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## Plurality Now Sees Bush Presidency as Unsuccessful

### DISCONTENT WITH BUSH AND STATE OF THE NATION EVER HIGHER

President George W. Bush's poll numbers are going from bad to worse. His job approval rating has fallen to another new low, as has public satisfaction with national conditions, which now stands at just 29%. And for the first time since taking office in 2001, a plurality of Americans believe that George W. Bush will be viewed as an unsuccessful president.

About four-in-ten (41%) say that, in the long run, Bush will be an unsuccessful president, up from 27% in January and the highest percentage expressing that view since he took office. About a quarter (26%) believe Bush will be successful – down 10 points since January – while 30% say it is too early to tell.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, conducted Oct. 6-10 among 1,500 adults, finds the president beset by problems on multiple fronts. The president's overall job approval rating has slipped to 38%. And on a number of issues, ranging from the federal budget deficit to relations with U.S. allies, majorities or pluralities say that Bush's policies have made things worse, not better.

In advance of Iraq's Oct. 15 constitutional referendum, public opinion on the war has taken a negative turn. For the first time since the war began, a majority of Americans (53%) say the U.S. military effort there is not going well. Half of Americans now say the decision to use military force in Iraq was wrong, up from 44% last month. Support for keeping U.S. forces in Iraq, which had remained stable over the past year, also has declined. As many Americans now say the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible as favor keeping the troops there until Iraq is stable (48% vs. 47%).

#### Declining Numbers...

<i>Way things are going in country...</i>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Oct</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Satisfied	40	38	39	35	29
Dissatisfied	54	56	57	58	65
No opinion	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100	100

<i>In long run, Bush will be...</i>	<u>Jan 2001</u>	<u>Oct 2002</u>	<u>Dec 2003</u>	<u>Jan 2005</u>	<u>Oct 2005</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Successful	26	40	39	36	26
Unsuccessful	15	15	20	27	41
Too early to tell	58	44	38	35	30
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100

<i>Bush job as president</i>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	50	45	44	40	38
Disapprove	43	46	48	52	56
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100	100

<i>Using force in Iraq...</i>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Right decision	51	47	49	49	44
Wrong decision	44	47	44	44	50
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100	100

While the presidential election is still more than three years off, Bush's problems are fueling a widespread desire for change. By a sizable margin (69%-25%), more Americans say that as they look ahead to the next election, they would prefer to see a president who offers different policies from the Bush administration rather than one offering programs similar to the Bush administration's. By comparison, as the Clinton administration was nearing the end of its tenure in June 2000, far fewer people expressed a desire for a change of course (52%).

Similarly, more people now believe that Bush will be viewed as an unsuccessful president than said that about President Clinton at any point in his administration. In October 1994, a low point of Clinton's presidency and just a month before the Republicans gained control of Congress, roughly a third (35%) believed Clinton would go down as an unsuccessful president, compared with 41% who say that about Bush currently. However, more people also think Bush will ultimately be successful than expressed that opinion about Clinton in October 1994 (26% vs. 14%).

Public concern about the impact of Bush's policies and decisions span a wide range of issue areas, foreign and domestic. Two-thirds of Americans (66%) say Bush's policies and decisions have made the federal budget deficit worse, compared with just 6% who believe his policies have had a positive impact, and 21% who say they have made the deficit neither better nor worse. Solid majorities also say that Bush's policies have negatively affected the nation's economy (57%) and the gap between rich and poor (57%). While tax reduction has been a centerpiece of Bush's presidency, nearly twice as many say his policies have made the tax system worse than say they have made the system better (40% vs. 22%). National security is the only issue mentioned on which a clear plurality (47%) says Bush's policies have made things better.

However, the public's evaluations of Bush's personal character and leadership, while far below where they were earlier in his presidency, have held fairly steady since the summer. Roughly half view Bush as a strong leader (51%), say he is able to get things done (51%), and say he is trustworthy (49%). These opinions are largely unchanged since July.

<b>Taking the Long View of Recent Presidents</b>			
	<b>--Clinton--</b>		<b>Bush</b>
	Oct 1994	Jan 1999	Oct 2005
<i>In long run will be a...</i>	%	%	%
Successful president	14	44	26
Unsuccessful president	35	24	41
Too early to tell	48	29	30
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100
	<b>--Clinton--</b>		<b>Bush</b>
	Feb 1999	June 2000	Oct 2005
<i>Want next president to offer policies...</i>	%	%	%
Similar to Clinton/Bush	54	40	25
Diff. from Clinton/Bush	41	52	69
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100

And while Bush and his party are struggling, the Democratic Party continues to be viewed in the same negative light as the Republicans. Only about third (32%) approve of the job Democratic leaders in Congress are doing, while the same number has a positive view of Republican congressional leaders (32%). Both measures have declined slightly over the past month (36% approval for each in mid-September).

**Impact of Bush's Policies**

By a margin of nearly two-to-one, more say President Bush has had a negative (41%) rather than a positive (21%) impact on politics and the way government works in Washington. This reflects an 11-point decline from the number who said in March 2004 that Bush had made things work better in Washington; however, the number saying he has made things worse has risen only two points (from 39% to 41%).

<i>Views of Bush's effect on politics and the way government works in Washington...</i>	<u>All</u> %	Repub-	Demo-	Indep-
		<u>licans</u> %	<u>crats</u> %	<u>endents</u> %
Made things better	21	54	5	14
Made things worse	41	8	65	44
Hasn't had much of an effect	32	29	27	37
Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	100

On a wide range of issues, majorities or pluralities of the public say the president's policies and decisions have made things worse rather than better. Negative sentiment is especially strong in judgments about the federal budget deficit, America's economy, and the gap between rich and poor. Nearly half (47%) also say Bush's policies have worsened America's relations with its allies; 22% think he has made U.S. relations with allies better.

<i>Bush's policies have made...</i>	<u>Better</u> %	<u>Worse</u> %	Neither better	
			<u>nor worse</u> %	<u>DK</u> %
America's national security	47	30	21	2=100
Morality in America	25	35	36	4=100
Public education	24	32	37	7=100
The tax system	22	40	31	7=100
America's relations with its allies	22	47	26	5=100
America's economy	19	57	20	4=100
Race relations	16	29	48	7=100
Health care in America	16	43	36	5=100
The Social Security system	12	40	39	9=100
The gap between rich and poor	8	57	31	4=100
The federal budget deficit	6	66	21	7=100

In several specific domestic policy domains, pluralities see the president's policies and decisions as having made things worse or had no impact one way or the other. Four-in-ten say his policies have made the tax system and the Social Security system worse (though in the latter case 39% say he's made it neither better nor worse). More say Bush has made race relations worse (29%) than better (16%), but nearly half (48%) say he's had no impact.

The one area where a near-majority believes the president has made things better is in America's national security: 47% say he's made this better, while 30% say he's made it worse.

