

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
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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>
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
January, 2007	33	59	8=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.2F1 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of George W. Bush. Tell me just the ONE best word that describes him. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

<u>February 2007*</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>July 2005</u>	<u>February 2005</u>	<u>May 2004</u>	<u>Early Feb 2004¹</u>
34 Incompetent	29 Incompetent	31 Honest	38 Honest	30 Honest	27 Honest
25 Arrogant	23 Good	26 Incompetent	20 Good	29 Good	24 Fair
25 Honest	21 Idiot	24 Arrogant	15 Integrity	26 Incompetent	24 Leader
19 Good	17 Liar	18 Good	15 Arrogant	26 Leader	21 Liar
19 Idiot	14 Christian	18 Integrity	14 Incompetent	24 Arrogant	17 Arrogant
13 Integrity	14 Honest	15 Determined	13 Leader	16 Strong	14 Strong
13 Leader	13 Arrogant	13 Liar	11 Fair	15 Integrity	13 Excellent
11 Strong	13 Strong	12 Stupid	11 Idiot	13 Idiot	13 Good
11 Stupid	10 Integrity	11 Idiot	9 Strong	11 Christian	12 Christian
10 Ignorant	8 Ass	11 Strong	9 Liar	10 Determined	12 Integrity
8 Determined	8 Leader	10 Leader	8 Excellent	10 Stupid	9 Stupid
8 Fair	7 Jerk	9 Christian	8 Trustworthy	9 Liar	9 Incompetent
7 Ass	7 OK	9 Great	8 Dishonest	8 Trustworthy	8 Dishonest
7 Selfish	7 Sincere	9 Okay	8 Poor	7 Aggressive	7 Confident
6 Confused	7 Stupid	8 Fair	7 Conservative	7 Committed	7 Determined
6 Dishonest	6 President	8 Sincere	7 Great	7 Dishonest	7 Idiot
6 Persistent	6 Selfish	7 Aggressive	7 Sucks	7 Okay	7 Patriotic
6 President	6 Untrustworthy	7 Honorable	7 Christian	6 Dedicated	7 Ass
6 Sincere	5 Bad	6 Inept	7 Honorable	6 Fair	6 Character
6 Trying	5 Conservative	5 Adequate	6 Dedicated	6 President	6 Poor
5 Committed	5 Consistent	5 Ass	6 Determined	6 War/warrior	6 Selfish
5 Great	5 Dedicated	4 Persistent	6 President	5 Brave	
5 Hypocrite	5 Determined	4 Egotistical	6 Selfish	5 Confident	
5 Liar	5 Dumb	4 Greedy	5 Trying	5 Courageous	
5 Steadfast	5 Egotistical	4 Jerk	5 Warmonger	5 Decisive	
5 Stubborn	5 Stubborn	4 Patriotic	5 Ignorant	5 Dumb	
5 Trustworthy	4 Confident	4 Terrible	5 Terrible	5 Excellent	
4 Compassionate	4 Disappointment		4 Diligent	5 Great	
4 Conservative	4 Dishonest		4 Consistent	5 Honorable	
4 Courage	4 Great		4 Sincere	5 Straight-forward	
4 Irresponsible	4 Honorable		4 Ineffective		
4 Unconfident	4 Steadfast		4 Inept		
	4 Tough				

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

NO QUESTION 3

QUESTIONS 4 THROUGH 23 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

¹ In Early February 2004, these “one word” questions were not asked toward the beginning of the questionnaire. For George W. Bush, trends from May 2003, March 1999, September 1999, March 2000 and May 2003 also are available.

ASK ALL:**ROTATE Q.24/25 BLOCK WITH Q.26/27 BLOCK**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.24 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know Refused</u>
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1=100
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2=100
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2=100
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2=100
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1=100
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2=100
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1=100
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1=100
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1=100
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1=100
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1=100
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2=100
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1=100
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2=100
Late February, 2004	2	29	42	26	1=100
February 9-12, 2004 (Gallup)	2	31	46	21	0=100
January 12-15, 2004 (Gallup)	3	34	42	21	0=100
January 2-5, 2004 (Gallup)	3	40	41	16	*=100
December 11-14, 2003 (Gallup)	3	34	44	19	*=100
November 3-5, 2003 (Gallup)	2	28	49	21	*=100
October 24-26, 2003 (Gallup)	2	24	44	30	*=100
October 6-8, 2003 (Gallup)	2	20	50	27	1=100
September 8-10, 2003 (Gallup)	1	20	49	30	*=100
August 4-6, 2003 (Gallup)	1	24	52	23	*=100
February 17-19, 2003 (Gallup)	1	17	48	34	*=100
February 4-6, 2002 (Gallup)	2	26	55	16	1=100
March 5-7, 2001 (Gallup)	3	43	43	10	1=100
January 7-10, 2000 (Gallup)	19	52	23	5	1=100
January 15-17, 1999 (Gallup)	14	55	27	4	*=100

