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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

More specifically,

Q.2F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.F1 The economy	38	53	9=100
Mid-May, 2005	35	57	8=100
February, 2005	43	50	7=100
January, 2005	45	50	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	38	55	7=100
Early September, 2004	44	49	7=100
August, 2004	42	52	6=100
July, 2004	42	52	6=100
June, 2004	43	50	7=100
Early April, 2004	39	53	8=100
Mid-January, 2004	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
February, 2001	50	22	28=100
b.F1 The situation in Iraq	35	57	8=100
Mid-May, 2005	37	56	7=100
February, 2005	40	53	7=100
January, 2005	45	50	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	37	56	7=100
Early September, 2004	47	45	8=100
August, 2004	43	52	5=100
July, 2004	42	53	5=100
June, 2004	42	51	7=100
Late April, 2004	44	48	8=100
Early April, 2004	40	53	7=100
Mid-January, 2004	59	37	4=100
September, 2003	52	40	8=100
April 10-16, 2003 ¹	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

¹ 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."

Q.2F1 CONTINUED...		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
	January, 2003	56	36	8=100
	Early October, 2002	56	34	10=100
c.F1	Terrorist threats	49	40	11=100
	Mid-May, 2005	57	35	8=100
	February, 2005	59	34	7=100
	January, 2005	62	33	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11=100
	Early September, 2004	62	32	6=100
	August, 2004	58	37	5=100
	July, 2004	54	40	6=100
	June, 2004	56	35	9=100
	Late April, 2004	55	36	9=100
	Early April, 2004	53	38	9=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : December, 2003	65	33	2=100
	September, 2003	64	28	8=100
	February, 2003	67	25	8=100
	January, 2003	69	23	8=100
	Early October, 2002	71	22	7=100
	June, 2002	74	18	8=100
	Mid-September, 2001 ²	85	6	9=100
	Clinton : Early September, 1998	72	20	8=100
d.F1	The nation's foreign policy	36	49	15=100
	Mid-May, 2005	38	46	16=100
	February, 2005	43	46	11=100
	January, 2005	48	43	9=100
	Mid-October, 2004	37	49	14=100
	Early September, 2004	47	42	11=100
	August, 2004	42	49	9=100
	July, 2004	40	48	12=100
	Mid-January, 2004	53	36	11=100
	March, 2003	53	36	11=100
	Early April, 2002	69	20	11=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October, 2001	81	14	5=100
	Early September, 2001	46	34	20=100
	August, 2001 ³	45	32	23=100
	Clinton : September, 1997	54	34	12=100
	Bush, Sr : May, 1990	58	30	12=100

² In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

³ 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 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.3F2 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of George W. Bush. Tell me just the ONE best word that describes him. **(OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).**

<u>July 2005*</u>	<u>February 2005</u>	<u>May 2004</u>	<u>Early Feb 2004⁴</u>	<u>May 2003</u>
31 Honest	38 Honest	30 Honest	27 Honest	29 Honest
26 Incompetent	20 Good	29 Good	24 Fair	21 Good
24 Arrogant	15 Integrity	26 Incompetent	24 Leader	20 Arrogant
18 Good	15 Arrogant	26 Leader	21 Liar	16 Leader
18 Integrity	14 Incompetent	24 Arrogant	17 Arrogant	13 Great
15 Determined	13 Leader	16 Strong	14 Strong	12 Confident
13 Liar	11 Fair	15 Integrity	13 Excellent	12 Courageous
12 Stupid	11 Idiot	13 Idiot	13 Good	11 Aggressive
11 Idiot	9 Strong	11 Christian	12 Christian	11 Christian
11 Strong	9 Liar	10 Determined	12 Integrity	11 Determined
10 Leader	8 Excellent	10 Stupid	9 Stupid	11 Integrity
9 Christian	8 Trustworthy	9 Liar	9 Incompetent	10 Patriot/Patriotic
9 Great	8 Dishonest	8 Trustworthy	8 Dishonest	9 Cowboy
9 Okay	8 Poor	7 Aggressive	7 Confident	8 Competent
8 Fair	7 Conservative	7 Committed	7 Determined	8 Decisive
8 Sincere	7 Great	7 Dishonest	7 Idiot	8 Idiot
7 Aggressive	7 Sucks	7 Okay	7 Patriotic	8 President
7 Honorable	7 Christian	6 Dedicated	7 Ass	8 Strong
6 Inept	7 Honorable	6 Fair	6 Character	7 Adequate
5 Adequate	6 Dedicated	6 President	6 Poor	7 Excellent
5 Ass	6 Determined	6 War/warrior	6 Selfish	7 Fair
4 Persistent	6 President	5 Brave	(N=748)	(N=602)
4 Egotistical	6 Selfish	5 Confident		
4 Greedy	5 Trying	5 Courageous		
4 Jerk	5 Warmonger	5 Decisive		
4 Patriotic	5 Ignorant	5 Dumb		
4 Terrible	5 Terrible	5 Excellent		
	4 Diligent	5 Great		
	4 Consistent	5 Honorable		
	4 Sincere	5 Straight-forward		
	4 Ineffective	(N=897)		
	4 Inept			
	(N=761)			

