

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**LATE FEBRUARY 2008 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**February 20 - February 24, 2008**  
**N = 1,508**

**ASK ALL:**

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]**

	<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>
Late February, 2008	33	59	8=100	January, 2005	50	43	7=100
Early February, 2008	31	62	7=100	December, 2004	48	44	8=100
January, 2008	31	59	10=100	Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100
Late December, 2007	31	60	9=100	August, 2004	46	45	9=100
November, 2007	30	59	11=100	July, 2004	46	46	8=100
October, 2007	30	63	7=100	June, 2004	48	43	9=100
September, 2007	31	59	10=100	May, 2004	44	48	8=100
August, 2007	31	59	10=100	Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100
July, 2007	29	61	10=100	Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100
June, 2007	29	61	10=100	Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100
April, 2007	35	57	8=100	Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100
March, 2007	33	58	9=100	February, 2004	48	44	8=100
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100
Mid-January, 2007	33	59	8=100	Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100
Early January, 2007	33	57	10=100	December, 2003	57	34	9=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	November, 2003	50	40	10=100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100

<b>Q.1 CONTINUED...</b>	<u>App-rove</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
July, 2002	67	21	12=100
June, 2002	70	20	10=100
April, 2002	69	18	13=100
Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
February, 2002	78	13	9=100
January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election ... quite a lot, or only a little?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,240]:**

		Quite <u>A lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>Little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
<b>2004</b>	Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2=100
	November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1=100
	Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1=100
	September 22-26, 2004	68	4	23	4	1=100
	September 17-21, 2004	66	4	25	4	1=100
	Early September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1=100
	<i>September 11-14</i>	69	3	23	4	1=100
	<i>September 8-10</i>	73	3	21	2	1=100
	August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1=100
	July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1=100
	June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1=100
	May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1=100
	Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1=100
	Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*=100
	<b>2000</b>	November, 2000	72	6	19	2
Late October, 2000		66	6	24	4	*=100
Mid-October, 2000		67	9	19	4	1=100
Early October, 2000		60	8	27	4	1=100
September, 2000		59	8	29	3	1=100
July, 2000		46	6	45	3	*=100
June, 2000		46	6	43	5	*=100
May, 2000		48	4	42	5	1=100
April, 2000		45	7	41	7	*=100

**THOUGHT CONTINUED ...**

		Quite <u>A lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>Little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
<b>1996</b>	November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*=100
	October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1=100
	Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1=100
	Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1=100
	July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*=100
	June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1=100
<b>1992</b>	Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1=100
	September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1=100
	August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*=100
	June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1=100
<b>1988</b>	<b>Gallup:</b> November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0=100
	<b>Gallup:</b> October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0=100
	<b>Gallup:</b> August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0=100
	<b>Gallup:</b> September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0=100

**NO QUESTIONS 2-8.**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9 Now I'd like your views on some people. As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. (First, **INSERT NAME**) would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about (**NEXT NAME**)? **[IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[NAME]** 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)	(VOL)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. George W. Bush	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5=100
Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5=100
January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4=100
Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4=100
August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3=100
December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4=100
April, 2006	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
Gallup: January 29-February 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1=100
Gallup: January 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*=100
Gallup: October 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1=100
Gallup: 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

**Q. 9 CONTINUED...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Heard of	rate/Ref
	January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7=100
	May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10=100
	March, 1999 <sup>1</sup>	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14=100
	November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19=100
b.	John McCain	48	12	36	38	14	24	1	13=100
	Early February, 2008	53	12	41	31	10	21	3	13=100
	January, 2008	55	14	41	31	9	22	3	11=100
	Late December, 2007	46	8	38	34	10	24	7	13=100
	August, 2007	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12=100
	December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13=100
	April, 2006	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
c.	Hillary Clinton	51	19	32	44	23	21	0	5=100
	Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	*	6=100
	January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	*	4=100
	Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	*	6=100
	August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4=100
	December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5=100
	April, 2006	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

<sup>1</sup> In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

**Q. 9 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----						-----Unfavorable-----		
							(VOL)	(VOL)	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't	
d. Barack Obama	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8=100	
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10=100	
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8=100	
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11=100	
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13=100	

**ASK ALL:**

**REGIST** These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST ASK:**

**REGICERT** Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

- 81 Yes, Registered
  - 76 Absolutely certain
  - 4 Chance registration has lapsed
  - 1 Don't know/Refused
  - 18 No, Not registered/Don't know
  - 1 Don't know/Refused
- 100

**PARTY** In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?<sup>2</sup>

**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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	DK/ Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No Preference	Other Party			
Late February, 2008	24	38	32	3	*	3=100	10	17
Early February, 2008	26	35	31	5	*	3=100	11	14
January, 2008	24	33	37	4	*	2=100	12	18
Late December, 2007	25	32	36	4	*	3=100	12	18
November, 2007	28	33	32	4	1	2=100	9	16
October, 2007	25	37	33	3	*	2=100	11	17
September, 2007	27	32	32	6	*	3=100	8	16
August, 2007	26	32	32	5	1	4=100	10	16
July, 2007	27	32	34	4	*	3=100	11	17
June, 2007	25	34	32	6	*	3=100	10	17
April, 2007	25	28	40	5	*	2=100	13	17
March, 2007	25	36	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
February, 2007	25	34	34	4	*	3=100	10	18
Mid-January, 2007	24	35	34	3	*	4=100	12	18
Early-January, 2007	23	31	39	4	*	3=100	12	18

2 Registered voters (REGICERT=1) were asked PARTY and PARTYLN at this point in the survey. Non-registered voters were asked PARTY and PARTYLN toward the end of the survey with the demographic questions.