Q.24 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know/Refused</u>
March 20-22, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	20	46	27	7	*=100
Jan 31 - Feb 2, 1997 (<i>Gallup</i>)	4	38	43	15	*=100
March 15-17, 1996 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	31	48	18	1=100
May 11-14, 1995 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	27	50	20	1=100
January 15-17, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	22	54	24	*=100
February 12-14, 1993 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	14	46	39	1=100
January 3-6, 1992 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	12	46	41	1=100

Q.25 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Don't Know/Refused</u>
February, 2007	17	20	58	5=100
December, 2006	22	18	56	4=100
September, 2006	16	25	55	4=100
January, 2006	20	22	55	3=100
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3=100
January, 2005	27	18	52	3=100
August, 2004	36	9	47	8=100
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8=100
September, 2003	37	17	43	3=100
May, 2003	43	19	35	3=100
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7=100
January, 2003	30	20	44	6=100
January, 2002	44	17	36	3=100
January, 2001 <i>Newsweek</i>	18	33	44	5=100
June, 2000	15	24	55	6=100
Early October, 1998 (<i>RVs</i>)	16	22	57	5=100
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4=100
May, 1990	18	31	45	6=100
February, 1989	25	22	49	4=100
September, 1988 (<i>RVs</i>)	24	16	51	9=100
May, 1988	24	20	46	10=100
January, 1988	22	26	45	7=100
January, 1984 <i>Newsweek (RVs)</i>	35	13	49	3=100

Now thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.26 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know/Refused</u>
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1=100
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1=100
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2=100
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1=100
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2=100
Mid- May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1=100
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1=100

Q.26 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	Only <u>Poor</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1=100
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1=100
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4=100
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1=100
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1=100
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2=100
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2=100
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1=100
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2=100
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1=100
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1=100
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1=100
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1=100
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1=100
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1=100
January, 1993 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	4	33	46	16	1=100
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	6	34	40	19	1=100
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	5	30	47	17	1=100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	4	35	45	15	1=100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	4	32	45	18	1=100

Q.27 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>A lot</u>	Improve <u>Some</u>	Get a <u>Little Worse</u>	Get a lot <u>Worse</u>	Stay the Same <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3=100
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3=100
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4=100
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4=100
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3=100
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6=100
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3=100
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7=100
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4=100
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6=100
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4=100
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4=100
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8=100
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4=100
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4=100
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4=100
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3=100
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3=100
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3=100
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	9	51	14	3	15	8=100
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	6	50	20	5	14	5=100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	8	49	22	4	13	4=100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	9	46	19	5	16	5=100

Q.28 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	(VOL)			
	Plenty of jobs available	Jobs are difficult to find	Lots of some jobs, few of others	DK/ Refused
February, 2007	39	48	6	7=100
December, 2006	40	49	5	6=100
March, 2006	37	56	3	4=100
January, 2006	33	56	6	5=100
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4=100
May, 2005	30	60	6	4=100
January, 2005	32	58	5	5=100
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11=100
August, 2004	34	55	4	7=100
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9=100
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6=100
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7=100
October, 2003	24	66	5	5=100
June, 2002	31	59	4	6=100
June, 2001	42	44	8	6=100
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	15	76	6	3=100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	16	77	4	3=100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	12	79	6	3=100

Q.29 Next, as I read you some problem areas, please tell me how you think each is affecting this country today. (First,) do you think the problem of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** is ABOUT THE SAME as it has been, that the country is MAKING PROGRESS in this area, or that the country is LOSING GROUND?

