

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
LATE DECEMBER, 2007 POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS STUDY
FINAL TOPLINE
December 19- December 30, 2007
N=1430

Q.1 THROUGH Q.8 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Q.9 How have you been getting most of your news about the presidential election campaign? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the internet? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE ONCE: Is there a second source where you get a lot of campaign news?"]

NOTE: Totals may exceed 100% because of multiple responses.

	<u>Tele- vision</u>	<u>News- papers</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Maga- zines</u>	<u>Inter- net</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Late December, 2007	71	30	13	4	26	3	2
November, 2006 ¹	69	34	17	2	15	6	3
November, 2004	78	39	17	3	18	4	2
Mid-October, 2004	76	28	15	2	10	3	2
Early September, 2004	80	41	18	3	17	3	1
Early January, 2004	79	39	15	2	13	2	2
November, 2002	66	33	13	1	7	7	2
November, 2000 (RVs)	70	39	15	4	11	1	*
June, 2000	65	27	11	2	5	2	2
February, 2000	73	33	15	2	7	2	1
January, 2000	75	31	12	3	6	3	1
November, 1996 (RVs)	72	60	19	11	3	4	1
September, 1996	75	44	14	5	2	2	1
April, 1996	81	48	21	6	2	3	1
February, 1996	85	56	21	5	2	1	1
November, 1992 (RVs)	82	57	12	9	n/a	6	1
September, 1992	83	49	13	5	n/a	4	1
June, 1992	84	55	18	7	n/a	4	*
May, 1992	86	51	17	6	n/a	3	1
March, 1992	83	48	14	4	n/a	3	*
February, 1992	80	49	18	4	n/a	3	1

¹ November trends are from the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.9 ASK Q.10. IF NOT, SKIP TO Q.11

Q.10 Do you get most of your news about the presidential election campaign from [READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 7 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

BASED ON TOTAL:

		Mid Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Early Jan <u>2004</u>
13	Local news programming	16	16	17
12	ABC network news	9	11	15
9	CBS network news	7	8	11
12	NBC network news	10	13	14
18	CNN cable news	11	18	22
7	MSNBC cable news	2	5	7
17	The Fox News cable channel	15	19	20
3	(VOL-DO NOT READ) Other	2	2	3
4	(VOL-DO NOT READ) DK/Ref.	4	5	3

ASK ALL:

Q.11 And how much do you enjoy keeping up with political news about campaigns and elections – a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

		Early Jan <u>2004</u>
26	A lot	17
39	Some	37
23	Not much	29
11	Not at all	16
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

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?

77	Yes, Registered
73	Absolutely certain
4	Chance registration has lapsed
*	Don't know/Refused
22	No, Not registered/Don't know
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
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.) <u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
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					

Q.12 THROUGH Q.19 RELEASED SEPARATELY

NO QUESTION 20

ASK ALL:

Now I have a few questions about the news...

Q.21 Thinking about the different kinds of political news available to you, what do you prefer ...**[READ, ROTATE]**

		<u>April 2006</u>	<u>Early Jan 2004</u>
23	Getting news from sources that share YOUR political point of view	23	25
	OR		
67	Getting news from sources that DON'T have a particular political point of view	68	67
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100

Q.22 Now I'd like to ask you about some specific ways in which you might be getting news about the presidential campaign. For each item that I read, please tell me how often, if ever, you LEARN SOMETHING about the PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN or the CANDIDATES from this source. (First,) how often, if ever, do you LEARN SOMETHING about the PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN or the CANDIDATES from (**INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEM a SHOULD ALWAYS DIRECTLY PRECEDE ITEM b; ITEM p ALWAYS COMES LAST**) — regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? (Do you regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never learn something about the presidential campaign or candidates from **[ITEM]**)? **[INTERVIEWERS: PLEASE REINFORCE THE "LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT..." LANGUAGE OCCASIONALLY AS NEEDED THROUGH THIS LIST]**

RANK ORDER SUMMARY TABLE (See trends for full question wording)

