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Overall margin of error: +/- 3.1 percentage points

Margins of Error for Subsample Questions								
Question Number	Subsample	Margin Of Error (+/-)						
4b, 5, 10, 12, 17, 20, 29	Form A	4.4						
4c, 5, 11, 12, 17, 20, 30	Form B	4.4						
13b	Independent, other, not sure on party identification (13a)	6.1						
14a, 14b	Democratic primary voters	4.5						
15a, 15b	Republican primary voters	5.3						
16a, 16b, 16c	All registered voters	3.3						
16d	Form A registered voters	4.7						
16e	Form B registered voters	4.6						

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Interviews: <u>1,006 adults</u>
Dates: <u>December 8-11, 2006</u>

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Study #6069 NBC News/Wall Street Journal December 8-11, 2006 47 Male 53 Female [109]

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

The margin of error for 1,006 interviews is \pm 3.1%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

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?

						High	Low	
		10/28-	10/13-	9/30-	9/8-			
	<u>12/06</u>	<u>30/06</u> +	<u>16/06</u> +	<u>10/2/06</u> +	<u>11/06</u> +	<u>9/01</u>	<u>7/92</u> +	
Headed in the right direction	28	29	26	29	31	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track	58	56	61	58	54	11	71	
Mixed (VOL)	11	13	11	11	12	11	9	
Not sure	3	2	2	2	3	6	6	
		- /		- /				
	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
	27	27	24	26	31	30	26	
	60	61	67	62	57	59	63	
	11	10	7	9	10	8	8	
	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	
	10/05	9/05	7/05	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	2/05	<u>1/05</u>	
	28	32	34	<u>35</u>	34	42	40	
	59	57	52	52	51	48	47	
	10	8	12	10	12	8	10	
	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	
				-				
	12/04	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +				
	41	39	39	36				
	46	48	49	50				
	11	10	10	12				
	2	3	2	2				

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Q.1 (cont'd)
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	<u>7/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>
Headed in the right direction	36	36	33	41	47	56	41	43	38
Off on the wrong track	48	48	50	49	43	30	48	47	50
Mixed (VOL)	14	14	14	5	6	9	8	6	8
Not sure	2	2	3	5	4	5	3	3	4
	7/03	<u>5/03</u> +	<u>4/03</u>	1/03	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	7/02	6/02
	42	49	62	36	43	44	42	40	52
	44	38	22	47	42	42	43	42	31
	9	8	13	14	13	14	12	14	14
	4	5	3	3	2	-	3	4	3
	4/02	1/02	12/01	9/01	6/01	<u>1/01</u>	10/00		
	53	62	70	72	43	45	48		
	28	20	15	11	39	36	32		
	15	14	12	11	14	15	18		
	4	4	3	6	4	4	2		

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2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	6	[139-140]
25-29	7	
30-34	14	
35-39	6	
40-44	9	
45-49	12	
50-54	12	
55-59	8	
60-64	8	
65-69	5	
70-74	5	
75 and over	7	
Not sure/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	9	[141]
No, not Hispanic	91	
Not sure/refused	-	

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

White	77	[142]
Black	9	
Asian	1	
Other	4	
Hispanic (VOL)	8	
Not sure/refused		

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

						High	Low	
Approve Disapprove Not sure	12/06 34 61 5	10/28- 30/06+ 39 57 4	10/13- <u>16/06</u> + 38 57 5	9/30- 10/2/06+ 39 56 5	9/8- 11/06+ 42 53 5	11/01 88 7 5	4/06 36 57 7	[143]
	7/06 39 56 5	6/06 37 58 5	4/06 36 57 7	3/06 37 58 5	1/06 39 54 7	12/05 39 55 6	11/05 38 57 5	
	10/05 39 54 7	9/05 40 55 5	7/05 46 49 5	<u>5/05</u> 47 47 6	4/05 48 46 6	<u>2/05</u> 50 45 5	1/05 50 44 6	
	12/04 49 44 7	10/04+ 49 47 4	9/04+ 47 48 5	8/04+ 47 48 5	7/04+ 48 46 6	6/04+ 45 49 6	<u>5/04</u> + 47 46 7	
	3/04 50 46 5	1/04 54 41 6	12/14/03 58 34 9	12/13/03 52 41 7	11/03 51 44 5	<u>9/03</u> 49 45 6	7/03 56 38 6	
	5/03+ 62 31 7	4/03 71 23 6	3/29- 30/03 66 29 5	3/23/03 67 28 5	3/17/03 62 33 5	2/03 ¹ 61 31 8	1/03 54 40 6	
	10/02+ 63 31 6	9/02 64 30 6	7/02 67 27 6	6/02 69 23 8	5/02 75 18 7	4/02 74 20 6	4/01 57 22 21	

