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## 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?

|  | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 10/05 | 9/05 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High } \\ & 9 / 01 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Low } \\ \text { 7/92+ } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Headed in the right direction .... | 26 | 31 | 30 | 26 | 28 | 32 | 72 | 14 |
| Off on the wrong track............. | 62 | 57 | 59 | 63 | 59 | 57 | 11 | 71 |
| Mixed (VOL)........................ | 9 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| Not sure .............................. | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
|  |  | $7 / 05$ | 5/05 | 4/05 | $\underline{2 / 05}$ | 1/05 | 12/04 | 10/04+ |
|  |  | 34 | 35 | 34 | 42 | 40 | 41 | 39 |
|  |  | 52 | 52 | 51 | 48 | 47 | 46 | 48 |
|  |  | 12 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 10 |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
|  |  | 9/04+ | 8/04+ | 7/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 3/04 | 1/04 |
|  |  | 39 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 33 | 41 | 47 |
|  |  | 49 | 50 | 48 | 48 | 50 | 49 | 43 |
|  |  | 10 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 6 |
|  |  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
|  |  | 12/14/03 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 | 7/03 | 5/03+ | 4/03 |
|  |  | 56 | 41 | 43 | 38 | 42 | 49 | 62 |
|  |  | 30 | 48 | 47 | 50 | 44 | 38 | 22 |
|  |  | 9 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 13 |
|  |  | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
|  |  | 1/03 | 12/02 | 10/02+ | 9/02 | 7/02 | 6/02 | 4/02 |
|  |  | 36 | 43 | 44 | 42 | 40 | 52 | 53 |
|  |  | 47 | 42 | 42 | 43 | 42 | 31 | 28 |
|  |  | 14 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 15 |
|  |  | 3 | 2 | - | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
|  |  | 1/02 | 12/01 | 9/01 | 6/01 | $\underline{1 / 01}$ | 10/00 |  |
|  |  | 62 | 70 | 72 | 43 | 45 | 48 |  |
|  |  | 20 | 15 | 11 | 39 | 36 | 32 |  |
|  |  | 14 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 18 |  |
|  |  | 4 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 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 | 7 |  |
|  |  | Refu | 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.. | 89 |  |
| 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?


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| $\frac{6 / 02}{69}$ | $\frac{5 / 02}{75}$ | $\frac{4 / 02}{74}$ | $\frac{4 / 01}{57}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 21 |

${ }^{1}$ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations. + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

|  | 3/06 * | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 9/05 | $7 / 05$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { High } \\ 12 / 01 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Low } \\ 11 / 05 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve.................................. | 36 | 40 | 38 | 34 | 40 | 39 | 63 | 34 | [144] |
| Disapprove .............................. | 58 | 53 | 54 | 60 | 55 | 54 | 25 | 60 |  |
| Not sure................................. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 6 |  |
|  |  | 5/05 | 4/05 | $\underline{2 / 05}$ | 1/05 | 12/04 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 43 | 41 | 46 | 47 | 44 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 51 | 53 | 50 | 47 | 51 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 10/04+ | 9/04+ | 8/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ |  |  |  |
|  |  | 45 | 45 | 43 | 45 | 41 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 52 | 51 | 52 | 49 | 53 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 3/04 | 1/04 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 45 | 49 | 48 | 50 | 43 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 51 | 45 | 46 | 44 | 52 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
|  |  | $7 / 03$ | 5/03 ${ }^{+}$ | 4/03 | 1/03 | 12/02 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 45 | 47 | 49 | 44 | 47 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 48 | 45 | 42 | 49 | 45 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 8 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 10/02+ | 9/02 | $7 / 02$ | 6/02 | 4/02 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 48 | 48 | 49 | 57 | 61 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 44 | 43 | 43 | 34 | 30 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1/02 | $\underline{12 / 01}$ | 4/01 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 63 | 63 | 52 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 27 | 25 | 27 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 10 | 12 | 21 |  |  |  |  |  |

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

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

|  | 3/06 ** | 9/05 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve | 36 | 48 | [145] |
| Disapprove | 53 | 48 |  |
| Not sure .. | 11 | 4 |  |