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

					(VOL.)	(VOL.)		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No Preference</u>	<u>Other Party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
<i>Yearly Totals</i>								
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1=100	10.7	16.7
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9=100	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8=100	10.2	14.9
2004	29.5	33.1	30.0	4.0	.4	3.0=100	11.8	13.6
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5=100	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7=100	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7=100	11.7	11.4
<i>2001 Post-Sept 11</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>31.8</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>.6</i>	<i>3.6=100</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>9.4</i>
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>2.1=100</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>12.5</i>
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0=100	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9=100	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4=100	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3=100	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2=100			12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4=100			14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6=100			14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8=100			11.8	14.7
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9=100			13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5=100			14.6	10.8
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8=100			12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34=100					
1987	26	35	39=100					

**NO QUESTIONS 10-11**

**ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY [N=633]:**

Q.12 Which of the following Democratic candidates would be your first choice for president? (READ AND ROTATE) [IF “Don’t know” PROBE ONCE WITH: “Just as of today, would you say you LEAN toward...(READ). IF STILL DK, ENTER.]

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=633]:**

Late Feb 2008		Early			WITHOUT GORE						WITH GORE		
		Feb 2008	Jan 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Sept 2007	July 2007^	Apr 2007^	Mar 2007^	July 2007	April 2007	Mar 2007
49	Barack Obama	38	31	26	23	24	25	24	27	28	21	24	26
40	Hillary Clinton	46	46	46	45	45	42	44	39	39	40	34	35
n/a	John Edwards	n/a	13	14	12	12	14	13	21	19	18	16	*
n/a	Dennis Kucinich	n/a	4	3	1	4	2	3	1	*	2	1	*
n/a	Bill Richardson	n/a	n/a	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1
n/a	Joe Biden	n/a	n/a	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	1
n/a	Chris Dodd	n/a	n/a	*	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*
n/a	Mike Gravel	n/a	n/a	0	*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
n/a	Al Gore^	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	--	--	--	12	14	12
0	Other (VOL.)	1	*	*	2	*	1	1	*	*	1	*	0
2	None of them (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	5	4	2	5	3
8	Don’t know (VOL.)	12	4	3	9	7	8	6	3	5	6	2	5
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^March-July trends recalculated by substituting in Al Gore supporters’ second choice.

**ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY [N=633]:**

Q.13 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the Democratic presidential nomination [READ AND ROTATE]

- 17 Hillary Clinton [or]
- 70 Barack Obama
- 13 Other/Can’t say/Don’t know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
- 100

**ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY [N=633]:**

Q.14 Do you think the fact that the contest between Clinton and Obama has not yet been decided is a good thing or a bad thing for the Democratic Party?

- 57 Good thing
- 27 Bad thing
- 16 Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

**ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY [N=633]:**

Q.15 If it turns out that neither Hillary Clinton nor Barack Obama wins enough support in the primaries and caucuses to get the nomination, the decision could be made by a group of party leaders called “super delegates.” If this happens, what do you think these party leaders should do? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

- 63 Should they vote for the candidate who won the most support in the primaries and caucuses **[OR]**
- 32 Should they vote for the candidate they personally think is best
- 5 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)
- 100

**NO QUESTION 16**

**ASK OF REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN LEANING RVs [(PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY:**

Q.17 Which of the following Republican candidates would be your first choice for president? (**READ AND RANDOMIZE**) [IF “Don't know” **PROBE ONCE WITH:** “Just as of today, would you say you LEAN toward ...(**READ**). **IF STILL DK, ENTER.**]

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=482]:**

Late Feb 2008		Early				WITHOUT GINGRICH					WITH GINGRICH			
		Feb 2008	Jan 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Sept 2007^	July 2007^	Apr 2007^	Mar 2007^	Sept 2007	July 2007	Apr 2007	Mar 2007
61	John McCain	42	29	22	19	18	16	16	25	24	15	16	23	22
23	Mike Huckabee	20	20	17	10	8	4	1	3	2	4	1	3	2
7	Ron Paul	5	6	4	4	3	1	3	n/a	n/a	1	2	n/a	n/a
n/a	Mitt Romney	22	17	12	13	9	10	12	10	9	9	10	8	8
n/a	Rudy Giuliani	n/a	13	20	26	31	33	29	33	35	32	27	32	33
n/a	Fred Thompson	n/a	9	9	12	17	22	20	12	n/a	21	18	10	n/a
n/a	Duncan Hunter	n/a	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a	1	1
n/a	Tom Tancredo	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a
n/a	Sam Brownback	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	1	1	2	2	1	*	2
n/a	Newt Gingrich	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	--	--	--	--	6	8	9	7
n/a	Tommy Thompson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	3	n/a	1	2	3
n/a	Jim Gilmore	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	3	n/a	n/a	*	3
1	Other ( <b>VOL.</b> )	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2
5	None of them ( <b>VOL.</b> )	3	1	2	3	4	2	4	3	6	2	3	3	5
2	Don't know ( <b>VOL.</b> )	7	5	10	12	8	7	11	9	12	6	11	8	12
<u>1</u>	Refused	<u>1</u>	*	<u>2</u>	*	<u>0</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^March-September trends recalculated by substituting in Gingrich's supporters' second choice.



**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [REGICERT=1]:**

**ROTATE IN BLOCKS; Q.18-Q.20 WITH Q.21-Q.23**

Q.18 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE], who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (Q.18 =3,9):**

Q.18a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q. 18]?

**IF RESPONDENT CHOSE JOHN MCCAIN (1 IN Q.18 OR 1 IN Q.18a):**

Q.19 Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR John McCain or more a vote AGAINST Hillary Clinton?

**IF RESPONDENT CHOSE HILLARY CLINTON (2 IN Q.18 OR 2 IN Q.18a):**

Q.20 Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Hillary Clinton or more a vote AGAINST John McCain?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,240]:**

----- MCCAIN-----				----- CLINTON-----				
	Pro- Mc-	Anti- Clin-	DK		Pro- Clin-	Anti- Mc-	DK	Other/ DK
<u>Total</u>	<u>Cain</u>	<u>ton</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>ton</u>	<u>Cain</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
45	22	21	2	50	36	13	1	5=100

Q.21 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE] who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (Q.21 =3,9):**

Q.21a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.21]?

