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A nationwide Pew Research Center survey finds voting intentions shifting in the direction of Republican congressional candidates in the final days of the 2006 midterm campaign. The new survey finds a growing percentage of likely voters saying they will vote for GOP candidates. However, the Democrats still hold a 48% to 40% lead among registered voters, and a modest lead of 47%-43% among likely voters.

The narrowing of the Democratic lead raises questions about whether the party will win a large enough share of the popular vote to recapture control of the House of Representatives. The relationship between a party's share of the popular vote and the number of seats it wins is less certain than it once was, in large part because of the increasing prevalence of safe seat redistricting. As a result, forecasting seat gains from national surveys has become more difficult.

The survey suggests that the judgment of undecided voters will be crucial to the outcome of many congressional races this year. As many as 19% of voters now only lean to a candidate or are flatly undecided. The Democrats hold a 44% to 35% lead among committed voters. But the race is more even among voters who are less strongly committed to a candidate; those who only lean to a candidate divide almost evenly between Republicans and Democrats (5% lean Republican/4% lean Democrat).

Republican gains in the new poll reflect a number of late-breaking trends. First, Republicans have become more engaged and enthused in the election than they had been in September and October. While Democrats continue to express greater enthusiasm about voting than do Republicans, as many Republican voters (64%) as Democratic voters (62%) now say they are giving quite a lot of thought to the election. About a month ago, Democratic voters were considerably more likely than GOP voters to say they were giving a lot of thought to the election (by 59%-50%). As a result, Republicans now register a greater likelihood of voting

**Late Movement Toward the GOP**

<i>Election Weekend '06</i>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undec.</u>
<i>Nov 1 - 4</i>	%	%	%
Likely Voters	43	47	10=100
Registered Voters	40	48	12=100
<i>Oct 17 - 22</i>			
Likely Voters	39	50	11=100
Registered Voters	38	49	13=100
<i>Sept 21 - Oct 4</i>			
Likely Voters	40	53	7=100
Registered Voters	38	51	11=100

**Republican Engagement Spikes**

	Early <u>Oct</u>	Mid- <u>Oct</u>	Nov <u>1-4</u>
<i>Given quite a lot of thought to election</i>	%	%	%
Republicans	48	50	64
Democrats	59	59	62
Independents	48	52	57
<i>More enthusiastic about voting than usual</i>			
Republicans	33	33	42
Democrats	51	50	51
Independents	34	41	40

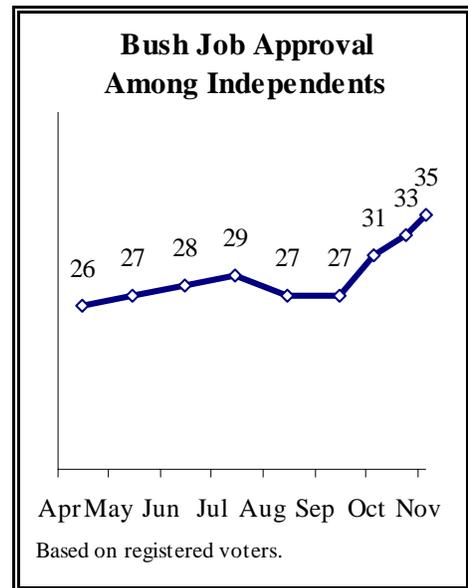
Based on registered voters.

than do Democrats, as is typical in mid-term elections.

The Republicans also have made major gains, in a relatively short time period, among independent voters. Since early this year, the Democratic advantage in the generic House ballot has been built largely on a solid lead among independents. As recently as mid-October, 47% of independent voters said they were voting for the Democratic candidate in their district, compared with 29% who favored the Republican. Currently, Democrats lead by 44%-33% among independent voters.

Notably, President Bush's political standing has improved in the final week before the election. Bush's job approval rating among registered voters has risen from 37% in early October, to 41% in the current survey. Mirroring the GOP's gains among independent voters, Bush's rating among this crucial group of swing voters now stands at 35%, its highest point this year.

The final pre-election survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, conducted among 2,369 registered voters from Nov. 1-4, finds that voter appraisals of the national economy also have improved. In the current poll, 44% rate it as excellent or good, compared with 36% who held that view in mid-October. Republicans and independents have a much better view of the economy than they did just a few weeks ago. Among independent voters, 41% rate the economy as good or excellent, compared with 29% in mid-October.



In addition, Sen. John Kerry's "botched joke" about the war in Iraq attracted enormous attention. Fully 84% of voters say they have heard a lot or a little about Kerry's remarks – with 60% saying they have heard a lot. By comparison, just 26% say they have heard a lot about President Bush's statement that he will keep Donald Rumsfeld as secretary of defense until he leaves office in 2009. Most voters say Kerry's statement is not a serious consideration in their vote, but 18% of independent voters say it did raise serious doubts about voting for a Democratic candidate.

<b>Kerry's 'Botched Joke' Draws Wide Attention</b>				
<i>Heard about Kerry's comments</i>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
	%	%	%	%
A lot	60	69	54	58
A little	24	20	30	24
Nothing at all	14	10	14	17
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100	100	100
<i>Comments raise serious doubts about voting Democratic?*</i>				
Raised serious doubts	19	36	5	18
Not a serious consideration	78	62	93	79
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100

\*Based on voters who have heard "a lot" or "a little."

### ***GOP Voters More Engaged***

For months, Democrats have expressed more interest in the election and enthusiasm about voting than have Republicans. The 'enthusiasm gap' was dramatic in Pew surveys in early October (18 points) and late October (17 points).

These differences have narrowed considerably. About half of Democratic voters (51%) say they are more enthusiastic than usual about voting, little change from Pew's two previous surveys. By contrast, 42% of Republicans say they are more enthusiastic about voting; that is fewer than the percentage of Democrats more enthused about going to vote, but 10 points higher than just a few weeks ago.