* The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

⁴ In Early February 2004, these “one word” questions were not asked toward the beginning of the questionnaire. For George W. Bush, trends from March 1999, September 1999 and March 2000 are also available.

ASK ALL:

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.]

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a. News about the current situation in Iraq	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 2005	41	39	12	7	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*=100
Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2=100
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*=100
January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*=100
December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1=100
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1=100
August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*=100
June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1=100
Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	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
April 11-16, 2003 ⁵	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 ⁶	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
b. The retirement of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor	24	29	24	22	1=100
c. The move by a Chinese firm to buy the American oil company Unocal	11	18	26	43	2=100

⁵ From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as "News about the war in Iraq."

⁶ 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 <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/Ref
d.	Recent hurricanes that have affected the Gulf Coast of the U.S.	38	37	17	8	*=100
	Early October, 2002 <i>Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana</i>	38	34	18	10	*=100
e.	The terrorist bombings in London, England	48	37	11	4	*=100
	March, 2004 <i>Madrid</i>	34	35	18	12	1=100
	Late October, 2002 <i>Nightclub in Bali, Indonesia</i>	20	34	25	20	1=100

NO QUESTION 5

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.6F2 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, tell me which one best reflects your impression of George W. Bush so far. (First,) does George W. Bush impress you as... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]

		Sep <u>2003</u>	Feb <u>2001</u>	Oct <u>1999</u>
a.F2	49 Trustworthy, or	62	60	63
	46 NOT trustworthy	32	28	29
	2 Neither particularly (VOL)	2	4	2
	<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100
b.F2	57 Warm and friendly, or	70	67	
	37 Cold and aloof	23	21	
	3 Neither particularly (VOL)	3	6	
	<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	
	100	100	100	
c.F2	50 Able to get things done, or	68	60	
	42 NOT able to get things done	26	18	
	4 Neither particularly (VOL)	3	7	
	<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	
	100	100	100	
d.F2	52 Well informed, or	59	62	
	42 NOT well informed	36	27	
	2 Neither particularly (VOL)	*	4	
	<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	
	100	100	100	
		Sep <u>2003</u>	April <u>2001</u>	Feb <u>2001</u>
e.F2	9 Liberal,	9	8	7
	26 Middle of the road or	33	37	39
	57 Conservative	51	46	44
	2 Neither particularly (VOL)	1	3	2
	<u>6</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
	100	100	100	100

Q.6F2 CONTINUED...

			Sep <u>2003</u>	Oct <u>1999</u>
f.F2	48	Cares about people like me, or	56	54
	49	DOESN'T care about people like me	38	37
	1	Neither particularly (VOL)	2	2
	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
	100		100	100
g.F2	55	A strong leader, or	68	68
	41	NOT a strong leader	29	24
	2	Neither particularly (VOL)	1	3
	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
	100		100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.7F1 When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more... **[READ, ROTATE]**

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

ASK ALL:

Thinking again about news stories...

Q.8 How closely have you followed reports that White House adviser Karl Rove may have leaked classified information about a CIA agent – very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		October <u>2003</u> ⁷
23	Very closely	16
25	Fairly closely	32
26	Not too closely	24
25	Not at all closely	27
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.9F1 From what you've heard or read, do you think that Karl Rove should resign his position, or don't you think so?

39	Yes, should resign
23	No, don't think so
<u>38</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

⁷ In October 2003, the story was listed as "Reports that a White House official may have leaked classified information about a CIA agent."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.9F2 From what you've heard or read about Karl Rove's involvement in this case, do you think the he is guilty of a serious offense or don't you think so?

