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EARLY OCTOBER 2006 TURNOUT SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
September 21 - October 4, 2006
N=1,804**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=890]:

Q.1F1 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]**

	App- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		App- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
Early September, 2006	37	53	10=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	April 10-16, 2003	72	22	6=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	April 9, 2003	74	20	6=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	April 2-7, 2003	69	25	6=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	March 28-April 1, 2003	71	23	6=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	March 25-27, 2003	70	24	6=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	March 20-24, 2003	67	26	7=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (1,2 IN Q.1F1) ASK:

Q.1F1a Do you (approve/disapprove) very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON FORM 1 ONLY [N=890]:

	April <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>	March <u>2005</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>	June <u>2002</u>	April <u>2001</u>
37 Approve	35	38	49	48	50	55	70	56
23 Very strongly	23	26	32	34	34	35	46	34
13 Not so strongly	11	11	16	12	14	18	21	20
1 Don't know (VOL)	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2
53 Disapprove	55	54	46	44	40	36	20	27
43 Very strongly	45	42	36	35	30	27	8	18
9 Not so strongly	10	11	10	8	9	9	12	9
1 Don't know (VOL)	*	1	*	1	1	*	0	*
<u>10</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=914]:

Q.2F2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Early October, 2006	30	63	7=100
July, 2006	30	65	5=100
May, 2006 ¹	29	65	6=100
March, 2006	32	63	5=100
January, 2006	34	61	5=100
Late November, 2005	34	59	7=100
Early October, 2005	29	65	6=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100
April, 2003 ²	50	41	9=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100
September, 2002	41	55	4=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100

¹ The September 2002 and May 2006 trends are from a Pew Global Attitudes Project survey.

² Asked April 8, 2003 only; N=395.

Q.2F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
May, 2002	44	44	12=100
March, 2002	50	40	10=100
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100
June, 2001	43	52	5=100
March, 2001	47	45	8=100
February, 2001	46	43	11=100
January, 2001	55	41	4=100
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7=100
September, 2000	51	41	8=100
June, 2000	47	45	8=100
April, 2000	48	43	9=100
August, 1999	56	39	5=100
January, 1999	53	41	6=100
November, 1998	46	44	10=100
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 1998	46	50	4=100
September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 1997	49	46	5=100
January, 1997	38	58	4=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
March, 1996	28	70	2=100
October, 1995	23	73	4=100
June, 1995	25	73	2=100
April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	5=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
Late February, 1991 (Gallup)	66	31	3=100
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

IF ANSWER GIVEN (1,2 IN Q.2F2) ASK:

Q.2F2a Would you say you are very [satisfied/dissatisfied] or just somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?

BASED ON FORM 2 ONLY [N=914]:

30 Satisfied
 8 Very
 22 Somewhat
 * Don't know/Refused
 63 Dissatisfied
 36 Very
 26 Somewhat
 1 Don't know/Refused
 7 No Opinion
 100

QUESTIONS 3 THROUGH 9 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK Q.10 THROUGH Q.17 OF REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (REGICERT=1):

Thinking about this year's election...

Q.10 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.10, ASK:

Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
Early October, 2006	38	51	11=100
Early September, 2006	39	50	11=100
August, 2006	41	50	9=100
June, 2006	39	51	10=100
April, 2006	41	51	8=100
February, 2006	41	50	9=100
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8=100
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100
June, 2002	44	46	10=100
February, 2002	46	45	9=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=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

Q.10/10a CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.11 What matters more to you as you think about your vote for Congress this fall? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	Early Sept <u>2006³</u>
51 National issues OR	47
23 Local issues	36
24 Both equally (VOL.) [DO NOT READ]	17
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.) [DO NOT READ]	*
100	100

Q.12 Of the following six issues, which ONE would you say is MOST important to your vote for Congress this year? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

IF ANSWER GIVEN (1-7 IN Q.12) ASK:

Q.12a And which would you say is the SECOND most important to your vote? **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.12 EXCLUDING PRIOR SELECTION]**

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Combined</u>	
22	19	41	The economy
24	20	44	The situation in Iraq
15	17	32	Terrorism
11	10	21	Immigration
5	9	14	Energy policy
18	20	38	Health care
2	1	3	Other (VOL.) [DO NOT READ]
*	*	*	None of these (VOL.) [DO NOT READ]
<u>3</u>	<u>4⁴</u>	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.) [DO NOT READ]
100	100		

³ In Early September 2006, the question was worded: "What matters most to you..."

⁴ Includes Don't Know/Refused responses for first and second most important issue to a respondent's vote for Congress.

