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Interviews: 1,005 adults
Dates: March 10-13, 2006

FINAL

Study #6061 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey March 2006 48 Male 52 Female [109]

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

The margin of error for 1,005 interviews is ±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	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	9/05 32 57 8 3	High 9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 7/92+ 14 71 9 6	[138]
		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	11	50-54	10	[139-140]
25-29	10	55-59	9	
30-34	8	60-64	8	
35-39	8	65-69	5	
40-44	8	70-74	4	
45-49	11	75 and over	7	
		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	[141]
No, not Hispanic		
Not sure/refused	-	

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

White	75	[142]
Black	11	
Asian	1	
Other	2	
Hispanic (VOL)	10	
Not sure/refused	1	

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

Approve Disapprove Not sure	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	<u>9/05</u> 40 55 5	High 11/01 88 7 5	Low 11/05 38 [143] 57 5
		<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	12/04	
		46	47	48	50	50	49	
		49	47	46	45	44	44	
		5	6	6	5	6	7	
		<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +	<u>7/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	
		49	47	47	48	45	47	
		47	48	48	46	49	46	
		4	5	5	6	6	7	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	9/03	
		50	54	58	52	51	49	
		46	41	34	41	44	45	
		5	6	9	7	5	6	
		<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u> +	<u>4/03</u>	3/29- 30/03	3/23/03	3/17/03	
		56	62	71	66	67	62	
		38	31	23	29	28	33	
		6	7	6	5	5	5	
		2/03 ¹ 61	<u>1/03</u> 54	<u>12/02</u> 62	<u>10/02</u> +	<u>9/02</u> 64	<u>7/02</u> 67	
				62 33	63		67 27	
		31	40	33	31	30	21	

6/02	5/02	4/02	4/01
69	75	74	57
23	18	20	22
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	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	7/05 39 54 7	High Low 12/01 11/05 63 34 [144] 25 60 12 6
		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	9/04+ 45 51 4	8/04+ 43 52 5	6/04+ 45 49 6	5/04+ 41 53 6	
		3/04 45 51 4	1/04 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 way George W. Bush is handling the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

	<u>3/06</u> **	9/05	
Approve	36	48	[145]
Disapprove	53	48	
Not sure	11	4	

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

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

	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	9/05	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Approve	35	39	36	32	37	39	44	[146]
Disapprove	61	56	60	64	58	55	52	
Not sure	4	5	4	4	5	6	4	

Thinking about events of the past couple months, do you feel that President Bush is facing a short-term 4. setback from which things are likely to get better for him, that he is facing a longer-term setback from which things are unlikely to get better for him, or that he is not facing a setback at this time?

	<u>3/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
Short-term setback/likely to get better	26	30	[147]
Longer-term setback/unlikely to get better	58	53	
Not facing a setback	11	12	
Not sure	5	5	

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

Approve Disapprove Not sure	3/06 33 53 14	1/06 29 56 15	12/05 25 60 15	11/05 28 57 15	9/05 29 53 18	7/05 28 55 17	5/05 33 51 16	High 9/98 61 28 11	Low 4/92+ 15 78 7	[148]
		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	5/03+ 43 43 14	1/03 42 39 19	12/02 44 39 17	10/02+ 44 40 16	9/02 40 44 16	7/02 34 48 18	6/02 43 41 16	
		1/02 54 29 17	12/01 57 29 14	6/01 47 34 19	4/01 43 33 24	3/01 45 32 23	1/01 48 35 17	12/00 55 30 15	10/00+ 49 35 16	
		9/00+ 46 41 13	7/00+ 46 42 12	6/00+ 43 46 11	4/00+ 42 44 14	3/00+ 43 40 17	1/00 48 36 16	12/99 45 42 13		
		10/99 42 45 13	9/99 40 49 11	7/99 43 41 16	6/99 40 42 18	4/99 49 38 13	3/99 41 45 14	1/99 50 40 10		
		12/98 44 42 14	10/98+ 48 39 13	6/95 43 43 14						

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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.

