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Q. $1 \quad$ 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]

|  | Approve | Disapprove |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2003 | 58 |  | Don't know |
| December, 2002 | 61 |  | $10=100$ |
| Late October, 2002 | 59 | 28 | $11=100$ |
| Early October, 2002 | 61 | 29 | $12=100$ |
| Mid-September, 2002 | 67 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| Early September, 2002 | 63 | 22 | $11=100$ |
| Late August, 2002 | 60 | 26 | $11=100$ |
| August, 2002 | 67 | 27 | $13=100$ |
| Late July, 2002 | 65 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| July, 2002 | 67 | 25 | $10=100$ |
| June, 2002 | 70 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| April, 2002 | 69 | 20 | $10=100$ |
| Early April, 2002 | 74 | 18 | $13=100$ |
| February, 2002 | 78 | 16 | $10=100$ |
| January, 2002 | 80 | 13 | $9=100$ |
| Mid-November, 2001 | 84 | 11 | $9=100$ |
| Early October, 2001 | 84 | 9 | $7=100$ |
| Late September, 2001 | 86 | 8 | $8=100$ |
| Mid-September, 2001 | 80 | 7 | $7=100$ |
| Early September, 2001 | 51 | 9 | $11=100$ |
| August, 2001 | 50 | 34 | $15=100$ |
| July, 2001 | 51 | 32 | $18=100$ |
| June, 2001 | 50 | 32 | $17=100$ |
| May, 2001 | 53 | 33 | $17=100$ |
| April, 2001 | 56 | 32 | $15=100$ |
| March, 2001 | 53 | 27 | $17=100$ |
| February, 2001 | 53 | 25 | $20=100$ |
|  |  | 53 | $26=100$ |

Q. 2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job 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 Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK] ${ }^{1}$

|  | Approve | Disapprove | Don't Know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2003 | 48 | 37 | 15=100 |
| June, 2002 | 50 | 34 | $16=100$ |
| May, 2002 | 49 | 34 | $17=100$ |
| February, 2002 | 56 | 24 | $20=100$ |
| Early September, 2001 | 43 | 39 | $18=100$ |
| June, 2001 | 40 | 40 | $20=100$ |
| May, 2001 | 45 | 36 | $19=100$ |
| April, 2001 | 45 | 30 | $25=100$ |
| January, 2001 | 43 | 36 | $21=100$ |
| July, 2000 | 36 | 46 | $18=100$ |
| May, 2000 | 40 | 42 | $18=100$ |
| March, 2000 | 38 | 43 | $19=100$ |
| February, 2000 | 40 | 43 | $17=100$ |

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## Q. 2 CONTINUED... <br> Approve Disapprove <br> Don’t Know

| January, 2000 | 39 | 41 | $20=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December, 1999 | 38 | 42 | $20=100$ |
| October, 1999 | 34 | 50 | $16=100$ |
| Late September, 1999 | 34 | 46 | $20=100$ |
| August, 1999 | 40 | 44 | $16=100$ |
| July, 1999 | 36 | 45 | $19=100$ |
| June, 1999 | 37 | 46 | $17=100$ |
| 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 | $20=100$ |
| May, 1998 | 40 | 41 | $19=100$ |
| April, 1998 | 41 | 40 | $19=100$ |
| March, 1998 | 43 | 39 | $18=100$ |
| January, 1998 | 43 | 41 | 16=100 |
| November, 1997 | 41 | 43 | $16=100$ |
| August, 1997 | 42 | 44 | $14=100$ |
| June, 1997 | 33 | 50 | $17=100$ |
| May, 1997 | 40 | 44 | $16=100$ |
| April, 1997 | 40 | 44 | $16=100$ |
| February, 1997 | 44 | 42 | 14=100 |
| January, 1997 | 38 | 47 | $15=100$ |
| November, 1996 | 40 | 43 | $17=100$ |
| July, 1996 | 38 | 48 | $14=100$ |
| June, 1996 | 36 | 50 | 14=100 |
| April, 1996 | 39 | 46 | $15=100$ |
| March, 1996 | 35 | 51 | $14=100$ |
| February, 1996 | 33 | 53 | $14=100$ |
| January, 1996 | 36 | 54 | $10=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 36 | 51 | $13=100$ |
| September, 1995 | 36 | 50 | $14=100$ |
| August, 1995 | 38 | 45 | $17=100$ |
| June, 1995 | 41 | 45 | 14=100 |
| April, 1995 | 44 | 43 | $13=100$ |
| March, 1995 | 43 | 39 | $18=100$ |
| December, 1994 | 52 | 28 | $20=100$ |

Q. 3 Now thinking about President Bush's upcoming State of the Union address... Do you consider this year's State of the Union to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

|  |  | Ja | $\begin{array}{r} ---\mathbf{C l} \\ \text { Jan } 200 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | on --- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | More important | 54 | 16 | 27 |
| 6 | Less important | 4 | 22 | 16 |
| 35 | Same | 36 | 53 | 51 |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Q. 4 Next, I would like to ask you about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them. First, [ROTATE ITEMS a. AND b.]
a. Can you tell me the name of the Republican Senator who recently resigned as Majority Leader after making controversial remarks at a public event?

| 45 | Trent Lott \{correct\} |
| ---: | :--- |
| 4 | Another name |
| $\frac{51}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

b. Do you happen to know the name of the country that recently admitted it was secretly developing a nuclear weapons program?

|  |  | May | Early <br> Jan |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1994^{2}$ | $\frac{1994}{22}$ |
| 64 | North Korea \{correct, accept "Korea"\} | 20 | 4 |
| 12 | Other/Incorrect answer | $\frac{76}{6}$ | $\frac{72}{100}$ |
| $\frac{24}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | 100 | 10 |

