

AAMVA NATIONAL SURVEY

Interview Schedule

Project #02192
Public Opinion Strategies
Alexandria, Virginia

April 2-4, 2002
N = 800 Drivers
Margin of Error = ±3.46%

Hello, I'm _____ of _____, a national research firm. We're talking with people across the country today, and would like to ask you a few questions on a confidential basis.

B. Some people we talk to have a driver's license, others do NOT, how about you, do you currently have a driver's license or ID card issued by your state Department of Motor Vehicles, that is your state DMV?

95% YES, DRIVER'S LICENSE
5% YES, ID CARD
- NO (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

Changing topics and talking some more about driver's licenses...

A1. Do you think the requirements to prove your identity to obtain a driver's license in your state are too easy, too hard or about right?

22% TOO EASY
3% TOO HARD
64% ABOUT RIGHT
11% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

A2. And how easy do you think it is for a person to obtain a false identification card, such as a fake driver's license? (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

35% VERY EASY
65% 30% SOMEWHAT EASY
16% 11% NOT TOO EASY
5% NOT EASY AT ALL
19% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

- A3. Now I am going to read you a statement and please tell me if you believe the statement is probably true, probably untrue or if you don't know enough to have an opinion one way or the other...

It is illegal to hold a driver's license or state issued ID card in more than one state at a time?

59% TRUE
17% UNTRUE
24% DON'T KNOW ENOUGH/NO OPINION
* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

(IF QA3:2-4, READ:) Actually it is illegal to hold a driver's license or state issued ID card in more than one state at a time.

- A4. Now, there is a proposal before Congress with an estimated cost of one hundred million dollars to modify the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card. This proposal would require states to develop similar procedures for issuing a driver's license or ID card. It would allow individual states to search other states' drivers' records to verify the accuracy of information provided by applicants and allow law enforcement officials to confirm the validity of a driver's license or ID card. Finally, this proposal would help prevent fraudulent and unauthorized issuing of driver's licenses or ID cards by enacting stiffer penalties and fines for offenders.

And, would you favor or oppose this proposal?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) this proposal to modify the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card?

48% STRONGLY FAVOR
77% 29% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
14% 6% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
8% STRONGLY OPPOSE
9% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

(IF QA4:1-4, ASK:)

- A5. Please tell me some of the reasons you said you would (**FAVOR/OPPOSE**) this proposal to modify the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card? What are some other reasons you feel this way?

SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES

A6. And would you be More or Less likely to vote for your Member of Congress if you found out they supported this proposal or would it make no difference in your vote?

- 30% MORE LIKELY
- 6% LESS LIKELY
- 58% NO DIFFERENCE
- 6% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Now please listen carefully as I read to you in greater detail some different measures included in this proposal. For each measure please tell me whether you would favor or oppose your state adopting this part of the proposal.

(IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) this part of the proposal being adopted in your state?

				(DO NOT READ)
Strongly Favor	Smwht Favor	Smwht Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know/Refused

Would you favor or oppose...(RANDOMIZE)

A7. Closing existing licensing loopholes by creating similar procedures for issuing a driver's license or ID card in each state.

50%	30%	6%	4%	10%
80%			10%	

A8. Making driver's licenses more resistant to tampering and counterfeiting by placing additional security features such as a hologram or fingerprint on a driver's license or ID card.

65%	22%	4%	6%	3%
87%			10%	

A9. Increasing penalties and fines for people who make, sell or help other get a fake driver's licenses or ID card.

74%	13%	3%	7%	3%
87%			10%	

Strongly Favor	Smwht Favor	Smwht Oppose	Strongly Oppose	(DO NOT READ) Don't Know/ Refused
----------------	-------------	--------------	-----------------	--

Would you favor or oppose...(RANDOMIZE)

(ASK SAMPLE A ONLY; ASKED OF 398 RESPONDENTS)

A10. Allow individual states to search other states' drivers' records so that law enforcement officers can check the validity of a driver's license or ID card with the DMV.

68%	21%	5%	4%	2%
89%			9%	

(ASK SAMPLE B ONLY; ASKED OF 402 RESPONDENTS)

A11. Allow individual states to search other states' drivers' records so that law enforcement officers can check the validity of a driver's license or ID card with the DMV. This will allow states to make sure drivers are NOT hiding driving records in other states and do NOT have driver's licenses in more than one state.

68%	20%	3%	6%	3%
88%			9%	

(ASK SAMPLE A ONLY)(ASKED OF 398 RESPONDENTS)

A12. Now, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement...if my state's DMV verified an applicant's identity and driving history with other state DMV's prior to issuing a driver's license or ID card, it could help make our roads safer.

(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:) And do you strongly (agree/disagree) or just somewhat (agree/disagree) with this statement?