	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>	
George W. Bush							[149]
March 2006	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005	23	19	10	13	35	-	
November 2005	20	18	12	15	35	-	
October 2005	21	20	11	17	31	-	
September 2005	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+	36	14	6	13	31	-	
August 2004+	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004	38	17	8	13	24	-	
September 2003	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003	36	20	12	16	16	-	
October 2002+	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001	25	25	18	13	17	2	
High							
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-	
Low							
November 2005	20	18	12	15	35	-	

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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>	
Dick Cheney							[150]
March 2006	12	18	17	17	33	3	
December 2005	13	20	15	17	32	3	
November 2005	10	17	19	16	33	5	
January 2005	19	23	15	18	23	2	
December 2004	18	24	13	13	28	4	
October 2004+	24	20	12	11	31	2	

September 2004+	21	20	13	12	31	3
August 2004+	18	20	16	12	30	4
July 2004+	16	20	19	14	28	3
June 2004+	17	22	17	13	27	4
May 2004+	18	21	16	13	29	3
March 2004+	17	22	18	14	22	6
December 13, 2003	18	24	14	13	23	8
September 2002	23	27	21	12	12	5
December 2001	36	27	23	3	6	5
October 2000+	25	24	26	8	9	8
High		•••••			•	
February 1991+	33	33	13	2	2	17
Low						
November 2005	10	17	19	16	33	5

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Q.6 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[151]
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	
December 2002	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
November 2005	8	25	29	20	16	2	
December 1994	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)						Don't Know	
	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[152]
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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7. 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>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +	
10, very interested	45	46	[153-154]
9	7	7	
8	18	15	
7	11	12	
6	5	5	
5	7	7	
4	1	2	
3	2	1	
2	1	1	
1, not interested at all	3	4	
Cannot rate	-	-	

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

Republican-controlled Congress Democrat-controlled Congress Not sure	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	5/05+ 40 47 13	[155]
		10/29- 31/04+	10/16- 18/04+	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	<u>3/04</u> +	
		43	44	42	42	41	42	
		44	44	46	44	44	45	
		13	12	12	14	15	13	
		1/04	12/13/03	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	7/02	6/02	
		42	42	43	42	43	42	
		43	42	42	42	41	41	
		15	16	15	16	16	17	
		1/02 44 40	12/01 42 40	12/99 40 44	10/99 39 41	7/99 39 43	6/99 42 41	

16	18	16	20	18	17
4/99	3/99	10/98+	9/98	7/98	6/98
41	37	41	40	41	39
40	43	43	39	40	40
19	20	16	21	19	21
4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	9/97	7/97
37	41	40	41	41	45
41	37	42	37	39	39
22	22	18	22	20	16
4/97 44 38 18	1/96 41 38 21	12/95 42 41 17	10/94 44 38 18		

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9. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

Deserves to be reelected	3/06+ 41 48 11	1/06+ 41 46 13	12/05+ 41 44 15	11/05+ 37 51 12	5/05+ 42 45 13	10/04+ 49 34 17	10/02+ 42 39 19	[156]
		9/02 41 42 17	10/00+ 50 35 15	9/00+ 49 38 13	6/00+ 49 39 12	12/99 42 47 11	10/98+ 48 37 15	
		12/97+ 41 45 14	10/94+ 39 49 12	9/94 30 53 17	<u>5/94</u> 34 50 16	1/94 35 47 18	10/93 34 52 14	
		<u>9/93</u> 37 47 16	7/93 30 55 15	10/92+ 31 56 13	9/92+ 31 56 13	7/92+ 27 62 11	4/92+ 33 57 10	
		2/92+ 37 52 11	1/92+ 42 48 10	12/91+ 35 52 13	10/91+ 40 48 12	10/90+ 39 48 13	11/89+ 41 36 23	

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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?

	<u>3/06</u> +	11/05+	10/02+1	10/98+2	
A vote to send signal of support for Bush	20	21	31	28	[158]
A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush	37	39	19	23	
Not a signal either way about Bush	41	36	49	49	
Do not plan to vote (VOL)	-	1	-	NA	
Not sure	2	3	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?

12. Which concerns you more—that a Congress controlled by the Republicans will be too willing to go along with President Bush's policies and pass legislation without providing an independent check on his actions or that a Congress controlled by the Democrats would oppose all of President Bush's policies and there would be no progress in passing needed legislation in Congress? *

Republican-controlled Congress/no independent check on Bush's actions	44	[159]
Democrat-controlled Congress/no progress in passing legislation	39	
Both the same (VOL)	8	
Neither (VOL)	5	
Not sure	4	

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

13. 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?