Moreover, Republicans have gained ground in recent weeks on measures aimed at assessing a voter's likelihood of voting. So while Pew polls in early October and mid-October showed virtually no change in the Democratic advantage between all voters and those most likely to turn out, the current survey shows the Democrats' eight-point lead among all registered voters narrowing considerably among likely voters. In this regard, the current campaign more closely resembles previous midterm elections since 1994, when Republicans also

<b>Republicans Regain Turnout Advantage</b>			
	<i>Voting intention among...</i>		
	<u>RVs</u>	<u>LVs</u>	<u>diff</u>
<b>2006</b>	%	%	
<b>Nov. 1-4</b>			
Democratic	48	47	-1
Republican	40	43	+3
<b>Oct. 17-22</b>			
Democratic	49	50	+1
Republican	38	39	+1
<b>Sept. 21-Oct. 4</b>			
Democratic	51	53	+2
Republican	38	40	+2
<b>2002</b>			
Democratic	46	46	0
Republican	42	44	+2
<b>1998</b>			
Democratic	47	46	-1
Republican	40	44	+4
<b>1994</b>			
Democratic	43	43	0
Republican	45	48	+3

1994-2002 surveys conducted the weekend before Election Day.

fares better among likely voters than among all registered voters.

**Party Control a Major Factor**

While Republicans have become more engaged in the campaign in recent weeks, an increasing number also say that the issue of which party controls Congress will be a factor in their vote. Currently, 65% of Republicans say partisan control of Congress is a factor in their vote, up from 58% in early October and 54% in June. The percentage of Democrats who view partisan control of Congress a factor in their vote has remained more stable; 73% say that, up slightly from early October, but largely unchanged from June.

<i>Is party control of Congress a factor in your vote?</i>	Nov	Nov	-----2006-----		
	<u>1998</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	46	48	58	57	61
No	50	49	39	40	36
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
<i>A factor for...</i>					
Republicans	53	55	54	58	65
Democrats	53	60	72	69	73
Independents	29	30	48	45	48

Based on registered voters.

Compared to past campaigns, many more voters, regardless of party affiliation, say partisan control of Congress matters in their vote. Fully 61% of registered voters now express this view; fewer than half did so in November 2002 (48%) and November 1998 (46%).

**Iraq Still Top Issue**

The situation in Iraq remains the top issue of the midterm elections. Roughly half of voters (48%) cite the situation in Iraq as either the most important (or second most important) issue in their vote. Roughly four-in-ten (42%) cite the economy as a major issue in their vote, while 35% say health care. These opinions have changed very little over the past month.

<i>Top issues*</i>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
	%	%	%	%
Situation in Iraq	48	38	60	46
Economy	42	41	45	41
Health care	35	24	44	36
Terrorism	26	41	16	23
Immigration	23	31	15	26
Energy policy	11	9	11	14

\*Selected as the two most important issues for congressional vote. Based on registered voters.

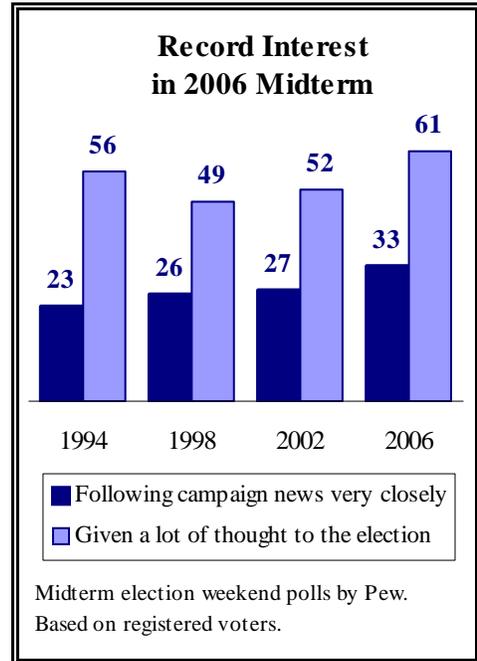
The situation in Iraq is by far the top issue for Democrats (60%). About half of independents (46%) cite Iraq as an important issue in their vote, but 41% mention the economy and 36% health care. Among Republicans, comparable percentages view terrorism (41%), the economy (41%), and the situation in Iraq (38%) as the top issue in their vote. Immigration is a much more important issue for Republicans (31%) – and independents (26%) – than it is for Democrats (15%).

***Interest High, But More ‘Mud-Slinging’***

The overall level of voter interest in this campaign is much higher than it has been for recent midterms. Fully 61% of voters say they have given a lot of thought to the election, while 33% say they have followed campaign news very closely. This far surpasses interest in the 2002 and the 1998 campaigns, and even the historic 1994 election, when the Republicans gained control of Congress.

At the same time, more voters feel that this election season has seen more “mud-slinging” than past elections. Overall, 65% of voters – 72% of those who live in congressional districts with competitive contests – say this campaign has been marred by more negative campaigning than in past elections; only about half of voters expressed this opinion at the end of the 2002 (51%) and 1998 (52%) midterms.

This is one issue on which there is little partisan division. Two-thirds of independents (67%), and nearly as many Democrats (65%) and Republicans (65%), say there has been more negative campaigning than in past elections.



**2006 Election Looks Ugly**

	1998	2002	2006
	%	%	%
More	52	51	65
Less	23	24	14
Same (vol.)	20	20	16
Don't know	5	5	5
	100	100	100

Midterm election weekend polls by Pew.  
Based on registered voters.

