

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
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N = 1,501

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

	(VOL.)				(VOL.)		
	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
April, 2006	35	55	10=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
2005				<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	2002			
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
2004				August, 2002	67	21	12=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	2001			
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
2003				August, 2001	50	32	18=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100
Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100				

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (1,2 IN Q.1)

Q.1a Do you (approve/disapprove) very strongly, or not so strongly?

	Dec <u>2005</u>	March <u>2005</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>	June <u>2002</u>	April <u>2001</u>
35 Approve	38	49	48	50	55	70	56
23 Very strongly	26	32	34	34	35	46	34
11 Not so strongly	11	16	12	14	18	21	20
1 Don't know (VOL)	1	1	2	2	2	3	2
55 Disapprove	54	46	44	40	36	20	27
45 Very strongly	42	36	35	30	27	8	18
10 Not so strongly	11	10	8	9	9	12	9
* Don't know (VOL)	1	*	1	1	*	0	*
<u>10</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.2 Now thinking about a few groups ... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

a.		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	rate/Ref
	The Republican Party	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10=100
	February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6=100
	Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9=100
	July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9=100
	June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8=100
	December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6=100
	June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9=100
	Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6=100
	June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9=100
	April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6=100
	December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8=100
	July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10=100
	January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7=100
	August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4=100
	February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5=100
	January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6=100
	Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6=100
	Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7=100
	March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7=100
	August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6=100
	June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6=100
	January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5=100
	October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4=100
	December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6=100
	July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4=100
	May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11=100
	July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6=100

Q.2 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
b.	The Democratic Party	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11=100
	February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8=100
	Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10=100
	July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9=100
	June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9=100
	December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6=100
	June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10=100
	Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5=100
	June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8=100
	April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7=100
	December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9=100
	July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8=100
	January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5=100
	August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4=100
	February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5=100
	January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7=100
	Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6=100
	Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7=100
	March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6=100
	August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6=100
	June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6=100
	January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5=100
	October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3=100
	December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6=100
	July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4=100
	May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9=100
	July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6=100
c.	The news media	48	8	40	46	15	31	*	6=100
	February, 2006	59	12	47	37	10	27	0	4=100
	Late October, 2005	52	11	41	42	13	29	0	6=100
	Mid-March, 2005	56	12	44	40	13	27	0	4=100
	December, 2004	43	8	35	51	18	33	*	6=100
	Late October, 2000 (RVs)	50	7	43	45	14	31	0	5=100
	February, 1999	49	6	43	49	15	34	0	2=100
	March, 1998	48	9	39	50	16	34	*	2=100
	October, 1997	50	7	43	48	14	34	*	2=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=764]:

Thinking about the news for a moment...

Q.3F1 What is the FIRST news story that comes to mind when you think about what's been in the news lately?
[OPEN END. RECORD FIRST MENTION ONLY; FIRST FEW WORDS/BASIC CONCEPT IS SUFFICIENT]

		Mar	Feb	Jan	Early Nov
FIRST STORY MENTIONED:		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
31	Iraq war/troop casualties	25	25	25	19
15	Immigration/Border issues				
9	Other local news				
3	Recent hurricanes and response				
3	Weather/natural disasters (non-hurricane/tornadoes)				
3	Iran/Nuclear program				
3	CIA Leak/Leak of classified information/Libby scandal				
3	Gas prices/Energy costs/Oil				
3	Crime (general)				
3	Tornadoes				
2	Bush (general)				
1	Zacarias Moussaoui trial				
1	Terrorism (general)				
1	Duke rape story/scandal				
1	Tom Delay/resign/retire				
6	All others				
<u>12</u>	Don't Know/Refused				
100					

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

Thinking about people who have been in the news lately...

Q.4F2 Aside from the president, can you tell me the name of someone you've heard about in the news lately
[PROBE IF NECESSARY: Just the FIRST name that comes to mind when you think about who's been in the news lately?] **[OPEN END. RECORD UP TO THREE NAMES]**

FIRST NAME MENTIONED:	
13	Dick Cheney
6	Condoleezza Rice
6	Tom DeLay
4	Donald Rumsfeld
2	Lewis "Scooter" Libby
2	Arnold Schwarzenegger
2	John McCain/AZ Senator
2	Hillary Clinton/The Clintons
1	Zacarias Moussaoui
1	Saddam Hussein
1	Katie Couric
1	Barry Bonds
1	George W. Bush
1	Cynthia McKinney
1	Ted Kennedy
1	Bill Frist
1	John Kerry
23	Other
<u>31</u>	Don't Know/None
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE.]

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. News about the current situation in Iraq	43	36	13	7	1=100
March 2006	43	38	12	6	1=100
February, 2006	39	42	12	6	1=100
January, 2006	40	40	12	7	1=100
December, 2005	45	38	11	5	1=100
Early November, 2005	41	40	13	6	*=100
Early October, 2005	43	36	15	6	*=100
Early September, 2005	32	40	20	7	1=100
July, 2005	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 2005	41	39	12	7	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*=100
Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2=100
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*=100
January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*=100
December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1=100
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1=100
August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*=100
June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1=100
Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*=100
December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1=100
November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1=100
October, 2003	38	40	14	7	1=100
September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1=100
Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1=100
Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1=100
June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*=100
May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*=100
April 11-16, 2003 ¹	47	40	10	2	1=100
April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1=100
March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1=100
March 13-16, 2003 ²	62	27	6	4	1=100
February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1=100
January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2=100
December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1=100
Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1=100
Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1=100
Early September, 2002	48	29	15	6	2=100

¹ From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as “News about the war in Iraq.”