		<u>Regularly</u>	Some- <u>times</u>	Hardly <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	DK/Ref/ <u>Don't watch</u>
a.	Local TV news	40	32	12	12	4=100
c.	Cable news networks	38	31	11	14	6=100
b.	National nightly network news	32	33	13	16	6=100
d.	Your daily newspaper	31	27	15	19	8=100
e.	The internet	24	22	12	34	8=100
j.F1	Prime time TV news shows	22	31	19	22	6=100
g.F1	The morning television news shows	22	18	14	35	11=100
f.F1	National Public Radio	18	25	15	34	8=100
l.F2	Talk radio shows	16	24	17	33	10=100
n.F2	Political talk shows on cable TV	15	21	14	40	10=100
o.F2	The Sunday morning network talk shows	14	19	18	39	10=100
m.F2	Public television news shows	12	21	18	38	11=100
k.F2	News magazines	11	18	20	42	9=100
i.F1	Religious radio shows	9	14	12	55	10=100
h.F1	C-SPAN	8	15	20	44	13=100
p.	"Lou Dobbs Tonight" on CNN	7	15	13	52	13=100

TRENDS:

		<u>Regularly</u>	Some- <u>times</u>	Hardly <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	DK/Ref/ <u>Don't watch</u>
a	The local TV news about your viewing area	40	32	12	12	4=100
	Early January, 2004	42	35	8	12	3=100
	January, 2000	48	29	9	11	3=100

Q.22 CONTINUED...

		<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Some-</u> <u>times</u>	<u>Hardly</u> <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref/</u> <u>Don't watch</u>
b.	The national nightly network news on CBS, ABC and NBC	32	33	13	16	6=100
	Early January, 2004	35	35	10	17	3=100
	January, 2000	45	29	7	16	3=100
c.	Cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC and the FOX news cable channel	38	31	11	14	6=100
	Early January, 2004	38	37	6	15	4=100
	January, 2000 ²	34	31	9	21	5=100
d.	Your daily newspaper	31	27	15	19	8=100
	Early January, 2004	31	30	16	20	3=100
	January, 2000	40	26	10	16	8=100
e.	The internet	24	22	12	34	8=100
	Early January, 2004	13	20	10	50	7=100
	January, 2000	9	15	9	57	10=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=727]:

f.F1	National Public Radio (NPR)	18	25	15	34	8=100
	Early January, 2004	14	21	12	48	5=100
	January, 2000	12	21	14	43	10=100
g.F1	The morning television shows such as <i>The Today Show</i> , <i>Good Morning America</i> or <i>The Early Show</i>	22	18	14	35	11=100
	Early January, 2004	20	26	10	39	5=100
	January, 2000	18	24	11	39	8=100
h.F1.	C-SPAN	8	15	20	44	13=100
	Early January, 2004	8	21	13	51	7=100
	January, 2000	9	21	13	46	11=100
i.F1	Religious radio shows, such as <i>Focus on the Family</i>	9	14	12	55	10=100
	Early January, 2004	5	15	13	63	4=100
	January, 2000	7	12	14	59	8=100
	April, 1996	6	12	15	67	*=100
j.F1	Prime time TV news shows, such as <i>60 Minutes</i> , <i>20/20</i> and <i>Dateline</i>	22	31	19	22	6=100
	Early January, 2004 ³	25	44	11	17	3=100
	January, 2000	29	40	11	16	4=100

ASK FORM 2 [N=703]:

k.F2	News magazines such as <i>Time</i> , <i>U.S. News</i> , and <i>Newsweek</i>	11	18	20	42	9=100
	Early January, 2004	10	21	18	45	6=100
	January, 2000	15	26	13	39	7=100

2 In January 2000 the item was worded, "Cable news networks such as CNN and MSNBC."

3 In January 2004 and earlier, the item read, "TV News magazine shows such as *60 Minutes*, *20/20*, and *Dateline*."

Q.22 CONTINUED...

