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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>App- rove</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	2001			
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
2003				Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
June, 2003	62	27	11=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
May, 2003	65	27	8=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=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				
2002							
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				

Q.2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Bush Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

		----- Clinton -----					-- Reagan --	
				Early		<i>Newsweek</i>		
		Jan	Jan	Aug	Jan	Sept	May	Feb
		<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1987</u>
49	Accomplishments will outweigh failures	60	51	56	50	52	46	52
36	Failures will outweigh accomplishments	27	37	38	34	35	41	38
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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

		--- Clinton ---			
		Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
34	More important	52	54	16	27
9	Less important	6	4	22	16
49	Same	35	36	53	51
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.4 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION]

	Apr 2003	Feb 2003	March 2002	May 2001	Feb 2001	Aug 1999	June 1999	May 1998	Nov 1997	July 1996	June 1995	Mar 1994	Dec 1993	June 1993	Jan 1992	May 1990	Feb 1989	Apr 1987
20 Economy (general)	28	21	8	7	7	2	3	4	4	4	5	4	6	17	43	5	4	7
16 War/War in Iraq	14	34	10 [▲]	-	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 Terrorism	9	16	24	1	*	*	*	*	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
13 Unemployment/Lack of jobs	10	6	4	5	6	3	4	6	6	7	10	12	15	19	22	7	9	13
5 Dissatisfaction with govt/politics	3	5	4	2	5	6	5	10	4	8	6	5	2	5	2	2	1	*
5 Health care/costs	3	2	2	6	7	9	3	4	5	4	7	14	14	11	3	3	1	*
3 Immigration	1	--	1	1	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
3 Defense issues/Military spending/ National & homeland security	2	2	5	1	1	2	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3 Poverty/Hunger/Starvation	3	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	1	3	4	6
3 Morality/Ethics/Family values	4	5	8	6	12	13	11	10	9	13	12	10	6	7	3	5	2	3
3 Education	4	1	4	8	11	8	7	9	5	6	6	5	5	5	2	4	4	*
2 U.S. foreign policy/Intl affairs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2 Deficit/National debt/ Balanced budget	2	--	1	1	1	3	1	6	5	7	9	5	6	13	4	11	19	12
2 Issues related to elderly	1	--	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	2	*	1	1	2	1	2	2	*
1 Trade/Jobs moving overseas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 More attention to problems at home-	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 Crime/Gangs/Justice system	1	1	4	4	8	12	11	13	12	19	22	31	25	7	3	7	8	3
1 Drugs/Alcohol	1	2	4	4	6	6	5	7	7	8	5	10	8	5	4	37	23	6
1 Peace in the world/Peace	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 Taxes	1	--	1	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	1	3	2	*
1 Inflation/Difference between wages/costs	1	1	1	1	3	1	*	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
1 Race relations/Racism	1	--	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	*	*
1 Homelessness	1	--	1	1	2	2	4	2	3	2	4	3	5	5	6	8	10	*
1 Environment/pollution	*	*	1	3	1	*	*	2	1	1	1	2	1	*	1	8	2	0
9 Other																		
1 None	1	1	1	*	2	*	1	*	1	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4 Don't know/No answer	9	4	8	8	7	11	11	12	7	6	3	4	6	2	3	1	3	3
35 (NET) ECONOMIC	41	29	16	40	26	15	8	16	18	18	28	26	33	53	76	26	28	35
(NET) DEFENSE/TERRORISM/ 37 INTERNATIONAL	29	54	39	3	5	7	11	5	10	1	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

▲ War in Afghanistan in March 2002

IF ANSWER GIVEN IN Q.4, ASK [N=1438]:

Q.5 Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you just mentioned – the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

