

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**JULY 2007 POLITICAL SURVEY / MEDIA UPDATE**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**July 25-29, 2007**  
**N=1,503**

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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

Q.2F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
July, 2007	33	54	13=100
June, 2007	34	49	17=100
April, 2007	36	43	21=100
March, 2007 <sup>1</sup>	37	42	21=100
February, 2007	41	36	23=100
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27=100
Early October, 2006	35	53	12=100
June, 2006	32	50	18=100
March, 2006	34	46	20=100
January, 2006	34	48	18=100
Early November, 2005	36	44	20=100
Early October, 2005	32	48	20=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

**ASK IF DISAPPROVE IN Q.2F1:**

Q.3F1 Is that more because **[INSERT ITEM & ROTATE]**, or more because **[NEXT ITEM]**?

21	Congress is doing the wrong things
23	Congress is not doing enough
7	Both (VOL.)
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
54%	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY AND ROTATE Q.4F2/Q.5F2 [N=750]:**

Q.4F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as Speaker of the House?

	<u>June 2007</u>	<u>April 2007</u>	
35	Approve	36	35
37	Disapprove	33	30
<u>28</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>31</u>	<u>35</u>
100		100	100

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1 In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

Q.5F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Harry Reid is handling his job as Senate Majority Leader?

--Bob Dole--

		Feb <u>1995</u>
21	Approve	45
33	Disapprove	19
<u>46</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>36</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008?  
[READ]

		June <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	March <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2007</u>	Dec <u>2006</u>
30	A lot	29	26	24	24	23
38	Some	34	34	36	34	36
16	Not much	20	21	20	22	20
15	None at all	16	17	18	18	20
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. - DO NOT READ)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

A.1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of the presidential campaign so far. Just the one word that best describes your impression. (OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).

Frequency\*

81	Early/Too early
61	Interesting
40	OK
38	Good
35	Confused/Confusing
35	Long/Too long
29	Unimpressive/Not impressed
27	Boring
21	Joke
20	Fair
17	Disappointed/Disappointing
17	Lacking/Lackluster
17	Poor
16	Bad
16	Ridiculous
15	Mediocre
13	Money
12	Circus
12	Too soon/Soon
12	Uninteresting/Not interested
12	Weak
11	Chaos/Chaotic
10	Expensive
10	Stinks

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

A.2 So far, have you watched any of the televised debates between presidential candidates or haven't you had a chance to watch any of them?

**--Democratic Candidates' Debates--**

		January	February
		<u>2004</u>	<u>1992</u>
40	Yes	20	16
59	No	80	84
<u>1</u>	Don't know	*	*
100		100	100

**ROTATE A.3 AND A.4:**

**IF 'YES' (1 IN A.2) ASK [N=647]:**

A.3 Have you found the debates to be helpful in learning about the candidates, or not?

66	Yes
33	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know
100	

A.4 Have you found the debates to be fun to watch, or not?

47	Yes
51	No
<u>2</u>	Don't know
100	

**ASK ALL:**

A.5 All in all, do you prefer watching debates that have [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] asking questions of the candidates, or that have [NEXT ITEM] asking questions of the candidates?

17	Journalists
68	Regular people
<u>15</u>	Don't know
100	

**ASK ALL:**

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

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

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No Preference	(VOL.) Other Party	DK/ Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
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
December, 2006	25	35	32	5	*	3=100	11	17
Mid-November, 2006	25	36	32	4	*	3=100	9	18
Late October, 2006	26	32	33	5	1	3=100	10	16

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)		<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>
				Preference	Party	Ref		
Early October, 2006	27	34	33	3	*	3=100	12	15
Early September, 2006	30	34	30	3	*	3=100	10	14
August, 2006	30	33	30	4	*	3=100	12	14
July, 2006	29	33	31	4	1	2=100	11	14
June, 2006	29	34	31	4	*	2=100	11	16
April, 2006	29	32	30	5	*	4=100	10	14
Early April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100	11	15
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100	11	16
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100	10	15
<b><i>Yearly Totals</i></b>								
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					

**IF ANSWERED 1 IN PARTY, ASK:**

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican or NOT a strong Republican?

