## PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS NEWS SAVVY PROJECT <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> February 1-13, 2007 <br> N= 1502

Q. $1 \quad$ All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Don't know |  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February, 2007 | 30 | 61 | $9=100$ | September, 2000 | 51 | 41 | 8=100 |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 32 | 61 | $7=100$ | June, 2000 | 47 | 45 | $8=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 30 | 63 | $7=100$ | April, 2000 | 48 | 43 | 9=100 |
| December, 2006 | 28 | 65 | $7=100$ | August, 1999 | 56 | 39 | $5=100$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 28 | 64 | $8=100$ | January, 1999 | 53 | 41 | $6=100$ |
| Early October, 2006 | 30 | 63 | $7=100$ | November, 1998 | 46 | 44 | $10=100$ |
| July, 2006 | 30 | 65 | 5=100 | Late August, 1998 | 55 | 41 | $4=100$ |
| May, 2006 | 29 | 65 | $6=100$ | Early August, 1998 | 50 | 44 | 6=100 |
| March, 2006 | 32 | 63 | $5=100$ | February, 1998 | 59 | 37 | $4=100$ |
| January, 2006 | 34 | 61 | $5=100$ | January, 1998 | 46 | 50 | 4=100 |
| Late November, 2005 | 34 | 59 | $7=100$ | September, 1997 | 45 | 49 | $6=100$ |
| Early October, 2005 | 29 | 65 | $6=100$ | August, 1997 | 49 | 46 | $5=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 35 | 58 | $7=100$ | January, 1997 | 38 | 58 | $4=100$ |
| Late May, 2005 | 39 | 57 | $4=100$ | July, 1996 | 29 | 67 | 4=100 |
| February, 2005 | 38 | 56 | $6=100$ | March, 1996 | 28 | 70 | $2=100$ |
| January, 2005 | 40 | 54 | $6=100$ | October, 1995 | 23 | 73 | 4=100 |
| December, 2004 | 39 | 54 | $7=100$ | June, 1995 | 25 | 73 | $2=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 36 | 58 | $6=100$ | April, 1995 | 23 | 74 | 3=100 |
| July, 2004 | 38 | 55 | $7=100$ | July, 1994 | 24 | 73 | 3=100 |
| May, 2004 | 33 | 61 | $6=100$ | March, 1994 | 24 | 71 | $5=100$ |
| Late February, 2004 | 39 | 55 | $6=100$ | October, 1993 | 22 | 73 | $5=100$ |
| Early January, 2004 | 45 | 48 | $7=100$ | September, 1993 | 20 | 75 | $5=100$ |
| December, 2003 | 44 | 47 | $9=100$ | May, 1993 | 22 | 71 | 7=100 |
| October, 2003 | 38 | 56 | 6=100 | January, 1993 | 39 | 50 | $11=100$ |
| August, 2003 | 40 | 53 | $7=100$ | January, 1992 | 28 | 68 | 4=100 |
| April 8, 2003 | 50 | 41 | $9=100$ | November, 1991 | 34 | 61 | $5=100$ |
| January, 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6=100 | Late February, 1991 (Gallup) | 66 | 31 | 3=100 |
| November, 2002 | 41 | 48 | $11=100$ | August, 1990 | 47 | 48 | $5=100$ |
| September, 2002 | 41 | 55 | $4=100$ | May, 1990 | 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ | January, 1989 | 45 | 50 | $5=100$ |
| May, 2002 | 44 | 44 | $12=100$ | September, 1988 (RVs) | 50 | 45 | $5=100$ |
| March, 2002 | 50 | 40 | $10=100$ | May, 1988 | 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| Late September, 2001 | 57 | 34 | $9=100$ | January, 1988 | 39 | 55 | $6=100$ |
| 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 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |

Q. 2 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]

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { App- } \\ & \text { rove } \end{aligned}$ | Disapprove | Don't know |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { App- } \\ & \text { rove } \end{aligned}$ | Disapprove | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February, 2007 | 33 | 57 | $10=100$ | October, 2003 | 50 | 42 | $8=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 33 | 59 | $8=100$ | September, 2003 | 55 | 36 | $9=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 33 | 57 | $10=100$ | Mid-August, 2003 | 56 | 32 | $12=100$ |
| December, 2006 | 32 | 57 | $11=100$ | Early August, 2003 | 53 | 37 | $10=100$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 32 | 58 | $10=100$ | Mid-July, 2003 | 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| Early October, 2006 | 37 | 53 | $10=100$ | Early July, 2003 | 60 | 29 | $11=100$ |
| September, 2006 | 37 | 53 | $10=100$ | June, 2003 | 62 | 27 | $11=100$ |
| August, 2006 | 37 | 54 | $9=100$ | May, 2003 | 65 | 27 | $8=100$ |
| July, 2006 | 36 | 57 | $7=100$ | April 10-16, 2003 | 72 | 22 | $6=100$ |
| June, 2006 | 36 | 54 | $10=100$ | April 9, 2003 | 74 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| April, 2006 | 33 | 56 | $11=100$ | April 2-7, 2003 | 69 | 25 | $6=100$ |
| Early April, 2006 | 35 | 55 | $10=100$ | March 28-April 1, 2003 | 71 | 23 | $6=100$ |
| March, 2006 | 33 | 57 | $10=100$ | March 25-27, 2003 | 70 | 24 | $6=100$ |
| February, 2006 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | March 20-24, 2003 | 67 | 26 | $7=100$ |
| January, 2006 | 38 | 54 | $8=100$ | March 13-16, 2003 | 55 | 34 | $11=100$ |
| December, 2005 | 38 | 54 | $8=100$ | February, 2003 | 54 | 36 | $10=100$ |
| Early November, 2005 | 36 | 55 | $9=100$ | January, 2003 | 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| Late October, 2005 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | December, 2002 | 61 | 28 | $11=100$ |
| Early October, 2005 | 38 | 56 | $6=100$ | Late October, 2002 | 59 | 29 | $12=100$ |
| September 8-11, 2005 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | Early October, 2002 | 61 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| September 6-7, 2005 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | Mid-September, 2002 | 67 | 22 | $11=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ | Early September, 2002 | 63 | 26 | $11=100$ |
| June, 2005 | 42 | 49 | $9=100$ | Late August, 2002 | 60 | 27 | $13=100$ |
| Late May, 2005 | 42 | 48 | $10=100$ | August, 2002 | 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| Mid-May, 2005 | 43 | 50 | $7=100$ | Late July, 2002 | 65 | 25 | $10=100$ |
| Late March, 2005 | 49 | 46 | $5=100$ | July, 2002 | 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2005 | 45 | 46 | $9=100$ | June, 2002 | 70 | 20 | $10=100$ |
| February, 2005 | 46 | 47 | $7=100$ | April, 2002 | 69 | 18 | $13=100$ |
| January, 2005 | 50 | 43 | $7=100$ | Early April, 2002 | 74 | 16 | $10=100$ |
| December, 2004 | 48 | 44 | 8=100 | February, 2002 | 78 | 13 | $9=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ | January, 2002 | 80 | 11 | $9=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 46 | 45 | $9=100$ | Mid-November, 2001 | 84 | 9 | $7=100$ |
| July, 2004 | 46 | 46 | 8=100 | Early October, 2001 | 84 | 8 | $8=100$ |
| June, 2004 | 48 | 43 | $9=100$ | Late September, 2001 | 86 | 7 | $7=100$ |
| May, 2004 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ | Mid-September, 2001 | 80 | 9 | $11=100$ |
| Late April, 2004 | 48 | 43 | $9=100$ | Early September, 2001 | 51 | 34 | $15=100$ |
| Early April, 2004 | 43 | 47 | $10=100$ | August, 2001 | 50 | 32 | $18=100$ |
| Late March, 2004 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ | July, 2001 | 51 | 32 | $17=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 46 | 47 | 7=100 | June, 2001 | 50 | 33 | $17=100$ |
| February, 2004 | 48 | 44 | $8=100$ | May, 2001 | 53 | 32 | $15=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2004 | 56 | 34 | $10=100$ | April, 2001 | 56 | 27 | $17=100$ |
| Early January, 2004 | 58 | 35 | $7=100$ | March, 2001 | 55 | 25 | $20=100$ |
| December, 2003 | 57 | 34 | $9=100$ | February, 2001 | 53 | 21 | $26=100$ |
| November, 2003 | 50 | 40 | $10=100$ |  |  |  |  |

