place and in 2016-18 down to 10th place. The net spending scores however changed little over the years and stood at +50.6 in 2018.

In 11<sup>th</sup> place was Improving the Condition of Blacks with a net spending score of +49.7. This is by far its top placement having usually been in 17<sup>th</sup> place and its highest net spending score. Heightened attention to conditions in the African American community and altercations between the police and Blacks may have triggered this surge in support for more spending.

In 12th place came Highways and Bridges with a score of +44.4 in 2018. This is the highest net spending score recorded and well above its 17<sup>th</sup> place finish and +16.9 score in 2004.

In 13th place in 2018 was Solving the Problems of Big Cities with a score of +43.6. In both rank and absolute score, support for Solving the Problems of Big Cities is up notably from a near all-time low in 2010 at +22.9.

Law Enforcement was in 14th place with a score of +43.3 in 2018. Its ranking fell in 2018, but its net spending score was virtually unchanged, Support for spending on Law Enforcement has always trailed support for Halting Crime because people are attracted to the results-oriented action promised in the latter case.

Supporting Scientific Research is 15th in 2018 with a score of +37.4. This is its highest net spending score obtained, but its rank has changed little from 2002 to the present.

Assistance to Blacks was in 16<sup>th</sup> position in 2018. While its rank changed little from 2004 to 2018, its score leaped from +3.6 in 2014 to its record high of +35.5 in 2018. As noted above, Support for Improving the Condition of Blacks was at +49.7 versus +35.5 for the less results-promising Assistance to Blacks. Support for Improving Condition rose from +17.4 in 2014 to +49.7 in 2018, a gain of 32.3 points and net spending for Assistance climbed from +3.6 in 2014 to +35.5 in 2018, an increase of 31.9 points.

Parks and Recreation was in 17th place with a score of +31.1 in 2018. Support for Parks and Recreation peaked in 2000 and its rank and score have been pretty stable from 2004 to 2018.

Mass Transportation was at 18th place in 2018 with a score of +30.6. While higher than in the early 2000s, support has slipped from its all-time best 10<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2008 with a score of +40.8.

Defense was in 19th place in 2018 with a net spending score of +2.2. While low on the priority list, support rose appreciably from a low of -33.5 in 1993 to a recent high of +12.8 in 2002 in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Support then ebbed to a low of -14.4 in 2008, but moved back into positive scores in 2014-2018.

Ranking 20th was Space Exploration with a score of -2.3 in 2018. It is the first topic on the list to show a negative, net-spending score meaning that more people want to make cuts than to increase funding. Space has always finished close to the bottom, but its -2.3 score in 2018 is the highest it has ever achieved.

In 21st place came Assistance to Big Cities at -12.1 in 2018. While not rising in rank, this is an increase from its all-time low of -23.4 in 2012. It finishes much worse than Solving the Problems of Big Cities (see above) because it does not promise positive results. It has shown little change in its rank over the years. It is one of only four areas that has always had negative scores.

Welfare in 22th place in 2018 with a score of -15.3 has regained considerable ground from a near record low of -49.3 in 1994. (Its low point was -49.6 in 1977.) However, support for Welfare in 2010-2018 was still below its pre-Great Recession rankings and scores. Welfare has always been favored much less than Assistance to the Poor. People favor the idea of the government helping those with low-incomes, but many consider Welfare a failed program. Part of the rise in support for Welfare in the late 1990s reflects a positive response to the welfare reforms of the mid-1990s.

In last place in this and every year came Foreign Aid with a score of -36.2 in 2018. While this is a record high, up from -61.7 in 2014, it is still by far the least supported spending area.

### **Overall Spending Trends:**

Support for overall spending (i.e. the average net spending across areas) has always been positive with more people favoring increases than cuts (Table 5). Looking at the 11 items that can be tracked from 1973 to 2018, support declined in the early 1970s to low points in 1976-78 (+11). The public then generally increased its overall support for spending over the next dozen years to highs of +24 to +25 in 1988-90. Then overall spending once again slipped to a moderate level of +16.8 in 1994 before rising again to a near record high of +23.7 in 2006. But it then declined during the recent economic downturn to from +17 to +18 in 2010-2012 before raising to +19.0 in 2014 and then surging to a record high of +33.1 in 2018.

Support for domestic social spending (average net spending for Health, Education, Welfare, Solving the Problems of Big Cities, and Improving the Condition of Blacks) has also always been in the pluses. It fell from an early high of +29.2 in 1974 to a low of +13 to +14 in 1977-78. Support then generally moved up to a high of +39.9 in 1990. Support then slipped to +26.4 in 1994, then rose to +36.7 in 2008 (its third highest point). It was lower immediately after the recent economic downturn (+25-26), but started back up in 2016 and surged to a record high of +42.9 in 2018.

Looking at the broadest index covering all 23 spending areas asked about in 2010-2018, indicates that overall support for spending was stable from 2010 to 2014 and then rose sharply from 2014 to 2018: 2010: +18.2, 2012: +17.4, 2014: +18.6, 2016: +25.9, 2018: +37.2. From 2014 to 2018, support for more spending was up for all of the 23 spending areas.

### **Conclusion:**

Despite a dislike of taxes (e.g. in 2018, 53.2% said their own federal income tax was too high, 44.3% about right, and 2.5% too low), more people have always favored increases in spending than cuts. In 2018, as in most years since the 1970s, people have backed more spending in about four-fifths of the areas and less spending in only the bottom quintile. Moreover, the number of areas with positive net spending scores not only outnumbered areas with negative scores, but are also larger. In 2018, the largest negative score (-36.2 for Foreign Aid) was bested by the top 15 positive scores led by Education with +71.8. Most other positive scores were also well above the other negative scores.

The level of support has however waxed and waned over the decades. Support for both overall spending and domestic social spending declined from the early 1970s to the early 1980s before rebounding to a peak in 1990. Then support again fell off to lows in 1994-1996. After that support again picked up with overall spending peaking in 2006 and domestic social spending topping off in 2008. Both scales fell in the immediate aftermath of the Great Recession, but in 2016-2018 the overall-spending score and the domestic

social spending score both rose notably. When the index using all 23 items and covering 2010 to 2018 is examined, it shows flat support for 2010-2014 and then a sharp increase in 2016-2018.

Currently Education is clearly the public's top spending priority with a very high score (+72) that is above even other very popular areas like, Assistance to the Poor, Health, Dealing with Drug Addiction, Halting Crime, the Environment, Social Security, Drug Rehabilitation, Childcare, and Alternative Energy (+51 to +66).

**Table 1.** Trends in National Spending Priorities, 1973-2018

We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. First, (READ ITEM A)... are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on (ITEM)?

A. Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration <sup>a</sup>
B. Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment
C. Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health
D1. Solving the Problems of the Big Cities
D2. Assistance to Big Cities
E1. Halting the Rising Crime Rate
E2. Law Enforcement
F1. Dealing with Drug Addiction
F2. Drug Rehabilitation
G. Improving the Nation's Education System/Education
H1. Improving the Condition of Blacks
H2. Assistance to Blacks
I. The Military, Armaments, and Defense/National Defense
J. Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries
K1. Welfare
K2. Assistance to the Poor
L. Highways and Bridges
M. Social Security
N. Mass Transportation
O. Parks and Recreation
P. Assistance for Childcare
Q. Supporting Scientific Research
R. Developing Alternative Energy Sources

<sup>a</sup>For explanation of the dual headings see Technical Appendix.