² From October 2002 to March 13-16, 2003 the story was listed as “Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq.” In Early September 2002 the story was listed as “Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq.”

Q.5 CONTINUED...

		Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
b.	The issue of immigration	39	34	16	10	1=100
c.	Protests by students in France	8	20	31	40	1=100
d.	Tom DeLay retiring from Congress	14	20	28	36	2=100
	Early October, 2005 <i>DeLay criminal indictment</i> ³	18	25	26	30	1=100
	Mid May, 2005 <i>DeLay Ethics complaints</i> ⁴	8	21	28	42	1=100
e.	Katie Couric leaving the Today Show to work at CBS	12	19	26	42	1=100
f.	Accused terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui's death penalty trial	23	33	24	19	1=100

NO QUESTION 6

ROTATE Q.7 AND Q.8F1/Q.9F2

Q.7 In general, do you think news reports are making the situation in Iraq seem WORSE than it really is or BETTER than it really is, or are reports showing the situation about the way it really is?

		Dec <u>2005</u>	Mid- Sept <u>2005</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>
37	Worse	39	35	38
17	Better	19	19	14
35	About the way it really is	35	38	36
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=764]:

Q.8F1 In your opinion, are the news organizations you are familiar with being fair or unfair to the Bush administration?

	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Unfair</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2006	56	31	13=100
Early November, 2005	50	31	19=100
Early July, 2003	62	24	14=100
February, 2001	65	19	16=100
Clinton			
Early September, 1998	52	40	8=100
February, 1998	49	44	7=100
September, 1994	67	26	7=100
May, 1994	52	36	12=100
August, 1993	66	21	13=100
June, 1993	51	43	6=100
February, 1993	72	17	11=100

³ In Early October 2005 the story was listed as: "The criminal indictment of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay for campaign finance violations."

⁴ In Mid-May 2005 the story was listed as: "How closely did you follow news about ethics complaints made against the House majority leader Tom DeLay --very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?"

Q.8F1 CONTINUED...

			(VOL)
Bush, Sr.	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Unfair</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 1992	77	15	8=100
November, 1990	72	15	13=100
January, 1990	76	14	10=100
August, 1989	82	12	6=100
Reagan			
January, 1988	66	21	13=100
January, 1987	67	25	8=100
July, 1985	78	12	10=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

Q.9F2 Do you think the press has been too critical of the Bush Administration policies and performance, not critical enough or do you think that the press has handled this about right?

		<u>Early Nov 2005</u>	<u>Early July 2003</u>	<u>Clinton June 1993</u>
30	Press too critical	32	25	35
30	Not critical enough	28	23	12
34	About right	34	48	49
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.10 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

		<u>June 2003</u>	<u>Feb 1999</u>	<u>March 1998</u>	<u>June 1997</u>	<u>Oct 1995</u>	<u>July 1994</u>	<u>May 1990</u>	<u>May 1987</u>
33	A great deal	29	33	28	25	34	23	24	25
42	A fair amount	49	46	45	48	46	51	45	45
21	Hardly any	20	18	23	25	18	24	27	25
<u>4</u>	DK/Ref (VOL)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ROTATE Q.11F2 AND Q.12F2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

Q.11F2 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of the Republican Party. Tell me just the ONE best word that comes to mind. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

Q.12F2 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of the Democratic Party. Tell me just the ONE best word that comes to mind. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

Q.11	Republicans	Q.12	Democrats
53	Conservative	57	Liberal
22	Fair	31	Fair
19	Good	20	Good
17	Greedy	18	Weak
15	Rich	13	Too liberal
14	Business	11	Okay
10	Crooks	7	Confused
9	Corrupt	7	Disorganized
9	Money	7	Favorable
7	Confused	6	Crooks
7	For rich people	6	Hopeful
6	Dishonest	6	Poor
6	Great	5	People
6	Liars	5	Socialist
6	Okay	5	Stupid
6	Suck	4	Communists
5	Disappointed	4	Conservative
5	Lousy	4	Dishonest
5	Out of touch	4	Great
5	Poor	4	Hypocritical
4	Arrogant	4	Slow
4	Bad	4	Struggling
4	Disorganized	4	Unorganized
4	Moral	4	Untruthful
4	Realistic		
4	Stinks		
4	Untruthful		
4	Weak		

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.13 If the 2006 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF ANSWERED '3' OTHER OR '9' DON'T KNOW IN Q.13, ASK:

Q.13a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,249]:

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>		Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
April, 2006	41	51	8=100	August, 1995	50	43	7=100
February, 2006	41	50	9=100	1994 Election			
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8=100	November, 1994	45	43	12=100
2004 Election				Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
June, 2004	41	48	11=100	Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
2002 Election				September, 1994	48	46	6=100
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100	July, 1994	45	47	8=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100				
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100				
June, 2002	44	46	10=100				
February, 2002	46	45	9=100				
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100				
2000 Election							
Early November, 2000	42	48	10=100				
Early October, 2000	43	47	10=100				
July, 2000	43	47	10=100				
February, 2000	44	47	9=100				
October, 1999	43	49	8=100				
June, 1999	40	50	10=100				
1998 Election							
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100				
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100				
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100				
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100				
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100				
June, 1998	44	46	10=100				
March, 1998	40	52	8=100				
February, 1998	41	50	9=100				
January, 1998	41	51	8=100				
August, 1997	45	48	7=100				
1996 Election							
November, 1996 ⁵	44	48	8=100				
October, 1996	42	49	9=100				
Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100				
Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100				
July, 1996	46	47	7=100				
June, 1996	44	50	6=100				
March, 1996	44	49	7=100				
January, 1996	46	47	7=100				
October, 1995	48	48	4=100				

⁵ November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

ASK ALL:

Thinking ahead...

Q.14 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1249]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) Congressperson <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2006	57	28	1	14=100
February, 2006	59	28	1	12=100
Mid-September, 2005	57	25	1	17=100
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21=100
June, 2002	58	23	1	18=100
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23=100
October, 2000	60	17	1	22=100
July, 1999	66	23	*	11=100
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16=100
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20=100
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16=100
March, 1998	63	21	1	15=100
January, 1998	66	23	0	11=100
August, 1997	66	22	0	12=100
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21=100
October, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26=100
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
November, 1994	58	25	1	16=100
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13=100
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14=100

Q.15 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1249]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2006	34	53	13=100
February, 2006	36	49	15=100
September, 2005	36	48	16=100
Early October, 2002	39	38	23=100
June, 2002	45	37	18=100
October, 2000	40	34	26=100
July, 1999	41	47	12=100
Late October, 1998	41	37	22=100
Early October, 1998	39	39	22=100
Early September, 1998	46	36	18=100
March, 1998	45	41	14=100
January, 1998	44	43	13=100
August, 1997	45	42	13=100

Q.15 CONTINUED...

	(VOL)		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 1996	43	43	14=100
November, 1994	31	51	18=100
Late October, 1994	31	56	13=100
Early October, 1994	28	56	16=100

Q.16 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1249]:

	June 2004	Early Nov 2002	Early Oct 2002	Early Sept 2002	June 2002	Feb 2002	Early Oct 2000	July 2000	Late Oct 1998	Early Oct 1998	Early Sept 1998	Early Aug 1998	Early June 1998
56 Yes, will be a factor	43	48	42	44	47	46	46	46	46	47	41	44	45
39 No, will not	51	49	55	51	50	49	50	49	50	49	56	53	51
<u>5</u> DK/Ref (VOL)	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, as a vote against George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1249]:

	For	Against	Not a factor	(VOL) DK/ Ref
April, 2006	17	34	46	3=100
February, 2006	18	31	47	4=100
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6=100
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6=100
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5=100
February, 2002	34	9	50	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6=100
Clinton: Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3=100
Clinton: Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2=100
Clinton: Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
Clinton: June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
Clinton: March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
Clinton: Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
Clinton: November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
CBS/NYT Bush: 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

Q.18 Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

		Early										ABC/ Wash Post ⁶	
		June	Oct	June	Aug	Sept	Aug	July	Oct	April	July	Jan	Sept
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1982</u>
53	Agree	50	46	52	54	46	47	58	59	57	53	41	44
40	Disagree	43	44	42	40	47	46	37	37	38	43	48	44
<u>7</u>	DK/Ref (VOL)	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

On another subject...

Q.19 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1249]:

		Nov	June	July	Aug	Early	Early	Early	Nov	April
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>
7	More	11	16	21	13	24	24	18	25	10
41	Less	27	22	16	23	23	17	15	13	24
47	Same	54	57	56	60	49	55	62	59	58
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK IF "LESS" (2 IN Q.19) [N=602]:

Q.20 Who do you think is most to blame for this [READ AND ROTATE]?

58	Republican leaders in Congress
13	Democratic leaders in Congress
24	Both/Neither/Someone else (VOL)
<u>5</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
100	

⁶ In January 1984, the ABC/Washington Post trend was worded: "Can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement: We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans." In September 1982, the ABC/Washington Post trend was worded: "I'm going to read a few statements. For each, can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with it, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statements... We should have a third party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

ASK ALL:

Thinking about immigration for a moment...

ROTATE Q.21 AND Q.22

Q.21 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's immigration policy?

		Feb <u>2006</u>	Late Oct <u>2005</u>
25	Approve	23	24
62	Disapprove	57	54
<u>13</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>
100		100	100

Q.22 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling the nation's immigration policy?