	Making Progress	About The Same	Losing Ground	Don't Know
a. The way the health care system is working	13	24	60	3=100
May 2005	9	25	62	4=100
March, 2002	16	25	54	5=100
February, 2001	13	29	53	5=100
November, 1997	16	26	54	4=100
December, 1996	20	25	52	3=100
April, 1995	14	30	53	3=100
March, 1994	16	31	49	4=100
b. The availability of good-paying jobs	16	32	47	5=100
May, 2005	15	25	55	5=100
March, 2002	21	22	51	6=100
February, 2001	33	26	36	5=100
November, 1997	31	28	37	4=100
December, 1996	19	26	51	4=100
April, 1995	17	24	55	4=100
March, 1994	10	23	63	4=100
c. The federal budget deficit	8	20	64	8=100
May, 2005	6	19	65	10=100
November, 1997	32	30	29	9=100
December, 1996	23	24	48	5=100
April 1995	15	21	60	4=100
March 1994	11	21	60	8=100
March 1989	16	27	56	7=100

Q.29 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Making</u>	<u>About</u>	<u>Losing</u>	<u>Don't</u>
		<u>Progress</u>	<u>The Same</u>	<u>Ground</u>	<u>Know</u>
d.	The gap between rich and poor	7	27	63	3=100
	February, 1989 ²	8	30	58	4=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

e.F1	Political corruption	10	37	47	6=100
	May, 2005	10	41	41	8=100
	March, 2002	15	43	34	8=100
	November, 1997	9	38	47	6=100
	December, 1996	12	36	49	3=100
	April, 1995	12	41	44	3=100
	March, 1994	12	39	46	3=100

f.F1	International terrorism	30	27	38	5=100
	May, 2005	36	28	31	5=100
	March, 2002	40	14	40	6=100
	April, 1995	19	40	36	5=100
	March, 1994	18	24	53	5=100

g.F1	The quality of public education	24	26	45	5=100
	May, 2005	20	26	50	4=100
	March, 2002	27	22	45	6=100
	February, 2001	23	20	53	4=100
	November, 1997	26	26	46	2=100
	December, 1996	24	22	52	2=100
	April, 1995	18	20	60	2=100
	March, 1994	17	19	61	3=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

h.F2	Environmental pollution	20	26	52	2=100
	May, 2005	21	35	37	7=100
	November, 1997	38	32	27	3=100
	December, 1996	42	26	30	2=100
	April, 1995	43	26	30	1=100
	March, 1994	37	26	34	3=100
	March, 1989	32	20	42	6=100

i.F2	Illegal immigration	11	25	59	5=100
	May 2005	11	29	52	8=100
	November, 1997	13	29	48	10=100
	December, 1996	15	32	47	6=100
	April, 1995	9	23	62	6=100
	March, 1994	9	22	58	11=100

j.F2	Low moral and ethical standards	8	32	55	5=100
	March, 2002	14	28	53	5=100
	November, 1997	9	28	56	7=100
	December, 1996	12	24	62	2=100
	April, 1995	7	20	70	3=100
	March, 1994	6	29	63	2=100

² In February 1989, the question wording did not ask about "this country today," and the response choices were "a problem that is no better or no worse than it had been, a problem where progress is being made, or a problem where we are losing ground."

NO QUESTION 30 THROUGH 32

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.33F1 There has been some talk about the federal budget deficit recently. Which one of the following do you think is the BEST way to reduce the federal budget deficit? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

- 9 Increase taxes
- 33 Reduce defense and military spending
- 36 Reduce domestic spending
- 4 None **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
- 4 Multiple **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
- 3 Other **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
- 11 Don't know/Refused **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
- 100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.34F2 As you may know, President Bush has proposed large increases in the budget for military defense and homeland security. Which one of the following do you think is the BEST way to pay for these increases, if they are to happen? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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| | | Feb
<u>2003</u> |
| 27 | Add to the budget deficit | 31 |
| 26 | Reduce spending on domestic programs [OR] | 28 |
| 26 | Increase taxes | 23 |
| 6 | None [VOL, DO NOT READ] | 5 |
| 1 | Multiple [VOL, DO NOT READ] | 3 |
| 4 | Other [VOL, DO NOT READ] | 3 |
| <u>10</u> | Don't know/Refused [VOL, DO NOT READ] | <u>7</u> |
| 100 | | 100 |

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the world for a moment...

