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Interviews: 1,109 adults, including a national sample of 1,005, plus an oversample of 104 Hispanics
Dates: April 21-24, 2006

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,005 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Headed in the right direction Off on the wrong track Mixed (VOL) Not sure	4/06 24 67 7 2	3/06 26 62 9 3	1/06 31 57 10 2	12/05 30 59 8 3	11/05 26 63 8 3	10/05 28 59 10 3	High 9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 7/92+ 14 71 9 6	[139]
		9/05 32 57 8 3	7/05 34 52 12 2	5/05 35 52 10 3	4/05 34 51 12 3	2/05 42 48 8 2	1/05 40 47 10 3	12/04 41 46 11 2	
		10/04+ 39 48 10 3	9/04+ 39 49 10 2	8/04+ 36 50 12 2	7/04+ 36 48 14 2	6/04+ 36 48 14 2	5/04+ 33 50 14 3	3/04 41 49 5 5	
		1/04 47 43 6 4	12/14/03 56 30 9 5	12/13/03 41 48 8 3	11/03 43 47 6 3	9/03 38 50 8 4	7/03 42 44 9 4	5/03+ 49 38 8 5	
		4/03 62 22 13 3	1/03 36 47 14 3	12/02 43 42 13 2	10/02+ 44 42 14	9/02 42 43 12 3	7/02 40 42 14 4	6/02 52 31 14 3	
		4/02 53 28 15 4	1/02 62 20 14 4	12/01 70 15 12 3	9/01 72 11 11 6	6/01 43 39 14 4	1/01 45 36 15 4	10/00 48 32 18 2	

- + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.
 - 2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	10	50-54	9	[140-141]
25-29	10	55-59	9	
30-34	6	60-64	8	
35-39	5	65-69	8	
40-44	8	70-74	6	
45-49	11	75 and over	9	
		Refused	1	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	11	[142]
No, not Hispanic	89	
Not sure/refused	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	75	[143]
Black	11	
Asian	1	
Other	2	
Hispanic (VOL)	10	
Not sure/refused	1	

2d. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	87	[144]
Not registered	13	
Not sure	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	4/06 36 57 7	3/06 37 58 5	1/06 39 54 7	12/05 39 55 6	11/05 38 57 5	10/05 39 54 7	High 11/01 88 7 5	Low 3/06 37 58 5	[145]
		9/05 40 55 5	7/05 46 49 5	<u>5/05</u> 47 47 6	4/05 48 46 6	2/05 50 45 5	1/05 50 44 6		
		12/04 49 44 7	10/04+ 49 47 4	9/04+ 47 48 5	8/04+ 47 48 5	7/04+ 48 46 6	6/04+ 45 49 6		
		5/04+ 47 46 7	3/04 50 46 5	1/04 54 41 6	12/14/03 58 34 9	12/13/03 52 41 7	11/03 51 44 5		
		<u>9/03</u> 49 45	7/03 56 38	5/03+ 62 31	4/03 71 23	3/29- 30/03 66 29	3/23/03 67 28		

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6	6	7	6	5	5
3/17/03	2/03 ¹	1/03	12/02	10/02+	9/02
62	61	54	62	63	64
33	31	40	33	31	30
5	8	6	5	6	6
7/02	6/02	<u>5/02</u>	4/02	4/01	
67	69	75	74	57	
27	23	18	20	22	
6	8	7	6	21	

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	4/06 * 35 60 5	3/06 36 58 6	1/06 40 53 7	12/05 38 54 8	11/05 34 60 6	9/05 40 55 5	High 12/01 63 25 12	Low 11/05 34 60 6
		7/05 39 54 7	5/05 43 51 6	4/05 41 53 6	2/05 46 50 4	1/05 47 47 6	12/04 44 51 5	10/04+ 45 52 3
		<u>9/04</u> + 45 51 4	8/04+ 43 52 5	6/04+ 45 49 6	5/04+ 41 53 6	3/04 45 51 4	<u>1/04</u> 49 45 6	12/13/03 48 46 6
		11/03 50 44 5	9/03 43 52 6	7/03 45 48 7	5/03+ 47 45 8	4/03 49 42 9	1/03 44 49 7	12/02 47 45 8
		10/02+ 48 44 8	9/02 48 43 9	7/02 49 43 8	6/02 57 34 9	4/02 61 30 9	1/02 63 27 10	12/01 63 25 12
		4/01 52 27 21						

