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Interviews: 1,003 adults
Dates: November 4-7, 2005

FINAL

Study #6058
NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey
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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,003 interviews is ±3.1%

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	[138]
Headed in the right direction....	26	28	32	34	35	34	72	14	
Off on the wrong track.....	63	59	57	52	52	51	11	71	
Mixed (VOL)	8	10	8	12	10	12	11	9	
Not sure	3	3	3	2	3	3	6	6	
	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
	42	40	41	39	39	36	36	36	
	48	47	46	48	49	50	48	48	
	8	10	11	10	10	12	14	14	
	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
	33	41	47	56	41	43	38	42	
	50	49	43	30	48	47	50	44	
	14	5	6	9	8	6	8	9	
	3	5	4	5	3	3	4	4	
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
	49	62	36	43	44	42	40	52	
	38	22	47	42	42	43	42	31	
	8	13	14	13	14	12	14	14	
	5	3	3	2	-	3	4	3	
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
	53	62	70	72	43	45	48	27	
	28	20	15	11	39	36	32	55	
	15	14	12	11	14	15	18	14	
	4	4	3	6	4	4	2	4	

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2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	12	50-54	11	[139-140]
25-29	10	55-59	9	
30-34	7	60-64	7	

35-39.....	7	65-69.....	5
40-44.....	9	70-74.....	5
45-49.....	12	75 and over.....	6
		Refused.....	-

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/05</u>	[143]
Approve.....	38	39	40	46	47	48	88	39	
Disapprove.....	57	54	55	49	47	46	7	54	
Not sure.....	5	7	5	5	6	6	5	7	
		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
		50	50	49	49	47	47	48	
		45	44	44	47	48	48	46	
		5	6	7	4	5	5	6	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
	45	47	50	54	58	52	51	49	
	49	46	46	41	34	41	44	45	
	6	7	5	6	9	7	5	6	
				<u>3/29-</u>					
	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
	56	62	71	66	67	62	61	54	
	38	31	23	29	28	33	31	40	
	6	7	6	5	5	5	8	6	
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	62	63	64	67	69	75	74	57	
	33	31	30	27	23	18	20	22	
	5	6	6	6	8	7	6	21	

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>11/05</u> *	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/05</u>	
Approve	34	40	39	43	41	63	39	[144]
Disapprove	60	55	54	51	53	25	54	
Not sure	6	5	7	6	6	12	7	
		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
		46	47	44	45	45	43	
		50	47	51	52	51	52	
		4	6	5	3	4	5	
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		45	41	45	49	48	50	
		49	53	51	45	46	44	
		6	6	4	6	6	5	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	43	45	47	49	44	47	48	
	52	48	45	42	49	45	44	
	6	7	8	9	7	8	8	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	48	49	57	61	63	63	52	
	43	43	34	30	27	25	27	
	9	8	9	9	10	12	21	

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>11/05</u> **	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>9/05</u>	
Approve	35	36	45	42	42	82	36	[145]
Disapprove	59	56	51	52	50	12	56	
Not sure	6	8	4	6	8	6	8	
		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>
		44	46	45	48	44	44	
		50	49	51	46	51	52	
		6	5	4	6	5	4	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	43	45	47	54	56	48	48	
	51	51	48	41	37	47	48	
	6	4	5	5	7	5	4	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	47	55	63	70	51	57	58	
	46	39	31	24	42	36	35	
	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	

55	62	64	68	81	82	53
34	28	28	26	13	12	20
11	10	8	6	6	6	27

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3d. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing?

	<u>11/05</u> *	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>5/02</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>9/05</u>	
Approve.....	39	43	53	51	50	52	75	43	[146]
Disapprove	55	51	43	42	46	43	18	51	
Not sure.....	6	6	4	7	4	5	7	6	
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
	53	48	63	66	56	56	60	66	
	42	47	31	27	38	39	34	28	
	5	5	6	7	5	5	6	6	
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>		
	64	66	67	73	75	75	76		
	28	27	26	22	20	18	19		
	8	7	7	5	5	7	5		

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3e. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>11/05</u> **	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Approve.....	32	37	39	44	[147]
Disapprove	64	58	55	52	
Not sure.....	4	5	6	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4. Thinking about events of the past couple months, do you feel that President Bush is facing a short-term setback from which things are likely to get better for him, that he is facing a longer-term setback from which things are unlikely to get better for him, or that he is not facing a setback at this time?