<b>A. Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	7.5	7.9	8.0	9.0	10.8	12.2	19.7	13.6
About right	31.1	29.2	32.2	29.4	37.3	37.9	37.7	44.5
Too much	61.4	62.9	59.8	60.8	51.9	49.9	42.6	41.9
Net (TL -TM)	-53.9	-55.0	-51.8	-51.8	-41.1	-37.7	-22.9	-28.3

<b>A. Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration</b>								
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	14.8	12.1	11.5	10.8	16.9	20.3	16.1	11.4
About right	43.1	43.8	45.7	48.3	43.5	42.6	46.3	46.8
Too much	42.1	44.2	42.8	40.9	39.6	37.1	37.7	41.8
Net (TL -TM)	-27.3	-32.1	-31.3	-30.1	-22.7	-16.8	-21.6	-30.4
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	12.9	7.9	9.5	12.7	11.5	14.1	12.4	14.4
About right	48.3	39.7	41.6	44.6	46.9	42.3	49.7	45.5
Too much	38.8	52.4	48.9	42.7	41.6	43.6	38.0	40.1
Net (TL -TM)	-25.9	-44.5	-39.4	-30.0	-30.1	-29.5	-25.6	-25.7
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	14.7	14.4	16.4	23.2	25.5	23.1	23.6	
About right	47.9	46.8	46.2	44.6	44.4	49.0	50.4	
Too much	37.4	38.7	37.4	32.2	30.0	27.8	25.9	
Net (TL - TM)	-22.7	-24.3	-21.0	-9.0	-4.5	-4.7	-2.3	

<b>B. Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	64.6	63.7	57.9	58.6	52.1	55.0	51.9	54.4
About right	27.6	27.9	32.2	32.0	36.3	34.7	32.0	33.4
Too much	7.7	8.3	9.9	9.4	11.6	10.3	16.1	12.2
Net (TL -TM)	+56.9	+55.4	+48.0	+49.2	+40.5	+44.7	+35.8	+42.2
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	58.1	60.4	62.4	62.4	66.5	68.1	75.0	75.0
About right	32.5	32.4	29.6	31.3	27.4	27.4	20.4	21.2
Too much	9.4	7.1	8.0	6.3	6.1	4.6	4.6	3.8
Net (TL -TM)	+48.7	+53.3	+54.4	+56.1	+60.4	+63.5	+70.4	+71.2
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	71.8	60.5	62.7	62.0	64.7	64.3	61.9	64.9
About right	23.2	30.2	28.2	27.7	27.5	27.7	29.8	28.2
Too much	5.0	9.2	9.0	10.3	7.8	8.0	8.2	6.8
Net (TL -TM)	+66.8	+51.3	+53.7	+51.7	+56.9	+56.3	+53.7	+58.1
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	68.9	67.4	60.2	57.4	59.9	64.3	67.9	
About right	24.1	23.9	28.1	31.1	29.2	27.1	24.6	
Too much	7.0	8.7	11.7	11.5	10.9	8.6	7.5	
Net (TL -TM)	+61.9	+58.7	+48.5	+45.9	+49.0	+55.7	+60.4	

<b>C. Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	63.4	66.9	65.6	63.0	59.2	57.2	57.9	59.3
About right	31.8	28.8	29.1	32.4	34.0	35.9	34.3	33.8
Too much	4.8	4.3	5.4	4.6	6.8	6.9	7.8	6.9
Net (TL -TM)	+58.6	+62.6	+60.2	+58.4	+52.4	+50.3	+50.1	+52.4
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	59.5	58.8	57.8	60.6	68.5	70.2	70.4	72.2
About right	34.7	33.4	34.5	34.1	25.3	25.5	25.0	24.1
Too much	6.9	5.8	7.8	7.7	5.5	6.1	4.6	3.7
Net (TL -TM)	+52.6	+53.0	+50.0	+52.9	+63.0	+64.1	+65.8	+68.5
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	70.7	73.2	66.0	65.6	69.6	71.9	73.7	78.3
About right	26.0	16.2	23.0	24.9	23.5	23.0	20.7	15.8
Too much	3.3	10.7	11.0	9.4	6.9	5.0	5.5	5.9
Net (TL -TM)	+67.4	+62.5	+55.0	+56.2	+62.7	+66.9	+68.2	+72.4
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	73.5	76.2	60.3	61.2	57.6	63.6	71.6	
About right	19.4	15.7	20.8	23.9	25.7	23.6	21.3	
Too much	7.1	8.1	18.9	14.9	16.8	12.9	7.1	
Net (TL -TM)	+66.4	+68.1	+41.4	+46.3	+40.8	+50.7	+64.5	

<b>D1. Solving the Problems of the Big Cities</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	55.4	58.6	56.5	48.0	47.7	45.0	45.9	49.8
About right	31.0	29.0	29.5	29.9	29.6	33.6	29.5	26.9
Too much	13.7	12.3	14.0	22.0	22.7	21.5	24.6	23.4
Net (TL -TM)	+41.7	+46.3	+42.5	+26.0	+25.0	+23.5	+21.3	+26.4
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	47.3	51.9	43.3	49.2	44.4	54.7	53.1	59.0
About right	34.5	33.3	38.0	33.3	39.2	34.4	34.0	30.4
Too much	18.3	14.7	18.8	17.5	16.4	10.9	12.9	10.7
Net (TL -TM)	+29.0	+37.2	+24.5	+31.7	+28.0	+43.8	+40.2	+48.3
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	52.5	62.1	60.8	59.1	51.6	51.9	44.7	43.3
About right	33.5	25.3	25.0	25.9	34.5	35.8	40.6	42.5
Too much	13.9	12.5	14.1	14.9	13.9	12.3	14.7	14.2
Net (TL -TM)	+38.6	+49.6	+46.7	+44.2	+37.7	+39.6	+30.0	+29.1
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	48.1	48.6	42.8	42.3	45.7	51.9	54.7	
About right	39.1	38.5	37.3	39.4	38.2	34.5	34.2	
Too much	12.9	12.9	19.9	18.2	16.2	13.6	11.1	
Net (TL -TM)	+35.2	+35.7	+22.9	+24.1	+29.5	+38.3	+43.6	



<b>D2. Assistance to Big Cities</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	19.2	20.5	17.1	22.5	25.3	22.3	24.9	24.2
About right	42.0	37.4	43.4	43.1	40.3	40.1	44.7	39.5
Too much	38.8	42.1	39.5	34.4	34.4	37.6	30.4	36.3
Net (TL -TM)	-19.6	-21.6	-22.4	-11.9	-9.1	-15.3	-5.5	-12.1
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	27.2	27.2	25.6	22.0	26.9	17.2	18.7	21.7
About right	35.9	38.0	37.9	44.8	42.3	47.2	48.7	42.1
Too much	36.9	34.9	36.5	33.2	30.8	35.6	32.6	36.2
Net (TL -TM)	-9.7	-7.7	-10.9	-11.2	-3.9	-18.4	-13.9	-14.5
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	21.9	19.2	16.8	19.3	22.8	21.7		
About right	45.2	42.4	43.0	42.3	42.6	44.5		
Too much	33.0	38.4	40.2	38.4	34.6	33.8		
Net (TL – TM)	-11.1	-19.2	-23.4	-19.1	-11.8	-12.1		

<b>E1. Halting the Rising Crime Rate</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	68.3	70.6	69.2	70.0	70.6	67.7	72.2	75.9
About right	26.9	24.4	25.1	21.8	23.4	25.9	21.7	18.9
Too much	4.8	5.1	5.7	8.2	6.1	6.4	6.1	5.2
Net (TL -TM)	+63.5	+65.5	+63.5	+61.8	+64.5	+61.3	+66.1	+70.7
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	68.8	71.3	65.1	66.4	72.2	72.4	74.9	70.9
About right	25.8	23.8	29.0	29.1	22.5	23.4	20.1	24.8
Too much	5.4	4.9	5.9	4.5	5.3	4.2	4.9	4.3
Net (TL -TM)	+63.4	+66.4	+59.2	+61.9	+66.9	+68.2	+70.0	+66.9
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	68.1	73.7	77.6	69.3	63.7	60.8	57.5	57.7
About right	26.7	21.1	16.3	23.1	28.9	33.6	35.6	37.0
Too much	5.2	5.1	6.2	7.6	7.4	5.6	6.9	5.3
Net (TL -TM)	+62.9	+68.6	+71.4	+61.7	+56.3	+55.2	+50.6	+52.4
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	61.2	61.8	59.5	59.0	61.5	67.8	69.3	
About right	32.1	31.4	32.2	33.9	30.1	25.7	23.9	
Too much	6.6	6.8	8.3	7.1	8.4	6.4	6.8	
Net (TL -TM)	+54.6	+55.0	+51.2	+51.9	+53.1	+61.4	+62.5	