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

							High	Low	E
	<u>4/06</u> **	<u>1/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	9/05	7/05	<u>5/05</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
Approve	32	38	35	36	45	42	82	35	[147]
Disapprove	61	57	59	56	51	52	12	59	
Not sure	7	5	6	8	4	6	6	6	
		4/05	2/05	1/05	12/04	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +		

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42	44	46	45	48	44
50	50	49	51	46	51
8	6	5	4	6	5
<u>8/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	12/04	3/04	1/04
44	44	43	45	47	54
52	52	51	51	48	41
4	4	6	4	5	5
<u>1/04</u>	12/14/03	12/13/03	<u>11/03</u>	9/03	7/03
54	56	48	48	47	55
41	37	47	48	46	39
5	7	5	4	7	6
<u>5/03</u> +	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02
63	70	51	57	58	55
31	24	42	36	35	34
6	6	7	7	7	11
7/02	6/02	4/02	1/02	12/01	<u>4/01</u>
62	64	68	81	82	53
28	28	26	13	12	20
10	8	6	6	6	27

3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05	11/05	
Approve	33	35	39	36	32	[148]
Disapprove	62	61	56	60	64	
Not sure	5	4	5	4	4	
		9/05	7/05	<u>5/05</u>		
		37	39	44		
		58	55	52		
		5	6	4		

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	4/06 22 65 13	Skip to Q.6 CONTINUE Skip to Q.6	3/06 33 53 14	1/06 29 56 15	12/05 25 60 15	11/05 28 57 15	High 9/98 61 28 11	Low 4/92+ 15 78 7	[149]
			9/05 29 53 18	7/05 28 55 17	<u>5/05</u> 33 51 16	4/05 39 46 15	1/05 41 40 19	6/04+ 40 42 18	
			5/04+ 39 43 18	1/04 46 41 13	12/13/03 39 47 14	11/03 43 45 11	9/03 39 45 16	7/03 42 45 13	
			<u>5/03</u> +	1/03 42	<u>12/02</u> 44	10/02+	<u>9/02</u> 40	<u>7/02</u> 34	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

43	39	39	40	44	48
14	19	17	16	16	18
6/02	1/02	12/01	6/01	4/01	3/01
43	54	57	47	43	45
41	29	29	34	33	32
16	17	14	19	24	23
3/01	1/01	12/00	10/00+	9/00+	7/00+
45	48	55	49	46	46
32	35	30	35	41	42
23	17	15	16	13	12
6/00+	4/00+	3/00+	1/00	12/99	10/99
43	42	43	48	45	42
46	44	40	36	42	45
11	14	17	16	13	13
9/99	7/99	6/99	4/99	3/99	1/99
40	43	40	49	41	50
49	41	42	38	45	40
11	16	18	13	14	10
12/98 44 42 14	10/98+ 48 39 13	6/95 43 43 14			

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "DISAPPROVE" OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.4.)

5. Which one or two of the following reasons best describe why you disapprove of the job Congress is doing? (IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:) Well if you had to choose just one or two, which would they be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

You are tired of Republicans and Democrats fighting with each other	44	[150]
Nothing seems to get done on issues that are important to you	36	>
Too many Members of Congress are corrupt and unethical	34	
Congress simply goes along with whatever President Bush wants done	22	
You disagree with specific legislation that Congress has passed	12	
Other (VOL)	2	
None (VOL)	-	
Not sure	-	

6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

George W. Bush	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	[151]
April 2006	19	20	9	15	37	-	
March 2006	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005	23	19	10	13	35	-	

35 -	
31 -	
34 -	
28 -	
29 -	
25 -	
27 -	
25 -	
28 -	
31 -	
31 -	
30 1	
30 -	
30 -	
28 -	
24 -	
23 1	
17 -	
16 -	
15 1	
17 2	
5 -	
35 -	
	28 - 29 - 25 - 27 - 25 - 28 - 31 - 31 - 30 1 30 - 30 - 28 - 24 - 23 1 17 - 16 - 15 1 17 2