Position on national issues	3/06+** 44	<u>10/94</u> + 35	[160]
Performance in district	40	51	
Both/neither (VOL)	15	13	
Not sure	1	1	

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14. I'm going to read you several characteristics of a possible candidate for Congress. For each one I mention, please tell me whether you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for Congress with that characteristic, or whether it would make no difference in your vote either way.

A candidate who (READ ITEM)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE

	More Likely <u>To Vote</u>	Less Likely <u>To Vote</u>	No Difference <u>Either Way</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Favors tighter controls on illegal immigration *	71	11	15	3	[164]
Supports a major reform in the way Congress does its job *	67	8	19	6	[166]
Believes that the country needs a major change in direction **	66	17	13	4	[169]
Favors withdrawing all American troops from Iraq in the next twelve months *	50	35	12	3	[163]
Emphasizes domestic issues over military and foreign policy issues *	49	19	25	7	[165]
Favors making the tax cuts of the past few years permanent *	49	29	19	3	[167]
Places major emphasis on more conservative social and religious values **	41	33	24	2	[172]
Favors staying in Iraq as long as is necessary to create a stable Iraqi democracy **	39	43	14	4	[171]
Is a critic of the Bush administration *	34	33	31	2	[161]
Is a solid supporter of the Bush administration **	23	55	20	2	[168]

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

Has not previously held elective office **	19	20	57	4	[170]
Is an incumbent running for reelection *	16	23	51	10	[162]

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

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the Bush administration.

Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward George W. Bush? [173] 15a.

	George W. Bush	Bill Clinton	George H.W. Bush	Ronald Reagan¹
	<u>3/06</u>	<u>6/96</u> +	<u>10/91</u>	<u>1/87</u>
Like personally and approve most policies	29	36	43	39
Like personally but disapprove of many policies	28	19	35	27
Don't like personally, approve most of policies	4	14	7	6
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies	38	27	12	25
None of these (VOL)	1	2	1	NA
Not sure	-	2	2	4

15b. Many people have opinions about George W. Bush and the job he is doing as president. Looking ahead, what makes you feel most positive about George W. Bush and the job he is doing as president?

(PROBE:) Anything else you would like to say? [174-180] *

Net Favorable Impressions	52%	Net Unfavorable Impressions	26%
Strong, courage of his convictions, good leader	14	His term will be over soon, he is almost done	5
Good job, works hard, doing the best he can	8	Criticisms of war, should get out	5
War on terrorism, agree with his stand on terrorism Agree with his stands on economic issues,	7	Disagree with his stands on issues, his policies	4
economy is doing well	5	Poor job, poor record, one of the worst presidents	3
Moral, honest, trustworthy, man of integrity	5	Makes wrong decisions, doesn't think, doesn't confront issues head on	2
		Nothing, nothing positive, no favorable feelings	23%
		Don't know; no response	6%

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

15c. Many people have opinions about George W. Bush and the job he is doing as president. Looking ahead, what makes you most concerned about George W. Bush and the job he is doing as president?

(PROBE:) Anything else you would like to say? [208-214] **

Net Favorable Impressions	10%	Net Unfavorable Impressions	81%
Good job, doing the best he can	7	Criticisms about the war, should get out, bring soldiers home	24
All other favorable impressions	6	Disagree with his stand on a specific issue	13
		Poor job, inexperience, not prepared, not informed	8
		Disagree with his stands on economic issues	7
		Not concerned about domestic issues, too concerned	
	-	about things abroad	5
		None, no concerns	3%
		Don't know; no response	6%

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

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1987 comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Cambridge Reports/Research International.

16. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

	Party <u>Advantage</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Republican <u>Party</u>	Both About The Same	<u>Neither</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Dealing with health care							[216]
March 2006 *	D-31	43	12	21	19	5	
November 2005	D-26	43	17	17	18	5	
December 2004	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
January 2004	D-26	48	22	18	10	2	
December 13, 2003	D-18	43	25	14	13	6	
October 2002+	D-25	46	21	19	11	3	
June 2002	D-22	38	16	23	18	5	
June 2001	D-21	41	20	21	12	6	
December 1999	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998+	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	
October 1991	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	

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

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Q.16 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	<u>Neither</u>	Not Sure	
Dealing with prescription drugs for seniors							[219]
March 2006 *	D-29	39	10	22	20	9	
January 2004	D-21	42	20	19	13	5	
December 13, 2003	D-20	41	21	15	14	10	
October 2002+	D-28	44	16	18	14	8	
Dealing with the economy	!	!					[217/221]
March 2006	D-12	39	27	20	11	3	
November 2005	D-14	39	25	17	14	5	
December 2004	D-9	39	30	20	7	4	

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

July 2004+	D-8	40	32	19	7	2
January 2004+	R-2	36	38	15	8	2
December 13, 2003	R-1	37	38	14	7	5
October 2002+	D-6	36	30	21	9	4
June 2002	D-1	32	31	24	9	4
June 2001	D-6	37	31	20	6	6
December 1999	D-3	34	31	24	7	4
March 1999	D-6	35	29	26	6	4
September 1998	-	31	31	29	6	3
September 1997	R-9	25	34	26	9	6
October 1996	D-4	36	32	15	10	7
May 1996+	R-4	26	30	27	14	3
December 1995	R-8	22	30	27	17	4
June 1995	R-12	17	29	29	23	2
October 1994	R-8	22	30	28	16	4
July 1994	R-11	18	29	32	17	4
June 1994	R-5	21	26	39	12	2
October 1993	R-5	22	27	20	28	3
March 1993	D-16	34	18	34	11	3
July 1992+	D-8	26	18	35	18	3
May 1992	D-6	29	23	26	17	5
January 1992+	D-5	28	23	33	12	4
October 1991+	R-1	27	28	26	14	5

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.16 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	<u>Neither</u>	Not Sure	
Dealing with taxes	<u>rtavantago</u>	1	<u>: u.ty</u>	<u>1110 Gamo</u>		<u> </u>	[222]
March 2006 **	D-9	35	26	21	15	3	
November 2005	D-10	40	30	14	12	4	
January 2004	R-2	35	37	16	10	2	
December 13, 2003	R-3	34	37	12	9	9	
October 2002+	R-5	31	36	17	11	5	
June 2002	R-6	27	33	20	15	5	
June 2001	R-8	28	36	20	11	5	
December 1999	R-3	30	33	19	13	5	
March 1999	R-6	29	35	20	12	4	
October 1998+	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
September 1997	R-5	26	31	20	16	7	
October 1996	R-5	30	35	15	13	7	
May 1996+	R-9	25	34	17	19	5	
December 1995	R-8	26	34	14	20	6	
June 1995	R-13	22	35	15	22	6	
November 1994	R-13	23	36	16	17	8	
October 1994	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	

Dealing with Iraq		1					[215/220]
March 2006	R-3	27	30	21	16	6	
November 2005	D-3	33	30	14	17	6	
December 2004	R-15	27	42	17	10	4	
July 2004+	R-8	31	39	16	10	4	
January 2004+	R-27	22	49	14	12	4	
December 13, 2003	R-21	24	45	13	7	11	
October 2002+	R-30	17	47	21	8	7	
Dealing with ethics in government		1					[223]
March 2006 **	D-6	25	19	29	22	5	
November 2005 ¹	D-5	27	22	19	26	6	
Dealing with homeland security		1					[218/224]
March 2006	R-10	21	31	31	12	5	
January 2004	R-30	18	47	24	9	3	

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

17. Now not thinking about whether you agree or disagree with President Bush's policies and programs, but thinking about the competence and effectiveness of his administration, how competent would you say the Bush administration is in its role of managing the federal government--very competent, somewhat competent, not too competent, or not competent at all?

Very competent	14	[225]
Somewhat competent	39	
Not too competent	22	
Not competent at all	24	
Not sure	1	

18. I'm going to read you a number of actions and positions that George W. Bush and his administration have taken over the past few years. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly support that action or position, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose it, or strongly oppose it.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not <u>Sure</u>	
70	17	4	6	3	[226]
42	23	14	18	3	[230]
35	21	13	26	5	[235]
29	25	16	13	17	[232]
26	28	15	20	11	[231]
33	19	11	35	2	[234]
25	27	12	30	6	[228]
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^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹In November 2005, the item was phrased, "Promoting ethics in government."