***Most Voters Have Been Contacted***

Roughly six-in-ten voters (58%) say they have been contacted by candidates or political groups, either over the phone, in person, or by email. That represents a modest increase from early October (49%). Somewhat more Republicans (63%) than independents (58%) or Democrats (54%) say they have been contacted by campaigns. One-in-five Democrats (20%) say they have been urged to vote for a Democratic candidate. About the same number of Republicans (21%) say they have been urged to vote for one of their party’s candidates; more Republicans than Democrats volunteer that they have been encouraged to vote for both GOP and Democratic candidates (19% vs. 14%).

<i>Contacted by campaigns*</i>	<u>Total</u> %	<u>Rep</u> %	<u>Dem</u> %	<u>Ind</u> %
Total	58	63	54	58
<b><i>Contacted by...</i></b>				
Dem candidates	13	8	20	11
Rep candidates	13	21	8	12
Both (Vol.)	18	19	14	21

\*By phone, email, or in person  
Based on registered voters.

***GOP Gloom Increases***

All year, Democrats have been much more bullish than the Republicans regarding their party’s electoral prospects. The gap has widened in the campaign’s final days. Fully 72% of Democratic voters say they think the Democratic Party will do better this year than it has in recent elections, up slightly from last month.

Meanwhile, more Republican voters feel the party will do worse than it has in recent elections (29% now vs. 21% last month). A plurality of GOP voters (48%) say the party will fare about the same as it has in recent elections, while just 17% think the Republican Party will do better than it has in recent years.

<i>Democrat/ Lean Democratic</i>	<u>June</u> %	<u>Early</u>	
		<u>Oct</u> %	<u>Nov</u> %
Better	62	67	<b>72</b>
Worse	2	2	1
About the same	32	26	22
Don’t know	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100
<b><i>Republican/ Lean Republican</i></b>			
Better	16	16	17
Worse	17	21	<b>29</b>
About the same	62	56	48
Don’t know	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100

People who identify with or lean toward one of the parties asked to evaluate their party’s chances in 2006 compared to recent elections.

## **ABOUT THIS SURVEY AND ITS METHODOLOGY**

The survey results are based on 2,912 telephone interviews, including 2,369 registered voters, conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International and Schulman, Ronca & Bucuvalas, Inc. from a nationwide sample of the voting age population, from Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, through Saturday evening, Nov. 4, 2006. For results based on the total sample (N=2,912), there is 95% confidence that the error attributed to sampling and other random effects is +/- 2 percentage points. For results based on registered voters (N=2,369), the sampling error is +/- 2.5 percentage points, and for results based on likely voters (N=1,795), the sampling error is +/- 3 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.

The sample for this survey is a random digit sample of telephone numbers selected from telephone exchanges in the continental United States. The exchanges were selected with probabilities proportional to their size, with the first eight digits of the numbers selected to be proportionally stratified by county and by exchange within county.

As many as 10 attempts were made to complete an interview at every sampled number, with calls staggered to maximize the chances of reaching a potential respondent. Non-response in telephone interview surveys produces some known biases in survey-derived estimates. To compensate, the sample data are weighted in analysis using parameters derived from a special analysis of the most recently available Census Current Population Survey.

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**TREND IN CONGRESSIONAL VOTE PREFERENCE**  
**Among Likely Voterst**

	Nov % of LVs	---Early October 2006---			---Early November 2006---			<b>Rep gain</b>	<b>(N)</b>
		Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u> %	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u> %	Other/ <u>DK</u> %	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u> %	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u> %	Other/ <u>DK</u> %		
<i>Total</i>	100	40	53	7=100	43	47	10=100	3	(1,795)
<b>Gender</b>									
Male	50	44	48	8	45	46	9	1	(847)
Female	50	36	58	5	41	48	11	5	(948)
	100								
<b>Race</b>									
White	84	44	49	7	48	43	9	4	(1,557)
Non-white	15	18	76	6	18	70	12	0	(214)
<b>Age and Gender</b>									
White Men	42	49	42	9	51	42	8	2	(733)
White Women	42	40	55	5	46	44	10	6	(824)
<b>Age</b>									
18-49	45	40	53	6	44	48	8	4	(641)
50-64	32	41	51	8	44	45	11	3	(611)
65+	22	37	57	6	42	48	10	5	(506)
<b>Age and Gender</b>									
Men under 50	23	45	47	8	44	48	8	-1	(317)
Women under 50	22	36	60	4	44	48	8	8	(324)
Men 50+	26	42	49	8	48	44	9	6	(518)
Women 50+	27	37	57	6	39	49	13	2	(599)
<b>Education</b>									
College graduate	38	41	54	5	43	49	8	2	(796)
Some college	25	46	46	8	43	45	11	-3	(465)
High School or less	37	35	57	7	44	46	10	9	(528)
<b>Household income</b>									
\$75,000 +	32	47	47	6	50	43	7	3	(577)
\$50 to 74,999	16	39	53	8	50	42	8	11	(280)
\$30 to 49,999	18	36	58	5	48	45	8	12	(331)
<\$30,000	20	34	59	7	32	62	6	-2	(336)

† Likely voters are classified on the basis of multiple voting intention questions.

Question: If the 2006 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate for Congress in your district?  
As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Democrat or the Republican?