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Q.6 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[152/156]
April 2006	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003	11	25	25	20	16	3	

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Q.6 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[153/157]
April 2006	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+	15	28	24	16	15	2	
High							
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
November 2005	9	23	23	19	24	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)						Don't Know	
	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Name/ Not Sure	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[154]
April 2006 *	19	19	19	13	28	2	

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December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999	21	24	13	16	25	1	
High							
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1	
Low							
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1	
Donald Rumsfeld							[155]
April 2006 *	11	19	18	16	26	10	
December 2005	11	20	18	15	27	9	
July 2005	11	19	19	15	22	14	
January 2005	15	24	16	11	23	11	
December 2004	11	23	17	14	24	11	
May 2004+	16	23	18	14	19	10	
November 2003	18	25	15	11	19	12	
September 2003	21	26	15	11	14	13	
July 2003	21	25	15	13	15	12	
May 2003+	27	25	13	8	13	14	
June 2002	23	24	19	8	6	20	
December 2001	30	26	16	4	3	21	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.6 (cont'd) Don't Know Name/ Very Somewhat Somewhat Very Not Sure **Neutral Positive Positive Negative** Negative John McCain [158] April 2006 ** August 2004+..... July 2004+..... May 2004+..... July 2002 April 2002 June 2001..... April 2001

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**	Asked	of	one-half	the	respondents	(FORM B).
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January 2001.....

December 2000.....

Likely voters November 2000+......

Likely voters October 2000+.....

September 2000+.....

August 2000+

July 2000+.....

January 1993.....

March 2001

High

Low

7. Which ONE of the following best describes your feeling about how George W. Bush will do during the remainder of his presidency--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>4/06</u> *	<u>1/05</u> 1	<u>12/04</u> 2	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>10/00</u> +	
Optimistic	15	31	30	31	27	[160]
Satisfied	22	22	22	20	29	
Uncertain	28	23	17	13	24	
Pessimistic	35	23	30	35	19	
Not sure	-	1	1	1	1	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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¹In January 2005, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about how George W. Bush will do during his second term t..."

² Prior to January 2005, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about George W. Bush being reelected as president..."

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8. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections, and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are.

	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +	
10, very interested	49	45	46	[161-162]
9	7	7	7	_
8	17	18	15	
7	10	11	12	
6	5	5	5	
5	7	7	7	
4	2	1	2	
3	-	2	1	
2	1	1	1	
1, not interested at all	2	3	4	
Cannot rate	-	-	-	

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

9. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections— a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

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Republican-controlled Congress Democrat-controlled Congress Not sure	4/06+ 39 45 16	3/06+ 37 50 13	1/06+ 38 47 15	12/05+ 38 46 16	11/05+ 37 48 15	10/05+ 39 48 13	7/05+ 40 45 15	[163]
		<u>5/05</u> +	10/29- 31/04+	10/16- <u>18/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	
		40	43	44	42	42	41	
		47	44	44	46	44	44	
		13	13	12	12	14	15	
		<u>3/04</u> +	<u>1/04</u>	12/13/03	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	7/02	
		42	42	42	43	42	43	
		45	43	42	42	42	41	
		13	15	16	15	16	16	
		0/00	4/00	40/04	40/00	40/00	7/00	
		<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	12/99	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
		42	44	42	40	39	39	
		41	40	40	44	41	43	
		17	16	18	16	20	18	
		6/99	4/99	3/99	<u>10/98</u> +	9/98	7/98	
		42	41	37	41	40	41	
		41	40	43	43	39	40	
		17	19	20	16	21	19	
		6/98	4/98	<u>2/98</u>	1/98	12/97	9/97	
		<u>39</u>	37	41	40	41	41	
		40	41	37	42	37	39	
		21	22	22	18	22	20	
		7/97	4/07	1/06	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>		
		45	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>				
			44	41	42 41	44		
		39 16	38 18	38 21	41 17	38 18		
		10	10	۷۱	17	10		

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

10. In deciding whether to vote for your member of Congress, which is more important to you--your congressperson's position on national issues or your congressperson's performance in taking care of problems in your district?

	<u>4/06</u> +	3/06+	<u>10/94</u> +	
Position on national issues	43	44	35	[164]
Performance in district	38	40	51	
Both/neither (VOL)	18	15	13	
Not sure	1	1	1	

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(ASK ONLY OF FORM A RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.2d.)

11. Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?

					Bill	
					Clinton	
	<u>4/06</u> + *	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>11/05</u> +	10/02+1	$10/98+^{2}$	
A vote to send signal of support for Bush	21	20	21	31	28	[165]
A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush	31	37	39	19	23	
Not a signal either way about Bush	45	41	36	49	49	
Do not plan to vote (VOL)	-	-	1	-	NA	
Not sure	3	2	3	1	-	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

12a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.12a.)

12b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY

	Q.12a Top Priority		Q.12a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities	
	<u>4/06</u>		<u>4/06</u>	
Energy and the cost of gas	19		39	[166-167]
The war in Iraq	19		36	
Health care	14	CONTINUE	30	
Job creation and economic growth	11		24	
Illegal immigration	11		24	
Terrorism	11		22	
Iran's nuclear program	6		14	
Congressional ethics and lobbying reform	4		10	
Other (VOL)	1		1	

¹ In October 2002, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush? ² In October 1998, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?"

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All equally (VOL)	4		-
None of these (VOL)	-	Skip to Q.13a	-
Not sure	-		-

Thinking ahead to 2008 . . .

13a. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	4/06+	<u>11/05</u> +	
John McCain	46	44	[170]
Hillary Clinton	37	42	
Depends (VOL)	3	1	
Neither/other (VOL)	8	6	
Not sure	6	7	

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13b. Which of the following best describes your feeling about how **(READ ITEM)** would do as president--optimistic and confident that (he/she) would do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that (he/she) would do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether (he/she) would do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that (he/she) would do a bad job?

	<u>Optimistic</u>	Satisfied	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton	22	25	21	30	2	[171]
John McCain	18	31	32	13	6	[172]

14. I'm going to read you several events that have occurred over the past six weeks. Please tell me which one or two of these causes you the most concern. (IF MORE THAN TWO," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just two, which TWO would you say cause you the most concern?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Gas prices reaching three dollars per gallon in some areas	45	
Iran building a nuclear weapon	33	[173]
The issue of illegal immigration	26	>
Continued civil disorder in Iraq	23	
The Bush administration leaking national security information	18	
Corruption in the business world as in the trial of Enron executives	11	
Sexual assault allegations against members of the Duke University		
lacrosse team	3	
Other (VOL)	1	
Not sure	-	

15. There is not a lot more time until Congress adjourns before the election. Which ONE of the following issues do you feel is most important for Congress to act on before it leaves Washington for recess? (IF MULTIPLE RESPONSES GIVEN OR "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which ONE would you say is most important?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Prohibiting Members of Congress from directing federal funds to		
specific projects benefiting only certain constituents	39	[174]
Immigration reform	32	
Extension of tax cuts	10	

Reform of lobbying rules	8
Reform of the pension system	6
Other (VOL)	2
Not sure	3

16. If little progress is made on any of these issues, who do you think will be most to blame—President Bush, the Republicans in Congress, or the Democrats in Congress? **

President Bush	24	[175]
The Republicans in Congress	27	
The Democrats in Congress	16	
All (VOL)	25	
None (VOL)	1	
Not sure	7	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. I'm going to read you several major changes that could be made in politics or specific policies. For each one, please tell me whether you would strongly favor, mildly favor, feel neutral about, mildly oppose, or strongly oppose this change.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR MILDLY FAVOR

	Strongly <u>Favor</u>	Mildly <u>Favor</u>	Feel Neutral	Mildly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Require voters to produce a valid photo identification when they go to vote *	62	19	12	3	4	-	[178]
Make it mandatory for every person to have health insurance. People with higher incomes who do not have coverage would be required to buy insurance, and the government would help to pay for insurance for those who cannot afford it **	50	18	9	9	12	2	[180]
Extending the tax cuts that are currently set to expire in 2008 **	29	21	19	9	18	4	[208]
Build a new independent political party to run a credible candidate for president **	31	14	24	12	17	2	[179]
Have the Democrats in control of Congress *	28	16	20	13	21	2	[176]
Create tax credits for people who drive hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles and allow them to drive alone in HOV lanes *	19	21	26	15	16	3	[177]

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now thinking about the economy . . .

18. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>4/06</u> *	3/06	<u>1/06</u>	12/05	9/05	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	
Economy has gotten better	23	23	22	21	17	20	31	30	29	[209]
Economy has gotten worse Economy has stayed about	44	36	37	44	45	42	28	34	36	
the same	32	39	39	33	37	37	40	35	34	
Not sure	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>8/04</u> +	<u>7/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	<u>3/04</u> +	1/04	12/13/03	11/03	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

29	37	39	35	35	43	45	38
33	31	28	33	34	23	27	29
37	30	31	31	29	34	27	31
1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
9/03	7/03	<u>5/03</u> +	12/01	4/01 ¹	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	1/92
<u>27</u>	23	18	6	7	<u> </u>	6	2
41	42	44	65	57	44	73	- 78
30	34	36	28	35	38	20	19
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12/91	10/91	9/91	7/91	6/91	<u>5/91</u>	12/90	10/90
3	6	8	9	11	8	3	3
74	67	57	64	54	64	73	72
22	26	33	26	35	27	23	24
1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1
9/90	7/90	<u>5/90</u>	4/90	3/90	1/90	11/89	9/89
6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18
57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23
35	51	52	56	56	<u> 5</u> 7	49	57
2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

19. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about	4/06** 17 44	3/06 24 27	1/06 24 30	12/05 26 34	<u>9/05</u> 16 49	5/05 28 30	<u>1/05</u> 43 17	10/04+ 43 10	9/04+ 43 13	[210]
the same	36 3	46 3	42 4	37 3	32 3	36 6	36 4	33 14	33 11	
	5/04+ 42 16 34 8	3/04+ 44 18 35 3	1/04 50 10 37 3	12/13/03 53 10 33 3	11/03 49 15 33 3	9/03 44 19 33 4	7/03 45 16 34 4	5/03+ 49 17 31 3	1/03 35 25 37 3	
		12/02 40 20 35 5	10/02+ 41 20 34 5	9/02 39 18 39 4	7/02 41 20 37 2	4/02 50 13 32 5	12/01 50 15 32 3	4/01 ¹ 36 25 34 5	3/01 28 29 37 6	
		10/98+ 17 24 54 5	9/98 19 22 53 6	4/97 19 22 57 2	1/96 21 21 52 6	7/95 20 21 54 5	4/95 24 23 50 3	12/94 31 17 46 6	10/94 31 24 40 5	
		9/94 28 24 44 4	6/94 28 17 52 3	5/94 27 21 49 3	3/94 29 16 52 3	1/94 44 16 36 4	12/93 43 19 34 4	10/93 21 27 50 2	9/93 23 24 51 2	

 ^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
 ¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."
 + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7/93	6/93	4/93	3/93	1/93	12/92	5/92	9/91
20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31
29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24
48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40
3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20a. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view about the economy? **

I'm feeling confident about the economy because of the number of jobs that are being created, the strong performance of the stock market, and the low rate of inflation.

I'm feeling uneasy about the economy because of the high price of gasoline, higher interest rates, and the large federal deficit

Feeling confident about the economy	19	[211]
Feeling uneasy about the economy	77	
Some of both (VOL)	3	
Not sure	1	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.20b (346 RESPONDENTS) AND Q.20c (329 RESPONDENTS) ONLY ASKED APRIL 23-24

20b. Please tell me which ONE of the following you think is most responsible for high gas prices.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PERSON OR GROUP IN Q20b.)

20c. And now please tell me which of the following you think is second most responsible for high gas prices.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MOST RESPONSIBLE

	Q.20b Most Responsible			Q.20b/c COMBINED Most/Second Responsible		
	<u>4/06</u>	<u>5/05</u>	_	<u>4/06</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Oil companies	37	28		60	54	[362-365]
Oil-producing nations	22	31		51	56	
President Bush	15	14		28	26	
American consumers	8	8	CONTINUE	19	18	
Federal environmental regulations	6	6		16	16	
The U.S. Congress	4	3		15	11	
Car manufacturers	2	3		8	12	
Other (VOL)	3	3		3	4	
None of these (VOL)	-	1	Skip to Q.21	-	-	
Not sure	3	3		-	-	

On another topic . . .