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

4a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

ApproveDisapproveNot sure	12/06 40 54 6	10/28- 30/06+ 46 48 6	10/13- 16/06+ 44 52 4	9/30- 10/2/06+ 41 53 6	9/8- 11/06+ 43 52 5	High 12/01 63 25 12	Low 11/05 34 60 6	[144]
	7/06 41 53 6	6/06 38 56 6	4/06 35 60 5	3/06 36 58 6	1/06 39 54 7	12/05 39 55 6	11/05 38 57 5	
	9/05 40 55 5	7/05 39 54 7	<u>5/05</u> 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						

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4b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign

Approve Disapprove Not sure	12/06* 30 64 6	9/06+ 37 57 6	7/06 34 60 6	6/06 35 61 4	4/06 32 61 7	1/06 38 57 5	High 12/01 82 12 6	Low 4/06 32 61 7	[145]
	11/05 35 59 6	9/05 36 56 8	7/05 45 51 4	5/05 42 52 6	4/05 42 50 8	2/05 44 50 6	1/05 46 49 5	12/04 45 51 4	
	10/04+ 48 46 6	<u>9/04</u> + 44 51 5	8/04+ 44 52 4	6/04+ 44 52 4	5/04+ 43 51 6	12/04 45 51 4	3/04 47 48 5	1/04 54 41 5	
	12/14/03 56 37 7	12/13/03 48 47 5	11/03 48 48 4	9/03 47 46 7	7/03 55 39 6	5/03+ 63 31 6	4/03 70 24 6	1/03 51 42 7	
	12/02 57 36 7	10/02+ 58 35 7	9/02 55 34 11	7/02 62 28 10	6/02 64 28 8	4/02 68 26 6	1/02 81 13 6	12/01 82 12 6	
	4/01 53 20 27								

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

4c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

Approve	12/06** 23	10/28- 30/06+ 34	10/13- 16/06+ 33	9/8- <u>11/06</u> + 38	7/06 34	6/06 35	<u>4/06</u> 33	3/06 35	[146]
Disapprove Not sure	71 6	63 3	63 4	57 5	61 5	61 ∡	62 5	61 4	
1101 3010	O		7	J	J	7	J	7	
		<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	11/05	9/05	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>		
		39	36	32	37	39	44		
		56	60	64	58	55	52		
		5	4	4	5	6	4		

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+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

5. 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							[147]
December 2006	19	19	10	15	37	-	
October 28-30, 2006+	23	17	10	14	36	-	
October 13-16, 2006+	19	20	9	15	37	-	
September 30-October 2, 2006+	22	18	10	14	35	1	
September 8-11, 2006+	23	19	9	13	36	-	
July 2006	21	18	10	15	36	-	
June 2006	18	21	9	15	37	-	
April 2006	19	20	9	15	37	-	
March 2006	20	19	11	14	36	-	
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1	
December 2005	23	19	10	13	35	-	
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	-	
October 2004+	36	14	6	13	31	-	
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-	
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	
July 2002	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2001	30	23	16	15	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.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[148/157]
December 2006	17	29	23	19	10	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1	
October 13-16, 2006+	11	26	26	19	16	2	
September 30-October 2, 2006+	9	29	26	17	17	2	
September 8-11, 2006+	11	23	24	21	19	2	
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	
June 2006	10	25	25	22	17	1	
April 2006	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002	13	27	27	16	15	2	
July 2002	10	29	25	21	13	2	
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[149/158]
December 2006	11	22	19	22	24	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1	
October 13-16, 2006+	11	21	18	19	30	1	
September 30-October 2, 2006+	11	26	18	17	27	1	
September 8-11, 2006+	13	24	17	20	25	1	
July 2006	11	22	18	21	25	3	
June 2006	10	24	18	21	26	1	
April 2006	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002	21	26	22	15	14	2	
July 2002	18	25	22	17	14	4	
July 2000+	15	28	24	16	15	2	
High							
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
October 1992+	10	21	19	23	24	3	

