

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
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FINAL TOPLINE
September 8-11, 2005
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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
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=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				

ROTATE Q.2 AND Q.3

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis-</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis-</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>know</u>
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15=100	April, 1996	39	46	15=100
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15=100	March, 1996	35	51	14=100
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17=100	February, 1996	33	53	14=100
Early February, 2004	41	42	17=100	January, 1996	36	54	10=100
January, 2003	48	37	15=100	October, 1995	36	51	13=100
June, 2002	50	34	16=100	September, 1995	36	50	14=100
May, 2002	49	34	17=100	August, 1995	38	45	17=100
February, 2002	56	24	20=100	June, 1995	41	45	14=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100	April, 1995	44	43	13=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100	March, 1995	43	39	18=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100	December, 1994	52	28	20=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100				
January, 2001	43	36	21=100				
July, 2000	36	46	18=100				
May, 2000	40	42	18=100				
March, 2000	38	43	19=100				
February, 2000	40	43	17=100				
January, 2000	39	41	20=100				
December, 1999	38	42	20=100				
October, 1999	34	50	16=100				
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100				
August, 1999	40	44	16=100				
July, 1999	36	45	19=100				
June, 1999	37	46	17=100				
May, 1999	38	44	18=100				
March, 1999	38	47	15=100				
February, 1999	37	51	12=100				
January, 1999	38	50	12=100				
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100				
November, 1998	41	48	11=100				
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100				
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100				
June, 1998	42	38	20=100				
May, 1998	40	41	19=100				
April, 1998	41	40	19=100				
March, 1998	43	39	18=100				
January, 1998	43	41	16=100				
November, 1997	41	43	16=100				
August, 1997	42	44	14=100				
June, 1997	33	50	17=100				
May, 1997	40	44	16=100				
April, 1997	40	44	16=100				
February, 1997	44	42	14=100				
January, 1997	38	47	15=100				
November, 1996	40	43	17=100				
July, 1996	38	48	14=100				
June, 1996	36	50	14=100				

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

NO QUESTIONS 4-10

Q.11 If the 2006 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF ANSWERED '3' OTHER OR '9' DON'T KNOW IN Q.11, ASK:

Q.11a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1279]:

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>		<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8=100	1996 Election			
2004 Election				November, 1996 ¹	44	48	8=100
June, 2004	41	48	11=100	October, 1996	42	49	9=100
2002 Election				Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100	Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100	July, 1996	46	47	7=100
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100	June, 1996	44	50	6=100
June, 2002	44	46	10=100	March, 1996	44	49	7=100
February, 2002	46	45	9=100	January, 1996	46	47	7=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100	October, 1995	48	48	4=100
2000 Election				August, 1995	50	43	7=100
Early November, 2000	42	48	10=100	1994 Election			
Early October, 2000	43	47	10=100	November, 1994	45	43	12=100
July, 2000	43	47	10=100	Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
February, 2000	44	47	9=100	Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
October, 1999	43	49	8=100	September, 1994	48	46	6=100
June, 1999	40	50	10=100	July, 1994	45	47	8=100
1998 Election							
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100				
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100				
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100				
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100				
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100				
June, 1998	44	46	10=100				
March, 1998	40	52	8=100				
February, 1998	41	50	9=100				
January, 1998	41	51	8=100				
August, 1997	45	48	7=100				

¹ November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

NO QUESTIONS 12 & 13

ASK ALL:

Q.14 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1279]: (VOL)

	Congressperson			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not running</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Mid-September, 2005	57	25	1	17=100
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21=100
June, 2002	58	23	1	18=100
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23=100
October, 2000	60	17	1	22=100
July, 1999	66	23	*	11=100
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16=100
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20=100
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16=100
March, 1998	63	21	1	15=100
January, 1998	66	23	0	11=100
August, 1997	66	22	0	12=100
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21=100
October, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26=100
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
November, 1994	58	25	1	16=100
October, 1994	55	30	2	13=100
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20=100
Gallup: October 1990	62	22	2	14=100

Q.15 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1279]:

		Early		Oct 2000	July 1999	Late Oct 1998	Early Oct 1998	Early Sept 1998	March 1998	Jan 1998	Aug 1997	Early Sept 1996	Late Nov 1994	Early Oct 1994	
		Oct 2002	June 2002												
36	Yes	39	45	40	41	41	39	46	45	44	45	43	31	31	28
48	No	38	37	34	47	37	39	36	41	43	42	43	51	56	56
<u>16</u>	DK/Ref.	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.16F1 Next, please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.)		Don't <u>Know</u>
			<u>Both Equally</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	
a. Dealing with the economy	38	44	5	7	6=100
July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10=100
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12=100
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13=100

Q.16F1 CONTINUED ...

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13=100
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18=100
May, 2001 ²	33	44	8	5	10=100
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9=100
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9=100
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10=100
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5=100
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10=100
October, 1992 <i>Gallup (RVs)</i>	36	45	10	--	9=100
October, 1990 <i>Gallup</i>	37	35	--	--	28=100
b. Making wise decisions about					
what to do in Iraq	38	43	5	6	8=100
July, 2004	38	40	4	6	12=100
Late October, 2002 (<i>RVs</i>)	42	33	6	6	13=100
Early October, 2002 (<i>RVs</i>)	46	30	7	4	13=100
c. Dealing with the terrorist threat at home					
July, 2004	45	34	7	6	8=100
July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13=100
Late October, 2002 (<i>RVs</i>)	44	27	11	6	12=100
Early October, 2002 (<i>RVs</i>)	44	28	7	5	16=100
Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14=100
January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28=100
d. Dealing with the nation's energy problems					
May, 2001	31	44	6	8	11=100
	36	34	10	7	13=100
e. Reforming the U.S. health care system					
July, 2004	28	51	4	10	7=100
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13=100
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15=100
January, 2002 ³	20	45	--	6	29=100
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16=100
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22=100
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12=100
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8=100
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10=100
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8=100
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18=100
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15=100
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14=100
f. Protecting the environment					
July, 2004	28	51	5	7	9=100
July, 2004	24	51	5	6	14=100
Early September, 2002	25	46	9	6	14=100
May, 2001	25	51	7	4	13=100

² In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous?"

³ From 1999 to 2002, the item was listed as "...regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans" and the question was worded: "Please tell me which party you think has the best ideas... the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?" In December 1993 question was worded "Reforming health care." In January 1992 and May 1990 the question was worded "improving health care in the U.S."

Q.16F1 CONTINUED ...

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
June, 1999	27	45	7	5	16=100
Early September, 1998	25	51	8	4	12=100
March, 1998	22	56	8	5	9=100
July, 1994	28	56	4	4	8=100
December, 1993	22	46	--	12	20=100
May, 1990	24	40	--	19	17=100
g. Improving the educational system	35	44	6	7	8=100
July, 2004	29	45	7	7	12=100
January, 2002	37	34	--	6	23=100
May, 2001	36	38	11	6	9=100
January, 2001	40	41	--	7	12=100
June, 1999	29	52	7	5	7=100
March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10=100
January, 1999	26	46	--	7	21=100
Early September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10=100
March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7=100
July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8=100
January, 1992	28	48	--	10	14=100
May, 1990	30	42	--	14	14=100
h. Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	33	45	6	9	7=100
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	31	42	6	9	12=100
Early September, 2002	30	38	8	10	14=100
May, 2002	32	38	--	9	21=100
January, 2002	28	40	--	6	26=100
May, 2001 ⁴	35	43	6	5	11=100
January, 2001	36	44	--	7	13=100
June, 1999	33	41	4	9	13=100
January, 1999	27	46	--	7	20=100
Early September, 1998	37	42	7	5	9=100
May, 1990	28	41	--	16	15=100
i. Ensuring that the government can handle major disasters	34	40	8	9	9=100

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.17 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be a more important priority for this country... [READ AND ROTATE]

	Mid-March	Feb	May
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
36 Protecting the environment [OR]	42	45	42
57 Developing new sources of energy	49	48	49
<u>7</u> (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
100	100	100	100

⁴ For May 2001, June 1999, Early September 1998 and May 1990, the question was worded, "Please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas ... keeping Social Security financially sound?"