These attitudes are strongly shaped by partisanship. But aside from national security – where 83% of Republicans say Bush has made things better – GOP partisans show a notable lack of enthusiasm in their ratings of Bush's performance. About half of Republicans say Bush's policies have improved morality in America (53%), the economy (51%), public education (49%), the tax system (48%), and

<i>% saying Bush's policies have made each better...</i>	<u>All</u>	<u>Repub-</u>	<u>Demo-</u>	<u>Indep-</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>licans</u>	<u>crats</u>	<u>endents</u>
	%	%	%	%
America's national security	47	83	24	44
Morality in America	25	53	10	22
Public education	24	49	12	17
The tax system	22	48	8	16
America's relations with its allies	22	46	9	16
America's economy	19	52	3	13
Race relations	16	33	6	14
Health care in America	16	29	7	14
The Social Security system	12	24	6	9
The gap between rich and poor	8	19	3	5
The federal budget deficit	6	12	3	5

relations with allies (46%). Fewer Republicans offer positive assessments of Bush's policies in other areas, saying instead that he made things neither better nor worse. But even Republicans are critical when it comes to how Bush's policies have affected the federal budget deficit; nearly half (47%) say his policies have made the deficit worse, just 12% think he has improved the situation.

Few Democrats are willing to say the president has made anything better; about a quarter of Democrats (24%) say Bush has made America's national security better, which is twice the percentage who believe his policies in any other issue area have made things better. Independents are more likely to say Bush has made things worse than better on every issue except national security.

**Looking Ahead**

A large majority of the public believes that the next president should offer policies and programs that are different from those of the Bush administration (69%) rather than similar policies (25%). Only among conservative Republicans is there strong sentiment for a continuation of the administration’s policy direction: 69% want similar policies, while 21% want different ones.

Other groups that have been loyal to the president are divided on this question. Moderate and liberal Republicans split almost evenly (46% similar policies, 44% different), as do white evangelical Protestants (46%, 43%). For their part, Democrats are nearly unanimous in their desire for different policies, and this is the prevailing view among independents as well (77% favor different policies).

<b>Bush Administration Policies: Next President Should Offer...</b>			
	Similar policies	Different policies	DK
	%	%	%
Total	25	69	6=100
White Protestant	36	55	9=100
Evangelical	46	43	11=100
Mainline	25	68	7=100
White Catholic	25	69	6=100
Secular	11	85	4=100
Conservative Republican	69	21	10=100
Moderate/Liberal Repub	46	44	10=100
Independent	17	77	6=100
Moderate/Conserv Dem	6	93	1=100
Liberal Democrat	4	95	1=100

**More See Bush as Unsuccessful**

Views about the long-term prospects for Bush’s presidency are significantly less positive than on the eve of his second inauguration, and, not surprisingly, highly partisan. Among independents, 41% now think Bush will be seen as unsuccessful, while just 19% think he will be successful; 38% say it’s too early to tell. Most Democrats think Bush’s presidency will be viewed as unsuccessful – 63% among conservative to moderate Democrats and fully 82% among liberal Democrats.

<b>In the Long Run, Bush’s Presidency Will Be...</b>				
	Successful	Un-successful	Too early to tell	DK
	%	%	%	%
Cons Rep	68	2	27	3=100
Mod/Lib Rep	53	14	30	3=100
Independent	19	41	38	2=100
Cons/Mod Dem	9	63	26	2=100
Liberal Dem	1	82	17	0=100

Two-thirds (68%) of conservative Republicans think Bush will be successful in the long run, while just 2% think he will be unsuccessful; 27% say it is too early to tell. Among moderate-to-liberal Republicans, just 53% think he will ultimately be successful; 30% say it is too soon to judge and 14% believe his presidency will be unsuccessful.

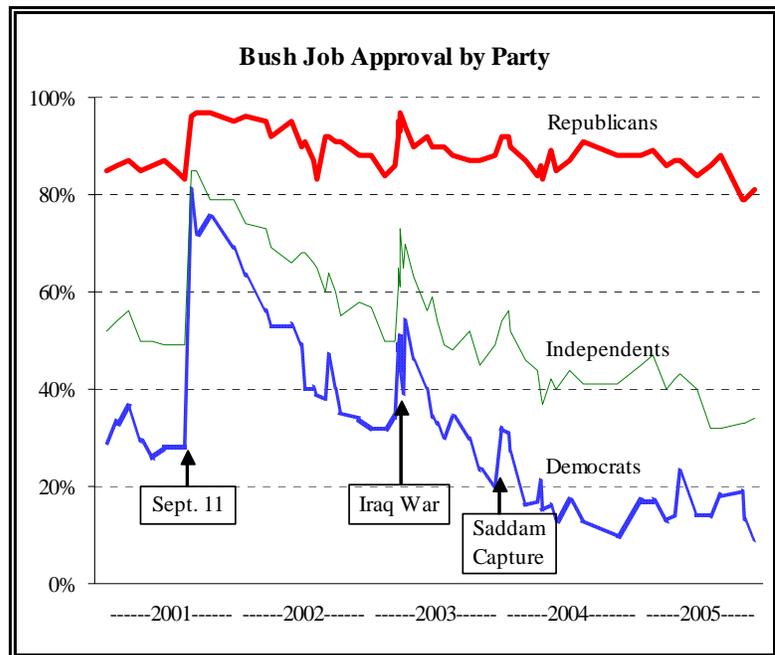
Opinions about the long term prospects for Bush's presidency have slipped since January. Just before the start of Bush's second term, 72% of Republicans felt that Bush would go down as a successful president; that number has dropped to 62%. There has been a comparable decline among independents (from 30% to 19%). Fewer than one-in-ten Democrats continue to say that Bush will be successful, but the percentage of Democrats who think Bush will be unsuccessful has risen from 48% to 69% since January. Optimism about Bush's presidency fell more among men than women, and among younger people rather than older ones.

<b>A Successful Presidency?</b>			
% saying Bush will be successful president	Jan	Oct	Change
	05	05	
Total	36	26	-10
Republican	72	62	-10
Democrat	8	6	-2
Independent	30	19	-11
Men	40	26	-14
Women	32	26	-6
Under 30	34	20	-14
30-49	38	27	-11
50-64	37	29	-8
65+	31	28	-3

**Bush Approval**

President Bush began his second term in office with significantly less popular support than other reelected presidents in the modern era – just 50% approved of his performance in Pew's January 2005 poll. Since then, the president's ratings have undergone further erosion in the face of bad news at home and abroad. Currently, 38% approve of the president's job performance while 56% disapprove.

The president continues to draw strong support from Republicans, 81% of whom approve of the job he is doing. But that number reflects an eight-point decline since January, with most of that drop occurring in late summer. Among independents, a plurality of 47% approved of Bush's performance in January; now just 34% do so. Approval among Democrats is now in the single digits (9%), down from 17% in January.



***Personal Characteristics and Qualities***

Views of the president’s personal qualities and characteristics remain much as they were this summer, prior to the controversies over the government’s hurricane response and Bush’s Supreme Court nominees. About half of Americans view Bush as trustworthy, a strong leader, and able to get things done. Though these numbers are largely unchanged from July 2005, each represents a significant decline since September 2003, when approximately two-thirds felt Bush had these positive qualities.

A narrow majority (51%) believes the president “doesn’t care about people like me,” while 45% say he does care. This also is largely unchanged since July.

Bush’s image as a conservative is well established, with 55% of the public saying this term describes him and 57% saying he listens more to conservative members of his party than to moderates. About a quarter of the public (27%) says Bush is “middle of the road” and 9% say he is liberal. Democrats and Republicans are about equally likely to characterize Bush as conservative (59% and 60%, respectively).