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Q.5 (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>	
Robert Gates							[150-159]
December 2006	6	19	29	7	2	37	
Nancy Pelosi							[151]
December 2006 *	9	16	21	8	15	31	
October 2006+	4	10	18	8	17	43	
September 2006+	4	11	12	7	16	50	
December 2005	3	10	20	6	12	49	
February 2005	5	10	17	6	10	52	
December 2002	3	8	16	4	8	61	
Newt Gingrich							[152]
December 2006 *	9	17	23	15	20	16	
June 2006	6	12	29	13	20	20	
October 1998+	8	19	24	19	27	3	
September 1998	9	24	25	18	20	4	
July 1998	7	18	28	18	23	6	
June 1998	7	18	27	21	23	4	
April 1998	5	18	28	20	23	6	
February 1998	6	20	31	18	19	6	
January 1998	6	17	26	21	25	5	
December 1997	7	17	24	18	29	5	
John Edwards							[153]
December 2006 *	11	23	26	13	8	19	
December 2004	16	24	24	16	13	7	
October 2004+	18	24	21	13	20	4	
September 2004+	20	21	21	14	17	7	
August 2004+	19	22	25	15	13	6	
July 2004+	18	26	26	12	8	10	
June 2004+	10	22	29	11	4	24	
March 2004	12	24	27	14	6	17	
January 2004	4	12	24	8	6	45	
December 13, 2003	3	14	21	8	5	49	

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

Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[154]
December 2006 *	13	33	22	16	4	12	
June 2006	11	29	29	11	5	15	
April 2006	12	27	28	13	6	14	
August 2004+	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999	12	22	24	4	2	36	
High							
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11	
Low							
October 1999	9	20	22	5	2	42	
Barack Obama							[155]
December 2006 *	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	
Michael Bloomberg							[156]
December 2006 *	5	16	30	7	3	39	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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Q.5 (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>	
Hillary Clinton							[160]
December 2006 **	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999	21	24	13	16	25	1	
High							
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1	
Low							
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1	
Mitt Romney							[161]
December 2006 **	3	8	22	7	4	56	
John Kerry							[162]
December 2006 **	7	20	25	17	27	4	
December 2004	19	24	18	17	21	1	
October 2004+	21	23	12	14	29	1	
September 2004+	18	25	14	14	28	1	
August 2004+	21	23	14	13	27	2	
July 2004+	17	25	21	16	19	2	
June 2004+	13	27	21	14	21	4	
May 2004+	12	26	19	16	22	5	
March 2004	15	27	20	13	17	8	
January 2004	5	17	25	16	10	29	
December 13, 2003	3	18	20	13	11	36	
December 2002	5	14	25	8	5	43	
Rudy Giuliani							[163]
December 2006 **	19	36	22	9	5	9	_
August 2004+	29	29	20	7	4	11	
December 2001	61	23	9	1	1	5	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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Q.5 (cont'd)	Von	Comowhat		Somewhat	Voru	Don't Know	
	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very <u>Negative</u>	Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Joe Biden				-	-		[164]
December 2006 **	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+	5	11	25	6	4	49	
Joe Lieberman							[165]
December 2006 **	7	24	32	14	6	17	
July 2006	5	18	31	15	6	25	
January 2004	6	25	26	19	9	14	
December 13, 2003	6	23	26	16	11	18	
January 2001	14	28	29	14	5	10	
December 2000	18	22	25	11	12	12	
October 2000+	19	28	27	9	6	11	
September 2000+	17	26	26	8	6	17	
August 2000+	19	21	27	7	4	22	

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

6a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.6a.)

6b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

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

	Q.6a Top Priority		Q.6a, COMBI Top/Sed Priorit		
	12/06	07/06	<u>12/06</u>	07/06	
The war in Iraq	30	29	51	48	[166-169]
Job creation and economic growth	14	12	27	25	>
Terrorism	14	14	27	29	
Health care	14	11	34	25	
Illegal immigration	11	9	24	20	
Energy and the cost of gas	5	11	13	27	
Reducing the federal budget deficit	5	5	12	12	
Environment	4	4	10	9	
Other (VOL)	1	1	1	1	
All equally (VOL)		4	2	3	
None of these (VOL)	-	-	-	1	
Not sure	-	-	1	1	

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7. Some people say that in the November elections Americans were sending a message to President Bush that he needs to change some of his programs and policies. Which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view on this?

Statement A: President Bush has gotten the message from the elections and is making the necessary adjustments.

