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TREND 1. Here is a list of international organizations (HAND CARD 1). Which (PLURAL) of these have you heard or read about? (CIRCLE ALL HEARD OF. MULTIPLE ANSWERS).

1 European Community (Common Market)
2 United Nations (U.N.)
3 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
4 Warsaw Pact

1-4 Choices as on Card 1
5 None of them

(IF "NATO" MENTIONED, ASK QS. 1a-1e):

TREND 1a. Some people say that NATO is still essential to our country's security. Others say it is no longer essential. Which of these views is closer to your own?

1 Still essential
2 No longer essential
3 Never was essential (VOLUNTEERED)
4 Don't know

TREND 1b. Regardless of how essential you think NATO is, how much confidence do you have in NATO's ability to defend Western Europe--great confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not very much confidence, or no confidence at all?

1 Great confidence
2 Fair amount
3 Not very much
4 No confidence at all
5 Don't know

1c. Which side do you think is ahead in military strength at the present time--the U.S. and its NATO allies on the one side, or the U.S.S.R. and its Warsaw Pact allies on the other, or do you think both sides are about equal in military strength?

1 U.S. and its NATO allies
2 U.S.S.R. and its Warsaw Pact allies
3 About equal
4 Don't know

TREND 1d. In relation to other NATO members, and taking into account (SURVEY COUNTRY'S) own capabilities, do you think (SURVEY COUNTRY'S) present contribution to NATO is larger than it should be, about right, or less than it should be?

1 Larger than it should be
2 About right
3 Less than it should be
4 Don't know

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1e. If the U.S. increased its contribution to NATO's military strength, would you favor our country also increasing its contribution to NATO, would you favor keeping it at its present level, or would you favor reducing it?

1 Increasing
2 Keeping at present level
3 Reducing
4 Don't know

Now, some questions about the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. ...

2. Please use this card to tell me how you think they compare in strength (HAND CARD 2):

A. First, how do you think the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. compare at the present time in strength in nuclear weapons?

TREND '72 (mod.)

B. And how do you think they compare at the present time in total military strength?

TREND '69 (mod.)

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A. Nuclear Strength: 1-5 Choices as on Card 2 6 Don't know

B. Total Military Strength: 1-5 Choices as on Card 2 6 Don't know

3. Regardless of how you believe the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. compare in military strength at the present time, do you see military strength currently shifting more toward the U.S., more toward the U.S.S.R., or in neither direction?

1 Toward U.S.
2 Toward U.S.S.R.
3 Neither direction
4 Don't know
4. No matter which country you think is superior in military strength at the present time, do you see any danger for our country's security in Soviet superiority?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

(IF "YES"):

1a. A great deal of danger, a fair amount, or only a little?

1. A great deal
2. A fair amount
3. Only a little
4. Don't know

As you may know, there has been talk lately about the possibility of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. getting together on agreements to reduce substantially their nuclear weapons.

5. Do you think that both the Soviet Union and the United States are making a serious effort to reach an agreement, that only the Soviet Union is making such an effort, that only the United States is, or that neither is making a serious effort?

1. Both
2. Only the U.S.S.R.
3. Only the U.S.
4. Neither
5. Don't know

6. Regardless of how serious you think they are about it, how likely do you think it is that the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. will make an agreement in the next two years or so to reduce substantially their nuclear weapons--very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Not very likely
4. Not at all likely
5. Don't know

7. In seeking to reach an agreement on nuclear weapons, how much trust do you think we can have in the United States not to sacrifice (SURVEY COUNTRY'S) national interests--a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or none at all?

1. Great deal
2. Fair amount
3. Only a little
4. None at all
5. Don't know