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Attention: Viewer Services

The following FAX is the opinion poll I spoke with Marge about this morning.

Please advise me if it is not legible and I will ask our Editor, Bob Qualls to print out a hard copy for me or for him to fax you the poll.

Call me at [REDACTED]

The second FAX is a letter to Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas describing a national competition for high school students called FIRST. FIRST is an acronym for FOR INSPIRATION and RECOGNITION of SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY. I had been asked by representatives of the team and its Corporate sponsor to contact the Governor to see whether they could present the program to him in order to encourage other schools and companies to participate.

We took approximately 40 people to the State Capitol yesterday, February 5. We met with Governor Huckabee for over an hour. He was enthusiastic about the program. There are too many details to cover in this communication but we had leaders of State Government and some leaders of Business in attendance.

I would love to see C-Span give recognition to this competition and to a great group of students from Mountain Home High School and their sponsor, Baxter Healthcare

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OPINION POLL

70 percent say they don't believe Clinton

The Bulletin Opinion Poll finally found a question that generated a good response. After several weeks of dismal responses to poll questions, last week's query about President Clinton's truthfulness netted 90 responses, with 63 (or 70 percent) saying they do not believe Clinton's denial of having a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Those who believe Clinton numbered 25 (or 28 percent). Two responses checked neither yes nor no.

Here's the question:

President Clinton has been accused of having an affair with a White House intern and telling her to lie about it. Mr. Clinton has denied both accusations. Do you believe President Clinton?

Here are some of the comments made by those who said they believe Clinton's denials:

- "I believe the president is innocent. There's not enough proof for me."
- "He's been a good president. All people in Arkansas should stick behind him."
- "I don't think Clinton's sex life is any of my business — or anyone else's. I just want them to pass health care."
- "... I believe the first lady's theory that it's a conspiracy."
- "Kenneth Starr is completely out of control."
- "It's an obvious witch hunt and I think the media has contributed and they should all be ashamed of themselves."
- "Where were all these women when it happened? Personally I think Ken Starr has a vendetta against the Clintons and we the taxpayers are paying the bill for him. I say enough already, six years and he hasn't come up with anything."
- "I don't see how he could have time for all that stuff."
- "He's a good president. What he does in his spare time is his business."

Here are some of the comments by the majority view — that Clinton is not being truthful:

- "Look at his track record. He continually lies. The sad part is that most of the country believes him."
- "The people who voted for this man are getting their just desserts."
- "Whether true or not is immaterial. The real villain in this matter is the so-called 'friend,' Linda Tripp."
- "Between peddling rooms in the White House and sex in the Oval Office, I'd like to know who's running the country."
- "What dog comes home with chicken feathers on them, but never has a chicken? Why, he just ran through the chicken house. That's Clinton."
- "I do not believe President Clinton in view of his past record of lies and sexual indiscretions. Further, I don't think much of Hillary either because she puts up with his escapades."
- "Clinton has clearly shown a pattern of sexual misconduct and abuse of power. One question you should all ask yourselves: Would you want Clinton to be your child's teacher, or counselor? I think not. Then why allow him to remain president?"

• "I don't believe him. I don't like him. but if he were to start running the country to my liking, I could overlook his bedroom antics, just like Hillary appears to be doing!"

• "I do not believe the president. But based on your meager coverage of the entire event, one would think the president is beyond reproach and entirely innocent. Thank goodness we have CNN and the Internet to fill in the entire story. If the current Independent Counsel, Kenneth Starr, is not to your liking, then what? Appoint another independent counsel? Or just forget the whole thing and let Mr. Clinton continue evading the issue and the facts."

• "President Clinton is an amoral scoundrel with a lifetime pattern of deceit, corruption and infidelity. He has done irreparable damage to the office of the presidency."

(Editor's Note: Because of the large number of responses, we'll try to publish more comments when space is available.)

—BOB QUALLS

Opinion Poll

The Bulletin invites readers' opinions on topics of public interest. Results of this poll will be published next week. Here's today's question:

The United States has been preparing for military action against Iraq because Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has blocked United Nations inspections for weapons of mass destruction. Among its usual allies, only Great Britain supports the U.S. plan to punish Saddam. The other nations prefer diplomacy. Do you think the U.S. should take military action against Iraq?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Comments:

Respondents may return the original to: The Baxter Bulletin, P.O. Box 1750, Mountain Home, Ark. 72654-1750, or drop off at The Bulletin Office at 16 West Sixth St.

Responses may be e-mailed but must include a return e-mail address and a voice telephone number. Our e-mail address - bulletin@mtnhome.com - is provided by our internet partner ComputerMart.

To respond by telephone, call 425-1422 for yes or 425-1423 for no. Leave a name and a telephone number. Keep comments very brief. All responses will be confidential.

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