Politicians Don’t Pander

1. What were the viewpoints of opinion polls regarding Clinton in 1998-1999 ?
2. What “checked” the conviction of President Clinton?
3. What is the recent trend regarding the relationship between policy decisions and the public’s preference toward specific issues?
4. According to the authors, why did the Republicans disregard public opinion on impeachment?
5. What is the only motivation for politicians to respond to public opinion?
6. Why do politicians track public opinion?
7. When are efforts to change public opinion most successful?
8. What are the two ways politicians respond to public opinion?
9. According to the authors, why is the term “pandering” used for those who respond to public opinion?
10. What had produced public distrust and fear of major government reforms?
11. What are the three components of the cycle of the politicians’ pursuit of policy goals?
12. According to the authors, what types of policies would politicians enact if they responded to public opinion?
13. Do you think politicians respond to public opinion? Why or why not?