Short-term setback/likely to get better.....	30	[148]
Longer-term setback/unlikely to get better.....	53	
Not facing a setback.....	12	
Not sure.....	5	

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/92+</u>	
Approve	28	29	28	33	39	41	40	61	15	[149]
Disapprove.....	57	53	55	51	46	40	42	28	78	

Not sure.....	15	18	17	16	15	19	18	11	7	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
	39	46	39	43	39	42	43	42	44	
	43	41	47	45	45	45	43	39	39	
	18	13	14	11	16	13	14	19	17	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
	44	40	34	43	54	57	47	43	45	
	40	44	48	41	29	29	34	33	32	
	16	16	18	16	17	14	19	24	23	
	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>
	48	55	49	46	46	43	42	43	48	45
	35	30	35	41	42	46	44	40	36	42
	17	15	16	13	12	11	14	17	16	13
	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>
	42	40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48	43
	45	49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39	43
	13	11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13	14

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6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
George W. Bush						[150]
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-
October 2005.....	21	20	11	17	31	-
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1

July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-
October 2002+	37	24	11	12	15	1
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2

High

December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-
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Low

October 2005.....	21	20	11	17	31	-
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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[151/155]
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005.....	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	

High

January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2
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Low

December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2
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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[152/156]
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	

May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2

High

December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3
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Low

March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2
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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>
Dick Cheney						
November 2005 *	10	17	19	16	33	5
January 2005.....	19	23	15	18	23	2
December 2004.....	18	24	13	13	28	4
October 2004+.....	24	20	12	11	31	2
September 2004+.....	21	20	13	12	31	3
August 2004+.....	18	20	16	12	30	4
July 2004+.....	16	20	19	14	28	3
June 2004+.....	17	22	17	13	27	4
May 2004+.....	18	21	16	13	29	3
March 2004+.....	17	22	18	14	22	6
December 13, 2003.....	18	24	14	13	23	8
September 2002.....	23	27	21	12	12	5
December 2001.....	36	27	23	3	6	5
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8

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High

February 1991+.....	33	33	13	2	2	17
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Low

July 2004+.....	16	20	19	14	28	3
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Karl Rove

November 2005 *	3	7	18	10	25	37
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Lewis "Scooter" Libby							[157]
November 2005 **	1	5	21	12	27	34	
Sam Alito							[158]
November 2005 **	9	10	18	6	6	51	

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. **(IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.7a.)

7b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY TOP PRIORITY

	Q.7a Top Priority		Q.7a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities
	<u>11/05</u>		<u>11/05</u>
The war in Iraq.....	21		40
Job creation and economic growth	20		37
Terrorism	14		28
Rebuilding the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina	14		28
The budget deficit.....	9		21
The cost and the supply of energy.....	8	CONTINUE	21
Illegal immigration	7		16
Bird or avian flu.....	3		6
Other (VOL).....	-		1
All equally (VOL)	4		1
None of these (VOL).....	-	Skip to Q.8	-
Not sure	-		-

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	Top Priority	COMBINED Top/Second Priorities
Job creation and economic growth	21	35
The war in Iraq.....	14	29
Rebuilding the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina	13	27
The budget deficit.....	11	21
The cost and the supply of energy.....	10	23
Terrorism	10	22
Social Security	9	20
Illegal immigration	8	15
Other (VOL).....	-	1
All equally (VOL)	3	1
None of these (VOL).....	-	-

8. What is your preference for the outcome of the 2006 congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/29-31/04+</u>	<u>10/16-18/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress ...	37	39	40	40	43	44	42	42	[163]
Democrat-controlled Congress	48	48	45	47	44	44	46	44	
Not sure	15	13	15	13	13	12	12	14	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
		41	42	42	42	43	42	43	
		44	45	43	42	42	42	41	
		15	13	15	16	15	16	16	
		<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	
		42	44	42	40	39	39	42	
		41	40	40	44	41	43	41	
		17	16	18	16	20	18	17	
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	
	41	37	41	40	41	39	37	41	
	40	43	43	39	40	40	41	37	
	19	20	16	21	19	21	22	22	
	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
	40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
	42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
	18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

