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FINAL TOPLINE  
October 15 - 19, 2003  
N=1515**

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

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

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

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

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

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
October, 2003	38	56	6=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100
April, 2003 <sup>1</sup>	50	41	9=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100
September, 2002 <sup>2</sup>	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
<i>Late February, 1991 (Gallup)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>3=100</i>
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

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

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

**NO QUESTION 3**

Q.4 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a.	The race for the Democratic presidential nomination	12	27	28	32	1=100
	September, 2003	17	25	30	27	1=100
	Mid-August, 2003	12	27	27	33	1=100
	May, 2003	8	19	31	41	1=100
	January, 2003 <sup>3</sup>	14	28	29	28	1=100
	December, 1999	16	36	24	23	1=100
	October, 1999	17	32	28	22	1=100
	September, 1999	15	31	33	20	1=100
	July, 1999	15	38	24	22	1=100
	June, 1999	11	25	29	34	1=100
	September, 1995	12	36	30	22	*=100
	August, 1995	13	34	28	25	*=100
	June, 1995	11	31	31	26	1=100
	December, 1991	10	28	32	30	*=100
	October, 1991	12	26	31	29	2=100
	November, 1987	15	28	35	21	1=100
	September, 1987	14	34	37	14	1=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=735]:**

b.F1	The California recall election	20	35	23	21	1=100
	September, 2003	19	28	28	24	1=100
	Mid-August, 2003	15	25	24	35	1=100
c.F1	News about the current situation in Iraq	38	40	14	7	1=100
	September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1=100
	Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1=100
	Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1=100
	June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*=100
	May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*=100
	April 11-16, 2003 <sup>4</sup>	47	40	10	2	1=100
	April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1=100
	March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1=100
	March 13-16, 2003 <sup>5</sup>	62	27	6	4	1=100
	February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1=100
	January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2=100
	December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1=100
	Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1=100
	Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1=100
	Early September, 2002	48	29	15	6	2=100

<sup>3</sup> In January 2003, the story was listed as "Recent announcements by prominent Democrats about plans to run for president in 2004." In 1999, the story was listed as "News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election." In 1995, the story was listed as "News about the Republican presidential candidates." In September 1987, the story was listed as "Coverage of the Democratic and Republican candidates for the presidential nomination."

<sup>4</sup> From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as "News about the war in Iraq."

<sup>5</sup> From October 2002 to March 13-16, 2003 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq." In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq."

**Q.4 CONTINUED.....**

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=780]:</b>						
d.F2	Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	32	39	16	12	1=100
	September, 2003	39	30	18	12	1=100
	March, 2003	40	35	16	8	1=100
	February, 2003	42	33	15	10	*=100
	January, 2003	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
e.F2	Reports that a White House official may have leaked classified information about a CIA agent	16	32	24	27	1=100
<b>ASK ALL:</b>						
f.	Basketball star Kobe Bryant being accused of sexual assault	14	28	29	28	1=100
	August, 2003	17	30	28	24	1=100

Q.5 In general, do you think news reports are making the situation in Iraq seem WORSE than it really is or BETTER than it really is, or are reports showing the situation about the way it really is?

38 Worse  
 14 Better  
 36 About the way it really is  
12 Don't know/Refused  
 100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=735]:**

Q.6F1 So far, do you think news organizations are giving too much coverage to the 2004 presidential campaign, too little coverage to the campaign, or the right amount of coverage?

		April 2003 <sup>6</sup>	June 2000	March 2000	Feb 2000	Sept 1999	July 1999	March 1996	Oct 1995	Sept 1992	Feb 1992	Oct 1991	May 1988	Nov 1987
23	Too much	15	19	25	22	28	18	29	18	22	19	12	24	21
17	Too little	38	16	10	10	14	13	10	18	11	15	22	7	16
51	Right amount	38	60	61	63	49	59	58	60	62	62	58	62	58
<u>9</u>	DK/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=780]:**

Q.7F2 How good a job are news organizations doing at reporting about the race for the Democratic presidential nomination? An excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

		Sept 1999 <sup>7</sup>
3	Excellent	6
27	Good	36
44	Only Fair	37
10	Poor	12
<u>16</u>	DK/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 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]**