Q. 3 Now I would like to ask you about some people who have been in the news recently. Not everyone will have heard of them. If you don't know who someone is, just tell me and I'll move on. Can you tell me who [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is? [INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ TEXT IN PARENTHESES]

|  |  | Answered correctly | Answered incorrectly | (VOL) <br> Never <br> heard of | DK/ <br> Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Hillary Rodham Clinton | 93 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| b. | Harry Reid | 15 | 4 | 44 | 37 |
| C. | Nancy Pelosi July, $1989{ }^{1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \\ & 76 \end{aligned}$ |
| d. | Condoleezza Rice | 65 | 8 | 9 | 18 |
| e. | Barack Obama | 61 | 3 | 18 | 18 |
| f. | Arnold Schwarzenegger | 93 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| g. | Peyton Manning | 62 | 2 | 19 | 17 |
| h. | Beyonce Knowles | 64 | 1 | 20 | 15 |
| i. | Robert Gates <br> May, $1989^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ | 26 n/a | 37 73 |
| j. | Lewis "Scooter" Libby April, $1990^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 24 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 34 \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | 33 16 |

Q. 4 Will you tell me who the Vice-President of the United States is? (DO NOT READ)
---Quayle---
Political

[^0]Q. 5 Can you tell me the name of the President of Russia? (DO NOT READ)

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2006 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Late | Early <br> Sept <br> $\underline{2001}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept } \\ & 1997 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | -------Boris Yeltsin------ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } \\ \underline{1994^{5}} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oct | June |  |  | July | Feb |  |
|  |  | $\underline{2005}$ | 1995 |  |  | 1994 | 1994 |  |
| 36 | Vladimir Putin (Correct) |  | 32 | 37 | 23 | 47 | 44 | 46 | 47 | 50 |
| 64 | Anything else/Other/DK/Ref |  | 68 | 63 | 77 | $\underline{53}$ | $\underline{56}$ | $\underline{54}$ | $\underline{53}$ | $\underline{50}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## ASK ALL STATES EXCLUDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

Q. 6 Can you tell me the name of the current Governor of your state? (DO NOT READ) ASK IF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:
Q.6a Can you tell me the name of the current Mayor of your city? (DO NOT READ)

|  |  | Political <br> Knowledge Survey <br> May |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| BASED ON TOTAL: | $\frac{1989^{6}}{74}$ |  |
| 66 | Yes, correct name | 5 |
| 5 | Yes, names someone else | $\underline{21}$ |
|  | No, can't name current Governor (3 in Q.6) or Mayor for | $\underline{100}$ |

ASK ALL:
Just in general...
Q. 7 How much do you enjoy keeping up with the news - a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|  |  | April | April | May | April | April | April | June | Feb |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2000}$ | $\underline{1998}$ | $\underline{1995}$ | $\frac{1994}{53}$ |
| 40 | A lot | 34 | 37 | 37 | 36 | 40 | 50 | 54 | 53 |
| 34 | Some | 9 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 9 |
| 17 | Not much | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 8 | Not at all | Don't know/Refused (VOL) | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{1}$ | $\frac{*}{4}$ | $\frac{*}{4}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
| $\underline{1}$ | Don | $\underline{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Q. 8 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Most issues discussed in Washington DON'T affect me personally?
IF ‘AGREE’ OR ‘DISAGREE’ PROBE: Do you COMPLETELY (agree/disagree) or MOSTLY (agree/disagree)?