		<u>Regularly</u>	Some- <u>times</u>	Hardly <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	DK/Ref/ <u>Don't watch</u>
l.F2	Talk radio shows	16	24	17	33	10=100
	Early January, 2004	17	29	21	30	3=100
	January, 2000	15	29	19	31	6=100
	April, 1996	12	25	24	39	*=100
m.F2	Public television shows such as <i>The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer</i> and <i>Washington Week in Review</i>	12	21	18	38	11=100
	Early January, 2004	11	22	13	47	7=100
	January, 2000	12	24	14	40	10=100
n.F2	Political talk shows on cable TV, such as <i>The O'Reilly Factor</i> , <i>Keith Olbermann</i> and <i>Hardball</i>	15	21	14	40	10=100
	Early January 2004	14	30	12	38	6=100
	January, 2000	14	25	13	39	9=100
o.F2	The Sunday morning network talk shows, such as <i>This Week</i> , and <i>Meet the Press</i> or <i>Face the Nation</i>	14	19	18	39	10=100
	Early January, 2004	13	26	12	43	6=100
	January, 2000	15	21	12	41	11=100
ASK ALL:						
p.	<i>Lou Dobbs Tonight</i> on CNN	7	15	13	52	13=100

NO QUESTION 23

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.24 As you may have heard, there is currently a writer's strike going on in Hollywood. From what you know, has the writer's strike meant that any of the shows you watch on television are no longer airing new episodes, or hasn't it affected the shows you watch?

- 35 Yes, some shows no longer airing new episodes
- 49 Hasn't affected the shows you watch
- 2 Hasn't affected yet, but will (VOL.)
- 7 Don't watch television (VOL.)
- 7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

Q.25 Do you happen to know if the writer's strike has affected late night comedy and talk shows like Jay Leno, David Letterman and the Daily Show, or hasn't it affected these shows?

- 46 Yes, has affected late night comedy shows
- 20 No, has not affected late night comedy shows
- 34 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

4 In January 2004 and earlier, the item read, "Political talk shows on cable TV, such as CNN's *Crossfire* and CNBC's *Hardball*."

Q.26 Most late-night comedy and talk shows have NOT been airing new episodes for the past few months because of the writer's strike. When [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] WERE on the air prior to the strike, how often, if ever, did you learn something about the presidential campaign or candidates from these shows – regularly, sometimes, hardly ever or never? How about when [NEXT ITEM] were on prior to the strike?⁵

	<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Some- times</u>	<u>Hardly Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/Ref/ Don't watch</u>
a. Late night TV talk shows, such as <i>David Letterman</i> and <i>Jay Leno</i>	9	19	24	35	13=100
Early January, 2004	9	19	20	46	6=100
January, 2000	9	19	18	45	9=100
April, 1996	6	19	19	56	0=100
b. Comedy shows, such as <i>Saturday Night Live</i> and <i>The Daily Show</i>	8	20	22	37	13=100
Early January, 2004	8	18	12	55	7=100
January, 2000	6	19	16	48	11=100

ASK IF REGULARLY/SOMETIMES LEARN FROM LATE NIGHT OR COMEDY SHOWS (1,2 IN Q26A OR 1,2 IN Q26B) [N=486]:

Q.27 Do you feel like you are missing out on information about the campaigns because late-night comedy and talk shows are not currently on, or don't you feel this way?

28 Missing out on information
 70 Not missing out on information
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL)
 100

NO QUESTION 28

ASK ALL:

More generally,

Q.29 Have you watched any of the candidate debates this year, or haven't you had a chance to watch any of them?

IF 'YES' (1 IN Q.29)

Q.29a Did you see DEMOCRATIC debates, REPUBLICAN debates, or both?

	<u>Jan⁶ 2004</u>	<u>Feb 1992</u>
43 Yes	20	16
8 Democratic debates		
2 Republican debates		
31 Both		
2 Don't know/Refused		
57 No	80	84
* Don't know	*	*
100	100	100

5 In early January 2004 and earlier, these two items were offered as part of the list presented in Q.22. However, because of the writer's strike, respondents in the current survey were asked to think back to when these shows were on the air prior to the strike.

6 In 2004 and 1992, the question referred only to Democratic debates.

ASK ALL:

Q.30 Have you happened to see any of the presidential candidates being interviewed or appearing as guests on news or entertainment programs, or not?

IF 'YES' (1 IN Q.30)

Q.30a Did you see interviews with DEMOCRATIC candidates, REPUBLICAN candidates, or did you see both?

		Early ⁷
		Jan
		<u>2004</u>
57	Yes	46
7	Democratic candidates	
2	Republican candidates	
47	Both	
1	Don't know/Refused	
42	No	54
<u>1</u>	Don't know	*
100		100

ASK ALL:

Just in general...

Q.31 Do you go online to use the Internet, at least occasionally?

70	Yes
30	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	
100	

Q.32 Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

66	Yes
34	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	
100	

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.33 Do you ever use online social networking sites like MySpace or Facebook?

	Internet	
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	
22	30	Yes
51	70	No
0	0	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>70</u>	Not an internet user
100	100	

7 In 2004, the question referred only to Democratic candidates.

ASK INTERNET USERS WHO GET ANY NEWS ONLINE ([Q31=1 OR Q32=1] AND Q22E=1,2) [N=639]:

Q.34 Thinking about news websites and other sources of campaign information online... Please name some of the websites where you get information about the presidential campaigns and candidates? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ, USE PRECODES WHERE APPLICABLE; ACCEPT UP TO SIX RESPONSES AND PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL "Anyplace else?"]**

NOTE: Totals may exceed 100% because of multiple responses.

26	MSNBC/MSN/NBC News
23	CNN
22	Yahoo/Yahoo News
9	Google/Google News
9	Fox News
7	AOL/AOL News
6	New York Times
3	Drudge Report
3	ISP Homepages (AT&T, Comcast, BellSouth)
3	MySpace
2	Candidate websites
2	YouTube
2	BBC
1	Local TV/Radio websites
1	USA Today
1	Washington Post
6	Other newspapers
20	Other
12	None, haven't gotten campaign information online
4	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.35 When you use the internet, do you ever come across campaign news and information when you may have been going online for a purpose other than to get the news?

		Pew Internet & American Life Project⁸		
		Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov ⁹ <u>2004</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>Internet Users</u>			
38	52	Yes	36	51
35	48	No	62	48
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)	12	1
<u>27</u>	<u>--</u>	Not an internet user	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
100	100		100	100

8 Trends based on internet users.

9 In 2004, the wording was: "When you go online, do you ever encounter or come across news and information about the 2004 elections when you may have been going online for a purpose other than to get the news?"

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.36 Have you sent or received e-mails about the candidates or campaigns with friends, family or other personal acquaintances, or not?

Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	
16	22	Yes
57	78	No
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>==</u>	Not an internet user
100	100	

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.37 Have you received e-mails about the candidates or campaigns from any groups or political organizations, or not?

Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	
14	20	Yes
58	79	No
1	1	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>==</u>	Not an internet user
100	100	

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.38 Have you gotten any campaign or candidate information from (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE), or not?

a. Websites set up by the candidates themselves

Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	
8	11	Yes
64	88	No
1	1	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>==</u>	Not an internet user
100	100	

b. News satire websites like *The Onion* or *The Daily Show*

Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	
8	11	Yes
64	88	No
1	1	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>==</u>	Not an internet user
100	100	

ASK SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE USERS (Q.33=1) [N=253]:

Q.39 Have you gotten any campaign or candidate information on social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace, or not?

	Social		
	Internet	Networking	
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	<u>Site Users</u>	
7	10	33	Yes
15	20	67	No
0	0	0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
27	--	--	Not an internet user
<u>51</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>--</u>	Online, but not a social networking site user
100	100	100	

ASK SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE USERS (Q.33=1) [N=253]:

Q.40 Have you signed up as a "friend" of any candidates on a social networking site, or not?