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.13 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL) Congressperson <u>not running</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22=100
Early September, 2006	53	27	1	19=100
August, 2006	51	30	*	19=100
June, 2006	51	32	1	16=100
April, 2006	57	28	1	14=100
February, 2006	59	28	1	12=100
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
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13=100
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14=100

Q.14 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 ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	32	48	20=100
Early September, 2006	35	49	16=100
August, 2006	36	49	15=100
June, 2006	29	57	14=100
April, 2006	34	53	13=100
February, 2006	36	49	15=100
September, 2005	36	48	16=100
Early October, 2002	39	38	23=100
June, 2002	45	37	18=100
October, 2000	40	34	26=100
July, 1999	41	47	12=100

Q.14 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 1998	41	37	22=100
Early October, 1998	39	39	22=100
Early September, 1998	46	37	17=100
March, 1998	45	41	14=100
January, 1998	44	43	13=100
August, 1997	45	42	13=100
Early September, 1996	43	43	14=100
November, 1994	31	51	18=100
Late October, 1994	31	56	13=100
Early October, 1994	28	56	16=100

Q.15 Thinking about the congressional elections that will be held this November, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

		Early Sept <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>	June <u>2002</u>	June <u>1998</u>	<i>Gallup</i> Oct <u>1994</u>
39	More	37	38	41	38	34
36	Less	40	40	33	45	44
21	Same (VOL)	20	18	23	15	20
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.16 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	<u>Yes, will be a factor</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>(VOL)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	57	40	3=100
Early September, 2006	55	41	4=100
June, 2006	58	39	3=100
April, 2006	56	39	5=100
June, 2004	43	51	6=100
Early November, 2002	48	49	3=100
Early October, 2002	42	55	3=100
Early September, 2002	44	51	5=100
June, 2002	47	50	3=100
February, 2002	46	49	5=100
Early October, 2000	46	50	4=100
July, 2000	46	49	5=100
Late October, 1998	46	50	4=100
Early October, 1998	47	49	4=100
Early September, 1998	41	56	3=100
Early August, 1998	44	53	3=100
June, 1998	45	51	4=100

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote FOR George W. Bush, as a vote AGAINST George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	18	39	40	3=100
Early September, 2006	20	36	40	4=100
August, 2006	17	35	43	5=100
June, 2006	15	38	44	3=100
April, 2006	17	34	46	3=100
February, 2006	18	31	47	4=100
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6=100
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6=100
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5=100
February, 2002	34	9	50	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6=100
Clinton: Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3=100
Clinton: Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2=100
Clinton: Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
Clinton: June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
Clinton: March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
Clinton: Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
Clinton: November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
CBS/NYT Bush: 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.18 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1503]:

	Early Sept 2006	June 2006	April 2006	Early Nov 2002	June 2002	July 2000	Aug 1999	Early Oct 1998	Early Sept 1998	Early Aug 1998	Nov 1997	April 1997	Oct 1994	<i>Gallup</i>
6 More	7	7	7	11	16	21	13	24	24	18	25	10	9	
41 Less	38	45	41	27	22	16	23	23	17	15	13	24	38	
47 Same	50	42	47	54	57	56	60	49	55	62	59	58	50	
6 DK/Ref.	5	6	5	8	5	7	4	4	4	5	3	8	3	
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

ASK IF “LESS” (2 IN Q.18):

Q.19 Who do you think is most to blame for this [READ AND ROTATE]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SAID “LESS’ IN Q.18 [N=646]:

		June 2006	April 2006
62	Republican leaders in Congress	56	56
10	Democratic leaders in Congress	17	14
24	Both/Neither/Someone else (VOL.)	24	26
<u>4</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100

**QUESTIONS 20 THROUGH 22 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 23 OR 24**

ASK ALL:

ROTATE Q.25 AND Q.26

Q.25 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>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
Early October, 2006	33	56	11=100	May, 1999	38	44	18=100
June, 2006	30	53	17=100	March, 1999	38	47	15=100
March, 2006	32	50	18=100	February, 1999	37	51	12=100
January, 2006	33	52	15=100	January, 1999	38	50	12=100
Early November, 2005	33	50	17=100	Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100
Early October, 2005	32	52	16=100	November, 1998	41	48	11=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15=100	Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15=100	Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17=100	June, 1998	42	38	20=100
Early February, 2004	41	42	17=100	May, 1998	40	41	19=100
January, 2003	48	37	15=100	April, 1998	41	40	19=100
June, 2002	50	34	16=100	March, 1998	43	39	18=100
May, 2002	49	34	17=100	January, 1998	43	41	16=100
February, 2002	56	24	20=100	November, 1997	41	43	16=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100	August, 1997	42	44	14=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100	June, 1997	33	50	17=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100	May, 1997	40	44	16=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100	April, 1997	40	44	16=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100	February, 1997	44	42	14=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100	January, 1997	38	47	15=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100	November, 1996	40	43	17=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100	July, 1996	38	48	14=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100	June, 1996	36	50	14=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100	April, 1996	39	46	15=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100	March, 1996	35	51	14=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100	February, 1996	33	53	14=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100	January, 1996	36	54	10=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100	October, 1995	36	51	13=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100	September, 1995	36	50	14=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100	August, 1995	38	45	17=100

