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TEN COMMANDMENTS SURVEY (03027)

October 15-16, 20-21, 2003
578 Registered Voters
SME +/- 4.1%

Now, I have some questions about religion and government.

1. Do you believe that the laws of God have authority over man-made laws such as state constitutions and state laws? Or, do you believe that God's laws and man made laws are separate things?

1 Yes, God's laws have authority over man made laws	296	51.2%
2 No, God's laws and man made laws are separate things	228	39.4%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	54	9.3%

2. In general, do you believe government and religion should be kept separate?

1 Yes, separate	326	56.4%
2 No, not separate	204	35.3%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	48	8.3%

3. If the majority of the people are of one religion, do you believe the government should recognize and support that religion or should government recognize all religions and support no one specific religion?

1 Recognize and support majority religion	55	9.5%
2 Recognize all religions but support no one religion	478	82.7%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	45	7.8%

4. In general, do you believe Alabama's religion is primarily Judeo-Christian and the state should recognize and support that or do you believe that Alabama is made up of many different religions and the state should not recognize and support any one particular religion?

1 Alabama is Judeo-Christian and state should recognize and support	140	24.2%
2 Alabama should not recognize one over the other	383	66.3%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	55	9.5%

5. Are you generally aware of the controversy in Alabama over the Ten Commandments religious issue?

1 Yes, generally aware	562	97.2%
2 No, not generally aware	11	1.9%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	5	0.9%

6. What do you think the Ten Commandments issue in Alabama is about?

1 States rights	40	7.1%
2 Federal courts	32	5.7%
3 Religious freedom	143	25.4%
4 Personal issues	138	24.6%
5 Political issues	141	25.1%
6 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	68	12.1%

7. From what you now know about the Ten Commandments issue, how important is the issue to you personally?

1 Very important	282	50.2%
2 Somewhat important	167	29.7%
3 Not very important	52	9.3%
4 Not important	48	8.5%
5 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	13	2.3%

NOT READ)

8. Overall, the Ten Commandments issue is about whether or not government in the U. S. and in Alabama got their authority from the Judeo-Christian God and, therefore, government should be allowed to display symbols of that religion, such as the Ten Commandments, in government places, such as public schools and courthouses. Do you believe government should be allowed to display the Ten Commandments in government places?

1 Yes	439	76.0%
2 No	108	18.7%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	31	5.4%

9. Do you believe only symbols, such as the Ten Commandments, of the Judeo-Christian religion should be allowed in government places? Or, do you believe symbols of other religions should also be allowed?

1 Just symbols of the Judeo-Christian God	155	35.3%
2 Symbols of other gods as well	210	47.8%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	74	16.9%

10. Do you believe, if only symbols of the Judeo-Christian religion are allowed in government places that means that the government is establishing the Judeo-Christian religion as the state or government religion?

1 Yes, establishing Judeo-Christian religion	213	36.9%
2 No, not establishing Judeo-Christian religion	272	47.1%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	93	16.1%

11. Another government and religion issue is prayer in school. Do you believe prayer should be allowed in public schools?

1 Yes	509	88.1%
2 No	50	8.7%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	19	3.3%

12. Do you believe prayer led by government officials, such as teachers, should be allowed in public schools or do you believe just voluntary prayers by students should be allowed or both?

1 Prayers let by teachers	27	5.3%
2 Voluntary students prayers only	146	28.7%
3 Both	324	63.7%
4 Don't Know / No Reply / Other NOT READ)	12	2.4%

13. If prayers are allowed in public schools, since the majority religion in Alabama is Judeo-Christian, do you believe only Jewish and Christian prayers should be allowed in public schools or do you believe that prayers of all religions should be allowed?

1 Just Prayer Judeo-Christian	72	12.5%
2 Prayers of other religions as well	458	79.2%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	48	8.3%

14. Do you believe, if only Judeo-Christian prayers are allowed in public schools that means that government is establishing the Judeo-Christian religion as the state or government religion?