**IF RESPONDENT CHOSE JOHN MCCAIN (1 IN Q.21 OR 1 IN Q.21a):**

Q.22 Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR John McCain or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

**IF RESPONDENT CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (2 IN Q.18 OR 2 IN Q.18a):**

Q.23 Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST John McCain?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,240]:**

----- MCCAIN-----				----- OBAMA-----				
	Pro- Mc-	Anti- Ob-	DK		Pro- Ob-	Anti- Mc-	DK	Other/ DK
<u>Total</u>	<u>Cain</u>	<u>ama</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>ama</u>	<u>Cain</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
43	27	14	2	50	38	10	2	7=100

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

----- KERRY -----					----- BUSH -----				Other/
	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Kerry</u>	Anti- <u>Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Bush</u>	Anti- <u>Kerry</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
2004									
Nov	46	20	23	3	45	34	9	2	9=100
Mid-Oct	45	18	24	3	45	32	10	3	10=100
Early Oct	41	15	23	3	48	36	10	2	11=100
Early Sept	43	15	26	2	49	38	9	2	8=100
9/11-14	46	16	28	2	46	35	8	3	8=100
9/8-10	40	14	23	3	52	40	10	2	8=100
Aug	47	20	24	3	45	34	8	3	8=100
June	46	17	27	2	48	35	11	2	6=100
May	50	15	32	3	45	33	10	2	5=100
Late Mar	47	17	27	3	46	36	8	2	7=100
Mid-Mar	52	21	29	2	43	34	7	2	5=100
Feb	47	15	30	2	47	39	6	2	6=100

----- GORE -----					----- BUSH -----				Other/
	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Gore</u>	Anti- <u>Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Bush</u>	Anti- <u>Gore</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
2000									
Nov	45	29	14	2	41	27	12	2	14=100
Sept	47	30	14	3	41	24	14	3	12=100

----- CLINTON -----					----- DOLE -----				----- PEROT -----				Other/	
	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Clinton</u>	Anti- <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Dole</u>	Anti- <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Perot</u>	Anti- <u>Other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
1996														
Nov	51	33	15	3	32	15	15	2	9	4	5	*	8=100	
Oct	51	33	16	2	34	15	18	1	8	4	4	*	7=100	
Sept	52	35	15	2	34	16	17	1	8	3	5	0	6=100	
Mar	53	30	20	3	41	15	25	1	--	--	--	--	6=100	

----- CLINTON -----					----- BUSH, Sr. -----				----- PEROT -----				Other/	
	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Clinton</u>	Anti- <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Bush</u>	Anti- <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Perot</u>	Anti- <u>Other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
1992														
Late Oct	44	25	17	2	34	19	13	2	19	10	7	2	3=100	
Early Oct	48	23	22	3	35	19	13	3	8	3	5	*	9=100	
Sept	53	21	29	3	38	20	16	2	--	--	--	--	9=100	
Aug	57	27	28	2	37	20	16	1	--	--	--	--	6=100	
Mar	44	13	29	2	49	32	15	2	--	--	--	--	7=100	

----- DUKAKIS -----					----- BUSH, Sr. -----				Other/
	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Dukakis</u>	Anti- <u>Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pro- <u>Bush</u>	Anti- <u>Dukakis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>DK</u>
1988									
Oct	42	23	15	4	50	31	16	3	8=100
Sept	44	21	19	4	50	31	15	4	6=100
May	53	23	26	4	40	26	11	3	7=100

Now a different kind of question...

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=629]:**

**ROTATE Q.24F1 AND Q.25F1**

Q.24F1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Hillary Clinton. Just the one word that best describes her. (OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE). \*

34	Experienced
16	Strong
16	Untrustworthy
15	Intelligent
14	Smart
12	Determined
11	“Rhymes with rich”
11	Knowledgeable
10	Capable
10	Competent
10	Female/woman
8	Good
8	Liberal
8	Politician/political
8	Socialist
7	Ambitious
7	Qualified
6	Bill Clinton
6	Crooked
6	Dislike her
6	Power hungry
6	Selfish/self-centered
6	Unfavorable
5	Dynamic
5	Fair
5	Liar
5	Manipulative
5	Same
5	Scary
4	Arrogant
4	Cold
4	Confident
4	Dishonest
4	Driven
4	Fake
4	Old
4	Overbearing
4	Tough
4	Untruthful

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

## TREND FOR COMPARISON

<u>August 1998*</u>		<u>July 1996*</u>		<u>March 1996*</u>	
66	Strong	25	Strong	34	Intelligent
17	Intelligent	24	Dishonest	26	Smart
11	Brave	23	Intelligent	22	“Rhymes with rich”
10	Good	23	Smart	21	Good
9	Loyal	22	“Rhymes with rich”	21	Bossy
9	Smart	19	Good	20	Aggressive
8	Dominating	15	Bossy	18	Domineering
8	Courageous	14	Aggressive	17	Okay
7	Powerful	10	Outspoken	16	Strong
6	Naive	10	Okay	13	Nice
6	Tough	9	Crook	13	Liar
5	Controlling	8	Dominating	11	Powerful
5	Aggressive	8	Fake	10	Distrustful
5	Admirable	8	Nice	9	Dishonest
5	Nice	8	Pushy	9	Pushy
5	Excellent	7	Arrogant	8	Snob
5	Faithful	7	Outgoing	7	Ambitious
5	Fine	7	Sneaky	7	Fair
5	Steadfast	7	Independent	7	Great
5	“Rhymes with rich”	7	Liar	6	Independent
<b>(N=498)</b>		<b>(N=606)</b>		<b>(N=750)</b>	

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

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=629]:**

**ROTATE Q.24F1 AND Q.25F1**

Q.25F1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama. Just the one word that best describes him. (OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).\*