32 Guilty of a serious offense
23 Not guilty of a serious offense
45 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK ALL:

As you may have heard, Sandra Day O'Connor recently retired from the Supreme Court...

Q.10 Just your impression... was Sandra Day O'Connor mostly conservative, mostly liberal, or middle-of-the-road in her judgments on the Court?

13 Mostly conservative
10 Mostly liberal
51 Middle of the road
26 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.11F1 In making his next appointment to the Supreme Court, should President Bush choose someone who will make the court more liberal, someone who will make it more conservative, or someone who will keep the court about the same as it is now?

		June <u>2005</u>	Late March <u>2005</u>	Clinton <i>Gallup</i> <u>March 1993</u>
24	More liberal	28	24	29
27	More conservative	29	28	29
40	About the same as it is now	35	41	38
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.12F2 Do you worry that the president's next Supreme Court appointment will make the court too conservative, not conservative enough, or don't you worry about this?

31 Too conservative
19 Not conservative enough
44 Don't worry about this
6 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK ALL:

Q.13 How important is the president's choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally? **[READ]**

		June <u>2005</u>	Late March <u>2005</u>
47	Very important	47	38
30	Somewhat important	29	36
14	Not too important	14	15
8	Not at all important	8	8
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

Q.14 From what you've seen and heard, is the question of who should be appointed to the Supreme Court more controversial this year than in the past, less controversial, or about as controversial as it's always been?

44	More controversial
5	Less controversial
44	As controversial as it's always been
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF MORE CONTROVERSIAL (1 IN Q.14) ASK [N=669]:

Q.15 Who is more responsible for making it more controversial... Republicans or Democrats?

37	Republicans
39	Democrats
12	Both (VOL.)
1	President Bush (VOL.)
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.16F2 As I read some issues the Supreme Court may rule on over the coming years, please tell me how important each issue is to you personally. First, are court decisions on **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** very important, fairly important, not too important, or not at all important to you?

		Very <u>Important</u>	Fairly <u>Important</u>	Not too <u>Important</u>	Not at all <u>Important</u>	DK/Ref
a.	Abortion	63	21	8	7	1=100
b.	Affirmative action	43	35	12	7	3=100
c.	Gay rights	37	25	16	19	3=100
d.	The rights of people held in custody as terrorist suspects	62	21	10	6	1=100
e.	The amount of money courts can award in personal injury lawsuits	49	31	13	5	2=100
f.	Whether to allow religious displays on government property	55	25	11	8	1=100

ASK ALL:

Q.17 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-----				
		June	Jan	March	Aug ⁸	Oct
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1989</u>
29	Yes	30	31	36	34	33
65	No	63	62	60	60	61
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.18 Have you been contacted by any individuals or groups asking you to support their position in the debate over the next Supreme Court nominee?

IF YES (1 IN Q.18) ASK:

Q.19 When you were contacted, were you encouraged to SUPPORT President Bush, or to OPPOSE President Bush?

3	Yes
1	Support Bush
1	Oppose Bush
1	Both/Neither (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused
97	No
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

NO QUESTIONS 20 THROUGH 22

Q.23 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about Attorney General Alberto Gonzales as a possible nominee to the Supreme Court? **[READ]**

11	A lot
41	A little [OR]
47	Nothing at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (1 OR 2 IN Q.23) [N=882]:

Q.24 From what you've read and heard, do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for Alberto Gonzales to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice?

29	Good idea
30	Bad idea
<u>41</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

⁸ Gallup trend from August 1992 is based on registered voters.

ASK ALL:

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.25 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
July, 2005	49	44	7=100
June, 2005	47	45	8=100
February, 2005	47	47	6=100
January, 2005	51	44	5=100
December, 2004	49	44	7=100
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11=100
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12=100
Early October, 2004	50	39	11=100
Early September, 2004	53	39	8=100
August, 2004	53	41	6=100
July, 2004	52	43	5=100
June, 2004	55	38	7=100
May, 2004	51	42	7=100
Late April, 2004	54	37	9=100
Early April, 2004	57	35	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6=100
Late February, 2004	60	32	8=100
Early February, 2004	56	39	5=100
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5=100
Early January, 2004	62	28	10=100
December, 2003	67	26	7=100
October, 2003	60	33	7=100
September, 2003	63	31	6=100
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	24	9=100
May, 2003	74	20	6=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>8=100</i>
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7=100</i>
Late January, 1991	77	15	9=100

ASK IF RIGHT DECISION IN Q.25:

Q.26RIGHT Have you always felt this way, or have you changed your mind about the war?