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

|  | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 9/05 | $7 / 05$ | 5/05 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve. | 35 | 39 | 36 | 32 | 37 | 39 | 44 |
| Disapprove | 61 | 56 | 60 | 64 | 58 | 55 | 52 |
| Not sure .. | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 |

4. Thinking about events of the past couple months, do you feel that President Bush is facing a short-term 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?

|  | 3/06 | 11/05 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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?

|  | 3/06 | $\underline{1 / 06}$ | 12/05 | 11/05 | 9/05 | 7/05 | 5/05 | High <br> $9 / 98$ <br> 61 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Low } \\ \text { 4/92+ } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve.............................. | 33 | 29 | 25 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 33 | 61 | 15 |
| Disapprove......................... | 53 | 56 | 60 | 57 | 53 | 55 | 51 | 28 | 78 |
| Not sure ............................ | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 11 | 7 |
|  |  | 4/05 | 1/05 | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 1/04 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 |
|  |  | 39 | 41 | 40 | 39 | 46 | 39 | 43 | 39 |
|  |  | 46 | 40 | 42 | 43 | 41 | 47 | 45 | 45 |
|  |  | 15 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 16 |
|  |  | $7 / 03$ | 5/03+ | 1/03 | 12/02 | 10/02+ | 9/02 | 7/02 | 6/02 |
|  |  | 42 | 43 | 42 | 44 | 44 | 40 | 34 | 43 |
|  |  | 45 | 43 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 44 | 48 | 41 |
|  |  | 13 | 14 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 16 |
|  |  | 1/02 | 12/01 | 6/01 | 4/01 | 3/01 | 1/01 | 12/00 | 10/00+ |
|  |  | 54 | 57 | 47 | 43 | 45 | 48 | 55 | 49 |
|  |  | 29 | 29 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 35 | 30 | 35 |
|  |  | 17 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 23 | 17 | 15 | 16 |
|  |  | 9/00+ | 7/00+ | 6/00+ | 4/00+ | 3/00+ | 1/00 | 12/99 |  |
|  |  | 46 | 46 | 43 | 42 | 43 | 48 | 45 |  |
|  |  | 41 | 42 | 46 | 44 | 40 | 36 | 42 |  |
|  |  | 13 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 13 |  |
|  |  | 10/99 | 9/99 | 7/99 | 6/99 | 4/99 | 3/99 | 1/99 |  |
|  |  | 42 | 40 | 43 | 40 | 49 | 41 | 50 |  |
|  |  | 45 | 49 | 41 | 42 | 38 | 45 | 40 |  |
|  |  | 13 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 10 |  |
|  |  | 12/98 | 10/98+ | 6/95 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 44 | 48 | 43 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 42 | 39 | 43 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 14 | 13 | 14 |  |  |  |  |  |

[^0]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.


+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

| Q. 6 (cont'd) | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dick Cheney |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

| Q. 6 (cont'd) | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The Democratic Party |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

| Q. 6 (cont'd) |  |  |  |  |  | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative |  |
| The Republican Party |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

[^1]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.

|  | 3/06 + | $\underline{1 / 06}+$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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................................ | - | - |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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 ..... | 3/06+ | $\frac{1 / 06}{38}$ | $\frac{12 / 05}{38}$ | $\frac{11 / 05}{37}$ | $\frac{10 / 05}{39}$ | $\frac{7 / 05}{40}$ | $\frac{5 / 05}{40}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Democrat-controlled Congress............. | 50 | 47 | 46 | 48 | 48 | 45 | 47 |
| Not sure ........................................ | 13 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 13 |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 / 29- \\ & 31 / 04+ \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10/16- } \\ & \text { 18/04+ } \end{aligned}$ | 9/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 3/04+ |
|  |  | 43 | 44 | 42 | 42 | 41 | 42 |
|  |  | 44 | 44 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 45 |
|  |  | 13 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
|  |  | 1/04 | 12/13/03 | 10/02+ | 9/02 | $\underline{7 / 02}$ | 6/02 |
|  |  | 42 | 42 | 43 | 42 | 43 | 42 |
|  |  | 43 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 41 | 41 |
|  |  | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 |
|  |  | 1/02 | 12/01 | 12/99 | 10/99 | $7 / 99$ | 6/99 |
|  |  | 44 | 42 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 42 |
|  |  | 40 | 40 | 44 | 41 | 43 | 41 |