	Television	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	Internet	Other (VOL)	Don't Know/ Refused
October, 2003	80	50	18	4	20	2	1
August, 2003	79	46	15	3	18	2	1
Early July, 2003	79	45	16	5	19	1	*
March, 2003 <sup>8</sup>	89	24	19	*	11	2	*
February, 2003	83	42	19	4	15	3	*
January, 2003	81	44	22	4	17	2	1
January, 2002	82	42	21	3	14	2	*
Mid-September, 2001 <sup>9</sup>	90	11	14	*	5	1	1
Early September, 2001	74	45	18	6	13	1	*
February, 2001	76	40	16	4	10	2	1
October, 1999	80	48	19	5	11	2	*
January, 1999	82	42	18	4	6	2	*
January, 1996	88	61	25	8	--	2	*
September, 1995 <sup>10</sup>	82	63	20	10	--	1	1

<sup>6</sup> In April 2003, the question was asked as part of a list and was worded "the race for the Democratic presidential nomination."

<sup>7</sup> In September 1999, the question was asked as part of a list.

<sup>8</sup> In March 2003, the question was worded "news about the war in Iraq."

<sup>9</sup> In Mid-September 2001, the question was worded "news about the terrorist attacks."

<sup>10</sup> In September 1995, question wording did not include "international."

**Q.8 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Television</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Magazines</u>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Other Don't Know/</u> <u>(VOL)</u>	<u>Refused</u>
January, 1994	83	51	15	10	--	5	1
September, 1993	83	60	17	9	--	3	*
January, 1993	83	52	17	5	--	1	1
Early January, 1991 <sup>11</sup>	82	40	15	4	--	1	*

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.8 ASK Q.9. IF NOT, SKIP TO Q.10**

Q.9 Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from [READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 8 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

		<u>Aug</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Early</u> <u>July</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2002</u>
17	Local news programming	17	17	16
12	ABC Network news	12	12	11
8	CBS Network news	10	11	11
13	NBC Network news	15	14	15
20	CNN Cable news	26	27	28
6	MSNBC Cable news	7	9	8
17	The Fox News Cable Channel	18	22	16
--	CNBC Cable news <sup>12</sup>	3	3	4
4	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused	4	3	2

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking again about politics...

Q.10 Looking ahead, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected president in 2004 or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election? [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?"]

	----- Total -----			----- Registered Voters -----			
	<u>Bush</u> <u>Re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer</u> <u>Democrat</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>DK</u>	<u>Bush</u> <u>Re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer</u> <u>Democrat</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>DK</u>	
October, 2003	40	44	16=100	42	42	16=100	(N=1154)
September, 2003	44	43	13=100	45	43	12=100	
August, 2003	40	39	21=100	43	38	19=100	
Mid-July, 2003	45	37	18=100	47	37	16=100	
April, 2003	46	35	19=100	48	34	18=100	
Late March, 2003 <sup>13</sup> (Gallup)	51	36	13=100	51	36	13=100	
Mid-March, 2003 (Gallup)	45	42	13=100	45	42	13=100	
February, 1992	40	48	12=100	39	49	12=100	
January, 1992	42	42	16=100	41	45	14=100	
November, 1991	41	43	16=100	41	44	15=100	

<sup>11</sup> In Early January 1991 the question asked about "the latest developments in the Persian Gulf."

<sup>12</sup> In October 2003, CNBC Cable news item was not asked due to programming error.

<sup>13</sup> The March 2003 trends are from Gallup and were worded: "If George W. Bush runs for re-election in 2004, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?"

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=735]:**

Q.11F1 Generally speaking would you say that you personally care a good deal WHO wins the 2004 presidential election or that you don't care very much who wins?

		Feb	Oct	Oct	May
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1987</u>
77	Care a good deal	83	78	73	76
21	Don't care very much	16	19	22	20
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=780]:**

Q.12F2 Generally speaking would you say that you personally care a good deal WHICH PARTY wins the 2004 presidential election or that you don't care very much which party wins?

		Feb	Oct	Oct	May
		<u>1999</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1987</u>
62	Care a good deal	61	61	55	54
36	Don't care very much	36	36	39	40
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QT.1, QT.2 AND QT.3<sup>14</sup>**

QT.1F1 Suppose the 2004 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were [READ, ROTATE]. Who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (3,9 IN QT.1) ASK:**

QT.1a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS QT.1]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=557]:**

52	George W. Bush, the Republican/Lean Bush
41	Howard Dean, the Democrat/Lean Dean
<u>7</u>	Other candidate/Don't Know (VOL.)
100	

QT.2F1 Suppose the 2004 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were [READ, ROTATE]. Who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (3,9 IN QT.2) ASK:**

QT.2a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS QT.2]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=557]:**

53	George W. Bush, the Republican/Lean Bush
41	Joe Lieberman, the Democrat/Lean Lieberman
<u>6</u>	Other candidate/Don't Know (VOL.)
100	

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<sup>14</sup> A special weight was applied to the QT.1-6 series in order to equalize the proportion of Republicans, Democrats and Independents on each form (FORM 1/FORM 2) of the survey. This was done to make fair comparisons between candidates on each form, given slight differences between Form 1 and Form 2 in the original proportion of Republicans, Democrats and Independents.

