

**American Rivers and the River Movement**  
**April 2005**  
**Nationwide survey**

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions concerning the problems facing our state and local communities. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) 18 years or older in your household who celebrated a birthday most recently?

N .....	<b>1001</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>221</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>NY</b>	<b>WA</b>

**GENDER OF RESPONDENT**

Male .....	48	43	48	51	44	51
Female.....	52	57	52	49	56	49

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS. IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET]**

I am going to read you a list of concerns that some people have. For each, please tell me how worried you are about this issue on a scale from 0 to 100, where 100 means you are extremely worried about this issue and 0 means you are not worried at all about this issue. Here is the first one...

**ROTATE Q2-Q5**

2. \_Clean air

MEAN.....	65.4	58.4	68.3	67.2	73.8	66.8
100 .....	16	13	19	18	25	17
76-99 .....	26	23	30	27	29	30
51-75 .....	22	20	22	22	24	22
50 .....	13	11	10	10	9	11
0-49 .....	22	32	19	22	13	20
(don't know).....	0	0	0	0	0	0

**SPLIT SAMPLE A**

3. \_Clean water in rivers, streams, and lakes

MEAN.....	64.6	63.8	67.2	63.7	72.6	63.7
100 .....	17	15	18	18	25	17
76-99 .....	22	24	26	24	22	17
51-75 .....	25	24	25	18	30	34
50 .....	13	11	8	14	10	8
0-49 .....	23	25	22	26	13	24
(don't know).....	0	1	0	0	0	0

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

4. \_Clean water supply

MEAN.....	66.4	56.6	70.4	67.8	69.5	68.1
100 .....	20	13	23	17	23	20
76-99 .....	23	19	29	28	21	23
51-75 .....	23	21	17	26	28	25
50 .....	14	20	13	10	8	18
0-49.....	20	27	19	18	19	14
(don't know).....	0	0	0	0	1	0

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

5. \_Clean drinking water

MEAN.....	68.0	60.6	71.3	68.4	74.0	67.6
100 .....	23	19	24	25	28	20
76-99 .....	22	16	28	22	24	22
51-75 .....	24	24	22	24	25	28
50 .....	11	11	9	9	9	12
0-49.....	19	28	17	20	13	18
(don't know).....	0	1	0	0	0	0

6. How concerned are you that the tap water in your home is safe to drink – very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned .....	22	22	22	22	29	18
Somewhat concerned .	28	22	29	28	36	28
A little concerned .....	28	28	23	28	20	32
Not concerned at all ....	21	27	26	22	16	23
(don't know).....	0	0	0	0	0	0

7. If you found out that your tap water comes from your local rivers and streams, how worried would you be – extremely worried, very worried, somewhat worried, a little worried, or not worried at all?

Extremely worried.....	14	16	9	14	21	13
Very worried.....	20	19	23	20	26	18
Somewhat worried .....	26	21	26	29	24	25
A little worried.....	19	20	20	20	12	23
Not worried at all.....	21	22	21	16	15	19
(don't know).....	1	3	0	1	2	2

8. Do you only drink tap water, only drink bottled water, or do you drink both?

Only tap water .....	25	32	30	26	20	24
Only bottled water.....	16	15	15	19	31	22
Both.....	59	53	56	55	49	54
(don't know).....	0	0	0	0	0	0

9. Now let me ask you something slightly different. I am going to read you two statements. Please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Some people/Other people say that we need to adjust to problems with our water by buying bottled water

.....	10	7	6	8	6	10
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Some people/Other people say that our elected officials should take significant action to address problems with our water to ensure its safety

.....	85	88	91	81	89	82
(both) .....	3	3	1	4	3	6
(neither) .....	1	0	0	3	1	0
(don't know)	2	2	1	3	1	2

**SPLIT SAMPLE A**

10. Now thinking specifically about the rivers in your area. Do you think there is more or less water in the rivers than 10 years ago? (If more/less, Ask: is that much/somewhat?)

Much more.....	1	0	2	3	1	4
Somewhat more .....	12	17	8	12	8	7
Somewhat less .....	36	41	33	34	36	39
Much less.....	10	6	25	12	12	9
(about the same).....	30	26	19	26	31	27
(don't know).....	10	9	12	14	12	15

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

11. In the last 10 years, has the water in the rivers in this area gotten cleaner or dirtier? (If cleaner/dirtier, Ask: Is that much/somewhat?)