\*\*Data Note: All results are based on likely voters classified on the basis of multiple voting intention questions. Sample sizes shown are based on the current survey. Figures may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

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	<i>Nov</i> % of <u>LVs</u>	---Early October 2006---			---Early November 2006---			<b><i>Rep</i></b> <b><i>gain</i></b>	<b><i>(N)</i></b>
		<u>Rep/</u> <u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/</u> <u>Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>DK</u>	<u>Rep/</u> <u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/</u> <u>Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>DK</u>		
		%	%	%	%	%	%		
<i>Total</i>	100	40	53	7=100	43	47	10=100	3	(1,795)
<b><i>Party Identification</i></b>									
Republican	34	91	6	3	92	4	3	1	(628)
Democrat	34	3	95	2	2	94	4	-1	(582)
Independent	27	32	52	16	37	47	16	5	(488)
<b><i>Ideology</i></b>									
Conservative	39	70	24	6	73	21	6	3	(719)
Moderate	42	23	67	9	31	58	11	8	(751)
Liberal	16	9	90	1	8	82	9	-1	(273)
<b><i>Party &amp; Ideology</i></b>									
Conserv Repub	23	94	4	2	95	4	1	1	(441)
Mod/Lib Repub	11	83	12	5	85	6	8	2	(182)
Conserv/Mod Dem	23	4	93	3	2	94	3	-2	(381)
Liberal Democrat	11	0	100	0	1	95	3	1	(186)
<b><i>Religion</i></b>									
Protestant	57	44	49	6	50	41	9	6	(1,058)
White evangelical	24	58	34	8	67	25	8	9	(455)
White mainline	22	42	52	6	45	45	10	3	(447)
Catholic	25	41	49	10	43	48	9	2	(436)
White, non-Hisp.	20	43	48	9	48	43	9	5	(374)
Secular	8	23	72	5	20	71	9	-3	(142)
<b><i>Attend church</i></b>									
Weekly	46	53	40	7	51	37	12	-2	(853)
Monthly/Yearly	31	32	64	4	44	49	7	12	(543)
Seldom/Never	21	27	63	10	29	65	6	2	(368)

Continued...

	<i>Nov</i> % of <u>LVs</u>	---Early October 2006---			---Early November 2006---			<i>Rep</i> <i>gain</i>	(N)
		<u>Rep/</u> <u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/</u> <u>Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>DK</u>	<u>Rep/</u> <u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/</u> <u>Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>DK</u>		
		%	%	%	%	%	%		
<i>Total</i>	100	40	53	7=100	43	47	10=100	3	(1,795)
<b><i>Region</i></b>									
Northeast	20	34	60	7	40	49	11	6	(337)
Midwest	25	41	52	7	40	51	9	-1	(467)
South	34	41	51	8	48	42	10	7	(651)
West	21	42	52	5	44	47	9	2	(340)
<b><i>Urbanicity</i></b>									
Rural	20	46	47	6	44	45	11	-2	(398)
Suburban	46	43	50	6	45	45	9	2	(819)
Urban	33	30	62	8	40	50	10	10	(573)
<b><i>Labor household</i></b>									
Yes	18	33	61	6	28	63	9	-5	(295)
No	82	42	51	7	47	43	10	5	(1,487)

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**NOVEMBER 2006 ELECTION WEEKEND SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**NOVEMBER 1 - 4, 2006**  
**General Public N=2912**  
**Registered Voters N=2369**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS IN SURVEY, INCLUDING TREND FIGURES, ARE BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS EXCEPT WHERE NOTED**

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to Tuesday's election... Quite a lot, or only a little?

	Quite <u>A lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>Little</u>	None/DK/ <u>Refused</u>
November, 2006	61	5	28	6=100
Late October, 2006	54	6	35	5=100
Early October, 2006	51	4	40	5=100
September, 2006	45	4	48	3=100
Early November, 2002	52	6	35	7=100
Early October, 2002	45	6	45	4=100
Early September, 2002	36	5	54	5=100
Late October, 1998	49	11	35	5=100
Early October, 1998	42	8	43	7=100
November, 1994	56	7	32	5=100
Late October, 1994	45	7	45	3=100
Early October, 1994	44	2	50	4=100
Gallup: October, 1990 <sup>1</sup>	43	7	46	4=100
Gallup: October, 1982	29	22	37	12=100
Gallup: October, 1978	23	22	39	17=100
Gallup: September, 1978	21	18	44	18=100

**RESPONDENTS IN NORTH DAKOTA SHOULD BE SKIPPED TO CAMPNII.**

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 ANSWERED "1" IN REGIST AND IS NOT IN "DAY OF" STATE, ASK:**

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

**BASED ON TOTAL VOTING AGE POPULATION [N=2912]:**

75	Total registered voters
71	Absolutely certain (in states where people must pre-register)
4	Already registered (in states where people can register on Election Day)
*	Plan to register (in states where people can register on Election Day)
*	(Respondent lives in North Dakota)
25	Total not registered
22	Not registered (in states where people must pre-register)
2	Chance registration has lapsed/Don't Know (in states where people must pre-register)
1	Don't plan to register (in states where people can register on Election Day)
*	Don't know/Refused
<u>100</u>	

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1 Gallup trends based on general public.

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: A PERSON IS COUNTED AS “REGISTERED” AT THIS POINT IF THEY:**

- (1) ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA**
- (2) ANSWERED “YES” TO REGIST AND LIVE IN A DAY OF STATE (ID, ME, MN, NH, WI, WY)**
- (3) ANSWERED “YES” TO REGICERT**
- (4) ANSWERED “YES” TO PLANREG**

CAMPNII How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district?  
Have you followed it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
November, 2006	33	41	16	9	1=100
Late October, 2006	27	45	17	11	*=100
Early October, 2006	23	43	23	10	1=100
Early November, 2002	27	46	18	9	*=100
Early October, 2002	21	46	22	10	1=100
Late October, 1998	26	45	20	9	*=100
Early October, 1998	21	43	24	11	1=100
November, 1994	23	49	21	7	*=100
Late October, 1994	18	43	28	10	1=100

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

		Late Early				Mid- Early				Late Mid- Early				Late Early			Late	
		Oct	Oct	Sept	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	Nov	Nov	Oct	Oct	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov	Sept	Nov
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>
87	Yes	91	90	92	82	79	83	88	86	83	81	82	84	86	87	85	85	91
13	No	9	10	8	18	21	17	12	14	17	19	18	16	14	13	15	15	9
*	DK/Ref.	*	0	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

WHERE Do you happen to know where people in your neighborhood go to vote?