| 16 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 17 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{4 / 99}{41}$ | $\frac{3 / 99}{37}$ | $\frac{10 / 98}{41}$ | $\frac{9 / 98}{40}$ | $\frac{7 / 98}{41}$ | $\frac{6 / 98}{39}$ |
| 40 | 43 | 43 | 39 | 40 | 40 |
| 19 | 20 | 16 | 21 | 19 | 21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{4 / 98}{37}$ | $\frac{2 / 98}{41}$ | $\frac{1 / 98}{40}$ | $\frac{12 / 97}{41}$ | $\frac{9 / 97}{41}$ | $\frac{7 / 97}{45}$ |
| 41 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 39 | 39 |
| 22 | 22 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 16 |
| $\frac{4 / 97}{44}$ | $\frac{1 / 96}{41}$ | $\frac{12 / 95}{42}$ | $\frac{10 / 94}{44}$ |  |  |
| 38 | 38 | 41 | 38 |  |  |
| 18 | 21 | 17 | 18 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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 ................. | $\frac{3 / 06}{41}^{+}$ | $\frac{1 / 06}{41}+$ | $\frac{12 / 05}{41}+$ | $\frac{11 / 05+}{37}$ | $\frac{5 / 05}{42}^{+}$ | $\frac{10 / 04}{49}+$ | $\frac{10 / 02+}{42}$ | [156] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Give new person a chance............... | 48 | 46 | 44 | 51 | 45 | 34 | 39 |  |
| Not sure ...................................... | 11 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 17 | 19 |  |
|  |  | 9/02 | 10/00+ | 9/00+ | 6/00+ | 12/99 | 10/98+ |  |
|  |  | 41 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 42 | 48 |  |
|  |  | 42 | 35 | 38 | 39 | 47 | 37 |  |
|  |  | 17 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 15 |  |
|  |  | 12/97+ | 10/94+ | 9/94 | 5/94 | 1/94 | 10/93 |  |
|  |  | 41 | 39 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 34 |  |
|  |  | 45 | 49 | 53 | 50 | 47 | 52 |  |
|  |  | 14 | 12 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 14 |  |
|  |  | 9/93 | $7 / 93$ | 10/92+ | 9/92+ | 7/92+ | 4/92+ |  |
|  |  | 37 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 27 | 33 |  |
|  |  | 47 | 55 | 56 | 56 | 62 | 57 |  |
|  |  | 16 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 10 |  |
|  |  | $\frac{2 / 92}{37}^{+}$ | $\frac{1 / 92}{42}+$ | $\frac{12 / 91}{35}+$ | $\frac{10 / 91}{40}+$ | $\frac{10 / 90}{39}+$ | $\frac{11 / 89}{41}$ |  |
|  |  | 52 | 48 | 52 | 48 | 48 | 36 |  |
|  |  | 11 | 10 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 23 |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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?

|  | 3/06+ | 11/05+ | 10/02 ${ }^{+1}$ | $\underline{10 / 98}{ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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

[^2]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 |  |

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?

|  | $\frac{3 / 06+\star *}{}$ | $\frac{10 / 94+}{35}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Position on national issues ............. | 44 | ${ }^{+}$ |
| Performance in district .................... | 40 | 51 |
| Both/neither (VOL)..................... | 15 | 13 |
| Not sure ................................ | 1 | 1 |

[160]

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

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

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Less } \\ \text { Likely } \\ \text { To Vote } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | No Difference Either Way | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 ** $\qquad$ | 41 | 33 | 24 | 2 | [172] |
| Favors staying in Iraq as long as is necessary to create a stable Iraqi democracy ** $\qquad$ | 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] |



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

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

|  | George W. <br> Bush | Bill <br> Clinton | George <br> H.W. Bush | Ronald <br> Reagan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Like personally and approve most policies.............. | $\frac{3 / 06}{10 / 91}$ | $\frac{29}{6 / 96+}$ | 36 | $\frac{10}{1 / 87}$ |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.
${ }^{1} 1987$ comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Cambridge Reports/Research International.