Q. 5 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE a THRU h WITH i ALWAYS LAST]

|  | Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy | Very Closely | Fairly Closely | Not too Closely | Not at all Closely | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. |  | 40 | 35 | 13 | 11 | 1=100 |
|  | December, 2002 | 38 | 34 | 17 | 10 | $1=100$ |
|  | February, 2002 | 35 | 40 | 15 | 9 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 30 | 44 | 16 | 9 | 1=100 |
|  | December, 2001 | 37 | 40 | 13 | 8 | $2=100$ |
|  | Mid-November, 2001 | 41 | 36 | 15 | 7 | $1=100$ |
|  | June, 2001 | 24 | 41 | 18 | 16 | 1=100 |
|  | May, 2001 | 34 | 36 | 15 | 15 | $0=100$ |
|  | April, 2001 | 36 | 34 | 16 | 13 | $1=100$ |
|  | February, 2001 | 30 | 39 | 18 | 12 | 1=100 |
|  | January, 2001 | 32 | 38 | 17 | 11 | $2=100$ |
|  | June, 1995 | 26 | 41 | 22 | 11 | *=100 |
|  | March, 1995 | 27 | 45 | 19 | 9 | *=100 |
|  | February, 1995 | 23 | 41 | 22 | 13 | $1=100$ |
|  | December, 1994 | 28 | 43 | 20 | 9 | *=100 |
|  | October, 1994 | 27 | 40 | 20 | 12 | 1=100 |
|  | June, 1994 | 25 | 42 | 23 | 10 | *=100 |
|  | May, 1994 | 33 | 40 | 16 | 10 | 1=100 |
|  | January, 1994 | 34 | 39 | 16 | 10 | $1=100$ |
|  | Early January, 1994 | 36 | 44 | 13 | 7 | *=100 |
|  | December, 1993 | 35 | 41 | 15 | 8 | 1=100 |
|  | October, 1993 | 33 | 38 | 20 | 9 | *=100 |
|  | September, 1993 | 37 | 40 | 14 | 8 | $1=100$ |
|  | Early September, 1993 | 39 | 39 | 14 | 9 | *=100 |
|  | August, 1993 | 41 | 36 | 14 | 9 | *=100 |
|  | May, 1993 | 37 | 38 | 18 | 6 | 1=100 |
|  | February, 1993 | 49 | 36 | 10 | 5 | * $=100$ |

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## Q. 5 CONTINUED...

January, 1993
September, 1992
May, 1992
March, 1992
February, 1992
January, 1992
October, 1991

| Very | Fairly | Not too | Not at all |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Closely | Closely | Closely | Closely | DK/Ref |
| 42 | 39 | 12 | 7 | *=100 |
| 43 | 37 | 13 | 6 | *=100 |
| 39 | 39 | 15 | 6 | 1=100 |
| 47 | 38 | 11 | 4 | *=100 |
| 47 | 37 | 10 | 6 | *=100 |
| 44 | 40 | 11 | 5 | *=100 |
| 36 | 38 | 16 | 9 | $1=100$ |

b. Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq December, 2002
Late October, 2002
Early October, 2002
Early September, $2002^{3}$
c. The work of United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq

| 34 | 41 | 14 | 10 | $1=100$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 35 | 39 | 15 | 10 | $1=100$ |
| 18 | 31 | 23 | 27 | $1=100$ |
| 36 | 40 | 16 | 8 | $*=100$ |
| 32 | 35 | 18 | 15 | $*=100$ |
| 34 | 33 | 15 | 17 | $1=100$ |
| 44 | 32 | 10 | 13 | $1=100$ |
| 35 | 38 | 15 | 11 | $1=100$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | 34 | 18 | 14 | $1=100$ |
| 25 | 31 | 23 | 20 | $1=100$ |
| 27 | 33 | 26 | 14 | $*=100$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 16 | 29 | 49 | $1=100$ |
| 6 | 13 | 27 | 53 | $1=100$ |

e. Political instability in Venezuela

April, $2002^{6}$
December, 2002
August, 1998 ${ }^{4}$
55

| 55 | 29 | 10 | 4 | $2=100$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 51 | 32 | 10 | 6 | $1=100$ |
| 53 | 33 | 8 | 5 | $1=100$ |
| 60 | 28 | 6 | 5 | $1=100$ |
| 48 | 29 | 15 | 6 | $2=100$ |

35
February, 1998
36
January, 1998
December, 1997
November, 1997
October, 1991
$13 \quad 27 \quad 53 \quad 1=100$
f. Senator Trent Lott's resignation as Republican Majority Leader after making controversial remarks at a public event

34
34
g. A religious group claiming to have successfully cloned a human being

Early August, $1998^{7}$
14
6

| 30 | 30 | 24 | $2=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 15 | 24 | 52 | $3=100$ |
| 29 | 24 | 26 | $*=100$ |
| 33 | 26 | 23 | $1=100$ |

In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "...U.S. will invade Iraq."

In August 1998 the story was listed as "The current dispute with Iraq over U.N. weapons inspections." In February 1998 the story was listed as "The conflict in Iraq over U.N. weapons inspectors and U.S. threats to retaliate with air strikes." In January 1998 the story was listed as "The conflict in Iraq over U.N. weapons inspectors." In November and December 1997 the story was listed as "(the conflict over) Iraq's refusal to let Americans participate in weapons inspections." In October 1991 the story was listed as "The standoff in Baghdad between the Iraqis and U.N. weapons inspectors."

In Late October 2002 the story was listed as "North Korea's admission that it has been secretly developing nuclear weapons." In June 1994 the story was listed as "Reports about North Korea's building of nuclear weapons and refusal to allow U.N. inspections."

In April 2002 the story was listed as "The attempted overthrow of the president of Venezuela."
In Early August 1998 the story was listed as "The cloning of mice by scientists in Hawaii." In January 1998 the story was listed as "Plans by a Chicago scientist to open a clinic for cloning people." In April 1997 the story was listed as "The cloning of a sheep by a Scottish biologist."

## Q. 5 CONTINUED...

h. George W. Bush's tax cut and economic stimulus plan

February, $2002^{8}$
April, 2001
February, 2001
February, 1993
September, 1992 (RVs)

| Very | Fairly | Not too | Not at all |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Closely | Closely | Closely | Closely | $\underline{\text { DK/Ref }}$ |
| 28 | 34 | 21 | 15 | $2=100$ |
| 17 | 31 | 28 | 23 | 1=100 |
| 24 | 38 | 20 | 18 | *=100 |
| 31 | 35 | 19 | 14 | $1=100$ |
| 49 | 36 | 10 | 5 | *=100 |
| 28 | 44 | 18 | 9 | $1=100$ |

i. Recent announcements by prominent Democrats about plans to run for president in 2004

March, $199{ }^{9}$
January, 1992
December, 1991
October, 1991
November, 1987

## Q.5a-i RANK ORDERED SUMMARY TABLE

| Very <br> closely | Fairly <br> closely |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 55 | 29 |  | b. Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq |
| 40 | 35 | a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy |  |
| 34 | 41 | c. The work of United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq |  |
| 33 | 34 | d. North Korea's nuclear weapons program |  |
| 28 | 34 | h. George W. Bush’s tax cut and economic stimulus plan |  |
| 20 | 34 | f. Senator Trent Lott’s resignation after controversial remarks |  |
| 14 | 30 | g. A religious group claiming to have successfully cloned a human being |  |
| 14 | 28 | i. Recent announcements by prominent Democrats about plans to run for president in 2004 |  |
| 5 | 16 | e. Political instability in Venezuela |  |