		Late Early				Late Early				Gallup					
		Oct	Oct	Nov	Nov	Nov	Oct	Oct	Nov	Oct	Nov	Nov	Oct	Nov	Oct
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1988</u>
84	Yes — gives answer	86	88	85	88	84	90	87	88	85	93	89	86		
16	No/DK/Ref./No Answer	14	12	15	12	16	10	13	12	15	7	11	14		
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		

FOLGOV Some people seem to follow what’s going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there’s an election or not. Others aren’t that interested. Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

	Most of <u>the time</u>	Some of <u>the time</u>	Only now <u>and then</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	DK/Ref
November, 2006	58	26	10	6	*=100
Late October, 2006	57	30	8	5	*=100
December, 2005	54	29	12	5	0=100
December, 2004	49	35	12	4	*=100
November, 2004	61	27	9	3	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	63	26	8	3	*=100
June, 2004	49	35	12	4	*=100
August, 2003	56	31	10	3	*=100
November, 2002	54	29	11	6	*=100

**FOLGOV CONTINUED...**

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2002	61	29	8	2	0=100
March, 2001	55	26	11	7	1=100
Early November, 2000	51	32	12	5	*=100
September, 2000	51	34	10	4	1=100
June, 2000	46	31	15	8	*=100
Late October, 1998	57	29	10	4	*=100
Early October, 1998	51	33	11	5	*=100
Early September, 1998	52	33	11	4	*=100
June, 1998	42	33	18	7	*=100
November, 1997	47	35	14	4	*=100
November, 1996	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996	43	37	13	6	1=100
October, 1988	52	33	12	3	*=100

**OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... (READ)**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly Always</u>	<u>Part of The time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never Vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref.</u>
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*=100
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*=100
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1=100
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*=100
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*=100
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1=100
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1=100
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*=100
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*=100
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*=100
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0=100
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*=100
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*=100
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*=100
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*=100
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*=100
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*=100
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*=100
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*=100
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0=100
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*=100
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*=100
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*=100
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*=100
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*=100
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*=100
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*=100
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*=100
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0=100
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*=100
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*=100
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*=100

**OFTVOTE CONTINUED...**

	<u>Always</u>	Nearly <u>Always</u>	Part of <u>The time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) Never <u>Vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*=100
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*=100
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*=100
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	-	*=100
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*=100
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*=100
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*=100
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*=100
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*=100
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*=100

**NO QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 9**

Thinking about this year's election...

Q.10F1/ If the 2006 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the

Q.10F2 Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

**IF ANSWERED '3' OTHER OR '9' DON'T KNOW IN Q.10F1/Q.10F2, ASK:**

Q.10F1a/Q.10F2a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
November, 2006	40	48	12=100
Late October, 2006	38	49	13=100
Early October, 2006	38	51	11=100
September, 2006	39	50	11=100
August, 2006	41	50	9=100
June, 2006	39	51	10=100
April, 2006	41	51	8=100
February, 2006	41	50	9=100
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8=100
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100
June, 2002	44	46	10=100
February, 2002	46	45	9=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100
June, 1998	44	46	10=100
March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 1998	41	50	9=100
January, 1998	41	51	8=100
August, 1997	45	48	7=100
<b>1994 Election</b>			
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' OR '2' IN Q.10F1 OR Q.10F2, ASK:**

Q.10b Do you support the (INSERT PARTY SELECTED IN Q.10F1 OR Q.10F2: Democratic/Republican) candidate strongly or only moderately?

**BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

		Late Oct <u>2006</u>	Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Early Nov <u>2002</u>	Early Nov <u>2000</u>	Late Oct <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1994</u>
40	Republican/Lean Rep	38	38	42	42	40	41	45
21	Strongly	19	20	21	20	19	18	19
19	Moderately/Lean	19	17	20	22	21	23	26
*	Don't know/Refused	*	1	1	*	--	*	--
48	Democrat/Lean Dem	49	51	46	48	47	48	43
26	Strongly	25	26	22	23	24	22	17
21	Moderately/Lean	23	24	23	24	23	25	26
1	Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	--	1	--
<u>12</u>	Other/Undecided (VOL.)	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

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

	Yes, Plan To Vote	No, Don't Plan To	Don't know/ Refused
November, 2006 <sup>2</sup>	90	8	2=100
Late October, 2006	94	3	3=100
Early October, 2006	93	4	3=100
September, 2006	92	5	3=100
November, 2004	97	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	98	1	1=100
Early October, 2004	98	1	1=100
Early September, 2004	98	1	1=100
September 11-14	97	2	1=100
September 8-10	99	1	*=100
August, 2004	98	2	*=100
June, 2004	96	2	2=100
Early November, 2002	90	8	2=100
Early October, 2002	95	3	2=100
Early November, 2000	96	3	1=100
Late October, 2000	97	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2000	96	2	2=100
Early October, 2000	97	2	1=100
September, 2000	95	3	2=100
June, 2000	95	2	3=100
Late October, 1998	91	6	3=100
Early October, 1998	92	4	4=100
Early September, 1998	95	2	3=100
Late August, 1998	93	3	4=100

2 Since Mid-October 2004 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

**PLANTO1 CONTINUED...**

	Yes, Plan <u>To Vote</u>	No, Don't <u>Plan To</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 1998	95	3	2=100
November, 1996	96	2	2=100
October, 1996	98	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	98	1	1=100
Early September, 1996	96	2	2=100
July, 1996	95	3	2=100
June, 1996	96	2	2=100
November, 1994	93	5	2=100
October, 1994	95	3	2=100
October, 1992	98	1	1=100
September, 1992	98	1	1=100
August, 1992	97	1	2=100
June, 1992	97	1	2=100
Gallup: November, 1988†	97	2	1=100
October, 1988	98	1	1=100

**ASK IF 'VOL. ALREADY VOTED' (3 IN PLANTO1) [N=227]:**

EARLY Just to be sure I understand – are you saying you have ALREADY mailed in your vote or cast your vote early at your local election office, or do you mean that you PLAN TO do so?

