

Poll: Clinton for love, Bush for kids



NEW YORK (AP) - College students' opinions on the presidential race general-ly mirror those of their parents, says a poll that also NATIONAL ents, says a poil that also delves into young people's views on other presidential issues — like which man would be the better lover, or babysitter.

The winners on campus: Clinton for president

and romance, Bush to take care of the kids

The poll released Thursday, co-sponsored by irreverent Spy magazine and tape manufacturer TDK, has Clinton leading Bush 56 percent to 35 percent in presidential preference. That 21-point lead is identical to the latest

ABC-Washington Post poll for all likely voters but somewhat higher than Clinton's average lead of 13 points in the last five other major national polls. The new poll, taken Sept. 11-17, surveyed 1,190 students randomly selected for face-to-face interviews at 62 representative colleges and universities nationwide.

Just one-fourth said they considered their political opinions very different from both their parents' views

And like the general public, students rate jobs, education and the deficit as top issues. Just 3 percent chose family values or morals as the issue they feel most strongly about. But 48 percent said they would be less likely to vote for a presidential candidate they learned had committed adultery.

If Clinton has to catch his breath over that finding, he can inhale this: Just 13 percent of the students would be less likely to vote for a candidate who occasionally smoked marijuana while in col-

The students were also surveyed on even less serious topics. A few of their opinions:

· Clinton would be the better lover, 70 percent to 6 percent.

· Bush would be the choice to take care of the kids, 42 percent to 31 percent.

· Better looking in jogging shorts: Clinton, 45 percent to 21 percent.

· More likely to cry: Clinton again, 46 percent to 25 percent.

• The likely winner on the "Jeopardy" quiz show: Clinton, 38 percent to 35 percent.

The poll also asked which candidate was more full of ... well, it was a trust question. Bush stepped in it deeper than Clinton 45 percent to 31 percent, with the rest seeing them as equally full of it.

Among the four men on the two major-party tickets, students picked Vice President Dan Quayle as most likely to have cheated in college

(55 percent). Clinton was second at 27 percent. Which of the presidential contenders would be more likely to stuff the ballot box if given the chance? Clinton, 35 percent to 30 percent, the students said.

The poll showed low party affiliation - 28 percent Democrat, 25 percent Republican - and a high desire for change, especially among young women.

"College women are somewhat less trusting of the government, moderately more angry with conditions in America, and considerably more desirous of change than college men," pollster Frank Luntz reported.

Luntz, who formerly polled for Ross Perot, was hired by Spy and TDK to design and take the survey. It measured Perot's support at 18 percent among the students, the same as in the latest NBC voter poll.

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