QT.3F1 Suppose the 2004 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were [READ, ROTATE]. Who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (3,9 IN QT.3) ASK:**

QT.3a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS QT.3]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=557]:**

55 George W. Bush, the Republican/Lean Bush

40 Hillary Clinton, the Democrat/Lean Clinton

5 Other candidate/Don't Know (VOL.)

100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QT.4, QT.5 AND QT.6**

QT.4F2 Suppose the 2004 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were [READ, ROTATE]. Who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (3,9 IN QT.4) ASK:**

QT.4a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS QT.4]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=597]:**

50 George W. Bush, the Republican/Lean Bush

40 Wesley Clark, the Democrat/Lean Clark

10 Other candidate/Don't Know (VOL.)

100

QT.5F2 Suppose the 2004 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were [READ, ROTATE]. Who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (3,9 IN QT.5) ASK:**

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

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=597]:**

50 George W. Bush, the Republican/Lean Bush

42 John Kerry, the Democrat/Lean Kerry

8 Other candidate/Don't Know (VOL.)

100

QT.6F2 Suppose the 2004 presidential election were being held TODAY, and the candidates were [READ, ROTATE]. Who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (3,9 IN QT.6) ASK:**

QT.6a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS QT.6]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=597]:**

49 George W. Bush, the Republican/Lean Bush

43 Dick Gephardt, the Democrat/Lean Gephardt

8 Other candidate/Don't Know (VOL.)

100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=735]:**

Q.13F1 Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

		Early								ABC/ Washington Post <sup>15</sup>	
		June	Aug	Sept	Aug	July	Oct	April	July	Jan	Sept
		<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1982</u>
46	Agree	52	54	46	47	58	59	57	53	41	44
44	Disagree	42	40	47	46	37	37	38	43	48	44
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=780]:**

Q.14F2 This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?

		May	July	May	July	Aug	Aug	Nov	Aug	June	Oct	Aug
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1993</u>
21	Working together more	44	30	34	21	20	27	38	43	34	21	20
55	Opposing each other more	31	46	41	54	68	51	45	46	49	72	57
10	Same as in past (VOL)	8	10	9	10	4	8	7	3	6	3	13
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Are George W. Bush's economic policies making the U.S. economy better, making the U.S. economy worse, or have they not had much of an effect?

18	Better
43	Worse
31	Not much effect
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.16 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

		U.S. News & World Report				
		June	June	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
24	Plenty of jobs available	31	42	15	16	12
66	Jobs are difficult to find	59	44	76	77	79
5	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL)	4	8	6	4	6
<u>5</u>	Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

<sup>15</sup>

In January 1984, the ABC/Washington Post trend was worded: "Can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement: We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

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

On a completely different subject...

**ON FORM ONE Q.17 PRECEDES Q.18 -- ON FORM TWO, Q.18 PRECEDES Q.17**

Q.17 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

		Mid-July 2003 <sup>16</sup>	March 2001	June 1996	October 2003 Experiment	
					<u>Form One</u>	<u>Form Two</u>
9	Strongly favor	10	8	6	9	8
23	Favor	28	27	21	21	25
24	Oppose	23	23	24	25	23
35	Strongly oppose	30	34	41	33	38
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100
					(N=735)	(N=780)

**ON FORM ONE Q.17 PRECEDES Q.18 -- ON FORM TWO, Q.18 PRECEDES Q.17**

Q.18 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples?

		October 2003 Experiment	
		<u>Form One</u>	<u>Form Two</u>
13	Strongly favor	14	12
28	Favor	31	25
21	Oppose	20	21
30	Strongly oppose	27	34
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100
		(N=735)	(N=780)

Q.17 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

**IF OPPOSE GAY MARRIAGE (3,4 IN Q.17), ASK:**

Q.19 Should the U.S. Constitution be amended to ban gay marriage, or is it enough to prohibit gay marriage by law without changing the Constitution?

32	Favor gay and lesbian marriage
59	Oppose gay and lesbian marriage
10	Amend the Constitution
42	Enough to prohibit by law
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about Iraq...

Q.20 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

		Sept 2003	Aug 2003	Early July 2003	---- April ----			----- March 2003 -----				Late Jan 1991
					<u>10-16</u>	<u>8-9</u>	<u>2-7</u>	<u>28-4/1</u>	<u>25-27</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>20-22</u>	
60	Right decision	63	63	67	74	74	72	69	74	74	71	77
33	Wrong decision	31	30	24	19	19	20	25	21	21	22	15
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

<sup>16</sup> In Mid-July 2003 the question was asked as part of a list and the introduction was worded: "I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in this country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose..."

Q.21 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

		Early								
		Sept	Aug	July	---- April ----			--- March 2003 ---		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>10-16</u>	<u>8-9</u>	<u>2-7</u>	<u>25-4/1</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>20-22</u>
16	Very well	15	19	23	61	60	55	39	45	65
44	Fairly well	47	43	52	32	32	37	46	41	25
25	Not too well	26	24	16	3	3	3	8	6	2
11	Not at all well	9	11	5	1	3	2	2	2	1
<u>4</u>	DK/Ref.	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.22 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

**IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.22) ASK:**

Q.23 Do you think more coalition troops are needed in Iraq right now, or do you think there are already enough troops there to do the job?

		Sept 2003
58	Keep troops in Iraq	64
32	More troops needed	34
21	Have enough there to do the job	25
*	Reduce number of troops (VOL.)	*
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5
39	Bring troops home	32
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=735]:**

Q.24F1 Do you think George W. Bush has a clear plan for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or don't you think so?

		Sept 2003
35	Has a clear plan	32
54	Doesn't have a clear plan	58
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>10</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=780]:**

Q.25F2 Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly his plans for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or do you think he has not explained his plans clearly enough?

		Sept	March	Feb	Jan	Dec	Late	Mid-	Late	NY Times
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u> <sup>17</sup>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1990</u> <sup>18</sup>
32	Explained clearly	30	49	53	42	48	48	52	37	50
63	Not clearly	63	47	40	53	45	45	37	52	41
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

<sup>17</sup> From 2002 through March 2003, the question was worded: “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?”

<sup>18</sup> 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 ...”

**NO QUESTION 26**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

RELIG What is your religious preference — Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Mormon, or an orthodox church such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church?

59	Protestant ( <b>INCLUDE:</b> Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Jehovah's Witness, Church of Christ, etc.)
22	Roman Catholic
2	Jewish
1	Mormon (include Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)
1	Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)
1	Islam/Muslim
2	Other religion ( <b>SPECIFY</b> )
8	No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
100	

**IF RELIG = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 ASK [N=1347]:**

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

43	Yes, would
51	No, would not
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
100	

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

		Mid- July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>	Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>	March <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>2000</u> <sup>19</sup>	June <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>
15	More than once a week	16	15	15	16	17	17	12	14
25	Once a week	27	24	25	26	26	28	26	25
15	Once or twice a month	15	15	17	14	17	16	17	17
19	A few times a year	18	21	18	17	17	17	20	21
16	Seldom	14	15	15	16	15	13	15	13
9	Never	10	9	9	10	7	8	10	9
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.27 How important would you say religion is in your own life – very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	Very <u>Important</u>	Fairly <u>Important</u>	Not very <u>Important</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
October, 2003	62	24	13	1=100
Mid-July, 2003	61	24	14	1=100
December, 2002	60	27	12	1=100
March, 2002	63	24	12	1=100
Mid-November, 2001	61	24	14	1=100
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	62	25	12	1=100

<sup>19</sup> September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

**Q.27 CONTINUED...**

	Very <u>Important</u>	Fairly <u>Important</u>	Not very <u>Important</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	70	22	7	1=100