<b>E2. Law Enforcement</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	57.7	58.1	52.8	53.7	56.4	62.3	58.0	56.9
About right	35.3	36.2	40.5	39.8	38.1	30.9	36.4	37.1
Too much	6.9	5.7	6.6	6.5	5.5	6.8	5.7	6.1
Net (TL -TM)	+50.8	+52.4	+46.2	+47.2	+50.9	+55.5	+52.3	+50.8
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	60.4	65.3	59.1	56.8	52.2	48.2	54.1	55.3
About right	33.3	27.8	32.1	35.0	39.4	41.3	36.9	35.2
Too much	6.2	7.0	8.8	8.3	8.3	10.5	9.0	9.5
Net (TL -TM)	+54.2	+58.3	+50.3	+48.5	+43.9	+37.7	+45.1	+45.8
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	53.9	48.3	49.5	46.8	53.9	54.0		
About right	37.0	39.7	39.7	39.6	35.3	35.2		
Too much	9.1	11.9	10.9	13.6	10.9	10.7		
Net (TL – TM)	+44.8	+36.4	+38.6	+33.2	+43.0	+43.3		

<b>F1. Dealing with Drug Addiction</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	70.3	63.6	59.3	63.6	59.5	57.8	64.9	61.2
About right	23.1	29.4	32.3	28.5	31.9	32.7	27.3	29.6
Too much	6.6	7.0	8.5	7.9	8.7	9.5	7.9	9.3
Net (TL -TM)	+63.7	+56.6	+50.8	+55.7	+50.8	+48.3	+57.0	+51.9
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	62.0	66.2	64.8	60.1	66.4	70.9	73.0	64.6
About right	32.2	27.7	29.6	33.8	28.1	25.0	20.7	28.5
Too much	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.1	5.5	4.1	6.3	6.9
Net (TL -TM)	+56.2	+60.1	+59.2	+54.0	+60.9	+66.8	+66.7	+57.7
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	60.3	63.3	63.2	60.4	60.8	62.2	57.8	55.3
About right	31.8	28.7	27.6	27.8	29.5	28.8	31.8	35.0
Too much	7.9	8.1	9.2	11.7	9.7	9.1	10.4	9.7
Net (TL -TM)	+52.4	+55.2	+54.0	+48.7	+51.1	+53.1	+47.4	+45.6
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	62.1	57.3	56.4	55.8	59.5	65.5	70.7	
About right	30.6	32.6	33.2	31.9	28.0	26.4	22.2	
Too much	7.3	10.1	10.4	12.3	12.4	8.1	7.1	
Net (TL – TM)	+54.8	+47.2	+46.0	+43.5	+47.1	+57.4	+63.6	

<b>F2. Drug Rehabilitation</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	50.7	57.8	55.6	60.8	61.3	62.5	66.7	61.4
About right	39.2	33.9	34.4	31.2	30.4	28.2	25.1	30.8
Too much	10.1	8.3	10.0	8.0	8.2	9.3	8.2	7.8
Net (TL -TM)	+40.6	+49.5	+45.6	+52.8	+53.1	+53.2	+58.5	+53.6
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	57.9	55.5	57.2	56.0	54.8	54.7	52.4	54.9
About right	31.4	32.6	30.7	31.6	34.0	32.6	36.3	33.5
Too much	10.7	11.9	12.1	12.4	11.2	12.7	11.2	11.6
Net (TL -TM)	+47.2	+43.6	+45.1	+43.6	+43.6	+42.0	+41.2	+43.3
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	49.6	51.6	45.9	52.1	62.2	65.6		
About right	37.5	35.8	36.8	34.4	26.6	23.9		
Too much	12.9	12.5	17.3	13.6	11.3	10.5		
Net (TL – TM)	+36.7	+39.1	+28.6	+38.5	+50.9	+55.1		

<b>G. Improving the Nation's Education System/Education</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	51.3	53.5	51.8	52.6	50.4	53.3	55.9	57.2
About right	39.4	38.3	36.5	38.1	39.8	34.9	34.3	33.8
Too much	9.3	8.2	11.7	9.3	9.8	11.8	9.9	9.0
Net (TL -TM)	+42.0	+45.3	+40.1	+43.3	+40.6	+41.5	+46.0	+48.2
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	61.7	64.4	64.9	65.0	65.1	68.5	71.2	74.5
About right	32.2	30.6	28.8	30.4	29.3	27.7	25.5	22.5
Too much	6.1	5.0	6.2	4.7	5.6	3.8	3.3	3.0
Net (TL -TM)	+55.6	+59.4	+58.7	+60.3	+59.5	+64.7	+67.9	+71.5
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	70.7	71.4	73.0	73.0	72.9	73.3	75.9	76.0
About right	24.8	23.0	21.5	21.5	20.5	21.8	19.0	19.1
Too much	4.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	6.6	4.9	5.1	4.9
Net (TL -TM)	+66.2	+65.8	+67.5	+67.5	+66.3	+68.4	+70.8	+71.1
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	74.1	73.8	73.9	75.6	73.6	73.4	77.2	
About right	20.4	20.8	20.8	17.2	19.4	20.0	17.4	
Too much	5.4	5.4	5.3	7.2	7.0	6.7	5.4	
Net (TL -TM)	+68.7	+68.4	+68.6	+68.4	+66.6	+66.7	+71.8	

<b>H1. Improving the Condition of Blacks</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	35.3	33.4	29.4	29.6	27.5	26.3	26.7	30.2
About right	41.9	44.5	44.4	42.7	46.2	46.9	47.8	48.0
Too much	22.8	22.0	26.3	27.6	26.3	26.8	25.5	21.8
Net (TL -TM)	+12.5	+11.4	+3.1	+2.0	+1.2	-0.5	+1.2	+8.4
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	31.7	37.7	32.1	37.2	37.4	38.0	37.3	41.1
About right	47.2	46.0	46.3	46.2	46.3	45.3	46.1	42.7
Too much	21.1	16.3	21.6	16.6	16.3	16.6	16.1	15.9
Net (TL -TM)	+10.6	+21.4	+10.5	+20.6	+21.1	+21.4	+21.2	+25.2
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	39.0	39.4	34.0	35.4	36.9	38.0	33.0	34.7
About right	45.3	43.6	43.9	43.2	45.2	45.4	48.8	50.1
Too much	15.6	17.0	22.1	21.4	17.9	16.7	18.3	15.2
Net (TL -TM)	+23.4	+22.4	+11.9	+14.0	+19.0	+21.3	+14.7	+19.5
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	37.0	38.2	32.7	36.0	33.8	51.2	56.9	
About right	47.1	47.7	50.2	49.0	49.8	38.0	35.9	
Too much	15.9	14.0	17.1	15.0	16.4	10.8	7.2	
Net (TL -TM)	+21.1	+24.2	+15.6	+21.0	+17.4	+40.4	+49.7	