- 99 Already voted – **GO TO Q.11**
- 1 Plan to vote early – **GO TO SCALE10**
- 0 Other (VOL.) – **GO TO SCALE10**
- 0 Don't know/Refused – **GO TO SCALE10**

**ASK IF DID NOT ALREADY VOTE (2,3 OR 9 IN EARLY):**

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chances of voting in Tuesday's election on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who DEFINITELY will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of ten to one would you place yourself?

**BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	Definitely will vote										Definitely will not vote	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK/Ref	
November, 2006 <sup>3</sup>	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4	1=100	
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1	1=100	
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2	1=100	
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	1=100	
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1=100	
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1=100	
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1=100	
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	2=100	
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1=100	

3 In November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the "10 – definitely will vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

**SCALE10 CONTINUED...**

	Definitely will vote										DK/Ref
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	*=100
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1=100
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1=100
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1=100
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1=100
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1=100
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	*=100
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1=100
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2=100
October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1=100
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	*=100
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	2=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	2=100

**IF ‘YES’ IN PLANTO1, ASK:**

PLANTO3 Do you plan to vote BEFORE Election Day, OR will you probably vote at your polling place ON Election Day OR have you already cast your vote?

**BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	Late Oct <u>2006</u>	Early Oct <u>2006</u> <sup>4</sup>	Nov <u>2004</u> <sup>5</sup>	Mid- Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>
6 Before Election Day	15	14	9	16	13	19
71 Will probably vote at polling place on Election Day	74	77	75	78	84	77
12 Already voted <sup>6</sup>	2	*	13	3	*	n/a
1 Don't know/Refused	3	2	*	1	1	*
<u>10</u> Don't plan to vote/Don't know ( <b>IN PLANTO1</b> )	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100

4 In Early October 2006 and earlier the question was worded: "...BEFORE election day, that is through the mail or with an absentee ballot, OR...."

5 In Early October 2006, Early September 2004, and June 2004 the question was worded: "...or will you probably vote at your polling place ON Election Day?" In November 2004 and Mid- October 2004, "or have you already cast your vote," was added to the question wording, but had been a volunteer option in September 2004 and was not made available in June 2004.

6 In November 2006 and November 2004, results for this question also take into account the "EARLY" variable.

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

Q.11 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district – national issues, local or state issues, the candidate’s political party, or the candidate’s character or experience? **[IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?]**

	National Issues	Local/State Issues	Political Party	Character/ Experience	Other	None	DK/ Ref.
November, 2006	34	29	6	22	3	1	5=100
September, 2006	29	33	5	27	1	2	3=100
June, 2006	30	26	6	33	2	*	3=100
Early November, 2002	23	38	7	26	2	*	4=100
Early October, 2002	28	35	5	25	2	1	4=100
June, 2002	26	30	5	33	2	1	3=100
Early October, 2000	21	42	9	21	1	1	5=100
July, 2000	18	40	6	32	1	1	2=100
Late October, 1998	20	39	5	27	3	2	4=100
Early October, 1998	23	36	7	28	1	*	5=100
Early September, 1998	22	34	5	33	2	*	4=100
Early August, 1998	20	38	5	31	2	*	4=100
June, 1998	22	37	4	32	1	1	3=100
March, 1998	18	37	6	35	1	1	2=100
November, 1996	23	38	6	25	2	*	6=100
October, 1996	19	45	7	26	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	25	38	6	24	2	*	5=100
Early September, 1996	18	42	6	30	1	*	3=100
November, 1994	22	38	5	30	1	*	4=100
Late October, 1994	22	38	3	29	3	1	4=100
Early October, 1994	22	27	5	39	2	1	4=100
CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986	22	25	6	40	1	1	5=100
CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986	20	23	9	41	3	*	4=100

Q.12 Of the following six issues, which ONE would you say is MOST important to your vote for Congress this year **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

**IF ANSWER GIVEN (1-7 IN Q.12) ASK:**

Q.12a And which would you say is the SECOND most important to your vote? **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.12 EXCLUDING PRIOR SELECTION]**

<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Combined</u>		<u>Late Oct 2006 Combined</u>	<u>Early Oct 2006 Combined</u>
22	20	42	The economy	41	41
29	19	48	The situation in Iraq	45	44
13	13	26	Terrorism	26	32
10	13	23	Immigration	24	21
4	8	11	Energy policy	12	14
16	19	35	Health care	37	38
2	2	4	Other (VOL.) <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	3	3
1	*	1	None of these (VOL.) <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	1	*
<u>3</u>	<u>6</u> <sup>7</sup>	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.) <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	5	3
100	100				

7 Includes Don't Know/Refused responses for first and second most important issue to a respondent's vote for Congress

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

Q.13 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected on Tuesday, or not?

			(VOL)	(VOL)
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Congressperson <u>not running</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2006	55	25	1	19=100
Late October, 2006	55	26	1	18=100
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22=100
September, 2006	53	27	1	19=100
August, 2006	51	30	*	19=100
June, 2006	51	32	1	16=100
April, 2006	57	28	1	14=100
February, 2006	59	28	1	12=100
Mid-September, 2005	57	25	1	17=100
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21=100
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23=100
October, 2000	60	17	1	22=100
July, 1999	66	23	*	11=100
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16=100
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20=100
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16=100
March, 1998	63	21	1	15=100
January, 1998	66	23	0	11=100
August, 1997	66	22	0	12=100
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21=100
October, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26=100
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
November, 1994	58	25	1	16=100
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13=100
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14=100

Q.14 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected on Tuesday, or not?