45	Inexperienced
32	Charismatic
25	Intelligent
23	Change
14	Inspirational
13	Young
11	New
10	Enthusiastic
10	Hope
9	Arrogant
9	Energetic
9	Leader
9	Speaker
8	Different
7	Honest
6	Articulate
6	Good
6	Integrity
6	Unqualified
5	Visionary
5	Impressive
5	Liberal
5	Okay
5	Smart
4	Dynamic
4	Fair
4	Fresh
4	Great
4	Muslim
4	Refreshing
4	Smooth
4	Unfavorable

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

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=611]:**

Q.26F2 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of John McCain. Just the one word that best describes him. (OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).\*

55	Old
32	Honest
29	Experienced
21	Patriot
14	Conservative
13	Hero
12	Liberal
10	Good
7	Integrity
7	Leader
7	War
6	Bush
6	Honorable
6	Knowledgeable
6	Moderate
6	Republican
6	Steady
5	Fair
5	Okay
4	Military
4	Trustworthy
4	Untrustworthy

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

**NO QUESTION 27**

**RANDOMIZE BLOCKS 28-30, 31-33 AND 34-36. KEEP QUESTIONS 28, 31 AND 34 AT THE START OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BLOCKS.**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240] :**

Q.28 Do you think John McCain's positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:

26 Too conservative  
22 Not conservative enough, or  
37 About right  
15 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. – DO NOT READ**)  
100

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=629]:**

Q.29F1 Do you think Hillary Clinton's positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:

37 Too liberal  
9 Not liberal enough, or  
46 About right  
8 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. – DO NOT READ**)  
100

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=611]:**

Q.30F2 Do you think Barack Obama's positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:

33 Too liberal  
7 Not liberal enough, or  
48 About right  
12 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. – DO NOT READ**)  
100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240]:**

Q.31 What do you think about Hillary Clinton, personally. Is she **[READ IN ORDER]**:

26 Very likeable  
37 Somewhat likeable  
15 Not too likeable  
18 Not at all likeable  
4 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. – DO NOT READ**)  
100

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=629]:**

Q.32F1 What do you think about Barack Obama, personally. Is he **[READ IN ORDER]**:

50 Very likeable  
35 Somewhat likeable  
4 Not too likeable  
6 Not at all likeable  
5 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. – DO NOT READ**)  
100

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=611]:**

Q.33F2 What do you think about John McCain, personally. Is he **[READ IN ORDER]**:

- 21 Very likeable
- 55 Somewhat likeable
- 12 Not too likeable
- 6 Not at all likeable
- 6 Don't know/Refused (VOL. – DO NOT READ)
- 100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240]:**

Q.34 Do you think Barack Obama has or has not provided enough information about his policies and plans for the country?

- 36 Has provided enough information about his policies and plans for the country
- 56 Has not provided enough information about his policies and plans for the country
- 8 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=629]:**

Q.35F1 Do you think John McCain has or has not provided enough information about his policies and plans for the country?

- 51 Has provided enough information about his policies and plans for the country
- 37 Has not provided enough information about his policies and plans for the country
- 12 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=611]:**

Q.36F2 Do you think Hillary Clinton has or has not provided enough information about her policies and plans for the country?

- 67 Has provided enough information about her policies and plans for the country
- 28 Has not provided enough information about her policies and plans for the country
- 5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240]:**

Q.37 Thinking about foreign policy and national security...Do you think **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]** would be too tough, not tough enough, or about right in (his/her) approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

		Too <u>tough</u>	Not tough <u>enough</u>	About <u>right</u>	Don't know/ <u>refused</u>
a.	John McCain	25	16	47	12=100
b.	Barack Obama	3	43	39	15=100
c.	Hillary Clinton	9	37	44	10=100



**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240]:**

Q.38 Do you think the Republican Party will unite solidly behind John McCain or do you think that differences and disagreements within the party will keep many Republicans from supporting McCain?

		-----Based on registered voters-----		
		<i>Democratic Party/ John Kerry</i>	<i>Republican Party/ Bob Dole</i>	<i>Democratic Party/ Bill Clinton</i>
		July <u>2004</u>	July <u>1996</u>	July <u>1992</u>
48	Solidly united	53	39	38
38	Keep many from supporting	25	45	44
<u>14</u>	Don't know (VOL.)	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=629]:**

Q.39F1 Do you feel John McCain is too old to be president, or not?

		<i>Bob Dole</i>	
		Based on general population CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll	
		March <u>1996</u>	February <u>1996</u>
26	Yes, too old	25	27
72	No, not too old	72	67
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) ONLY [N=611]:**

Q.40F2 As you may know, John McCain is 71 years old. Do you feel John McCain is too old to be president, or not?

		<i>Bob Dole</i>	
		<i>L.A. Times Poll<sup>3</sup></i>	
		Based on registered voters	
		August <u>1996</u>	April <u>1996</u>
32	Yes, too old	42	34
66	No, not too old	56	63
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

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3 In the August 1996 survey, the question was worded: "As you may know, Bob Dole recently turned 73 years old. Do you think Bob Dole is too old to be president or not too old to be president?" In the April 1996 survey, the question was worded: "As you may know, Bob Dole will be 73 years old at his inauguration if he is elected president. Do you think that Bob Dole is too old to be president or not too old to be president?"

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240]:**

Thinking about another topic...

Q.41 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the upcoming congressional election, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) Congressperson <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late February, 2008	60	22	1	17=100
November, 2006	55	25	1	19=100
Late October, 2006	55	26	1	18=100
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22=100
September, 2006	53	27	1	19=100
August, 2006	51	30	*	19=100
June, 2006	51	32	1	16=100
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
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

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) [N=1,240]:**

Q.42 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the upcoming congressional election, or not?