Q.25 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
June, 1995	41	45	14=100
April, 1995	44	43	13=100
March, 1995	43	39	18=100
December, 1994	52	28	20=100

Q.26 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>
Early October, 2006	35	53	12=100
June, 2006	32	50	18=100
March, 2006	34	46	20=100
January, 2006	34	48	18=100
Early November, 2005	36	44	20=100
Early October, 2005	32	48	20=100
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 27-28

Thinking about the political parties for a moment...

Q.29 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)?**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
a. Can better manage the federal government	34	44	3	9	10=100
April, 2006 ⁵	35	39	3	15	8=100
January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10=100
Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8=100
July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10=100
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11=100
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8=100
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7=100
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5=100
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5=100
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13=100
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10=100

⁵ In April 2006 and earlier, the question was worded: "Which party do you think is better described by the phrase.... Able to manage the federal government well".

Q.29 CONTINUED...

			(VOL.)		(VOL.)
	Republican	Democratic	Both	(VOL.)	DK/
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Ref</u>
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9=100
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10=100
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10=100
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10=100
b. Governs in a more honest and ethical way	27	41	4	18	10=100
April, 2006 ⁶	28	36	4	23	9=100
January, 2006	30	37	4	19	10=100
Early October, 2005	30	40	6	18	6=100
July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9=100
Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12=100
March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9=100
August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8=100
July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5=100
April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6=100
July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6=100
c. Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs	28	48	4	10	10=100
April, 2006	32	47	2	12	7=100
Early October, 2005	32	48	4	9	7=100
July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9=100
Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11=100
March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8=100
August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7=100
July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6=100
April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4=100
July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5=100
May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9=100
July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11=100
May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11=100
May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10=100
January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10=100
May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10=100
d. Is more concerned with the needs of people like me ⁷	27	55	3	8	7=100
April, 2006	28	52	3	10	7=100
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6=100
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7=100
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9=100
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7=100
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7=100
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6=100
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3=100

⁶ In April 2006 and earlier, the question was worded: "Which party do you think is better described by the phrase... Governs in an honest and ethical way."

⁷ In April 2006 and earlier, the question was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

Q.29 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4=100
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7=100
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7=100
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7=100
e. Is more influenced by lobbyists and special interests	41	27	16	2	14=100
April, 2006	45	28	14	2	11=100

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Thinking now about a few issues in the news...

Q.47 Congress is currently debating immigration policy. Which of these proposals do you favor? **(READ AND ROTATE; READ RESPONSE NUMBER TO CLARIFY OPTIONS)**

	June <u>2006</u>
41 Focusing MOSTLY on strong border protection and stiffer penalties on people who enter the U.S. illegally OR	40
55 Increasing border protection and ALSO creating a way for some illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements	56
<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>
100	100

Q.48 Of the three things I mention, which do you think is the MAIN reason gas prices have been high in recent years? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE, READ RESPONSE NUMBER]**

54 Oil companies manipulating the prices
15 Increased demand for oil
21 Recent wars in the Middle East
8 Other/Mixed (VOL.)
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

Q.49 Which concerns you more about the government's approach to fighting terrorism in the years to come? **(READ AND ROTATE; READ RESPONSE NUMBER TO CLARIFY OPTIONS)**

50 That we will rely TOO MUCH on military force to deal with terrorism OR
38 That we will be TOO RELUCTANT to use military force to deal with terrorism
<u>12</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

Q.50 Do you think it is generally right or generally wrong for the government to monitor telephone and e-mail communications of Americans suspected of having terrorist ties without first obtaining permission from the courts?

		Early		
		Sept	Feb	Jan
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
53	Generally right	54	54	48
42	Generally wrong	41	43	47
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.51 Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

		Late	Late	
		Oct	March	July
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
18	Often justified	15	15	15
28	Sometimes justified	31	30	28
19	Rarely justified	17	24	21
32	Never justified	32	27	32
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.52 Which comes closer to your view about the tax cuts passed under President Bush over the past few years?
[READ IN ORDER]

		Early		
		April	Dec	Sept
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>
26	All of the tax cuts should be made permanent	25	28	27
36	Tax cuts for the wealthy should be repealed, while others stay in place, OR	36	35	31
26	All of the tax cuts should be repealed	28	25	28
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.53 Over the past month, has the price of gas gone up a lot, gone up a little, stayed about the same, gone down a little, or gone down a lot?

