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Keeping An Eye On Pop Culture

(NAPSA)—The future could include a TV show called “Niles,” a “M*A*S*H” reunion episode and a president named Oprah. Those are some of the findings of a recent survey that measured American attitudes toward entertainment and pop culture.

It also seems that Tony Soprano sleeps with the fishes when compared to the popularity of Don Corleone. Thirty-two percent of people polled said they preferred the Don as the number-one mobster, while 24 percent said they preferred Soprano, according to the survey—which was conducted for Parade magazine by Harris Interactive®. Similarly, James Bond probably left Austin Powers a little shaken (not stirred). Respondents said they preferred 007 to the “International Man of Mystery” by a 60 percent margin (75 percent to 15 percent, respectively).

Which celeb would those polled most like to see in the White House? Twenty-one percent said Oprah Winfrey, while eight percent said Bill O’Reilly would make a good candidate. Jon Stewart and Donald Trump each got six percent of the vote. (Speaking of The Donald, 37 percent of respondents said they thought the real estate mogul wears a toupee.)

While you may not be able to pick your parents, you can certainly pick your favorite TV dad. Thirty-four percent of respondents chose the wisecracking Cliff Huxtable (played by Bill Cosby). Nineteen percent chose the crafty Tim Taylor (played by Tim Allen) from “Home Improvement” and 10 percent chose Dan Conner (played by John Goodman) from “Roseanne.”

When it comes to scary movies, 28 percent of respondents agreed



Oprah For President? Twenty-one percent of people polled said they'd like to see the talk show host run for the Oval Office.

that “The Exorcist” got the biggest screams. Fifteen percent said “Psycho” was the scariest of all time. “The Shining” freaked out 13 percent of respondents and “Jaws” kept eight percent of respondents out of the water.

The survey also found that if packing a time capsule, 22 percent of respondents would include rock music to represent current American pop culture. Twenty-one percent of respondents tipped their hats to country, while 18 percent gave the nod to hip-hop/rap music.

When asked which television show they'd most like to see a reunion episode for, “M*A*S*H” took top honors (22 percent), while Niles Crane from “Frasier” was deemed the television character we would most like to see in a spin-off (16 percent).

Methodology

Harris Interactive® conducted the survey for PARADE among 3,077 U.S. adults (aged 18+) who are online. The data were weighted to be representative of the total online U.S. adult population. The results for the overall sample have a sampling error of +/- 2%.