	Oct 1999	Feb 2001	Sept 2003	July 2005	Oct 2005
	%	%	%	%	%
Trustworthy	63	60	62	49	49
Not trustworthy	29	28	32	46	46
Neither/DK	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
Able to get things done	--	60	68	50	51
Not able	--	18	26	42	43
Neither/DK	--	<u>22</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
		100	100	100	100
Liberal	--	7	9	9	9
Middle of the road	--	39	34	26	27
Conservative	--	44	51	57	55
Neither/DK	--	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
		100	100	100	100
Cares about people like me	54	--	56	48	45
Doesn’t care	37	--	38	49	51
Neither/DK	<u>9</u>	--	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	100		100	100	100
Strong leader	68	--	68	55	51
Not a strong leader	24	--	29	41	46
Neither/DK	<u>8</u>	--	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100		100	100	100

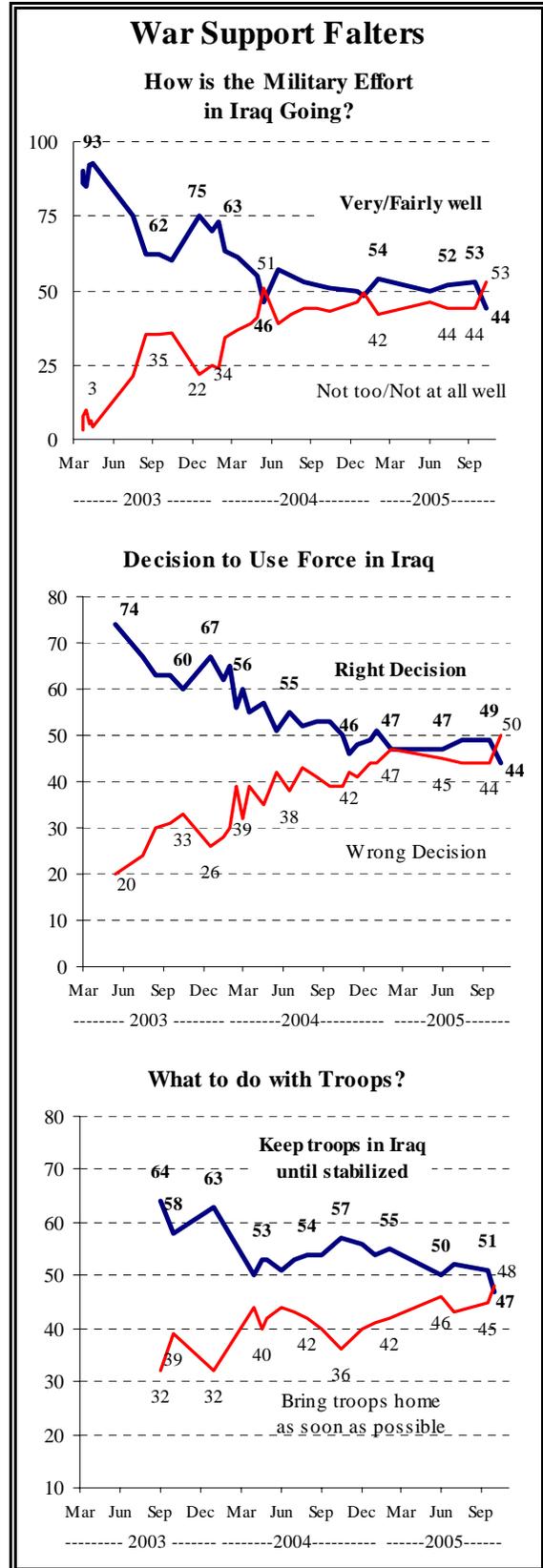
**Iraq Concerns Grow**

As attention has returned to Iraq after the hurricane crisis on the Gulf Coast, the public's view of the war has grown considerably more negative. For the first time in Pew's polling, most Americans (53%) say the U.S. military effort in Iraq is not going well. This represents a nine-point increase since last month, while the percentage saying things are going very or fairly well has dropped from 53% to 44%.

As evaluations of the situation in Iraq grow more negative, a number of Americans are reconsidering their support for the war. For the first time, more say it was the wrong decision to use military force in Iraq (50%) than believe it was the right decision (44%). The public's patience regarding America's troop commitments also is declining. Today as many say they want to see the troops brought home as soon as possible (48%) as say we should keep our troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized (47%). This is in contrast to nearly two years of sentiment in favor of seeing things through.

**War Dividing Both Parties**

Iraq is becoming an increasingly divisive issue within the Republican Party. Support for the war has fallen significantly among moderate and liberal Republicans. Last month, this group said that the war the right decision by a 76%-17% margin; currently, the margin is 61%-33%. By comparison, conservatives in the party have remained relatively solid in their support for the war. Today moderate and liberal Republicans are three times as likely as conservative Republicans to say America made the wrong decision in Iraq (33% vs. 11%). Similarly,



the share of moderate and liberal Republicans saying the war is not going well has increased by 12 points, from 27% to 39%, since September.

Democratic perceptions of the war are fractured too, as liberal Democrats have become nearly universal in their opposition. Today nearly nine-in-ten liberal Democrats (89%) say America made the wrong decision getting involved in Iraq, up 11 points from September. Nearly as many (82%) say things are not going well there, up from 66%. Moderate and conservative Democrats, by comparison, are less unified; nearly three-in-ten (29%) say the war was the right decision, unchanged from last month. Perceptions of the war among independents continue to grow more negative. Just 40% of independents say the situation is going very or fairly well, while 57% see things going poorly.

***Men, Minorities More Gloomy***

While Americans of all backgrounds are more downbeat about the war today than a month ago, the decline has been particularly notable among men and minorities. In September, men felt it was going well by a 57%-41% margin; today, they say it is *not* going well by a 57%-42% margin. While six-in-ten African Americans had a negative perception of progress in Iraq last month, 80% take that view today.

***Iraq and Terrorism***

A plurality of Americans (41%) continue to think the war in Iraq has increased the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S.. Opinions on this issue vary considerably by party, with 53% of Democrats, 46% of independents, and 22% of Republicans saying the war has increased the likelihood of terrorism in the U.S. People who feel the use of force was the wrong decision (60%) are much more likely than those who think it was the right decision (22%) to say the chances of a terrorist attack have increased.

<b>Positive Views of Iraq Decline</b>			
<i>% saying the military effort in Iraq is going very or fairly well</i>			
	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
	%	%	
Total	53	44	-9
Men	57	41	-16
Women	49	45	-4
White	55	48	-7
Black	36	18	-18
Hispanic	52	36	-16
Conserv Rep	84	81	-3
Mod/Lib Rep	71	60	-11
Independent	44	40	-4
Conserv/Mod Dem	36	27	-9
Liberal Dem	32	17	-15

### ***Timetable for Withdrawal?***

The public is split over whether the U.S. should (52%) or should not (43%) set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq. The desire to set a timetable is higher among women than men (56% to 47%), minorities than whites (64% to 48%), and younger Americans than older (62% of 18-29 year olds vs. 40% of those age 65 and older).

A slim-but-growing majority are concerned that the U.S. will wait too long to withdraw troops (55% now, up from 50% in July and 48% in January 2004). Only about a third (32%) are more concerned that the U.S. will leave too soon before a stable democracy is in place. Republican opinions on this question have changed since July. At that time more Republicans worried that the U.S. might leave Iraq too quickly by a 56% to 30% margin. Today 47% of Republicans say they worry more about leaving too soon, while 41% are more concerned that we will stay too long. Most Democrats (71%), and a smaller majority of independents (54%), are more concerned that troops will wait too long to withdraw troops from Iraq.