Q.35 What country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States? **[MULTIPLE RECORD, DO NOT READ. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE; IF NOT ON LIST, ENTER <98> Other (SPECIFY). DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.]**

		Late		Early					
		Feb	Oct	Sept	Sept	April	Jan	Feb	March
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1990</u>
25	Iran	27	9	5	7	6	6	4	6
19	Iraq	17	18	16	18	14	17	12	*
17	North Korea	11	13	1	1	--	*	*	*
14	China	20	16	32	11	6	9	8	8
7	Other Middle East	5	8	9	1	6	5	8	7
5	United States	5	7	2	*	6	6	3	4
2	Russia/Formal Soviet Union	3	2	9	8	16	13	13	32
1	Japan	1	1	3	11	9	8	31	8
1	Al Qaeda/Terrorist groups mentions	4	2	*	--	--	--	--	--
3	Other								
3	None/Not just one country	2	8	2	6	12	9	5	6
13	Don't know/Refused	10	17	20	24	17	21	13	13

NO QUESTION 36

ASK ALL:

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.37 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
February, 2007	40	54	6=100
January, 2007	40	51	9=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
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
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8=100

Q.37 CONTINUED...

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

Q.38 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/ Ref</u>
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3=100
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
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3=100
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=100
Early September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<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>

Q.38 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	39	46	8	2	5=100
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	45	41	6	2	6=100
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	65	25	2	1	7=100

Q.39 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>
February, 2007	42	53	5=100
January, 2007	46	48	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 ³	51	42	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

³ 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.39) ASK:

Q.40 Do you think more troops are needed in Iraq right now, or do you think there are already enough troops there to do the job?

		Mid-		Early			Early					
		Jan	Dec	Nov	Aug	April	Oct	July	June	Jan	Oct	Sept
		2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2004	2004	2003	2003
21	More troops needed	25	17	17	15	13	13	16	18	29	32	34
14	Have enough there to do the job	14	20	20	24	27	26	27	23	26	21	25
*	Reduce number of troops (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
42%		46%	44%	46%	48%	48%	47%	52%	51%	63%	58%	64%

IF “BRING TROOPS HOME” (2 IN Q.39) ASK:

Q.41 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

		Mid-		Mid-		Mid-		
		Jan	Dec	Nov	Aug	April	Jan	Dec
		2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005
16	Remove all troops immediately	16	18	16	15	18	14	17
35	Gradual withdrawal over the next year or two	30	32	31	30	29	32	28
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
53%		48%	50%	48%	46%	48%	48%	46%

ASK ALL:

ROTATE Q.42 AND Q.43

Q.42 Do you think George W. Bush has a clear plan for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or don't you think so?

	Has a clear <u>plan</u>	Doesn't have <u>a clear plan</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
February, 2007	21	72	7=100
January, 2007	22	70	8=100
Mid-November, 2006	19	74	7=100
March, 2006	23	70	7=100
December, 2005	28	66	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	30	63	7=100
July, 2005	27	64	9=100
February, 2005	32	61	7=100
Early October, 2004	35	55	10=100
Early September, 2004	36	55	9=100
August, 2004	36	58	6=100
July, 2004	34	59	7=100
June, 2004	37	55	8=100
Late April, 2004	36	54	10=100
Early April, 2004	32	57	11=100
December, 2003	44	45	11=100
October, 2003	35	54	11=100
September, 2003	32	58	10=100

Q.43 Do you think Democratic leaders in Congress have a clear plan for how to deal with the situation in Iraq, or don't you think so?

		Jan <u>2007</u>	Mid-Nov <u>2006</u>	Mid-Sept <u>2005</u> ⁴
20	Have a clear plan	20	22	18
68	Don't have a clear plan	68	65	71
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.44 Do you think the war in Iraq has helped the war on terrorism, or has it hurt the war on terrorism?

	<u>Helped</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	(VOL) <u>No effect</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
February, 2007	40	47	5	8=100
Mid-November, 2006	37	48	5	10=100
Late October, 2006	36	46	6	12=100
Early October, 2006	38	47	5	10=100
Early September, 2006	41	45	5	9=100
June, 2006	44	40	6	10=100
March, 2006	38	44	8	10=100
January, 2006	44	38	8	10=100
Late October, 2005	44	44	6	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	43	43	6	8=100
July, 2005	39	47	7	7=100
February, 2005	44	41	7	8=100
Mid-October, 2004	45	40	6	9=100
Early September, 2004	46	40	6	8=100
August, 2004	45	44	4	7=100
July, 2004	43	45	5	7=100
June, 2004	43	44	4	9=100
Mid-March, 2004	50	37	5	8=100
Late February, 2004	62	28	3	7=100
Early February, 2004	55	32	7	6=100
December, 2003	59	26	6	9=100
September, 2003	54	31	7	8=100
May, 2003	65	22	6	7=100

⁴ In Mid-September 2005 the question was worded "Do you think Democratic leaders in Congress have a clear alternative for how to deal with the situation in Iraq, or don't you think so?"

Q.45 Which concerns you more... [READ AND ROTATE]

	That the U.S. will leave Iraq before a stable <u>democracy is in place</u>	That the U.S. will wait too long to withdraw <u>its troops from Iraq</u>	(VOL) Neither	DK/ Ref
February, 2007	35	55	2	8=100
Mid-November, 2006	33	55	3	9=100
March, 2006	30	61	3	6=100
Early October, 2005	32	55	4	9=100
July, 2005	34	50	9	7=100
Early April, 2004	36	52	2	10=100
Mid-January, 2004	41	48	5	6=100

NO QUESTION 46

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.47F1 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 establishing a stable democratic government in Iraq?

		Nov <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>2006</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>	March <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>	Late Oct <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>
7	Definitely succeed	7	9	12	15	10	16	14	16	12	17
37	Probably succeed	39	43	35	40	39	39	42	41	44	43
35	Probably fail	31	29	30	29	33	28	26	28	29	25
12	Definitely fail	13	10	11	9	10	11	8	9	8	8
9	Don't know/Refused	10	9	12	7	8	6	10	6	7	7
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.48F2 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?

		Nov <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>2006</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>
7	Definitely succeed	12	13	14
40	Probably succeed	41	44	40
34	Probably fail	28	26	28
12	Definitely fail	13	9	12
7	Don't know/Refused	6	8	6
100		100	100	100

Q.49 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?]**

		(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>
ASK ITEMS a THRU d OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:					
a.F1	Training Iraqi security forces so they can replace U.S. troops				
	November, 2006	51	34	2	13=100
	August, 2006	48	37	1	14=100
	June, 2006	58	26	2	14=100
	April, 2006	61	28	2	9=100
	March, 2006	55	30	1	14=100
	January, 2006	56	30	1	13=100
	December, 2005	65	22	1	12=100
		61	27	1	11=100
b.F1	Reducing the number of civilian casualties there				
	November, 2006	20	66	2	12=100
	August, 2006	20	67	2	11=100
	June, 2006	25	58	3	14=100
	April, 2006	29	56	3	12=100
	March, 2006	28	56	3	13=100
	January, 2006	27	56	3	14=100
	December, 2005	32	54	3	11=100
		35	53	3	9=100
c.F1	Preventing terrorists from using Iraq as a base for attacks against the U.S. and its allies				
	November, 2006	43	43	3	11=100
	August, 2006	39	49	2	10=100
	June, 2006	45	40	2	13=100
	April, 2006	49	39	2	10=100
	March, 2006	44	43	3	10=100
	January, 2006	42	44	2	12=100
	December, 2005	52	33	2	13=100
		48	41	2	9=100
d.F1	Establishing democracy in Iraq				
	November, 2006	40	47	3	10=100
	August, 2006	43	42	2	13=100
	June, 2006	47	39	3	11=100
	April, 2006	55	35	2	8=100
	March, 2006	51	38	3	8=100
	January, 2006	50	38	2	10=100
	December, 2005	62	26	2	10=100
		58	32	2	8=100

Q.49 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>
ASK ITEMS e THRU g OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:					
e.F2	Defeating the insurgents militarily	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	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	40	36	2	22=100
	November, 2006	43	36	1	20=100
	August, 2006	46	34	1	19=100
	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

ASK ALL:

Q.50 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about George W. Bush's plan that will send an additional 21,000 U.S. troops to Iraq? **[READ]**

		<u>Jan</u>
		<u>2007</u>
42	A lot	43
47	A little	43
10	Nothing at all	13
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>
100		100

Q.51 Do you favor or oppose Bush's plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq?