--- Gallup ---

		March 2002	Jan 1999 ¹	April 1998	July 1996	April 1995	July 1994	June 1993	Jan 1992 ²	May 1990	May 1988	Jan 1988	May 1987
35	Republican Party	38	33	40	36	42	36	28	32	29	26	30	28
35	Democratic Party	27	43	42	35	32	33	35	41	30	38	35	38
14	No difference (VOL)	21	n/a	10	18	17	16	23	12	31	22	24	24
<u>16</u>	Don't know	<u>14</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.6 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	16	30	27	26	1=100
	Early January, 2004	14	32	30	23	1=100
	December, 2003	16	26	27	30	1=100
	November, 2003	11	26	34	28	1=100
	October, 2003	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 ³	14	28	29	28	1=100
	January, 2000	19	34	28	18	1=100
	January, 1996	10	34	31	24	1=100
	January, 1992	11	25	36	27	1=100
	November, 1987	15	28	35	21	1=100
b.	News about the current situation in Iraq	48	39	9	4	*=100
	December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1=100
	November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1=100
	October, 2003	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

¹ In January 1999, the “no difference” and “don’t know” categories are combined.

² Based on registered voters.

³ In January 2003, the story was listed as “Recent announcements by prominent Democrats about plans to run for president in 2004.” In 2000, the story was listed as “News about candidates for the 2000 presidential election.” In 1996, the story was listed as “News about the Republican presidential candidates.” In 1992 and 1987, the story was listed as “News about the Democratic candidates for the Presidential nomination.”

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/Ref
April 11-16, 2003 ⁴	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 ⁵	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

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c. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	37	41	15	7	*=100
December, 2003	35	38	14	11	2=100
November, 2003	40	34	15	10	1=100
October, 2003	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

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

⁵ 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.6 CONTINUED...

Very Closely Fairly Closely Not too Closely Not at all Closely DK/Ref

ASK FORM 2 [N=748]:

d.F2	The recent "code orange" alert about the increased risk of a terrorist attack	35	38	16	10	1=100
	February, 2003	39	35	16	9	1=100
	Early September, 2002 ⁶	39	29	16	15	1=100

ASK ALL:

e.	Reports about a case of mad cow disease in Washington state	29	42	19	9	1=100
	Early September, 2001 ⁷	18	34	27	20	1=100
	March, 2001	22	33	22	22	1=100

ASK FORM 1 [N=755]:

f.F1	The earthquake in Iran	16	34	31	19	*=100
	July, 1990	20	36	28	16	*=100

ASK FORM 2 [N=748]:

g.F2	Reports that Libya will end its weapons program and cooperate with UN inspectors	14	30	28	27	1=100
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ASK ALL:

h.	The successful landing of a NASA spacecraft on Mars	19	36	26	18	1=100
	December, 1999 ⁸	18	38	22	22	*=100
	August, 1997	22	36	23	19	*=100
	Early September, 1996	8	19	31	41	1=100

Q.7 Have you happened to see any pictures sent back by the NASA spacecraft that recently landed on Mars, or haven't you had the chance to see any?

66 Yes, have seen pictures
 34 No, have not
 * Don't know/Refused
 100

NO QUESTIONS 8 THRU 9

⁶ In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "The Homeland Security office issuing a "code orange" alert about the increased risk of a terrorist attack."

⁷ In Early September 2001 the story was listed as "The spread of mad cow disease in Europe." In March 2001 the story was listed as "The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among livestock in Europe."

⁸ In December 1999 the story was listed as "The failure of the Mars Polar Lander space craft to send data back to Earth." In August 1997 the story was listed as "The exploration of the planet Mars by the Pathfinder spacecraft." In Early September 1996 the story was listed as "NASA's discovery of possible life on Mars."

ASK ALL:

Q.10 If there is a Democratic primary election or caucus in your state this year, how likely is it that you will vote? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely to vote in the Democratic primaries? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS NOT SURE WHETHER THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, ENTER PUNCH 6]**

<u>Total</u>	<u>RV</u>		<i>Registered Voters</i>		
			Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2003</u>	Jan ⁹ <u>2000</u>
39	44	Very likely	51	45	77
12	10	Somewhat likely	13	16	11
11	9	Not too likely	8	11	3
32	32	Not at all likely	24	21	5
1	1	No primary (VOL.)	*	1	1
3	3	Not sure if eligible/Not eligible to participate (VOL.)	2	3	--
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100	100		100	100	100

(N=1140)