Statement B: President Bush has gotten the message from the elections but is NOT making the necessary adjustments.

Statement C: President Bush has NOT gotten the message from the elections.

Statement D: The elections were not a message to President Bush to change his programs and policies.

Statement A/has gotten message and is making adjustments	24	[177]
Statement B/has gotten message and is NOT making adjustments	41	
Statement C/has not gotten message	18	
Statement D/elections were not a message	13	
Not sure	4	

8. As a result of November's elections, how much change do you think there will be in the direction of the country—a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not that much?

	12/06	12/94	11/9/94+	
A great deal of change	10	16	17	[178]
Quite a bit of change	15	21	18	
Just some change	41	35	35	
Not that much change	30	24	25	
No change (VOL)	2	2	2	
Not sure	2	2	3	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

9. Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country—George W. Bush or the Congress?

	12/06	1/06	1/02	3/99 ¹	1/99	1/98	9/97	
George W. Bush	21	25	44	35	38	28	35	[179]
Congress	59	49	32	47	43	49	43	
Shared/equal role (VOL)	13	16	22	10	12	17	14	
Neither (VOL)	4	7	1	5	5	4	4	
Not sure	3	3	1	3	2	2	4	
	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/94</u> +	
	35	38	34	38	33	31	30	
	45	44	43	44	54	55	55	
	12	12	18	14	6	8	11	
	5	3	2	2	3	2	1	
	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	

¹ Prior to January 2002, this question was phrased, "Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--*President Clinton* or the Congress?"

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

10. Do you expect the new Congress to be more honest and ethical than it has been in the past, less honest and ethical, or about the same in terms of its honesty and ethics? *

More honest and ethical	33	[180]
Less honest and ethical	12	
About the same honesty and ethics	53	
Not sure	2	

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

Do you expect the new Congress to be more partisan and divided than it has been in the past, less partisan 11. and divided, or about the same in terms of its partisanship and division? **

More partisan and divided	26	[208]
Less partisan and divided	23	
About the same in terms of its partisanship and division	46	
Not sure	5	

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

12. I'm going to read you several actions the next Congress could take. For each one, please tell me whether you would strongly support this action, mildly support it, feel neutral about it, mildly oppose it, or strongly oppose this action.

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

	Strongly Support	Mildly Support	Feel <u>Neutral</u>	Mildly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Raising the minimum wage	60	17	12	4	7	-	[209/215]
Making the federal government directly responsible for negotiating with drug companies for lower prescription drug prices for Medicare					4.0		
recipients *	59	17	9	4	10	1	[214]
Cutting interest rates on student loans	57	19	14	4	4	2	[212/218]
Continuing to have multiple private companies under contract to Medicare so that they can compete to provide lower prices for prescription drugs as they do now **	51	23	12	3	7	4	[220]
Putting pressure on the White House to begin to bring some troops home from Iraq within the next four to six months	54	14	9	6	15	2	[240/246]
	_		-	-			[210/216]
Eliminating tax cuts for oil companies	47	12	13	8	17	3	[213/219]
Expanding federal funding for embryonic stem cell research	39	17	15	7	19	3	[211/217]

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

13a. 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	24		[221]
Not very strong Democrat	7	Skip to Q.14a	
Independent/lean Democrat	13		_
Strictly independent	19	CONTINUE	-
Independent/lean Republican	8		-
Not very strong Republican	9	Skip to Q.15a	
Strong Republican	14		
Other	5	CONTINUE	-
Not sure/nothing	1		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.13a.)

13b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

Vote in the Democratic primary	14	CONTINUE	[222]
Vote in the Republican primary	13	Skip to Q.15a	_
Wait until the general election	61		_
Neither/other (VOL)	6	Skip to Q.16a	
Not sure	6		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.13a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.13b.)

Let me mention some people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2008. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hillary Clinton	37	[223-224]
Barack Obama	18	
John Edwards	14	
John Kerry	11	
Joe Biden	4	
Evan Bayh	3	
Bill Richardson	2	
Tom Vilsack	-	
Other (VOL)	3	
None (VOL)	3	
Not sure	5	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.13a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.13b.)

14b. Regardless of which candidate you would vote for, which one do you think would have the best chance of winning the general election to become president?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hillary Clinton	35	[225-226]
John Edwards	18	
Barack Obama	13	
John Kerry	12	
Joe Biden	5	
Evan Bayh	2	
Bill Richardson	1	
Tom Vilsack	-	
Other (VOL)	1	
None (VOL)	1	
Not sure	12	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.13a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.13b.)