<b>H2. Assistance to Blacks</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	26.5	28.8	23.5	28.2	29.0	31.3	31.1	34.5
About right	45.9	44.8	47.8	47.6	46.2	44.7	45.7	45.4
Too much	27.6	26.4	28.8	24.2	24.8	24.0	23.2	20.1
Net (TL -TM)	-1.1	+2.4	-5.3	+4.0	+4.2	+7.3	+7.9	+14.4
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	27.2	26.5	25.4	29.3	33.4	25.7	27.9	27.7
About right	44.8	44.1	46.4	45.6	42.5	47.3	51.6	46.5
Too much	28.0	29.4	28.2	25.2	24.1	27.1	20.5	25.7
Net (TL -TM)	-0.8	-2.9	-2.8	+4.1	+9.3	-1.4	+7.4	+2.0
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	31.1	28.3	25.3	27.5	40.5	48.5		
About right	46.7	49.4	51.4	48.7	42.7	38.6		
Too much	22.2	22.4	23.3	23.9	16.9	13.0		
Net (TL - TM)	+8.9	+5.9	+2.0	+3.6	+23.6	+35.5		

<b>I. The Military, Armaments, and Defense/National Defense</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	12.1	17.9	17.8	26.2	25.7	29.8	60.9	31.2
About right	47.4	48.5	49.3	45.0	49.4	47.4	27.1	37.2
Too much	40.5	33.6	32.9	28.8	24.8	22.9	12.0	31.6
Net (TL -TM)	-28.4	-15.7	-15.1	-2.6	+0.9	+6.9	+48.9	+0.4
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	25.5	17.8	15.5	17.1	18.0	17.9	15.8	10.8
About right	40.2	43.0	42.5	44.3	41.3	42.6	42.9	44.9
Too much	34.3	39.1	42.0	38.7	40.8	39.5	41.3	44.3
Net (TL -TM)	-8.8	-21.3	-26.5	-21.6	-22.8	-21.6	-25.5	-33.5
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	14.2	11.2	17.3	18.2	18.8	25.8	33.8	34.0
About right	59.1	44.2	49.3	48.9	49.2	48.2	45.2	39.1
Too much	26.8	44.6	33.4	32.9	32.0	26.0	21.0	26.9
Net (TL -TM)	-12.6	-33.4	-16.1	-14.7	-13.2	-0.2	+12.8	+7.1
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	26.8	25.3	25.7	25.3	34.2	38.0	30.6	
About right	33.8	35.0	39.4	43.1	34.6	34.9	41.1	
Too much	39.4	39.7	34.9	31.6	31.2	27.1	28.4	
Net (TL -TM)	-12.6	-14.4	-9.2	-6.3	+3.0	+10.9	+2.2	

<b>J. Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	4.9	3.2	5.6	2.9	3.7	4.3	5.5	5.6
About right	21.9	18.3	17.8	18.5	25.5	25.3	21.5	19.0
Too much	73.2	78.5	76.7	78.6	70.8	70.4	72.9	75.3
Net (TL -TM)	-68.3	-75.3	-71.1	-75.7	-67.1	-66.1	-67.4	-69.7
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	4.4	4.4	7.6	5.2	6.3	4.9	5.6	6.2
About right	17.7	19.3	23.6	19.3	21.1	22.3	22.4	23.4
Too much	77.9	76.3	68.8	75.5	72.6	72.8	72.1	70.4
Net (TL -TM)	-73.5	-71.9	-61.2	-70.3	-66.3	-67.9	-66.5	-64.2
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.2	6.8	8.5	7.8	9.4
About right	21.0	20.9	19.8	20.7	25.3	28.0	24.5	24.1
Too much	75.2	74.6	75.6	75.1	67.9	63.4	67.7	66.6
Net (TL -TM)	-71.5	-70.1	-71.0	-70.9	-61.1	-54.9	-59.9	-57.2
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	10.8	11.0	7.8	7.7	7.2	9.6	15.3	
About right	24.7	25.8	29.3	24.2	23.9	29.2	33.2	
Too much	64.6	63.3	62.9	68.1	68.9	61.1	51.5	
Net (TL -TM)	-53.8	-52.3	-55.1	-60.4	-61.7	-51.5	-36.2	

<b>K1. Welfare</b>								
	<b>1973</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1982</b>
Too little	20.9	23.8	24.6	14.1	13.1	13.5	14.3	20.4
About right	25.0	32.8	30.0	22.7	24.2	24.9	26.5	28.4
Too much	54.1	43.4	45.4	63.2	62.7	61.6	59.2	51.2
Net (TL -TM)	-33.2	-19.6	-20.8	-49.1	-49.6	-48.1	-44.9	-30.8
	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Too little	22.1	24.4	18.9	23.4	21.5	24.7	24.2	24.4
About right	28.7	35.9	34.7	34.5	32.6	32.5	32.7	37.1
Too much	49.2	39.8	46.4	42.1	45.9	42.8	43.1	38.4
Net (TL -TM)	-27.1	-15.4	-27.5	-18.7	-24.4	-18.1	-18.9	-14.0
	<b>1991</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>
Too little	24.0	17.1	13.1	15.3	16.0	20.8	20.9	23.6
About right	36.7	25.6	24.6	26.6	37.7	39.8	37.8	35.0
Too much	39.3	57.3	62.4	58.1	46.3	39.3	41.3	41.4
Net (TL -TM)	-15.3	-40.2	-49.3	-42.8	-30.3	-18.5	-20.4	-17.8
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Too little	25.1	25.4	23.2	19.1	19.8	22.3	23.6	
About right	36.5	36.4	34.5	33.3	29.6	34.0	37.6	
Too much	38.3	38.2	42.4	47.6	50.6	43.7	38.9	
Net (TL -TM)	-13.2	-12.8	-19.2	-28.5	-30.8	-21.4	-15.3	

<b>K2. Assistance to the Poor</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	63.2	65.8	63.2	67.3	70.2	68.1	68.7	66.4
About right	25.6	24.3	28.1	23.3	22.8	23.4	24.5	24.5
Too much	11.3	9.9	8.7	9.4	6.9	8.5	6.7	9.2
Net (TL -TM)	+51.9	+55.9	+54.5	+57.9	+63.3	+59.6	+62.0	+57.2
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	64.4	59.3	55.1	62.8	64.3	67.3	69.9	69.8
About right	23.0	25.2	26.3	25.8	24.2	24.5	23.7	22.4
Too much	12.6	15.5	18.6	11.4	11.5	8.2	6.4	7.8
Net (TL -TM)	+51.8	+43.8	+36.5	+51.4	+52.8	+59.1	+63.5	+62.0
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	70.2	67.5	63.9	63.6	71.9	73.2		
About right	21.7	22.5	26.0	24.2	21.4	19.7		
Too Much	8.1	9.9	10.1	12.1	6.7	7.2		
Net (TL -TM)	+62.1	+57.6	+53.8	+51.5	+65.2	+66.0		

<b>L. Highways and Bridges</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	49.1	44.0	36.5	36.9	37.4	40.1	47.0	36.4
About right	44.2	48.2	54.8	54.0	54.7	52.4	46.6	52.2
Too much	6.8	7.7	8.6	9.2	7.9	7.5	6.3	11.4
Net (TL -TM)	+42.3	+36.3	+27.9	+27.7	+29.5	+32.6	+40.7	+25.0
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	38.5	40.1	38.1	40.5	35.2	35.7	30.1	35.5
About right	52.4	51.9	52.3	49.4	52.5	51.7	56.7	53.0
Too much	9.1	7.9	9.6	10.1	12.4	12.6	13.2	11.5
Net (TL -TM)	+29.4	+32.2	+28.5	+30.4	+22.8	+23.1	+16.9	+24.0
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	45.3	44.1	43.0	44.9	48.7	53.3		
About right	45.0	44.7	43.9	42.8	40.7	37.8		
Too much	9.8	11.2	13.1	12.2	10.6	8.9		
Net (TL -TM)	+35.5	+32.9	+29.9	+32.7	+38.1	+44.4		