21. Would you say that your overall opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that became available on January first is mostly favorable or mostly unfavorable, or do you not know enough about it to have an opinion? (IF "FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE," ASK:) And would you say that you have a very

¹Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

(favorable/unfavorable) opinion or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that became available on January first?

	<u>4/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	12/05 ¹	
Very favorable	7	6	6	[212]
Somewhat favorable	10	9	13	
Somewhat unfavorable	9	10	11	
Very unfavorable	18	21	14	
Don't know enough to have an opinion	55	52	55	
Not sure	1	2	1	

¹In December 2005, the question was phrased, "Would you say your overall opinion of the Medicare prescription drug benefit that will be available starting in 2006 "

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE AGE 65 AND OVER IN Q.2a.)

22. I'm going to read you several things that some people have said about the new Medicare prescription drug plan. For each one please tell me whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AGREE

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
It is too complicated and confusing				[213]
April 2006	69	19	12	
January 2006	77	13	10	
December 2005	73	15	12	
It is a good plan for seniors who do not have drug coverage				[214]
April 2006	58	20	22	
January 2006	56	20	24	
December 2005	51	27	22	
This plan will be helpful to me personally				[215]
April 2006	24	63	13	
January 2006	23	62	15	
December 2005	14	67	19	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE AGE 65 AND OVER IN Q.2a.)

23. Have you personally enrolled in the new Medicare prescription drug plan that started in January this year?

Yes	32	[216]
No	67	
Not sure/refused	1	

Now thinking about the topic of immigration . . .

24. Would you say that: immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, OR immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	4/06	12/05	
Helps more than it hurts	45	37	[217]
Hurts more than it helps	45	53	
Not sure	10	10	

25. In the community where you live, would you say that immigration has had a positive effect, a negative effect, or no real effect at all on **(READ ITEM)? (IF "POSITIVE" OR "NEGATIVE", ASK:)** And do you think it has had a strong (positive/negative) effect or just somewhat of a (positive/negative) effect?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY POSITIVE EFFECT

: :	Posit	ive Effect	Negative Effect		I		
	Strong	Just <u>Somewhat</u>	Just Somewhat	Strong	No Real Effect At All	Not Sure	
The culture and character of the community	16	17	10	11	41	5	[220]
The prices of everyday goods and services	9	14	8	9	51	9	[221]
The availability of jobs	8	9	14	14	48	7	[218]
Hospitals and public schools	7	9	18	21	37	8	[219]

26. If you had to make a choice, would you favor deporting immigrants in America who are not legal citizens and do not have work permits, or would you favor allowing these immigrants to stay in America as long as they pass a security check, meet certain conditions, and pay taxes?

Favor deporting	35	[222]
Favor allowing them to stay	61	
Not sure	4	

27. I'm going to describe a portion of a possible new immigration law, which also would include tighter border security. This law would deal with immigrants who are here illegally in three ways, depending on how long they have been in the United States. Those who have been here for more than five years would be allowed to continue to work here for six years, and then would be allowed to apply for permanent citizenship. Those who have been here for two to five years would be required to go to a legal border entry point and register sometime in the next three years, and would then be able to return to work. Those who have been here for less than two years would be required to return to their home country and apply for entry into the United States through the normal legal channels.

Thinking about the portion of a possible immigration law I just described, would you favor or oppose this? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE", ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) it or somewhat (favor/oppose) it?

Strongly favor	29	[223]
Somewhat favor		
Somewhat oppose		
Strongly oppose		
Not sure	4	

28. If thousands of immigrants in the U.S. do not show up for work on May first in protest of immigration policy, do you think this will do more to help their cause, do more to hurt their cause, or have no real effect either way?

Help their cause	17	[224]
Hurt their cause	57	
Have no effect either way	20	
Not sure	6	

29. Would you favor or oppose building a wall or a fence all along the border between Mexico and the United States, from Texas to California? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE", ASK:) And would you strongly (favor/oppose) this or somewhat (favor/oppose) this?

Strongly favor	33	[225]
Somewhat favor	14	
Somewhat oppose	15	
Strongly oppose	33	
Not sure	5	

Now I'd like to ask you about recent news regarding the country of Iran . . .

