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FINAL TOPLINE**

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**Questionnaire**

N = 2002

And one last subject

ASK ALL:

**Q.51 Do you favor or oppose scientific experimentation on the cloning of human beings?**

17 Favor  
77 Oppose  
6 Don't know/Refused  
100

IF 2 'OPPOSE' IN Q.51 ASK [N=1530]:

**Q.52 Is your objection to research on human cloning based more on**

19 The belief that the science is not yet safe enough but could be in the future  
72 The belief that it is morally wrong  
6 Both equally (VOL -- DO NOT READ)  
2 Other (VOL -- DO NOT READ)  
1 Don't know/Refused  
100

ASK ALL:

**Q.53 As you may know, the federal government has debated whether to fund certain kinds of medical research known as 'stem cell research' How much have you heard about this?**

27 A lot  
52 A little [OR]  
20 Nothing at all  
1 Don't know/Refused  
100

**Q.54 Do you think the federal government should or should not fund stem cell research?**

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43	Should	55
35	Should not	29
4	Depends (VOL)	3
18	No opinion	13
100		100

IF ANSWER GIVEN (1,2,3) IN Q.54, ASK: [N=1667]

**Q.55 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on this issue...**

BASED ON ...

Should	Should not		
7	A personal experience	10	4
4	The views of your friends and family	4	3
34	What you have seen or read in the media	41	27
18	Your religious beliefs	5	34
22	Your education	28	13
13	OR Something else	11	15
2	Don't know/Refused	1	4
100		100	100
(N=906)	(N=672)		

ASK ALL:

**Q.56 All in all, which is more important**

- 43 Conducting stem cell research that might result in new medical cures
- [OR]
- 38 Not destroying the potential life of human embryos involved in this research
- 19 Don't know/Refused
- 100

IF 1 IN Q.56 ASK [N=873]:

**Q.57 Can you ever imagine yourself thinking that protecting human embryos is more important than conducting medical research on stem cells, or can't you imagine changing your mind on this issue?**

- 46 Can imagine thinking differently on this issue
- 45 Can't imagine changing mind on this issue
- 9 Don't know/Refused
- 100

IF 2 IN Q.56 ASK [N=761]:

**Q.58 Can you ever imagine yourself thinking that discovering medical cures from stem cell research is more important than the potential life of human embryos, or can't you imagine changing your mind on this issue?**

- 23 Can imagine thinking differently on this issue
- 67 Can't imagine changing mind on this issue
- 10 Don't know/Refused
- 100