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BASEBALL CONTRACTION STUDY
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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

1. How interested are you in Major League Baseball? Would you say you are. . .

Very interested.....	20
Somewhat interested	33
Not very interested.....	19
Not at all interested.....	29
Not sure	-

2. As you may have heard, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced a plan by the owners to eliminate two major league teams before the beginning of next season. Do you think this is a good plan or a bad plan for baseball? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "GOOD PLAN" OR "BAD PLAN", ASK:)** Do you think it is a very **(good/bad)** or only a somewhat **(good/bad)** plan?

Good Plan (net)	30
Very good plan.....	12
Somewhat good plan	18
Bad Plan (net).....	52
Very bad plan.....	23
Somewhat bad plan	29
Not Sure.....	17

(Q.3 ASKED ONLY IF RESPONDENT SAYS "BAD PLAN" IN Q.2.)

3. Should Congress pass a law to prevent Major League Baseball from eliminating two major league teams, or not?

Yes	18
No	80
Not sure	2

4. It seems likely that the Montreal Expos are one of the two teams that will be eliminated by Major League Baseball. If you had to choose, which of the following four teams do you think should be the other team eliminated?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE
HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Tampa Bay Devil Rays	35
Florida Marlins	22
Kansas City Royals.....	12
Minnesota Twins.....	9
Other.....	3
None	2
Not sure	17