1 Yes, establishing Judeo-Christian religion	258	44.6%
2 No, not establishing Judeo-Christian religion	242	41.9%
3 Don't know / No Reply / Other	78	13.5%

15. Roy Moore, the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, placed a monument of the Ten Commandments in the rotunda of the Alabama Supreme Court building. While he personally paid to have the monument built, he placed it in the Supreme Court under his authority as the administrator of courts. Chief Justice Moore believes that he is required to recognize the sovereignty of the Judeo-Christian God over government and civil laws. A Federal Court Judge in Alabama and a Three Judge Federal Appeals Court in Georgia ordered Chief Justice Moore to remove the monument because the U.S. Constitution prohibits the state from establishing or favoring one religion over another. Chief Justice Moore refused to remove the monument. The U. S. Supreme Court refused to intervene in the lower court orders. Do you believe that Chief Justice Moore should:

1 Have obeyed the courts and removed the monument	338	58.5%
2 Have refused to obey the courts and not removed the monument	190	32.9%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	50	8.7%

16. When Chief Justice Moore refused to remove the monument, the eight associate justices of the Alabama Supreme Court had the monument removed to a private office in order to comply with the orders of the court. Do you believe the associate justices should have removed the monument?

1 Yes, should have removed the monument	306	52.9%
2 No, should not have removed the monument	228	39.4%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	44	7.6%

17. After Chief Justice Moore refused to comply with the court orders he was removed from his office as Chief Justice, with pay, until a trial can be held to determine whether or not he is guilty of six charges of violating the state's canons of judicial ethics. Do you believe Chief Justice Moore should have been removed from office until a trial can be held?

1 Yes, should have been removed	230	39.8%
2 No, should not have been removed	316	54.7%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	32	5.5%

18. Do you believe Chief Justice Moore should be permanently removed from office for violating Alabama judicial canons of ethics?

1 Yes, should be removed	138	23.9%
2 No, should not be removed	385	66.6%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	55	9.5%

19. Overall, why do you believe the federal courts ordered Chief Justice Moore to remove the Ten Commandments monument? Do you believe the courts want to remove God from public display or do they want to stop government from establishing or favoring a particular god of one religion?

1 Yes, want to remove God	233	40.3%
2 No, want to prohibit establishing one god	232	40.1%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	113	19.6%

20. Chief Justice Moore believes that he has the official responsibility to acknowledge and show that the Judeo-Christian God is sovereign over Alabama civil government. Do you believe it is part of the responsibility of the Chief Justice of the State of Alabama to demonstrate the sovereignty of the Judeo-Christian God over Alabama civil government?

1 Yes	203	35.1%
2 No	283	49.0%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	92	15.9%

21. Some supporters of the public display of the Ten Commandments presented a plaque of the Ten Commandments to Governor Bob Riley to display in the Alabama Capitol. In order to meet the court requirements, Governor Riley had the plaque displayed in the Capitol along with copies of the Magna Carta, the world's first written constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. Chief Justice Moore opposed the Governor displaying the Ten Commandments with other documents because it distracted from the sovereignty of God. Do you agree or disagree with Chief Justice Moore's opposition to the Governor's display of the Ten Commandments?

1 Agree	145	25.1%
2 Disagree	360	62.3%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	73	12.6%

22. Some want Chief Justice Roy Moore to run for governor or senator because of his stand on the Ten Commandments. Do you believe that how one feels about God and religion should be a personal matter and not connected to running for political office or that it should be a public matter and connected to running for public office?

1 Personal matter and not connected to public office	313	54.2%
2 Public matter and connected to public office	203	35.1%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	62	10.7%

23. If the election for governor were today, would you vote for Roy Moore for governor?

1 Yes	190	32.9%
2 No	276	47.8%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	112	19.4%

I have some very brief questions for statistical purposes.

24. Regardless of how you generally vote, do you think of yourself as a: (READ RESPONSES)
(IF INDEPENDENT OR DO NOT KNOW, ASK) Do you lean more toward thinking of yourself as a:
(READ RESPONSES)

1 Democrat	205	35.5%
2 Republican	277	47.9%
3 Independent	67	11.6%
4 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	29	5.0%

25. How often do you attend church or some other place of worship?

1 Do not attend	42	7.3%
2 Less than once a month	69	11.9%
3 Once a month	64	11.1%
4 Once a week	182	31.5%
5 More than once a week	211	36.5%
6 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	10	1.7%

26. In what age group are you?

1 18-24	12	2.1%
2 25-34	47	8.1%
3 35-50	170	29.4%
4 51-64	162	28.0%
5 65 or older	186	32.2%
6 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	1	0.2%

27. And, you are a male/female?

1 Male	267	46.2%
2 Female	311	53.8%

28. In addition to being an American, what do you consider your race or ethnic background?

1 Black / African-American	81	14.0%
2 White / Caucasian	472	81.7%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	25	4.3%

29. And, for statistical purposes, would you tell me in which of the following categories the total income of this household falls?