[^2]Q. 6 Can you please tell me the names of any candidates planning to run for the Democratic nomination for president in 2004? ... Can you think of any others? [ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES, INCLUDING MULTIPLE "OTHERS" IN ADDITION TO PRECODES: IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS A NAME BUT VOLUNTEERS THAT THE PERSON IS NOT PLANNING TO RUN, DO NOT CODE NAME]

|  | Aug <br>  <br> Could not name any candidates | $\mathbf{1 9 9 5}^{10}$ | Oct |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Could name a candidate | May | $\frac{1991}{\mathbf{7 3}}$ | $\mathbf{7 6}$ |
| Joe Lieberman | $\mathbf{5 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| Richard (Dick) Gephardt |  |  |  |
| John Kerry |  |  |  |
| John Edwards |  |  |  |
| Tom Daschle |  |  |  |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |
| Al Sharpton |  |  |  |
| Al Gore |  |  |  |
| Howard Dean |  |  |  |
| Bob Graham |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |

Q. 7 How have you been getting most of your news about national and international issues? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]

|  |  | Early |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jan | Sept | Feb | Oct | Jan | Jan | Sept | Jan | Sept | Jan |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | 2001 | 2001 | 1999 | 1999 | 1996 | $\underline{1995}$ | 1994 | 1993 | 1993 |
| 81 | Television | 82 | 74 | 76 | 80 | 82 | 88 | 82 | 83 | 83 | 83 |
| 44 | Newspapers | 42 | 45 | 40 | 48 | 42 | 61 | 63 | 51 | 60 | 52 |
| 22 | Radio | 21 | 18 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 17 | 17 |
| 4 | Magazines | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 5 |
| 17 | Internet ${ }^{11}$ | 14 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 6 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | Other (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused | * | * | 1 | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | * | 1 |

## IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q. 7 ASK Q.8.

 IF NOT, SKIP TO Q. 9ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=611$ ]:
Q.8F1 Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from network TV news, from local TV news, or from cable news networks such as CNN, MSNBC, and the Fox News Channel? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE]

|  | Early |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jan | Sept | Feb | Oct | Jan | Jan | Sept |  | Sept | Jan |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | 2001 | 2001 | 1999 | 1999 | 1996 | $1995{ }^{12}$ | 1994 | 1993 | 1993 |
| 13 | Network TV news | 19 | 20 | 20 | 22 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 39 |
| 24 | Local TV news | 24 | 26 | 25 | 31 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 30 |
| 49 | Cable news ${ }^{13}$ | 44 | 34 | 35 | 35 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 38 |
| * | Other | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| 1 | Don't know | * | * | 1 | * | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=607$ ]:

Q.8F2 Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from network TV news, from local TV news, or from cable news networks? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE]

|  |  | Jan 2002 |
| ---: | :--- | :---: |
| 23 | Network TV news | 20 |
| 29 | Local TV news | 26 |
| 39 | Cable news | 39 |
| 1 | Other (VOL) | 2 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused | 1 |

## NO QUESTION 9

Q. 10 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | No Opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6=100 |
| September, $2002{ }^{14}$ | 41 | 55 | $4=100$ |
| Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ |
| 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 | $4=100$ |
| 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 | $4=100$ |
| March, 1996 | 28 | 70 | $2=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 23 | 73 | $4=100$ |
| June, 1995 | 25 | 73 | $2=100$ |
| April, 1995 | 23 | 74 | 3=100 |
| July, 1994 | 24 | 73 | 3=100 |
| March, 1994 | 24 | 71 | $5=100$ |
| October, 1993 | 22 | 73 | $5=100$ |
| September, 1993 | 20 | 75 | $4=100$ |
| May, 1993 | 22 | 71 | $7=100$ |
| January, 1993 | 39 | 50 | $11=100$ |
| January, 1992 | 28 | 68 | $4=100$ |
| November, 1991 | 34 | 61 | $5=100$ |
| Late February, 1991 (Gallup) | 66 | 31 | $3=100$ |
| August, 1990 | 47 | 48 | $5=100$ |
| May, 1990 | 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| January, 1989 | 45 | 50 | 5=100 |
| September, 1988 (RVs) | 50 | 45 | $5=100$ |
| May, 1988 | 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| January, 1988 | 39 | 55 | $6=100$ |

Now thinking about President Bush...
Q. 11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE]

|  |  | Approve | Disapprove | DK/Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | The economy | 47 | 45 | 8=100 |
|  | Early October, 2002 | 49 | 40 | $11=100$ |
|  | June, 2002 | 53 | 36 | $11=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 60 | 28 | $12=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ |
|  | February, 2001 | 50 | 22 | 28=100 |
|  | Clinton: Early September, 1998 | 71 | 23 | $6=100$ |
|  | Clinton: September, 1997 | 60 | 34 | $6=100$ |
|  | Clinton: January, 1996 | 50 | 42 | $8=100$ |
|  | Clinton: June, 1995 | 46 | 46 | $8=100$ |
|  | Clinton: October, 1994 | 45 | 46 | $9=100$ |
|  | Clinton: July, 1994 | 38 | 56 | $6=100$ |
|  | Bush, Sr.: August, 1990 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ |
|  | Bush, Sr.: May, 1990 | 42 | 47 | $11=100$ |
| b. | The situation with Iraq | 56 | 36 | $8=100$ |
|  | Early October, 2002 | 56 | 34 | $10=100$ |
|  | Clinton: February, 1998* | 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
|  | Clinton: September, 1996* | 55 | 25 | $20=100$ |
|  | Clinton: October, 1994* | 59 | 33 | $8=100$ |
|  | Bush, Sr.: September, 1991* <br> * Gallup/CNN/USA Today trend | d 64 | 30 | $6=100$ |
| c. | The situation with North Korea | 53 | 27 | $20=100$ |
|  | October, 1994 ${ }^{15}$ | 49 | 31 | $20=100$ |
|  | June, 1994 Newsweek | 31 | 42 | $27=100$ |
| d. | Terrorist threats | 69 | 23 | $8=100$ |
|  | Early October, 2002 | 71 | 22 | $7=100$ |
|  | June, 2002 | 74 | 18 | $8=100$ |
|  | Clinton: September, 1998 ${ }^{16}$ | 72 | 20 | $8=100$ |

Q. 12 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on ... the economy or the war on terrorism?

|  |  | Late Oct <br> O002 | Late Aug <br> 36 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 38 | The economy | $\frac{2002}{39}$ |  |
| 43 | War on terrorism | 45 | 34 |
| $*$ | Neither (VOL.) | $*$ | 2 |
| 17 | Both (VOL.) | 17 | 22 |
| $\frac{2}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\frac{2}{2}$ | $\underline{3}$ |
| 100 | 100 |  |  |

[^3]Q. 13 When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more... [READ, ROTATE]

|  |  | Jan 2002 |  | Jan 2001 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | Conservative members of his party |  | 38 |  |
| 35 | OR | Moderate members of his party | 40 |  |
| 37 | $\underline{22}$ |  | $\underline{15}$ |  |
| $\frac{24}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |  | 100 | $\underline{100}$ |