Q.11 Looking ahead to the general election in November, 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 -----			(N=1140)
	Bush Re-elected	Prefer Democrat	Other/ DK	Bush Re-elected	Prefer Democrat	Other/ DK	
Mid-January, 2004	44	40	16=100	48	38	14=100	
Early January, 2004	43	43	14=100	44	42	14=100	
December, 2003	47	38	15=100	49	37	14=100	
October, 2003	40	44	16=100	42	42	16=100	
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 ¹⁰ (Gallup)	51	36	13=100	51	36	13=100	
Mid-March, 2003 (Gallup)	45	42	13=100	45	42	13=100	
George H.W. Bush							
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	

⁹ In January 2000 the question was worded: "If there is a primary election in your state this year, how likely is it that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for President?"

¹⁰ 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?"

IF "BUSH" (1 IN Q.11) ASK:

Q.12 Have you pretty much made up your mind that you are going to support George W. Bush or is there a chance you might support a Democratic candidate?

	----- Total -----			----- Registered Voters -----		
	Made up mind to support Bush	Might support a Democrat candidate	Can't Say	Made up mind to support Bush	Might support a Democrat candidate	Can't Say
Mid-January, 2004	31	10	3=44	36	10	2=48
September, 2003	31	9	4=44	33	9	3=45

IF "DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE" (2 IN Q.11) ASK:

Q.13 Have you pretty much made up your mind that you are going to support a Democratic candidate or is there a chance you might support George W. Bush?

	----- Total -----			----- Registered Voters -----		
	Made up mind to support a Democratic candidate	Might support Bush	Can't Say	Made up mind to support a Democratic candidate	Might support Bush	Can't Say
Mid-January, 2004	29	7	4=40	29	5	4=38
September, 2003	29	8	6=43	30	8	5=43

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.14F1 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the coming presidential election? [READ]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=572]:

		<i>George H.W. Bush</i>				
		Sept 2003	June 2003	March 1992	Feb 1992	Oct 1991
61	George W. Bush, or	47	66	72	66	78
21	A Democratic candidate	34	22	20	25	11
18	Don't know/Refused	19	12	8	9	11
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

Q.15F2 Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the Democratic presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, fair candidates or poor candidates?

		<i>Democratic</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>-- Democratic --</i>			<i>Republican</i>
		Sept 2003	Oct 1995	Feb 1992	Oct 1991	Jan 1988	Jan 1988
4	Excellent	3	3	3	2	3	3
27	Good	27	29	31	18	27	34
40	Fair	39	46	51	38	44	42
17	Poor	15	18	9	15	17	11
12	Don't know/Refused	16	4	6	27	9	10
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.16 Can you tell me the names of any candidates running for the Democratic nomination for president in 2004? ... Can you think of any others? [**PROBE FOR 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; IF RESPONDENT MAKES DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN CANDIDATES THEY LIKE OR DISLIKE, OR SAYS “I don’t like/won’t vote for any of them” PROBE WITH “This question is only which candidates you’ve HEARD OF, not which candidates you like.”]**

		<i>Dem</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Dem</i>
		Sept	April	Jan	Sept	Sept	Aug	Oct	May
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1991</u>
42	Could not name any candidates	59	68	65	48	37	44	73	76
58	Could name a candidate	41	32	35	52	63	56	27	24
44	Howard Dean	19	3	1					
23	John Kerry	19	11	10					
21	Joe Lieberman	14	8	14					
19	Wesley Clark	15	0	0					
18	Dick Gephardt	10	5	12					
13	Al Sharpton	7	4	3					
8	John Edwards	7	4	10					
7	Carol Moseley Braun	4	*	0					
6	Dennis Kucinich	2	*	0					
*	Bob Graham	2	2	1					
1	Hillary Clinton	2	3	3					
1	Al Gore	2	5	3					
1	Other	2	5	8					

ASK IF “VERY” OR “SOMEWHAT” LIKELY TO VOTE (1,2 IN Q.10):