41	Always felt this
7	Changed mind
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
49%	Right Decision

ASK IF WRONG DECISION IN Q.25:

Q.26WRONG Have you always felt this way, or have you changed your mind about the war?

35	Always felt this
9	Changed mind
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
44%	Wrong Decision

ASK ALL:

Q.27 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=100
Early September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
April 10-16, 2003	61	32	3	1	3=100
April 8-9, 2003	60	32	3	3	2=100
April 2-7, 2003	55	37	3	2	3=100
March 25-April 1, 2003	39	46	8	2	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	45	41	6	2	6=100
March 20-22, 2003	65	25	2	1	7=100

Q.28 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2005	52	43	5=100
June, 2005	50	46	4=100
February, 2005	55	42	3=100
January, 2005	54	41	5=100
December, 2004	56	40	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	57	36	7=100
Early September, 2004	54	40	6=100

Q.28 CONTINUED...	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100
June, 2004 ⁹	51	44	5=100
May, 2004	53	42	5=100
Late April, 2004	53	40	7=100
Early April, 2004	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	63	32	5=100
October, 2003	58	39	3=100
September, 2003	64	32	4=100

IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.28) ASK:

Q.29 Do you think more troops are needed in Iraq right now, or do you think there are already enough troops there to do the job?

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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.30F1 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?

	Has a clear <u>plan</u>	Doesn't have <u>a clear plan</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2005	27	64	9=100
February, 2005	32	61	7=100
Early October, 2004	35	55	10=100
Early September, 2004	36	55	9=100
August, 2004	36	58	6=100
July, 2004	34	59	7=100
June, 2004	37	55	8=100
Late April, 2004	36	54	10=100
Early April, 2004	32	57	11=100
December, 2003	44	45	11=100
October, 2003	35	54	11=100
September, 2003	32	58	10=100

⁹ In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: “Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?”

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.31F2 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?

		Dec 2003	Oct 2003	Sept 2003	March 2003 ¹⁰	Feb 2003	Jan 2003	Dec 2002	Late 2002	Mid- 2002	Late 2002	<i>NY Times</i> Aug 1990 ¹¹
28	Explained clearly	35	32	30	49	53	42	48	48	52	37	50
68	Not clearly	59	63	63	47	40	53	45	45	37	52	41
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<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	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.32F1 Do you think the war in Iraq has helped the war on terrorism, or has it hurt the war on terrorism?

	<u>Helped</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	(VOL) <u>No effect</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2005	39	47	7	7=100
February, 2005	44	41	7	8=100
Mid-October, 2004	45	40	6	9=100
Early September, 2004	46	40	6	8=100
August, 2004	45	44	4	7=100
July, 2004	43	45	5	7=100
June, 2004	43	44	4	9=100
Mid-March, 2004	50	37	5	8=100
Late February, 2004	62	28	3	7=100
Early February, 2004	55	32	7	6=100
December, 2003	59	26	6	9=100
September, 2003	54	31	7	8=100
May, 2003	65	22	6	7=100
April, 2003 ¹²	63	22	--	15=100
Early October, 2002	52	34	--	14=100

¹⁰ 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?"

¹¹ 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 ..."

¹² In April 2003, the question was worded: "Do you think the war in Iraq will help the war on terrorism, or will it hurt the war on terrorism?" In Early October 2002 the question was worded: "If the U.S. uses military force in Iraq, do you think this will help the war on terrorism, or will it hurt the war on terrorism?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.33F2 In the long run, do you think the war in Iraq has increased the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessened the chances, or has it made no difference?

		Mid-Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2002</u> ¹³
45	Increased	36	34	45
22	Lessened	32	32	18
30	No difference	28	31	30
<u>3</u>	Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Based on what you've seen and read, do MOST people in Iraq support or do most oppose America's current policies in Iraq?