Q.18 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

		Dec	Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
a.	Government is almost always														
56	wasteful and inefficient	47	48	--	--	52	51	--	59	56	--	63	63	64	66
	Government often does a better														
39	job than people give it credit for	45	46	--	--	40	43	--	36	39	--	34	34	32	31
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	--	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100			100	100		100	100		100	100	100	100

		Dec	Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
b.	Poor people today have it easy because														
38	they can get government benefits	34	34	--	--	--	45	--	45	46	--	54	52	48	53
	without doing anything in return														
51	Poor people have hard lives because														
	government benefits don't go far														
	enough to help them live decently	52	55	--	--	--	42	--	42	40	--	36	39	41	39
<u>11</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	--	--	--	<u>13</u>	--	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	--	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100				100		100	100		100	100	100	100

		Dec	Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
c.	The position of blacks in American														
69	society has improved in recent years	73	--	--	--	--	78	--	73	73	--	69	70	67	72
	There hasn't been much real progress														
25	for blacks in recent years	20	--	--	--	--	18	--	22	21	--	27	26	27	25
<u>6</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	--	--	--	--	<u>4</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100					100		100	100		100	100	100	100

		Dec	Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
d.	Racial discrimination is the main														
26	reason why many black people														
	can't get ahead these days	27	24	--	--	31	28	25	33	28	--	37	34	34	32
	Blacks who can't get ahead in this														
	country are mostly responsible for														
59	their own condition	60	64	--	--	54	59	61	54	58	--	53	56	54	59
<u>15</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	--	--	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	--	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100			100	100	100	100	100		100	100	100	100

Q.19 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	Just About Always	Most Of the Time	Only Sometimes	(VOL) Never	(VOL) DK/Ref.
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2=100
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1=100
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1=100
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2=100
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1=100

Q.19 CONTINUED...

	Just About <u>Always</u>	Most Of <u>the Time</u>	Only <u>Sometimes</u>	(VOL) <u>Never</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
November, 1998	4	22	61	11	2=100
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1=100
November, 1997	2	36	60	2	*=100
NES ⁵ 1996	2	25	70	2	1=100
1994	2	19	74	3	2=100
1992	3	26	68	2	1=100
1990	3	25	69	2	1=100
1988	4	37	56	2	1=100
1986	3	35	58	2	2=100
1984	4	40	53	1	2=100
1982	2	31	62	2	3=100
1980	2	23	69	4	2=100
1978	2	27	64	4	3=100
1976	4	30	62	1	3=100
1974	2	34	61	1	2=100
1972	5	48	44	1	2=100
1970	7	47	44	*	2=100
1968	7	54	37	*	2=100
1966	17	48	28	3	4=100
1964	14	62	22	*	2=100
1958	16	57	23	0	4=100

Q.20 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1=100
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1=100
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1=100
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1=100
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2=100
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1=100
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2=100
Late February, 2004	2	29	42	26	1=100
February 9-12, 2004 (Gallup)	2	31	46	21	0=100
January 12-15, 2004 (Gallup)	3	34	42	21	0=100
January 2-5, 2004 (Gallup)	3	40	41	16	*=100
December 11-14, 2003 (Gallup)	3	34	44	19	*=100
November 3-5, 2003 (Gallup)	2	28	49	21	*=100
October 24-26, 2003 (Gallup)	2	24	44	30	*=100
October 6-8, 2003 (Gallup)	2	20	50	27	1=100
September 8-10, 2003 (Gallup)	1	20	49	30	*=100
August 4-6, 2003 (Gallup)	1	24	52	23	*=100
February 17-19, 2003 (Gallup)	1	17	48	34	*=100
February 4-6, 2002 (Gallup)	2	26	55	16	1=100
March 5-7, 2001 (Gallup)	3	43	43	10	1=100
January 7-10, 2000 (Gallup)	19	52	23	5	1=100
January 15-17, 1999 (Gallup)	14	55	27	4	*=100
March 20-22, 1998 (Gallup)	20	46	27	7	*=100

⁵ Trend numbers for 1958 through 1996 are from the American National Election Studies.