21	Approve
64	Disapprove
<u>15</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
100	

ROTATE C.1 AND C.2

C.1 One proposal would allow undocumented immigrants who have been in the U.S. for several years to gain legal working status and the possibility of citizenship in the future. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

58	Favor
35	Oppose
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	

C.2 One proposal would make it a criminal offense for an American to assist an undocumented immigrant to remain in the U.S. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

45	Favor
47	Oppose
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	

Thinking about the political parties for a moment...

Q.23 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase.. (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)?

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a. Able to manage the federal government well	35	39	3	15	8=100
January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10=100
Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8=100
July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10=100
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11=100
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8=100
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7=100
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5=100

Q.23 CONTINUED...

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) DK/	(VOL.) Ref
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Ref</u>
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5=100
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13=100
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10=100
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9=100
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10=100
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10=100
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10=100
b. Governs in an honest and ethical way	28	36	4	23	9=100
January, 2006	30	37	4	19	10=100
Early October, 2005	30	40	6	18	6=100
July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9=100
Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12=100
March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9=100
August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8=100
July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5=100
April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6=100
July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6=100
c. Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs	32	47	2	12	7=100
Early October, 2005	32	48	4	9	7=100
July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9=100
Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11=100
March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8=100
August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7=100
July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6=100
April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4=100
July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5=100
May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9=100
July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11=100
May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11=100
May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10=100
January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10=100
May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10=100
d. Is concerned with the needs of people like me	28	52	3	10	7=100
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6=100
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7=100
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9=100
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7=100
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7=100
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6=100
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3=100
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4=100
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7=100
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7=100
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7=100

Q.23 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
e. Is more influenced by lobbyists and special interests	45	28	14	2	11=100

Q.24 Do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job of ...[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE]

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a. Reforming government in Washington	28	44	5	15	8=100
February, 2006	29	42	7	12	10=100
March, 1998 ⁷	37	35	8	10	10=100
July, 1994	39	40	3	11	7=100
b. Dealing with immigration	27	43	6	11	13=100
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=764]:

Q.25F1 In your view, does the [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] or the [NEXT ITEM] have better political leaders?

	Feb <u>2006</u>
38 Republican Party	41
40 Democratic Party	37
4 Both equally (VOL.)	5
9 Neither (VOL.)	8
<u>9</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>9</u>
100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

Q.26F2 In your view, does the [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] or the [NEXT ITEM] have stronger political leaders?

53 Republican Party
26 Democratic Party
4 Both equally (VOL.)
8 Neither (VOL.)
<u>9</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

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In March 1998 and July 1994 the item was worded "reforming government."

ASK ALL:

Q.27 Thinking about the Democratic Party, who do YOU think of as the leader of the Democratic Party these days? [SINGLE RESPONSE, DO NOT READ OPTIONS. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]

		Feb <u>2006</u>
16	Hillary Clinton	15
7	Ted Kennedy	n/a
1	Harry Reid	1
4	Bill Clinton	11
3	John Kerry	8
3	Howard Dean	3
2	John Edwards	2
2	Barack Obama	4
1	Harry Reid	1
1	Joseph Biden	3
1	Nancy Pelosi	1
1	Joseph Lieberman	n/a
5	(VOL. DO NOT READ) Other [SPECIFY: _____]	9 ⁸
30	(VOL. DO NOT READ) Nobody is	13
<u>24</u>	(VOL. DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>30</u>
100		100

Q.28 Now I'd like your views on some people. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Heard of	rate/Ref
a.	George W. Bush	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3=100
	Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3=100
	July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3=100
	Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2=100
	Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2=100
	Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3=100
	Early September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5=100
	August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3=100
	June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3=100
	Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3=100
	January 29-February 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1=100
<i>Gallup:</i>	January 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*=100
<i>Gallup:</i>	October 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1=100
<i>Gallup:</i>	June 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1=100
	April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3=100
	January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2=100
	December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5=100
	July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4=100
	January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7=100
	May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10=100

⁸ In February 2006, the "Other" category did not offer a SPECIFY option, meaning interviewers were not instructed to enter responses that were not included on a list of pre-coded names. Ted Kennedy and Joe Lieberman were therefore not coded.

Q.28 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
	March, 1999 ⁹	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14=100
	November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19=100
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=764]:									
b.F1	Bill Clinton	61	27	34	36	18	18	0	3=100
	Late October, 2005	62	26	36	34	18	16	*	4=100
	Late March, 2005	64	24	40	32	13	19	0	4=100
	December, 2002	46	17	29	49	27	22	*	5=100
	July, 2001	50	20	30	46	27	19	0	4=100
	January, 2001	64	23	41	34	17	17	0	2=100
	May, 2000	48	17	31	47	28	19	*	5=100
	March, 1999	55	21	34	42	23	19	*	3=100
	December, 1998	55	23	32	43	24	19	0	2=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	15	37	44	24	20	0	4=100
	Early September, 1998	57	18	39	41	23	18	0	2=100
	Late August, 1998	54	18	36	44	24	20	0	2=100
	March, 1998	62	22	40	35	16	19	*	3=100
	November, 1997	63	19	44	35	14	21	0	2=100
	October, 1997	62	15	47	36	16	20	*	2=100
	September, 1997	62	18	44	35	14	21	0	3=100
	August, 1997	61	16	45	38	17	21	0	1=100
	April, 1997	61	17	44	37	16	21	*	2=100
	January, 1997	66	17	49	32	14	18	*	2=100
	October, 1996 (RVs)	57	12	45	41	19	22	0	2=100
	June, 1996	61	16	45	37	14	23	*	2=100
	April, 1996	57	16	41	40	16	24	0	3=100
	February, 1996	55	20	35	43	21	22	0	2=100
	January, 1996	56	13	43	42	15	27	0	2=100
	August, 1995	49	13	36	49	20	29	0	2=100
	February, 1995	55	14	41	42	17	25	0	3=100
	December, 1994	51	17	34	46	22	24	0	3=100
	July, 1994	58	15	43	41	16	25	*	1=100
	May, 1993	60	18	42	35	12	23	0	5=100
	July, 1992	59	17	42	34	9	25	0	7=100
	June, 1992	46	10	36	47	14	33	1	6=100
	May, 1992	53	11	42	42	10	32	*	5=100
	March, 1992	53	10	43	40	11	29	1	6=100
	February, 1992	59	15	44	31	7	24	2	8=100
	January, 1992	37	9	28	15	4	11	27	21=100
	November, 1991	30	5	25	10	2	8	39	21=100
c.F1	John Kerry	45	10	35	44	20	24	2	9=100
	Late October, 2005	46	12	34	43	20	23	2	9=100
	Late March, 2005	49	13	36	41	17	24	2	8=100
	Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	21	35	40	16	24	0	3=100
	Early October, 2004 (RVs)	53	16	37	41	16	25	*	6=100
	Early September, 2004	49	17	32	43	19	24	*	8=100

⁹ In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

Q.28 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Heard of	rate/Ref
	August, 2004	56	23	33	36	14	22	1	7=100
	June, 2004	50	11	39	41	16	25	0	9=100
	Early February, 2004	58	14	44	28	8	20	1	13=100
	January, 2003	30	6	24	16	4	12	36	18=100
d.F1	John Edwards	47	10	37	27	9	18	11	15=100
	Late October, 2005	50	12	38	23	6	17	10	17=100
	Mid-October, 2004 ¹⁰	58	18	40	31	13	18	1	10=100
	Early October, 2004	50	16	34	28	11	17	2	20=100
	Early September, 2004	54	18	36	30	10	20	2	14=100
	August, 2004	61	24	37	25	6	19	2	12=100
	Early February, 2004	45	9	36	25	8	17	5	24=100
	January, 2003	23	4	19	14	3	11	40	23=100
e.F1	Dick Cheney	36	11	25	55	29	26	3	6=100
	Late October, 2005	43	12	31	46	22	24	2	9=100
	Late March, 2005	48	15	33	42	20	22	2	8=100
	Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	48	17	31	46	25	21	*	6=100
	Early October, 2004 (RVs)	48	14	34	41	20	21	*	11=100
	Early September, 2004	43	13	30	42	23	19	2	13=100
	August, 2004	47	13	34	41	20	21	2	10=100
	April, 2003	60	21	39	27	12	15	3	10=100
	December, 2002	59	20	39	26	10	16	5	10=100
	July, 2001	58	19	39	26	6	20	6	10=100
	January, 2001	62	20	42	18	5	13	2	18=100
	December, 1994	42	10	32	19	5	14	21	18=100
	March, 1991 ¹¹	68	33	35	6	2	4	10	16=100
	May, 1990	20	3	17	11	3	8	44	25=100
f.F1	Condoleezza Rice	59	26	33	27	10	17	6	8=100
	Late October, 2005	60	23	37	25	9	16	6	9=100
	Late March, 2005	57	22	35	28	11	17	5	10=100
g.F1	John McCain	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12=100
	Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15=100
	Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16=100
	July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14=100
	January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17=100
	May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15=100
ABC/WP:	February, 2000	60	--	--	21	--	--	--	19=100
CNN/USA Today/Gallup:	December, 1999 ¹²	57	--	--	11	--	--	14	18=100

¹⁰ Mid-October 2004 and earlier trend numbers are based on registered voters.

¹¹ In March 1991 and May 1990 the category was listed: "Richard Cheney."

¹² For the CNN/USAToday/Gallup Poll in December 1999, the category was listed: "Arizona Senator John McCain."