10	Gone up a lot
3	Gone up a little
4	Stayed about the same
38	Gone down a little
43	Gone down a lot
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.54 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>	(VOL) <u>DK/ Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	45	47	8=100
Early September, 2006	49	43	8=100
August, 2006	45	46	9=100
July, 2006	44	50	6=100
June, 2006	49	44	7=100
April, 2006	47	46	7=100
March, 2006	45	49	6=100
February, 2006	51	44	5=100
January, 2006	45	47	8=100
December, 2005	47	48	5=100
Late October, 2005	48	45	7=100
Early October, 2005	44	50	6=100
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
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>	74	19	7=100
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	74	19	7=100
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	72	20	8=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6=100
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

Q.55 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>	(VOL) <u>DK/ Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5=100
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5=100
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4=100
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4=100
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3=100
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
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
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
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7=100</i>

Q.56 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>	(VOL) <u>DK/ Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	47	47	6=100
Early September, 2006	47	47	6=100
August, 2006	48	46	6=100
June, 2006	50	45	5=100
April, 2006	48	48	4=100
March, 2006	44	50	6=100
February, 2006	50	46	4=100
January, 2006	48	48	4=100
December, 2005	49	46	5=100
Early October, 2005	47	48	5=100
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 ⁸	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.57 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>
Early October, 2006	38	47	5	10=100
Early September, 2006	41	45	5	9=100
June, 2006	44	40	6	10=100
March, 2006	38	44	8	10=100
January, 2006	44	38	8	10=100
Late October, 2005	44	44	6	6=100
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

⁸ 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.57 CONTINUED...

	<u>Helped</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	(VOL) <u>No effect</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
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 ⁹	63	22	--	15=100
Early October, 2002	52	34	--	14=100

Q.58 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

		Early Sept <u>2006</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>	April <u>2006</u>	March <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>	Early Oct <u>2005</u>	Mid- Sept <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>
53	Should set a timetable	47	52	52	53	55	50	56	52	57	49
39	Should not set a timetable	45	41	42	40	39	42	38	43	37	45
2	Should get out now (VOL.)	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	*
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 4 ONLY [N=1169]:

NIE How much, if anything, have you heard or read about a recent government intelligence study that found that the war in Iraq is increasing the threat of terrorism? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

35	A lot
38	A little, OR
24	Nothing at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

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⁹ 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?"

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>Preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>Party</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	27	34	33	3	*	3=100
Early September, 2006	30	34	30	3	*	3=100
August, 2006	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
July, 2006	29	33	31	4	1	2=100
June, 2006	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100
December, 2005	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
Late November, 2005	27	34	29	5	1	4=100
Early November, 2005	28	34	31	5	*	2=100
Late October, 2005	29	33	31	5	*	2=100
Early October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
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
Yearly Totals						
2005	30	33	31	4	*	2=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		
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

IF ANSWERED 1 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican or NOT a strong Republican?

	Early					Late													
	Sep	Dec	Dec	Jul	Aug	Sep	Sep	Aug	Nov	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul	Jun	May	Feb	May	Jan	May
15 Strong	<u>06</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>87</u>
12 Not Strong/DK	17	16	18	17	14	14	10	11	11	11	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
27%	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
	30	29	31	29	27	27	24	25	25	30	30	31	29	28	28	31	28	27	25

IF ANSWERED 2 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat or NOT a strong Democrat?

	Early					Late													
	Sep	Dec	Dec	Jul	Aug	Sep	Sep	Aug	Nov	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul	Jun	May	Feb	May	Jan	May
19 Strong	<u>06</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>87</u>
15 Not strong/DK	18	20	19	20	15	19	15	15	14	14	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
34%	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
	34	34	34	33	31	34	31	33	32	30	29	32	33	32	33	38	38	39	37

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>
Early October, 2006	12	15	12=39%
Early September, 2006	10	15	11=36%
August, 2006	12	14	11=37%
July, 2006	11	14	13=38%
June, 2006	10	16	11=37%
April, 2006	12	17	10=39%
March, 2006	11	14	13=38%
February, 2006	11	16	10=37%
January, 2006	10	16	14=40%
December, 2005	10	16	11=37%
Late November, 2005	9	13	17=39%
Early November, 2005	11	14	13=38%
Late October, 2005	11	15	12=38%
Early October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
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%