<b>M. Social Security</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	53.9	54.2	57.3	57.1	55.5	57.1	52.1	55.8
About right	35.9	38.5	36.2	36.1	39.4	37.9	42.2	40.2
Too much	10.2	7.3	6.5	6.8	5.1	5.0	5.8	4.0
Net (TL -TM)	+43.7	+46.9	+50.8	+50.3	+50.4	+52.1	+46.3	+51.8
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	46.0	49.1	51.7	59.8	60.3	61.0	66.0	63.9
About right	46.2	43.6	39.6	33.3	34.5	34.3	28.5	31.4
Too much	7.8	7.3	8.7	6.9	5.1	4.7	5.5	4.7
Net (TL -TM)	+38.2	+41.8	+43.0	+52.9	+55.2	+56.3	+60.5	+59.2
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	61.6	57.3	55.9	55.4	60.2	60.5		
About right	32.6	34.3	35.8	38.1	34.4	34.3		
Too much	5.9	8.4	8.3	6.5	5.4	5.2		
Net (TL -TM)	+55.7	+48.9	+47.6	+48.9	+54.8	+55.3		

<b>N. Mass Transportation</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	37.2	32.1	30.6	32.2	31.7	33.3	37.1	37.2
About right	50.9	54.2	55.3	53.7	57.2	56.3	53.2	53.0
Too much	11.9	13.7	14.1	14.1	11.1	10.3	9.8	9.8
Net (TL -TM)	+25.3	+18.4	+16.5	+18.1	+20.6	+23.0	+27.3	+27.4
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	38.1	38.2	35.0	34.9	39.8	36.0	36.4	41.0
About right	50.9	53.1	53.4	54.7	51.8	53.3	53.0	49.9
Too much	11.0	8.7	11.6	10.4	8.4	10.7	10.6	10.1
Net (TL -TM)	+27.1	+29.5	+23.4	+24.5	+31.4	+25.3	+25.8	+30.9
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	48.7	42.7	39.9	38.6	37.0	39.4		
About right	43.3	46.5	50.1	52.1	54.1	51.8		
Too much	7.9	10.8	10.1	9.3	8.9	8.8		
Net (TL -TM)	+40.8	+31.9	+29.8	+29.3	+28.1	+30.6		

<b>O. Parks and Recreation</b>								
	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>
Too little	33.9	31.5	30.6	30.2	31.3	35.0	32.7	32.1
About right	60.5	60.7	63.1	63.2	63.2	59.7	61.3	63.1
Too much	5.6	7.8	6.4	6.6	5.5	5.3	6.0	4.8
Net (TL -TM)	+28.3	+23.7	+24.2	+23.6	+25.8	+29.7	+26.7	+27.3
	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
Too little	32.5	31.4	33.5	36.3	36.7	34.5	31.9	33.5
About right	60.6	62.2	60.2	57.4	57.6	59.9	61.1	60.1
Too much	6.9	6.4	6.2	6.3	5.7	5.6	7.0	6.4
Net (TL -TM)	+25.6	+25.0	+27.3	+30.0	+31.0	+28.9	+24.9	+27.1
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Too little	31.3	33.9	32.6	30.8	34.0	35.6		
About right	63.3	59.7	61.3	62.9	59.8	59.9		
Too much	5.4	6.4	6.1	6.3	6.2	4.5		
Net (TL -TM)	+25.9	+27.5	+26.5	+24.5	+27.8	+31.1		



<b>P. Assistance for Childcare</b>								
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>
Too little	64.8	60.0	57.6	55.0	54.4	51.7	48.1	49.8
About right	29.5	32.5	35.6	37.4	34.6	40.4	41.9	41.1
Too much	5.7	7.5	6.8	7.6	6.8	7.9	10	9.1
Net (TL -TM)	+59.1	+52.5	+50.8	+47.4	+47.6	+43.8	+38.1	+40.7
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>						
Too little	57.7	59.9						
About right	36.5	34.5						
Too much	5.9	5.6						
Net (TL -TM)	+51.8	+54.3						

<b>Q. Supporting Scientific Research</b>								
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>
Too little	36.7	40.2	43.6	40.5	40.6	39.9	41.8	40.4
About right	48.9	47.3	44.3	48.3	46.6	45.9	46.1	47.9
Too much	14.4	12.5	12.1	11.2	12.7	14.1	12.1	11.6
Net (TL -TM)	+22.3	+27.7	+31.5	+29.3	+27.9	+25.8	+29.7	+28.8
	<b>2018</b>							
Too little	45.4							
About right	46.6							
Too much	8.0							
Net (TL -TM)	+37.4							

<b>R. Developing Alternative Energy Sources</b>								
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2018</b>			
Too Little	64.1	61.9	57.0	56.9	57.3			
About Right	28.3	27.8	32.4	34.6	35.9			
Too Much	7.6	10.3	10.6	8.5	6.7			
Net (TL -TM)	+56.5	+51.6	+46.4	+48.4	+50.6			

**Table 2.** Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1973-2018

RANK	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1980	1982	1983	1984	1985
1	Drugs +63.7	Crime +65.5	Crime +63.5	Crime +61.8	Crime +64.5	Crime +61.3	Crime +66.1	Crime +70.7	Crime +63.4	Crime +66.4	Crime +59.2
2	Crime +63.5	Health +62.6	Health +60.2	Health +58.4	Health +52.4	Health +50.3	Drugs +57.0	Health +52.4	Drugs +56.2	Drugs +60.1	Drugs +59.2
3	Health +58.6	Drugs +56.6	Drugs +50.8	Drugs +55.7	Drugs +50.8	Drugs +48.3	Health +50.1	Drugs +51.9	Educ. +55.6	Educ. +59.4	Educ. +58.7
4	Envir. +56.9	Envir. +55.4	Envir. +48.0	Envir. +49.2	Educ. +40.6	Envir. +44.7	Defense +48.9	Educ. +48.2	Health +52.6	Envir. +53.3	Envir. +54.4
5	SolCity +41.7	SolCity +46.3	SolCity +42.5	Educ. +43.3	Envir. +40.5	Educ. +41.5	Educ. +46.0	Envir. +42.2	Envir. +48.7	Health +53.0	Health +50.0
6	Educ. +42.0	Educ. +45.3	Educ. +40.1	SolCity +26.0	SolCity +25.0	SolCity +23.5	Envir. +35.8	SolCity +26.4	SolCity +29.0	SolCity +37.2	SolCity +24.5
7	ImpBlks +12.5	ImpBlks +11.4	ImpBlks +3.1	ImpBlks +2.0	ImpBlks +1.2	Defense +6.9	SolCity +21.3	ImpBlks +8.4	ImpBlks +10.6	ImpBlks +21.4	ImpBlks +10.5
8	Defense -28.4	Defense -15.7	Defense -15.1	Defense -2.6	Defense +0.9	ImpBlks -0.5	ImpBlks +1.2	Defense +0.4	Defense -8.8	Welfare -15.4	Defense -26.5
9	Welfare -33.2	Welfare -19.6	Welfare -20.8	Welfare -49.1	Space -41.1	Space -37.7	Space -22.9	Space -28.3	Welfare -27.1	Defense -21.3	Welfare -27.5
10	Space -53.9	Space -55.0	Space -51.8	Space -51.8	Welfare -49.6	Welfare -48.1	Welfare -44.9	Welfare -30.8	Space -27.3	Space -32.1	Space -31.3
11	ForAid -68.3	ForAid -75.3	ForAid -71.1	ForAid -75.7	ForAid -67.1	ForAid -66.1	ForAid -67.4	ForAid -69.7	ForAid -73.5	ForAid -71.9	ForAid -61.2