Q.28 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
h.F1	Bill Frist	24	5	19	29	12	17	32	15=100
	Late October, 2005	21	3	18	26	8	18	35	18=100
	January, 2003	27	7	20	12	2	10	42	19=100

i.F1	Mark Warner	21	3	18	16	4	12	43	20=100
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ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

j.F2	Hillary Clinton	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3=100
	Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5=100
	Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7=100
	December 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8=100
	July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4=100
	January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5=100
	May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8=100
	Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6=100
	Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5=100
	Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3=100
	March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4=100
	January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3=100
	June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4=100
	April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5=100
	February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4=100
	January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4=100
	October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4=100
	August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4=100
	December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4=100
	July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2=100
	May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10=100
k.F2	Howard Dean	31	5	26	38	15	23	19	12=100
	Late October, 2005	29	4	25	37	15	22	19	15=100
	Late March, 2005	32	6	26	31	11	20	12	25=100
	January, 2003	13	2	11	12	3	9	57	18=100
l.F2	Joe Biden	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14=100
	Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16=100
	September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38=100
m.F2	Donald Rumsfeld	38	10	28	46	21	25	8	8=100
	Late October, 2005	36	8	28	41	18	23	14	9=100
	Late March, 2005	39	10	29	41	18	23	7	13=100
	April, 2003	61	24	37	19	6	13	9	11=100
n.F2	Rudy Giuliani	70	26	44	14	4	10	10	6=100
	Late October, 2005	63	22	41	17	6	11	10	10=100
	Late March, 2005	60	20	40	17	5	12	7	16=100
	May, 2000	37	9	28	18	6	12	26	19=100
o.F2	Tom DeLay	23	5	18	49	25	24	15	13=100
	Late October, 2005	18	2	16	40	20	20	27	15=100
	Gallup/CNN/USAToday: April, 2005	27	--	--	31	--	--	26	16=100

Q.28 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
p.F2	George Allen	20	4	16	14	4	10	49	17=100
q.F2	Russell Feingold	19	4	15	19	7	12	43	19=100

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.29 Looking ahead to the next presidential election, would you like to see a president who offers policies and programs similar to those of the Bush administration, OR would you like to see a president who offers different policies and programs?

		Early	----- <i>Clinton Administration</i> -----				
		Oct	June	Feb	Aug	June	Feb
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>
23	Policies and programs similar to the Bush Administration	25	40	41	43	43	54
70	Different policies and programs	69	52	51	50	50	41
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.30 Now I am going to read you a couple of statements. For each, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it, or completely DISagree with it. (The first one is...)
(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)

		Completely	Mostly	Mostly	Completely	(VOL.)
		<u>agree</u>	<u>agree</u>	<u>disagree</u>	<u>disagree</u>	DK/ Ref
a.	I am tired of all the problems associated with the Bush administration	36	26	23	12	3=100
	September, 2000 <i>Clinton</i>	48	24	16	8	4=100
	August, 1999 <i>Clinton</i>	36	35	19	8	2=100
	March, 1999 <i>Clinton</i>	48	26	15	8	3=100
b.	I wish George W. Bush could run for a third term	8	13	21	56	2=100
	September, 2000 <i>Clinton</i>	16	11	16	55	2=100
	August, 1999 <i>Clinton</i>	12	16	24	47	1=100
	March, 1999 <i>Clinton</i>	16	12	17	54	1=100

Q.31 Last week, documents were released indicating that President Bush may have authorized his staff to leak pre-war intelligence about Iraq to the press in order to undermine war critics. How much have you heard about this... a lot, a little or nothing at all?

32	A lot
46	A little
22	Nothing at all
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

IF HEARD “A LOT” or “A LITTLE” (1,2 IN Q.31) ASK [N=1229]:

Q.32 From what you’ve read and heard about this, do you think President Bush acted improperly, or don’t you think so?

57	Yes, acted improperly
34	No, did not act improperly
2	Too early to tell (VOL.)
<u>7</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.33 How concerned are you, if at all, about the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington these days? [READ]

46	Very concerned
29	Somewhat concerned
13	Not too concerned –OR–
9	Not at all concerned
<u>3</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100	

Q.34 Do you think bribery and corruption in Congress is more common now than it used to be, or no different from the past?

47	More common now
49	No different from the past
<u>4</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=764]:

Q.35F1 Congress is considering a law which would place stricter limits on the value of gifts that House and Senate members can accept from lobbyists. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

		Sept
		<u>1995</u>
76	Favor	79
19	Oppose	16
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

Q.36F2 Congress is considering a law which would place stricter limits on the value of gifts that House and Senate members can accept from lobbyists. Do you think a law like this would help to reduce the influence of special interests, or do you think it wouldn't make much difference?

45	Would reduce influence
52	Wouldn't make much difference
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.37 Which comes closer to your view about the tax cuts passed under President Bush over the past few years?

[READ IN ORDER]

		Dec <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>
25	All of the tax cuts should be made permanent	28	27
36	Tax cuts for the wealthy should be repealed, while others stay in place, OR	35	31
28	All of the tax cuts should be repealed	25	28
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100

NO QUESTIONS 38-44

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.45 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	Right <u>decision</u>	Wrong <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
April, 2006	47	46	7=100
March, 2006	45	49	6=100
February, 2006	51	44	5=100
January, 2006	45	47	8=100
December, 2005	47	48	5=100
Late October, 2005	48	45	7=100
Early October, 2005	44	50	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7=100
July, 2005	49	44	7=100
June, 2005	47	45	8=100
February, 2005	47	47	6=100
January, 2005	51	44	5=100
December, 2004	49	44	7=100
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11=100
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12=100
Early October, 2004	50	39	11=100
Early September, 2004	53	39	8=100
August, 2004	53	41	6=100
July, 2004	52	43	5=100
June, 2004	55	38	7=100
May, 2004	51	42	7=100
Late April, 2004	54	37	9=100
Early April, 2004	57	35	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6=100
Late February, 2004	60	32	8=100
Early February, 2004	56	39	5=100
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5=100
Early January, 2004	62	28	10=100
December, 2003	67	26	7=100
October, 2003	60	33	7=100
September, 2003	63	31	6=100
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	24	9=100

Q.45 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right</u> <u>decision</u>	<u>Wrong</u> <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
May, 2003	74	20	6=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	74	19	7=100
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	74	19	7=100
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	72	20	8=100
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	74	21	5=100
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	74	21	5=100
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

Q.46 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]

	<u>Very</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Fairly</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3=100
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=100
Early September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	61	32	3	1	3=100
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	60	32	3	3	2=100
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	55	37	3	2	3=100
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	39	46	8	2	5=100
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	45	41	6	2	6=100
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	65	25	2	1	7=100

Q.47 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
April, 2006	48	48	4=100
March, 2006	44	50	6=100
February, 2006	50	46	4=100
January, 2006	48	48	4=100
December, 2005	49	46	5=100
Early October, 2005	47	48	5=100
Mid-September, 2005	51	45	4=100
July, 2005	52	43	5=100
June, 2005	50	46	4=100
February, 2005	55	42	3=100
January, 2005	54	41	5=100
December, 2004	56	40	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	57	36	7=100
Early September, 2004	54	40	6=100
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100
June, 2004 ¹³	51	44	5=100
May, 2004	53	42	5=100
Late April, 2004	53	40	7=100
Early April, 2004	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	63	32	5=100
October, 2003	58	39	3=100
September, 2003	64	32	4=100

IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.47)

Q.48 Do you think more troops are needed in Iraq right now, or do you think there are already enough troops there to do the job?

	Early Oct <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>	Jun <u>2004</u>	Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>
13 More troops needed	13	16	18	29	32	34
27 Have enough there to do the job	26	27	23	26	21	25
* Reduce number of troops (VOL.)	0	*	*	*	*	*
<u>8</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
48%	47%	52%	51%	63%	58%	64%

¹³ In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: “Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?”

IF “BRING TROOPS HOME” (2 IN Q.47)

Q.49 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

		Jan <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>
18	Remove all troops immediately	14	17
29	Gradual withdrawal over the next year or two	32	28
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
48%		48%	46%

ASK ALL:

Q.50 In the long run, do you think the war in Iraq has increased the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessened the chances, or has it made no difference?

		Early Oct <u>2005</u>	July July <u>2005</u>	Mid-Oct Mid-Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Nov Nov <u>2002</u> ¹⁴
37	Increased	41	45	36	34	45
27	Lessened	25	22	32	32	18
33	No difference	32	30	28	31	30
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.51 Thinking about the people you know, would you say they are becoming LESS emotionally involved in the news from Iraq than they were, MORE emotionally involved, or are the people you know about as involved as they had been?

		June <u>2005</u>	Jan <u>2005</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	May <u>2004</u>
37	Less emotionally involved	44	35	36	35	26
21	More emotionally involved	15	19	19	23	33
38	About as involved as they have been	36	44	41	37	36
1	Mixed / Some more, some less (VOL.)	1	*	*	1	1
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

¹⁴

The question from the November 2002 Global Attitudes survey was worded: “In the long run, do you think a war with Iraq to end Saddam Hussein’s rule is likely to increase the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessen the chances, or will it make no difference?”

Q.52 Some people are comparing Iraq to the war in Vietnam. Do you think Iraq will turn out to be another Vietnam, or do you think the U.S. will accomplish its goals in Iraq?¹⁵

		Mid- Sept <u>2005</u>	June <u>2005</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	Late April <u>2004</u>
41	Will be another Vietnam	39	35	29	29	25
43	U.S. will accomplish its goals	48	47	54	55	54
5	Too early to tell (VOL.)	5	7	4	4	6
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.53 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

		Mar <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>	Early Oct <u>2005</u>	Mid-Sept <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>
53	Should set a timetable	55	50	56	52	57	49
40	Should not set a timetable	39	42	38	43	37	45
2	Should get out now (VOL.)	1	2	1	1	1	*
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 54-55

Q.56 As I read a few specific things about Iraq, tell me if you think we are making progress or losing ground in each area. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]?

		Making <u>progress</u>	Losing <u>ground</u>	(VOL) No <u>change</u>	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
ASK ITEMS a THRU d OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=764]:					
a.F1	Training Iraqi security forces so they can replace U.S. troops				
	March, 2006	55	30	1	14=100
	January, 2006	56	30	1	13=100
	December, 2005	65	22	1	12=100
		61	27	1	11=100
b.F1	Reducing the number of civilian casualties there				
	March, 2006	28	56	3	13=100
	January, 2006	27	56	3	14=100
	December, 2005	32	54	3	11=100
		35	53	3	9=100
c.F1	Preventing terrorists from using Iraq as a base for attacks against the U.S. and its allies				
	March, 2006	44	43	3	10=100
	January, 2006	42	44	2	12=100
	December, 2005	52	33	2	13=100
		48	41	2	9=100

¹⁵

In mid-September 2005 and earlier, the question was worded: "...comparing Iraq to the war in Vietnam thirty years ago...".