1 Less than \$25,000	110	19.0%
2 \$25 to \$50,000	168	29.1%
3 \$50,000 to \$75,000	115	19.9%
4 \$75,000 to \$100,000	71	12.3%
5 Over \$100,000	45	7.8%
6 Don't Know / No Reply / Other	69	11.9%

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**CT 1 (TEN COMMANDMENTS)
 PARTY I. D. / CHURCH ATTENDANCE / AGE AND RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS**

14. Do you believe only symbols, such as the Ten Commandments, of the Judeo-Christian religion should be allowed in government places? Or, do you believe symbols of other religions should also be allowed?

	<u>PARTY ID</u>					<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>				<u>AGE</u>				
	TOTAL	D	R	I	DNA	<OM	OM	OW	>OW	18-24	25-34	35-50	51-64	65+
TOTAL	578	225	264	62	42	69	64	182	211	12	47	170	162	186
NO ANSWER	138	65	47	23	17	25	23	37	33	2	5	46	40	45
	23.8	28.9	17.8	36.9	40.5	36.2	35.9	20.3	15.6	16.7	10.6	27.1	24.7	24.2
Just symbols of the Judeo-Christian God														
	158	47	85	20	4	10	10	51	76	5	12	39	52	47
	27.3	20.7	32.2	32.3	9.5	14.5	15.6	28.0	36.0	41.7	25.5	22.9	32.1	25.3
Symbols of other gods as well														
	209	83	101	10	16	28	26	71	68	4	28	63	53	62
	36.1	36.9	38.1	16.5	38.1	40.6	40.6	39.0	32.2	33.3	59.6	37.1	32.7	33.3
DK	74	30	31	9	5	6	5	23	34	1	2	22	17	32
	12.7	13.5	11.9	14.2	11.9	8.7	7.8	12.6	16.1	8.3	4.3	12.9	10.5	17.2

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**CT 2 (TEN COMMANDMENTS)
 PARTY I. D. / AGE AND SYMBOL RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT**

15. Do you believe, if only symbols of the Judeo-Christian religion are allowed in government places that means that the government is establishing the Judeo-Christian religion as the state or government religion?

	<u>PARTY ID</u>			<u>AGE</u>					
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>18-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-50</u>	<u>51-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
TOTAL	578	225	264	62	13	48	166	166	185
Yes, establishing Judeo-Christian religion	220 38.1	90 40.1	92 35.0	26 42.7	8 65.5	20 41.6	66 39.8	71 42.4	55 29.8
No, not establishing Judeo-Christian religion	266 46.1	88 39.1	142 53.5	24 38.5	4 34.5	24 49.4	81 48.5	76 45.4	82 44.4
Don't Know / No Reply	92 15.9	47 20.8	30 11.5	12 18.8		4 9.1	20 11.7	20 12.2	48 25.8

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**CT 3 (TEN COMMANDMENTS)
 CHURCH ATTENDANCE / AGE AND PRAYER RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT**

19. Do you believe, if only Judeo-Christian prayers are allowed in public schools that means that government is establishing the Judeo-Christian religion as the state or government religion?

	<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>						<u>AGE</u>				
	TOTAL	DNA	<OM	OM	OW	>OW	18-24	25-34	35-50	51-64	65+
TOTAL	578	40	66	66	189	208	13	48	166	166	185
Yes, establishing Judeo-Christian religion	259 44.8	21 51.9	38 57.8	35 52.8	79 41.7	82 39.7	9 73.2	30 62.8	76 46.0	84 50.4	59 31.9
No, not establishing Judeo-Christian religion	239 41.4	15 37.1	23 34.7	21 32.4	84 44.4	93 44.9	3 26.8	17 35.1	74 44.3	62 37.5	83 44.9
Don't know / No Reply	80 13.9	4 11.0	5 7.4	10 14.8	26 13.9	32 15.4		1 2.0	16 9.7	20 12.2	43 23.2

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**CT 4 (TEN COMMANDMENTS)
 PARTY I. D. / CHURCH ATTENDANCE / INCOME AND COURT ORDER**