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
Jan 31 - Feb 2, 1997 (<i>Gallup</i>)	4	38	43	15	*=100
March 15-17, 1996 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	31	48	18	1=100
May 11-14, 1995 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	27	50	20	1=100
January 15-17, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	22	54	24	*=100
February 12-14, 1993 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	14	46	39	1=100
January 3-6, 1992 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	12	46	41	1=100

Q.21 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Don't Know/Refused</u>
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3=100
January, 2005	27	18	52	3=100
August, 2004	36	9	47	8=100
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8=100
September, 2003	37	17	43	3=100
May, 2003	43	19	35	3=100
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7=100
January, 2003	30	20	44	6=100
Early October, 2002	34	18	42	6=100
June, 2002	30	20	46	4=100
January, 2002	44	17	36	3=100
January, 2001 <i>Newsweek</i>	18	33	44	5=100
June, 2000	15	24	55	6=100
Early October, 1998 (<i>RVs</i>)	16	22	57	5=100
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4=100
May, 1990	18	31	45	6=100
February, 1989	25	22	49	4=100
September, 1988 (<i>RVs</i>)	24	16	51	9=100
May, 1988	24	20	46	10=100
January, 1988	22	26	45	7=100
January, 1984 <i>Newsweek (RVs)</i>	35	13	49	3=100

NO QUESTIONS 22-29

On a different subject...

Q.30 In making his appointments to the Supreme Court, should President Bush nominate people who will make the court more liberal, people who will make it more conservative, or people who will keep the court about the same as it is now?

	<u>July⁶ 2005</u>	<u>June 2005</u>	<u>Late March 2005</u>	<u>Clinton Gallup March 1993</u>
24 More liberal	24	28	24	29
30 More conservative	27	29	28	29
39 About the same as it is now	40	35	41	38
<u>7</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100	100

⁶ In July 2005 and earlier the question was worded "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?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.31F1 How important are the president's choices of the next Supreme Court justices to you personally? **[READ]**

		July ⁷ <u>2005</u>	June <u>2005</u>	Late March <u>2005</u>
48	Very important	47	47	38
34	Somewhat important	30	29	36
9	Not too important	14	14	15
7	Not at all important	8	8	8
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.32F2 How important is the president's choice of the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to you personally? **[READ]**

46	Very important
35	Somewhat important
9	Not too important
8	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	[VOL. DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused
100	

NO QUESTION 33

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm John Roberts as the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

		Early Sept <u>2005</u> ⁸
46	Should	35
21	Should not	19
<u>33</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>46</u>
100		100

Thinking now about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath...

Q.35 In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast?

		Early Sept <u>2005</u>	<i>Terrorist Attacks</i> <u>Mid-Sept 2001</u>
26	Excellent	28	56
37	Good	37	33
18	Only fair	18	6
18	Poor	15	3
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100

⁷ In July 2005 the question was worded "How important is the President's choice of the next Supreme Court Justice to you personally?"

⁸ In early September 2005 the question began "From what you have heard or read..."

Q.36 Do you think news organizations are giving too much, too little, or the right amount of coverage to the impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast?

		<i>Terrorist Attacks</i>	
		Early Sept	Early Oct
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>
23	Too much coverage	21	32
14	Too little coverage	13	2
61	Right amount of coverage	62	63
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

ROTATE Q.37 Q.38

Q.37 How would you rate the job state and local governments in Louisiana and Mississippi have been doing responding to Hurricane Katrina? **[READ]**

		Early Sept
		<u>2005</u>
7	Excellent	9
27	Good	32
31	Only fair	29
29	Poor	22
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL]	<u>8</u>
100		100

Q.38 How would you rate the job the federal government has been doing responding to Hurricane Katrina? **[READ]**

		Early Sept
		<u>2005</u>
8	Excellent	8
29	Good	30
30	Only fair	29
31	Poor	29
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL]	<u>4</u>
100		100

Q.39 Do you think the federal government should help to pay for rebuilding New Orleans, or is it too risky to rebuild the city in its present location?