30. How much have you seen, read, or heard recently regarding Iran taking steps to resume research on nuclear fuel--a lot, some, not very much, or nothing at all?

Have seen/read/heard a lot	43	[226]
Have seen/read/heard some	32	
Have not seen/read/heard very much	17	
Have seen/read/heard nothing at all	8	
Not sure	_	

31. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? (IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT", ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that, or not? *

Should Initiate Military Action		
Feel strongly	33	[227]
Do not feel strongly	9	
Should Not Initiate Military Action		
Do not feel strongly	13	
Feel strongly	33	
Depends (VOL)	5	
Not sure	7	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

32. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should join a coalition of other countries to initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? (IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that, or not? **

Should Initiate Military Action		
Feel strongly	38	[228]
Do not feel strongly	10	
Should Not Initiate Military Action		
Do not feel strongly	10	
Feel strongly	32	
Depends (VOL)	4	
Not sure	6	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

33. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>4/06</u> *	3/06	<u>1/06</u>	12/05	<u>11/05</u>	10/05	9/05	
Worth it	40	39	42	41	40	40	37	[229]
Not worth it	52	51	48	49	52	51	51	
Depends (VOL)	4	6	5	5	5	4	5	
Not sure	4	4	5	5	3	5	7	
		<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
		44	40	44	44	40	43	
		49	51	48	49	52	48	
		4	4	4	3	3	6	
		3	5	4	4	5	3	
		10/04+	9/04+	8/04+	7/04+	6/04+	5/04+	

40	43	43	40	42
52	49	47	51	47
3	4	4	5	5
5	4	6	4	6
<u>1/04</u>	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	
52	53	45	45	
40	37	42	46	
40 2		42 6	46 3	
	52 3 5	52 49 3 4 5 4 1/04 12/14/03	52 49 47 3 4 4 5 4 6 1/04 12/14/03 12/13/03	52 49 47 51 3 4 4 5 5 4 6 4 1/04 12/14/03 12/13/03 11/03

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

34. An estimated one hundred and seventy billion dollars has been spent on the war in Iraq, and approximately two thousand four hundred American soldiers have died.

Since the war began, we have overthrown Saddam Hussein, and Iraq has adopted a constitution and an elected government.

Would you say the war in Iraq was worth it or not worth it? **

Worth it	35	[230]
Not worth it	56	
Depends (VOL)	5	
Not sure		

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

35. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

More confident Less confident Depends/some of both (VOL) Not sure	4/06 33 57 5 5	3/06 32 57 6 5	12/05 39 50 6 5	11/05 32 58 6 4	10/05 35 56 4 5	7/05 36 55 5 4	5/05 40 50 6 4	[231]
		4/05 44 45 6 5	2/05 47 43 5 5	<u>1/05</u> 41 48 6 5	12/04 41 48 6 5	10/04+ 46 41 8 5	9/04+ 37 53 5 5	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

36. Thinking about Iraq six months ago compared with today, is Iraq closer to having a stable, democratic government, farther from having a stable, democratic government, or is it pretty much in the same place that it was six months ago?

	<u>4/06</u> *	<u>11/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Closer to having a stable, democratic government	31	38	40	[232]
Farther from having stable, democratic government	15	10	12	
Same place it was six months ago	50	47	44	
Not sure	4	5	4	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think we should remain on the current course and try to achieve our current objectives, or do you think we should change directions and scale back on our objectives?

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Remain on the current course/achieve current objectives	38	[233]
Change directions/scale back objectives	54	
Not sure	8	

38. Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over, with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think that most of the challenges in Iraq remain ahead?

	<u>4/06</u> **	2/05	12/14/03	7/03	5/03	4/03 ¹	
Most of the challenges behind us	27	23	20	18	26	22	[234]
Most of the challenges remain ahead	68	73	71	75	70	71	
Not sure	5	4	8	7	3	7	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

39a. Recently a number of retired military generals have called for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to resign because of his handling of the Iraq war. Do you think that Donald Rumsfeld should resign or not?