Most Americans (57%) expect that U.S. troops will need to remain in Iraq for at least two more years. Only 36% believe troops will need to be in Iraq for a shorter amount of time. These expectations have not changed significantly since February. Roughly six-in-ten Democrats (61%) and independents (62%) believe troops will need to remain for at least two years, while 45% of Republicans say the same.

<b>Setting an Exit from Iraq</b>	
<i>Set a timetable for troop withdrawal</i>	<u>Total</u> %
Yes	52
No	43
Leave now (Vol.)	1
Don't know	<u>4</u>
	100
<i>Which concerns you more?</i>	
Waiting too long	55
Leaving too soon	32
Neither (Vol.)	4
Don't know	<u>9</u>
	100
<i>How much longer will troops remain?</i>	
Less than 1 year	12
1 to 2 years	24
2 to 5 years	31
Longer than 5 years	26
Don't know	<u>7</u>
	100

***New Constitution***

The nationwide referendum on the proposed Iraqi constitution, set for Oct. 15, has attracted little public interest. Just 21% say they have heard a lot about the upcoming vote, far less than previous political transitions in Iraq. Nearly half (46%) had heard a lot about the Iraqi general elections in January in polling conducted weeks before that vote, and 42% had heard a lot about the handover of power from the U.S. to Iraqi leaders in June 2004. More than a quarter of Americans (28%) say they have heard nothing at all about this weekend’s critical referendum in Iraq.

Few Americans see the referendum as a decisive event in the development of Iraq’s democracy. Half (51%) predict that the ratification of the Iraqi constitution would not change the situation in Iraq much. Of those who see ratification having an influence, roughly three-in-ten think the constitution will lead to more stability, while 10% think it will lead to less stability. It is worth noting, however, that

these attitudes are virtually the same as opinions before the January 2005 elections, when an equally large proportion thought a successful election would do little to change the situation in Iraq. After that election was completed, there was a sharp uptick in optimism.

As with virtually all perceptions related to Iraq, there is a sharp partisan divide in attitudes about the Iraqi constitution. While neither Republicans nor Democrats have heard much about the constitutional referendum, Republicans (53%) are far more likely than Democrats (20%) or independents (23%) to say that approval of the constitution will lead to a more stable situation in Iraq. The majority view of Democrats and independents is that the vote will not make any difference.

<b>Little Optimism Over Iraqi Constitution</b>			
	June 2004	Jan 2005	Oct 2005
<i>Heard about constitutional vote?*</i>	%	%	%
A lot	42	46	21
A little	40	40	50
Nothing at all	17	13	28
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100	100
		Jan 2005	Feb 2005
<i>If ratified, will lead to...**</i>	%	%	%
More stability	29	47	29
Less stability	14	7	10
No change	49	40	51
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
	100	100	100
* June 2004: "Handover of civilian authority" January 2005: "Nationwide elections"			
** January and February 2005: "Elections"			

**Party Images**

There is slight downward tilt to evaluations of both Republican and Democratic Party leaders in Congress. Just 32% approve of the job performance of Republican leaders in Congress, while 52% disapprove. Public views of Democratic leaders are no better, with 32% approving and 48% disapproving. Approval of the job performance of both parties' leaders has been inching downward since spring.

	Feb	Mar	May	Sept	Oct
<i>Approval of...</i>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>05</u>
<i>Republican leaders</i>	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	41	39	35	36	32
Disapprove	42	44	50	49	52
Don't know	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Democratic leaders</i>					
Approve	38	37	39	36	32
Disapprove	42	44	41	45	48
Don't know	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
	100	100	100	100	100

The images of the two parties have changed in some areas over the past year or so. By 40%-30%, more Americans see the Democratic Party, rather than the Republican Party, as governing in an honest and ethical way. This represents the largest Democratic advantage on this measure since the Republicans took control of Congress in 1994. The Democratic Party held a 37%-34% edge on honesty in July 2004.

By 41%-35%, more believe that the Democratic Party can manage the federal government well, about the same as in 2004. There has been less change in other perceptions of the two parties. The Democratic Party continues to be seen as concerned with the needs of the disadvantaged and average Americans. Democrats also maintain a sizable advantage as the party that can bring about needed change. A solid majority views the Republican Party as concerned with business interests.

	Rep Party	Dem Party	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	DK	Dem. adv.
<i>Which party better describes...</i>	%	%	%	%	%	
Concerned with the disadvantaged	22	61	5	5	7=100	+39
Concerned with people like me	30	52	5	7	6=100	+22
Can bring needed changes to country	32	48	4	9	7=100	+16
Governs in an honest and ethical way	30	40	6	18	6=100	+10
Able to manage federal government well	35	41	3	13	8=100	+6
Concerned with business interests	61	23	8	2	6=100	-38

## **ABOUT THIS SURVEY**

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International among a nationwide sample of 1,500 adults, 18 years of age or older, from October 6-10, 2005. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on form 1 (N=758) and form 2 (N=742) the sampling error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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

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**PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND  
WHAT PEOPLE WANT FROM THE NEXT PRESIDENT**

	---Presidential Approval---			---Next President offer policies that are...---			
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>and programs</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	(N)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	38	56	6=100	25	69	6=100	(1500)
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	39	56	5	24	71	5	(724)
Female	38	56	6	25	67	8	(776)
<b>Race</b>							
White	44	51	5	28	64	8	(1214)
Non-white	18	74	8	11	88	1	(245)
Black	12	80	8	7	92	1	(135)
Hispanic*	24	74	2	17	81	2	(91)
<b>Race and Sex</b>							
White Men	44	51	5	27	67	6	(583)
White Women	44	51	5	30	61	9	(631)
<b>Age</b>							
Under 30	33	63	4	21	77	2	(185)
30-49	39	54	7	26	69	5	(524)
50-64	37	59	4	25	68	7	(427)
65+	45	48	7	25	60	15	(332)
<b>Sex and Age</b>							
Men under 50	38	57	5	22	74	4	(357)
Women under 50	37	57	6	27	69	4	(352)
Men 50+	40	54	6	26	65	9	(355)
Women 50+	40	55	5	24	64	12	(404)
<b>Education</b>							
College Grad.	39	55	6	28	66	6	(553)
Some College	36	58	6	26	68	6	(393)
H.S. Grad	39	56	5	24	68	8	(437)
Less than H.S.	40	53	7	20	76	4	(99)
<b>Family Income</b>							
\$75,000+	43	53	4	30	65	5	(356)
\$50,000-\$74,999	38	58	4	28	68	4	(235)
\$30,000-\$49,999	39	56	5	24	70	6	(311)
\$20,000-\$29,999	34	60	6	23	71	6	(181)
<\$20,000	35	58	7	19	74	7	(244)

\* The designation of Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

Looking ahead to the next presidential election, would you like to see a president who offers policies and programs similar to those of the Bush administration, OR would you like to see a president who offers different policies and programs?

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	---Presidential Approval---			---Next President offer policies that are...---			
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>and programs</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	(N)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	38	56	6=100	25	69	6=100	(1500)
<b>Region</b>							
Northeast	34	61	5	17	80	3	(289)
Midwest	37	54	9	24	68	8	(350)
South	42	53	5	28	64	8	(543)
West	36	59	5	27	67	6	(318)
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>							
Total White Protestant	52	43	5	36	55	9	(689)
- Evangelical	64	33	3	46	43	11	(349)
- Non-Evangelical	39	54	7	25	68	7	(340)
White Catholic	42	52	6	25	69	6	(251)
Seculars	24	69	7	11	85	4	(161)
<b>Party ID</b>							
Republican	81	14	5	61	29	10	(421)
Democrat	9	86	5	6	92	2	(488)
Independent	34	59	7	17	77	6	(488)
<b>Party and Ideology</b>							
Conservative Rep.	87	9	4	69	21	10	(269)
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	71	25	4	46	44	10	(145)
Conservative/Mod Dem.	12	82	6	6	93	1	(316)
Liberal Democrat	3	96	1	4	95	1	(154)
<b>Male Veterans</b>							
Male Veteran	42	54	4	25	68	7	(224)
Male Non-Veteran	39	56	5	24	72	4	(483)
<b>Use of Force in Iraq</b>							
Right Decision	70	24	6	49	42	9	(658)
Wrong Decision	11	85	4	4	93	3	(758)
<b>Marital Status</b>							
Married	44	51	5	30	64	6	(849)
Unmarried	33	61	6	18	75	7	(629)
<b>Labor Union</b>							
Union household	32	65	3	18	78	4	(221)
Non-union household	40	54	6	26	67	7	(1243)

## BUSH A SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENT IN LONG RUN?

	-----January 2005-----				-----October 2005-----			
	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	36	27	35	2=100	26	41	30	3=100
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	40	27	31	2	26	43	28	3
Female	32	26	39	3	26	39	32	3
<b>Race</b>								
White	41	24	33	2	30	38	29	3
Non-white	17	38	42	3	11	54	32	3
Black	12	39	45	4	5	60	33	2
Hispanic*	30	27	40	3	16	45	35	4
<b>Race and Sex</b>								
White Men	45	23	30	2	30	41	27	2
White Women	37	24	37	2	30	35	32	3
<b>Age</b>								
Under 30	34	28	34	4	20	45	33	2
30-49	38	26	34	2	27	42	29	2
50-64	37	24	36	3	29	42	27	2
65+	31	29	37	3	28	32	32	8
<b>Sex and Age</b>								
Men under 50	42	27	29	2	25	44	29	2
Women under 50	32	27	38	3	25	42	31	2
Men 50+	37	28	33	2	29	42	25	4
Women 50+	33	25	39	3	28	34	33	5
<b>Education</b>								
College Grad.	37	32	28	3	29	42	27	2
Some College	38	27	33	2	29	47	22	2
High School Grad.	37	24	36	3	25	38	34	3
< H.S. Grad.	29	20	48	3	22	36	36	6
<b>Family Income</b>								
\$75,000+	46	28	24	2	30	41	28	1
\$50,000-\$74,999	36	29	33	2	30	45	23	2
\$30,000-\$49,999	36	24	38	2	26	42	29	3
\$20,000-\$29,999	31	29	38	2	22	40	37	1
<\$20,000	25	29	43	3	20	41	34	5

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Question: In the long run, do you think George W. Bush will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

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	-----January 2005-----				-----October 2005-----			
	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early</u> <u>to tell</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early</u> <u>to tell</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
<b>Total</b>	36	27	35	2=100	26	41	30	3=100
<b>Region</b>								
East	32	29	37	2	18	45	34	3
Midwest	30	29	37	4	25	46	26	3
South	41	22	35	2	31	36	31	2
West	39	31	29	1	28	40	28	4
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>								
Total White Protestant	47	19	32	2	38	31	28	3
- Evangelical	58	12	29	1	47	21	29	3
- Non-Evangelical	38	26	34	2	28	42	27	3
White Catholic	40	23	34	3	28	39	32	1
Secular	22	40	35	3	15	52	32	1
<b>Party ID</b>								
Republican	72	5	22	1	62	6	28	4
Democrat	8	48	41	3	6	69	23	2
Independent	30	27	40	3	19	41	38	2
<b>Party and Ideology</b>								
Conservative Republican	79	3	17	1	68	2	27	3
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	64	8	28	*	53	14	30	3
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	9	44	44	3	9	63	26	2
Liberal Democrat	6	61	31	2	1	82	17	0
<b>Bush Approval</b>								
Approve	67	1	31	1	63	3	32	2
Disapprove	3	60	34	3	3	70	26	1
<b>Male Veterans</b>								
Male Veteran	--	--	--	--	26	42	29	3
Male Non-Veteran	--	--	--	--	27	43	27	3
<b>Parents</b>								
Yes	41	24	32	3	31	42	25	2
No	33	28	36	3	24	41	32	3
<b>Labor Union</b>								
Union Household	25	34	38	3	20	59	20	1
Non-Union Household	38	25	34	3	28	38	31	3

## SATISFACTION WITH THE STATE OF THE NATION

	---January 2005---		---July 2005---		---October 2005---		Change in Satisfied Jan-Oct
	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	40	54	35	58	29	65	-11
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	44	51	41	53	33	62	-11
Female	35	57	30	64	26	67	-9
<b>Race</b>							
White	45	49	38	55	32	62	-13
Non-white	19	73	21	74	20	75	+1
Black	14	80	14	82	11	86	-3
Hispanic*	38	50	42	54	30	62	-8
<b>Race and Sex</b>							
White Men	50	45	43	51	35	58	-15
White Women	40	53	34	59	30	64	-10
<b>Age</b>							
Under 30	42	50	37	59	35	58	-7
30-49	43	52	40	54	32	63	-11
50-64	35	60	31	64	22	73	-13
65+	35	56	30	60	29	63	-6
<b>Sex and Age</b>							
Men under 50	48	48	44	51	36	59	-12
Women under 50	38	54	33	61	30	64	-8
Men 50+	39	55	35	56	28	67	-11
Women 50+	32	61	26	68	21	71	-11
<b>Education</b>							
College Grad.	46	50	43	51	32	64	-14
Some College	42	51	37	57	31	63	-11
High School Grad.	39	55	33	61	27	66	-12
< H.S. Grad.	25	65	22	70	30	65	+5
<b>Family Income</b>							
\$75,000+	49	47	46	50	39	57	-10
\$50,000-\$74,999	43	51	41	53	36	61	-7
\$30,000-\$49,999	42	50	36	59	29	65	-13
\$20,000-\$29,999	37	58	27	65	24	69	-13
<\$20,000	26	66	23	68	20	72	-6

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Question: All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

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	---January 2005---		---July 2005---		---October 2005---		<i>Change in Satisfied Jan-Oct</i>
	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	40	54	35	58	29	65	-11
<b>Region</b>							
East	36	59	31	61	26	70	-10
Midwest	38	55	31	64	30	65	-8
South	42	51	38	55	29	64	-13
West	40	53	38	56	32	61	-8
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>							
Total White Protestant	50	44	41	52	33	60	-17
- Evangelical	51	41	42	51	36	55	-15
- Non-Evangelical	49	47	40	53	29	65	-20
White Catholic	45	51	40	54	39	58	-6
Secular	23	69	28	66	23	71	0
<b>Party ID</b>							
Republican	67	26	60	33	52	38	-15
Democrat	18	77	15	81	12	84	-6
Independent	35	58	31	63	31	64	-4
<b>Party and Ideology</b>							
Conservative Republican	74	20	61	32	57	31	-17
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	60	32	58	35	43	51	-17
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	20	75	18	78	13	83	-7
Liberal Democrat	14	82	8	88	10	87	-4
<b>Bush Approval</b>							
Approve	68	26	62	30	59	33	-9
Disapprove	11	86	10	87	10	86	-1
<b>Male Veterans</b>							
Male Veteran	--	--	42	50	29	65	--
Male Non-Veteran	--	--	40	54	35	60	--
<b>Parents</b>							
Yes	43	49	40	54	34	61	-9
No	38	57	33	60	27	67	-11
<b>Labor Union</b>							
Union Household	37	58	31	64	23	72	-14
Non-Union Household	40	53	36	57	31	63	-9