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 | 7 | Disagree with his stands on issues, his policies | 4 |
| Agree with his stands on economic issues, economy is doing well | 5 | Poor job, poor record, one of the worst presidents <br> Makes wrong decisions, doesn't think doesn't | 3 |
| Moral, honest, trustworthy, man of integrity | 5 | 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).
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.

|  | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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). <br> + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q. 16 (cont'd) | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | 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 |  |


| 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 <br> Advantage | Democratic <br> Party | Republican <br> Party | Both About <br> The Same | $\underline{N}$ | Neither |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Not |
| :---: |
| Sure |


| Dealing with Iraq |  |  |  |  |  |  | [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 |  |  |  |  |  |  | [223] |
| March 2006 **. | D-6 | 25 | 19 | 29 | 22 | 5 |  |
| November 2005 ${ }^{1}$.......................... | D-5 | 27 | 22 | 19 | 26 | 6 |  |
| Dealing with homeland security |  |  |  |  |  |  | [218/224] |
| March 2006 ................................ | R-10 | 21 | 31 | 31 | 12 | 5 |  |
|  | R-30 | 18 | 47 | 24 | 9 | 3 |  |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
${ }^{1}$ In November 2005, the item was phrased, "Promoting ethics in government."
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 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 Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Going after Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda *. | 70 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 3 | [226] |
| Promoting the USA Patriot Act, which gives the government greater ability to spy on and prosecute suspected terrorists * $\qquad$ | 42 | 23 | 14 | 18 | 3 | [230] |
| Making the tax cuts of the past few years permanent ** | 35 | 21 | 13 | 26 | 5 | [235] |
| Appointing John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the U.S. <br> Supreme Court ** $\qquad$ | 29 | 25 | 16 | 13 | 17 | [232] |
| Creating the new prescription drug benefit program under Medicare ** $\qquad$ | 26 | 28 | 15 | 20 | 11 | [231] |
| Using wiretaps to listen to telephone calls between suspected terrorists in other countries and American citizens in the United States without getting a court order to do so ** $\qquad$ | 33 | 19 | 11 | 35 | 2 | [234] |
| Allowing workers to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes in the stock market * | 25 | 27 | 12 | 30 | 6 | [228] |


| 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 nonmilitary 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] |

## 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........................... 3
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?

|  | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 9/05 | 5/05 | 1/05 | 10/04+ | 9/04+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Economy has gotten better ..................... | 23 | 22 | 21 | 17 | 20 | 31 | 30 | 29 |
| Economy has gotten worse.................... | 36 | 37 | 44 | 45 | 42 | 28 | 34 | 36 |
| Economy has stayed about the same ...... | 39 | 39 | 33 | 37 | 37 | 40 | 35 | 34 |
| Not sure ............................................ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 8/04+ | 7/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 3/04+ | 1/04 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 |
|  | 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 | 5/03+ | $\underline{12 / 01}$ | $4 / 01^{1}$ | 3/01 | 3/92 | 1/92 |
|  | 27 | 23 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 17 | 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 | 5/91 | 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 | 5/90 | 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 |

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| 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..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