**Table 2** Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1973-2018 (continued)

RANK	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1993	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
1	Crime +61.9	Crime +66.9	Crime +68.2	Envir. +70.4	Educ. +71.5	Health +67.4	Crime +68.6	Crime +71.4	Educ. +67.5	Educ. +66.3	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +70.8	Health +72.4	Educ. +68.7	Educ. +68.4
2	Educ. +60.3	Health +63.0	Drugs +66.8	Crime +70.0	Envir. +71.2	Envir. +66.8	Educ. +65.8	Educ. +67.5	Crime +61.7	Health +62.7	Health +66.9	Health +68.2	Educ. +71.1	Health +66.4	Health. +68.1
3	Envir. +56.1	Drugs +60.9	Educ. +64.7	Educ. +67.9	Health +68.5	Educ. +66.2	Health +62.5	Health +55.0	Health +56.2	Envir. +56.9	Envir. +56.3	Envir. +53.7	Envir. +58.1	Envir. +61.9	Envir. +58.7
4	Drugs +54.0	Envir. +60.4	Health +64.1	Drugs +66.7	Crime +66.9	Crime +62.9	Drugs +55.2	Drugs +54.0	Envir. +51.7	Crime +56.3	Crime +55.2	Crime +50.6	Crime +52.4	Drugs +54.8	Crime +55.0
5	Health +52.9	Educ. +59.5	Envir. +63.5	Health +65.8	Drugs +57.7	Drugs +52.4	Envir. +51.3	Envir. +53.7	Drugs +48.7	Drugs +51.1	Drugs +53.1	Drugs +42.0	Drugs +47.4	Crime +54.6	Drugs +47.2
6	SolCity +31.7	SolCity +28.0	SolCity +43.8	SolCity +40.2	SolCity +48.3	SolCity +38.6	SolCity +49.6	SolCity +46.7	SolCity +44.2	SolCity +37.7	SolCity +39.6	SolCity +30.0	SolCity +29.1	SolCity +35.2	SolCity +35.7
7	ImpBlks +20.6	ImpBlks +21.1	ImpBlks +21.4	ImpBlks +21.2	ImpBlks +25.2	ImpBlks +23.4	ImpBlks +22.4	ImpBlks +11.9	ImpBlks +14.0	ImpBlks +19.0	ImpBlks +21.3	ImpBlks +14.7	ImpBlks +19.5	ImpBlks +21.1	ImpBlks +24.2
8	Welfare -18.7	Defense -22.8	Space -16.8	Welfare -18.9	Welfare -14.0	Defense -12.6	Defense -33.4	Defense -16.1	Defense -14.7	Defense -13.2	Defense -0.2	Defense +12.8	Defense +7.1	Defense -12.6	Welfare -12.8
9	Defense -21.6	Space -22.7	Welfare -18.1	Space -21.6	Space -30.4	Welfare -15.3	Welfare -40.2	Space -39.4	Space -30.0	Space -30.1	Welfare -18.5	Welfare -20.4	Welfare -17.8	Welfare -13.2	Defense -14.4
10	Space -30.1	Welfare -24.4	Defense -21.6	Defense -25.5	Defense -33.5	Space -25.9	Space -44.5	Welfare -49.3	Welfare -42.8	Welfare -30.3	Space -29.5	Space -25.6	Space -25.7	Space -22.7	Space -24.3
11	ForAid -70.3	ForAid -66.3	ForAid -67.9	ForAid -66.5	ForAid -64.2	ForAid -71.5	ForAid -70.1	ForAid -71.0	ForAid -70.9	ForAid -61.1	ForAid -54.9	ForAid -59.9	ForAid -57.2	ForAid -53.8	ForAid -52.3

**Table 2.** Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1973-2018 (continued)

RANK	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
1	Educ. +68.6	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +66.6	Educ. +66.7	Educ. +71.8
2	Crime +51.2	Crime +51.9	Crime +53.1	Crime +61.4	Health +64.5
3	Envir. +48.5	Health +46.3	Envir. +49.0	Drugs +57.4	Drugs +63.6
4	Drugs +46.0	Envir. +45.9	Drugs +47.1	Envir. +55.7	Crime +62.5
5	Health +41.4	Drugs +43.5	Health +40.8	Health +50.7	Envir. +60.4
6	SolCity +22.9	SolCity +24.1	SolCity +29.5	ImpBlks +40.4	ImpBlks +49.7
7	ImpBlks +15.6	ImpBlks +21.0	ImpBlks +17.4	SolCity +38.3	SolCity +43.6
8	Defense -9.2	Defense -6.3	Defense +3.0	Defense +10.9	Defense +2.2
9	Welfare -19.2	Space -9.0	Space -4.5	Space -4.7	Space -2.3
10	Space -21.0	Welfare -28.5	Welfare -30.8	Welfare -21.4	Welfare -15.3
11	ForAid -55.1	ForAid -60.4	ForAid -61.7	ForAid -51.5	ForAid -36.2

**Abbreviations/Labels Used in Tables 2-4:**

AidBlks=Assistance to Blacks  
 AidCity=Assistance to Big Cities  
 Crime=Halting the Rising Crime Rate  
 Defense=The Military, Armaments, and  
 Defense/National Defense  
 Drugs=Dealing with Drug Addiction  
 Educ.=Improving the Nation's Education  
 System/Education  
 Envir.=Improving and Protecting the  
 Environment/The Environment  
 ForAid=Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other  
 Countries  
 Health=Improving and Protecting the Nation's  
 Health/Health  
 ImpBlks=Improving the Condition of Blacks

LawEnf=Law Enforcement  
 Parks=Parks and Recreation  
 Poor=Assistance to the Poor  
 Rehab.=Drug Rehabilitation  
 Roads=Highways and Bridges  
 SocSec=Social Security  
 SolCity=Solving the Problems of the Big Cities  
 Space=Space Exploration Program/Space  
 Exploration  
 Trans.=Mass Transportation  
 Welfare=Welfare

**Table 3.** Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1984-2018

RANK	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1993	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
1	Crime +66.4	Crime +59.2	Crime +61.9	Crime +66.9	Crime +68.2	Envir. +70.4	Educ. +71.5	Health +67.4	Crime +68.6	Crime +71.4	Educ. +67.5	Educ. +66.3	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +70.8	Health +72.4	Educ. +68.7
2	Drugs +60.1	Drugs +59.2	Educ. +60.3	Health +63.0	Drugs +66.8	Crime +70.0	Envir. +71.2	Envir. +66.8	Educ. +65.8	Educ. +67.5	Crime +61.7	Health +62.7	Health +66.9	Health +68.2	Educ. +71.1	Health +66.4
3	Educ. +59.4	Educ. +58.7	Envir. +56.1	Drugs +60.9	Educ. +64.7	Educ. +67.9	Health +68.5	Educ. +66.2	Health +62.5	LawEnf +58.3	Health +56.2	Envir. +56.9	Envir. +56.3	Poor +59.1	Poor +63.5	Poor +62.0
4	Envir. +53.3	Poor +55.9	Poor +54.5	Envir. +60.4	Health +64.1	Drugs +66.7	Crime +66.9	Crime +62.9	Drugs +55.2	Health +55.0	Envir. +51.7	Crime +56.3	SocSec +55.2	SocSec +56.3	SocSec +60.5	Envir. +61.9
5	Health +53.0	Envir. +54.4	Drugs +54.0	Educ. +59.5	Envir. +63.5	Health +65.8	Poor +62.0	Poor +57.2	LawEnf +54.2	Drugs +54.0	LawEnf +50.3	SocSec +52.9	Crime +55.2	Envir. +53.7	Envir. +58.1	SocSec +59.2
6	Poor +51.9	LawEnf +52.4	Health +52.9	Poor +57.9	Poor +63.3	Poor +59.6	Rehab. +58.5	Rehab. +53.6	Poor +51.8	Envir. +53.7	Drugs +48.7	Poor +51.4	Drugs +53.1	Crime +50.6	Crime +52.4	Drugs +54.8
7	LawEnf +50.8	Health +50.0	SocSec +50.8	Rehab. +52.8	Rehab. +53.1	LawEnf +55.5	Drugs +57.7	Drugs +52.4	Envir. +51.3	SolCity +46.7	Rehab. +45.1	Drugs +51.1	Poor +52.8	Drugs +47.4	Drugs +45.6	Crime +54.6
8	SocSec +43.7	Rehab. +49.5	LawEnf +46.2	SocSec +50.3	LawEnf +50.9	Rehab. +53.2	LawEnf +52.3	SocSec +51.8	SolCity +49.6	Poor +43.8	SolCity +44.2	LawEnf +48.5	LawEnf +43.9	Rehab. +42.0	LawEnf +45.1	LawEnf +45.8
9	Roads +42.3	SocSec +46.9	Rehab. +45.6	LawEnf +47.2	SocSec +50.4	SocSec +52.1	SolCity +48.3	LawEnf +50.8	Rehab. +47.2	Rehab. +43.6	SocSec +43.0	Rehab. +43.6	Rehab. +43.6	LawEnf +37.7	Rehab. +41.2	Rehab. +43.3
10	Rehab. +40.6	Roads +36.3	SolCity +31.7	SolCity +28.0	SolCity +43.8	SolCity +40.2	SocSec +46.3	SolCity +38.6	SocSec +38.2	SocSec +41.8	Poor +36.5	SolCity +37.7	SolCity +39.6	SolCity +30.0	SolCity +29.1	SolCity +35.2
11	SolCity +37.2	SolCity +24.5	Roads +27.9	Roads +27.7	Roads +29.5	Roads +32.6	Roads +40.7	Trans. +27.4	Roads +29.4	Roads +32.2	Roads +28.5	Roads +30.4	Trans. +31.4	Parks +28.9	Trans. +25.8	Trans. +30.9
12	Parks +28.3	Parks +23.7	Parks +24.2	Parks +23.6	Parks +25.8	Parks +29.7	Trans. +27.3	Parks +27.3	Trans. +27.1	Trans. +29.5	Parks +27.3	Parks +30.0	Parks +31.0	Trans. +25.3	Parks +24.9	Parks +27.1