- Q.17 I am going to read you the names of some possible candidates for the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. AFTER I READ ALL THE NAMES, please tell me which one you would most like to see nominated as the Democratic party’s candidate for president? (**PROBE: PLEASE WAIT UNTIL I READ THE ENTIRE LIST OF NAMES BEFORE YOU RESPOND.**) (**READ AND RANDOMIZE. IF “None” or “Don’t know/Refused” PROBE ONCE WITH: Well as of today, to whom do you most lean?**) **IF CANDIDATE GIVEN (1 thru 10 in Q.17) ASK:**
- Q.18 And who would be your SECOND choice? [**RE-READ LIST, IF NECESSARY – EXCLUDE NAME CITED IN Q.17**] **IF NAMED CANDIDATE GIVEN (1 thru 9 in Q.17) ASK:**
- Q.19 Do you support (**INSERT RESPONSE FROM Q.17**) strongly or only moderately?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS/LEAN DEMOCRAT WHO ARE VERY/SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO VOTE¹¹
[N=415]

Choice			Early Jan 2004		Nov 2003	
	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	2 nd
26	16	Howard Dean	27	16	15	15
11		Strongly			5	
15		Only Moderately/Don’t know			10	
14	12	Wesley Clark	10	11	15	8
6		Strongly			6	
8		Only Moderately/Don’t know			9	
13	11	Joe Lieberman	13	11	12	10
4		Strongly			4	
9		Only Moderately/Don’t know			8	
9	11	Richard Gephardt	10	10	12	7
3		Strongly			4	
6		Only Moderately/Don’t know			8	
8	9	John Kerry	7	9	6	10
3		Strongly			2	
5		Only Moderately/Don’t know			4	
5	4	Al Sharpton	5	4	5	4
1		Strongly			2	
4		Only Moderately/Don’t know			3	
4	3	John Edwards	6	2	5	3
1		Strongly			1	
3		Only Moderately/Don’t know			4	
3	4	Carol Moseley Braun	3	3	4	3
1		Strongly			2	
2		Only Moderately/Don’t know			2	
1	2	Dennis Kucinich	2	2	2	2
1		Strongly			1	
*		Only Moderately/Don’t know			1	
1	1	Other (VOL)	1	*	1	1
--	3	None (VOL)	--	4	--	4
--	17	No 1 st choice	--	16	--	23
16	7	Don't Know/No answer (VOL)	16	12	23	10
100	100		100	100	100	100

¹¹ Results based on Democrats or independents who lean Democratic and are registered to vote and are very or somewhat likely to vote in a Democratic primary or caucus in their state in 2004. Respondents who later said they would not vote when asked for their choice among the Democratic contenders were excluded from the tabulations.

ASK ALL:

Q.20 Regardless of who you personally prefer, which Democratic candidate do you think has the best chance of defeating George W. Bush in the November presidential election? **(RE-READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS/LEAN DEMOCRAT WHO ARE VERY/SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO VOTE
[N=415]**

<u>Total</u>	<i>Dem Likely</i> <u>Voters</u>		<i>Dem Likely Voters</i> <u>Nov 2003</u>
25	36	Howard Dean	19
9	10	Wesley Clark	11
9	6	Joe Lieberman	8
6	7	Richard Gephardt	7
5	5	John Kerry	6
3	3	John Edwards	2
2	1	Al Sharpton	2
1	*	Carol Moseley Braun	1
*	1	Dennis Kucinich	0
1	2	Other (VOL.)	3
11	5	None has a chance (VOL.)	6
<u>28</u>	<u>24</u>	Don't Know/No answer (VOL.)	<u>35</u>
100	100		100

ASK IF “VERY” OR “SOMEWHAT” LIKELY TO VOTE (1,2 IN Q.10):

Q.21 If you had to choose, which would be more important to you in deciding who to support in the Democratic primaries? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS/LEAN DEMOCRAT WHO ARE VERY/SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO VOTE
[N=415]**

		<u>Nov 2003</u>
58	Picking a candidate who comes closest to your positions on the issues [or]	49
37	Picking a candidate who has the best chance of defeating George W. Bush in November	44
1	Other (VOL.)	1
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.22 If "6" represents someone who is very liberal in politics and "1" represents someone who is very conservative, where on this scale of 6 to 1 would you rate the following people and yourself? First, where would you place (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS, BUT ALWAYS ASK "Yourself" LAST) ? [IF ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW"/"NEVER HEARD OF" DO NOT PROBE.]