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Carrying out the war in Iraq **	23	22	12	41	2	[233]
Signing a pact with India that allows India to buy technologies from the United States to develop its non-military nuclear energy program *	11	30	23	31	5	[227]
Allowing a United Arab Emirates company to manage operations at several U.S. port terminals *	7	13	20	55	5	[229]

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

Now turning to some other topics . . .

19. Thinking about health care, please tell me the ONE item from the following list that you would most like to see Congress try to accomplish this year. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which ONE would you most like Congress to accomplish this year?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Guarantee that every American child has health coverage	34	[236]
Allow the federal government to negotiate the lowest drug prices for seniors on Medicare	17	
Allow the self-employed and small businesses to join together to purchase private health insurance at lower group rates	17	
Provide tax credits to small businesses to make it more affordable for them to offer health coverage	11	
Reform medical liability insurance laws to cut the number of lawsuits	11	
Allow the importation of prescription drugs from Canada	8	
Not sure	2	

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

Economy has gotten better Economy has gotten worse Economy has stayed about the same Not sure	3/06 23 36 39 2	1/06 22 37 39 2	12/05 21 44 33 2	9/05 17 45 37 1	5/05 20 42 37 1	1/05 31 28 40 1	10/04+ 30 34 35 1	9/04+ 29 36 34 1	[237]
	8/04+ 29 33 37 1	7/04+ 37 31 30 2	6/04+ 39 28 31 2	5/04+ 35 33 31 1	3/04+ 35 34 29 1	1/04 43 23 34 1	12/13/03 45 27 27 1	11/03 38 29 31 1	
	9/03 27 41 30 2	7/03 23 42 34 1	5/03+ 18 44 36 1	12/01 6 65 28 1	4/01 ¹ 7 57 35 1	3/01 17 44 38 1	3/92 6 73 20 1	1/92 2 78 19 1	
	12/91 3 74 22 1	10/91 6 67 26 1	9/91 8 57 33 2	7/91 9 64 26 1	6/91 11 54 35	5/91 8 64 27 1	12/90 3 73 23 1	10/90 3 72 24 1	
	9/90 6 57	7/90 11 37	<u>5/90</u> 11 36	4/90 12 30	3/90 12 30	1/90 12 29	11/89 15 34	9/89 18 23	

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

35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57
2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

21. 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	3/06 24 27	1/06 24 30	12/05 26 34	<u>9/05</u> 16 49	5/05 28 30	1/05 43 17	10/04+ 43 10	9/04+ 43 13	<u>5/04</u> + 42 16	[238]
the same	46 3	42 4	37 3	32 3	36 6	36 4	33 14	33 11	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	
		7/93 20 29 48 3	6/93 23 27 47 3	4/93 33 21 44 2	3/93 39 15 43 3	1/93 50 9 39 2	12/92 53 10 35 2	5/92 32 20 45 3	9/91 31 24 40 5	

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

On another topic . . .

22a. As you may know, President Bush has proposed to allow foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

	<u>3/06</u> *	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/04</u> 1	
Strongly favor	10	16	13	14		[239]
Somewhat favor	27	30	25	29	} 40	
Somewhat oppose	20	18	19	20		
Strongly oppose	39	31	39	33	} 53	
Depends (VOL)	2	2	2	2		