## HOW WELL MILITARY EFFORT IS GOING IN IRAQ

	– Mid-September 2005 –			– October 2005 –			<i>Change in very/ fairly</i>
	Very/ fairly well	Not too/ not at all well	DK/Ref	Very/ fairly well	Not too/ not at all well	DK/Ref	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	53	44	3=100	43	54	3=100	-10
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	57	42	1	42	57	2	-15
Female	49	47	4	45	52	3	-4
<b>Race</b>							
White	56	42	2	48	49	3	-8
Non-white	43	52	5	27	72	1	-16
Black	36	60	4	18	80	2	-18
Hispanic*	52	47	1	36	60	4	-16
<b>Race and Sex</b>							
White Men	60	39	1	45	53	2	-15
White Women	51	46	3	51	45	4	0
<b>Age</b>							
Under 30	54	43	3	46	53	1	-8
30-49	52	45	3	43	55	2	-9
50-64	53	46	1	42	56	2	-11
65+	52	44	4	44	51	5	-8
<b>Sex and Age</b>							
Men under 50	58	40	2	43	56	1	-15
Women under 50	48	48	4	45	52	3	-3
Men 50+	56	44	0	41	56	3	-15
Women 50+	49	47	4	45	51	4	-4
<b>Education</b>							
College Grad.	46	52	2	40	59	1	-6
Some College	54	44	2	43	54	3	-11
High School Grad.	57	41	2	47	50	3	-10
< H.S. Grad.	52	42	6	44	54	2	-8
<b>Family Income</b>							
\$75,000+	51	48	1	38	61	1	-13
\$50,000-\$74,999	55	43	2	46	52	2	-9
\$30,000-\$49,999	53	45	2	46	53	1	-7
\$20,000-\$29,999	53	42	5	47	52	1	-6
<\$20,000	48	49	3	44	51	5	-4

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Question: How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going?

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	– Mid-September 2005 –			– October 2005 –			Change in very/ fairly
	Very/ fairly well	Not too/ not at all well	DK/Ref	Very/ fairly well	Not too/ not at all well	DK/Ref	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	53	44	3=100	43	54	3=100	-10
<b>Region</b>							
East	51	46	3	38	59	3	-13
Midwest	47	51	2	46	53	1	-1
South	56	41	3	47	50	3	-9
West	54	42	4	39	56	5	-15
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>							
Total White Protestant	62	36	2	55	42	3	-7
- Evangelical	67	31	2	60	37	3	-7
- Non-Evangelical	57	41	2	49	48	3	-8
White Catholic	51	48	1	48	49	3	-3
Secular	47	51	2	34	64	2	-13
<b>Party ID</b>							
Republican	80	18	2	74	24	2	-6
Democrat	34	64	2	24	74	2	-10
Independent	45	53	2	40	57	3	-5
<b>Party and Ideology</b>							
Conservative Republican	84	15	1	81	16	3	-3
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	71	27	2	61	38	1	-10
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	36	62	2	27	71	2	-9
Liberal Democrat	32	66	2	17	82	1	-15
<b>Bush Approval</b>							
Approve	84	15	1	76	21	3	-8
Disapprove	28	69	3	21	77	2	-7
<b>Registered Voter</b>							
Yes	53	45	2	44	54	2	-9
No	53	42	5	43	53	4	-10
<b>Iraq War</b>							
Right decision	78	20	2	71	26	3	-7
Wrong decision	25	74	1	19	80	1	-6
<b>Male Veteran</b>							
Male Veteran	61	39	0	43	54	3	-18
Male Non-Veteran	56	42	2	42	57	1	-14
<b>Parents</b>							
Yes	56	42	2	49	49	2	-7
No	51	46	3	40	57	3	-11
<b>Labor Union</b>							
Union Household	49	48	3	36	62	2	-13
Non-Union Household	53	44	3	45	52	3	-8

## DECISION TO USE MILITARY FORCE AGAINST IRAQ

	– Mid-September 2005–			– October 2005–			<i>Change in Right decision</i>
	Right	Wrong	<u>DK/Ref</u>	Right	Wrong	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
	<u>decision</u>	<u>decision</u>		<u>decision</u>	<u>decision</u>		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	49	44	7=100	44	50	6=100	-5
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	51	42	7	48	49	3	-3
Female	47	46	7	40	51	9	-7
<b>Race</b>							
White	53	42	5	50	44	6	-3
Non-white	34	54	12	24	72	4	-10
Black	24	63	13	17	80	3	-7
Hispanic*	47	49	4	30	62	8	-17
<b>Race and Sex</b>							
White Men	55	40	5	53	44	3	-2
White Women	51	43	6	47	44	9	-4
<b>Age</b>							
Under 30	51	46	3	48	48	4	-3
30-49	49	43	8	46	49	5	-3
50-64	54	40	6	44	53	3	-10
65+	39	52	9	35	51	14	-4
<b>Sex and Age</b>							
Men under 50	53	40	7	51	47	2	-2
Women under 50	48	47	5	43	50	7	-5
Men 50+	50	45	5	43	53	4	-7
Women 50+	46	46	8	38	52	10	-8
<b>Education</b>							
College Grad.	43	52	5	42	53	5	-1
Some College	53	41	6	42	52	6	-11
High School Grad.	53	41	6	49	46	5	-4
< H.S. Grad.	45	40	15	39	51	10	-6
<b>Family Income</b>							
\$75,000+	51	47	2	47	50	3	-4
\$50,000-\$74,999	55	40	5	49	48	3	-6
\$30,000-\$49,999	49	42	9	44	49	7	-5
\$20,000-\$29,999	52	44	4	41	54	5	-11
<\$20,000	39	52	9	41	50	9	+2

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

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	-Mid-September 2005-			-October 2005-			Change in
	<u>Right</u>	<u>Wrong</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Right</u>	<u>Wrong</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Right</u>
	<u>decision</u>	<u>decision</u>		<u>decision</u>	<u>decision</u>		<u>decision</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	49	44	7=100	44	50	6=100	-5
<b>Region</b>							
East	52	43	5	39	56	5	-13
Midwest	44	49	7	44	50	6	0
South	48	44	8	49	46	5	+1
West	55	40	5	41	51	8	-14
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>							
Total White Protestant	58	36	6	58	35	7	0
- Evangelical	68	26	6	66	29	5	-2
- Non-Evangelical	48	46	6	48	43	9	0
White Catholic	57	40	3	46	50	4	-11
Secular	37	58	5	39	57	4	+2
<b>Party ID</b>							
Republican	83	12	5	76	18	6	-7
Democrat	26	68	6	22	72	6	-4
Independent	41	52	7	42	53	5	+1
<b>Party and Ideology</b>							
Conservative Republican	88	9	3	83	11	6	-5
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	76	17	7	61	33	6	-15
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	29	64	7	29	64	7	0
Liberal Democrat	18	78	4	6	89	5	-12
<b>Bush Approval</b>							
Approve	85	10	5	81	14	5	-4
Disapprove	22	72	6	19	76	5	-3
<b>Registered Voter</b>							
Yes	49	45	6	45	50	5	-4
No	51	40	9	41	50	9	-10
<b>Male Veterans</b>							
Male Veteran	54	41	5	48	49	3	-6
Male Non-Veteran	50	43	7	49	48	3	-1
<b>Parents</b>							
Yes	54	39	7	49	46	5	-5
No	46	47	7	41	52	7	-5
<b>Labor Union</b>							
Union Household	44	50	6	35	59	6	-9
Non-Union Household	50	44	6	46	48	6	-4