		Early April <u>2004</u>	Dec <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>
38	Support	37	47	39
44	Oppose	48	34	47
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.35F1 Which concerns you more... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

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

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.36F2 How much longer do you think United States troops will have to remain in Iraq – for less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, or will the U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

		----- CBS/New York Times -----						
		Feb <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	April <u>2004</u>	March <u>2004</u>	Dec <u>2003</u>	July <u>2003</u>
9	Less than a year	11	17	17	8	8	15	13
23	One to two years	27	31	33	27	22	34	31
31	Two to five years	32	27	26	33	35	31	31
27	Longer than five years	22	17	16	25	26	12	18
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹³ The question from the November 2002 Global Attitudes survey was worded: "In the long run, do you think a war with Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule is likely to increase the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessen the chances, or will it make no difference?"

ASK ALL:

Q.37 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

49 Should set a timetable
45 Should not set a timetable
* Should get out now (VOL.)
6 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

IF "SHOULD SET A TIMETABLE" (1 IN Q.37) ASK [N=685]:

Q.38 If the U.S. DOES set a timetable for withdrawing troops, are you concerned that the insurgents in Iraq will just wait out American forces and then gain power, or aren't you too concerned about that?

53 Concerned
42 Not too concerned
5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

IF "SHOULD NOT SET A TIMETABLE" (2 IN Q.37) ASK [N=724]:

Q.39 If the U.S. does NOT set a timetable for withdrawing troops, are you concerned that American troops will have to stay in Iraq for a very long time, or aren't you too concerned about that?

55 Concerned
42 Not concerned
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

ASK ALL:

Q.40 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in establishing a stable democratic government in Iraq?

17 Definitely succeed
43 Probably succeed
25 Probably fail
8 Definitely fail
7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

NO QUESTIONS 41 THROUGH 49

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.50 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

		Dec	Aug	Early			Mid-			June	
		2004	2004	July	March	Feb	Nov	Oct ¹⁴	July	March	
		2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2001	1996
13	Strongly favor	14	8	10	10	9	10	9	10	8	6
23	Favor	18	21	22	22	21	20	21	28	27	21
22	Oppose	23	25	23	24	21	21	25	23	23	24
31	Strongly oppose	38	35	33	35	42	41	33	30	34	41
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Ref. (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.51 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?

		Aug	July	March	Oct
		2004	2004	2004	2003
22	Strongly favor	15	18	16	14
31	Favor	33	31	33	31
16	Oppose	21	18	18	20
24	Strongly oppose	24	25	26	27
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100

IF OPPOSE GAY MARRIAGE (3,4 IN Q.50), ASK:

Q.52 There has been a proposal to change the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage. Do you think amending the Constitution to ban gay marriage is a good idea, or a bad idea?

		Aug	July	March
		2004	2004	2004
36	Favor	29	32	32
53	Oppose	60	56	59
29	Good idea / Pro-Constitutional amendment	35	31	36
22	Bad idea / Anti-Constitutional amendment	22	22	21
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	2
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.53 Do you favor or oppose [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS (FIRST a, THEN b THRU d)] ... Do you favor or oppose [NEXT ITEM]?

		Favor	Oppose	DK/Ref
a.	Allowing women to get the so-called "morning-after pill," which prevents pregnancy, without a doctor's prescription	52	37	11=100
b.	Having the public schools teach teenagers to abstain from sex until marriage	76	20	4=100

¹⁴ The October 2003 trend questions about gay marriage and civil unions are based on Form 1 respondents only (N=735). In an experiment, Form 2 respondents were asked the questions in the reverse order. The experiment found that the order of the questions has a significant impact on responses to the civil unions question.

Q.53 CONTINUED...

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
c.	Allowing public schools to provide students with information on birth control methods	78	18	4=100
	June, 1996 ¹⁵	76	22	2=100
d.	Requiring that women under the age of 18 get the consent of at least one parent before they are allowed to have an abortion	73	22	5=100
	Sept, 1999	69	28	3=100
	May, 1992	73	23	4=100

Q.54 In March, Congress passed a bill that required the federal courts to hear the case of Terri Schiavo, the brain-damaged Florida woman who later died after her feeding tube was removed. Do you believe that Congress did the right thing in getting involved in the case, or do you think Congress should have stayed out of the case?

20	Believe that Congress did the right thing
74	Believe that Congress should have stayed out of the case
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

Now a few questions about abortion...

Q.55F1/ Which comes closer to your view? Abortion should be generally available to those who want it; Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now; Abortion should be against the law except in cases of rape, incest and to save the woman's life; Abortion should not be permitted at all.¹⁶

		<u>June</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>CBS/NYT</u> <u>Feb 1996</u>
35	Generally available	30	32	36
23	Available, but under stricter limits	21	24	22
31	Against law except rape/incest/save life	36	33	34
9	Abortion should not be permitted at all	12	9	7
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

¹⁵ In June 1996 and September 1999 response categories were "strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose".