	Social		
	Internet	Networking	
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	<u>Site Users</u>	
3	4	12	Yes
19	26	88	No
0	0	0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
27	--	--	Not an internet user
<u>51</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>--</u>	Online, but not a social networking site user
100	100	100	

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.41 Have you watched any [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] on the internet, or not?

a. Video of the candidate debates

	Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>		
12	16		Yes
61	84		No
*	*		Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>--</u>		Not an internet user
100	100		

b. Video of interviews with candidates

	Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>		
13	18		Yes
60	82		No
*	*		Don't know (VOL.)
<u>27</u>	<u>--</u>		Not an internet user
100	100		

Q.41 CONTINUED...

c. Campaign commercials

	Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>		
12	17	Yes	
61	83	No	
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)	
<u>27</u>	<u>--</u>	Not an internet user	
100	100		

d. Video of candidate speeches or announcements

	Internet		
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>		
13	18	Yes	
60	82	No	
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)	
<u>27</u>	<u>--</u>	Not an internet user	
100	100		

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the news media in general...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=727]:

Q.42F1 To what extent do you see political bias in news coverage? A great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or not at all?

		Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Jan <u>2000</u>	Aug <u>1989</u>
31	A great deal	30	32	25
31	A fair amount	35	37	51
25	Not too much	24	20	19
9	Not at all	9	6	3
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.43 In the way they have been covering the presidential race so far, do you think that news organizations are biased in favor of the Democrats, biased in favor of the Republicans, or don't you think news organizations have shown any bias one way or the other?

		Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Jan <u>2000</u>	Sept <u>1999</u>	April <u>1996</u>	Aug <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	Nov <u>1987</u>
25	Democratic bias	22	19	19	20	22	9	16
9	Republican bias	17	13	14	14	7	10	11
41	No bias	38	48	52	53	58	58	62
<u>25</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (Q31=1 OR Q32=1) [N=1,063]:

Q.44 Thinking about all the news, blogs, and political websites on the INTERNET, on balance, do more websites favor Democrats, do more favor Republicans, or are there about equal numbers on both sides?

	Internet	
<u>Total</u>	<u>Users</u>	
10	13	More websites favor Democrats
4	6	More websites favor Republicans
33	45	About equal numbers on both sides
26	<u>36</u>	Don't know/Refused
<u>27</u>	<u>=</u>	Not an internet user
100	100	

NO QUESTIONS 45-47

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=727]:

Q.48F1 Thinking about immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally... Do you favor or oppose providing amnesty to illegal immigrants currently in the country if they pass background checks, pay fines and have jobs?

		June <u>2007</u>
50	Favor	54
42	Oppose	39
<u>8</u>	DK/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=703]:

Q.49F2 Thinking about immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally... Do you favor or oppose providing a way for illegal immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines and have jobs?

		June <u>2007</u>
58	Favor	63
35	Oppose	30
<u>7</u>	DK/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

NO QUESTION 50

ASK ALL:

Now a few questions about Iraq...

Q.51 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>
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

Q. 51 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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>
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

Q.52 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>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
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
Late October, 2006	5	30	34	25	6=100
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5=100
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5=100
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4=100
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4=100
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3=100
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=100
Early September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<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.53 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>
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
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 ¹⁰	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

10 In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: "Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?"

IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.53) ASK:

Q.54 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>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
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.

IF “BRING TROOPS HOME” (2 IN Q.53) ASK:

Q.55 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>	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
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 FORM 2 ONLY [N=703]:

Q.56F2 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?

	Nov <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>	Sept <u>2007</u>	July <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2007</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Mid- Sept <u>2006</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	July <u>2005</u>	
10	Definitely succeed	11	11	8	9	9	7	12	13	14	17
35	Probably succeed	37	35	34	34	36	40	41	44	40	43
31	Probably fail	33	31	32	32	30	34	28	26	28	25
14	Definitely fail	13	13	15	17	16	12	13	9	12	8
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=727]:

Q.57F1 Do you think the situation in Iraq will be better in 2008, worse in 2008, or will it be the same as it was in 2007?

29	Better
12	Worse
49	Same
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	