	(VOL)		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Late February, 2008	36	49	15=100
November, 2006	37	46	17=100
Late October, 2006	34	49	17=100
Early October, 2006	32	48	20=100
September, 2006	35	49	16=100
August, 2006	36	49	15=100
June, 2006	29	57	14=100
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	37	17=100
March, 1998	45	41	14=100
January, 1998	44	43	13=100
August, 1997	45	42	13=100
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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 Next, please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE - OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]<sup>4</sup>

		(VOL.)				
		Republican	Democratic	Both	(VOL.)	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:</b>						
a.F1	Dealing with the economy	34	53	2	5	6=100
	October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14=100
	September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12=100
	February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8=100
	Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6=100
	July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10=100
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12=100
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13=100
	Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13=100
	January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18=100

4 In January 1999, January 2001, January 2002, and May 2002, the question was worded: "Please tell me which party you think has the best ideas... the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?"

**Q.43 CONTINUED ...**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't Know
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>		
	May, 2001 <sup>5</sup>	33	44	8	5	10=100
	June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9=100
	March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9=100
	Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10=100
	March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5=100
	October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1992 ( <i>RVs</i> )	36	45	10	--	9=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28=100
b.F1	Improving the educational system	26	55	6	6	7=100
	October, 2006	27	45	5	6	17=100
	September, 2006	28	46	7	6	13=100
	February, 2006	33	44	8	7	8=100
	Mid-September, 2005	35	44	6	7	8=100
	July, 2004	29	45	7	7	12=100
	January, 2002	37	34	--	6	23=100
	May, 2001	36	38	11	6	9=100
	January, 2001	40	41	--	7	12=100
	June, 1999	29	52	7	5	7=100
	March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10=100
	January, 1999	26	46	--	7	21=100
	Early September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10=100
	March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7=100
	July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8=100
	January, 1992	28	48	--	10	14=100
	May, 1990	30	42	--	14	14=100
c.F1	Dealing with the terrorist threat at home	45	38	6	4	7=100
	October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15=100
	September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14=100
	February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9=100
	Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8=100
	July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13=100
	Late October, 2002 ( <i>RVs</i> )	44	27	11	6	12=100
	Early October, 2002 ( <i>RVs</i> )	44	28	7	5	16=100
	Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14=100
	January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28=100
d.F1	Improving morality in this country	34	44	4	9	9=100
	October, 2006	30	37	6	12	15=100
	September, 2006	34	36	5	10	15=100
	July, 2004	37	35	5	10	13=100
	January, 2002	38	27	--	8	27=100
	January, 2001	49	26	--	11	14=100
	January, 1999	37	29	--	17	17=100

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5 In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous?"

**Q.43 CONTINUED ...**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
	June, 1999 <sup>6</sup>	40	33	7	11	9=100
	Early September, 1998	45	27	8	9	11=100
	March 1998	43	29	9	11	8=100
	October, 1994	40	35	6	8	11=100
	July, 1994	46	34	4	8	8=100
e.F1	Dealing with taxes	37	49	2	5	7=100
	October, 2006	32	40	5	7	16=100
	September, 2006	30	45	4	9	12=100
	February, 2006	35	46	5	6	8=100
	May, 2001	37	40	8	6	9=100
	June, 1999	38	38	5	7	12=100
	September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10=100
	March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8=100
	October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9=100
f.F1	Protecting the environment	21	65	3	5	6=100
	September, 2006	19	57	5	6	13=100
	February, 2006	24	56	6	5	9=100
	Mid-September, 2005	28	51	5	7	9=100
	July, 2004	24	51	5	6	14=100
	Early September, 2002	25	46	9	6	14=100
	May, 2001	25	51	7	4	13=100
	June, 1999	27	45	7	5	16=100
	Early September, 1998	25	51	8	4	12=100
	March, 1998	22	56	8	5	9=100
	July, 1994	28	56	4	4	8=100
	December, 1993	22	46	--	12	20=100
	May, 1990	24	40	--	19	17=100
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:</b>						
g.F2	Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq	37	47	3	5	8=100
	October, 2006	31	39	5	8	17=100
	September, 2006	33	40	5	8	14=100
	February, 2006	38	41	3	8	10=100
	Mid-September, 2005	38	43	5	6	8=100
	July, 2004	38	40	4	6	12=100
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	42	33	6	6	13=100
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	46	30	7	4	13=100
h.F2	Reforming the U.S. health care system	26	56	3	8	7=100
	October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17=100
	September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13=100
	February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9=100
	Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7=100
	July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13=100

**Q.43 CONTINUED...**

			(VOL.)			
	Republican	Democratic	Both	(VOL.)	Don't	
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>	
	Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15=100
	January, 2002 <sup>7</sup>	20	45	--	6	29=100
	January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16=100
	January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22=100
	Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12=100
	March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8=100
	October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10=100
	July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8=100
	December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18=100
	January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15=100
	May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14=100
i.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problems	23	57	5	5	10=100
	October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17=100
	September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15=100
	February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10=100
	Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11=100
	May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13=100
j.F2	Making wise decisions about foreign policy	40	45	4	4	7=100
	July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14=100
	Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14=100
	May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13=100
	June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14=100
	March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11=100
	Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13=100
	March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10=100
	October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11=100
	July, 1994 <sup>8</sup>	51	31	4	6	8=100
	December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18=100
	May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16=100
k.F2	Reforming government in Washington	25	50	4	11	10=100
	October, 2006	24	41	5	12	18=100
	September, 2006	25	41	4	16	14=100
	April, 2006	28	44	5	15	8=100
	February, 2006	29	42	7	12	10=100
	March, 1998 <sup>9</sup>	37	35	8	10	10=100
	July, 1994	39	40	3	11	7=100

7 From 1999 to 2002, the item was listed as "...regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans." In December 1993 question was worded "Reforming health care." In January 1992 and May 1990 the question was worded "improving health care in the U.S."

8 In July 1994 and May 1990, question was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

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

**Q.43 CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Don't
		Republican	Democratic	Both	Neither	Know
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>		
I.F2	Dealing with immigration	38	43	4	6	9=100
	October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18=100
	September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16=100
	April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13=100
	February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11=100

**NO QUESTIONS 44-54**

**ASK ALL:**

Now a few questions about Iraq...