Let me mention some people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. If the next Republican primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Rudy Giuliani	34	[227-228]
John McCain	29	
Newt Gingrich	10	
Mitt Romney	8	
Sam Brownback	2	
Mike Huckabee	2	
George Pataki	1	
Tommy Thompson	1	
Other (VOL)	2	
None (VOL)	3	
Not sure	8	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.13a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.13b.)

15b. Regardless of which candidate you would vote for, which one do you think would have the best chance of winning the general election to become president?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Rudy Giuliani	40	[229-230]
John McCain	32	
Mitt Romney	5	
Newt Gingrich	5	
Sam Brownback	1	
George Pataki	1	
Mike Huckabee	-	
Tommy Thompson	-	
Other (VOL)	1	
None (VOL)	1	
Not sure	14	

Q.16a THROUGH Q.16d ARE RANDOMIZED.

16a. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	12/06+	10/28- 30/06+	4/06+	11/05+	
John McCain	47	45	46	44	[231/235]
Hillary Clinton	43	36	37	42	
Depends (VOL)	1	3	3	1	
Neither/other (VOL)	5	8	8	6	
Not sure	4	8	6	7	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16b. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate, Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, and Michael Bloomberg were an independent candidate, for whom would you vote? +

John McCain	39	[232/236]
Hillary Clinton	40	
Michael Bloomberg	10	
Depends (VOL)	1	
None/other (VOL)	4	
Not sure	6	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16c. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? +

John McCain	43	[233/237]
Barack Obama	38	
Depends (VOL)	3	
Neither/other (VOL)	6	
Not sure	10	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16d. If the next election for president were held today, and Mitt Romney were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? * +

Mitt Romney	37	[234]
Hillary Clinton	47	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Neither/other (VOL)	5	
Not sure	9	

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

16e. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain was the Republican candidate and John Edwards was the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? ** +

John McCain	41	[238]
John Edwards	43	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Neither/other (VOL)	7	
Not sure		

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

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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17. NOT thinking about any specific candidates, I'm going to list several types of people who might run for president. For each one, please tell me whether that type of candidate is someone you would (a) be enthusiastic about, (b) be comfortable with, (c) have some reservations about, or (d) be very uncomfortable with.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ENTHUSIASTIC OR COMFORTABLE

	(A) Enthusiastic	(B) Comfortable	(C) Have Some Reservations	(D) Very <u>Uncomfortable</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Someone with a military background *	24	61	8	3	4	[246]
An African American	15	68	8	4	5	[242/250]
A woman *	21	59	8	8	4	[244]
A senator who has experience in legislative and international matters **	18	61	14	3	4	[247]
A Jewish person *	10	66	10	9	5	[245]
A governor who has experience as a government executive and in state matters *	14	60	18	5	3	[239]
A Hispanic	12	61	14	9	4	[243/251]
A gay or lesbian person	5	38	19	34	4	[240/248]
An evangelical Christian **	7	34	26	28	5	[249]
Someone who has experience as a member of George W. Bush's cabinet **	6	32	25	34	3	[252]
A Mormon *	4	34	27	26	9	[241]
Someone over age seventy **	3	30	37	29	1	[253]

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

Turning to a different subject . . .

18. 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>12/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/04</u> 1	
Strongly favor	19	10	16	13	14		[254]
Somewhat favor	27	27	30	25	29	} 40	
Somewhat oppose	18	20	18	19	20		
Strongly oppose	32	39	31	39	33	} 53	
Depends (VOL)	2	2	2	2	2		
Not sure	2	2	3	2	2	} 7	

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, temporary-worker status. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?"

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

19. When it comes to China, is the United States too tough, about right, or not tough enough in our business and economic negotiations with China?

	12/06	4/06	
Too tough	4	4	[255]
About right	18	18	
Not tough enough	61	57	
Not sure	17	21	

20. Now I would like to mention several proposals that have been made to help solve America's energy problems. For each one, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose that proposal. (IF "FAVOR /O PPOSE," ASK) Would you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) that proposal?