RANK	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1993	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
13	Trans. +25.3	ImpBlks +10.5	ImpBlks +20.6	ImpBlks +21.1	ImpBlks +21.4	Trans. +23.0	Parks +26.7	Roads +25.0	Parks +25.6	Parks +25.0	Trans. +23.4	Trans. +24.5	Roads +22.8	Roads +23.1	ImpBlks +19.5	Roads +24.0
14	ImpBlks +21.4	Trans. +18.4	Trans. +16.5	Trans. +18.1	Trans. +20.6	ImpBlks +21.2	ImpBlks +25.2	ImpBlks +23.4	ImpBlks +22.4	ImpBlks +11.9	ImpBlks +14.0	ImpBlks +19.0	ImpBlks +21.3	ImpBlks +14.7	Roads +16.9	ImpBlks +21.1
15	AidBlks -1.1	AidBlks +2.4	AidBlks -5.3	AidBlks +4.0	AidBlks +4.2	AidBlks +7.3	AidBlks +7.9	AidBlks +14.4	AidBlks -0.8	AidBlks -2.9	AidBlks -2.8	AidBlks +4.1	AidBlks +9.3	Defense +12.8	AidBlks +7.4	AidBlks +2.0
16	Welfare -15.4	AidCity -21.6	Welfare -18.7	AidCity -11.9	AidCity -9.0	AidCity -15.3	AidCity -5.5	AidCity -12.1	AidCity -9.7	AidCity -7.7	AidCity -10.9	AidCity -11.2	Defense -0.2	AidBlks -1.4	Defense +7.1	Defense -12.6
17	AidCity -19.6	Defense -26.5	Defense -21.6	Defense -22.8	Space -16.8	Welfare -18.9	Welfare -14.0	Defense -12.6	Defense -33.4	Defense -16.1	Defense -14.7	Defense -13.2	AidCity -3.9	AidCity -18.4	AidCity -13.9	Welfare -13.2
18	Defense -21.3	Welfare -27.5	AidCity -22.4	Welfare -24.4	Welfare -18.1	Space -21.6	Space -30.4	Welfare -15.3	Welfare -40.2	Space -39.4	Space -30.0	Space -30.1	Welfare -18.5	Welfare -20.6	Welfare -17.8	AidCity -14.5
19	Space -32.1	Space -31.3	Space -30.1	Space -22.7	Defense -21.6	Defense -25.5	Defense -33.5	Space -25.9	Space -44.5	Welfare -49.3	Welfare -42.8	Welfare -30.3	Space -29.5	Space -25.6	Space -25.7	Space -22.7
20	ForAid -71.9	ForAid -61.2	ForAid -70.3	ForAid -66.3	ForAid -67.9	ForAid -66.5	ForAid -64.2	ForAid -71.5	ForAid -70.1	ForAid -71.0	ForAid -70.9	ForAid -61.1	ForAid -54.9	ForAid -59.9	ForAid -57.2	ForAid -53.8

**Table 3.** Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 1984-2018 (continued)

RANK	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
1	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +68.6	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +66.6	Educ. +66.7	Educ. +71.8
2	Health +68.1	Poor +57.6	Poor +53.8	Crime +53.1	Poor +65.2	Poor +66.0
3	Poor +62.1	Crime +51.2	Crime +51.9	Poor +51.5	Crime +61.4	Health +64.5
4	Envir. +58.7	SocSec +48.9	SocSec +47.6	Envir. +49.0	Drugs +57.4	Drugs +63.6
5	SocSec +55.7	Envir. +48.5	Health +46.3	SocSec +48.9	Envir. +55.7	Crime +62.5
6	Crime +55.0	Drugs +46.0	Envir. +45.9	Drugs +47.1	SocSec +54.8	Envir. +60.4
7	Drugs +47.2	Health +41.4	Drugs +43.5	Health +40.8	Rehab +50.9	SocSec +55.3
8	LawEnf +44.8	Rehab. +39.1	LawEnf +38.6	Rehab +38.5	Health +50.7	Rehab +55.1
9	Trans. +40.8	LawEnf +36.4	Roads +29.9	LawEnf +33.2	LawEnf +43.0	ImpBlks +49.7
10	Rehab. +36.7	Roads +32.9	Trans +29.8	Roads +32.7	ImpBlks +40.4	Roads +44.4
11	SolCity +35.7	Trans +31.9	Rehab +28.6	SolCity +29.5	SolCity +38.3	SolCity +43.6
12	Roads +35.5	Parks +27.5	Parks +26.5	Trans +29.3	Roads +38.1	LawEnf +43.3
13	Parks +25.9	SolCity +22.9	SolCity +24.1	Parks +24.5	Trans +28.1	AidBlks +35.5
14	ImpBlks +24.2	Impblks +15.6	ImpBlks +21.0	ImpBlks +17.4	Parks +27.8	Parks +31.1
15	AidBlks +8.9	AidBlks +5.9	AidBlks +2.0	AidBlks +3.6	AidBlks +23.6	Trans +30.6
16	AidCity -11.1	Defense -9.2	Defense -6.3	Defense +3.0	Defense +10.9	Defense +2.2
17	Welfare -12.8	Welfare -19.2	Space -9.0	Space -4.5	Space -4.7	Space -2.3
18	Defense -14.4	Aid City -19.2	AidCity -23.4	AidCity -19.1	AidCity -11.8	AidCity -12.1
19	Space -24.3	Space -21.0	Welfare -28.5	Welfare -30.8	Welfare -21.4	Welfare -15.3
20	ForAid -52.3	ForAid -55.1	ForAid -60.4	ForAid -61.7	ForAid -51.5	ForAid -36.2