|  | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 9/05 | 5/05 | 1/05 | 10/04+ | 9/04+ | 5/04+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Economy will get better .................. | 24 | 24 | 26 | 16 | 28 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 42 |
| Economy will get worse .................. | 27 | 30 | 34 | 49 | 30 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 16 |
| Economy will stay about |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the same..................................... | 46 | 42 | 37 | 32 | 36 | 36 | 33 | 33 | 34 |
| Not sure..................................... | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 8 |
|  |  | 3/04+ | 1/04 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 | $7 / 03$ | 5/03+ | 1/03 |
|  |  | 44 | 50 | 53 | 49 | 44 | 45 | 49 | 35 |
|  |  | 18 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 17 | 25 |
|  |  | 35 | 37 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 34 | 31 | 37 |
|  |  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
|  |  | 12/02 | 10/02+ | 9/02 | 7/02 | 4/02 | 12/01 | 4/01 ${ }^{1}$ | 3/01 |
|  |  | 40 | 41 | 39 | 41 | 50 | 50 | 36 | 28 |
|  |  | 20 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 13 | 15 | 25 | 29 |
|  |  | 35 | 34 | 39 | 37 | 32 | 32 | 34 | 37 |
|  |  | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
|  |  | $\underline{10 / 98}+$ | 9/98 | 4/97 | 1/96 | 7/95 | 4/95 | 12/94 | 10/94 |
|  |  | 17 | 19 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 24 | 31 | 31 |
|  |  | 24 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 17 | 24 |
|  |  | 54 | 53 | 57 | 52 | 54 | 50 | 46 | 40 |
|  |  | 5 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
|  |  | 9/94 | 6/94 | 5/94 | 3/94 | 1/94 | 12/93 | 10/93 | 9/93 |
|  |  | 28 | 28 | 27 | 29 | 44 | 43 | 21 | 23 |
|  |  | 24 | 17 | 21 | 16 | 16 | 19 | 27 | 24 |
|  |  | 44 | 52 | 49 | 52 | 36 | 34 | 50 | 51 |
|  |  | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
|  |  | $7 / 93$ | 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 |

${ }^{1}$ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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?

|  | 3/06 * | 12/05 | 5/05 | 4/05 | 1/04 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly favor | 10 | 16 | 13 | 14 |  |
| 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 |  |

Not sure ......................................... 2 | 3 2 7

* 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 ......... | 39 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Statement B/should NOT grant temporary-worker status ...... | 56 |
| Not sure. | 5 |

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.................. | 3 | [241] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Can depend less on Arab allies.............. | 51 |  |
| Can depend just as much on Arab allies..... | 40 |  |
| Not sure ............................................ | 6 |  |
| ** 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?

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text { Gotten closer to objectives of peace and democracy ...................... } & 17 \\
\text { Gotten further away from objectives of peace and democracy ....... } & 41 \\
\text { Things have stayed about the same................................................................................................................................................. }
\end{array}
$$

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?

|  | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 10/05 | 9/05 | $7 / 05$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Worth it ..................................... | 39 | 42 | 41 | 40 | 40 | 37 | 44 | [244] |
| Not worth it ................................. | 51 | 48 | 49 | 52 | 51 | 51 | 49 |  |
| Depends (VOL)........................ | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |  |
| Not sure................................. | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 3 |  |
|  |  | 5/05 | 4/05 | $\underline{2 / 05}$ | $\underline{1 / 05}$ | 12/04 | 10/04+ |  |
|  |  | 40 | 44 | 44 | 40 | 43 | 41 |  |
|  |  | 51 | 48 | 49 | 52 | 48 | 50 |  |
|  |  | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 |  |
|  |  | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 |  |
|  |  | $\underline{9 / 04+}$ | 8/04+ | $\underline{7 / 04+}$ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | $\frac{3 / 04}{50}$ |  |
|  |  | 40 | 43 | 43 | 40 | 42 | 50 |  |
|  |  | 52 | 49 | 47 | 51 | 47 | 45 |  |
|  |  | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 |  |
|  |  | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 |  |
|  |  | 1/04 | 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.)
27b. 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?

|  | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 10/05 | 9/05 ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maintain current troop level ......................... | 31 | 28 | 35 | 36 | 34 | 36 | [245] |
| Reduce number of troops............................ | 61 | 66 | 60 | 56 | 58 | 55 |  |
| WITHOUT timeline for withdrawal ................. | 17 | 21 | 16 | 11 | NA | NA |  |
| WITH timeline for withdrawal... | 41 | 43 | 42 | 42 | NA | NA |  |
| Depends/not sure when to reduce (VOL) ..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | NA | NA |  |
| Depends/some of both (VOL)........................ | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 |  |
| Not sure..................................................... | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 |  |
|  | $7 / 05$ | 5/05 | 4/05 | $\underline{2 / 05}$ | $1 / 05^{2}$ | 12/04 |  |
|  | 41 | 40 | 43 | 41 | 42 | 45 |  |
|  | 48 | 53 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 41 |  |
|  | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |  |
|  | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |  |
|  | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |  |
|  | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 |  |
|  | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 |  |