**IF R ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (ATTEND=1,2,3):**

Q.28 As I read a list of issues, please tell me whether or not the clergy at your place of worship speaks out on this issue... First, (**READ AND RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS**)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>	
a.F1 Abortion	63	35	2=100	(N=429)
June, 1996	60	39	1=100	
b.F1 Prayer in public schools	58	39	3=100	(N=429)
June, 1996	56	41	3=100	
c.F2 The situation in Iraq	53	45	2=100	(N=419)
March, 2003 <sup>20</sup>	57	41	2=100	
d.F2 The death penalty	28	69	3=100	(N=419)
June, 1996	27	70	3=100	
e.F1 Issues related to homosexuality	55	44	1=100	(N=429)
f.F2 Laws regarding homosexuals	41	57	2=100	(N=419)
June, 1996	36	62	2=100	
g. Candidates and elections	26	72	2=100	(N=848)
June, 1996	21	77	2=100	
h. The recent removal of a monument of the Ten Commandments from an Alabama courthouse	40	57	3=100	(N=848)

**IF YES (1 IN Q.28eF1 or Q.28fF2) [N=413]:**

Q.29 When your clergy has spoken about homosexuality, do they say it is something that should be ACCEPTED, something that should be DISCOURAGED, or don't they take a position on the issue?

4	Accepted
76	Discouraged
16	No position
2	Other / Multiple positions [VOL.]
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL.]
100	

<sup>20</sup> In March 2003 the question was not asked as part of a list and was worded: "Has the clergy at your place of worship spoken recently about the issue of war with Iraq, or not?"

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking generally about homosexuality in America...

Q.30 Would you say your overall opinion of [READ, ROTATE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable?

		Very <u>Favorable</u>	Mostly <u>Favorable</u>	Mostly <u>Unfavorable</u>	Very <u>Unfavorable</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Gay men	8	30	21	29	12=100
b.	Lesbian women	9	30	22	26	13=100

Q.31 Do you think more acceptance of gays and lesbians would be a good thing or a bad thing for the country – or that it would not make much difference either way?

*Kaiser Family Foundation*

		<u>2000</u> <sup>21</sup>
23	Good for country	29
31	Bad for country	23
42	Wouldn't make much difference	44
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>
100		99

Q.32 In your opinion... when a person is homosexual is it...

*L.A. Times*  
Dec 1985<sup>22</sup>

30	Something that people are born with, Or Is it something that develops because	20
14	of the way people are brought up, Or	22
42	Is it just the way that some people prefer to live?	42
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>16</u>
100		100

Q.33 Do you think a gay or lesbian person's sexual orientation can be changed or cannot be changed?

42	Can be changed
42	Cannot be changed
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

<sup>21</sup> In 2000 the Kaiser Family Foundation question was preceded by: "Regardless of what you think is actually happening..."

<sup>22</sup> In December 1985 the Los Angeles Times question was worded: "In your opinion, what causes homosexuality? Is it..."

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=735]:**

Q.34F1 There is a lot more discussion about homosexuality these days. Who is the first homosexual person that comes to your mind? Just the first person that you can think of. **[OPEN END, ENTER FIRST PERSON LISTED ONLY. IF NO GENDER OFFERED I.E. "My cousin" OR "My neighbor" PROBE TO IDENTIFY GENDER "Is this neighbor a man or a woman"]**

- 50 NET: Male**
- 23 Male friend / coworker / acquaintance / neighbor
- 21 Male public figure [SPECIFY]
- 6 Male relative
  
- 23 NET: Female**
- 14 Female public figure [SPECIFY]
- 7 Female friend / coworker / acquaintance / neighbor
- 2 Female relative
  
- 1 Myself/My partner/significant other
- 24 Can't think of anyone
- 2 Refused
- 100
  
- 39 NET: Personal acquaintance/relative/self**
- 35 NET: Public figure**

**ASK ALL, UNLESS PUNCH 1,2,4,5,7,8 IN Q.34F1 AUTO-CODE AS 1 "YES" [N=1281]:**

Q.35 Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member who is gay?<sup>23</sup>

		Mid- July <u>2003</u>	Aug <u>2002</u>	Aug <u>1999</u>
60	Yes	45	45	39
38	No	52	53	60
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

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<sup>23</sup> This question cannot be trended to earlier surveys because it was asked as a part of a larger set of questions about homosexuality, which may have had the effect of reminding people about gays and lesbians with whom they were familiar. From August 1999 to Mid-July 2003 the question was asked as part of a list of items and there was only minimal content related to homosexuality elsewhere in the surveys. Sample size does not add to the full sample N due to programming error on the first night of interviewing, where only Form 1 was asked this question.

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking more generally...