Now, thinking about your own personal finances...
Q. 14 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape?

|  | Excellent | Good | Only Fair | Poor | Don't Know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2003 | 7 | 38 | 39 | 15 | 1=100 |
| Early October, 2002 | 7 | 39 | 37 | 16 | $1=100$ |
| June, 2002 | 5 | 40 | 37 | 16 | $2=100$ |
| Late September, 2001 | 7 | 40 | 37 | 14 | $2=100$ |
| June, 2001 | 6 | 38 | 39 | 16 | $1=100$ |
| June, 2000 | 9 | 43 | 35 | 11 | $2=100$ |
| August, 1999 | 6 | 43 | 41 | 9 | $1=100$ |
| May, 1997 | 7 | 43 | 38 | 11 | $1=100$ |
| September, 1996 (RVs) | 8 | 47 | 34 | 10 | $1=100$ |
| February, 1995 | 8 | 39 | 38 | 14 | $1=100$ |
| March, 1994 | 5 | 41 | 40 | 13 | $1=100$ |
| December, 1993 | 5 | 34 | 45 | 15 | $1=100$ |
| January, 1993* | 4 | 33 | 46 | 16 | $1=100$ |
| October, 1992* | 6 | 34 | 40 | 19 | $1=100$ |
| August, 1992* | 5 | 30 | 47 | 17 | $1=100$ |
| May, 1992* | 4 | 35 | 45 | 15 | $1=100$ |
| January, 1992* | 4 | 32 | 45 | 18 | $1=100$ |

Q. 15 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

|  | Improve <br> A lot | Improve <br> Some | Get a <br> Little Worse | Get a lot <br> Worse | Stay the <br> Same <br> (VOL.) | Don’t Know/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2003 | 9 | $\frac{51}{4}$ | 18 | 5 | 13 | $4=100$ |
| Early October, 2002 | 10 | 54 | 13 | 5 | 12 | $6=100$ |
| June, 2002 | 11 | 55 | 15 | 4 | 11 | $4=100$ |
| January, 2002 | 12 | 53 | 15 | 5 | 11 | $4=100$ |
| Late September, 2001 | 9 | 46 | 16 | 4 | 17 | $8=100$ |
| June, 2001 | 11 | 52 | 15 | 4 | 14 | $4=100$ |
| January, 2001 | 11 | 46 | 18 | 9 | 12 | $4=100$ |
| January, 1999 | 17 | 55 | 7 | 3 | 14 | $4=100$ |
| May, 1997 | 12 | 56 | 10 | 2 | 17 | $3=100$ |
| February, 1995 | 11 | 53 | 13 | 3 | 17 | $3=100$ |
| March, 1994 | 10 | 57 | 11 | 3 | 16 | $3=100$ |
| October, 1992* | 9 | 51 | 14 | 3 | 15 | $8=100$ |
| August, 1992* | 6 | 50 | 20 | 5 | 14 | $5=100$ |
| May, 1992* | 8 | 49 | 22 | 4 | 13 | $4=100$ |
| January, 1992* | 9 | 46 | 19 | 5 | 16 | $5=100$ |
| *U.S. News \& World Report |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q. 16 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

| 发 |  |  |  | Don't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{\text { Better }}$ | Worse | Same | Refused |
| January, 2003 | 30 | 20 | 44 | 6=100 |
| Early October, 2002 | 34 | 18 | 42 | $6=100$ |
| June, 2002 | 30 | 20 | 46 | $4=100$ |
| January, 2002 | 44 | 17 | 36 | 3=100 |
| January, 2001* | 18 | 33 | 44 | 5=100 |
| June, 2000 | 15 | 24 | 55 | $6=100$ |
| Early October, 1998 (RVs) | 16 | 22 | 57 | $5=100$ |
| Early September, 1998 | 18 | 17 | 61 | $4=100$ |
| May, 1990 | 18 | 31 | 45 | $6=100$ |
| February, 1989 | 25 | 22 | 49 | $4=100$ |
| September, 1988 (RVs) | 24 | 16 | 51 | $9=100$ |
| May, 1988 | 24 | 20 | 46 | $10=100$ |
| January, 1988 | 22 | 26 | 45 | 7=100 |
| January, 1984* (RVs) | 35 | 13 | 49 | $3=100$ |
| * Newsweek |  |  |  |  |

Q. 17 In your opinion, is President Bush doing as much as he can to improve economic conditions or do you think he could be doing more?

|  |  |  | -- Bush, Sr. -- |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
|  |  | Early Oct | June | Jan | March | Jan |
| 33 | Doing as much as he can | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\frac{1992}{21}$ | $\frac{1992}{21}$ |
| 61 | Could be doing more | 63 | 62 | 46 | 76 | 76 |
| $\frac{6}{100}$ | Can't say | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{3}$ |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 10 |  |  |

Q. 18 I'd like to ask you some questions about priorities for President Bush and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think the item that I read should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? (First,) should [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... [NEXT ITEM]?

|  |  | Top Priority | Important But lower Priority | Not too Important | Should Not Be Done | $\underline{\text { DK/Ref }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASK ITEMS a THRU j OF FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=611$ ]: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.F1 | Improving the job situation | 62 | 32 | 4 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 67 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 1=100 |
|  | January, 2001 | 60 | 30 | 6 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 41 | 35 | 16 | 4 | $4=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 54 | 30 | 10 | 3 | 3=100 |
|  | January, 1999 | 50 | 34 | 10 | 2 | $4=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 54 | 32 | 10 | 3 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 66 | 26 | 5 | 2 | $1=100$ |
|  | December, 1994 | 64 | 27 | 5 | 2 | $2=100$ |
| b.F1 | Reducing the budget deficit | 40 | 44 | 11 | 2 | $3=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 35 | 44 | 13 | 3 | $5=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 60 | 30 | 5 | 2 | $3=100$ |
|  | December, 1994 | 65 | 26 | 5 | 1 | $3=100$ |