| 6 | Completely agree |
| :---: | :--- |
| 19 | Mostly agree |
| 45 | Mostly disagree |
| 24 | Completely disagree |
| $\frac{6}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

[^1]Next I would like to ask about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them...
Q. 9 Followers of the two major branches of Islam are seeking political control in Iraq. One branch is the Shi'a, (PRONOUNCED: SHEE-ah) whose members are known as Shiites (PRONOUNCED: SHEE-ites). Can you name the other one?

| 32 | Sunni/Sunnis (Correct) |
| :---: | :--- |
| 8 | Other response |
| $\frac{60}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Q. 10 In the past few years, have people in the U.S. bought more foreign goods than we have sold to people overseas, or have we sold more to them than we have bought, or has it pretty much balanced out?

|  | Political <br> Knowledge Survey <br> May |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{1989}$ |
|  |  | 81 |
| 68 | Bought more foreign goods than sold (Correct) | 5 |
| 7 | Sold more overseas than bought | 6 |
| 9 | Balanced out | $\underline{8}$ |
| $\frac{16}{100}$ | Don't know/No answer (VOL.) | 100 |

## NO QUESTION 11

Q. 12 Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

|  | Democrats | Republicans | DK/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February, 2007 | 76 | 10 | 14 |
| Late October, 2006 | 4 | 58 | 38 |
| April, 2006 | 6 | 64 | 30 |
| April, 2004 | 8 | 56 | 36 |
| June, 2001 | 34 | 31 | 35 |
| August, 1999 | 8 | 55 | 37 |
| December, 1998 | 11 | 56 | 33 |
| June, 1997 | 6 | 50 | 44 |
| April, 1996 | 8 | 70 | 22 |
| June, 1995 | 5 | 73 | 22 |
| July, 1994 | 60 | 18 | 22 |
| February, 1994 | 58 | 42 | n/a |
| September, 1992 | 46 | 9 | 45 |
| June, 1992 | 44 | 12 | 44 |
| May, 1992 | 49 | 12 | 39 |
| May, 1989 ${ }^{7}$ Political Knowledge Survey | 68 | 16 | 16 |

## Correct answers for each trend highlighted in bold

[^2]Q. 13 Has the (U.S. House of Representatives) or the (Senate) passed legislation this term to increase the minimum wage? [IF "YES" PROBE: Was it the House, the Senate, or both?] (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

| 19 | Yes, the House of Representatives |
| :--- | :--- |
| 9 | Yes, the Senate |
| 21 | Yes, both |
| 16 | No, did not pass legislation |
| $\frac{35}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| NET $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ |  |
| ANSWERING Q. 13 CORRECTLY ${ }^{\mathbf{8}}$ |  |

## IF 'YES' (1-3 IN Q.13) ASK:

Q. 14 From what you know, did the House vote to raise the minimum wage to $\$ 5.25$ an hour, $\$ 6.25$ an hour, $\$ 7.25$ an hour or $\$ 8.25$ an hour?

## BASED ON TOTAL:

| 1 | $\$ 5.25$ |
| :---: | :--- |
| 6 | $\$ 6.25$ |
| 34 | $\$ 7.25$ (Correct) |
| 3 | $\$ 8.25$ |
| $*$ | Voted to set different amounts (VOL.) |
| 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) $_{2}$ |
| Undesignated $^{9}$ |  |
| $\underline{51}$ | Legislation Not Passed (No, DK in Q.13) $_{100}$ |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 15 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is John Roberts. Can you tell me if he is generally considered a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

|  | --- Rehnquist--- <br> Political <br> Knowledge Survey <br> May 1989 |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 6 | Liberal | 11 |
| 9 | Moderate | 9 |
| 37 | Conservative (Correct) | 30 |
| $\frac{48}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{50}$ |
| 100 |  |  |

## NO QUESTION 16

Q. 17 Has Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that she is running for president in 2008, or has she not announced that she is a candidate?

| 73 | Yes, has announced (Correct) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 15 | No, has NOT announced |
| $\frac{12}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

[^3]Q. 18 And now please tell me, what is the name of the former mayor of New York City who is being mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2008?

| 62 | Rudy Giuliani (Correct) |
| :---: | :--- |
| 3 | Names someone else |
| $\frac{35}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

## NO QUESTION 19

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

|  | Right decision | Wrong decision | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February, 2007 | 39 | 50 | 11=100 |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 40 | 51 | $9=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 40 | 53 | $7=100$ |
| December, 2006 | 42 | 51 | $7=100$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 41 | 51 | $8=100$ |
| Late October, 2006 | 43 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| 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 | $6=100$ |


| Q. 20 CONTINUED... | Right decision | Wrong decision | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August, 2003 | 63 | 30 | 7=100 |
| Early July, 2003 | 67 | 24 | $9=100$ |
| May, 2003 | 74 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| April 10-16, 2003 | 74 | 19 | $7=100$ |
| April 8-9, 2003 | 74 | 19 | $7=100$ |
| April 2-7, 2003 | 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. 21 Since the start of military action in Iraq, about how many U.S. soldiers have been killed? To the best of your knowledge, have there been around 1,000 , around 2,000 , around 3,000 , or around 4,000 military deaths in Iraq?

|  | Dec |  | April |  | Oct |  | June | April |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\underline{2006}$ |  | $\underline{2006}$ |  | $\underline{2005}$ |  | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2004}$ |  |
| 5 | 6 | Around 1,000 | 4 | Around 500 | 5 | Around 500 | 4 | 28 | Under 500 |
| 17 | 24 | Around 2,000 | 16 | Around 1,500 | 23 | Around 1,000 | 13 | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ to 1,000 |
| $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | Around 3,000 | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | Around 2,500 | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | Around 2,000 | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | 6 | 1,000 to 2,000 |
| 17 | 16 | Around 4,000 | 19 | Around 3,500 | 19 | Around 3,000 | 24 | 4 | More than 2,000 |
| 1 | 1 | Other (VOL.) | 1 | Other (VOL.) | 1 | Other (VOL.) | -- | -- | Other (VOL.) |
| $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | DK/Ref | $\underline{7}$ | DK/Ref | $\underline{4}$ | DK/Ref | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{7}$ | DK/Ref |
| 100 | 100 |  | 100 |  | 100 |  | 100 | 100 |  |

## Correct answers for each trend highlighted in bold

Q. 22 In 2006, were more (Iraqi civilians) or more (U.S. soldiers) killed as a result of the fighting in Iraq? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

| 69 | More Iraqi civilians (Correct) |
| :---: | :--- |
| 15 | More U.S. soldiers |
| 2 | About equal/same (VOL.) |
| $\frac{14}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Q. 23 As part of his new strategy in Iraq, does Bush plan to increase or decrease the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq, or doesn't he plan to change the number of troops there?

| 88 | Increase (Correct) |
| :---: | :--- |
| 3 | Decrease |
| 2 | No change |
| $\frac{7}{7}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 |  |

## NO QUESTION 25

## IF 'INCREASE' (Q.23=1) ASK:

Q. 24 How many additional troops does Bush plan to send to Iraq? [READ]

| 9 | Around 5,000 |
| :---: | :--- |
| 61 | Around 20,000 (Correct) |
| 5 | Around 50,000 |
| 2 | Around 80,000 |
| $*$ | More than 80,000 [VOL. DO NOT READ] |
| $\underline{11}$ | Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ] |

ASK ALL:
Q. 26 Is the violence in Iraq these days mostly due to fighting between opposing (MUSLIM RELIGIOUS groups) or opposing (ETHNIC groups) in the country? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

| 50 | Muslim Religious groups (Correct) |
| :---: | :--- |
| 23 | Ethnic groups |
| 5 | Both (VOL.) |
| 1 | Neither (VOL.) |
| $\frac{21}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

Q. 27 Did the Senate recently pass a resolution opposing Bush's plan to send additional troops into Iraq?

41 Yes, PASSED resolution opposing Bush plan
24 No, DID NOT PASS resolution (Correct)
35 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

## IF 'YES PASSED RESOLUTION' (Q.27=1) ASK [N=612]:

Q.28a From what you know, does this mean that Bush CANNOT send additional troops to Iraq, OR that Bush CAN still send more troops if he decides to?

7 Means Bush CANNOT send additional troops
84 Means Bush CAN still send more troops (Correct)
9 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

## IF ‘NO DIDN’T PASS RESOLUTION’ (Q.27=2) ASK [N=395]:

Q.28b From what you know, if the Senate passes such a resolution, does it mean that Bush CANNOT send additional troops to Iraq, OR that Bush CAN still send more troops if he decides to?

| 10 | Means Bush CANNOT send additional troops |
| :--- | :--- |
| 81 | Means Bush CAN still send more troops (Correct) |
| $\underline{9}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 29 Now I'd like to know how often you watch, listen to, or read some different news sources. (First) Do you [READ AND RANDOMIZE CATEGORIES (a-h, i-j, k-p) AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN CATEGORIES] regularly, or not?

|  | $\underline{\text { Yes }}$ | No | DK/Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Watch the national nightly network news on CBS, ABC or NBC? This is different from local news shows about the area where you live | 46 | 53 | $1=100$ |
| b. Watch Cable News Network (CNN) | 39 | 61 | *=100 |
| c. Watch the Fox News CABLE Channel | 43 | 57 | * $=100$ |
| d. Watch the local news about your viewing area which usually come on before or after the national news in the evening and again later at night | 71 | 29 | *=100 |
| e. Watch the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer | 14 | 85 | $1=100$ |
| f. Watch the Today Show, Good Morning America or The Early Show | 34 | 65 | $1=100$ |
| g. Watch The O'Reilly Factor with Bill O'Reilly | 17 | 83 | *=100 |
| h. Watch shows like the Colbert Report or The Daily Show with Jon Stewart | 16 | 84 | *=100 |
| i. Listen to National Public Radio (NPR) | 28 | 72 | *=100 |
| j. Listen to Rush Limbaugh's radio show | 8 | 92 | * $=100$ |
| k. Read news magazines such as Time, U.S. News, or Newsweek | 23 | 77 | *=100 |
| 1. Read a daily newspaper | 55 | 45 | $0=100$ |
| m. Read Internet news websites such as Google News or Yahoo News | 25 | 75 | * $=100$ |
| n. Read Network TV news websites such as CNN.com or MSNBC.com | 22 | 78 | *=100 |
| o. Read the websites of major national newspapers such as USA Today.com, New York Times.com, or the Wall Street Journal online | 12 | 88 | *=100 |
| p. Read Online blogs where people discuss events in the news | 11 | 88 | $1=100$ |

Q. 30 Do you ever go online to access the internet or to send and receive email?

|  | $\frac{\text { Yes }}{63}$ | $\frac{\text { No }}{37}$ | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{0=100}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February, 2007 | 63 | 30 | $0=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 70 | 33 | $*=100$ |
| April, 2006 |  |  |  |
| June, 2005 | 67 | 31 | $*=100$ |
| April, 2004 | 69 | 34 | $*=100$ |
| March 2004 | 66 | 32 | $*=100$ |