Q.55 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right</u>	<u>Wrong</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	<u>decision</u>	<u>decision</u>	
Late February, 2008	38	54	8=100
Late December, 2007	36	56	8=100
October, 2007	39	54	7=100
September, 2007	42	50	8=100
July, 2007	41	53	6=100
June, 2007	40	51	9=100
April, 2007	45	47	8=100
March, 2007	43	49	8=100
February, 2007	40	54	6=100
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9=100
Early January, 2007	40	53	7=100
December, 2006	42	51	7=100
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8=100
Late October, 2006	43	47	10=100
Early October, 2006	45	47	8=100
Early September, 2006	49	43	8=100
August, 2006	45	46	9=100
July, 2006	44	50	6=100
June, 2006	49	44	7=100
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

**Q. 55 CONTINUED...**

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>
Late February, 2008	12	36	25	23	4=100
Late December, 2007	11	30	31	23	5=100
November, 2007	11	37	29	19	4=100
October, 2007	10	34	29	22	5=100
September, 2007	9	32	30	24	5=100
July, 2007	8	28	34	25	5=100
June, 2007	7	27	33	28	5=100
April, 2007	7	31	34	25	3=100
March, 2007	10	30	32	24	4=100
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3=100
Mid-January, 2007	7	28	32	30	3=100
December, 2006	4	28	37	27	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	6	26	34	30	4=100
Late October, 2006	5	30	34	25	6=100
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5=100
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5=100
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4=100
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4=100
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100



**Q. 56 CONTINUED...**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
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, 200</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7=100</i>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.57 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>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
Late February, 2008	47	49	4=100
Late December, 2007	40	54	6=100
November, 2007	41	54	5=100
October, 2007	42	54	4=100
September, 2007	39	54	7=100
July, 2007	39	54	7=100
June, 2007	39	56	5=100
April, 2007	41	53	6=100
March, 2007	43	52	5=100
February, 2007	42	53	5=100
Mid-January, 2007	46	48	6=100
Early January, 2007	41	53	6=100
December, 2006	44	50	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	46	48	6=100
Late October, 2006	46	47	7=100
Early October, 2006	47	47	6=100
Early September, 2006	47	47	6=100
August, 2006	48	46	6=100
June, 2006	50	45	5=100
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 <sup>10</sup>	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

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10 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 “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.57) ASK:**

Q.58 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

	Should set a <u>timetable</u>	Should not set <u>timetable</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
Late February, 2008	16	30	1=47%
Late December, 2007	13	26	1=40%
November, 2007	11	29	1=41%
October, 2007	15	26	1=42%
September, 2007	13	25	1=39%
June, 2007 <sup>^</sup>	13	25	1=39%
April, 2007	11	28	2=41%
March, 2007	14	27	2=43%
Mid-January, 2007	19	26	1=46%
December, 2006	17	25	2=44%
Mid-November, 2006	17	27	2=46%
Late October, 2006	15	29	2=46%
Early October, 2006	15	30	2=47%
Early September, 2006	13	32	2=47%
August, 2006	16	30	2=48%
June, 2006	16	32	1=50%
April, 2006	14	32	1=48%
March, 2006	14	29	1=44%
January, 2006	16	30	2=48%
December, 2005	17	30	2=49%
Early October, 2005	15	31	1=47%
Mid-September, 2005	19	30	2=51%
July, 2005	16	34	2=52%

<sup>^</sup> Trend note: In June 2007 and earlier the question was asked of all respondents. Results shown here are limited to those who said we should “keep troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized” in order to be consistent with the way the question is currently asked. The small number who volunteered that the U.S. should “get out now” in previous surveys have been grouped with supporters of a timetable.

**IF “BRING TROOPS HOME” (2 IN Q.57) ASK:**

Q.59 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

	Remove all troops <u>immediately</u>	Gradual <u>withdrawal</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
Late February, 2008	14	33	2=49%
Late December, 2007	18	34	2=54%
November, 2007	16	36	2=54%
October, 2007	18	35	1=54%
September, 2007	18	34	2=54%
July, 2007	21	31	2=54%
June, 2007	20	35	1=56%
April, 2007	17	34	2=53%
March, 2007	18	33	1=52%
February, 2007	16	35	2=53%
Mid-January, 2007	16	30	2=48%
December, 2006	18	32	*=50%

**Q.59 CONTINUED ...**

	Remove all troops <u>immediately</u>	Gradual <u>withdrawal</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
Mid-November, 2006	16	31	1=48%
August, 2006	15	30	1=46%
April, 2006	18	29	1=48%
January, 2006	14	32	2=48%
December, 2005	17	28	1=46%

**ASK ALL:**

Q.60 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?

		Late- Dec <u>2007</u>	Nov <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>	Sept <u>2007</u>	July <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2007</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Mid- Sept <u>2006</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>
13	Definitely succeed	10	11	11	8	9	9	7	12	13	14
40	Probably succeed	35	37	35	34	34	36	40	41	44	40
26	Probably fail	31	33	31	32	32	30	34	28	26	28
13	Definitely fail	14	13	13	15	17	16	12	13	9	12
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.61 Do you think the presence of American forces in Iraq does more to **[READ AND ROTATE]**?