Q.56 CONTINUED...

		<u>Making progress</u>	<u>Losing ground</u>	(VOL) No <u>change</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
d.F1	Establishing democracy in Iraq	51	38	3	8=100
	March, 2006	50	38	2	10=100
	January, 2006	62	26	2	10=100
	December, 2005	58	32	2	8=100

ASK ITEMS e THRU g OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=737]:

e.F2	Defeating the insurgents militarily	40	46	2	12=100
	March, 2006	36	51	1	12=100
	January, 2006	46	38	3	13=100
	December, 2005	44	41	3	12=100
f.F2	Preventing a civil war between various religious and ethnic groups	26	59	3	12=100
	March, 2006	24	66	2	8=100
	January, 2006	34	48	4	14=100
	December, 2005	36	49	3	12=100
g.F2	Rebuilding roads, power plants and other services in Iraq	55	26	1	18=100
	March, 2006	53	29	1	17=100
	January, 2006	59	22	1	18=100

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Since the start of military action in Iraq, about how many U.S. soldiers have been killed? To the best of your knowledge, have there been around 500, around 1,500, around 2,500, or around 3,500 military deaths in Iraq?

TREND FOR COMPARISON (Correct answers in bold)

		<u>Oct 2005</u>		<u>June 2005</u>	<u>April 2004¹⁶</u>	
4	Around 500	5	Around 500	4	28	Under 500
16	Around 1,500	23	Around 1,000	13	55	500 to 1,000
53	Around 2,500 {correct}	48	Around 2,000	54	6	1,000 to 2,000
19	Around 3,500	19	Around 3,000	24	4	More than 2,000
1	Other (VOL.)	1	Other (VOL.)	--	--	Other (VOL.)
<u>7</u>	DK/Ref (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	DK/Ref (VOL.)	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	DK/Ref (VOL.)
100		100		100	100	

¹⁶ In April 2004 the question included "since the start of the military action in Iraq, last March..."

Q.58 Do you think the people of Iraq will be better off or worse off in the long run than they were now that Saddam Hussein has been removed from power by the US and its allies?

		Feb <u>2004</u>	May <u>2003</u>	March <u>2003</u>
78	Better off	84	87	79
13	Worse off	9	6	8
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL) No Preference	(VOL) Other Party	Don't know
April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100
December, 2005	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
Late November, 2005	27	34	29	5	1	4=100
Early November, 2005	28	34	31	5	*	2=100
Late October, 2005	29	33	31	5	*	2=100
Early October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
Late March, 2005	29	32	36	2	*	1=100
Yearly Totals						
2005	30	33	31	4	*	2=100
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100
				No Preference/ <u>Other/DK</u>		
1996	<u>29</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	5=100		
1995	32	30	34	4=100		
1994	30	32	34	4=100		
1993	27	34	34	5=100		
1992	28	33	35	4=100		
1991	31	32	33	4=100		
1990	31	33	30	6=100		

PARTY CONTINUED...

	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Independent/ No Pref/Oth/DK</u>
1989	33	33	34=100
1987	26	35	39=100

IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Refused to lean</u>
April, 2006	12	17	10=39%
March, 2006	11	14	13=38%
February, 2006	11	16	10=37%
January, 2006	10	16	14=40%
December, 2005	10	16	11=37%
Late November, 2005	9	13	17=39%
Early November, 2005	11	14	13=38%
Late October, 2005	11	15	12=38%
Early October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 6-7, 2005	10	15	15=40%
July, 2005	9	15	11=35%
June, 2005	10	16	12=38%
Mid-May, 2005	9	13	14=36%
Late March, 2005	13	17	9=39%
December, 2004	14	12	9=35%
August, 2003	12	16	14=42%
August, 2002	12	13	13=38%
September, 2000	11	13	15=39%
Late September, 1999	14	15	16=45%
August, 1999	15	15	12=42%

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.59 How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=646]:

		<u>Mid- Sept 2005</u>	<u>Late March 2005</u>	<u>July 2004</u>	<u>Aug 2003</u>	<u>May 2002</u>	<u>May 2001</u>	<u>(RVs) Sept 2000</u>
6	Excellent	4	8	12	6	6	10	6
41	Good	44	43	49	51	49	50	43
41	Only fair	41	36	33	37	38	32	44
10	Poor	8	9	4	5	5	5	5
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.60 How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=720]:

		Mid- Sept <u>2005</u>	Late March <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2003</u>	May <u>2002</u>	May <u>2001</u>	(RVs) Sept <u>2000</u>
5	Excellent	3	3	6	5	5	8	11
35	Good	32	30	43	33	39	39	52
48	Only fair	49	51	40	51	43	40	32
11	Poor	14	14	8	9	10	7	4
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100