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

	Strongly <u>Favor</u>	Somewhat <u>Favor</u>	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Require automakers to build cars and trucks that are more fuel-efficient						[261]
December 2006 **	75	18	3	3	1	
Increase spending on developing new sources of energy, such as wind and solar energy						[260]
December 2006 **	66	25	3	4	2	
Require automakers to build cars and trucks that are more fuel-efficient, even if this raises automobile prices						[258]
December 2006 *	55	25	11	6	3	
Increase spending on finding ways to burn coal cleanly						[257]
December 2006 *	47	31	11	7	4	
July 2005	34	33	16	11	6	
June 2001	43	36	9	7	5	
Make permitting and building new power plants easier						[256]
December 2006 *	40	31	15	7	7	
July 2005	35	38	12	7	8	
June 2001	38	31	13	11	7	
Build additional nuclear power plants						[259]
December 2006 **	19	29	22	25	5	
July 2005	18	26	21	27	8	
June 2001	23	25	18	28	6	

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

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

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

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

More confident Less confident Depends/some of both (VOL) Not sure	12/06 19 69 7 5	10/28- 30/06+ 27 61 6 6	9/06+ 32 57 6 5	7/06 32 58 4 6	6/06 38 53 5 4	4/06 33 57 5 5	3/06 32 57 6 5	[262]
		12/05	11/05	10/05	7/05	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	
		39	32	35	36	40	44	
		50	58	56	55	50	45	
		6	6	4	5	6	6	
		5	4	5	4	4	5	
		2/05	1/05	12/04	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +		
		47	41	41	46	37		
		43	48	48	41	53		
		5	6	6	8	5		
		5	5	5	5	5		

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

22. When it comes to the governing of Iraq, do you think the current Iraqi leadership is competent and capable enough to effectively govern the country, is NOT competent and NOT capable enough to effectively govern the country, OR is the situation in Iraq too difficult for any Iraqi leaders to effectively govern the country? If you do not know enough about the situation to have an opinion please just say so.

Current leadership is capable and competent	14	[263]
Current leadership is NOT capable and NOT competent	27	
Situation too difficult for any Iraqi leaders	40	
Don't know enough to have an opinion	14	
Not sure	5	

As you may have heard, the Iraq Study Group, which is led by former secretary of state James Baker and former congressman Lee Hamilton, recently released recommendations for the course of action the United States should take in Iraq. From what you have heard, do you support, feel neutral toward, or oppose these recommendations, or do you not know enough to say?

Support recommendations	27	[264]
Feel neutral toward recommendations	13	
Oppose recommendations	9	
Do not know enough to say		
Not sure	2	

24. Do you think the report from the Iraq Study Group will come to something and produce a new direction in Iraq or come to nothing and not produce a new direction in Iraq?

Come to something/produce a new direction	36	[265]
Come to nothing/not produce a new direction	39	
Depends/some of both (VOL)	11	
Not sure	14	

- 25. Which of the following three alternatives would you most like to see the American military in Iraq take?
 - A) Continue working toward establishing a secure Iraqi government using American troops in all aspects of the war.
 - **B)** Re-deploy American troops so that they only train and support Iraqi forces, but do not leave the secure American bases.
 - C) Have a phased withdrawal of American troops beginning immediately.

	12/06	<u>7/06</u> +	
A) Continue using American troops in all aspects of the war	16	28	[266]
B) American troops only train and support Iraqi forces	44	42	
C) Phased withdrawal of troops beginning immediately	35	27	
Not sure	5	3	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.26 AND Q.27 ARE ROTATED.

26. Do you think the United States has an obligation to the Iraqi people to remain in Iraq until the country is stable, or not?

United States has an obligation to the Iraqi people	46	[267]
United States does NOT have an obligation to the Iraqi people	47	
Not sure	7	

27. Do you think the United States has an obligation to American soldiers who have been killed or wounded in Iraq to remain in Iraq until the mission there is completed, or not?

United States has an obligation to killed/wounded American soldiers	39	[268]
United States does NOT have an obligation to killed/wounded American soldiers	53	
Not sure	8	

28. Thinking about the situation today in Iraq, do you think the violence in that country is BETTER described as Iraqis fighting against each other in a civil war OR Iraqis and foreign terrorists fighting against American soldiers?

	12/06	10/13- <u>16/06</u> +	
Iraqis fighting against each other in a civil war	42	40	[269]
Iraqis and foreign terrorists fighting against American soldiers	30	31	
Some of both (VOL)	23	26	
Not sure	5	3	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

29. Much of the violence in Iraq right now is among Iraqis from different ethnic and religious groups. