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 N=2004

ASK ALL:

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	No Opinion		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	No Opinion
June, 2008	19	76	5=100	June, 2001	43	52	5=100
Late May, 2008	18	76	6=100	March, 2001	47	45	8=100
March, 2008	22	72	6=100	February, 2001	46	43	11=100
Early February, 2008	24	70	6=100	January, 2001	55	41	4=100
Late December, 2007	27	66	7=100	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7=100
October, 2007	28	66	6=100	September, 2000	51	41	8=100
February, 2007	30	61	9=100	June, 2000	47	45	8=100
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7=100	April, 2000	48	43	9=100
Early January, 2007	30	63	7=100	August, 1999	56	39	5=100
December, 2006	28	65	7=100	January, 1999	53	41	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8=100	November, 1998	46	44	10=100
Early October, 2006	30	63	7=100	Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
July, 2006	30	65	5=100	Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
May, 2006	29	65	6=100	Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
March, 2006	32	63	5=100	February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 2006	34	61	5=100	January, 1998	46	50	4=100
Late November, 2005	34	59	7=100	September, 1997	45	49	6=100
Early October, 2005	29	65	6=100	August, 1997	49	46	5=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100	January, 1997	38	58	4=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100	July, 1996	29	67	4=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	September, 1993	20	75	5=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
April 8, 2003	50	41	9=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	Late February, 1991 (Gallup)	66	31	3=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
September, 2002	41	55	4=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
May, 2002	44	44	12=100	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
March, 2002	50	40	10=100	May, 1988	41	54	5=100
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100	January, 1988	39	55	6=100
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100				

ASK ALL:

Q.2 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; READ ANSWER CHOICES AS NECESSARY]¹

		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	DK/ Ref
a.	News about the current situation and events in Iraq	31	40	20	8	1=100
b.	News about candidates for the 2008 presidential election	40	35	15	9	1=100
c.	Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	45	35	13	6	1=100

ASK ALL:

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Quite A lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a Little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/ Ref.
2008	June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1=100
	Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1=100
	April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1=100
	March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1=100
	Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2=100
2004	November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1=100
	Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1=100
	September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1=100
	August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1=100
	July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1=100
	June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1=100
	May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1=100
	Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1=100
	Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*=100
2000	November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1=100
	Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*=100
	Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1=100
	Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1=100
	September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1=100
	July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*=100
	June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*=100
	May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1=100
1996	April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*=100
	November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*=100
	October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1=100
	Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1=100
	Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1=100
	July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*=100
	June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1=100

¹ For detailed trends, see the most recent release of the Weekly News Interest Index at people-press.org/news-interest.

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

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

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 2004 — the last presidential election year?²

		June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	July <u>1996</u>	June <u>1996</u>	June <u>1992</u>	March <u>1992</u>
60	More	47	38	42	41	55	57
20	Less	28	38	38	35	24	27
18	Same (VOL.)	23	22	19	22	19	14
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

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

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST ASK:

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

		June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	June <u>1996</u>	June <u>1992</u>
77	Yes, Registered	79	79	79	76
74	Absolutely certain	76	75	75	73
3	Chance registration has lapsed	3	4	4	3
*	Don't know/Refused	*	*	0	0
22	No, Not registered/Don't know	20	21	21	23
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '2' NO OR '9' NOT SURE IN REGIST OR '2' CHANCE OR '9' NOT SURE IN REGICERT ASK:

Q.4 Do you plan to register to vote, or is there a chance that you may not register?

		June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	June <u>1992</u>
10	Plan to register	14	13	17
14	Chance may not	9	11	9
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
26%		24%	25%	27%

²

In 2004, the question referenced politics in 2000; in 2000 it referenced politics in 1996; in 1996 it referenced politics in 1992; in 1992 it referenced politics in 1988.

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1)

Q.5 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE]—who would you vote for?

IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5 =3,9), ASK:

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]?

IF CHOSE MCCAIN OR OBAMA IN Q.5 (Q.5=1,2), ASK:

Q.5b Do you support (INSERT PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE FROM Q.5—LAST NAME ONLY) strongly or only moderately?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

	Mc- Cain	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod.³</i>	<i>DK</i>	Oba- ma	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod.</i>	<i>DK</i>	Third party	Fourth Party	Other/ Don't Know	
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	n/a	n/a	12=100	
Late May, 2008	44				47				n/a	n/a	9=100	
April, 2008	44				50				n/a	n/a	6=100	
March, 2008	43				49				n/a	n/a	8=100	
Late February, 2008	43				50				n/a	n/a	7=100	
	Bush				Kerry				Nader			
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1	n/a	8=100	
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1	n/a	9=100	
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2	n/a	9=100	
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1	n/a	7=100	
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	2	n/a	6=100	
July, 2004	44				46				3	n/a	7=100	
June, 2004	46				42				6	n/a	6=100	
May, 2004	43				46				6	n/a	5=100	
Late March, 2004	44				43				6	n/a	7=100	
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4	n/a	5=100	
	Two-way trial heats:											
June, 2004	48				46				n/a	n/a	6=100	
May, 2004	45				50				n/a	n/a	5=100	
Late March, 2004	46				47				n/a	n/a	7=100	
Mid-March, 2004	43				52				n/a	n/a	5=100	
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a	n/a	8=100	
Early February, 2004	47				47				n/a	n/a	6=100	
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a	n/a	7=100	
October, 2003	50				42				n/a	n/a	8=100	
	Bush				Gore				Nader Buchanan			
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9=100	
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7=100	
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7=100	
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8=100	
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	2	1	9=100	
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9=100	
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19=100	
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10=100	
January, 2000	51				39				n/a	4	6=100	
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6=100	

³ Includes those who say they “lean McCain” or “lean Obama” in Q.5a.

Q.5/Q.5.A/Q.5B CONTINUED...

	Bush	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod.</i>	<i>DK</i>	Gore	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod.</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader	Buchanan	Other/ Don't Know
<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6=100
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	n/a	n/a	9=100
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9=100
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8=100
February, 2000	46	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	n/a	n/a	9=100
December, 1999	55				40				n/a	n/a	5=100
October, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7=100
September, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7=100
July, 1999	53				42				n/a	n/a	5=100
March, 1999	54				41				n/a	n/a	5=100
January, 1999	50				44				n/a	n/a	6=100
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7=100
	Dole				Clinton				Perot		
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9	n/a	8=100
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8	n/a	7=100
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7	n/a	7=100
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	8	n/a	6=100
July, 1996	34				44				16	n/a	6=100
March, 1996	35				44				16	n/a	5=100
September, 1995	36				42				19	n/a	3=100
July, 1994	36				39				20	n/a	5=100
<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>											
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a	n/a	5=100
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	n/a	n/a	5=100
April, 1996	40				54						6=100
March, 1996	41				53						6=100
February, 1996	44				52						4=100
January, 1996	41				53						6=100
July, 1994	49				46						5=100
	Bush, Sr.				Clinton				Perot		
Late October, 1992	34	20	14	--	44	26	18	--	19	n/a	3=100
Early October, 1992	35	14	21	--	48	23	25	--	8	n/a	9=100
June, 1992	31				27				36	n/a	6=100
<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>											
September, 1992	38	14	21	--	53	25	28	--	n/a	n/a	9=100
August, 1992	37	14	23	--	57	24	33	--	n/a	n/a	6=100
June, 1992	46	13	33	--	41	9	32	--	n/a	n/a	13=100
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a	n/a	11=100
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a	n/a	7=100
	Bush, Sr.				Dukakis						
October, 1988	50	24	26	--	42	20	22	--	n/a	n/a	8=100
September, 1988	50	26	24	--	44	19	25	--	n/a	n/a	6=100
May, 1988	40	12	28	--	53	14	39	--	n/a	n/a	7=100

**IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE MCCAIN IN Q.5/5a (Q.5=2 OR Q.5a=2,3,9) ASK:
ROTATE Q.6 AND Q.7**

Q.6 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for John McCain in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
McCain	June, 2008	12	41	7=60%
Bush	November, 2004	6	44	5=55%
	Mid-October, 2004	5	43	7=55%
	Early October, 2004	9	39	4=52%
	September, 2004	9	38	4=51%
	August, 2004	10	42	3=55%
	July, 2004	10	41	5=56%
	June, 2004 ⁴	9	41	2=52%
	May, 2004	9	42	4=55%
	Late March, 2004	11	40	3=54%
	Mid-March, 2004	11	44	2=57%
	Late February, 2004	10	43	3=56%
	Early February, 2004	10	41	2=53%
Bush	November, 2000	8	44	7=59%
	Late October, 2000	10	41	4=55%
	Mid-October, 2000	12	40	5=57%
	Early October, 2000	11	39	7=57%
	September, 2000	15	38	6=59%
	Mid-June, 2000	15	33	6=54%
Dole	November, 1996	8	54	6=68%
	October, 1996	11	51	4=66%
	Late September, 1996	16	44	5=65%
	Early September, 1996	14	47	5=66%
	July, 1996	15	40	3=58%
Bush, Sr	Late October, 1992	11	53	2=66%
	Early October, 1992	13	46	6=65%
	September, 1992	12	44	6=62%
	August, 1992	15	45	4=64%
	May, 1992	8	40	5=53%

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**IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE OBAMA IN Q.5/5a (Q.5=1 OR Q.5a=1,3,9) ASK:
ROTATE Q.6 AND Q.7**

Q.7 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Barack Obama in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
Obama	June, 2008	14	32	6=52%
Kerry	November, 2004	6	43	5=54%
	Mid-October, 2004	6	42	7=55%
	Early October, 2004	9	45	5=59%
	September, 2004	11	42	4=57%
	August, 2004	11	39	3=53%
	July, 2004	13	36	5=54%
	June, 2004 ⁵	10	41	3=54%
	May, 2004	11	35	4=50%
	Late March, 2004	13	37	3=53%
	Mid-March, 2004	13	32	3=48%
	Late February, 2004	13	36	3=52%
	Early February, 2004	15	33	5=53%
Gore	November, 2000	8	41	6=55%
	Late October, 2000	9	44	4=57%
	Mid-October, 2000	10	40	5=55%
	Early October, 2000	11	38	7=56%
	September, 2000	13	35	5=53%
	June, 2000	14	34	6=54%
Clinton	November, 1996	6	37	6=49%
	October, 1996	10	35	4=49%
	Late September, 1996	11	35	3=49%
	Early September, 1996	10	34	4=48%
	July, 1996	8	36	4=48%
Clinton	Late October, 1992	11	43	2=56%
	Early October, 1992	14	32	6=52%
	September, 1992	12	28	6=46%
	August, 1992	14	26	3=43%
	May, 1992	11	38	6=55%

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ASK IF MCCAIN OR OBAMA NAMED IN Q.5 OR Q.5a (Q.5=1,2 OR Q5a=1,2):

Q.8 What do you like most about (INSERT NAME CHOSEN FROM Q.5 OR Q.5a) — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE MCCAIN OR OBAMA IN Q.5/5a:

		<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on issues</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
Barack Obama		11	22	3	55	9=100	(N=711)
John McCain		3	19	47	23	8=100	(N=680)
Kerry	September, 2004	8	16	13	52	11=100	
	June, 2004	7	20	16	45	12=100	
Bush	September, 2004	8	41	4	42	5=100	
	June, 2004	8	33	4	49	6=100	
Gore	Late October, 2000	4	16	27	48	5=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	8	16	29	44	3=100	
	Early October, 2000	6	16	23	49	6=100	
	September, 2000	9	15	22	48	6=100	
	June, 2000	7	13	29	42	9=100	
	May, 2000	10	13	30	40	7=100	
	March, 2000	10	14	28	40	8=100	
	October, 1999	8	11	32	43	6=100	
Bush	Late October, 2000	10	21	5	59	5=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	13	18	9	55	5=100	
	Early October, 2000	8	20	7	58	7=100	
	September, 2000	9	19	9	55	8=100	
	June, 2000	10	19	11	50	10=100	
	May, 2000	12	22	8	51	7=100	
	March, 2000	14	24	10	42	10=100	
	October, 1999	13	25	11	42	9=100	
Clinton	Early September, 1996	14	24	6	49	7=100	
Dole	Early September, 1996	3	25	33	35	4=100	
Clinton	Late October, 1992 ⁶	11	13	4	68	4=100	
Bush, Sr.	Late October, 1992	15	26	35	19	5=100	
Perot	Late October, 1992	12	25	9	53	1=100	

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In 1992, results were based on respondents who said their vote was pro-candidate, rather than anti-candidate. Category was worded "personality and character."

ASK IF MCCAIN OR OBAMA NAMED IN Q.5 OR Q.5a (Q.5=1,2 OR Q5a=1,2):

Q.9 What do you like LEAST about (INSERT NAME NOT CHOSEN FROM Q.5 OR Q.5a) — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE MCCAIN OR OBAMA IN Q.5/5a:

		<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on Issues</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	
Barack Obama (Based on McCain voters)		5	7	40	38	10=100	(N=680)
John McCain (Based on Obama voters)		11	7	4	66	12=100	(N=711)
Kerry	September, 2004	16	12	8	53	11=100	
	June, 2004	16	11	6	52	15=100	
Bush	September, 2004	13	28	4	46	9=100	
	June, 2004	12	35	3	41	9=100	
Gore	Late October, 2000	27	15	6	43	9=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	27	18	5	43	7=100	
	Early October, 2000	26	14	4	44	12=100	
	September, 2000	17	17	7	48	11=100	
	June, 2000	17	19	6	43	15=100	
	May, 2000	22	22	6	41	9=100	
	March, 2000	22	20	5	43	10=100	
	October, 1999	24	22	5	39	10=100	
Bush	Late October, 2000	21	14	15	37	13=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	18	16	15	43	8=100	
	Early October, 2000	25	11	15	37	12=100	
	September, 2000	20	12	11	43	14=100	
	June, 2000	26	13	10	34	17=100	
	May, 2000	25	13	13	35	14=100	
	March, 2000	33	8	13	35	11=100	
	October, 1999	19	11	13	41	16=100	

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.10 In deciding your vote for president this fall, will the race of the candidates be [READ]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

- 12 The single most important factor
 - 22 One of several important factors
 - 63 Not an important factor
 - 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.11 If John McCain were to win the presidency, do you think he would continue George W. Bush's policies, or would he take the country in a different direction? **[IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Just in general, do you think John McCain would continue George W. Bush's policies or take the country in a different direction?]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Late May <u>2008</u>	March <u>2008</u>
46	Continue Bush's policies	44	46
42	Take country in a different direction	45	43
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.12 Do you feel John McCain is too old to be president, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		<i>Bob Dole</i>		
		Based on general population CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll		
		Late Feb <u>2008</u>	March <u>1996</u>	February <u>1996</u>
21	Yes, too old	26	25	27
76	No, not too old	72	72	67
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November?

IF YES IN PLANTO1, ASK:

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

	<u>Yes, Plan To Vote</u>	Absolutely <u>Certain</u>	Fairly <u>Certain</u>	Not <u>Certain</u>	<u>No, Don't Plan To</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
June, 2008	95	85	8	2	2	3=100
November, 2006 ^{7*}	90	--	--	--	8	2=100
Late October, 2006*	94	--	--	--	3	3=100
Early October, 2006*	93	75	17	1	4	3=100
Early September, 2006*	92	--	--	--	5	3=100
November, 2004	97	--	--	--	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	98	--	--	--	1	1=100
Early October, 2004	98	91	6	1	1	1=100
September, 2004	98	91	6	1	1	1=100

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From Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

PLANTO1/PLANTO2 CONTINUED...

	Yes, Plan To Vote	Absolutely Certain	Fairly Certain	Not Certain	No, Don't Plan To	Don't know/ Refused
August, 2004	98	89	8	1	2	*=100
June, 2004	96	85	10	1	2	2=100
Early November, 2002*	90	--	--	--	8	2=100
Early October, 2002*	95	--	--	--	3	2=100
Early November, 2000	96	--	--	--	3	1=100
Late October, 2000	97	--	--	--	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2000	96	--	--	--	2	2=100
Early October, 2000	97	87	9	1	2	1=100
September, 2000	95	84	10	1	3	2=100
June, 2000	95	84	10	1	2	3=100
Late October, 1998*	91	--	--	--	6	3=100
Early October, 1998*	92	--	--	--	4	4=100
Early September, 1998*	95	--	--	--	2	3=100
Late August, 1998*	93	75	17	1	3	4=100
June, 1998*	95	74	19	2	3	2=100
November, 1996	96	--	--	--	2	2=100
October, 1996	98	87	10	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	98	89	8	1	1	1=100
Early September, 1996	96	83	11	2	2	2=100
July, 1996	95	82	12	1	3	2=100
June, 1996	96	84	11	1	2	2=100
November, 1994*	93	--	--	--	5	2=100
October, 1994*	95	--	--	--	3	2=100
October, 1992	98	91	6	1	1	1=100
September, 1992	98	85	11	2	1	1=100
August, 1992	97	89	8	*	1	2=100
June, 1992	97	88	8	1	1	2=100
Gallup: November, 1988	97	87	9	1	2	1=100
October, 1988	98	--	--	--	1	1=100

* Non-Presidential elections

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
 Q.13 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF ANSWERED '3' OTHER OR '9' DON'T KNOW IN Q.13, ASK:

Q.13a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
June, 2008	37	52	11=100
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12=100
Late October, 2006	38	49	13=100
Early October, 2006	38	51	11=100
September, 2006	39	50	11=100
August, 2006	41	50	9=100
June, 2006	39	51	10=100
April, 2006	41	51	8=100

Q.13/Q.13A CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
February, 2006	41	50	9=100
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8=100
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11=100
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100
June, 2002	44	46	10=100
February, 2002	46	45	9=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10=100
Early October, 2000	43	47	10=100
July, 2000	43	47	10=100
February, 2000	44	47	9=100
October, 1999	43	49	8=100
June, 1999	40	50	10=100
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100
June, 1998	44	46	10=100
March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 1998	41	50	9=100
January, 1998	41	51	8=100
August, 1997	45	48	7=100
1996 Election			
November, 1996 ⁸	44	48	8=100
October, 1996	42	49	9=100
Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
July, 1996	46	47	7=100
June, 1996	44	50	6=100
March, 1996	44	49	7=100
January, 1996	46	47	7=100
October, 1995	48	48	4=100
August, 1995	50	43	7=100
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

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November 1996 trends based on likely voters.

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.14 Thinking about your vote for Congress this fall, will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

	Yes, will be <u>a factor</u>	No, <u>will not</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2008	44	51	5=100
2006 Election			
November, 2006	61	36	3=100
Late October, 2006	61	36	3=100
Early October, 2006	57	40	3=100
September, 2006	55	41	4=100
June, 2006	58	39	3=100
April, 2006	56	39	5=100
2004 Election			
June, 2004	43	51	6=100
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	48	49	3=100
Early October, 2002	42	55	3=100
Early September, 2002	44	51	5=100
June, 2002	47	50	3=100
February, 2002	46	49	5=100
2000 Election			
Early October, 2000	46	50	4=100
July, 2000	46	49	5=100
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	46	50	4=100
Early October, 1998	47	49	4=100
Early September, 1998	41	56	3=100
Early August, 1998	44	53	3=100
June, 1998	45	51	4=100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.15 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election? [READ AND ROTATE]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
June, 2008	27	53	20=100
April, 2008	42	47	11=100
March, 2008	38	50	12=100
2004 Election			
November, 2004	48 <i>Bush</i>	27 <i>Kerry</i>	25=100
Mid-October, 2004	54 <i>Bush</i>	27 <i>Kerry</i>	19=100
Early October, 2004	61 <i>Bush</i>	27 <i>Kerry</i>	12=100
September, 2004	60 <i>Bush</i>	22 <i>Kerry</i>	18=100
August, 2004	44 <i>Bush</i>	37 <i>Kerry</i>	19=100
July, 2004	42 <i>Bush</i>	38 <i>Kerry</i>	20=100
June, 2004	51 <i>Bush</i>	35 <i>Kerry</i>	14=100
May, 2004	52 <i>Bush</i>	31 <i>Kerry</i>	17=100
Early February, 2004	56 <i>Bush</i>	32 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	12=100
Mid-January, 2004	61 <i>Bush</i>	21 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	18=100

Q.15 CONTINUED...

	<u>John McCain</u>		<u>Barack Obama</u>		(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
September, 2003	47	<i>Bush</i>	34	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	19=100
June, 2003	66	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12=100
2000 Election					
November, 2000	43	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Gore</i>	25=100
Late October, 2000	48	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Gore</i>	14=100
Early October, 2000	33	<i>Bush</i>	46	<i>Gore</i>	21=100
June, 2000	51	<i>Bush</i>	33	<i>Gore</i>	16=100
October, 1999	70	<i>Bush</i>	23	<i>Gore</i>	7=100
1996 Election					
Late September, 1996 ⁹	12	<i>Dole</i>	79	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
Early September, 1996	16	<i>Dole</i>	75	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
July, 1996	19	<i>Dole</i>	72	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
1992 Election					
October, 1992	30	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	61	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
March, 1992	72	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	20	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	8=100
February, 1992	66	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	25	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	9=100
October, 1991	78	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	11	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	11=100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.16 Thinking about the issues, what one ISSUE would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? [OPEN ENDED; MAY ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

NOTE: Totals exceed 100% because of multiple responses.

	<u>April</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Oct</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2004¹⁰</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1991</u>
44 Economy	44	15	29	45	11	4	13	14	43
19 Iraq/The war	24	32	20	11	-	-	-	-	-
17 Energy/gas	7	2	4	-	4	-	-	-	-
9 Health care/Health care reform	14	22	5	18	11	18	14	20	8
3 Terrorism/Protecting the nation	4	5	7	15	-	-	-	-	-
3 Job situation/Unemployment	5	3	6	4	2	2	8	6	15
3 Immigration	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Education/Education reform	5	4	4	5	12	9	11	6	11
2 Environment/global warming	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Budget deficit/National debt	4	2	1	1	2	8	10	14	8
1 Taxes	1	1	2	2	7	9	16	8	6
1 Abortion	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	-	10
4 Other domestic policy	7	11							
2 Other foreign policy	1	2							
4 Other (general)	5	1							
4 Don't know/Refused	3	5							

⁹ In 1996 and October 1992, the question also asked about Ross Perot. Results here are included in the "Other/DK" category.

¹⁰ Only categories mentioned in June 2008 shown.

ASK ALL:

Q.17 As it's shaping up so far, what's your opinion of the likely presidential candidates for this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the likely choices?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Mid-Oct <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	March <u>2000</u>	July <u>1999</u>	Late Oct <u>1996</u> ¹¹	Late Sept <u>1996</u>	June <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1992</u>	Aug <u>1992</u>	June <u>1992</u>
19	Very satisfied	23	17	14	13	13	11	11	10	10	11	6
41	Fairly satisfied	43	48	50	47	40	48	50	37	41	42	29
24	Not too satisfied	22	19	22	27	25	27	26	31	33	31	36
14	Not at all satisfied	9	12	11	11	12	11	10	18	14	15	27
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.18 What's your impression...do John McCain and Barack Obama take different positions on the issues, or are they pretty similar in their positions on the issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Bush/Kerry	Bush/Gore				
		June <u>2004</u>	Late Oct <u>2000</u>	Early Oct <u>2000</u>	Sept <u>2000</u>	June <u>2000</u>	July <u>1999</u>
75	Different	68	60	61	56	51	47
17	Similar	21	34	30	32	33	24
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>29</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.19 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2008 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		June <u>2004</u>	Mid- March <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	<i>General Public Opinion Research Corporation</i> Aug <u>1976</u>
63	Really matters who wins the 2008 presidential election	67	70	50	45
32	Things will pretty much be the same regardless	29	26	44	46
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

¹¹ In previous years the question was worded "What's your opinion of the presidential candidates this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.20F1 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between Barack Obama and John McCain because EITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=796]:

		Kerry/Bush	Gore/Bush
		<u>June 2004</u>	<u>June 2000</u>
29	Agree	19	29
67	Disagree	77	64
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	7
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.21F2 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between Barack Obama and John McCain because NEITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=778]:

		Kerry/Bush	Gore/Bush
		<u>June 2004</u>	<u>June 2000</u>
31	Agree	26	36
65	Disagree	68	58
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	6
100		100	100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.22 And as I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes [ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES] John McCain or Barack Obama. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] – does this better describe [READ IN SAME ORDER: McCain or Obama]? What about [INSERT ITEM]?

[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: “Would you say this better describes [READ IN SAME ORDER: McCain or Obama]?”

ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=796]:	John McCain	Barack Obama	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) Both Equally	DK/Ref.
a.F1 Would use good judgment in a crisis					
June, 2008	47	38	3	5	7=100
Bush/Kerry Mid-October, 2004	48	41	3	2	6=100
Early October, 2004	51	37	2	3	7=100
Mid-September 22-26, 2004	49	36	3	3	9=100
September, 2004	53	34	2	4	7=100
August, 2004	50	38	2	3	7=100
May, 2004	47	35	4	5	9=100
Late March, 2004	46	36	2	3	13=100
Mid-March, 2004	48	39	2	5	6=100
Bush/Gore Late-October, 2000	43	42	2	5	8=100
Mid-October, 2000	40	42	5	8	5=100
Early October, 2000	36	43	4	10	7=100
September, 2000	38	44	3	8	7=100
June, 2000	44	37	5	6	8=100

Q.22 CONTINUED...

		John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
b.F1	Personally likable					
	June, 2008	18	64	3	12	3=100
Bush/Kerry	September, 2004	47	36	4	9	4=100
	August, 2004	43	41	2	8	6=100
	May, 2004	42	39	6	8	5=100
	Late March, 2004	40	40	5	8	7=100
	Mid-March, 2004	40	44	4	8	4=100
Bush/Gore	Late-October, 2000	48	39	5	5	3=100
	Mid-October, 2000	44	38	5	9	4=100
	Early October, 2000	41	38	4	12	5=100
	September, 2000	37	44	3	12	4=100
	June, 2000	42	36	7	9	6=100
c.F1	A typical politician					
	June, 2008	50	30	4	12	4=100
Bush/Kerry	Late March, 2004	36	39	2	17	6=100
	Mid-March, 2004	38	38	1	19	4=100
Bush/Gore	Late-October, 2000	29	51	2	15	3=100
	Mid-October, 2000	29	45	3	19	4=100
	September, 2000	37	37	2	20	4=100
	June, 2000	34	37	1	22	7=100
d.F1	Can get things done					
	June, 2008	37	43	5	7	8=100
Bush/Kerry	Late March, 2004	49	30	4	4	13=100
	Mid-March, 2004	50	34	4	4	8=100
Bush/Gore	Late-October, 2000	43	39	5	6	7=100
	Mid-October, 2000	41	39	6	8	6=100
	Early October, 2000	37	38	5	11	9=100
	September, 2000	40	40	4	8	8=100
	June, 2000	43	33	8	6	10=100
e.F1	Shares my values					
	June, 2008	38	44	8	4	6=100
Bush/Gore	June, 2000	40	35	11	5	9=100
ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=778]:						
f.F2	Has new ideas					
	June, 2008	12	74	7	3	4=100
Bush/Gore	Late October, 2000	44	35	9	7	5=100
	Mid-October, 2000	42	33	11	8	6=100
	June, 2000	38	32	14	7	9=100
g.F2	Personally qualified to be president					
	June, 2008	55	27	5	8	5=100
Bush/Gore	Late October, 2000	38	45	5	9	3=100
	Mid-October, 2000	35	45	6	9	5=100
	Early October, 2000	31	49	5	11	4=100
	June, 2000	37	37	10	10	6=100

Q.22 CONTINUED...

		John	Barack	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
		<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
					<u>Equally</u>	
h.F2	Honest and truthful					
	June, 2008	37	36	11	9	7=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid-October, 2004	40	37	14	3	6=100
	Early October, 2004	47	34	10	3	6=100
	Mid-September 22-26, 2004	41	32	15	3	9=100
	September, 2004	43	35	12	4	6=100
	August, 2004	42	38	12	2	6=100
	May, 2004	34	36	17	4	9=100
	Late March, 2004	37	38	12	3	10=100
	Mid-March, 2004	35	39	16	5	5=100
Bush/Gore	Late-October, 2000	43	32	15	5	5=100
	Mid-October, 2000	38	30	19	6	7=100
	Early October, 2000	36	32	17	8	7=100
	September, 2000	35	37	13	9	6=100
	June, 2000	35	31	19	7	8=100
i.F2	Connects well with ordinary Americans					
	June, 2008	26	58	4	6	6=100
Bush/Gore	Late October, 2000	45	42	5	4	4=100
	Mid-October, 2000	45	39	6	7	3=100
	June, 2000	40	39	7	7	7=100
j.F2	Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular					
	June, 2008	44	41	3	7	5=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid-October, 2004	63	27	2	4	4=100
	Early October, 2004	68	23	1	3	5=100
	Mid-September 22-26, 2004	63	23	3	3	8=100
	September, 2004	69	23	1	3	4=100
	August, 2004	62	29	1	5	3=100
	May, 2004	65	23	3	4	5=100
	Late March, 2004	59	28	3	3	7=100
	Mid-March, 2004	63	27	1	5	4=100
Bush/Gore	Late-October, 2000	49	35	7	4	5=100
	Mid-October, 2000	49	35	6	5	5=100
	Early October, 2000	43	35	8	6	8=100
	September, 2000	45	37	8	5	5=100
	June, 2000	46	32	9	5	8=100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.23 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates — **[ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES]** John McCain or Barack Obama — do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

And who do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN MCCAIN OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE:

"If you had to choose between McCain and Obama. . . "?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Improving economic conditions				
	June, 2008	31	51	8	10=100
	Late May, 2008	36	51	4	9=100
	April, 2008	33	53	8	6=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid October, 2004	40	47	4	9=100
	Early October, 2004	40	46	5	9=100
	September, 2004	42	45	4	9=100
	August, 2004	37	52	3	8=100
	May, 2004	38	48	5	9=100
	Late March, 2004	39	44	6	11=100
	Mid-March, 2004	37	53	2	8=100
Bush/Gore	Mid-October, 2000	37	49	3	11=100
	Early October, 2000	35	47	6	12=100
	September, 2000	38	46	5	11=100
	June, 2000	38	41	5	16=100
	March, 2000	42	46	4	8=100
b.	Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq				
	June, 2008	47	41	4	8=100
	Late May, 2008	46	43	2	9=100
	April, 2008	50	38	5	7=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid October, 2004	47	41	4	8=100
	Early October, 2004	50	40	2	8=100
	September, 2004	51	39	3	7=100
	August, 2004	44	46	3	7=100
	May, 2004	44	41	4	11=100
	Late March, 2004	49	37	4	10=100
	Mid-March, 2004	47	45	2	6=100
c.	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks				
	June, 2008	55	31	5	9=100
	April, 2008	63	26	5	6=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid October, 2004	53	35	4	8=100
	Early October, 2004	57	32	3	8=100
	September, 2004	58	31	3	8=100
	August, 2004	49	39	4	8=100
	May, 2004	52	33	5	10=100
	Late March, 2004	53	29	4	14=100
	Mid-March, 2004	57	32	4	7=100

Q.23 CONTINUED...

		John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
d.	Dealing with taxes				
	June, 2008	36	47	6	11=100
	Late May, 2008	44	39	5	12=100
Bush/Gore	Late October, 2000	45	41	5	9=100
	Mid-October, 2000	41	42	5	12=100
	Early October, 2000	39	42	6	13=100
	September, 2000	41	41	5	13=100
	June, 2000	41	34	7	18=100
	March, 2000	40	44	5	11=100
e.	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington				
	June, 2008	26	51	10	13=100

NO QUESTIONS 24 THROUGH 26

ASK ALL:

Q.27 How would you describe the presidential election campaign so far – is it interesting to you, or would you say it is dull?

		Feb <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	-RVs- Mid- Oct <u>2004</u>	-RVs- Early Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	July <u>1996</u>
59	Interesting	70	41	37	34	66	50	33	28	21
35	Dull	25	53	55	52	28	42	57	65	73
2	Neither (VOL.)	4	3	5	6	5	6	4	4	3
4	DK/Ref (VOL.)	1	3	3	8	1	2	6	3	3
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
ROTATE ORDER OF Q.28 AND Q.29**

Q.28 What grade would you give Barack Obama as to how good a job he is doing in convincing you to vote for him? Would you grade his election campaign: A, B, C, D, or F?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		----- Kerry -----		Gore	----- Clinton -----		
		Mid-Oct <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	Sept <u>1996</u>	July <u>1996</u>	Sept <u>1992</u>
23	A	15	6	9	18	9	21
33	B	31	25	26	32	28	37
18	C	21	30	31	23	30	24
11	D	12	16	13	8	12	7
12	F	18	18	16	16	18	7
3	Don't know/Refused	3	5	5	3	3	4
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
ROTATE ORDER OF Q.28 AND Q.29**

Q.29 What grade would you give John McCain as to how good a job he is doing in convincing you to vote for him? Would you grade his election campaign: A, B, C, D, or F?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		<i>----- Bush -----</i>		<i>Bush</i>	<i>----- Dole -----</i>		<i>Bush, Sr.</i>
		Mid-Oct	June	June	Sept	July	Sept
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1992</u>
5	A	16	13	10	8	3	14
27	B	26	26	30	21	19	24
35	C	22	23	29	30	36	27
16	D	12	12	13	18	19	15
14	F	20	23	13	19	20	16
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
ROTATE ORDER OF Q.30 AND Q.31**

Q.30 In the presidential campaign so far, do you think Barack Obama has been too personally critical of John McCain, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		<i>Kerry Critical of Bush</i>			<i>Gore Critical of Bush</i>	<i>Clinton Critical of Dole</i>	<i>Dukakis Critical of Bush, Sr.</i>
		Sept	June	Mid-March	Early Oct	Late Sept	Oct
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1988</u>
19	Too personally critical	52	44	48	29	21	45
73	Not too personally critical	45	48	46	61	70	50
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
ROTATE ORDER OF Q.30 AND Q.31**

Q.31 In the presidential campaign so far, do you think John McCain has been too personally critical of Barack Obama, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		<i>Bush Critical of Kerry</i>			<i>Bush Critical of Gore</i>	<i>Dole Critical of Clinton</i>	<i>Bush, Sr Critical of Dukakis</i>
		Sept	June	Mid-March	Early Oct	Late Sept	Oct
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1988</u>
26	Too personally critical	49	33	33	40	53	52
65	Not too personally critical	47	58	58	50	40	43
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
ROTATE Q.32 AND Q.33**

Now I'd like your impression of where the candidates stand on some issues...

Q.32 As far as you know, what is [INSERT CANDIDATE NAME AND ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.33a-b]'s position on abortion. Is he PRO-CHOICE, that is, supports a woman's right to choose an abortion, or is he PRO-LIFE, that is, supports restricting access to abortion in most cases? What about [NEXT NAME]? [REPEAT QUESTION IF NECESSARY]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Pro- <u>Choice</u>	Pro- <u>Life</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Barack Obama	52	10	38=100
b.	John McCain	17	45	38=100

**ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
ROTATE Q.32 AND Q.33**

Q.33 As far as you know, does [INSERT CANDIDATE NAME AND ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.32a-b] support or oppose setting a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq? What about [NEXT NAME]? [REPEAT QUESTION IF NECESSARY]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		<u>Supports</u>	<u>Opposes</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Barack Obama	76	6	18=100
b.	John McCain	20	62	18=100

NO QUESTION 34

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Over the past 12 months, have you contributed money to any of the presidential candidates or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

		March <u>2008¹²</u>	Nov <u>2007</u>
13	Yes	9	8
86	No	91	91
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

¹²

In March 2008 and November 2007, this question was worded, "So far in the primary campaign, have you contributed money to any of the presidential candidates or not?" and was included as part of a list of items.

IF 'YES' IN Q.35 (Q.35=1), ASK:

Q.36 Did you contribute money to a presidential candidate online, in some other way, or both?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

13 Yes, contributed money
5 Online
7 Some other way
1 Both
* DK/Ref.
86 No, not contributed money
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

IF 'YES' IN Q.35 (Q.35=1), ASK:

Q.37 Is this the first time you've made a contribution to a presidential candidate or have you contributed money to a presidential candidate in the past?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

13 Yes, contributed money
6 First time
7 Contributed in the past
* DK/Ref.
86 No, not contributed money
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

IF 'YES' IN Q.35 (Q.35=1) AND Q.5/Q.5a=1 OR 2, ASK:

Q.38 Have you made a contribution to the [INSERT CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.5 OR Q.5a] campaign, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO NAMED MCCAIN OR OBAMA IN Q.5/Q.5A:

<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	
<u>Supporters</u>	<u>Supporters</u>	
11	18	Yes, contributed money
4	12	Made a contribution to the McCain/Obama campaign
6	6	Have not made a contribution to the McCain/Obama campaign
1	*	DK/Ref.
89	81	No, not contributed money
*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	100	
(N=680)	(N=711)	

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.39 Suppose there was a place on the ballot where you could refuse to vote for any of the candidates – a vote of no confidence in all of the candidates running for office. How likely is it that you would vote that way? (READ LIST)

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]

		June	June	June	<i>General Public</i>
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1992</u>	<i>Newsweek</i>
					<u>1976</u>
14	Very likely	12	16	22	21
20	Possibly likely	19	26	28	32
64	Not at all likely	66	55	47	41
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 40 THROUGH 45

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1): ROTATE Q.46 AND Q.47

Q.46 Do you think the fact that Barack Obama is African-American will help him, hurt him, or won't it make a difference to voters this fall?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		March	Jan	Sept 2007
		<u>2008¹³</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Racial Attitudes Survey</u>
22	Will help him	21	20	18
22	Will hurt him	21	25	27
49	Won't make a difference to voters	49	51	45
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1): ROTATE Q.46 AND Q.47

Q.47 Do you think the fact that Barack Obama is relatively new to national politics will help him, hurt him, or won't it make a difference to voters this fall?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		March	Jan	Sept 2007
		<u>2008¹⁴</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Racial Attitudes Survey</u>
23	Will help him	22	20	16
42	Will hurt him	39	47	41
30	Won't make a difference to voters	32	29	33
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

¹³ In March 2008 and earlier the question was worded, "If Barack Obama is the Democratic Party nominee for president, do you think his being African American will help him, hurt him, or won't it make a difference to voters?"

¹⁴ In March 2008 and earlier the question was worded, "If Barack Obama is the Democratic Party nominee for president, do you think his being relatively new to national politics will help him, hurt him, or won't it make a difference to voters?"

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.48 Do you think the fact that John McCain is 71 years old will help him, hurt him, or won't it make a difference to voters this fall?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

5	Will help him
51	Will hurt him
42	Won't make a difference to voters
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100	

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.49 How much would you say Barack Obama shares the values and interests of black people in this country? (**READ**)

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		Sept 2007 <u>Racial Attitudes Survey</u>
41	A lot	29
37	Some	35
7	Not too much	8
3	Not at all	3
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>25</u>
100		100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):

Q.50 Now, thinking about Barack Obama's religious beliefs... Do you happen to know what Barack Obama's religion is? Is he Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, or something else? [**INTERVIEWERS: IF DON'T KNOW PROBE: "Is that because you've heard different things about his religion, or because you just don't know enough about him?"**]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1574]:

		March <u>2008</u>
	Christian (include volunteers of: Protestant, Church of Christ, Trinity Church, Baptist, Methodist, etc.)	53
1	Jewish	*
12	Muslim (include Islam/Islamic)	10
*	Buddhist	*
*	Hindu	*
*	Atheist	*
*	Agnostic	*
2	Something else	1
10	Don't know - Heard different things (VOL.)	9
15	Don't know - Haven't heard enough (VOL.)	25
<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>
100		100

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
 Q.51 Would you like to see Barack Obama pick Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate, or not?¹⁵

		<i>Democrats and Democratic Leaning Registered Voters</i>	
		Late May	March
<u>RVs</u>	<u>Dem/Dem Leaning RVs</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
40	55	53	59
52	38	38	34
<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100	100	100	100
(N=1574)	(N=781)		

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
 Q.52 If Barack Obama were to pick Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate, would that make you more likely to vote for him, less likely to vote for him, or wouldn't it make a difference?

<u>RVs</u>	<u>Dem/Dem Leaning RVs</u>	
23	34	More likely
26	9	Less likely
49	55	Wouldn't make a difference
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	<u>100</u>	
(N=1574)	(N=781)	

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
 Q.53 Thinking back to the Democratic nomination contest, who did you prefer more -- Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=781]:

51	Barack Obama
43	Hillary Clinton
1	Other (VOL.)
2	Neither/None (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REGICERT=1 OR Q.4=1):
 Q.54 Thinking back to the Republican nomination contest, who did you prefer more -- John McCain or one of the other candidates who ran?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=676]:

35	John McCain
59	Preferred another candidate
3	Neither/None (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

¹⁵

In Late May 2008, the question was worded, "If Barack Obama becomes the Democratic nominee" In March 2008, the question was worded, "If Barack Obama were to win the Democratic nomination"

ASK ALL:

Q.55 Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
June, 2008	56	38	6=100
April, 2006	53	40	7=100
June, 2004	50	43	7=100
October, 2003	46	44	10=100
June, 2000	52	42	6=100
August, 1999	54	40	6=100
Early September, 1998	46	47	7=100
August, 1997	47	46	7=100
July, 1996	58	37	5=100
October, 1995	59	37	4=100
April, 1995	57	38	5=100
July, 1994	53	43	4=100
ABC/Wash Post: January, 1984 ¹⁶	41	48	11=100
ABC/Wash Post: September, 1982	44	44	12=100

ASK ALL:

Q.56 Here are a few statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER] [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If respondent indicates only that they agree or disagree, probe "Do you completely (dis)agree or mostly (dis)agree?"]¹⁷**

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			Don't Know
	Net	Comp- <u>letely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Net	Comp- <u>letely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
a. I feel it's my duty as a citizen to always vote							
June, 2008	89	67	22	10	4	6	1=100
Early October, 2006	90	70	20	9	4	5	1=100
June, 2000	89	63	26	10	4	6	1=100
June, 1992	91	69	22	8	2	6	1=100
b. I'm generally bored by what goes on in Washington							
June, 2008	48	17	31	49	19	30	3=100
Early October, 2006	36	13	23	62	28	34	2=100
June, 2000	53	19	34	44	15	29	3=100
June, 1992	55	20	35	44	13	31	1=100
c. I'm pretty interested in following local politics							
June, 2008	65	23	42	33	11	22	2=100
Early October, 2006	70	28	42	28	10	18	2=100
June, 2000	66	24	42	32	11	21	2=100
June, 1992	73	26	47	26	5	21	1=100

¹⁶ In January 1984, the *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded: "Can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement: We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans." In September 1982, the *ABC/Washington Post* trend was worded: "I'm going to read a few statements. For each, can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with it, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statements... We should have a third party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

¹⁷ Only trends from surveys with comparable context shown.

Q.56 CONTINUED...

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			Don't Know
	Net	Comp-letely	Mostly	Net	Comp-letely	Mostly	
d. Most issues discussed in Washington don't affect me personally							
June, 2008	29	7	22	69	32	37	2=100
Early October, 2006	24	7	17	74	41	33	2=100
June, 2000	30	11	19	67	31	36	3=100
June, 1992	33	7	26	65	22	43	2=100
e. I feel guilty when I don't get a chance to vote							
June, 2008	63	41	22	30	14	16	7=100
Early October, 2006	62	40	22	32	18	14	6=100
June, 2000	61	38	23	33	18	15	6=100
June, 1992	69	39	30	25	9	16	6=100
f. We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country							
June, 2008	34	15	19	61	34	27	5=100
March, 2008	34	12	22	61	32	29	5=100
g. I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other							
June, 2008	81	58	23	14	8	6	5=100
March, 2008	79	52	27	16	8	8	5=100

NO QUESTION 57

And thinking about some issues...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.58F2 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be a more important priority for this country... (READ AND ROTATE)?

	Late Feb 2008	June 2006	Mid-Sept 2005	Mid-March 2005	Feb 2002	May 2001
34 Protecting the environment [OR]	36	35	36	42	45	42
60 Developing new sources of energy	54	60	57	49	48	49
<u>6</u> Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1003]:

Q.59F1 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)

	Late Feb 2008	June 2006	Feb 2006	Mid-Sept 2005	Feb 2002	May 2001
47 Expanding exploration, mining and drilling, and the construction of new power plants [OR]	35	35	41	43	37	44
45 More energy conservation and regulation on energy use and prices	55	57	52	48	54	49
<u>8</u> Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.60 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

		Late Feb <u>2008</u>	May <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Mid- Sept <u>2005</u> ¹⁸	Late March <u>2005</u>	Mid- March <u>2005</u>
50	Favor	42	46	44	50	46	42
43	Oppose	50	44	47	42	49	46
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.61 In your view, is the growing variety of ethnic and racial groups in the U.S very good, good, bad or very bad for the country?

19	Very good
51	Good
15	Bad
7	Very bad
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.62 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?¹⁹

	----- FAVOR -----			----- OPPOSE -----			(VOL.)
	<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			Don't
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>know</u>
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8=100
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13=100
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10=100
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9=100
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13=100
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9=100
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12=100
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10=100
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11=100
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7=100
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11=100
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12=100
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9=100
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7=100
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8=100
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12=100
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9=100
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8=100
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8=100

¹⁸ In Mid-September 2005 and earlier the question was worded "... drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

¹⁹ In 2007 and earlier, the question asked about "allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally." This question was included as part of a list of items in August and early January 2007, early November and March 2006, July 2005, December and early February 2004, November 2003, and mid-July 2003 and earlier.