		Jan <u>2007</u>
43	Strengthen the Iraqi government by giving them needed support OR	43
44	Weaken the Iraqi government by making them too dependent on us	43
2	Both (VOL.)	3
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 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, are we making progress or losing ground in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think we are making progress or losing ground in this area?]**

		Making <u>progress</u>	Losing <u>ground</u>	(VOL) No <u>change</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
<b>ASK ITEMS a THRU d OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:</b>					
a.F1	Training Iraqi security forces so they can replace U.S. troops	57	29	1	13=100
	November, 2007	50	36	3	11=100
	September, 2007	50	38	2	10=100
	June, 2007	42	36	2	20=100
	February, 2007	51	34	2	13=100
	November, 2006	48	37	1	14=100
	August, 2006	58	26	2	14=100

**Q.62 CONTINUED...**

		(VOL.)			
		<u>Making</u>	<u>Losing</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/</u>
		<u>progress</u>	<u>ground</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>Ref</u>
	June, 2006	61	28	2	9=100
	April, 2006	55	30	1	14=100
	March, 2006	56	30	1	13=100
	January, 2006	65	22	1	12=100
	December, 2005	61	27	1	11=100
b.F1	Reducing the number of civilian casualties there	46	40	3	11=100
	November, 2007	43	46	3	8=100
	September, 2007	37	48	2	13=100
	June, 2007	21	65	2	12=100
	February, 2007	20	66	2	12=100
	November, 2006	20	67	2	11=100
	August, 2006	25	58	3	14=100
	June, 2006	29	56	3	12=100
	April, 2006	28	56	3	13=100
	March, 2006	27	56	3	14=100
	January, 2006	32	54	3	11=100
	December, 2005	35	53	3	9=100
c.F1	Preventing terrorists from using Iraq as a base for attacks against the U.S. and its allies	52	37	2	9=100
	November, 2007	51	36	3	10=100
	September, 2007	46	41	2	11=100
	June, 2007	38	46	3	13=100
	February, 2007	43	43	3	11=100
	November, 2006	39	49	2	10=100
	August, 2006	45	40	2	13=100
	June, 2006	49	39	2	10=100
	April, 2006	44	43	3	10=100
	March, 2006	42	44	2	12=100
	January, 2006	52	33	2	13=100
	December, 2005	48	41	2	9=100
d.F1	Establishing democracy in Iraq	49	40	2	9=100
	November, 2007	43	46	3	8=100
	September, 2007	39	49	4	8=100
	June, 2007	39	47	3	11=100
	February, 2007	40	47	3	10=100
	November, 2006	43	42	2	13=100
	August, 2006	47	39	3	11=100
	June, 2006	55	35	2	8=100
	April, 2006	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
<b>ASK ITEMS e THRU h OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:</b>					
e.F2	Defeating the insurgents militarily	49	35	2	14=100
	November, 2007	43	44	3	10=100
	September, 2007	37	44	4	15=100
	June, 2007	32	50	3	15=100

**Q.62 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Making</u>	<u>Losing</u>	<u>No</u>	<b>(VOL)</b>
		<u>progress</u>	<u>ground</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>DK/</u>
					<u>Ref</u>
	February, 2007	30	55	3	12=100
	November, 2006	34	52	2	12=100
	August, 2006	41	45	3	11=100
	June, 2006	48	36	2	14=100
	April, 2006	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	35	49	3	13=100
	November, 2007	32	55	3	10=100
	September, 2007	26	57	4	13=100
	June, 2007	24	60	3	13=100
	February, 2007	18	68	4	10=100
	November, 2006	22	65	2	11=100
	August, 2006	22	63	4	11=100
	June, 2006	32	50	4	14=100
	April, 2006	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	47	29	1	23=100
	November, 2007	46	30	1	23=100
	September, 2007	39	34	2	25=100
	June, 2007	36	39	1	24=100
	February, 2007	40	36	2	22=100
	November, 2006	43	36	1	20=100
	August, 2006	46	34	1	19=10
	June, 2006	52	23	1	24=100
	April, 2006	55	26	1	18=100
	March, 2006	53	29	1	17=100
	January, 2006	59	22	1	18=100
h.F2	Getting Iraqi political leaders to work together	47	39	3	11=100
	November, 2007	41	47	3	9=100
	September, 2007	35	49	3	13=100

On a different subject...

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.63F2 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be a more important priority for this country...  
(**READ AND ROTATE**)?

		June <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>2005</u>	Mid- March <u>2005</u>	Feb <u>2002</u>	May <u>2001</u>
36	Protecting the environment [OR]	35	36	42	45	42
54	Developing new sources of energy	60	57	49	48	49
<u>10</u>	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.64F1 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for U.S. energy policy... (**READ AND ROTATE; READ RESPONSE NUMBER TO CLARIFY OPTIONS**)

		June <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>	Mid-Sept <u>2005</u>	Feb <u>2002</u>	May <u>2001</u>
35	Expanding exploration, mining and drilling, and the construction of new power plants [OR]	35	41	43	37	44
55	More energy conservation and regulation on energy use and prices	57	52	48	54	49
<u>10</u>	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.65 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

		May <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Mid- Sept 2005 <sup>11</sup>	Late March 2005	Mid- March 2005
42	Favor	46	44	50	46	42
50	Oppose	44	47	42	49	46
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.66 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government [**INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE**]? How about the government... [**INSERT NEXT ITEM**]

		Favor	Oppose	Don't know/ Refused
a.	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power	44	48	8=100
	February, 2006	44	49	7=100
	Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8=100
b.	Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems	72	23	5=100
	February, 2006	68	26	6=100
	Mid-September, 2005	68	27	5=100

11 In Mid-September 2005 and earlier the question was worded "... drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

**Q.66 CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
c.	Increasing taxes on gasoline to encourage carpooling and conservation	22	75	3=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

d.F1	Giving tax cuts to energy companies to do more exploration for oil	42	53	5=100
	February, 2006	44	52	4=100
	Mid-September, 2005	52	44	4=100
e.F1	Requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks and SUVs	90	8	2=100
	February, 2006	86	12	2=100
	Mid-September, 2005	86	12	2=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

f.F2	Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology	81	14	5=100
	February, 2006	82	14	4=100
g.F2	Increasing federal funding for research on ethanol	57	35	8=100
	February, 2006	67	22	11=100

**NO QUESTION 67**

Thinking about the issue of terrorism for a moment...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.68F1 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks?