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	* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). ¹ In January 2004 the question was phrased, "As you may know, President Bush is proposing to allow foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporaryworker status. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?"
22b.	In addition to improving security at our borders, Congress is considering a proposal that would impose a monetary fine on foreigners who are currently in the United States illegally and then grant them legal, temporary-worker status. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?
	Statement A : We SHOULD grant temporary-worker status to foreigners who are here illegally. Most of them will stay in the United States anyway, and this plan would allow the government to keep track of them and their activities and require them to pay taxes while they are here.
	Statement B: We should NOT grant temporary-worker status to foreigners who are here illegally, as this would make them and their families eligible for government services while they are here. We should not reward people who have broken the law, and this will encourage even more people to enter the United States illegally. **
	Statement A/SHOULD grant temporary-worker status
	** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
23.	When it comes to supporting the United States in the war on terrorism, do you think we can depend on our Arab allies more than our other allies, less than our other allies, or just as much as our other allies? **
	Can depend more on Arab allies
	** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
24.	Many port terminals in the United States are currently managed by foreign companies. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view about management of U.S. port terminals?
	Statement A: Foreign companies that meet security requirements should be allowed to manage U.S. port terminals, and decisions about this should be made on a case-by-case basis.
	Statement B: Even if they meet security requirements, foreign companies should never be allowed to manage U.S. port terminals in any instance.
	Statement A/case-by-case basis 43 [242] Statement B/never allowed 55 Not sure 2
25.	Thinking about the whole Middle East, including Iraq, Iran, Palestine and Israel, do you feel that over the past few months, the United States has gotten closer to its objectives of peace and democracy for the region, further away from its objectives of peace and democracy, or have things stayed about the same?
	Gotten closer to objectives of peace and democracy
Turning	g to the war in Iraq

Not sure 2 | 3 2 2

26. 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?

Worth it Not worth it Depends (VOL) Not sure	3/06 39 51 6 4	1/06 42 48 5 5	12/05 41 49 5 5	11/05 40 52 5 3	10/05 40 51 4 5	9/05 37 51 5 7	7/05 44 49 4 3	[244]
		<u>5/05</u> 40	<u>4/05</u> 44	<u>2/05</u> 44	<u>1/05</u> 40	<u>12/04</u> 43	<u>10/04</u> + 41	
		51	48	49	52	48	50	
		4	4	3	3	6	4	
		5	4	4	5	3	5	
		<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +	<u>7/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	<u>3/04</u>	
		40	43	43	40	42	50	
		52	49	47	51	47	45	
		3	4	4	5	5	1	
		5	4	6	4	6	4	
		<u>1/04</u>	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03			
		52	53	45	45			
		40	37	42	46			
		2	5	6	3			
		5	5	6	5			

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

27a. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops now that Iraq has adopted a constitution?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "REDUCE NUMBER OF TROOPS" IN Q.27a.)

And do you think that the United States should reduce its number of troops but NOT have a timeline for withdrawal of all troops, or should the United States reduce its number of troops and have a target deadline for withdrawal of all troops within a year?

Maintain current troop level	3/06 31 61 17 41 3 5	1/06 28 66 21 43 2 3	12/05 35 60 16 42 2 3 2	11/05 36 56 11 42 3 4 4	10/05 34 58 NA NA NA NA S	9/05 ¹ 36 55 NA NA NA 4 5	[245]
	7/05 41 48 NA NA NA NA 5	5/05 40 53 NA NA NA 4	4/05 43 49 NA NA NA 4 4	2/05 41 50 NA NA NA 4 5	1/05 ² 42 48 NA NA NA 6 4	12/04 45 41 NA NA NA 9 5	

¹ Prior to September 2005, the question was phrased, "... or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?" 2 Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . ."

28. More specifically, do you think that we should have an immediate and orderly withdrawal of all troops from Iraq, or not?

	3/06	12/05	
Yes, should have an immediate withdrawal	30	27	[246]
No, should not have an immediate withdrawal	66	68	
Depends (VOL)	2	3	
Not sure	2	2	

29. 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)	3/06 32 57 6	12/05 39 50 6	11/05 32 58 6	10/05 35 56 4	7/05 36 55 5	5/05 40 50 6	[247]
Not sure	5 <u>4/05</u>	2/05	4 <u>1/05</u>	5 <u>12/04</u>	4 10/04+	9/04+	
	44 45 6	47 43 5	41 48 6	41 48 6	46 41 8	37 53 5	
	5	5	5	5	5	5	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

30. Do you feel that the United States has accomplished as much as can be expected in Iraq or do you feel that the United States can be expected to accomplish more? *

Accomplished as much as can be expected	52	[249]
Can be expected to accomplish more	42	
Not sure	6	

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

31. Please tell me whether you think that the war in Iraq has strengthened, weakened, or has had no effect on **(READ ITEM)**?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAS STRENGTHENED