		<i>Based on Those Who Could Rate</i>							
		---- Conservative ----			---- Liberal ----			Never heard of/	
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>	(N) ¹²
a.	George W. Bush	28	28	16	10	8	10=100	10%	(1364)
	January, 2000	13	26	30	14	10	7=100	16%	
	May, 1999	15	24	27	15	10	9=100	15%	
b.	Hillary Clinton	10	6	12	16	21	35=100	15%	(1273)
c.	Howard Dean	6	6	20	23	21	24=100	35%	(983)
d.	Wesley Clark	5	11	34	28	12	10=100	47%	(791)
e.	John Edwards	6	10	26	30	16	12=100	56%	(652)
f.	Richard Gephardt	5	9	27	29	17	13=100	38%	(927)
g.	John Kerry	6	9	27	30	17	11=100	45%	(823)
h.	Joe Lieberman	6	11	26	26	19	12=100	29%	(1071)
i.	Yourself	15	15	27	18	14	11=100	5%	(1438)
	January, 2000	15	16	31	16	10	12=100	8%	
	May, 1999	13	12	30	20	11	14=100	7%	
	September, 1996	17	10	31	18	13	11=100		
	September, 1988	14	15	29	20	12	10=100		
	Newsweek: 1984	16	9	31	19	12	13=100		

¹² Numbers listed are the number of respondents who could rate each candidate or themselves and on which all percentages are based, except for the percentage of "Never heard of/Don't know/Refused" which is based on total.

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.23 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; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES)** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? (What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?)

		Top	Important	Not too	Should Not	
		Priority	But lower	Important	Be Done	DK/Ref
		<u>Priority</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=755]:						
a.F1	Improving the job situation	67	28	3	1	1=100
	January, 2003	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	51	38	6	3	2=100
	January, 2003	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
c.F1	Reducing crime	53	34	9	2	2=100
	January, 2003	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	Reducing federal income taxes for the middle class	44	37	12	6	1=100
	January, 2002	43	37	11	6	3=100
	January, 2001	66	26	4	3	1=100
	January, 2000	54	34	7	3	2=100
	July, 1999	57	30	8	4	1=100
	January, 1999	52	33	8	3	4=100
	January, 1998	54	33	8	3	2=100
	January, 1997	42	38	10	8	2=100
	December, 1994	53	32	9	3	3=100
e.F1	Protecting the environment	49	40	10	1	*=100
	January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1=100
	January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1=100
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1=100

Q.23 CONTINUED...

		Top <u>Priority</u>	Important But lower <u>Priority</u>	Not too <u>Important</u>	Should Not <u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	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
f.F1	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans	50	35	8	4	3=100
	January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4=100
	January, 2002	50	37	7	4	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	35	34	18	11	2=100
	January, 2003	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	Reforming the campaign finance system	24	38	23	8	7=100
	January, 2002	23	35	28	6	8=100
	Early September, 2001	29	35	23	8	5=100
	January, 2001	37	32	18	6	7=100
	January, 2000	32	34	20	6	8=100
	July, 1999	28	37	23	7	5=100
	January, 1999	29	36	21	6	8=100
	January, 1998	32	34	24	5	5=100
	January, 1997	31	37	23	5	4=100
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	78	18	2	1	1=100
	January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0=100
	January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1=100
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	32	47	14	3	4=100
	January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5=100
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6=100
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7=100
k.F1	Passing a constitutional amendment that would prohibit gay marriages	22	16	22	37	3=100

Q.23 CONTINUED...

		Top Priority	Important But lower Priority	Not too Important	Should Not Be Done	DK/Ref
ASK ITEMS 1 THRU v OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:						
l.F2	Improving the educational system	71	23	4	1	1=100
	January, 2003	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
m.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	65	28	4	2	1=100
	January, 2003	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
n.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	62	32	4	1	1=100
	January, 2003	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
o.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	50	42	6	1	1=100
	January, 2003	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
p.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	45	31	13	9	2=100
	January, 2003	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

Q.23 CONTINUED...

		Top Priority	Important But lower Priority	Not too Important	Should Not Be Done	DK/Ref
	January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4=100
	January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2=100
	January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3=100
q.F2	Providing health insurance to the uninsured	54	34	8	3	1=100
	January, 2003	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
r.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	48	31	15	5	1=100
	January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3=100
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2=100
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2=100
s.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	79	16	2	1	2=100
	January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1=100
	January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1=100
	Early September, 2001 ¹³	80	18	1	*	1=100
	January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1=100
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1=100
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	46	41	10	1	2=100
	January, 2003	40	46	10	1	3=100
	January, 2002	42	46	7	2	3=100
	Early September, 2001 ¹⁴	46	41	6	2	5=100
u.F2	Increasing the minimum wage	38	39	17	5	1=100
	Early September, 2001	40	40	13	6	1=100
	January, 2000	34	41	16	6	3=100
v.F2	Expanding America's space program	10	39	37	13	1=100

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]

		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Ref.
a.	The economy	47	47	6=100
	September, 2003	43	48	9=100
	February, 2003	43	48	9=100
	January, 2003	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

¹³ In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded "Keeping the economy strong."

¹⁴ In Early September 2001 the item was worded "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

Q.24 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
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 in Iraq	59	37	4=100
September, 2003	52	40	8=100
April 10-16, 2003 ¹⁵	77	17	6=100
April 8-9, 2003	71	23	6=100
--April 9, 2003	76	18	6=100
--April 8, 2003	65	28	7=100
April 2-7, 2003	73	21	6=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	26	5=100
March 25-27, 2003	73	23	4=100
March 23-24, 2003	72	22	6=100
March 20-22, 2003	70	23	7=100
February, 2003	56	37	7=100
January, 2003	56	36	8=100
Early October, 2002	56	34	10=100
Gallup: Late January, 1991	84	11	5=100
c. The nation's foreign policy	53	36	11=100
March, 2003	53	36	11=100
April, 2002	69	20	11=100
Gallup: October, 2001	81	14	5=100
Early September, 2001	46	34	20=100
August, 2001 ¹⁶	45	32	23=100

Q.25 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?

		<i>U.S. News & World Report</i>					
		Oct	June	June	Aug	May	Jan
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
27	Plenty of jobs available	24	31	42	15	16	12
60	Jobs are difficult to find	66	59	44	76	77	79
6	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL)	5	4	8	6	4	6
<u>7</u>	Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

¹⁵ From March to April 2003 the item was worded: "... dealing with the war in Iraq?" The 1991 Gallup trend was worded "...George Bush is handling the situation in the Persian Gulf region."

¹⁶ In August 2001 roughly half of the U.S. sample was asked about Bush's handling of international policy, while the other half was asked about the handling of the nation's foreign policy. Results did not differ between question wordings.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=755]:

Q.26F1 In international affairs, do you think George W. Bush pushes American interests too hard, not hard enough, or about right?

		Clinton <u>June 1995</u>
26	Too hard	12
22	Not hard enough	42
47	About right	39
<u>5</u>	Don't know	<u>7</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

Q.27F2 In formulating U.S. foreign policy, is the Bush administration taking into account the interests and views of our allies... Too much, too little, or about the right amount?

		Early Sept <u>2001</u>
18	Too much	19
30	Too little	22
46	Right amount	42
<u>6</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>17</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about Iraq...

Q.28 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

		Early		Oct	Sept	Aug	Early	---- April ----			----- March 2003 -----			Late	
		Jan	Dec				July	10-16	8-9	2-7	28-4/1	25-27	23-24	20-22	Jan
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<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>	<u>1991</u>
65	Right decision	62	67	60	63	63	67	74	74	72	69	74	74	71	77
30	Wrong decision	28	26	33	31	30	24	19	19	20	25	21	21	22	15
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Ref.	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<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	100	100	100

Q.29 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

		Early		Oct	Sept	Aug	Early	---- April ----			--- March 2003 ---		
		Jan	Dec				July	10-16	8-9	2-7	25-4/1	23-24	20-22
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<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>
22	Very well	23	28	16	15	19	23	61	60	55	39	45	65
51	Fairly well	47	47	44	47	43	52	32	32	37	46	41	25
18	Not too well	18	16	25	26	24	16	3	3	3	8	6	2
6	Not at all well	7	6	11	9	11	5	1	3	2	2	2	1
<u>3</u>	DK/Ref.	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<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	100	100	100

Q.30 From what you've seen and read, has stabilizing Iraq been HARDER than President Bush and his advisors expected, EASIER than they expected, or about as they expected?

64 Harder than expected
 2 Easier than expected
 30 About as expected
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 100

Q.31 Which concerns you more... [READ AND ROTATE]

41 That the U.S. will leave Iraq before a stable democracy is in place
 OR
 48 That the U.S. will wait too long to withdraw its troops from Iraq
 5 Neither (VOL.)
6 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 100

Q.32 Do you think President Bush should have waited to get more of our major allies to join us before taking military action in Iraq, or do you think he was right to use military force when he did?

		<u>Sept</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2003</u>
40	Should have waited	42	28
56	Right to use force when he did	53	65
1	Should not have done it at all (VOL.)	1	2
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

On another subject...

Q.33 I'd like you to think about some concerns that people may have. How concerned are you, if at all, about [INSERT ITEM: RANDOMIZE]? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this? What about [NEXT ITEM]...?

	<u>Very</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Does Not</u> <u>Apply</u> <u>(VOL)</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
a. Not having enough money for your retirement?						
February, 2003	50	24	10	12	3	1=100
June, 2002	56	20	9	11	3	*=100
February, 2001	54	25	10	10	1	*=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	55	24	10	9	1	1=100
October, 1999	55	24	11	8	1	1=100
May, 1997	51	27	13	8	1	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	42	26	15	13	3	1=100
March, 1996	56	24	11	7	1	1=100
October, 1995	59	23	9	7	2	*=100
	48	29	10	8	4	1=100

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Concerned</u>	Somewhat <u>Concerned</u>	Not too <u>Concerned</u>	Not at all <u>Concerned</u>	Does Not Apply (VOL)	Don't Know
March, 1994 ¹⁷	42	29	14	12	3	1=100
May, 1988	34	35	15	8	4	4=100

BASED ON THOSE WHO GIVE AN ANSWER [N=1150]:

b. Being unable to save enough money to put a child through college?	46	23	13	18=100	–	–
February, 2003	55	19	9	17=100	–	–
June, 2002	52	19	10	19=100	–	–
September, 2000 (RVs)	52	25	10	13=100	–	–
October, 1999	50	24	12	14=100	–	–
May, 1997	48	22	12	18=100	–	–
October, 1996 (RVs)	53	21	11	15=100	–	–
October, 1995	52	22	11	15=100	–	–
March, 1994	51	22	11	16=100	–	–
May, 1988	34	34	16	16=100	–	–
c. Being unable to afford necessary health care when a family member gets sick?	53	18	15	12	1	1=100
February, 2003	59	17	10	12	2	1=100
June, 2002	61	18	10	10	1	*=100
February, 2001	60	18	9	11	1	1=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	63	19	8	8	2	*=100
October, 1999	60	19	13	7	1	*=100
May, 1997	50	20	16	13	1	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	61	18	12	7	1	1=100
March, 1996	68	16	10	6	*	*=100
October, 1995	66	17	9	7	1	*=100
March, 1994	50	22	15	11	1	1=100

BASED ON THOSE WHO GIVE AN ANSWER [N=970]:

d. Not having adequate child care when you go to work?	37	16	17	30=100	–	–
February, 2003	42	13	13	32=100	–	–
June, 2002	37	17	13	33=100	–	–
September, 2000 (RVs)	43	21	11	25=100	–	–
October, 1995	42	22	15	21=100	–	–
March, 1994	35	22	15	28=100	–	–
May, 1988	35	22	20	23=100	–	–
e. Losing your job or taking a cut in pay	35	15	15	19	16	*=100
February, 2003	41	12	13	18	16	*=100
June, 2002	40	15	15	19	11	*=100
February, 2001	34	14	15	27	9	1=100
May, 1997	30	15	19	20	16	*=100
March, 1996	47	16	14	15	8	*=100
October, 1995	34	17	16	17	16	*=100

¹⁷ In March 1994 the question started with, "Now I'd like you to think about the future. As I read some different things that might affect your personal future, please tell me how concerned you are about each one happening to you."