9. In the 2006 election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Deserves to be reelected	37	49	42	41	50	49	49	42	[164]
Give new person a chance.....	51	34	39	42	35	38	39	47	
Not sure	12	17	19	17	15	13	12	11	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	
		48	41	39	30	34	35	34	
		37	45	49	53	50	47	52	
		15	14	12	17	16	18	14	
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>			
	37	30	31	31	27	33			
	47	55	56	56	62	57			
	16	15	13	13	11	10			
	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>			
	37	42	35	40	39	41			
	52	48	52	48	48	36			
	11	10	13	12	13	23			

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

November 2005 **	21	18	20	14	27	-
September 2005	28	15	17	13	27	-
July 2005	29	19	18	10	23	1
January 2005	32	20	18	11	19	-
June 2004+	32	18	17	13	20	-
November 2003.....	36	18	17	10	19	1
July 2003.....	42	17	16	8	16	-
May 2003.....	47	17	15	8	13	1
January 2003	34	22	21	11	12	-
July 2002.....	38	24	19	9	10	-
January 2002	49	24	17	5	5	-
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-
January 2001	26	24	25	13	11	1
December 1999	26	27	24	10	9	4

Having the ability to handle a crisis

[168]

November 2005 *	18	18	23	13	27	1
September 2005	23	18	18	14	27	-
January 2005	33	23	16	10	18	-
January 2001	20	27	29	11	11	2

Being honest and straightforward

[166/169]

November 2005.....	20	13	19	15	32	1
January 2005	32	18	14	11	25	-
June 2004+	29	18	14	12	26	1
November 2003.....	34	18	17	9	22	1
July 2003.....	35	16	18	8	22	1
May 2003.....	41	18	21	7	13	1
January 2003	39	21	16	10	13	1
July 2002.....	35	23	19	10	12	1
April 2001.....	37	18	20	11	13	1
January 2001	28	22	25	11	13	1

Appointing qualified people to serve in government positions

[167]

November 2005 *	9	17	28	17	28	1
September 2005	15	21	25	15	23	1

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
 ** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
 + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	17		[173]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	Skip to Q.13a	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11		

Strictly independent	21	CONTINUE
Independent/lean Republican	9	
Not very strong Republican	8	Skip to Q.14a
Strong Republican	16	
Other	6	CONTINUE
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.12a.)

12b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

Vote in the Democratic primary	17	CONTINUE	[174]
Vote in the Republican primary	7	Skip to Q.14a	
Wait until the general election	65		
Neither/other (VOL).....	3	Skip to Q.15a	
Not sure	8		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.12a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

13a. Let me mention some people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2008. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean? +**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hillary Clinton.....	41	[175-176]
John Edwards.....	14	
Al Gore.....	12	
John Kerry.....	10	
Joe Biden.....	5	
Wesley Clark.....	4	
Bill Richardson	3	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	4	
Not sure	6	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.12a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

13b. Are there any candidates on this list for whom you would definitely NOT vote for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Al Gore.....	17	[177]
John Kerry.....	14	>
Hillary Clinton	13	
Wesley Clark	9	
Joe Biden.....	6	
Bill Richardson	4	
John Edwards	3	
None (VOL).....	31	

Not sure..... 13
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.12a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

14a. Let me mention some people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. If the next Republican primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean? +**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Rudy Giuliani	34	[178-179]
John McCain	31	
Newt Gingrich	8	
Bill Frist.....	5	
Mitt Romney.....	3	
George Allen.....	3	
Sam Brownback.....	1	
Other (VOL)	2	
None (VOL)	2	
Not sure.....	11	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.12a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

14b. Are there any candidates on this list for whom you would definitely NOT vote for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Newt Gingrich	21	[180]
John McCain	19	>
Rudy Giuliani.....	8	
Bill Frist.....	5	
Mitt Romney.....	3	
Sam Brownback.....	2	
George Allen	1	
None (VOL).....	26	
Not sure	17	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Thinking some more about the 2008 election for president . . .

15a. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Frist was the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton was the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? * +

Bill Frist.....	37	[208]
Hillary Clinton.....	50	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Neither/other (VOL)	7	
Not sure	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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- 15b. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain was the Republican candidate and John Kerry was the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? * +

John McCain	53	[209]
John Kerry.....	35	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 15c. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Frist was the Republican candidate and John Kerry was the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? ** +

Bill Frist.....	35	[210]
John Kerry.....	45	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	
Not sure	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 15d. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain was the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton was the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? ** +

John McCain	44	[211]
Hillary Clinton.....	42	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Changing subjects . . .

16. As you may know, President Bush recently nominated Sam Alito to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Sam Alito's serving as a justice on the Supreme Court, or do you not know enough about him to say?

