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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>App-rove</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>		<u>App-rove</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
August, 2007	31	59	10=100	Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100
July, 2007	29	61	10=100	December, 2003	57	34	9=100
June, 2007	29	61	10=100	November, 2003	50	40	10=100
April, 2007	35	57	8=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
March, 2007	33	58	9=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
Mid-January, 2007	33	59	8=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
Early January, 2007	33	57	10=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

		<i>Gallup</i>
		<u>July 2007</u>
21	Approve	27
65	Disapprove	66
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>
100		100

**QUESTIONS 3 THROUGH 10a HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Now I'd like your views on some people. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**  
 How about (NEXT NAME)? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----Favorable----			----Unfavorable----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>Can't rate/Ref</u>
b. Rudy Giuliani	54	12	42	28	9	19	8	10=100
Early April, 2006	70	26	44	14	4	10	10	6=100
Late October, 2005	63	22	41	17	6	11	10	10=100
Late March, 2005	60	20	40	17	5	12	7	16=100
May, 2000	37	9	28	18	6	12	26	19=100
c. Mitt Romney	28	5	23	24	7	17	29	19=100
d. John McCain	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12=100
December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13=100
April, 2006	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12=100
Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15=100
Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16=100
July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14=100
January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17=100
May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15=100
e. Fred Thompson	29	8	21	16	4	12	35	20=100
f. Hillary Clinton	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4=100
December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5=100
April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3=100
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5=100
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7=100
December, 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8=100
July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4=100
January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5=100
May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8=100

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	----Favorable----			----Unfavorable----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5=100
Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3=100
March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4=100
January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3=100
June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4=100
April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5=100
February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4=100
January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4=100
October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4=100
August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4=100
December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4=100
July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2=100
May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10=100
g. John Edwards	47	10	37	29	10	19	11	13=100
Early April, 2006	47	10	37	27	9	18	11	15=100
Late October, 2005	50	12	38	23	6	17	10	17=100
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	58	18	40	31	13	18	1	10=100
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	50	16	34	28	11	17	2	20=100
Early September, 2004	49	16	33	31	11	20	3	17=100
August, 2004	58	22	36	24	6	18	4	14=100
Early February, 2004	42	9	33	24	7	17	8	26=100
January, 2003	22	4	18	14	4	10	43	21=100
h. Barack Obama	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13=100

**ASK ALL:**

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

**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	Independent	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	DK/ Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
				No Preference	Other Party			
August, 2007	26	32	32	5	1	4=100	10	16
July, 2007	27	32	34	4	*	3=100	11	17
June, 2007	25	34	32	6	*	3=100	10	17
April, 2007	25	28	40	5	*	2=100	13	17
March, 2007	25	36	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
February, 2007	25	34	34	4	*	3=100	10	18
Mid-January, 2007	24	35	34	3	*	4=100	12	18
Early-January, 2007	23	31	39	4	*	3=100	12	18
December, 2006	25	35	32	5	*	3=100	11	17

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)			
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No Preference</u>	<u>Other Party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Mid-November, 2006	25	36	32	4	*	3=100	9	18
Late October, 2006	26	32	33	5	1	3=100	10	16
Early October, 2006	27	34	33	3	*	3=100	12	15
Early September, 2006	30	34	30	3	*	3=100	10	14
August, 2006	30	33	30	4	*	3=100	12	14
July, 2006	29	33	31	4	1	2=100	11	14
June, 2006	29	34	31	4	*	2=100	11	16
April, 2006	29	32	30	5	*	4=100	10	14
Early April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100	11	15
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100	11	16
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100	10	15
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	0.4	3.9=100	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	0.3	2.8=100	10.2	14.9
2004	29.5	33.1	30.0	4.0	0.4	3.0=100	11.8	13.6
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	0.5	2.5=100	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	0.7	2.7=100	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	0.5	2.7=100	11.7	11.4
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	0.6	3.6=100	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	0.5	2.1=100	11.7	12.5
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	0.5	4.0=100	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	0.5	1.9=100	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	0.4	2.4=100	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	0.4	2.3=100	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2=100			12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4=100			14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6=100			14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8=100			11.8	14.7
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9=100			13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5=100			14.6	10.8
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8=100			12.4	11.3
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?

	<u>Strong</u>	Not Strong/ <u>Don't Know</u>
August, 2007	14	12=26%
July, 2007	16	11=27%
June, 2007	13	12=25%
April, 2007	14	11=25%
January, 2007	12	11=23%
Mid-November, 2006	14	11=25%
Late-October, 2006	14	12=26%
Early-October, 2006	15	12=27%
September, 2006	17	13=30%
December, 2005	16	13=29%
December, 2004	18	13=31%
July, 2004	17	12=29%
August, 2003	14	13=27%
September, 2000	14	13=27%
Late-September, 1999	10	14=24%
August, 1999	11	14=25%
November, 1997	11	14=25%
October, 1995	11	19=30%
April, 1995	15	15=30%
October, 1994	16	15=31%
June, 1992	11	17=28%
May, 1990	13	15=28%
February, 1989	15	16=31%
May, 1988	13	15=28%
January, 1988	12	15=27%
May, 1987	11	14=25%

**IF ANSWERED 2 IN PARTY, ASK:**

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

	<u>Strong</u>	Not Strong/ <u>Don't Know</u>
August, 2007	18	14=32%
July, 2007	19	13=32%
June, 2007	19	15=34%
April, 2007	15	13=28%
January, 2007	17	14=31%
Mid-November, 2006	22	14=36%
Late-October, 2006	18	14=32%
Early-October, 2006	19	15=34%
September, 2006	18	16=34%
December, 2005	20	14=34%
December, 2004	19	15=34%
July, 2004	20	13=33%
August, 2003	15	16=31%

**PARTYSTR CONTINUED...**

	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Not Strong/ Don't Know</u>
September, 2000	19	15=34%
Late-September, 1999	15	16=31%
August, 1999	15	18=33%
November, 1997	14	18=32%
October, 1995	14	16=30%
April, 1995	14	15=29%
October, 1994	18	14=32%
July, 1994	15	18=33%
June, 1992	14	18=32%
May, 1990	16	17=33%
February, 1989	17	21=38%
May, 1988	19	19=38%
January, 1988	19	20=39%
May, 1987	18	19=37%