	Has <u>Strengthened</u>	Has <u>Weakened</u>	Has Had No Effect <u>Either Way</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
The war on terrorism *	47	27	23	3	[253]
Iraq as a nation *	46	34	14	6	[252]
The security of the United States	45	34	19	2	[251/256]
Iran's potential to be a threat to the United States **	44	18	31	7	[257]
Democracy in the Middle East **	43	20	30	7	[259]
The Al Qaeda terrorist network **	32	39	22	7	[258]
The United States' standing as a world leader	28	50	18	4	[250/255]
Stability in the Middle East *	24	45	25	6	[254]

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

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

32. Let me read you a number of proposals people have made for ways in which America could reduce its commitments and military forces in Iraq. For each one, please tell me whether that is something you would definitely support, something you think should be considered, or something you would definitely oppose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY WOULD DEFINITELY SUPPORT

	Would Definitely <u>Support</u>	Should Be Considered	Would Definitely <u>Oppose</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Give Iraq more control of security and direction and let the Americans forces be the backup **	64	24	10	2	[264]
Provide a phased timetable for turnover to the Iraqis for military control	50	31	16	3	[260/263]
Pull American forces back to only secure key areas such as Baghdad and Basra and train the Iraqi forces to protect the rest of the country *	46	31	20	3	[262]
Give Iraqis specific deadlines for recruiting and training security forces, and withdraw U.S. troops on the basis of this, even if the Iraqis fall short of their recruitment and training goals *	30	39	27	4	[261]
Increase the troop commitment so we can conduct more raids and offensive actions against terrorists and insurgents **	21	27	47	5	[265]

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

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

F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	89	[266]
Not registered	10	
Not sure	1	

F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush	39	[267]
John Kerry	37	
Someone else		
Refused (VOL)	3	
Did Not Vote	15	
Not sure	1	

F3. 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	22	[268-275]
White-collar worker	22	
Blue-collar worker	18	
Farmer, rancher	-	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	4	

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

	Homemaker Retired Unemployed, looking for work Other Not sure	6 22 3 - 3	
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F4.	What is the last grade that you completed in school?		
	Grade school	7 25 18 12 22 2 9	5 5 3 2 2
	Not sure/refused		
F5.	Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK: (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican) VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPECTOR OF THE TOTAL OF THE) Woo ublican) ENDEN	uld you call yourself a strong? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT F," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as
	Strong Democrat	20	[278]
	Not very strong Democrat	8	
	Independent/lean Democrat	14	
	Strictly independent	19	
	Independent/lean Republican	10	
	Not very strong Republican	7	
	Strong Republican	17	
	Other	3	
	Not sure/nothing	2	
F6.	Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you conservative?	onsider	yourself to be liberal, moderate, or
	Liberal	23	[279]
	Moderate	40	
	Conservative	33	
	Not sure	4	
F7.	Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and widowed, or divorced?	d living	with a partner, married, separated,
	Single	20	[280]
	Unmarried, living with partner	3	
	Married	57	
	Separated	2	
	Widowed	7	
	Divorced	10	
		10	
	Other (VOL)	- 1	
	Not sure/refused	1	

F8.	Are you the pare	ent or primary	quardian of any	children under t	the age of 18 livi	ng in your household?
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Yes, parent/guardian of children in household	34	[308]
No, not parent/guardian of children in household	65	
Not sure	1	

F9a. What is your religion?

Protestant	(includes Baptist, L	utheran, M	ethodist,
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Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	50	CONTINUE	[309]
Catholic	26		•
Jewish	2	Skip to Q.F10	
Muslim	-		
Other	9		•
None	10	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F9a.)

F9b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	21	[310]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical		
Not sure	7	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F9a)	28	

F10. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never	17	[311]
Once a year	6	
A few times a year		
Once a month		
About twice a month	10	
Once a week or more often	41	
Not sure	3	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member	11	[312]
Labor union household	5	
Nonunion household	82	
Not sure	2	

F12. 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 forty 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	3	[313]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	8	

Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13
More than \$100,000	14
Not sure/refused	17

The Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll was based on nationwide telephone interviews of 1,005 American adults, conducted March 10-13 by the polling organizations of Peter Hart and Bill McInturff.

The sample was drawn in the following manner: 300 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 phone 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. Sample tolerances for subgroups are larger.