| Q. 18 CONTINUED... |  | Important |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Top | But lower | Not too | Should Not |  |
|  |  | Priority | Priority | Important | Be Done | DK/Ref |
| c.F1 | Reducing crime | 47 | 42 | 8 | 2 | 2=100 |
|  | January, 2002 | 53 | 39 | 6 | * | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 76 | 19 | 3 | 2 | *=100 |
|  | January, 2000 | 69 | 24 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 76 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 1=100 |
|  | January, 1999 | 70 | 24 | 3 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 71 | 25 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 70 | 25 | 3 | 2 | * $=100$ |
|  | December, 1994 | 78 | 17 | 2 | 1 | $2=100$ |
| d.F1 | Protecting the environment | 39 | 50 | 9 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 44 | 42 | 12 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 63 | 30 | 3 | 3 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 54 | 37 | 6 | 2 | $1=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 59 | 32 | 7 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 52 | 39 | 7 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 53 | 37 | 8 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 54 | 35 | 8 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| e.F1 | Working to reduce racial tensions | 33 | 43 | 18 | 4 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 52 | 35 | 7 | 3 | $3=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 46 | 40 | 10 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 49 | 37 | 8 | 4 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 49 | 35 | 11 | 3 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 41 | 38 | 13 | 7 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 50 | 34 | 9 | 5 | $2=100$ |
| f.F1 | Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans | 48 | 38 | 7 |  |  |
|  | (HMOs) and managed health care plans January, 2002 | 58 | 38 | 7 | 4 | $4=100$ $2=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 54 | 34 | 5 | 5 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 66 | 22 | 4 | 5 | 3=100 |
|  | January, 2000 | 56 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 4=100 |
|  | July, 1999 | 57 | 29 | 7 | 4 | $3=100$ |
| g.F1 | Developing a national missile defense system to protect against missile attacks | 42 | 34 | 13 | 8 | 3=100 |
|  | January, 2002 | 39 | 35 | 15 | 7 | $4=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 35 | 39 | 14 | 11 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 41 | 32 | 14 | 9 | $4=100$ |
| h.F1 | Adding prescription drug benefits to |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Medicare coverage | 52 | 36 | 9 | 2 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 54 | 34 | 8 | 3 | $1=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 60 | 31 | 6 | 2 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 73 | 19 | 4 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 54 | 31 | 9 | 3 | $3=100$ |
| i.F1 | Defending the country from future terrorist attacks | 81 | 16 | 2 | 1 | $0=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 83 | 15 | 1 | * | $1=100$ |
| j.F1 | Making the cuts in federal income taxes passed in 2001 permanent | 30 | 39 | 15 | 9 | $7=100$ |


| Q. 18 CONTINUED... |  | Top Priority | Important But lower Priority | Not too Important | Should Not Be Done | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASK ITEMS k THRU s OF FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=607$ ]: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| k.F2 | Improving the educational system | 62 | 31 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 66 | 27 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 76 | 19 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 78 | 17 | 1 | 3 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 77 | 18 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 74 | 19 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 74 | 22 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 78 | 17 | 3 | 2 | *=100 |
|  | January, 1997 | 75 | 20 | 3 | 2 | *=100 |
| 1.F2 | Taking steps to make the Social Security |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | system financially sound | 59 | 34 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 62 | 32 | 3 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2001 | 74 | 22 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 74 | 21 | 1 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 69 | 27 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 73 | 23 | 3 | * | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 71 | 24 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 71 | 24 | 4 | 1 | *=100 |
|  | January, 1997 | 75 | 20 | 2 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| m.F2 | Taking steps to make the Medicare system |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | financially sound | 56 | 39 | 4 | * | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 55 | 38 | 5 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 71 | 24 | 2 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 64 | 30 | 3 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 71 | 24 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 62 | 33 | 2 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 64 | 31 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 64 | 31 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| n.F2 | Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people | e 48 | 45 | 5 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 7 | 2 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 63 | 28 | 6 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 55 | 38 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 60 | 33 | 5 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 57 | 37 | 4 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 57 | 34 | 6 | 2 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 57 | 35 | 6 | 2 | *=100 |
| o.F2 | Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country | 39 | 34 | 16 | 7 | $4=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 45 | 32 | 12 | 7 | $4=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 51 | 27 | 10 | 7 | $5=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 48 | 34 | 9 | 6 | $3=100$ |
|  | July, 1999 | 55 | 28 | 8 | 5 | $4=100$ |
|  | January, 1999 | 50 | 31 | 10 | 5 | $4=100$ |
|  | January, 1998 | 48 | 31 | 13 | 6 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 1997 | 52 | 29 | 10 | 6 | $3=100$ |
| p.F2 | Providing health insurance to the uninsured | 45 | 41 | 10 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 43 | 45 | 7 | 3 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 61 | 31 | 4 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 55 | 32 | 8 | 2 | $3=100$ |


| Q. 18 CONTINUED... |  | Important |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Top | But lower | Not too | Should Not |  |
|  |  | Priority | Priority | Importan | Be Done | DK/Ref |
| q.F2 | Strengthening the U.S. military | 48 | 34 | 11 | 4 | 3=100 |
|  | January, 2002 | 52 | 37 | 7 | 2 | $2=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 48 | 37 | 8 | 5 | $2=100$ |
| r.F2 | Strengthening the nation's economy | 73 | 23 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 71 | 26 | 2 | * | $1=100$ |
|  | Early September, $2001{ }^{17}$ | 80 | 18 | 1 | * | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 81 | 15 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
|  | January, 2000 | 70 | 25 | 3 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| s.F2 | Dealing with the nation's energy problem | 40 | 46 | 10 | 1 | $3=100$ |
|  | January, 2002 | 42 | 46 | 7 | 2 | 3=100 |
|  | Early September, $2001{ }^{18}$ | 46 | 41 | 6 | 2 | $5=100$ |

Q. 18 RANK ORDERED SUMMARY TABLE

| Top <br> Top <br> priority | Important <br> but lower <br> priority |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\%$ | $\frac{\%}{2}$ |  |
| 81 | 16 | i. Defending the country from future terrorist attacks |
| 73 | 23 | r. Strengthening the nation's economy |
| 62 | 32 | a. Improving the job situation |
| 62 | 31 | k. Improving the educational system |
| 59 | 34 | l. Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound |
| 56 | 39 | m. Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound |
| 52 | 36 | h. Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage |
| 48 | 45 | n. Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people |
| 48 | 38 | f. Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans |
| 48 | 34 | q. Strengthening the U.S. military |
| 47 | 42 | c. Reducing crime |
| 45 | 41 | p. Providing health insurance to the uninsured |
| 42 | 34 | g. Developing a national missile defense system to protect against missile attacks |
| 40 | 46 | s. Dealing with the nation's energy problem |
| 40 | 44 | b. Reducing the budget deficit |
| 39 | 50 | d. Protecting the environment |
| 39 | 34 | o. Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country |
| 33 | 43 | e. Working to reduce racial tensions |
| 30 | 39 | j. Making the cuts in federal income taxes passed in 2001 permanent |

[^4]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 19 As I read a list of specific FOREIGN policy problems, tell me whether each one should have top priority in the U.S. government, a priority but not top priority, or no priority. (First.../How about...) [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]

|  | Top <br> Priority | A <br> Priority | No <br> Priority | Don't <br> Know |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Getting Saddam Hussein | 60 | 27 |  | 11 | $2=100$ |
| out of Iraq | 60 | 28 | 10 | $2=100$ |  |
| March, 1999 | 54 | 28 | 17 | $2=100$ |  |

b. Countering the threat of North Korean militarism March, 1999
September, 1993

| 47 | 40 | 8 | $5=100$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 29 | 49 | 14 | $8=100$ |
| 20 | 49 | 25 | $6=100$ |

c. Reducing the threat of international terrorism

March, 1999

| 74 | 22 | 3 | $1=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 75 | 20 | 2 | $3=100$ |
| 71 | 23 | 5 | $1=100$ |

d. Keeping a close watch on the development of China as a world power

| 39 | 49 | 10 | $2=100$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 52 | 37 | 8 | $3=100$ |

e. Bringing about a permanent settlement between Israel and the Arabs

| 38 | 40 | 19 | $3=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 35 | 42 | 19 | $4=100$ |
| 34 | 45 | 19 | $2=100$ |

## Q. 19 RANK ORDERED SUMMARY TABLE

| Top <br> priority | Important <br> but lower <br> priority |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\%$ | $\frac{\%}{2}$ |  |
| 74 | 22 | c. Reducing the threat of international terrorism |
| 60 | 27 | a. Getting Saddam Hussein out of Iraq |
| 47 | 40 | b. Countering the threat of North Korean militarism |
| 39 | 49 | d. Keeping a close watch on the development of China as a world power |
| 38 | 40 | e. Bringing about a permanent settlement between Israel and the Arabs |

## ASK IF BOTH Q19A=1 AND Q19B=1 -OR- IF BOTH Q19A=2 AND Q19B=2:

Q. 20 Focusing just on Iraq and North Korea for a moment, which do you think is the higher priority for the United States right now? [READ AND ROTATE]

| Total rating as <br> higher priority $^{19}$ |
| :---: |
| 56 |
| 34 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 3 |
| 100 |
| $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 2 1 8})$ |

ASK ALL:
Q. 21 Now I'd like your views on some people in the news. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of...
(INSERT ITEM a FIRST, THEN ROTATE b-f) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly
UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
"NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")
a. George W. Bush

December, 2002
July, 2001
January, 2001

| Very <br> Favor- | Mostly <br> Favor- | Mostly <br> Unfavor- <br> able | Very <br> Unfavor- | Never <br> Heard | Can't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { able }}{28}$ | $\frac{\text { able }}{42}$ | $\frac{18}{\text { able }}$ | $\frac{\text { Of }}{10}$ | $\frac{\text { Rate }}{2=100}$ |  |
| 35 | 33 | 16 | 11 | 0 | $5=100$ |
| 22 | 39 | 21 | 14 | $*$ | $4=100$ |
| 24 | 36 | 21 | 12 | 0 | $7=100$ |
| 18 | 40 | 19 | 12 | 1 | $10=100$ |
| 21 | 40 | 14 | 7 | 4 | $14=100$ |
| 13 | 41 | 12 | 6 | 9 | $19=100$ |
| 6 | 24 | 12 | 4 | 36 | $18=100$ |
| 2 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 57 | $18=100$ |
| 4 | 18 | 10 | 4 | 43 | $21=100$ |
| 3 | 15 | 24 | 18 | 27 | $13=100$ |
| 7 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 42 | $19=100$ |

On the subject of Iraq...
Q. 22 How much have you yourself thought about whether the U.S. should use military force to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq? [READ]

|  |  | Dec | Early Oct | Mid-Sept | Late Aug |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | 2002 | Jan 1991 ${ }^{21}$ |
| 56 | A Great deal | 58 | 54 | 55 | 46 | 66 |
| 29 | Some | 29 | 32 | 27 | 35 | 24 |
| 8 | Only a little - OR - | 8 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| 6 | Not at all | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | $\underline{3}$ | 2 | $\underline{2}$ |
| $\overline{100}$ |  | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | $1 \overline{00}$ | 100 | 100 | 100 | use military force against Iraq if it does not withdraw its forces from Kuwait?"

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=611]:

Q.23F1/25 Would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule? [IF FAVOR, ASK Should we attack Iraq only if our major allies agree to join us, or attack Iraq even if allies do not want to join us?]

|  |  |  |  | Late | Early | Mid- | Late | ----------- Gallup ${ }^{22}$---------- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dec | Nov | Oct | Oct | Sept | Aug | June |  | Feb | June |  |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | 2001 | 2001 |  | 1992 |
| 68 | Favor | 65 | 62 | 55 | 62 | 64 | 64 | 59 | 74 | 52 | 70 | 55 |
|  | 26 Even if allies won't join | -- | -- | 27 | -- | 33 | 30 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
|  | 37 Only if allies agree | -- | -- | 23 | -- | 25 | 30 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
|  | 5 Don't know/Refused | -- | -- | 5 | -- | 6 | 4 | -- | -- | -- | -- |  |
| 25 | Oppose | 25 | 26 | 34 | 28 | 23 | 21 | 34 | 20 | 42 | 27 | 40 |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused | 10 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| $\overline{100}$ |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | 100 | 100 | 100 | $1 \overline{0} 0$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=607]:

Q.24F2/25 Would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule, even if it meant that U.S. forces might suffer thousands of casualties? [IF FAVOR, ASK Should we attack Iraq only if our major allies agree to join us, or attack Iraq even if allies do not want to join us?]

|  |  | Mid <br> Sept | Late <br> Aug |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\frac{2002}{48}$ | $\frac{2002}{42}$ |
| 43 | Favor | 24 | 21 |
|  | 21 Even if allies won't join | 24 | 19 |
|  | 20 Only if allies agree | 18 |  |
|  | 2 Don't know/Refused | 5 | 3 |
| 48 | Oppose | 36 | 41 |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{16}$ | $\underline{17}$ |
|  |  | 100 | 100 |

## ASK JAN 9-12 ONLY [N=888]:

Q.25a Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly what's at stake as to why the U.S. might use military force to end the rule of Saddam Hussein, or do you think he has not explained the reasons clearly enough?

|  |  | Dec | Late Oct | Mid-Sept | Late Aug | New York Times |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | Aug 1990 ${ }^{23}$ |
| 42 | Explained clearly | 48 | 48 | 52 | 37 | 50 |
| 53 | Not clearly | 45 | 45 | 37 | 52 | 41 |
| 5 | Don't know/Refused | 7 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 9 |
| 100 |  | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^5]Q. 26 Weapons inspectors are currently working in Iraq. If [INSERT ITEM, IN ORDER] would this be a reason to take military action against Iraq, or not? ... What if [NEXT ITEM] ... would this be a reason to take military action against Iraq, or not?