	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Not Strong/ Don't Know</u>
July, 2007	16	11=27%
June, 2007	13	12=25%
April, 2007	14	11=25%
January, 2007	12	11=23%
Mid-November, 2006	14	11=25%
Late-October, 2006	14	12=26%
Early-October, 2006	15	12=27%
September, 2006	17	13=30%
December, 2005	16	13=29%
December, 2004	18	13=31%
July, 2004	17	12=29%
August, 2003	14	13=27%
September, 2000	14	13=27%
Late-September, 1999	10	14=24%
August, 1999	11	14=25%
November, 1997	11	14=25%
October, 1995	11	19=30%
April, 1995	15	15=30%
October, 1994	16	15=31%
June, 1992	11	17=28%
May, 1990	13	15=28%
February, 1989	15	16=31%
May, 1988	13	15=28%
January, 1988	12	15=27%
May, 1987	11	14=25%

**IF ANSWERED 2 IN PARTY, ASK:**

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat or NOT a strong Democrat?

	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Not Strong/ Don't Know</u>
July, 2007	19	13=32%
June, 2007	19	15=34%
April, 2007	15	13=28%
January, 2007	17	14=31%
Mid-November, 2006	22	14=36%
Late-October, 2006	18	14=32%
Early-October, 2006	19	15=34%
September, 2006	18	16=34%
December, 2005	20	14=34%
December, 2004	19	15=34%
July, 2004	20	13=33%
August, 2003	15	16=31%
September, 2000	19	15=34%
Late-September, 1999	15	16=31%
August, 1999	15	18=33%
November, 1997	14	18=32%
October, 1995	14	16=30%
April, 1995	14	15=29%

**PARTYSTR CONTINUED...**

	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Not Strong/ Don't Know</u>
October, 1994	18	14=32%
July, 1994	15	18=33%
June, 1992	14	18=32%
May, 1990	16	17=33%
February, 1989	17	21=38%
May, 1988	19	19=38%
January, 1988	19	20=39%
May, 1987	18	19=37%

**ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) ONLY:**

Q.7 I'm going to read you the names of some possible DEMOCRATIC presidential candidates. Who would you most like to see nominated as the Democratic Party's candidate for president in 2008? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE. ACCEPT VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE IF OFFERED BEFORE FULL LIST IS READ. IF 98 'DON'T KNOW' PROBE ONCE: Is there anyone you are leaning toward as of today?]**

**IF ANSWERED (1-96 IN Q.7) ASK:**

Q.8 And who would be your SECOND choice? **[READ REMAINING NAMES IF NECESSARY]**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=623]:**

<i>Choice</i>			April 2007			March 2007				
<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>
40	21	61	Hillary Clinton	34	24	58	35	24	59	
21	29	50	Barack Obama	24	22	46	26	20	46	
12	11	23	Al Gore	14	16	30	12	17	29	
11	14	25	John Edwards	18	15	33	16	13	29	
2	5	7	Bill Richardson	1	4	5	1	2	3	
2	1	3	Dennis Kucinich	1	1	2	*	1	1	
2	3	5	Joe Biden	1	2	3	1	2	3	
1	1	2	Chris Dodd	*	1	1	*	1	1	
1	1		Other (VOL. DO NOT READ) [SPECIFY]	*	0		0	*		
2	3		None of them (VOL. DO NOT READ)	5	2		3	5		
6	3		Don't know/Haven't thought about it (VOL.)	2	6		5	5		
0	*		Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	*	*		1	1		
<u>n/a</u>	<u>8</u>		<i>No first choice</i>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>n/a</u>	<u>9</u>		
100	100			100	100		100	100		

**IF ANSWERED (1-96 IN Q.7) ASK:**

Q.9 What's the main reason you support [INSERT CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.7] for the Democratic nomination for president [OPEN END; IF "DON'T KNOW" PROMPT ONCE "It can be anything that comes to mind that you like about (him/her)."] **PROBE FOR CLARITY. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL?**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WITH A FIRST CHOICE CANDIDATE IN Q.7 [N=573]:**

<b>PERSONAL QUALITIES (NET)</b>	<b>59</b>
Intelligent/Educated	10
New/Fresh/Change	9
Woman	8
Trustworthy/Honest/Integrity	7
Bill Clinton	7
Favorable/Popular/Like/For the People	6
Miscellaneous Positive	6
Good/Great/Nice	5
Strong/Tough	3
Articulate/Well-spoken	3
Charismatic/Passionate	2
Race/Ethnicity	2
Leader	2
Compassionate/Sincere/Fair	1
Attractive/Charming/Interesting	1
Religion/Personal Life	*
<b>ISSUES/IDEOLOGY/PARTY</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>EXPERIENCE (NET)</b>	<b>23</b>
Experienced/Qualified/Competent	15
Political Office/Past Candidacy	5
First Lady	4
City/State Association	*
Non-Political/Family	*
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>	<b>2</b>

**ASK OF REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) ONLY :**

Q.10 I'm going to read you the names of some possible REPUBLICAN presidential candidates. Who would you most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate for president in 2008? [**READ AND RANDOMIZE. ACCEPT VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE IF OFFERED BEFORE FULL LIST IS READ. IF 98 'DON'T KNOW' PROBE ONCE: Is there anyone you are leaning toward as of today?**]

**IF ANSWERED (1-96 IN Q.10) ASK:**

Q.11 And who would be your SECOND choice? [**READ REMAINING NAMES IF NECESSARY**]

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=546]:**

<i>Choice</i>			April 2007			March 2007			
<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>	
27	21	48	Rudy Giuliani	32	21	53	33	18	51
18	12	30	Fred Thompson <sup>2</sup>	10	7	17	n/a	n/a	n/a
16	14	30	John McCain	23	21	44	22	17	39
10	8	18	Mitt Romney	8	11	19	7	8	15
8	8	16	Newt Gingrich	9	10	19	8	11	19
2	1	3	Ron Paul	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	1	2	Sam Brownback	*	1	1	2	1	3
1	1	2	Tom Tancredo <sup>3</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	2	3	Mike Huckabee	3	1	4	2	3	5
1	4	5	Tommy Thompson	2	3	5	3	3	6
1	*		Other (VOL. DO NOT READ)	2	3		6	4	
3	8		None of them (VOL. DO NOT READ)	3	4		5	7	
11	6		Don't know/Haven't thought about it (VOL.)	8	7		12	10	
*	0		Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	*	*		*	1	
<u>n/a</u>	<u>14</u>		<i>No first choice</i>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>n/a</u>	<u>17</u>	
100	100			100	100		100	100	

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2 In March 2007, Fred Thompson was not included in the question.

3 In July 2007, Tom Tancredo and Ron Paul replaced Duncan Hunter and Jim Gilmore in the question.

**IF ANSWERED (1-96 IN Q.10) ASK:**

Q.12 What's the main reason you support [INSERT CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.10] for the Republican nomination for president [OPEN END; IF "DON'T KNOW" PROMPT ONCE "It can be anything that comes to mind that you like about (him/her)."] PROBE FOR CLARITY ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]?

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WITH A FIRST CHOICE CANDIDATE IN Q.10 [N=472]:**

<b>PERSONAL QUALITIES (NET)</b>	<b>43</b>
Trustworthy/Honest/Integrity	12
Miscellaneous Positive	6
Leader	6
Good/Great/Nice	6
Intelligent/Educated	5
Favorable/Popular/Like/For the People	4
Strong/Tough	3
Articulate/Well-spoken	3
Compassionate/Sincere/Fair	2
New/Fresh/Change	2
Religion/Personal Life	2
Attractive/Charming/Interesting	1
Charismatic/Passionate	*
<b>EXPERIENCE (NET)</b>	<b>33</b>
Sept. 11/Terrorist Attacks	12
Experienced/Qualified/Competent	10
Political Office/Past Candidacy	5
Mayor of NYC	5
POW/Military	4
City/State Association	1
Non-Political/Family	*
<b>ISSUES/IDEOLOGY/PARTY</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>	<b>3</b>

**ASK OF REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

Q.13 Thinking about Iraq, would you prefer a Republican candidate who will continue George W. Bush's policies in Iraq, or would you prefer a Republican candidate who will take a different approach to the situation in Iraq?

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=546]:**

		April
		<u>2007</u>
36	Continue Bush's policies	38
53	Take a different approach	54
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>
100		100

**IF NOT REPUBLICAN OR REPUBLICAN LEANER (PARTY NE 1 AND PARTYLN NE 1) READ:**

From what you've heard about the REPUBLICAN candidates...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Do you happen to know which of the leading Republican presidential candidates favors a woman's right to choose when it comes to abortion? Is it **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,291]**

		June <u>2007</u>
39	Rudy Giuliani	37
8	John McCain <b>[OR]</b>	8
4	Mitt Romney	5
2	None favor a woman's right to choose <b>(VOL. DO NOT READ)</b>	1
1	All/More than one favor a woman's right to choose <b>(VOL. DO NOT READ)</b>	1
<u>46</u>	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL. DO NOT READ)</b>	<u>48</u>
100		100

Q.15 Now I'd like your opinion of some groups and organizations in the news. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU e. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS f. THRU i; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS)** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **(INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Rate</u>
a.	The Republican Party	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8=100
	Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10=100
	Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9=100
	July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7=100
	April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10=100
	February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6=100
	Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9=100
	July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9=100
	June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8=100
	December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6=100
	June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9=100
	Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6=100
	June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9=100
	April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6=100
	December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8=100
	July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10=100
	January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7=100
	August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4=100
	February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5=100
	January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6=100
	Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6=100
	Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7=100
	March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7=100
	August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6=100
	June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6=100
	January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5=100
	October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4=100
	December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6=100

**Q15 CONTINUED...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4=100
	May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11=100
	July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6=100
b.	The Democratic Party	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8=100
	Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11=100
	Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11=100
	July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7=100
	April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11=100
	February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8=100
	Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10=100
	July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9=100
	June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9=100
	December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6=100
	June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10=100
	Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5=100
	June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8=100
	April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7=100
	December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9=100
	July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8=100
	January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5=100
	August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4=100
	February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5=100
	January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7=100
	Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6=100
	Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7=100
	March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6=100
	August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6=100
	June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6=100
	January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5=100
	October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3=100
	December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6=100
	July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4=100
	May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9=100
	July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6=100
c.	Congress	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8=100
	Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8=100
	Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13=100
	February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9=100
	Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10=100
	July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11=100
	June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11=100
	June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11=100
	July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11=100
	March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7=100
	January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7=100

**Q.15 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Rate</u>
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3=100
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5=100
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4=100
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5=100
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7=100
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3=100
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6=100
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6=100
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9=100
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8=100
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4=100
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5=100
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5=100
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4=100
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3=100
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7=100
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5=100
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9=100
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4=100
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9=100
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6=100
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8=100
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6=100
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8=100
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7=100
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6=100
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10=100
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7=100
d. The Supreme Court	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14=100
Early January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9=100
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9=100
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12=100
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11=100
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11=100
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13=100
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10=100
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8=100
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10=100
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5=100
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6=100
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4=100
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9=100
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7=100
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9=100
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8=100
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7=100
March 1985 (Roper)	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8=100

**Q.15 CONTINUED...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Heard of	Rate
e.	The military	78	47	31	15	6	9	0	7=100
	March, 2007	77	43	34	17	6	11	0	6=100
	Early January, 2007	84	47	37	11	3	8	*	5=100
	Late October, 2005	82	44	38	12	4	8	0	6=100
	Late March, 2005	87	49	38	9	3	6	*	4=100
	June, 2004	85	48	37	10	3	7	*	5=100
<i>Newsweek:</i>	May 16-17, 2002	93	59	34	5	2	3	--	2=100
<i>Newsweek:</i>	September 13-14, 2001	94	58	36	4	2	2	--	2=100
	July, 2001	81	29	52	11	4	7	*	8=100
	January, 2001	82	32	50	12	3	9	0	6=100
	August, 1999	89	30	59	10	2	8	*	1=100
	June, 1999	83	36	47	13	2	11	0	4=100
	Early September, 1998	86	29	57	10	3	7	0	4=100
	October, 1997	78	22	56	18	5	13	0	4=100
	May, 1997	80	23	57	16	5	11	0	4=100
	February, 1996	82	33	49	16	4	12	*	2=100
	July, 1994	87	30	57	11	3	8	*	2=100
	May, 1993	85	32	53	10	2	8	0	5=100
	March, 1991	94	60	34	4	2	2	0	2=100
	May, 1990	73	18	55	21	6	15	*	6=100
	January, 1988	77	20	57	17	3	14	*	6=100
	April, 1987	80	17	63	16	4	12	0	4=100
	January, 1987	73	19	54	16	5	11	*	11=100
	July, 1986	85	32	53	10	3	7	0	5=100
	July, 1985	77	24	53	18	5	13	*	5=100

**QUESTIONS 16-26 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 27-29**

Thinking about Congress...

Q.30 Are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic Party won control of Congress in last November's election?<sup>4</sup>

		Mid-		-----Republican Party-----				
		March	Nov	Dec	Nov	April	March	Dec
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2002<sup>5</sup></u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
50	Happy	54	60	48	47	52	55	57
35	Unhappy	32	24	34	32	36	31	31
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

4 The phrase "in last November's election" was added to the question in July 2007.

5 In December 2002, the question was worded: "In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Senate?" In November 1998, the question was worded: "Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. Congress? In April 1995 and before, the question was worded: "Generally, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Congress."

Q.31 Generally, do you think Democratic leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		Mid-	Mid-	----- <i>Republicans</i> -----				
		March	Jan	Nov	Sept	April	Feb	Dec
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1995<sup>6</sup></u>	<u>1995<sup>7</sup></u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
43	Successful	54	57	59	54	63	61	62
42	Unsuccessful	32	25	22	31	28	20	24
6	Mixed/get some passed ( <b>VOL.</b> )	4	5	6	n/a	3	5	4
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.32 Do you think Democratic leaders in Congress are going too far or not far enough in challenging George W. Bush's policies in Iraq, or are they handling this about right?

		June	March
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
29	Too far	22	23
38	Not far enough	41	40
24	About right	25	30
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

Q.33 Later this summer, Congress will be debating future funding for the war in Iraq. If a bill is proposed that calls for a withdrawal of troops from Iraq to be completed by next year, would you like to see your Congressional representative vote FOR or AGAINST it?

**IF 'VOTE FOR' (1 IN Q.33) ASK:**

Q.34 As you may know, President Bush has said he will veto any Iraq funding bill that includes a timeline for troop withdrawal. Would you like to see Democratic leaders work with Bush toward a compromise, or should they insist on a timeline for troop withdrawal?

**IF 'VOTE AGAINST' (2 IN Q.33) ASK:**

Q.35 As you may know, President Bush has said he will veto any Iraq funding bill that includes a timeline for troop withdrawal. Would you like to see President Bush work with Democratic leaders toward a compromise, or should Bush insist on NO timeline for troop withdrawal?

<b>BASED ON TOTAL:</b>		April <sup>8</sup>	March
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
63	Vote for	59	59
25	Work with Bush	25	--
36	Insist on a timeline	32	--
2	Don't know/Refused	2	--
29	Vote against	33	33
11	Work with Democratic leaders	14	--
17	Insist on NO timeline	18	--
1	Don't know/Refused	1	--
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100

6 In September, 1995 the question asked "In general, would you say the Republican leaders in Congress have been successful or unsuccessful so far this year in getting their programs passed into law?"

7 From April, 1995 to December, 1994 the question asked "Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?"

8 In March 2007 and April 2007, wording of the question was: "The Congress is now debating future funding for the war in Iraq. Would you like to see your Congressional representative vote FOR or AGAINST a bill that calls for a withdrawal of troops from Iraq to be completed by August of 2008?" In March 2007, the follow-up questions, Q.34 and Q35, were not asked.

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the Supreme Court...

Q.36 In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

- 36 Conservative
- 35 Middle of the road
- 14 Liberal
- 15 Don't know/Refused
- 100

Q.37 Since taking office, George W. Bush has appointed two new justices to the Supreme Court. Do you think this has made the Supreme Court more liberal, more conservative, or has it not changed the balance of opinion on the Supreme Court significantly?

- 7 More liberal
- 36 More conservative
- 41 Not changed the balance of the Court
- 16 Don't Know/Refused
- 100

Q.38 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about any of the decisions issued by the Supreme Court over the past year? **[READ]**

- 19 A lot
- 61 A little, OR
- 18 Nothing at all
- 2 Don't know/Refused **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
- 100

**IF 'A LOT' OR 'A LITTLE' (1,2 IN Q.38) ASK [N=1,254]:**

Q.39 From what you've read or heard, do you approve or disapprove of the decisions issued by the Supreme Court this year?

- 46 Approve
- 34 Disapprove
- 20 Don't know/Refused
- 100

**QUESTIONS 40-41 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 42-45**

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.46 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>
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

**Q.46 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
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
<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

Q.47 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
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
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>
<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>

Q.48 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>
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>9</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

**IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.48) ASK:**

Q.49 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?

	More troops <u>needed</u>	Have enough <u>troops there</u>	Reduce <u>troops</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2007	16	17	*	6=39%
June, 2007	16	17	*	6=39%

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9 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?”

**Q.49 CONTINUED...**

	More troops <u>needed</u>	Have enough <u>troops there</u>	Reduce <u>troops</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
April, 2007	17	15	0	9=41%
March, 2007	21	15	*	7=43%
February, 2007	21	14	*	7=42%
Mid-January, 2007	25	14	*	7=46%
December, 2006	17	20	*	7=44%
Mid-November, 2006	17	20	*	9=46%
August, 2006	15	24	*	9=48%
April, 2006	13	27	*	8=48%
Early October, 2005	13	26	0	8=47%
July, 2005	16	27	*	9=52%
June, 2004	18	23	*	10=51%
Early January, 2004	29	26	*	8=63%
October, 2003	32	21	*	5=58%
September, 2003	34	25	*	5=64%

**IF "BRING TROOPS HOME" (2 IN Q.48) ASK:**

Q.50 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

	June <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	Mar <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2007</u>	Mid- Jan <u>2007</u>	Dec <u>2006</u>	Mid- Nov <u>2006</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	April <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>
21 Remove all troops immediately	20	17	18	16	16	18	16	15	18	14	17
31 Gradual withdrawal over the next yr or two	35	34	33	35	30	32	31	30	29	32	28
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
54%	56%	53%	52%	53%	48%	50%	48%	46%	48%	48%	46%

**NO QUESTION 51**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 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>
July, 2007	40	45	8	7=100
April, 2007	38	44	7	11=100
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

**Q.52 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Helped</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>(VOL)</u> <u>No effect</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
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

**NO QUESTION 53**

Q.54 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?

	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Mid-</u> <u>Nov</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>2006</u>
9	9	7	12	13	14
34	36	40	41	44	40
32	30	34	28	26	28
17	16	12	13	9	12
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.55 If the U.S. withdraws its troops from Iraq over the coming year, would it INCREASE, DECREASE or have no effect on the chances that Iraq would go into a full scale civil war?

58	Increase
6	Decrease
20	No effect
5	Already is a civil war in Iraq (VOL.)
<u>11</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
100	

Q.56 If the U.S. withdraws its troops from Iraq over the coming year, would it INCREASE, DECREASE or have no effect on the chances that al Qaeda would establish terrorist bases in Iraq?

55	Increase
6	Decrease
24	No effect
5	Al Qaeda already has bases in Iraq (VOL.)
<u>10</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
100	

Q.57 How much confidence do you have that the U.S. military is giving the public an accurate picture of how the war is going? [READ]

		<i>Afghanistan</i>			<i>---Gulf War---</i>	
		March 30- <u>April 2, 2007</u>	March <u>2003</u>	Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>	March <u>1991</u>	Late Jan <u>1991</u>
17	A great deal of confidence	15	40	28	44	29
35	A fair amount of confidence	31	45	52	46	58
29	Not too much confidence	31	11	13	7	9
15	No confidence at all	21	*	4	2	2
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.58 How much confidence do you have that the press is giving the public an accurate picture of how the war is going?

		March 30- <u>April 2, 2007</u>	March <u>2003</u>	<i>Gulf War</i> Late Jan <u>1991</u>
7	A great deal of confidence	7	30	26
35	A fair amount of confidence	31	51	59
36	Not too much confidence	33	14	11
20	No confidence at all	27	1	2
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

Q.59F1 From what you've seen and read, how good a job is the new Iraqi government doing running the country? Is it doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

		Aug <u>2004</u>	July <u>2004</u>
1	Excellent	2	4
7	Good	17	19
44	Only fair	47	41
40	Poor	18	14
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

Q.60F2 Based on what you've seen and read, do most people IN IRAQ support or oppose America's current policies in Iraq?

		Dec <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>	Early April <u>2004</u>	Dec <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>
30	Support	38	38	37	47	39
54	Oppose	48	44	48	34	47
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

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

Q.61 Do you think the United States is winning or losing the war on terrorism?

		<i>(RVs)</i>		<i>(RVs)</i> Early		Early
		Nov	Sept	Nov	Oct	Sept
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>
40	Winning	46	39	45	46	52
39	Losing	33	41	31	31	28
12	Neither <b>(VOL)</b>	10	9	10	9	9
<u>9</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

Q.62F1 Do you think the danger of a major attack on the United States is greater now than it was before September 11<sup>th</sup>, less now than it was before September 11<sup>th</sup>, or is it about the same?

22	Greater
29	Less
47	Same
<u>2</u>	Don't Know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

Q.63F2 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? **[READ]**

	<u>Very</u> <u>worried</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>worried</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>worried</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>worried</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
July, 2007	20	42	25	11	2=100
August, 2006	23	44	21	10	2=100
July, 2005	26	42	19	12	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	17	43	27	12	1=100
August, 2004	20	44	25	10	1=100
July, 2004	17	41	26	15	1=100
June, 2004	25	42	20	12	1=100
Mid-March, 2004	20	42	25	12	1=100
Early February, 2004	13	42	28	16	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	20	45	24	10	1=100
August, 2003	13	45	29	12	1=100
March, 2003	22	42	20	14	2=100
February, 2003	34	41	17	7	1=100
January, 2003	18	50	23	8	1=100
December, 2002	31	42	18	8	1=100
Early October, 2002	20	46	22	11	1=100
Late August, 2002	16	46	25	12	1=100
June, 2002	32	44	17	7	* =100
January, 2002	20	42	28	9	1=100
December, 2001	13	39	27	19	2=100
October 15-21, 2001	29	42	18	10	1=100
October 10-14, 2001	27	40	19	12	2=100
Early October, 2001	28	45	15	11	1=100

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**Questions 1-3 Released Separately**

On another subject...

Q.4 Did you happen to hear about a recent Democratic debate where ordinary people submitted video questions through YouTube for the candidates to answer? **[IF YES, ASK: Did you watch the debate itself, or did you just hear or see reports in the news?]**

- 13 Yes, watched the debate
- 42 Yes, heard/saw reports but did not watch it
- 44 No, haven't heard about it
- 1 Don't know/Refused
- 100

**IF HEARD ABOUT IT (Q.4=1,2), ASK [N=599]:**

Q.5 Compared to other debates you've seen or heard about, do you think this YouTube debate was better, worse or about the same in terms of **[READ AND ROTATE]**?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	About the <u>same</u>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
a. Helping you learn more about the candidates	28	12	53	7=100
b. Addressing a wide range of topics	30	9	51	10=100
c. Asking the candidates challenging questions	29	12	50	9=100
d. Being interesting and entertaining	34	12	44	10=100

**Questions 6-8 Released Separately**

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In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that questions wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.