Strongly support	16	[212]
Somewhat support	16	
Somewhat oppose.....	10	
Strongly oppose.....	10	
Do not know enough to say.....	47	
Not sure	1	

HARRIET MIERS – OCTOBER 2005

Strongly support	11
Somewhat support	16
Somewhat oppose.....	10

Strongly oppose	11
Do not know enough to say.....	51
Not sure	1

JOHN ROBERTS (AS CHIEF JUSTICE) – SEPTEMBER 2005	
Strongly support	22
Somewhat support	16
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	10
Do not know enough to say.....	41
Not sure	1

17. Based on what you have heard so far, do you think that Sam Alito is qualified or not qualified to be a Supreme Court justice, or do you not know enough about him to say?

Qualified.....	51	[213]
Not qualified	6	
Do not know enough to say.....	41	
Not sure	2	

HARRIET MIERS – OCTOBER 2005	
Qualified	29
Not qualified.....	24
Do not know enough to say	46
Not sure	1

18. How much confidence do you have that, if he is confirmed by the Senate to sit on the Supreme Court, Sam Alito will reflect your views about most issues--a great deal of confidence, quite a bit of confidence, some confidence, very little confidence, or no confidence at all? If you have no opinion, please just say so. *

A great deal of confidence.....	8	[214]
Quite a bit of confidence	10	
Some confidence	24	
Very little confidence	16	
No confidence at all	11	
No opinion	29	
Not sure	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

JOHN ROBERTS – SEPTEMBER 2005	
A great deal of confidence	13
Quite a bit of confidence.....	12
Some confidence	19
Very little confidence	13
No confidence at all	9
No opinion	32
Not sure.....	2

19. Do you feel that President Bush's selection of Sam Alito to be his nominee for associate justice of the Supreme Court was more of a choice aimed at getting broad support from both Democrats and Republicans, or more of a choice aimed at appealing to the conservative base of his party? **

More aimed at getting broad support.....	20	[215]
More aimed at the conservative base.....	55	
Not sure	25	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. Does the fact that President Bush did not nominate another woman to serve on the Supreme Court bother you or not bother you?

Bothers.....	25	[216]
Does not bother.....	74	
Not sure	1	

21. Generally speaking do you feel that **(READ ITEM)** has the same priorities for the country as you do, or do you think that **(READ ITEM)** has different priorities for the country than you do?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAS SAME PRIORITIES

	<u>Has Same Priorities</u>	<u>Has Different Priorities</u>	<u>Some Of Both/ Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
President Bush					[217]
November 2005 *	29	65	4	2	
May 2005.....	35	57	7	1	
The Democrats in Congress					[219]
November 2005 **	26	54	12	8	
May 2005.....	34	48	14	4	
The Republicans in Congress					[220]
November 2005 **	24	58	11	7	
May 2005.....	33	55	9	3	
Congress					[218]
November 2005 *	19	65	10	6	
May 2005.....	17	65	14	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22. Now let me read you a number of proposals that are before the Congress. For each one, please tell me whether you feel that Congress should enact this proposal now, that Congress should enact this proposal, but it is not a good time to do so now, or whether you feel that Congress should NOT enact this proposal.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY CONGRESS SHOULD ENACT NOW

	<u>Congress Should Enact Now</u>	<u>Congress Should Enact, But Now Is Not A Good Time</u>	<u>Congress Should Not Enact</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Placing a mandatory federal price cap on how much can be charged for gasoline at the pump **	58	9	29	4	[226]

Extending to the nation's high schools the federal testing and accountability requirements that now apply to elementary and middle schools **	51	16	24	9	[224]
Making permanent the tax cuts of the past few years, which are currently set to expire in twenty-ten *	37	22	30	11	[223]
Changing Social Security to allow workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market *	35	16	44	5	[221]
Cutting spending for all federal government programs by two percent **	34	23	37	6	[225]
Allowing foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status *	33	15	47	5	[222]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About <u>The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Protecting the environment							[245]
November 2005 **	D-39	49	10	21	13	7	
January 2004	D-33	51	18	20	9	3	
December 13, 2003	D-34	54	20	15	7	5	
June 2002	D-30	44	14	26	11	5	
June 2001	D-37	52	15	21	7	5	
December 1999	D-29	43	14	25	11	7	
September 1998	D-33	45	12	30	9	4	
May 1996	D-28	45	17	18	3	7	
December 1995	D-32	45	13	20	13	9	
October 1993	D-29	44	15	13	22	6	
July 1992+	D-27	38	11	27	18	6	
Dealing with Social Security							[232]
November 2005 *	D-22	44	22	13	16	5	
December 2004	D-15	38	23	20	13	6	
January 2004	D-20	45	25	16	11	3	
December 13, 2003	D-15	39	24	18	13	7	
October 2002+	D-23	43	20	19	13	5	
June 2002	D-15	36	21	26	12	5	
June 2001	D-15	38	23	22	11	6	
December 1999	D-15	38	23	18	14	7	
March 1999	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
October 1998+	D-23	44	21	25	6	4	
September 1998	D-16	37	21	25	13	4	
July 1998	D-9	28	19	34	14	5	
January 1998	D-11	26	15	34	18	7	

September 1997.....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8
October 1996.....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8
December 1995.....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	16	15	8
November 1994.....	D-5	32	27	15	16	10

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.23 (cont'd)	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About <u>The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with health care							[244]
November 2005 **	D-26	43	17	17	18	5	
December 2004.....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
January 2004.....	D-26	48	22	18	10	2	
December 13, 2003.....	D-18	43	25	14	13	6	
October 2002+.....	D-25	46	21	19	11	3	
June 2002.....	D-22	38	16	23	18	5	
June 2001.....	D-21	41	20	21	12	6	
December 1999.....	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999.....	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998+.....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998.....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998.....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996.....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995.....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994.....	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994.....	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993.....	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993.....	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+.....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+.....	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+.....	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	
October 1991.....	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.23 (cont'd)	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About <u>The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with taxes							[234]
November 2005 *	D-10	40	30	14	12	4	
January 2004.....	R-2	35	37	16	10	2	
December 13, 2003.....	R-3	34	37	12	9	9	
October 2002+.....	R-5	31	36	17	11	5	
June 2002.....	R-6	27	33	20	15	5	

June 2001	R-8	28	36	20	11	5
December 1999	R-3	30	33	19	13	5
March 1999	R-6	29	35	20	12	4
October 1998+	-	32	32	21	10	5
September 1998	R-6	29	35	22	11	3
September 1997	R-5	26	31	20	16	7
October 1996	R-5	30	35	15	13	7
May 1996+	R-9	25	34	17	19	5
December 1995	R-8	26	34	14	20	6
June 1995	R-13	22	35	15	22	6
November 1994	R-13	23	36	16	17	8
October 1994	R-15	23	38	17	18	4
October 1993	R-11	23	34	16	23	4

Dealing with gas prices

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November 2005 *	D-28	39	11	19	24	7
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* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.23 (cont'd)

	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About <u>The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Dealing with education						
November 2005 *	D-19	39	20	20	15	6
January 2004	D-6	35	29	23	10	3
December 13, 2003	D-15	39	25	20	11	5
October 2002+	D-12	37	25	26	8	4
June 2002	D-6	31	25	27	11	6
June 2001	D-7	33	26	27	10	4
December 1999	D-13	37	24	25	10	4
March 1999	D-14	37	23	27	9	4
October 1998+	D-19	40	21	28	7	4
September 1998	D-16	38	22	29	8	3
September 1997	D-20	40	20	22	12	6
October 1996	D-23	46	23	14	9	8
May 1996+	D-16	40	24	19	12	5
December 1995	D-10	35	25	19	14	7
June 1995	D-9	35	26	21	11	7
October 1994	D-13	34	21	24	15	6
October 1993	D-8	32	24	16	24	4
July 1992+	D-25	42	17	25	12	4
October 1991+	D-14	28	14	33	18	7
October 1990+	D-18	33	15	30	14	8
November 1989+	D-15	30	15	32	15	8

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* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.23 (cont'd)