Should resign	47	[235]
Should not resign	39	
Not sure	14	

39b. If Donald Rumsfeld were to resign as secretary of defense, do you think that this would be an important action that would make a real difference in the war, or do you think it would be a symbolic gesture that would not make a real difference in the war? **

Important action/would make a real difference	26	[236]
Symbolic gesture/would not make a real difference	65	
Not sure	9	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

40. At the conclusion of the war in Iraq, do you feel that most Americans will think it is—(a) More like World War Two, which unified America and was considered an important turning point for the United States' role in the world, (b) More like the Korean War, a stalemate in which neither side prevailed and American troops had to remain for many years, or (c) More like the Vietnam War, which divided America and lowered the United States' international prestige?

(a) More like World War Two	11	[237]
(b) More like the Korean War	35	
(c) More like the Vietnam War	48	
Not sure	6	

41. Getting near the end of the survey, when it comes to China, is the United States too tough, about right, or not tough enough in our business and economic negotiations with China? *

Too tough 4	[238]
About right 18	
Not tough enough 57	
Not sure	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

¹ In April 2003, this question was phrased, "most of the challenges in the war remain ahead."

F1.	A lot of people are unable to	get out and	vote for many i	reasons. Did y	ou happen to	vote in the	November
	2004 election for president?	(IF "YES,"	ASK:) For who	m did you vo	teGeorge W.	. Bush, Joh	n Kerry, or
	someone else?						

Voted		
George W. Bush	41	[239]
John Kerry	34	
Someone else	4	
Refused (VOL)	3	
Did Not Vote	16	
Not sure	2	

F2. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Currently Employed		
Professional, manager	21	[240-247]
White-collar worker	19	
Blue-collar worker	16	
Farmer, rancher	1	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	3	
Homemaker	7	
Retired	28	
Unemployed, looking for work	3	
Other	-	
Not sure	2	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	1	[248-249]
Some high school	6	
High school graduate	26	
Some college, no degree	19	
Vocational training/2-year college	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	11	
Doctoral/law degree	1	
Not sure/refused	1	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	19	[250]
Not very strong Democrat	8	
Independent/lean Democrat	13	
Strictly independent	19	
Independent/lean Republican	11	
Not very strong Republican	9	
Strong Republican	15	
Other	4	

		Not sure/nothing	2		
F5.	Thinking about your conservative?	general approach to issues, do	you conside	r yourself to be	e liberal, moderate, or
		Liberal	22	[251]	
		Moderate		[=0.]	
		Conservative			
		Not sure	_		
F6.		e of your parents born outside the U and your parents born outside the U			K:) And were you, you
	Yes, responder	nt born outside United States		3	[252]
		nt's parents born outside the United			• •
		ondent and parents born outside the			
	No, neither res	pondent nor parents born outside th	e United Stat	tes 82	
	Not sure			1	
F7a.	What is your religion	?			
	Protestant (inclu	ides Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist,			
		byterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE	[253]
					_ • •
				Skip to Q.F8	
				•	
	Other		8		_
				CONTINUE	
	Not sure/refuse	ed			
(ASK (F7b.	Would you describe describe yourself that		list or an ev		
		undamentalist/evangelical			
		either fundamentalist nor evangelica			
		Not sure atholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F7a)			
	_	(
F8.	How often do you atte	end services at a church, synagogu	e, or other pla	ace of worship?	
		Never	17	[255]	
		Once a year	6		
		A few times a year	17		
		Once a month			
		About twice a month	9		
		Once a week or more often	41		
		Not sure	4		
F9.	Are you a member of union?	f a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is	s anyone else	in this househo	old a member of a labor
		Labor union member	12	[256]	
		Labor union household		[256]	
		Nonunion household	6 80		

Not sure	2

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between firty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	4	[257]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	12	
More than \$100,000	14	
Not sure/refused	16	

The Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll was based on nationwide telephone interviews of 1,005 American adults, conducted April 21-24 by the polling organizations of Peter Hart and Bill McInturff.

The sample was drawn in the following manner: 520 geographic points were randomly selected proportionate to the population of each region and, within each region, by size of place. Individuals were selected by a method that gave all telephone numbers, listed and unlisted, an equal chance of being included.

One adult, 18 years or older, was selected from each household by a procedure to provide a balance of respondents by sex. The data's margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points; the error margin is 5.4 percentage points on the question assessing responsibility for high gas prices, which was asked of a smaller number of respondents. Sample tolerances for subgroups are larger.