20. Roy Moore, the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, placed a monument of the Ten Commandments in the rotunda of the Alabama Supreme Court building. While he personally paid to have the monument built, he placed it in the Supreme Court under his authority as the administrator of courts. Chief Justice Moore believes that he is required to recognize the sovereignty of the Judeo-Christian God over government and civil laws. A Federal Court Judge in Alabama and a Three Judge Federal Appeals Court in Georgia ordered Chief Justice Moore to remove the monument because the U.S. Constitution prohibits the state from establishing or favoring one religion over another. Chief Justice Moore refused to remove the monument. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to intervene in the lower courts orders. Do you believe that Chief Justice Moore should:

	<u>PARTY ID</u>				<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>					<u>INCOME (1,000)</u>				
	TOTAL	D	R	I	DNA	<OM	OM	OW	>OW	<\$25	25-50	50-75	75-100	>\$100
TOTAL	578	225	264	62	40	66	66	189	208	120	164	117	72	43
Have obeyed the courts and removed the monument														
	345	152	151	34	32	45	47	113	100	64	90	71	48	36
	59.7	67.4	57.0	55.0	80.2	68.9	70.6	60.1	48.1	53.7	54.8	60.8	66.6	84.1
Have refused to obey the courts and not removed the monument														
	188	56	99	21	5	15	15	62	90	45	60	42	20	6
	32.5	24.8	37.4	33.9	12.4	22.2	22.0	33.0	43.2	37.3	36.6	35.9	27.9	13.7
Don't Know	45	17	15	7	3	6	5	13	18	11	14	4	4	1
	7.8	7.7	5.6	11.1	7.4	8.9	7.4	7.0	8.7	8.9	8.6	3.4	5.5	2.3

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**CT 5 (TEN COMMANDMENTS)
 PARTY I. D. / CHURCH ATTENDANCE / INCOME AND COURT MOTIVES**

24. Overall, why do you believe the federal courts ordered Chief Justice Moore to remove the Ten Commandments monument? Do you believe the courts want to remove God from public display or do they want to stop government from establishing or favoring a particular god of one religion?

	TOTAL	D	<u>PARTY ID</u>		<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>					<u>INCOME (1,000)</u>				
			R	I	DNA	<OM	OM	OW	>OW	<\$25	25-50	50-75	75-100	>\$100
TOTAL	578	225	264	62	40	66	66	189	208	120	164	117	72	43
Yes, want to remove God	231	71	120	25	6	17	23	71	111	52	74	46	28	10
	39.9	31.7	45.4	40.2	14.8	25.9	35.1	37.8	53.6	43.7	44.9	39.2	38.9	22.8
No, want to prohibit establishing one god	236	107	100	22	23	35	31	76	64	36	60	53	38	27
	40.9	47.3	38.0	36.2	58.0	53.2	47.2	40.3	31.0	30.4	36.3	44.9	52.3	63.6
Don't Know	111	47	44	15	11	14	12	41	32	31	31	19	6	6
	19.2	21.0	16.7	23.6	27.2	20.8	17.7	21.8	15.5	25.9	18.8	15.8	8.8	13.7

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**CT 6 (TEN COMMANDMENTS / POLITICAL)
 PARTY I. D. / CHURCH ATTENDANCE / AGE / INCOME AND RELIGION AND POLITICAL
 OFFICE**

27. Some want Chief Justice Roy Moore to run for governor or senator because of his stand on the Ten Commandments. Do you believe that how one feels about God and religion should be a personal matter and not connected to running for political office or that it should be a public matter and connected to running for public office?

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	D	R	I	DNA	<OM	OM	OW	>OW	18-24	25-34	35-50	51-64	65+	<25	25-50	50-75	75-100	>100
578	225	264	62	40	66	66	189	208	13	48	166	166	185	120	164	117	72	43
Personal matter and not connected to public office																		
319	143	124	34	30	40	45	112	86	5	23	89	100	102	60	82	72	43	30
55.1	63.4	46.8	55.0	75.3	60.8	68.4	59.5	41.5	42.3	47.5	53.3	59.9	55.4	50.5	50.0	61.2	59.8	69.4
Public matter and connected to public office																		
203	60	112	24	8	20	18	61	93	7	24	62	52	57	47	66	37	22	11
35.2	26.5	42.4	38.6	19.8	29.6	27.2	32.2	44.8	57.7	50.5	37.6	31.0	31.1	39.3	40.5	31.7	30.7	26.1
Don't Know / No Reply																		
56	23	28	4	2	6	3	16	28		1	15	15	25	12	16	8	7	2
9.7	10.1	10.7	6.3	4.9	9.6	4.4	8.3	13.6		2.0	9.1	9.0	13.5	10.1	9.5	7.1	9.6	4.6

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