## ASK JAN 8-9 ONLY [N=607]:

a. The inspectors find that Iraq is hiding nuclear, biological or chemical weapons

76 Yes, a reason to take military action
17
No
Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK JAN 8 FULL SAMPLE; JAN 10-12 FORM 1 ONLY [N=631]:
b.F1 The inspectors do not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but they find that Iraq has the ABILITY TO MAKE these weapons

|  |  | Jan 8 $^{24}$ | Jan 10-12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 46 | Yes, a reason to take military action | 45 | 47 |
| 47 | No | 49 | 45 |
| $\frac{7}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 6 | 8 |
|  |  | 100 | 100 |
|  |  | $\mathbf{( N = 3 3 0 )}$ | $\mathbf{( N = 3 0 1 )}$ |

c.F1 The inspectors do not find a weapons program, but the Iraqi government CAN'T PROVE they do NOT have such a program

|  |  | Jan 8 | Jan 10-12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 29 | Yes, a reason to take military action | 27 | 32 |
| 63 | No | 66 | 59 |
| $\frac{8}{10} 0$ | Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{8}$ | $\frac{9}{100}$ |
|  |  | $\mathbf{( N = 3 3 0 )}$ | $\mathbf{( N = 3 0 1 )}$ |

ASK JAN 9 FULL SAMPLE; JAN 10-12 FORM 2 ONLY [N=587]:
b.F2 The inspectors do not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but they find that Iraq has the ABILITY to EASILY make these weapons

|  |  | Jan 9 | Jan 10-12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 46 | Yes, a reason to take military action | 40 | 52 |
| 47 | No | 50 | 43 |
| $\frac{7}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{10}$ | $\frac{5}{100}$ |
|  |  | $\mathbf{( N = 2 7 7 )}$ | $\mathbf{( N = 3 1 0 )}$ |

c.F2 The inspectors do not find a weapons program, but they can give no assurance that Iraq is NOT hiding one

|  |  | Jan 9 | Jan 10-12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 28 | Yes, a reason to take military action | $\frac{22}{32}$ | 58 |
| 62 | No | 66 | 58 |
| $\frac{10}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{12}$ | $\underline{9}$ |
|  |  | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\underline{100}$ |
|  |  |  | $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 1 0})$ |

Q.27F1 Do you think the Bush administration has already made up its mind to go to war with Iraq, or do you think the Bush administration is waiting to learn what the UN weapons inspectors find in Iraq to decide on what to do next?
Q.27F2 Do you think the Bush administration is waiting to learn what the UN weapons inspectors find in Iraq to decide on what to do next, or do you think the Bush administration has already made up its mind to go to war with Iraq?

| Q.27F1/F2 <br> Total |  | Q.27F1 | Q.27F2 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { Rotation }}{62}$ | Already made up its mind to go to war | $\frac{\text { Rotation }}{61}$ | 63 |
| 33 | Waiting to learn what the weapons inspectors find | 34 | 32 |
| $\frac{5}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{5}$ |  |
|  |  | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\underline{100}$ |
|  |  | $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{6 1 1})$ | $\mathbf{( N = 6 0 7 )}$ |

Thinking more generally,
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=611$ ]:
Q.28F1 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? [READ]

|  |  |  | Early | Late <br> Aug | June | Jan | Dec | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } \\ 15-21 \end{gathered}$ | Oct Early |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dec | Oct |  |  |  |  |  | 10-14 | Oct |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | 2002 | 2001 | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}$ |
| 18 | Very worried | 31 | 20 | 16 | 32 | 20 | 13 | 29 | 27 | 28 |
| 50 | Somewhat worried | 42 | 46 | 46 | 44 | 42 | 39 | 42 | 40 | 45 |
| 23 | Not too worried | 18 | 22 | 25 | 17 | 28 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 15 |
| 8 | Not at all worried | 8 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 11 |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\stackrel{\square}{0}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\underline{2}$ | $\frac{1}{0}$ | $\underline{2}$ | $\frac{1}{0}$ |
| $\overline{100}$ |  | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | 100 | $1 \overline{00}$ | 100 | $1 \overline{0} 0$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N = 6 0 7 ] :}$

Q.29F2 All in all, how worried are you that you or someone in your family might become a victim of a terrorist attack? Would you say you are [READ]

|  |  | Late <br> Aug |  |  | Early Oct |  | Late | ------------- Gallup - |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | June | Jan | Nov | 10-14 | Sept | 9/14-1 | 9/11 | Aug | July | April |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}{ }^{25}$ | $2001{ }^{26}$ | 1998 | 1996 | $1995{ }^{27}$ |
| 11 | Very worried |  | 12 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 23 | 10 | 13 | 14 |
| 30 | Somewhat worried | 28 | 28 | 26 | 27 | 32 | 36 | 33 | 35 | 22 | 26 | 28 |
| 37 | Not too worried | 35 | 36 | 38 | 35 | 29 | 31 | 35 | 24 | 38 | 34 | 33 |
| 21 | Not at all worried | 24 | 19 | 24 | 24 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 29 | 27 | 24 |
| * | Already victim (VOL) | * | * | * | 0 | 0 | * | * | 1 |  |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\frac{1}{100}$ | $\stackrel{*}{0}$ | $\stackrel{*}{0}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{2}{100}$ | $\frac{1}{100}$ | $\frac{1}{100}$ |  | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\overline{0} 0$ | $\frac{1}{100}$ |
| $\overline{100}$ |  | $1 \overline{00}$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | 100 | $1 \overline{00}$ | $1 \overline{00}$ | 100 | 100 | $1 \overline{00}$ | $1 \overline{0} 0$ | 100 |

[^6]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 30 Thinking about the Mideast situation these days, do you think the U.S. should take Israel's side more, less or about as much as it has in the past?

|  |  | Jan | Oct 15-21 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | More | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2001}$ |
| 19 | Less | 14 | 16 |
| 54 | As much as in the past | 53 | 56 |
| $\frac{10}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{11}$ | $\underline{9}$ |
| 100 | 19 |  |  |

And lastly on a different subject...
Q. 31 In 1973 the Roe versus Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe versus Wade decision, or not?

|  |  | ---------Gallup--------- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | March | Aug ${ }^{28}$ | Oct |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | 1992 | 1989 |
| 31 | Yes |  | 36 | 34 |
| 62 | No | 60 | 60 | 61 |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 4 | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## NO QUESTION 32

Q.33/34 Generally, are news organizations fair in the way they report about the abortion controversy, or do news organizations tend to favor one side over the other? [IF 'ONE SIDED' ASK: Do they [news organizations] tend to favor those who want to restrict abortion or do they tend to favor those who are against further restrictions on abortion?]

|  |  | July 1991 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 30 | Fair | 43 |
| 55 | One sided | 43 |
|  | 16 Favor those who wish to restrict | 19 |
|  | 30 Favor those against further restrictions | 18 |
|  | 9 Can't say (VOL.) | 6 |
| $\frac{15}{100}$ | Can't say (VOL.) | $\underline{14}$ |
|  |  | 100 |

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.
Q. 35 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?
IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.35, ASK:
Q. 36 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