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Concerned</u>	Somewhat <u>Concerned</u>	Not too <u>Concerned</u>	Not at all <u>Concerned</u>	Does Not Apply (VOL)	Don't Know
March, 1994	28	16	14	21	21	*=100
May, 1988 ¹⁸	18	16	23	18	22	3=100
f. Having to care for an aging parent or relative						
February, 2003	42	20	16	14	8	*=100
March, 1994	44	20	12	13	10	1=100
May, 1988	33	28	15	14	10	*=100
	20	32	26	14	6	2=100
g. Becoming a victim of a crime						
February, 2001	28	24	30	17	*	1=100
October, 1999	38	27	23	12	0	*=100
May, 1997	39	32	22	7	*	*=100
October, 1995	38	29	22	10	0	1=100
May, 1988	51	30	15	4	*	*=100
	36	36	21	5	*	2=100
h. Going too deeply into debt						
	41	20	17	19	2	1=100

Q.34 How would you describe economic conditions in this country? Would you say the economy is now recovering OR that we are in a recession that will pass fairly soon OR that we are in an economic depression that will last a long time?

IF 'RECOVERING' (1 IN Q.34) ASK:

Q.35 Would you say the economic recovery is very strong -- or that the recovery is only modest?

	March <u>1994</u> ¹⁹	Dec <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1993</u>	March <u>1992</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>
45 Recovery	40	37	34	16	7
8 Recovery is very strong	2	--	--	--	--
36 Only modest recovery	37	--	--	--	--
1 Don't know/Refused	1	--	--	--	--
33 Recession	33	27	35	41	51
18 Depression	21	29	27	40	38
<u>4</u> Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100

¹⁸ In May 1988 the item was worded: "Losing your job."

¹⁹ In March 1994 the follow up question was worded: "Would you say the economy is now surging -- or that the recovery is only modest?"

ASK ALL:

Q.36 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? **[READ]**

		Aug	March	Feb	Jan	Dec	Early	Late		Jan	Dec	Oct	Oct	Early
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>		<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>
20	Very worried	13	22	34	18	31	20	16	32	20	13	29	27	28
45	Somewhat worried	45	42	41	50	42	46	46	44	42	39	42	40	45
24	Not too worried	29	20	17	23	18	22	25	17	28	27	18	19	15
10	Not at all worried	12	14	7	8	8	11	12	7	9	19	10	12	11
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Finally,

C.1 How often do you watch C-SPAN [the public affairs network] on television... regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never? **[INTERVIEWER: READ BRACKETED DESCRIPTION ONLY IF YOU NEED TO REPEAT THE QUESTION]**

12	Regularly watch
31	Sometimes watch
27	Hardly ever watch
27	Never watch
3	Never heard of C-SPAN (VOL.) [GO TO DEMOGRAPHICS]
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK IF 1,2,3,4,9 IN C.1 [N=1453]:

C.2 Do you happen to know who pays for C-SPAN... is it the federal government, cable and satellite companies, the political parties, or someone else?

10	Federal government
12	Cable and satellite companies
3	Political parties
10	Someone else
<u>65</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

C.3 How useful is it for the country to have a broadcasting service like C-SPAN that shows Congress at work and other government related programming. Is it... **[READ OPTIONS]**

37	Very useful
43	Somewhat useful
10	Not too useful
6	Not at all useful
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)
100	

ASK IF RESPONDENT WATCHES C-SPAN AT LEAST SOMETIMES (C.1=1 OR 2) [N=650]:

C.4 How much would you miss watching C-SPAN if it were no longer available? **(READ CHOICES)**

18	A lot
41	Some
27	Not much
14	Not at all
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)
100	