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

	Satis-	Dis-	Don't		Satis-	Dis-	Don't
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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
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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
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November, 2002	41	48	11=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
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Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
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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]

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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]

11111				(VOL)	
		Answered correctly	Answered incorrectly	Never heard of	DK/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Hillary Rodham Clinton	93	3	2	2
b.	Harry Reid	15	4	44	37
c.	Nancy Pelosi July, 1989 <sup>1</sup>	49 14	4 10	20 n/a	27 76
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 May, 1989 <sup>2</sup>	21 13	16 14	26 n/a	37 73
j.	Lewis "Scooter" Libby April, 1990 <sup>3</sup>	29 60	4 24	34 n/a	33 16

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

				Al Gore		Quayle <i>Political</i>
		May	Mid-Nov	July	Feb	Knowledge Survey
		$2005^{4}$	<u>2001</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	May 1989
69	Yes, Dick Cheney/Richard Cheney (Correct)	61	67	65	70	74
2	Yes, names someone else	4	7	3	6	2
<u>29</u>	No, can't name the Vice President of U.S./DK/Ref	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

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?"

#### Q.5 Can you tell me the name of the President of Russia? (**DO NOT READ**)

			Late	Early		Bo	ris Yelts	in	
		April	Oct	Sept	Sept	June	July	Feb	Jan
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u> 1997</u>	<u> 1995</u>	1994	<u>1994</u>	1994 <sup>5</sup>
36	Vladimir Putin (Correct)	32	37	23	47	44	46	47	50
<u>64</u>	Anything else/Other/DK/Ref	<u>68</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>
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
		Knowledge Survey
BASEL	ON TOTAL:	May
		$1989^{6}$
66	Yes, correct name	74
5	Yes, names someone else	5
	No, can't name current Governor (3 in Q.6) or Mayor for	
<u>29</u>	D.C. residents (3 in Q.6a)/DK/Refused	<u>21</u>
100		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
		2006	2004	2002	2002	2000	1998	1995	1994
40	A lot	52	52	52	48	45	50	54	53
34	Some	34	37	37	36	40	37	34	35
17	Not much	9	7	7	11	12	11	8	9
8	Not at all	4	3	3	4	3	2	3	2
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	*	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

In January 1994 the question was worded: "Who is the President of Russia?"

In May 1989 the survey did not ask a separate question for residents of Washington, DC.

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
60 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
		Knowledge Survey
		May
		<u>1989</u>
68	Bought more foreign goods than sold (Correct)	81
7	Sold more overseas than bought	5
9	Balanced out	6
<u>16</u>	Don't know/No answer (VOL.)	<u>8</u>
100		100

#### NO QUESTION 11

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

			DK/
	<b>Democrats</b>	Republicans	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 <sup>7</sup> Political Knowledge Survey	68	16	16

Correct answers for each trend highlighted in bold

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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?"

- 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)
  - Yes, the House of Representatives
  - 9 Yes, the Senate
  - Yes, both
  - No, did not pass legislation
  - 35 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

100

**NET 24% ANSWERING Q.13 CORRECTLY<sup>8</sup>** 

#### IF 'YES' (1-3 IN O.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 ( <i>Correct</i> )
3	\$8.25
*	Voted to set different amounts (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
2	Undesignated <sup>9</sup>
<u>51</u>	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 Political Knowledge Survey
		May 1989
6	Liberal	11
9	Moderate	9
37	Conservative (Correct)	30
<u>48</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>50</u>
100		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
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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

Respondents from the first night of interviewing who volunteered "Yes, both" but did not receive Q.14 follow-up question.

- And now please tell me, what is the name of the former mayor of New York City who is being mentioned Q.18 as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2008?
  - 62 Rudy Giuliani (Correct)
  - 3 Names someone else
  - 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	Wrong	
	decision	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	Wrong	
	decision	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	
	<u>2006</u>		<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	
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	55	500 to 1,000
55	47	<b>Around 3,000</b>	53	<b>Around 2,500</b>	48	<b>Around 2,000</b>	54	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.)
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	DK/Ref	<u>7</u>	DK/Ref	<u>4</u>	DK/Ref	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	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**.)
  14 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
  - 2 No change
  - 7 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

**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]
  - 11 Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

88%

#### **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)
  - Muslim Religious groups (Correct)
  - 23 Ethnic groups
  - 5 Both (**VOL.**)
  - 1 Neither (**VOL.**)
  - 21 Don't know/Refused

100

- 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
  - 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
  - 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*)
  - 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?

Wotch the notional mightly naturally navys on CDC ADC on NDC?	Yes	<u>No</u>	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?

	Yes	<u>No</u>	DK/Ref
February, 2007	63	37	0 = 100
Early January, 2007	70	30	0 = 100
April, 2006 <sup>10</sup>	67	33	*=100
June, 2005	69	31	*=100
April, 2004 <sup>11</sup>	66	34	*=100
March 2004	68	32	*=100

Beginning in 2006, the online use question no longer asked about the "Internet or World Wide Web."

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

#### Q.30 CONTINUED...

QISO CONTINUED			
	Yes	<u>No</u>	DK/Ref
August 2003	67	33	*=100
April, 2002	62	38	0 = 100
April, 2000 <sup>12</sup>	54	46	*=100
October, 1999	50	50	0=100
Late September 1999	52	48	*=100
August, 1999	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	49	51	0 = 100
June, 1999	50	50	*=100
Early December, 1998	42	58	0 = 100
November, 1998	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	42	58	*=100
April, 1998	36	64	0 = 100
April, 1996	21	79	*=100
June, 1995 <sup>13</sup>	14	86	*=100

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

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
		2007	<u>2004</u>	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	*	*
<u>37</u>	Not an Internet User (No, DK in Q.30)	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>
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.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

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

<sup>13</sup> The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions: (1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?) (2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

Republican Democrat 9 14 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]?

- The Democratic Party (Correct)
- 13 The Republican Party
- 5 DK/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)

100

## 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 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
- OR is he something else
- 31 DK/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)