		<u>Jan</u>
		<u>2007</u>
31	Favor	31
63	Oppose	61
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>
100		100

IF 'OPPOSE' (2 IN Q.51) ASK [N=912]:

Q.52 Do you think Congress should try to block Bush's plan by withholding funding for the additional forces, or not?

		Jan
		<u>2007</u>
72	Should try to block the plan	69
20	Should not	22
8	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.53F1 From what you've seen and heard, do most members in Congress support, or do most oppose Bush's plan to increase the number of troops in Iraq?

10	Most support
70	Most oppose
4	Split/evenly divided (VOL)
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

ROTATE Q.54F2 AND Q.55F2

Q.54F2 From what you've seen and heard, do most REPUBLICANS in Congress support, or do most oppose Bush's plan to increase the number of troops in Iraq?

44	Most support
31	Most oppose
5	Split/evenly divided (VOL)
<u>20</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.55F2 From what you've seen and heard, do most DEMOCRATS in Congress support, or do most oppose Bush's plan to increase the number of troops in Iraq?

4	Most support
80	Most oppose
1	Split/evenly divided (VOL)
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Thinking about IRAN for a moment...

Q.56 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about reports that Iran may be providing weapons to insurgent groups in Iraq? [READ]

		<i>Dispute about Iran's Nuclear Program</i>	
		Sept	Feb
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
34	A lot	41	32
43	A little	44	46
22	Nothing at all	14	21
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.57 In your opinion, which is more important [READ AND ROTATE]

- 43 To take a firm stand against Iranian actions
OR
43 To avoid a military conflict with Iran
1 Neither (VOL. DO NOT READ)
1 Both (VOL. DO NOT READ)
12 Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100

ASK ALL:

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No</u> Preference	(VOL.) <u>Other</u> Party	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
February, 2007	25	34	34	4	*	3=100
January, 2007	24	35	34	3	*	4=100
December, 2006	25	35	32	5	*	3=100
Mid-November, 2006	25	36	32	4	*	3=100
Late October, 2006	26	32	33	5	1	3=100
Early October, 2006	27	34	33	3	*	3=100
Early September, 2006	30	34	30	3	*	3=100
August, 2006	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
July, 2006	29	33	31	4	1	2=100
June, 2006	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100
December, 2005	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
Early November, 2005	28	34	31	5	*	2=100
Late October, 2005	29	33	31	5	*	2=100
Early October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	1	3=100
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100
<i>Yearly Totals</i>						
2005	30	33	31	4	*	2=100
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
<i>2001 Post-Sept 11</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>2=100</i>
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100
1996	29	33	33	5=100		
1995	32	30	34	4=100		
1994	30	32	34	4=100		

PARTY CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>Preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>Party</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
1993	27	34	34	5=100		
1992	28	33	35	4=100		
1991	31	32	33	4=100		
1990	31	33	30	6=100		
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

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

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	Refused to lean
February, 2007	10	18	13=41%
January, 2007	12	17	12=41%
December, 2006	11	17	12=40%
Mid-November, 2006	9	18	12= 39%
Late October, 2006	10	17	15=42%
Early October, 2006	12	15	12=39%
September, 2006	10	15	11=36%
August, 2006	12	14	11=37%
July, 2006	11	14	13=38%
June, 2006	10	16	11=37%
April, 2006	12	17	10=39%
March, 2006	11	14	13=38%
February, 2006	11	16	10=37%
January, 2006	10	16	14=40%
December, 2005	10	16	11=37%
Late November, 2005	9	13	17=39%
Early November, 2005	11	14	13=38%
Late October, 2005	11	15	12=38%
Early October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 6-7, 2005	10	15	15=40%
July, 2005	9	15	11=35%
June, 2005	10	16	12=38%
Mid-May, 2005	9	13	14=36%
Late March, 2005	13	17	9=39%
December, 2004	14	12	9=35%
August, 2003	12	16	14=42%
August, 2002	12	13	13=38%
September, 2000	11	13	15=39%
Late September, 1999	14	15	16=45%
August, 1999	15	15	12=42%