			(VOL)
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2006	37	46	17=100
Late October, 2006	34	49	17=100
Early October, 2006	32	48	20=100
September, 2006	35	49	16=100
August, 2006	36	49	15=100
June, 2006	29	57	14=100
April, 2006	34	53	13=100
February, 2006	36	49	15=100
September, 2005	36	48	16=100
Early October, 2002	39	38	23=100
June, 2002	45	37	18=100
October, 2000	40	34	26=100
July, 1999	41	47	12=100
Late October, 1998	41	37	22=100
Early October, 1998	39	39	22=100

**Q.14 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 1998	46	37	17=100
March, 1998	45	41	14=100
January, 1998	44	43	13=100
August, 1997	45	42	13=100
Early September, 1996	43	43	14=100
November, 1994	31	51	18=100
Late October, 1994	31	56	13=100
Early October, 1994	28	56	16=100

Q.15 Thinking about this Tuesday's congressional elections, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

		Late Oct <u>2006</u>	Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>	June <u>2002</u>	June <u>1998</u>	<i>Gallup</i> Oct <u>1994</u>
44	More	41	39	37	38	41	38	34
35	Less	34	36	40	40	33	45	44
19	Same <b>(VOL)</b>	23	21	20	18	23	15	20
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.16 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote this Tuesday, or not?

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

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress this Tuesday as a vote FOR George W. Bush, as a vote AGAINST George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2006	21	35	41	3=100
Late October, 2006	20	37	38	5=100
Early October, 2006	18	39	40	3=100
September, 2006	20	36	40	4=100
August, 2006	17	35	43	5=100
June, 2006	15	38	44	3=100
April, 2006	17	34	46	3=100
February, 2006	18	31	47	4=100
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6=100
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6=100
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5=100
February, 2002	34	9	50	7=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
<b>Clinton:</b> June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
<b>Clinton:</b> March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
<b>Clinton:</b> November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
<b>Clinton:</b> Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
<b>CBS/NYT Bush:</b> 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
<b>CBS/NYT Reagan:</b> 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7=100
<b>CBS/NYT Reagan:</b> 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
<b>CBS/NYT Reagan:</b> 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

On another subject...

Q.18 Here are a few ways that candidates and political groups contact voters to encourage them to vote a particular way. Thinking just about the past few months, have you been contacted by any candidates or political groups **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Have you been contacted by any candidates or political groups **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. Over the phone			
November, 2006	50	49	1=100
Late October, 2006	41	59	*=100
Early October, 2006	38	61	1=100
Early November, 2002 <sup>8</sup>	33	66	1=100
Early November, 2000	26	73	1=100
b. In person by someone coming to your door			
November, 2006	15	85	*=100
Late October, 2006	14	86	*=100
Early October, 2006	14	86	*=100
c. By e-mail			
November, 2006	14	84	2=100
Late October, 2006	16	82	2=100
Early October, 2006	15	83	2=100

**IF YES TO ANY (1 IN Q.18a, Q.18b OR Q.18c), ASK:**

Q.19 When you were contacted, were you urged to vote for Democratic candidates OR Republican candidates?

**BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	<u>Late Oct 2006</u>	<u>Early Oct 2006</u>
58 Yes, contacted ( <b>NET</b> )	54	49
13 Democrats	15	14
13 Republicans	13	13
2 Other ( <b>VOL.</b> )	3	2
18 Both ( <b>VOL.</b> )	13	11
12 Don't know/Refused	10	9
<u>42</u> Not contacted/DK/Refused	<u>46</u>	<u>51</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

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8 In Early November 2002 and Early November 2000 the question was worded: "Recently, have you been contacted over the phone by any candidates, campaigns or other groups urging you to vote in a particular way in the upcoming elections?"

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:**

Q.20 How confident are you that your vote will be accurately counted in the upcoming election? **[READ]**

		Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Mid- Oct <u>2004</u>
57	Very confident	58	62
28	Somewhat confident	29	26
8	Not too confident	9	7
4	Not at all confident	3	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.21 Compared to past elections, would you say there has been MORE mud slinging or negative campaigning this year, or LESS mud slinging or negative campaigning this year?

		Early Nov <u>2002</u>	Late Oct <u>1998</u>
65	More	51	52
14	Less	24	23
16	Same ( <b>VOL.</b> )	20	20
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

On another subject...

Q.22 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]