		<u>Dec 2006</u>	<u>Aug 2006</u>	<u>Jan 2006</u>	<u>July 2005</u>	<u>July 2004</u>	<u>Late Aug 2002</u>
16	Greater	23	25	17	28	24	22
41	The same	41	37	39	40	39	39
39	Less	31	33	39	29	34	34
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.69F1 In your view, how much have the policies and actions of the Bush Administration had to do with the fact that there has not been another terrorist attack in the U.S. since 2001? **[READ]**

28	A great deal
34	A fair amount
22	Not too much
13	Not at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL. DO NOT READ</b> )
100	



**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.70F2 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?  
**[READ]**

		<i>(RVs)</i>												
							Early			Early				
		Jan	Dec	Aug	Feb	Jan	July	July	Aug	Nov	June	Nov	Oct	Oct
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>
21	Very well	17	17	22	16	16	17	18	19	15	16	35	38	48
45	Fairly well	37	48	52	52	50	53	53	56	54	60	46	46	40
19	Not too well, [OR]	27	21	16	20	20	19	17	16	19	16	9	9	6
12	Not at all well	17	11	8	10	9	8	8	7	8	4	5	4	2
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.71F2 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		Late					
		Aug	Feb	Jan	Oct	July	July
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
36	That they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties [OR]	26	33	33	34	31	29
47	That they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country	55	50	46	48	52	49
9	Both/Neither/Approve of policies (VOL)	11	10	12	10	10	11
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.72 Do you think it is generally right or generally wrong for the government to monitor telephone and e-mail communications of Americans suspected of having terrorist ties without first obtaining permission from the courts?

		Nov	Early	Early	Feb	Jan
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
52	Generally right	52	53	54	54	48
44	Generally wrong	44	42	41	43	47
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.73F1 Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

		Nov <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Late Oct <u>2005</u>	Late March <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>
17	Often justified	18	12	18	15	15	15
31	Sometimes justified	30	31	28	31	30	28
20	Rarely justified	21	25	19	17	24	21
30	Never justified	27	29	32	32	27	32
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.74F2 As you may know, the U.S. government is holding a number of detainees at a military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In your opinion, are the government's policies toward these prisoners fair or unfair?

52	Fair
33	Unfair
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**NO QUESTIONS 75-78**

**ASK ALL:**

Now I have a few questions about Afghanistan...

Q.79 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?

		Dec <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>
65	Right decision	61	69
24	Wrong decision	29	20
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.80 From what you have read or heard, how well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? [READ IN ORDER]

10	Very well
38	Fairly well
31	Not too well
10	Not at all well
<u>11</u>	(VOL. DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.81 Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?

		Spring <sup>^</sup>
		<u>2007</u>
61	Keep troops in Afghanistan	50
32	Remove their troops	42
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>
100		99

<sup>^</sup>Trend reflects U.S. sample from Spring 2007 Pew Global Attitudes survey, April 23-May 6, 2007.

**NO QUESTIONS 82-84**

Thinking about the U.S. military...

**ASK ALL:**

**ROTATE Q.85 AND Q.86**

Q.85 Do you think the American people give enough support to soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, or not?

		March
		<u>2007</u>
50	Yes, the American people give enough support	51
46	No, the American people do not give enough support	44
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

**ROTATE Q.85 AND Q.86**

Q.86 Do you think the U.S. government gives enough support to soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, or not?

		March
		<u>2007</u>
22	Yes, the U.S. government gives enough support	21
72	No, the U.S. government does not give enough support	72
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>
100		100

**IF ‘NO, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT GIVE ENOUGH SUPPORT’ (Q.86=2), ASK [N=1093]:**  
 Q.87 From what you have read and heard, what kinds of problems are soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan having that the government is not doing enough about? (**OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW.” ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES. PROBE ONCE WITH “ANYTHING ELSE?”**)\*

- 48 MEDICAL ISSUES (NET)**
- 33 Medical/Health care problems/Physical health (general mentions)
- 7 Quality of care/facilities
- 4 Medical bills/Insurance/Health-care benefits
- 2 Injuries
- 2 Rehabilitation
- 1 Long-term medical care
- 1 Head/Brain injuries
- 2 Other medical issues
  
- 34 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES (NET)**
- 22 Mental health/Psychological health issues (general mentions)
- 7 Depression/Stress/Emotional problems, etc.
- 5 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- 2 Counseling
- 1 Suicide
  
- 27 FINANCIAL ISSUES (NET)**
- 12 No jobs/Preparing returning military personnel for the workforce
- 9 Money/Financial support/Financial issues (general mentions)
- 3 Housing/losing homes/homeless veterans
- 3 Benefits (generally)
- 3 Military personnel don’t get paid enough/Compensation
- 3 Education
  
- 25 OTHER ISSUES (NET)**
- 5 Don’t get enough/high enough quality care or support (generally) upon return
- 5 Other, various
- 5 Needs of military families/Need to support military families
- 5 Transition to civilian life
- 3 Disabilities/Loss of limbs/Care related to disabilities
- 2 Deployments are too long/frequent/tightly spaced/Bring them home
- 1 Once back, they are forgotten/not respected
- 1 Equipment (in war zones) not sufficient
  
- 11 Don’t know/Refused

\* Total adds to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer. Individuals who list more than one item in a category are counted only once for the category’s net calculation.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.88 How would you rate the job the government has been doing providing medical care to U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan? **[READ IN ORDER]**

		March
		<u>2007</u>
5	Excellent	4
24	Good	22
37	Only fair, OR	33
26	Poor	32
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	<u>9</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

VETERAN Are you yourself **[IF RESPONDENT IS MARRIED – MARITAL=1 – ADD: or is your husband/wife]** a veteran of the armed services? **[IF YES, PROBE FOR WHOM]**

26	Military Household
15	Respondent
10	Spouse
1	Both
74	Non-Military Household
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused <b>[VOL.]</b>
100	

SERVED Do you have a family member you are close to who has served in the current military efforts in Iraq or Afghanistan?

29	Yes
71	No
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	