Q.36 I'm going to read you some statements, some of which you will probably agree with, others you will probably disagree with. The first is... [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE], do you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree with this statement. [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]

		---- AGREE ----			--- DISAGREE ---				
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Comp- letely</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Comp- letely</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Mixed Opinion</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a.	Society should not put ANY restrictions on sex between consenting adults in the privacy of their own home	80	61	19	13	8	5	1	5=100
	2000 ( <i>Kaiser Family Foundation</i> ) <sup>24</sup>	88	76	12	10	6	4	*	2=100
b.	Gay and lesbian couples can be as good parents as heterosexual couples	54	30	24	37	26	11	3	6=100
	2000 ( <i>Kaiser Family Foundation</i> )	56	34	22	39	28	11	1	4=100
c.	Allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally marry would undermine the traditional American family	56	40	16	39	24	15	2	3=100
	2000 ( <i>Kaiser Family Foundation</i> )	54	37	17	42	26	16	1	3=100
d.	Gay marriage would go against my religious beliefs	62	50	12	33	23	10	1	4=100
	1996 ( <i>Newsweek</i> ) <sup>25</sup>	67	--	--	29	--	--	--	4=100

Q.37 Now thinking about movies, television, and books you see these days... Do you think the entertainment media are including too many gay themes and characters these days, not enough gay themes and characters, or about the right amount?

		<i>Kaiser Family Foundation</i>
		<u>2000</u> <sup>26</sup>
48	Too many	37
3	Not enough	5
40	Right amount	52
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>
100		100

Q.38 Compared with people in general, are gays and lesbians less likely to have stable, long-term relationships, or don't you think so?

24	Less likely to have stable, long-term relationships
52	Don't think so
<u>24</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

<sup>24</sup> In 2000 the Kaiser Family Foundation question was worded: "Now I'm going to read you a series of statements that describe different views about gays, lesbians and human sexuality. Some statements will probably come very close to describing your own opinions, while others will not come close at all. As I read each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, somewhat agree, somewhat DISagree, or completely disagree with it."

<sup>25</sup> In May 1996 the Newsweek question was preceded by: "Next, I'm going to read you some statements about the issue of gay marriages. For each statement please tell me if you agree or disagree..."

<sup>26</sup> In 2000 the Kaiser Family Foundation question was preceded by: "Now thinking about popular entertainment media such as movies, television, and books..."

Q.39 Do most gay men have a better sense of style than most heterosexual men, or don't you think so?

34 Gay men have a better sense of style  
44 Don't think so  
22 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.40 Do you think most gays and lesbians are unhappier than most other people, or don't you think so?

24 Gays and lesbians are unhappier  
57 Don't think so  
19 Don't know/Refused  
100

Q.41 Would you say **[READ AND ROTATE]**

76 It doesn't bother you to be around homosexuals **[or]**  
20 It makes you uncomfortable to be around homosexuals  
4 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)  
100

**IF OPPOSE GAY MARRIAGE (3,4 IN Q.17), ASK [N=898]:**

Q.42 Earlier you said you were opposed to allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally. What would you say is the MAIN reason you object to allowing gays and lesbians to marry? **[OPEN END: USE PRECODES OR ENTER RESPONSE VERBATIM. INTERVIEWER: PROBE ONCE FOR CLARITY if response is simply "It's wrong" or "It's bad" or "I just don't agree with it" or similarly vague answers]**

28 Morally wrong / A sin / The Bible says  
17 Against my religious beliefs  
16 Definition of marriage is only for a man and a woman  
12 It's just wrong / I just don't agree with it  
9 Not natural / Not normal  
4 Purpose of marriage is to have children  
2 Bad for children  
2 Opens the door to other immoral behavior  
1 Undermines traditional family  
1 They don't have stable, long-term relationships  
1 Causes economic/legal problems  
3 Other  
4 Don't know/Refused  
100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 Do you think it is a sin, or not, to engage in homosexual behavior?

**IF "IS A SIN" (1 IN Q.43) ASK:**

Q.44 In your mind, is homosexual behavior more or less sinful than adultery, or are they both about the same?

		<i>L.A. Times</i>
		<u>Aug 1987</u> <sup>27</sup>
55	Is a sin	69
5	More sinful than adultery	--
3	Less sinful than adultery	--
44	About the same	--
3	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	--
33	Is not a sin	21
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100		100

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<sup>27</sup>

In August 1987 the Los Angeles Times question was worded: "Do you think it is a sin, or not, to engage in homosexual behavior? (Wait for reply) Do you think it is (always/never) a sin or (often/seldom) a sin?"