Based on Total Respondents:

January, 2003
December, 2002
Early October, 2002
June, 2002
May, 2002

| Computer User |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $\frac{\text { No }}{24}$ | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{0=100}$ |
| 76 | 24 | $*=100$ |
| 76 | 25 | $*=100$ |
| 75 | 26 | $*=100$ |
| 74 | 25 | $*=100$ |

Goes Online

| Yes | $\frac{\text { No }}{63}$ | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{33}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 67 | 33 | $*=100$ |
| 63 | 37 | $*=100$ |
| 66 | 34 | $*=100$ |
| 66 | 34 | $*=100$ |

28 Gallup trend from August 1992 is based on registered voters.
Q.35/36 CONTINUED...

April, 2002
February, 2002
January, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
Mid-September, 2001
June, 2001
May, 2001
April, 2001
February, 2001
January, 2001
July, 2000
June, 2000
April, 2000
March, $2000^{29}$
February, 2000
January, 2000
December, 1999
October, 1999
Late September, 1999
September, 1999
August, 1999
July, 1999
June, 1999
May, 1999
April, 1999
March, 1999
February, 1999
January, 1999
Early December, 1998
November, 1998
Early September, 1998
Late August, 1998
Early August, 1998
April, 1998
January, 1998
November, 1997
June, 1997
Early September, 1996
July, 1996
April, 1996
March, 1996
February, 1996
January, 1996
June, 1995 ${ }^{30}$

| Computer User |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | No | DK/Ref |
| 71 | 29 | *=100 |
| 71 | 29 | *=100 |
| 73 | 27 | $0=100$ |
| 73 | 27 | $0=100$ |
| 72 | 28 | *=100 |
| 72 | 28 | *=100 |
| 75 | 25 | *=100 |
| 72 | 28 | *=100 |
| 72 | 28 | $0=100$ |
| 71 | 29 | *=100 |
| 68 | 31 | 1=100 |
| 68 | 31 | $1=100$ |
| 68 | 32 | *=100 |
| 72 | 28 | $0=100$ |
| 67 | 33 | *=100 |
| 68 | 32 | *=100 |
| 67 | 33 | *=100 |
| 67 | 33 | *=100 |
| 68 | 32 | *=100 |
| 70 | 30 | *=100 |
| 67 | 33 | *=100 |
| 68 | 32 | *=100 |
| 64 | 35 | 1=100 |
| 66 | 33 | $1=100$ |
| 71 | 29 | *=100 |
| 68 | 32 | *=100 |
| 68 | 32 | *=100 |
| 69 | 31 | *=100 |
| 64 | 36 | *=100 |
| -- | -- | -- |
| 64 | 36 | *=100 |
| 66 | 34 | $0=100$ |
| 66 | 34 | *=100 |
| 61 | 39 | *=100 |
| 65 | 35 | *=100 |
| 66 | 34 | *=100 |
| 60 | 40 | $0=100$ |
| 56 | 44 | *=100 |
| 56 | 44 | *=100 |
| 58 | 42 | *=100 |
| 61 | 39 | *=100 |
| 60 | 40 | $0=100$ |
| 59 | 41 | $0=100$ |
| -- | -- | -- |

Based on Total Respondents:
Goes Online

| Yes | No | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 62 | 38 | 0=100 |
| 62 | 38 | $0=100$ |
| 62 | 38 | $0=100$ |
| 62 | 38 | $0=100$ |
| 62 | 38 | *=100 |
| 62 | 38 | $0=100$ |
| 64 | 36 | $0=100$ |
| 62 | 38 | $0=100$ |
| 60 | 40 | *=100 |
| 61 | 39 | $0=100$ |
| 55 | 45 | *=100 |
| 56 | 44 | *=100 |
| 54 | 46 | *=100 |
| 61 | 39 | $0=100$ |
| 52 | 48 | $0=100$ |
| 52 | 48 | *=100 |
| 53 | 47 | $0=100$ |
| 50 | 50 | $0=100$ |
| 52 | 48 | *=100 |
| 53 | 47 | $0=100$ |
| 52 | 48 | $0=100$ |
| 49 | 51 | $0=100$ |
| 50 | 50 | *=100 |
| 48 | 52 | $0=100$ |
| 51 | 49 | *=100 |
| 49 | 51 | *=100 |
| 49 | 51 | *=100 |
| 47 | 53 | *=100 |
| 42 | 58 | $0=100$ |
| 37 | 63 | *=100 |
| 42 | 58 | *=100 |
| 43 | 57 | *=100 |
| 41 | 59 | *=100 |
| 36 | 64 | $0=100$ |
| 37 | 63 | $0=100$ |
| 36 | 63 | $1=100$ |
| -- | -- | -- |
| -- | -- | -- |
| 23 | 77 | $0=100$ |
| 21 | 79 | *=100 |
| 22 | 78 | $0=100$ |
| 21 | 79 | *=100 |
| 21 | 79 | $0=100$ |
| 14 | 86 | *=100 |

[^7]
[^0]:    1 Some trends from 1998 and 1999 have been omitted.

[^1]:    2 In May and January 1994 the question was worded, "Do you happen to know the name of the country that is threatening to withdraw from the nuclear non-proliferation treaty?"

[^2]:    8 In February 2002 and April 2001 the story was listed as "The debate in Congress over George W. Bush's budget and tax cut plan." In February 2001 the story was listed as "George W. Bush's tax-cut plan." In February 1993 the story was listed as "Bill Clinton's economic plan." In September 1992 the story was listed as "George Bush’s plan to improve the economy by cutting government spending and cutting taxes?" Results are based on registered voters. In March 1992 the story was listed as "The race for the Democratic Presidential nomination." In January 1992, December 1991, October 1991, and November 1987 the story was listed as "News about the Democratic candidates for the Presidential nomination."

[^3]:    15
    In October 1994 the question was worded, "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is dealing with North Korea?"

    16 In September 1998 the question was worded, "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

[^4]:    17 In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded "Keeping the economy strong."
    18 In Early September 2001 the item was worded "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

[^5]:    22
    Gallup trend was worded "Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?"
    ${ }^{23}$ New York Times trend was worded "Do you think George Bush has explained clearly what's at stake and why the U.S. is sending troops to Saudi Arabia, or do you think ..."

[^6]:    25
    For the September 14-15 Gallup trend the question started with wording, "I'd like to ask you a few questions about the events that occurred this past Tuesday in New York City and Washington, DC..."

    26 For the September 11 Gallup trend the question started with wording, "I'd like to ask you a few questions about the events that occurred today in New York City and Washington, DC..."

    27 For the April 1995 Gallup trend the question was worded, "How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack similar to the bombing in Oklahoma City?"

[^7]:    29 In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.
    30 The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions: (1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?) (2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?