51	Federal government should help pay
41	Too risky
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.40 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	Right <u>decision</u>	Wrong <u>decision</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7=100
July, 2005	49	44	7=100
June, 2005	47	45	8=100
February, 2005	47	47	6=100

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
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

Q.41 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
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

Q.41 CONTINUED...

	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>
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.42 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>
Mid-September, 2005	51	45	4=100
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
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

Q.43 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>
Mid-September, 2005	30	63	7=100
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

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?"

Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Has a clear <u>plan</u>	Doesn't have <u>a clear plan</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
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

Q.44 Do you think Democratic leaders in Congress have a clear alternative for how to deal with the situation in Iraq, or don't you think so?

18	Have a clear alternative
71	Don't have a clear alternative
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

Q.45 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>
Mid-September, 2005	43	43	6	8=100
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 ¹⁰	63	22	--	15=100
Early October, 2002	52	34	--	14=100

Q.46 Some people are comparing Iraq to the war in Vietnam thirty years ago. Do you think Iraq will turn out to be another Vietnam, or do you think the U.S. will accomplish its goals in Iraq?

		June <u>2005</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	Late April <u>2004</u>
39	Will be another Vietnam	35	29	29	25
48	U.S. will accomplish its goals	47	54	55	54
5	Too early to tell (VOL.)	7	4	4	6
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100	100

¹⁰ 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?"

NO QUESTION 47

Q.48 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

		<u>July 2005</u>
57	Should set a timetable	49
37	Should not set a timetable	45
1	Should get out now (VOL.)	*
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>
100		100

Q.49 From what you've read and heard, do you believe U.S. troops in Iraq have the resources and equipment they need to fight the war in Iraq effectively, or not?

44	Yes
49	No
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.50 In your opinion, do you think democracy can succeed if the Iraqi people elect Islamic religious leaders to positions of power, or not?

		<u>Feb 2005</u>
34	Yes, can succeed	37
47	No	40
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>23</u>
100		100

NO QUESTION 51

Q.52 When it comes to the issue of women's rights in Iraq, should the U.S. ... **[READ]**?

20	Insist that a new Iraqi government provide equal rights for women
49	Encourage equal rights for women, but leave it up to the Iraqi's to decide
	OR
29	Not get involved in the issue
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

NO QUESTIONS 53-54

ASK ALL:

Q.55 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?

		<u>Oct 2003</u>
35	Worse	38
19	Better	14
38	About the way it really is	36
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>
100		100

Q.56 Do you believe that the US has enough military forces to fight effectively in Iraq and still respond to domestic crises such as Hurricane Katrina, or don't you think so?

47	Yes
48	No
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

NO QUESTIONS 57-59

On a different subject...

Q.60 How confident are you that George W. Bush is taking the right approach to solving the nation's energy problems... Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

		<u>May 2001</u>
8	Very confident	14
28	Somewhat confident	38
26	Not too confident	23
34	Not at all confident	20
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.61F1 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for U.S. energy policy... **[READ AND ROTATE]?**

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>May</u>
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
43	Expanding exploration, mining and drilling, and the construction of new power plants [OR]	37	44
48	More energy conservation and regulation on energy use and prices	54	49
<u>9</u>	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.62F2 Which should be a higher priority for the president and Congress now: **(READ AND ROTATE)?**

		<u>May</u>
		<u>2001</u>
36	Controlling rising gasoline prices and dealing with current energy shortages [OR]	31
52	Trying to find new energy supplies that will deal with our long term problems?	56
9	(DO NOT READ) Both are equally important	10
<u>3</u>	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.63 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

		<u>Late</u>	<u>Mid-</u>
		<u>March 2005</u>	<u>March 2005</u>
50	Favor	46	42
42	Oppose	49	46
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.64F2 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? How about the government... **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
a. Giving tax cuts to energy companies to do more exploration for oil	52	44	4=100
b. Giving tax cuts to energy companies to develop wind, solar and hydrogen technology	73	22	5=100
c. Promoting the increased use of nuclear power	39	53	8=100
d. Establishing price controls on fuel and energy	69	26	5=100
e. Requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks and SUVs	86	12	2=100
f. Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems	68	27	5=100

ASK ALL:

Q.65 Now I'm going to list a few steps some people may be taking lately to deal with increasing energy costs. Not everyone will have done these. Have you **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]** lately, or not?