¹⁶ In an experiment, Form 2 respondents were read the response options in the reverse order. The experiment found that the order of the response options does not have a significant impact on responses. Therefore, Form 1 and Form 2 results are combined.

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Regardless of whether or not you think abortion should be legal, do you personally believe that having an abortion is morally wrong in nearly all circumstances, morally wrong in some circumstances, or is it not a moral issue?

29 Morally wrong in nearly all circumstances
 41 Morally wrong in some circumstances
 26 Not a moral issue
4 Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
 100

Q.58 Regardless of whether or not you think abortion should be legal, do you think it would be a good thing to reduce the number of abortions performed in the United States, or don't you feel this way?

59 Good thing to reduce the number of abortions
 33 Don't feel this way
8 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 100

NO QUESTION 59

Q.60 As you may know, the federal government has debated whether to fund certain kinds of medical research known as 'stem cell research' ... How much have you heard about this? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

		Dec	Aug	March
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>
48	A lot	47	42	27
42	A little [OR]	41	43	52
10	Nothing at all	11	15	20
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.61F1/ All in all, which is more important... **[READ, IN ORDER]**¹⁷

Q.62F2

		Dec	Aug	March
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>
57	Conducting stem cell research that might result in new medical cures [OR]	56	52	43
30	Not destroying the potential life of human embryos involved in this research	32	34	38
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL, DO NOT READ]	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>
100		100	100	100

¹⁷ In an experiment, the first response option for Form 1 read "conducting *embryonic* stem cell research that might result in new medical cures." The experiment found that the alternative wording of the response option does not have a significant impact on responses. Therefore, Form 1 and Form 2 results are combined.

IF ANSWER GIVEN (Q.61F1=1,2 OR Q.62F2=1,2) ASK [N=1,297]:

Q.63 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on this issue... **[READ IN ORDER]**

		BASED ON			
<u>Total</u>	<u>Conduct research</u>	<u>Not destroy life</u>			<u>March 2002¹⁸</u>
14	16	9	A personal experience		7
5	5	5	The views of your friends and family		4
24	31	13	What you have seen or read in the media		34
23	7	52	Your religious beliefs		18
23	28	12	Your education		22
10	11	8	OR Something else		13
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused		<u>2</u>
100	100	100			100
	(N=847)	(N=450)			

NO QUESTION 64

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Thinking about the issue of terrorism for a moment...

Q.65F1 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11th terrorist attacks?

		<u>July 2004</u>	<u>Late Aug 2002</u>
28	Greater	24	22
40	The same	39	39
29	Less	34	34
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Thinking about the issue of terrorism for a moment...

Q.66F2 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism? **[READ]**

		<i>(RVs)</i>						
		<u>July 2004</u>	<u>Aug 2003</u>	<u>Early 2002</u>	<u>June 2002</u>	<u>Early 2001</u>	<u>Oct 15-21 2001</u>	<u>Oct 10-14 2001</u>
17	Very well	18	19	15	16	35	38	48
53	Fairly well	53	56	54	60	46	46	40
19	Not too well, OR	17	16	19	16	9	9	6
8	Not at all well	8	7	8	4	5	4	2
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹⁸

In March 2002, the question was asked of those who gave an answer to the question "Do you think the federal government should or should not fund stem cell research?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.67F1 In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it is necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?

		July	Aug	June	Jan	Mid-Sept	April	March	<i>L.A. Times</i>
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003¹⁹</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>April 1995</u>
40	Yes, it is necessary	38	44	49	55	55	29	30	49
53	No, it is not necessary	56	50	45	39	35	62	65	43
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.68F2 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? [**READ AND ROTATE**]

		July
		<u>2004</u>
52	That they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country	49
--OR--		
31	That they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties	29
10	Neither / Approve of policies (VOL.)	11
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>11</u>
100		100

NO QUESTION 69

ASK ALL:

Now, a few questions about your religious affiliation...

Q.70 What is your religious preference — do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian such as Buddhist or Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or don't you have a religious preference?

		Mid-July	March	March	June
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1996²⁰</u>
77	Christian	81	82	82	84
2	Jewish	2	1	1	1
*	Muslim	*	*	1	*
2	Other non-Christian	4	1	2	3
2	Atheist	2	1	1	n/a
2	Agnostic	3	2	2	n/a
2	Something else (SPECIFY)	1	2	1	n/a
11	No preference	6	10	8	11
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100

¹⁹ In 2003 and earlier the question was worded: "In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?"

²⁰ In 1996, question was worded: "What is your religious preference – do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian, or don't you have a religious preference?"

IF CHRISTIAN (1 IN Q.70), ASK:

Q.71 Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox — such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, or something else?

		Mid- July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>	March <u>2001</u>	June <u>1996</u>
47	Protestant	52	52	53	54
21	Roman Catholic	23	24	23	23
2	Mormon	1	2	2	2
1	Orthodox	*	*	1	1
4	Something else (SPECIFY)	1	2	*	1
-	Not practicing any religion	-	-	-	1
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
77%	Christian	81%	82%	82%	84%

IF "PROTESTANT" OR "SOMETHING ELSE" (1,5 IN Q.71), ASK:

Q.72 As I read a list, tell me which if any of these denominations you are affiliated with. (READ LIST)

		March <u>2001</u>	June <u>1996</u>
18	Baptist	17	18
7	Methodist	8	10
4	Lutheran	5	6
3	Presbyterian	3	4
2	Congregational or United Church of Christ	3	3
6	Nondenominational or Independent Church	6	5
2	Pentecostal	5	3
2	Episcopalian	2	2
*	Reformed, or	*	*
4	Something else (SPECIFY)	3	2
2	Nothing in particular (DO NOT READ)	1	1
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
51%	Protestant/Something else	54%	54%

IF "CHRISTIAN" OR "SOMETHING ELSE" (1,7 IN Q.70) ASK:

Q.73 Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

		Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>	March <u>2001</u>	June <u>1996</u>
35	Yes	37	35	36	34
41	No	41	44	43	47
<u>3</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
79%	Christian/Something else	82%	84%	83%	84%

IF “CHRISTIAN” (1 IN Q.70), ASK [N=1,178]:

Q.74 As I read from a list, please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you. (First,) (INSERT, ROTATE)... does this apply to you, or not?

		Yes <u>applies</u>	No <u>doesn't apply</u>	Non-specific Christian <u>in Q.70</u> ²¹	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a.	Pentecostal Christian	11	82	2	5=100
b.	Charismatic or Spirit-Filled Christian	36	56	2	6=100
c.	Liberal or Progressive Christian	36	55	2	7=100

NO QUESTION 75

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?

		(RVs)								
		Aug <u>2004</u>	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>	June <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>
15	More than once a week	13	16	15	15	16	17	17	12	14
24	Once a week	25	27	24	25	26	26	28	26	25
13	Once or twice a month	15	15	15	17	14	17	16	17	17
20	A few times a year	20	18	21	18	17	17	17	20	21
15	Seldom	15	14	15	15	16	15	13	15	13
11	Never	11	10	9	9	10	7	8	10	9
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<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	100

Q.76 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>
July, 2005	58	24	17	1=100
August, 2004	57	26	16	1=100
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 (Gallup)	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 (Gallup)	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 (Gallup)	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 (Gallup)	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 (Gallup)	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 (Gallup)	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 (Gallup)	70	22	7	1=100

²¹ Some respondents who answered some specific Christian denomination in the initial religious preference question (such as Baptist, Methodist, etc.) were coded as “Something else” and were not asked this question. These respondents were eventually included in the “Christian” category.

Q.77 Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible? [READ, IN ORDER]

		Mar <u>2004</u>	July <u>2003</u>	Mid- March <u>2001</u>	June <u>1996</u>
34	The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, – OR –	40	35	36	35
41	The Bible is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word, – OR –	42	43	43	47
18	The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	13	16	14	14
3	Other (VOL.)	1	2	3	2
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.78 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship keep out of political matters – or should they express their views on day-to-day social and political questions?