	App- rove	Dis- approve	Don't know		App- rove	Dis- approve	Don't know
November, 2006	41	53	6=100	January, 2003	58	33	9=100
Late October, 2006	41	53	6=100	December, 2002	62	30	8=100
Early October, 2006	37	54	9=100	Late October, 2002	60	30	10=100
September, 2006	38	53	9=100	Early October, 2002	63	31	6=100
August, 2006	37	55	8=100	Early September, 2002	64	28	8=100
July, 2006	38	56	6=100	Late August, 2002	62	28	10=100
June, 2006	36	55	9=100	August, 2002	67	22	11=100
April, 2006	34	57	9=100	June, 2002	73	19	8=100
Early April, 2006	36	56	8=100	April, 2002	71	18	11=100
March, 2006	34	58	8=100	February, 2002	78	14	8=100
February, 2006	41	53	6=100	January, 2002	80	12	8=100
January, 2006	40	53	7=100	Mid-November, 2001	85	8	7=100
December, 2005	40	54	6=100	Early October, 2001	86	8	6=100
Early November, 2005	39	55	6=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Late October, 2005	43	51	6=100	Early September, 2001	51	36	13=100
Early October, 2005	39	55	6=100	July, 2001	54	33	13=100
September 6-7, 2005	41	52	7=100	June, 2001	51	35	14=100
July, 2005	44	50	6=100	May, 2001	54	32	14=100
June, 2005	44	50	6=100	April, 2001	60	26	14=100
Late May, 2005	43	49	8=100	February, 2001	55	21	24=100
Mid-May, 2005	45	50	5=100				
Mid-March, 2005	45	48	7=100				
February, 2005	47	48	5=100				
January, 2005	52	43	5=100				
December, 2004	49	44	6=100				
Mid-October, 2004	45	50	5=100				
August, 2004	47	46	7=100				
July, 2004	49	44	7=100				
June, 2004	48	44	8=100				
May, 2004	45	48	7=100				
Early April, 2004	47	45	8=100				
Late March, 2004	48	45	7=100				
Mid-March, 2004	45	49	6=100				
February, 2004	51	43	6=100				
Mid-January, 2004	58	35	7=100				
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100				
December, 2003	58	34	8=100				
November, 2003	52	40	8=100				
October, 2003	51	43	6=100				
September, 2003	54	39	7=100				
Early August, 2003	55	38	7=100				
Mid-July, 2003	60	32	8=100				
Early July, 2003	61	30	9=100				
May, 2003	67	26	7=100				
March 13-16, 2003	57	35	8=100				
February, 2003	55	37	8=100				

**QUESTIONS 23-30 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Thinking about the nation’s economy...

Q.31 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know Refused</u>
November, 2006	9	35	37	17	2=100
Late October, 2006	7	29	41	22	1=100
September, 2006	6	33	41	19	1=100
March, 2006	4	30	44	22	*=100
January, 2006	4	32	44	19	1=100
Early October, 2005	2	25	45	28	*=100
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	2	30	48	19	1=100
January, 2005	4	38	43	14	1=100
December, 2004	3	34	42	20	1=100
November, 2004	5	31	37	26	1=100
Mid-September, 2004	5	35	39	20	1=100
August, 2004	3	32	45	20	*=100
Late February, 2004	2	29	42	26	1=100

And thinking about the issue of terrorism...

Q.32 Do you think the United States is winning or losing the war on terrorism?

	<u>Sept 2006</u>	<u>Nov 2004</u>	<u>Early Oct 2004</u>	<u>Early Sept 2004</u>
46 Winning	41	45	48	54
33 Losing	40	31	33	28
10 Neither (VOL)	9	10	9	9
<u>11</u> Don't Know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>
100	100	100	100	100

**K.1/K.2 AND B.1/QB.2 ASKED NOVEMBER 2-4 ONLY [N=1703]:  
ROTATE K.1/K.2 WITH B.1/QB.2**

K.1 How much, if anything, have you heard about John Kerry’s recent comments that critics said insulted U.S. troops in Iraq, but that he described as “a botched joke” – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

60	A lot
24	A little
14	Nothing at all
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (K.1=1,2), ASK [N=1497]:**

K.2 Have Kerry’s comments raised serious doubts in your mind about voting for Democratic candidates this year, or is this not a serious consideration for you?

19	Raised serious doubts about voting for Democratic candidates
78	Not a serious consideration
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOVEMBER 2-4 ONLY [N=1703]:**

B.1 How much, if anything, have you heard about President Bush's announcement that he will keep Donald Rumsfeld as Secretary of Defense until he leaves office in 2009 – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

26 A lot  
 40 A little  
 32 Nothing at all  
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)  
 100

**IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (B.1=1,2), ASK [N=1188]:**

B.2 Has Bush's announcement raised serious doubts in your mind about voting for Republican candidates this year, or is this not a serious consideration for you?

24 Raised serious doubts about voting for Republican candidates  
 73 Not a serious consideration  
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)  
 100

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>Preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>Party</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
November, 2006	31	35	29	3	*	2=100
Late October, 2006	31	35	28	3	1	2=100
Early October, 2006	30	35	31	2	*	2=100
September, 2006	32	36	28	2	*	2=100
August, 2006	33	34	27	4	*	2=100
July, 2006	33	34	29	2	1	1=100
June, 2006	30	36	29	3	*	2=100
April, 2006	32	35	29	2	*	2=100
March, 2006	30	36	27	4	*	3=100
February, 2006	31	35	30	2	*	2=100
January, 2006	30	35	30	3	*	2=100
November, 2004	33	35	26	2	*	4=100
November, 2002	33	35	26	3	*	3=100
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No Preference/ <u>Other/DK</u>		
November, 2000	29	36	28	7=100		
Late October, 1998	31	37	26	6=100		
November, 1996	28	37	29	6=100		
November, 1994	30	33	32	5=100		

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

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	Refused <u>to lean</u>
November, 2006	11	14	9=34%

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

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

19 Strong  
12 Not Strong/Don't Know  
 31%

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

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

22 Strong  
13 Not strong/Don't Know  
 35%

**ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (1 IN PARTY OR 1 IN PARTYLN):**

Q.33 Thinking about this year's Congressional elections, do you think the Republican Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

**BASED ON REGISTERED REPUBLICANS/LEAN REPUBLICANS [N=1033]:**

		Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>
17	Better	16	23	16	21	16
29	Worse	21	22	17	17	21
48	About the same	56	50	62	57	56
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

**ASK IF DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT (2 IN PARTY OR 2 IN PARTYLN):**

Q.34 Thinking about this year's Congressional elections, do you think the Democratic Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

**BASED ON REGISTERED DEMOCRATS/LEAN DEMOCRATS [N=1119]:**

		Early Oct <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>
72	Better	67	66	62	64	64
1	Worse	2	1	2	2	1
22	About the same	26	30	32	29	29
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100