**Table 4.** Rank of Net Spending Priorities, 2002-2018

RANK	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
1	Educ. +70.8	Health +72.4	Educ. +68.7	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +68.6	Educ. +68.4	Educ. +66.6	Educ. +66.7	Educ. +71.8
2	Health +68.2	Educ. +71.1	Health +66.4	Health +68.1	Poor +57.6	Poor +53.8	Crime +53.1	Poor +65.2	Poor +66.0
3	Poor +59.1	Poor +63.5	Poor +62.0	Poor +62.1	Crime +51.2	Crime +51.9	Poor +51.5	Crime +61.4	Health +64.5
4	SocSec +56.3	SocSec +60.5	Envir. +61.9	Envir. +58.7	SocSec +48.9	SocSec +47.6	Envir. +49.0	Drugs +57.4	Drugs +63.6
5	Envir. +53.7	Envir. +58.1	SocSec +59.2	SocSec +55.7	Envir. +48.5	Health +46.3	SocSec +48.9	Envir. +55.7	Crime +62.5
6	Child +52.5	Crime +52.4	Drugs +54.8	Crime +55.0	Drugs +46.0	Envir. +45.9	Drugs +47.1	SocSec +54.8	Envir. +60.4
7	Crime +50.6	Child +50.8	Crime +54.6	Child +47.6	Child +43.8	Drugs +43.5	Health +40.8	Child +51.8	SocSec +55.3
8	Drugs +47.4	Drugs +45.6	Child +47.4	Drugs +47.2	Health +41.4	LawEnf +38.6	Child +40.7	Rehab +50.9	Rehab +55.1
9	Rehab. +42.0	LawEnf +45.1	LawEnf +45.8	LawEnf +44.8	Rehab. +39.1	Child +38.1	Rehab +38.5	Health +50.7	Child +54.3
10	LawEnf +37.7	Rehab. +41.2	Rehab. +43.3	Trans. +40.8	LawEnf +36.4	Roads +29.9	LawEnf +33.2	LawEnf +43.0	ImpBlks +49.7
11	SolCity +30.0	SolCity +29.1	SolCity +35.2	Rehab. +36.7	Roads +32.9	Trans. +29.8	Roads +32.7	ImpBlks +40.4	Roads +44.4
12	Parks +28.9	Science +27.7	Science +31.5	SolCity +35.7	Trans. +31.9	Rehab. +28.6	Science +29.7	SolCity +38.3	SolCity +43.6
13	Trans. +25.3	Trans. +25.8	Trans. +30.9	Roads +35.5	Science +27.9	Parks +26.5	SolCity +29.5	Roads +38.1	LawEnf +43.3
14	Roads +23.1	Parks +24.9	Parks +27.1	Science +29.3	Parks +27.5	Science +25.8	Trans +29.3	Science +28.8	Science +37.4
15	Science +22.3	ImpBlks +19.5	Roads +24.0	Parks +25.9	SolCity +22.9	SolCity +24.1	Parks +24.5	Trans +28.1	AidBlks +35.5
16	ImpBlks +14.7	Roads +16.9	ImpBlks +21.1	ImpBlks +24.2	ImpBlks +15.6	ImpBlks +21.0	ImpBlks +17.4	Parks +27.8	Parks +31.1
17	Defense +12.8	AidBlks +7.4	AidBlks +2.0	AidBlks +8.9	AidBlks +5.9	AidBlks +2.0	AidBlks +3.6	AidBlks +23.6	Trans +30.6
18	AidBlks -1.4	Defense +7.1	Defense -12.6	AidCity -11.1	Defense -9.2	Defense -6.3	Defense +3.0	Defense +10.9	Defense +2.2
19	AidCity -18.4	AidCity -13.9	Welfare -13.2	Welfare -12.8	AidCity -19.2	Space -9.0	Space -4.5	Space -4.7	Space -2.3
20	Welfare -20.6	Welfare -17.8	AidCity -14.5	Defense -14.4	Welfare -19.2	AidCity -23.4	AidCity -19.1	AidCity -11.8	AidCity -12.1
21	Space -25.6	Space -25.7	Space -22.7	Space -24.3	Space -21.0	Welfare -28.5	Welfare -30.8	Welfare -21.4	Welfare -15.3
22	ForAid -59.9	ForAid -57.2	ForAid -53.8	ForAid -52.3	ForAid -55.1	ForAid -60.4	ForAid -61.7	ForAid -51.5	ForAid -36.2



**Table 5.** Trends in Overall and Domestic Welfare Spending, 1973-2018

	<b>Overall Spending</b>	<b>Domestic Social Spending</b>
1973	+14.1	+24.2
1974	+16.1	+29.2
1975	+13.6	+25.0
1976	+10.7	+16.1
1977	+10.9	+13.9
1978	+11.3	+13.3
1980	+17.4	+14.7
1982	+13.8	+20.9
1983	+16.3	+24.1
1984	+19.1	+31.0
1985	+15.5	+23.2
1986	+17.9	+29.4
1987	+20.3	+29.4
1988	+24.4	+35.2
1989	+24.5	+35.2
1990	+24.3	+39.9
1991	+22.9	+36.1
1993	+17.0	+32.0
1994	+16.8	+26.4
1996	+16.9	+27.8
1998	+19.5	+31.1
2000	+23.4	+35.5
2002	+21.5	+32.7
2004	+23.1	+34.9
2006	+23.7	+35.6
2008	+23.0	+36.7
2010	+17.2	+25.9
2012	+17.9	+26.3
2014	+19.0	+24.7
2016	+27.6	+34.9
2018	+33.1	+42.9

Overall Spending = Average Net Spending for all 11 items

Domestic Welfare Spending = Average Net Spending for 5 items (Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health, Solving the Problems of the Big Cities, Improving the Nation's Education System/Education, Improving the Condition of Blacks, Welfare)

## Technical Appendix

### General Social Surveys (GSSs)

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The GSSs are conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. Principal funding comes from the National Science Foundation. Tom W. Smith, Michael Davern, Jeremy Freese, and Michael Hout are the principal investigators. The GSS are full-probability samples of adults living in households in the United States. Interviews are conducted in-person. Sample size across 1973-2016 in the standard cross-sections totals 60,146 respondents (1973=1504, 1974=1484, 1975=1490, 1976=1499, 1977=1530, 1978=1532, 1980=1468, 1982=1506, 1983=1599, 1984=1473, 1985=1534, 1986=1470, 1987=1466, 1988=1481, 1989=1537, 1990=1372, 1991=1517, 1993=1606, 1994=2992, 1996=2904, 1998=2832, 2000=2817; 2002=2765; 2004=2812; 2006=2992; 2008=2023; 2010=2044; 2012=1974; 2014=2538; 2016=2867; 2018=2348). Full technical details on the sample, response rates, and other methodological matters are presented in Tom W. Smith, Michael Davern, Jeremy Freese, and Stephen L. Morgan, General Social Surveys, 1972-2018: Cumulative Codebook. Chicago: NORC, 2019. The data are on-line at <http://gss.norc.org/>.

### National Spending Priority Items

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Items covering 11 areas have been asked in every GSS since 1973 (Space Exploration Program, Improving and Protecting the Environment, Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health, Solving the Problems of the Big Cities, Halting the Rising Crime Rate, Dealing with Drug Addiction, Improving the Nation's Education System, Improving the Condition of Blacks, The Military, Armaments, and Defense, Foreign Aid, Welfare). Since 1984 an additional four areas have been included (Highways and Roads, Social Security, Mass Transportation, Parks and Recreation). In 2000 a 16th area (Assistance for Childcare) was added, in 2002 a 17th area (Supporting Scientific Research), and in 2010 an 18th area (Developing Alternative Energy Sources).

Also since 1984, 11 alternative wordings for the original spending items have been asked on a random sub-sample (Space Exploration, The Environment, Health, Assistance to Big Cities, Law Enforcement, Drug Rehabilitation, Education, Assistance to Blacks, National Defense, Assistance to Other Countries, Assistance to the Poor). When the alternative wordings produced distributions that did not significantly differ from the original wordings, they have been combined together (Space Exploration Program/Space Exploration, Improving and Protecting the Environment/The Environment, Improving and Protecting the Nation's Health/Health, Improving the Nation's Education System/Education, The Military, Armaments,

and Defense/National Defense, Foreign Aid/Assistance to Other Countries). For the remaining five original spending areas the standard and alternative results are presented separately.

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