Party	Democratic	Republican	Both About	Not
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November 2005 **	D-9	36	27	18	11	8	
January 2004	R-15	29	43	19	6	3	
December 13, 2003	R-13	28	41	15	7	9	
June 2002	R-18	19	37	28	8	8	
December 1999	R-10	23	33	28	9	7	
March 1999	R-5	25	30	31	6	8	
September 1998	R-10	23	33	34	6	4	
October 1994	R-19	15	34	34	12	5	
October 1993	R-27	10	37	11	39	3	
July 1992+	R-33	15	48	24	7	6	
Dealing with energy policy							[242]
November 2005 **	D-16	35	19	20	19	7	
January 2004	D-11	37	25	22	10	6	
December 13, 2003	D-11	36	25	15	11	12	
June 2001	D-8	35	27	19	10	9	
Controlling government spending							[246]
November 2005 **	D-12	34	22	14	26	4	
January 2004	R-2	31	33	16	18	2	
December 13, 2003	D-2	34	32	16	14	5	
May 1996	R-28	15	43	12	24	6	
December 1995	R-19	19	38	12	26	5	
October 1994	R-13	21	34	12	28	5	
October 1993	R-8	19	27	29	20	5	
Dealing with abortion							[247]
November 2005 **	D-8	33	25	13	16	13	
January 2004	D-3	35	33	15	12	5	
December 13, 2003	D-11	39	28	13	12	8	
March 2000	D-8	31	23	17	17	12	
December 1999	D-6	30	24	18	18	10	
June 1999	D-8	31	23	21	16	9	
May 1996	D-9	34	25	10	22	9	
December 1995	D-13	33	20	15	21	11	
October 1994	D-7	31	24	12	20	13	
October 1993	D-8	33	25	19	14	9	
July 1992+	D-14	32	18	22	19	9	
May 1992	D-13	33	20	14	17	16	
April 1992+	D-15	34	19	19	17	11	
February/March 1992+	D-11	31	20	20	17	12	
October 1991+	D-14	36	22	14	15	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.23 (cont'd)	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About <u>The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Dealing with Iraq							[229/240]
November 2005	D-3	33	30	14	17	6	

December 2004	R-15	27	42	17	10	4		
July 2004+	R-8	31	39	16	10	4		
January 2004+	R-27	22	49	14	12	4		
December 13, 2003	R-21	24	45	13	7	11		
October 2002+	R-30	17	47	21	8	7		
Protecting America's interests on trade issues								[233]
November 2005 *	D-10	31	21	23	14	11		
January 2004	R-11	25	36	23	10	6		
December 13, 2003	R-5	29	33	19	8	11		
December 1995	R-7	24	31	22	12	11		
October 1994	R-15	22	37	21	11	9		
July 1994	R-13	22	35	25	11	7		
October 1993	R-19	20	39	13	20	8		
July 1992+	R-9	23	32	24	15	6		
May 1992	R-8	24	32	21	12	11		
January 1992+	R-1	25	26	31	9	9		
October 1991+	R-14	22	36	21	10	11		
October 1990+	R-13	22	35	24	9	10		
Promoting ethics in government								[236]
November 2005 *	D-5	27	22	19	26	6		
Dealing with the war on terrorism								[231]
November 2005 *	R-9	26	35	23	11	5		
December 2004	R-18	24	42	22	7	5		
January 2004	R-24	23	46	22	6	3		
December 13, 2003	R-26	20	46	19	9	5		
October 2002+	R-36	13	49	27	6	5		
Dealing with immigration								[227/238]
November 2005	D-6	25	19	21	26	9		
Ensuring a strong national defense								[237]
November 2005 *	R-21	22	43	20	9	6		
January 2004	R-37	16	53	22	7	2		
December 13, 2003	R-35	18	54	18	5	4		
June 2002	R-39	11	50	29	4	6		
June 2001	R-41	14	55	21	5	5		
December 1999	R-28	18	46	24	6	6		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.23 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Promoting strong moral values							[243]
November 2005 **	R-17	18	35	22	21	4	
December 2004	R-21	21	42	22	12	3	
January 2004	R-22	23	45	18	13	2	

December 13, 2003	R-23	20	42	15	15	8
June 2001	R-22	18	40	23	16	3
December 1999	R-21	16	37	23	20	4

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

24. Do you believe that **(READ ITEM)** has a very clear message and vision for the future, has a somewhat clear message and vision for the future, or does it NOT have a clear message and vision for the future?

	Has A Very Clear Message/ Vision For <u>The Future</u>	Has A Somewhat Clear Message/ Vision For <u>The Future</u>	Does Not Have A Clear Message/ Vision For <u>The Future</u>	Not Sure	
The Republican Party.....	18	42	36	4	[249]
The Democratic Party.....	11	40	45	4	[250]

25a. As you may know, a grand jury has been investigating the leaking of a CIA officer's name to the press. Vice President Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, has been indicted in this case for perjury and obstruction of justice. Do you believe that this is a serious matter or not that serious a matter?

