

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
JUNE 2006 NEWS INTEREST/BELIEVABILITY
FINAL TOPLINE
June 14 - 19, 2006
N=1,501

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2006	36	54	10=100

More specifically...

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy	33	57	10=100
b. The situation in Iraq	35	57	8=100
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:			
c.F1 Terrorist threats	47	41	12=100
d.F1 The environment	32	51	17=100
e.F1 The nation's immigration policy	32	52	16=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:			
f.F2 The nation's foreign policy	37	51	12=100
g.F2 Energy policy	26	56	18=100
h.F2 The issue of global warming	26	44	30=100

FOR FULL TRENDS ON Q.1 AND Q2a-q2g, SEE JUNE 20, 2006 "IRAQ VIEWS IMPROVE, SMALL BOUNCE FOR BUSH"

On a different subject...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.28F2 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be a more important priority for this country... **(READ AND ROTATE)?**

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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.29F1 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)**

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

Q.41 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

IF "YES" (1 IN Q.41) ASK:

Q.42 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer **[READ AND ROTATE]**?

70	Yes
41	Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, OR
21	Mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment
8	Don't know/Refused
20	No
1	Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)
<u>9</u> 100	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.43 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

41	Very serious
33	Somewhat serious
13	Not too serious
11	Not a problem
<u>2</u> 100	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.44 Do you think it is possible to reduce the effects of global warming, or not?

IF "POSSIBLE" (1 IN Q.44) ASK:

Q.45 To reduce the effects of global warming will we have to make major sacrifices, or can technology solve the problem without requiring major sacrifices?

BASED ON SOLID EVIDENCE OF EARTH GETTING WARMER IN Q.41 [N=1043]:

67	Yes, possible
39	Have to make major sacrifices
23	Technology can solve the problem without major sacrifices
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
22	No, not possible
<u>11</u> 100	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)