	45%	STRONGLY AGREE
76%	31%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
19%	11%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
	8%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
	5%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ASK SAMPLE B ONLY)(ASKED OF 402 RESPONDENTS)

A13. Now, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement...if my state's DMV verified an applicant's identity and driving history with other state DMV's prior to issuing a driver's license or ID card, it would help reduce identity theft and driver's license fraud.

(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:) And do you strongly (agree/disagree) or just somewhat (agree/disagree) with this statement?

	57%	STRONGLY AGREE
89%	32%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
7%	5%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
	2%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
	4%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

A14. Now thinking again about the overall proposal to modify the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card. Please listen carefully as I read you two positions on this proposal...(ROTATE STATEMENTS)

(SOME/OTHER) people FAVOR this proposal because they believe it strengthens the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card, while keeping the same level of privacy protections in place. It would improve the security of the driver-licensing system by developing similar state licensing procedures, by making it more difficult to tamper with or counterfeit a driver's license or ID card, and will allow for accurate verification of an applicant's information.

...While...

(SOME/OTHER) people OPPOSE this proposal because they believe it is a first step towards creating a national ID card for all adults which would create a centralized database of personal information. It would give states' easy access to peoples' personal information and encourages personal information sharing and tracking by the government and other private entities, such as insurance companies.

Having heard these two positions, would you now say you FAVOR or OPPOSE this proposal to modify the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) this proposal to modify the current system of issuing a driver's license or ID card?

	38%	STRONGLY FAVOR
67%	29%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
28%	11%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
	17%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
	5%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(IF QA14:1-2, ASK:)(ASKED OF 535 RESPONDENTS)

A15. Now, which ONE part of the statement in SUPPORT of the proposal made you the MOST likely to FAVOR the proposal -- would it be...(RANDOMIZE AND READ:)

TOTAL BASE	SKIP BASE	
16%	24%	It strengthens the current system while keeping the same level of privacy protections in place
7%	10%	It develops similar state licensing procedures
29%	43%	It makes it more difficult to tamper with or counterfeit a driver's license or ID card
13%	19%	It allows for accurate verification of an applicant's information
2%	4%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(IF QA14:3-4, ASK:)(ASKED OF 227 RESPONDENTS)

A16. Now, which ONE part of the statement AGAINST the proposal made you the MOST likely to OPPOSE the proposal -- would it be...(RANDOMIZE AND READ:)

TOTAL BASE	SKIP BASE	
6%	21%	It is a first step towards creating a national ID card for all adults
5%	19%	It creates a centralized database of personal information
7%	24%	It gives states' easy access to peoples' personal information
8%	29%	It encourages personal information sharing and tracking by government and other private entities, such as insurance companies.
2%	6%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Now, talking some more about you...

(IF QB:1, ASK:)(ASKED OF 761 RESPONDENTS WITH DRIVERS LICENSES)

A17. Have you ever used your state issued driver's license for purposes other than driving, such as boarding a plane, renting a car, cashing a check or entering a building?

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SKIP</u>	
<u>BASE</u>	<u>BASE</u>	
83%	87%	YES
12%	13%	NO
*	*	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

A18. Has anyone used your personal information, such as your name, credit card number, bank account, phone number or Social Security number, without your knowledge to commit fraud or theft?

13%	YES
85%	NO
2%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ASKED OF 656 RESPONDENTS; BASED OFF TOTAL SAMPLE)

D5. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the November 2000 Presidential election ... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF REFUSED) I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. In order to help me do the best research possible, would you now please reconsider and tell me for which you voted in the race for President:

George W. Bush, Republican
Al Gore, Democrat
Pat Buchanan, Reform
Ralph Nader, Green Party

39% George W. Bush
26% Al Gore
* Pat Buchanan
2% Ralph Nader

1% SOMEONE ELSE **(DO NOT READ)**
8% DID NOT VOTE **(DO NOT READ)**
2% DON'T KNOW/DON'T RECALL **(DO NOT READ)**
3% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D6. And other than being an American, what is your main racial or ethnic heritage? Is it...
(READ LIST SLOWLY BEFORE ACCEPTING ANSWER, THEN ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY.)

75% CAUCASIAN OR WHITE
12% AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK
5% HISPANIC-AMERICAN OR LATINO
2% ASIAN-AMERICAN
3% NATIVE AMERICAN
1% OTHER **(DO NOT READ) (IF PUNCH, ASK:)** Now I realize you just said your main ethnic or racial heritage doesn't fall into any of the categories I just mentioned...but if you had to choose JUST ONE of these categories, which ONE would you choose?
2% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D7. GENDER (**BY OBSERVATION, BUT ASK EVERYONE**) Are you employed outside of the home, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?

	34%	MALE/EMPLOYED
	1%	MALE/HOMEMAKER
	10%	MALE/RETIRED
	2%	MALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
48%	1%	MALE/REFUSED
52%	27%	FEMALE/EMPLOYED
	10%	FEMALE/HOMEMAKER
	12%	FEMALE/RETIRED
	2%	FEMALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
	1%	FEMALE/REFUSED