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**N=1,500**

**ON FORM ONE Q.1 PRECEDES Q.2 – ON FORM TWO, Q.2 PRECEDES Q.1**

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

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know
October, 2005	38	56	6=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	<b>2002</b>			
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
<b>2004</b>				Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	<b>2001</b>			
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
<b>2003</b>				Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100
Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100				
June, 2003	62	27	11=100				
May, 2003	65	27	8=100				
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100				
<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100				
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100				
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100				

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Sat- isfied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>		<u>Sat- isfied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
October, 2005	29	65	6=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	Late Feb, 1991 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	66	31	3=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
April, 2003 <sup>1</sup>	50	41	9=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	September, 1988 ( <i>RVs</i> )	50	45	5=100
September, 2002 <sup>2</sup>	41	55	4=100	May, 1988	41	54	5=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100	January, 1988	39	55	6=100
May, 2002	44	44	12=100				
March, 2002	50	40	10=100				
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100				
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100				
June, 2001	43	52	5=100				
March, 2001	47	45	8=100				
February, 2001	46	43	11=100				
January, 2001	55	41	4=100				
October, 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	54	39	7=100				
September, 2000	51	41	8=100				
June, 2000	47	45	8=100				
April, 2000	48	43	9=100				
August, 1999	56	39	5=100				
January, 1999	53	41	6=100				
November, 1998	46	44	10=100				
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100				
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100				
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100				
February, 1998	59	37	4=100				
January, 1998	46	50	4=100				
September, 1997	45	49	6=100				
August, 1997	49	46	5=100				
January, 1997	38	58	4=100				
July, 1996	29	67	4=100				

<sup>1</sup> Asked April 8, 2003 only; N=395.

<sup>2</sup> The September 2002 trend is from a Pew Global Attitudes Project survey, fielded August 19 to September 8, 2002 and released December 4, 2002.

Q.3 In the long run, do you think George W. Bush will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

		Early				----- Clinton -----									
		Jan	Dec	Oct	Jan	Jan	Early	Sep	Feb	Oct	May	Jan	Oct	Sept	Aug
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	
26	Successful	36	39	40	26	44	38	18	14	21	21	18	22	13	
41	Unsuccessful	27	20	15	15	24	24	34	35	26	19	25	22	25	
30	Too early to tell	35	38	44	58	29	35	43	48	52	57	56	54	60	
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Ref.	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

**ROTATE Q.4 AND Q.5**

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
October, 2005	32	52	16=100	May, 1998	40	41	19=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15=100	April, 1998	41	40	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15=100	March, 1998	43	39	18=100
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17=100	January, 1998	43	41	16=100
Early February, 2004	41	42	17=100	November, 1997	41	43	16=100
January, 2003	48	37	15=100	August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 2002	50	34	16=100	June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 2002	49	34	17=100	May, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 2002	56	24	20=100	April, 1997	40	44	16=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100	February, 1997	44	42	14=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100	January, 1997	38	47	15=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100	November, 1996	40	43	17=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100	July, 1996	38	48	14=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100	June, 1996	36	50	14=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100	April, 1996	39	46	15=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100	March, 1996	35	51	14=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100	February, 1996	33	53	14=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100	January, 1996	36	54	10=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100	October, 1995	36	51	13=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100	September, 1995	36	50	14=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100	August, 1995	38	45	17=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100	June, 1995	41	45	14=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100	April, 1995	44	43	13=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100	March, 1995	43	39	18=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100	December, 1994	52	28	20=100
May, 1999	38	44	18=100				
March, 1999	38	47	15=100				
February, 1999	37	51	12=100				
January, 1999	38	50	12=100				
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100				
November, 1998	41	48	11=100				
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100				
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100				
June, 1998	42	38	20=100				

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
October, 2005	32	48	20=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

**QUESTIONS 6 AND 7 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:**

Q.8F2 All in all, what effect has George W. Bush had on politics and the way government works in Washington? Has he made things better, made things worse, or hasn't he had much of an effect?

		<u>March 2004</u>	<u>Clinton March 2000</u>
21	Made better	32	39
41	Made worse	39	28
32	Not much of an effect	23	28
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	6	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

Thinking about some issues...

Q.9F2 Have George W. Bush's policies and decisions made **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** better, worse, or neither better nor worse?

		<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Neither better nor worse</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refuse</u>
a.F2	America's economy	19	57	20	4=100
b.F2	The federal budget deficit	6	66	21	7=100
c.F2	Public education	24	32	37	7=100
d.F2	Health care in America	16	43	36	5=100
e.F2	The tax system	22	40	31	7=100
f.F2	The Social Security system	12	40	39	9=100
g.F2	America's national security	47	30	21	2=100
h.F2	America's relations with its allies	22	47	26	5=100
i.F2	Race relations	16	29	48	7=100

**Q.9 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Neither better nor worse</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refuse</u>
j.F2	The gap between rich and poor	8	57	31	4=100
k.F2	Morality in America	25	35	36	4=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

Q.10F1 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, tell me which one best reflects your impression of George W. Bush so far. (First,) does George W. Bush impress you as... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>July 2005</u>	<u>Sep 2003</u>	<u>Feb 2001</u>	<u>Oct 1999</u>
a.F1	49 Trustworthy, or	49	62	60	63
	46 NOT trustworthy	46	32	28	29
	2 Neither particularly (VOL)	2	2	4	2
	<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
b.F1	51 Able to get things done, or	50	68	60	
	43 NOT able to get things done	42	26	18	
	2 Neither particularly (VOL)	4	3	7	
	<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	
	100	100	100	100	
c.F1	9 Liberal,	9	9	8	7
	27 Middle of the road or	26	34	37	39
	55 Conservative	57	51	46	44
	3 Neither particularly (VOL)	2	1	3	2
	<u>6</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
d.F1	45 Cares about people like me, or	48	56	54	
	51 DOESN'T care about people like me	49	38	37	
	1 Neither particularly (VOL)	1	2	2	
	<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	
	100	100	100	100	
e.F1	51 A strong leader, or	55	68	68	
	46 NOT a strong leader	41	29	24	
	2 Neither particularly (VOL)	2	1	3	
	<u>1</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	
	100	100	100	100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:**

Q.11F2 When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more... **[READ, ROTATE]**

		July <u>2005</u>	Jan <u>2005</u>	May <u>2003</u>	Jan <u>2003</u>	Jan <u>2002</u>	Jan <u>2001</u>
57	Conservative members of his party OR	53	54	49	41	38	48
27	Moderate members of his party	23	27	32	35	40	37
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**QUESTIONS 12 THROUGH 22 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.23 Looking ahead to the next presidential election, would you like to see a president who offers policies and programs similar to those of the Bush administration, OR would you like to see a president who offers different policies and programs?