	<u>Yes, Have Done This</u>	<u>No, Haven't Done This</u>	<u>(VOL) Does not Apply</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Been driving less to save money on gas May, 2001	70 52	25 43	5 5	*=100 *=100
b. Been shopping around for gasoline at the best price May, 2001	69 65	28 32	3 3	*=100 *=100
c. Changed your plans for travel to avoid driving long distances	57	37	6	*=100
d. Started car-pooling to work or taking public transportation May, 2001	20 16	67 68	13 16	*=100 0=100
e. Bought a car that gets better gas mileage	27	69	4	*=100
f. Been adjusting the temperature in your house to lower your utility bills May, 2001	64 69	33 27	3 4	0=100 *=100

Q.66 If the U.S. is to become less dependent on oil as an energy source, how important do you think it is that Americans now driving SUVs switch to more fuel efficient vehicles? Is it... **[READ]**

		<i>Newsweek</i>
		<u>Nov 2001</u>
48	Very important	42
31	Somewhat important	37
10	Not too important, OR	11
8	Not at all important	8
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.67F1 Do you think the high price of gasoline right now is a result of real shortages in the supply of oil, or are companies taking advantage of the situation for their own profits?

15	Real shortages
73	Taking advantage
9	Both/Neither (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.68F2 Who do you think is most to blame for rising gasoline prices? **[OPEN END, ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES. DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES]**

36	Oil companies / Big oil / Domestic oil producers
27	The president / Bush / The administration
18	OPEC / Middle East countries / Saudi Arabia / Foreign oil producers
9	Katrina / The hurricane
8	Consumers / The public / SUVs / Gas guzzlers / Inefficient autos and trucks
4	Congress
14	Other
10	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

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>
				<u>Preference</u>	<u>Other Party</u>	
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
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

<i>Yearly Totals</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>
				No Preference	Other Party	
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
<i>2001 Post-Sept 11</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>2=100</i>
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			

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>
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 6-7, 2005	10	15	15=40%
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%

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**

	Very <u>conservative</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	Very <u>liberal</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
September 8-11, 2005	7	32	37	15	6	3=100
September 6-7, 2005	5	28	42	15	4	7=100
July, 2005	7	26	39	17	5	6=100
June, 2005	7	27	40	15	7	4=100
May, 2005	5	31	41	13	5	5=100
March, 2005	7	33	37	13	4	6=100
February, 2005	5	31	38	15	4	6=100
January, 2005	5	28	42	16	4	5=100
Yearly Totals						
2004	6	31	38	14	5	6=100
2003	6	32	39	13	5	5=100
2002	6	31	39	13	5	6=100
2001	6	30	38	14	5	7=100
2000	6	30	38	13	4	8=100

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.69 How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=647]:

		Late March <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2003</u>	May <u>2002</u>	May <u>2001</u>	(RVs) Sept <u>2000</u>
4	Excellent	8	12	6	6	10	6
44	Good	43	49	51	49	50	43
41	Only fair	36	33	37	38	32	44
8	Poor	9	4	5	5	5	5
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.70 How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=743]:

		Late March <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2003</u>	May <u>2002</u>	May <u>2001</u>	(RVs) Sept <u>2000</u>
3	Excellent	3	6	5	5	8	11
32	Good	30	43	33	39	39	52
49	Only fair	51	40	51	43	40	32
14	Poor	14	8	9	10	7	4
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

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

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

	<i>Computer User</i>			Based on Total Respondents: <i>Goes Online</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
September, 2005	77	22	1=100	73	27	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 ¹¹	75	25	*=100	68	32	*=100
August, 2003	77	23	*=100	67	33	*=100
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 ¹²	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

¹¹ 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.

¹² In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

COMPUTER 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>
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
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 ¹³	--	--	--	14	86	*=100

¹³

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?