ASK ALL:

Q.63 Do you think abortion should be **(READ)**

(PLEASE READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE)

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6=100
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5=100
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8=100
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5=100
March, 2007 Pew Social Trends	15	30	30	20	5=100
February, 2006 <i>Associated Press/Ipsos-Poll</i>	19	32	27	16	6=100
December 2005 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	17	40	27	13	3=100
April 2005 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	36	27	14	3=100
December 2004 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	21	34	25	17	3=100
May 2004 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	23	31	23	20	2=99
January 2003 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	23	34	25	17	2=100
August 2001 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	22	27	28	20	3=100
June 2001 <i>ABC/BeliefNet Poll</i>	22	31	23	20	4=100
January 2001 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	21	38	25	14	1=99
September 2000 <i>(RVs) ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	35	25	16	3=99
July 2000 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	33	26	17	4=100
September 1999 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	37	26	15	2=100
March 1999 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	21	34	27	15	3=100
July 1998 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	19	35	29	13	4=100
August 1996 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	22	34	27	14	3=100
June 1996 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	24	34	25	14	2=99
October 1995 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	26	35	25	12	3=100
September 1995 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	24	36	25	11	4=100
July 1995 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	27	32	26	14	1=100

NO QUESTIONS 64 THROUGH 69

ASK ALL:

Now a few questions about Iraq...

Q.70 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>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
June, 2008	39	55	6=100
April, 2008	37	57	6=100
Late February, 2008	38	54	8=100
Late December, 2007	36	56	8=100
October, 2007	39	54	7=100
September, 2007	42	50	8=100
July, 2007	41	53	6=100
June, 2007	40	51	9=100
April, 2007	45	47	8=100
March, 2007	43	49	8=100
February, 2007	40	54	6=100
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9=100
Early January, 2007	40	53	7=100
December, 2006	42	51	7=100

Q.70 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7=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
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
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6=100
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

ASK ALL:Q.71 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>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 2008	10	34	31	21	4=100
April, 2008	10	34	28	24	4=100
Late February, 2008	12	36	25	23	4=100
Late December, 2007	11	30	31	23	5=100
November, 2007	11	37	29	19	4=100
October, 2007	10	34	29	22	5=100
September, 2007	9	32	30	24	5=100
July, 2007	8	28	34	25	5=100
June, 2007	7	27	33	28	5=100
April, 2007	7	31	34	25	3=100
March, 2007	10	30	32	24	4=100
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3=100
Mid-January, 2007	7	28	32	30	3=100
December, 2006	4	28	37	27	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	6	26	34	30	4=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	7	30	32	27	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
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

Q.71 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
April 10-16, 2003	61	32	3	1	3=100
April 8-9, 2003	60	32	3	3	2=100
April 2-7, 2003	55	37	3	2	3=100
March 25-April 1, 2003	39	46	8	2	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	45	41	6	2	6=100
March 20-22, 2003	65	25	2	1	7=100

ASK ALL:

Q.72 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>	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
June, 2008	43	52	5=100
April, 2008	41	56	3=100
Late February, 2008	47	49	4=100
Late December, 2007	40	54	6=100
November, 2007	41	54	5=100
October, 2007	42	54	4=100
September, 2007	39	54	7=100
July, 2007	39	54	7=100
June, 2007	39	56	5=100
April, 2007	41	53	6=100
March, 2007	43	52	5=100
February, 2007	42	53	5=100
Mid-January, 2007	46	48	6=100
Early January, 2007	41	53	6=100
December, 2006	44	50	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	46	48	6=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	49	44	7=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
September, 2004	54	40	6=100
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100

Q.72 CONTINUED...

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/ Ref</u>
June, 2004 ²⁰	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.72) ASK:

Q.73 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

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

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

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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 “BRING TROOPS HOME” (2 IN Q.72) ASK:

Q.74 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

	Remove all troops <u>immediately</u>	Gradual <u>withdrawal</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 2008	16	35	1=52%
April, 2008	16	39	1=56%
Late February, 2008	14	33	2=49%
Late December, 2007	18	34	2=54%
November, 2007	16	36	2=54%
October, 2007	18	35	1=54%
September, 2007	18	34	2=54%
July, 2007	21	31	2=54%
June, 2007	20	35	1=56%
April, 2007	17	34	2=53%
March, 2007	18	33	1=52%
February, 2007	16	35	2=53%
Mid-January, 2007	16	30	2=48%
December, 2006	18	32	*=50%
Mid-November, 2006	16	31	1=48%
August, 2006	15	30	1=46%
April, 2006	18	29	1=48%
January, 2006	14	32	2=48%
December, 2005	17	28	1=46%

ASK ALL:

Q.75 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?

	Definitely <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>fail</u>	Definitely <u>fail</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 2008	12	38	31	11	8=100
April, 2008	12	35	30	16	7=100
Late February, 2008	13	40	26	13	8=100
Late December, 2007	10	35	31	14	10=100
November, 2007	11	37	33	13	6=100
October, 2007	11	35	31	13	10=100
September, 2007	8	34	32	15	11=100
July, 2007	9	34	32	17	8=100
April, 2007	9	36	30	16	9=100
February, 2007	7	40	34	12	7=100
November, 2006	12	41	28	13	6=100
Mid-September, 2006	13	44	26	9	8=100
August, 2006	14	40	28	12	6=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	(VOL.) DK/ Ref	<i>Lean</i> <i>Rep</i>	<i>Lean</i> <i>Dem</i>
June, 2008	26	37	32	3	*	2=100	11	16
Late May, 2008	25	35	35	2	*	3=100	13	15
April, 2008	24	37	31	5	1	2=100	11	15
March, 2008	24	38	29	5	*	4=100	9	14
Late February, 2008	24	38	32	3	*	3=100	10	17
Early February, 2008	26	35	31	5	*	3=100	11	14
January, 2008	24	33	37	4	*	2=100	12	18
Late December, 2007	25	32	36	4	*	3=100	12	18
November, 2007	28	33	32	4	1	2=100	9	16
October, 2007	25	37	33	3	*	2=100	11	17
September, 2007	27	32	32	6	*	3=100	8	16
August, 2007	26	32	32	5	1	4=100	10	16
July, 2007	27	32	34	4	*	3=100	11	17
June, 2007	25	34	32	6	*	3=100	10	17
April, 2007	25	28	40	5	*	2=100	13	17
March, 2007	25	36	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
February, 2007	25	34	34	4	*	3=100	10	18
Mid-January, 2007	24	35	34	3	*	4=100	12	18
Early-January, 2007	23	31	39	4	*	3=100	12	18
Yearly Totals								
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1=100	10.7	16.7
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9=100	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8=100	10.2	14.9
2004	29.5	33.1	30.0	4.0	.4	3.0=100	11.8	13.6
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5=100	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7=100	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7=100	11.7	11.4
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6=100	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1=100	11.7	12.5
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					