Much cleaner.....	3	3	2	1	4	0
Somewhat cleaner .....	16	11	11	16	16	23
Somewhat dirtier.....	34	35	36	44	30	35
Much dirtier .....	17	18	15	15	30	17
(about the same).....	21	25	28	22	14	19
(don't know).....	10	8	8	2	7	7

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

12. Of the following who do you think is MOST responsible for protecting your community's clean water?

U.S. Congress .....	9	12	12	7	10	9
State legislature.....	18	15	18	19	22	13
Local government .....	28	23	30	23	26	35
Corporations or big industries .....	11	17	12	16	15	7
Developers .....	5	4	3	8	4	4
Individuals .....	14	15	12	18	9	18
(all of the above).....	12	12	10	8	12	14
(none of the above).....	0	0	0	0	0	0
(other).....	0	1	1	0	0	0
(don't know).....	1	2	1	1	1	0

**IF ANSWER GIVEN IN Q11, ASK:**

13. And who do you think is the NEXT MOST responsible for protecting your community's clean water?

U.S. Congress .....	10	9	6	8	10	6
State legislature.....	22	21	30	16	20	30

Local government .....	27	23	27	25	30	19
Corporations or big industries .....	12	12	12	13	13	16
Developers .....	10	15	9	15	11	12
Individuals .....	14	11	12	13	10	10
(all of the above).....	2	6	2	4	4	2
(none of the above) .....	0	1	0	1	0	1
(other).....	0	0	0	0	0	0
(don't know).....	3	3	2	4	3	5

**12/13. Combined first/second choice**

U.S. Congress .....	17	19	17	14	19	14
State legislature.....	37	33	45	34	39	39
Local government .....	52	43	54	46	52	51
Corporations or big industries .....	21	27	23	27	26	20
Developers .....	14	17	11	22	13	14
Individuals .....	25	24	22	30	18	27
(all of the above).....	12	12	10	8	12	14
(none of the above) .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
(other).....	0	1	1	0	0	0
(don't know).....	1	2	1	1	1	0

14. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

**[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Democrat.....	19	20	<b>39</b>	13	<b>33</b>	19	<b>40</b>	24	<b>47</b>	16	3
Not so strong Democrat...	14	14		13		13		20		15	
indep. leans Democrat.....	6	5		7		8		3		8	
independent.....	20	15		23		22		20		21	
indep. leans Republican....	8	11		9		3		5		6	
Not so strong Republican	14	15		18		16		10		11	
Strong Republican.....	14	17	<b>43</b>	14	<b>41</b>	13	<b>32</b>	13	<b>29</b>	15	3
(dk/na/other).....	4	3		3		6		4		8	

15. What is your age?

**CODE ACTUAL AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF REFUSED:** I am going to read you some categories. Stop me when we get to your category:

READ CATEGORIES:

18-24 .....	7	5	5	6	5	5
25-29 .....	12	11	13	9	9	12
30-34 .....	9	8	12	10	15	15
35-39 .....	13	10	15	13	14	10
40-44 .....	12	10	11	14	10	14
45-49 .....	8	11	10	11	7	9
50-54 .....	9	8	11	7	8	6

55-59 .....	8	7	9	9	8	10
60-64 .....	5	9	4	4	9	4
65-69 .....	5	5	4	5	5	5
70-74 .....	3	6	0	5	4	5
75 and older .....	6	8	6	6	4	4
(Refused/don't know) ....	2	1	0	2	2	1

16. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

DO NOT READ

1 - 11th grade .....	6	11	1	6	3	4
High school graduate ..	33	46	28	33	29	28
Non-college post high school .....	4	5	3	6	6	4
Some college .....	26	16	27	24	26	29
College graduate .....	26	19	32	24	26	27
Post-graduate school ....	6	3	8	7	9	6
(Don't know) .....	0	0	0	0	0	1

17. Do you have any children ages eighteen or younger, living at home with you?

Yes .....	37	37	42	38	36	43
No .....	63	63	58	62	64	57
(don't know) .....	0	0	0	0	0	0

18. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White .....	74	71	81	77	76	86
Black .....	13	25	4	14	11	4
Hispanic .....	10	3	12	6	9	6
Asian .....	2	0	1	1	4	2
Native American .....	0	1	1	1	0	1
(other) .....	0	0	0	1	0	0
(don't know/refused)	0	0	1			

### Methodology

Lake Snell Perry Mermin and Associates surveyed 1,000 registered voters, ages 18 and older nationwide and oversamples of 200 registered voters in the following five states: Alabama, Colorado, Michigan, New York, and Washington. The survey was conducted between April 14 and 20, 2005. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1% and the margin of error for the oversamples in the states is +/-6.9%.