		Aug <u>2004</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>2000</u> ²²	June <u>1996</u>	— Gallup —	
							Feb 1968	March 1957
45	Should keep out	44	44	43	45	43	53	44
50	Should express views	51	52	51	51	54	40	48
<u>5</u>	No opinion	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

Q.79 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

Q.80 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

	Computer User			Based on Total Respondents: Goes Online		
	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Yes	No	DK/Ref
July, 2005	77	22	1=100	71	28	1=100
June, 2005	77	23	*=100	69	31	*=100
Late May, 2005	76	24	*=100	70	29	1=100
Mid-March, 2005	78	22	*=100	72	28	0=100
December, 2004	80	20	*=100	72	28	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	79	21	*=100	72	28	*=100
Early September, 2004	78	22	*=100	72	28	*=100
August, 2004	75	25	*=100	68	32	0=100
April, 2004	73	27	0=100	66	34	*=100
March, 2004 ²³	75	25	*=100	68	32	*=100
August, 2003	77	23	*=100	67	33	*=100

²² September 2000 results are based on registered voters. In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include “and other houses of worship.”

²³ Beginning in 2004, the online use question is asked of all respondents (in previous years it was asked only of those who identified themselves as computer users). This modification was made to adjust to changes in technology and means of access to the Internet, and increases the percent who are classified as Internet users by 1-2 percentage points.

Q.79/Q.80 CONTINUED...

Based on Total Respondents:

	<i>Computer User</i>			<i>Goes Online</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-July, 2003	75	25	*=100	65	35	*=100
June, 2003	75	25	0=100	67	33	0=100
January, 2003	76	24	0=100	67	33	*=100
December, 2002	76	24	*=100	67	33	*=100
Early October, 2002	75	25	*=100	63	37	*=100
August, 2002	78	22	*=100	69	31	*=100
June, 2002	74	26	*=100	66	34	*=100
May, 2002	75	25	*=100	66	34	*=100
April, 2002	71	29	*=100	62	38	0=100
February, 2002	71	29	*=100	62	38	0=100
January, 2002	73	27	0=100	62	38	0=100
Mid-November, 2001	73	27	0=100	62	38	0=100
Mid-September, 2001	72	28	*=100	62	38	*=100
June, 2001	72	28	*=100	62	38	0=100
May, 2001	75	25	*=100	64	36	0=100
April, 2001	72	28	*=100	62	38	0=100
February, 2001	72	28	0=100	60	40	*=100
January, 2001	71	29	*=100	61	39	0=100
July, 2000	68	31	1=100	55	45	*=100
June, 2000	68	31	1=100	56	44	*=100
April, 2000	68	32	*=100	54	46	*=100
March, 2000 ²⁴	72	28	0=100	61	39	0=100
February, 2000	67	33	*=100	52	48	0=100
January, 2000	68	32	*=100	52	48	*=100
December, 1999	67	33	*=100	53	47	0=100
October, 1999	67	33	*=100	50	50	0=100
Late September, 1999	68	32	*=100	52	48	*=100
September, 1999	70	30	*=100	53	47	0=100
August, 1999	67	33	*=100	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100	49	51	0=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100	50	50	*=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100	48	52	0=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100	51	49	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100	49	51	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100	49	51	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100	47	53	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100	42	58	0=100
November, 1998	--	--	--	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100	42	58	*=100
Late August, 1998	66	34	0=100	43	57	*=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100	41	59	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100	36	64	0=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100	37	63	0=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100	36	63	1=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100	29	71	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100	22	78	0=100
July, 1996	56	44	*=100	23	77	0=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100	21	79	*=100

²⁴

In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

March, 1996	61	39	*=100	22	78	0=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100	21	79	*=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100	21	79	0=100
June, 1995 ²⁵	--	--	--	14	86	*=100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

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

<i>Trend</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>
				No Preference	Other Party	
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
Late March, 2005	29	32	36	2	*	1=100
Mid-March, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
February, 2005	31	32	30	4	1	2=100
January, 2005	32	33	30	4	*	1=100
December, 2004	31	34	30	3	*	2=100
Mid-October, 2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
Late September, 2004	29	30	31	6	*	4=100
Mid-September, 2004	29	31	30	5	*	5=100
Early September, 2004	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
August, 2004	31	35	27	4	*	3=100
July, 2004	29	33	32	3	*	3=100
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100
				No Preference/		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Other/DK</u>		
1996	29	33	33	5=100		
1995	32	30	34	4=100		
1994	30	32	34	4=100		
1993	27	34	34	5=100		
1992	28	33	35	4=100		
1991	31	32	33	4=100		
1990	31	33	30	6=100		
				Independent/		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>No Pref/Oth/DK</u>			
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

²⁵ 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?

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

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

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