## Q. 30 CONTINUED...

|  | $\frac{Y}{\text { Yes }}$ | $\frac{\text { No }}{33}$ | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{*=100}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| August 2003 | 67 | 38 | $0=100$ |
| April, 2002 | 62 | 46 | $*=100$ |
| April, 2000 ${ }^{12}$ | 54 | 50 | $0=100$ |
| October, 1999 | 50 | 48 | $*=100$ |
| Late September 1999 | 52 | 48 | $0=100$ |
| August, 1999 | 52 | 51 | $0=100$ |
| July, 1999 | 49 | 50 | $*=100$ |
| June, 1999 | 50 | 58 | $0=100$ |
| Early December, 1998 | 42 | 63 | $*=100$ |
| November, 1998 | 37 | 58 | $*=100$ |
| Early September, 1998 | 42 | 64 | $0=100$ |
| April, 1998 | 36 | 79 | $*=100$ |
| April, 1996 | 21 | 86 | $*=100$ |
| June, $1995^{13}$ | 14 |  |  |

## IF "YES" (Q.30=1) ASK:

Q. 31 Do you have access to the internet from home? [IF YES:] Does the modem you use at home use a dial-up connection through a standard telephone line or do you have a high-speed internet connection such as a cable or DSL line?

BASED ON TOTAL:

|  |  | Early Jan | March | Aug |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2007}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | 2003 |
| 13 | Yes, dial-up standard telephone line | 16 | 31 | 36 |
| 44 | Yes, high-speed connection | 45 | 26 | 23 |
| * | Yes, other/don't know (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | * |
| 5 | No internet access at home | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 1 | * | * |
| 37 | Not an Internet User (No, DK in Q.30) | $\underline{30}$ | $\underline{32}$ | 33 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## ASK ALL:

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

| 25 | Republican |
| :---: | :--- |
| 35 | Democrat |
| 28 | Independent |
| 6 | No preference (VOL.) |
| 1 | Other party (VOL.) |
| $\underline{5}$ | Don't know/Refused |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |

[^4]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?

| 9 | Republican |
| :--- | :--- |
| 14 | Democrat |
| $\frac{17}{40 \%}$ | Refused to lean |

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Q. 8 Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? Is it... [READ AND ROTATE]?

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82 The Democratic Party (Correct)
13 The Republican Party
5 DK/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100
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Q. 9 Can you tell me who is the President of Russia? Is it... [READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 THRU 3 WITH 4 ALWAYS LAST]
$7 \quad$ Boris Yeltsin
60 Vladimir Putin (Correct)
7 Mikhail Gorbachev
8 OR is it someone else
18 DK/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100
Q. 12 Is Robert Gates... [READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 THRU 3 WITH 4 ALWAYS LAST]

37 The U.S. Secretary of Defense (Correct)
5 A Senator from Michigan
3 The chairman of General Motors
24 OR is he something else
31 DK/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)


[^0]:    In July 1989 the question asked about former Speaker of the House of Representatives Tom Foley. In May 1989 the question asked about Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney In April 1990 the question asked about Admiral John Poindexter, the former official on trial for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal. From July 2005 through February 1994 the question was worded: "Can you tell me the name of the current Vice-President of the United States?" In May 1989 the question was worded: "Will you tell me who the Vice-President of the United States is?"

[^1]:    5 In January 1994 the question was worded: "Who is the President of Russia?"
    6 In May 1989 the survey did not ask a separate question for residents of Washington, DC.

[^2]:    7 In May, 1989 the question was worded: "As a result of the election last year which party now has the most members in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington?"

[^3]:    8
    The correct answer changed during the survey field period. The Senate also passed legislation on the evening of February 1, 2007 the first night of interviewing, when "Yes, the House of Representatives" and "Yes, both (volunteered)" are considered correct answers. On all subsequent nights of interviewing, "Yes, both" was read as a response option and is considered the only correct answer.
    Respondents from the first night of interviewing who volunteered "Yes, both" but did not receive Q. 14 follow-up question.

[^4]:    12 In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.
    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?