[^3]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?

|  | 3/06 | $\underline{12 / 05}$ | 11/05 | 10/05 | $\underline{7 / 05}$ | 5/05 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More confident.............................. | 32 | 39 | 32 | 35 | 36 | 40 | [247] |
| Less confident ............................... | 57 | 50 | 58 | 56 | 55 | 50 |  |
| Depends/some of both (VOL) ......... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| Not sure..................................... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |  |
|  | 4/05 | $\underline{2 / 05}$ | 1/05 | 12/04 | 10/04+ | 9/04+ |  |
|  | 44 | 47 | 41 | 41 | 46 | 37 |  |
|  | 45 | 43 | 48 | 48 | 41 | 53 |  |
|  | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 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? *
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Accomplished as much as can be expected ......... } 52 \\ \text { Can be expected to accomplish more................. } & 42\end{array}$
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

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 Support | Should Be Considered | Would Definitely Oppose | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Give Iraq more control of security and direction and let the Americans forces be the backup ** $\qquad$ | 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 * $\qquad$ | 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] |

## 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
John Kerry ..... 37
Someone else ..... 5
Refused (VOL) ..... 3
Did Not Vote ..... 15
Not sure ..... 1
[267]

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
White-collar worker ..... 22
Blue-collar worker ..... 18
Farmer, rancher.

$\qquad$Not Currently EmployedStudent4
Homemaker ............................................ 6

Retired ...................................................... 22
Unemployed, looking for work.................. 3
Other. -
Not sure .................................................... 3

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

| Grade school.................................................... | 1 | [276-277] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Some high school. | 7 |  |
| High school graduate | 25 |  |
| Some college, no degree | 18 |  |
| Vocational training/2-year college | 12 |  |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree ......................... | 22 |  |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree .................... | 2 |  |
| 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree ........ | 9 |  |
| Doctoral/law degree .......................................... | 3 |  |
| Not sure/refused............................................ | 1 |  |

F5. 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 | 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 consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

$$
\text { Liberal.................................................. } 23
$$

$$
\text { Moderate ............................................. } 40
$$

$$
\text { Conservative.................................................. } 33
$$

$$
\text { Not sure............................................. } 4
$$

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F7. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

| Single | 20 | [280] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unmarried, living with partner ............. | 3 |  |
| Married | 57 |  |
| Separated | 2 |  |
| Widowed. | 7 |  |
| Divorced ......................................... | 10 |  |
| Other (VOL) | - |  |
| Not sure/refused ............................. | 1 |  |

F8. Are you the parent or primary guardian of any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text { Yes, parent/guardian of children in household ........... } & 34 \\
\text { No, not parent/guardian of children in household ....... } & 65 \\
\text { Not sure.................................................................. } & 1
\end{array}
$$

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F9a. What is your religion?

| Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, 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?


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 | 16 |  |
| Once a month. | 7 |  |
| 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 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 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 twenty thousand dollars and thirty 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 $\$ 10,000 \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Between $\$ 10,000$ and $\$ 20,000 \ldots \ldots . . .$. | 7 |
| Between $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 30,000 \ldots \ldots . .$. | 11 |
| Between $\$ 30,000$ and $\$ 40,000 \ldots \ldots . . .$. | 9 |
| Between $\$ 40,000$ and $\$ 50,000 \ldots . . . . .$. | 8 |

Between \$10,000 and \$20,000 ............ 7
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 ............ 11
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 ............ 8

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| Between $\$ 50,000$ and $\$ 75,000 \ldots \ldots . . . .$. | 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between $\$ 75,000$ and $\$ 100,000 \ldots \ldots . . .$. | 13 |
| More than $\$ 100,000 \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 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: $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ 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.


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[^2]:    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?"

    + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ 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 . ."