Serious matter	79	[251]
Not that serious a matter	17	
Not sure	4	

25b. Which of the following comes closer to what you think about this investigation and indictment?

Lewis Libby is the only person in the Bush administration who may have acted illegally	8	[252]
Others in the Bush administration may have acted illegally as well.....	78	
Not sure.....	14	

25c. Do you think that there should be a public investigation and hearings by Congress into the leaking of the CIA officer's name to the press, or do you think that a public investigation and hearings by Congress are not necessary? *

Should be public investigation and hearings	60	[253]
Public investigation and hearings are not necessary	35	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

25d. How personally responsible, if at all, do you think **(READ ITEM)** is for what has happened in this situation--very responsible, somewhat responsible, not too responsible, or not responsible at all? **

<u>Very Responsible</u>	<u>Somewhat Responsible</u>	<u>Not Too Responsible</u>	Not Responsible <u>At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
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President Bush.....	22	32	18	22	6	[254]
Vice President Cheney.....	32	37	11	13	7	[255]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

26. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	
Worth it.....	40	40	37	44	40	44	44	[256]
Not worth it.....	52	51	51	49	51	48	49	
Depends (VOL).....	5	4	5	4	4	4	3	
Not sure	3	5	7	3	5	4	4	
		<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
		40	43	41	40	43	43	
		52	48	50	52	49	47	
		3	6	4	3	4	4	
		5	3	5	5	4	6	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	40	42	50	52	53	45	45	
	51	47	45	40	37	42	46	
	5	5	1	2	5	6	3	
	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

27a. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops now that Iraq has adopted a constitution?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "REDUCE NUMBER OF TROOPS" IN Q.27a.)

27b. And do you think that the United States should reduce its number of troops but NOT have a timeline for withdrawal of all troops, or should the United States reduce its number of troops and have a target deadline for withdrawal of all troops within a year?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05¹</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Maintain current troop level.....	36	34	36	41	40	[257]
Reduce number of troops	57	58	55	48	53	
WITHOUT timeline for withdrawal.....	12	NA	NA	NA	NA	
WITH timeline for withdrawal.....	42	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Depends/not sure when to reduce (VOL)....	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	4	3	4	5	4	
Not sure	4	5	5	6	3	
		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05²</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
		43	41	42	45	
		49	50	48	41	
		NA	NA	NA	NA	
		NA	NA	NA	NA	
		4	4	6	9	
		4	5	4	5	

¹ Prior to September 2005, the question was phrased, “. . . or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?”

² Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, “If Iraq’s elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . .”

28. Thinking about Iraq six months ago compared with today, is Iraq closer to having a stable, democratic government, farther from having a stable, democratic government, or is it pretty much in the same place that it was six months ago?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
	*		
Closer to having a stable, democratic government.....	38	40	[259]
Farther from having stable, democratic government....	10	12	
Same place it was six months ago	47	44	
Not sure	5	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

29. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	
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More confident.....	32	35	36	40	44	[260]
Less confident.....	58	56	55	50	45	
Depends/some of both (VOL)	6	4	5	6	6	
Not sure.....	4	5	4	4	5	
	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
	47	41	41	46	37	
	43	48	48	41	53	
	5	6	6	8	5	
	5	5	5	5	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 30a. Do you think that President Bush gave the country the most accurate information he had before going to war with Iraq, or do you think that President Bush deliberately misled people to make the case for war with Iraq?

	<u>11/05</u> *	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
Gave the most accurate information he had.....	35	44	53	[261]
Deliberately misled people to make the case for war....	57	47	41	
Not sure.....	8	9	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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- 30b. Do you think that President Bush has or has not given good reasons for why the United States must keep troops in Iraq? **

Has given good reasons	38	[262]
Has not given good reasons	58	
Not sure	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

31. As you may know, suspected terrorists and foreign fighters are being kept at prison facilities that are located outside the United States but are run by the United States government. Do you think the Bush administration has taken the right course of action or has it gone too far in its imprisonment and treatment of suspected terrorists and foreign fighters?

Has taken the right course of action.....	55	[263]
Has gone too far.....	30	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure	11	

32. Changing subjects, how prepared, if at all, do you think that the United States is for a possible outbreak of the bird or avian flu--very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not prepared at all?

Very prepared.....	4	[264]
Somewhat prepared.....	39	
Not too prepared	25	
Not prepared at all	27	
Not sure	5	