		----- <i>Clinton Administration</i> -----				
		June <u>2000</u>	Feb <u>2000</u>	Aug <u>1999</u>	June <u>1999</u>	Feb <u>1999</u>
25	Policies and programs similar to Bush Administration	40	41	43	43	54
69	Different policies and programs	52	51	50	50	41
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**QUESTIONS 24-29 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Thinking about the political parties for a moment...

Q.30 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase.. **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS)?**

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>Equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a.	Able to manage the federal government well	35	41	3	13	8=100
	July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10=100
	Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11=100
	August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8=100
	July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7=100
	April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5=100
	July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5=100
	May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13=100
	July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10=100
	May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9=100
	May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10=100
	January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10=100
	May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10=100

**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>		<u>Know</u>
b.	Governs in an honest and ethical way	30	40	6	18	6=100
	July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9=100
	Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12=100
	March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9=100
	August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8=100
	July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5=100
	April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6=100
	July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6=100
c.	Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs	32	48	4	9	7=100
	July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9=100
	Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11=100
	March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8=100
	August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7=100
	July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6=100
	April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4=100
	July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5=100
	May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9=100
	July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11=100
	May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11=100
	May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10=100
	January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10=100
	May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10=100
d.	Is concerned with the needs of people like me	30	52	5	7	6=100
	July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7=100
	Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9=100
	March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7=100
	August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7=100
	July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6=100
	April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3=100
	July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4=100
	May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7=100
	May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7=100
	January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7=100
e.	Is concerned with the needs and interests of the disadvantaged	22	61	5	5	7=100
	July, 2004	23	57	5	6	9=100
	Early September, 1998	20	57	5	5	13=100
	March, 1998	16	64	6	6	8=100
	July, 1996	23	63	3	5	6=100
	July, 1994	21	65	4	5	5=100
	May, 1990	14	56	12	10	8=100
	May, 1987	11	61	14	7	7=100

**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:</b>						
f.F1	Is concerned with the needs and interests of business and other powerful groups	59	22	6	3	10=100
	July, 2004	61	22	6	3	8=100
	Early September, 1998	57	23	8	2	10=100
	March, 1998	63	20	7	2	8=100
	July, 1996	65	19	8	2	6=100
	July, 1994	66	23	5	1	5=100
	May, 1990	57	15	15	5	8=100
	May, 1987	58	15	16	3	8=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:**

g.F2	Is concerned with the needs and interests of business	61	23	8	2	6=100
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**QUESTIONS 31 THROUGH 59 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.60 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right</u> <u>decision</u>	<u>Wrong</u> <u>decision</u>	<u>Don't know/</u> <u>Refused</u>
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

**Q.60 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
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	9=100

**Q.61 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
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
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

Q.62 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>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
October, 2005	47	48	5=100
Mid-September, 2005	51	45	4=100
July, 2005	52	43	5=100
June, 2005	50	46	4=100
February, 2005	55	42	3=100
January, 2005	54	41	5=100
December, 2004	56	40	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	57	36	7=100
Early September, 2004	54	40	6=100
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100
June, 2004 <sup>3</sup>	51	44	5=100
May, 2004	53	42	5=100
Late April, 2004	53	40	7=100
Early April, 2004	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	63	32	5=100
October, 2003	58	39	3=100
September, 2003	64	32	4=100

**IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.62) ASK:**

Q.63 Do you think more troops are needed in Iraq right now, or do you think there are already enough troops there to do the job?

	July <u>2005</u>	Jun <u>2004</u>	Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>
13 More troops needed	16	18	29	32	34
26 Have enough there to do the job	27	23	26	21	25
0 Reduce number of troops (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*
<u>8</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
47%	52%	51%	63%	58%	64%

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<sup>3</sup> 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?”

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 In the long run, do you think the war in Iraq has increased the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessened the chances, or has it made no difference?

		July <u>2005</u>	Mid-Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2002</u> <sup>4</sup>
41	Increased	45	36	34	45
25	Lessened	22	32	32	18
32	No difference	30	28	31	30
<u>2</u>	Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

Q.65F1 Which concerns you more... [READ AND ROTATE]

		July <u>2005</u>	Early April <u>2004</u>	Mid-Jan <u>2004</u>
32	That the U.S. will leave Iraq before a stable democracy is in place OR	34	36	41
55	That the U.S. will wait too long to withdraw its troops from Iraq	50	52	48
4	Neither (VOL.)	9	2	5
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:**

Q.66F2 How much longer do you think United States troops will have to remain in Iraq – for less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, or will the U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

	Less than <u>a year</u>	1-2 <u>years</u>	2-5 <u>years</u>	Longer than <u>five years</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
October, 2005	12	24	31	26	7=100
July, 2005	9	23	31	27	10=100
Feb, 2005	11	27	32	22	8=100
July, 2004	17	31	27	17	8=100
June, 2004	17	33	26	16	8=100
April, 2004 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	8	27	33	25	7=100
March, 2004 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	8	22	35	26	9=100
Dec, 2003 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	15	34	31	12	8=100
July, 2003 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	13	31	31	18	7=100

<sup>4</sup>

The question from the November 2002 Global Attitudes survey was worded: "In the long run, do you think a war with Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule is likely to increase the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessen the chances, or will it make no difference?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.67 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

		Mid-Sep <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>
52	Should set a timetable	57	49
43	Should not set a timetable	37	45
1	Should get out now (VOL.)	1	*
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100

Q.68 On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Iraq is scheduled to have a nationwide vote on the country's proposed constitution. How much have you heard about this... A lot, a little, or nothing at all?

		Jan <u>2005</u>	June <u>2004</u> <sup>5</sup>
21	A lot	46	42
50	A little	40	40
28	Nothing at all	13	17
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.69 If the proposed constitution is approved in Iraq, do you think it will lead to a MORE stable situation, a LESS stable situation, or will the situation in Iraq not change much?

		<i>Before Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Elections</i>	
		Feb <u>2005</u>	Jan <sup>6</sup> <u>2005</u>
29	More stable	47	29
10	Less stable	7	14
51	Situation will not change much	40	49
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100

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<sup>5</sup> In June 2004 the question was worded: "On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. is planning to hand over civilian authority to Iraqi leaders. How much have you heard about this... a lot, a little, or nothing at all?". In January 2005 question was worded "On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Iraq is scheduled to have its first nationwide elections..."

<sup>6</sup> In January and February 2005 the question was worded "All in all, do you think the January elections in Iraq will lead to a MORE stable situation, a LESS stable situation, or will the situation in Iraq not change much?"

**ASK ALL:**

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

<i>Trend</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>
				No Preference	Other Party	
October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
Late March, 2005	29	32	36	2	*	1=100
Mid-March, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
February, 2005	31	32	30	4	1	2=100
January, 2005	32	33	30	4	*	1=100
December, 2004	31	34	30	3	*	2=100
Mid-October, 2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
Late September, 2004	29	30	31	6	*	4=100
Mid-September, 2004	29	31	30	5	*	5=100

<i>Yearly Totals</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>
				No Preference	Other Party	
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No Preference/
				<u>Other/DK</u>
1996	29	33	33	5=100
1995	32	30	34	4=100
1994	30	32	34	4=100
1993	27	34	34	5=100
1992	28	33	35	4=100
1991	31	32	33	4=100
1990	31	33	30	6=100

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent/</u>
			<u>No Pref/Oth/DK</u>
1989	33	33	34=100
1987	26	35	39=100

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

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

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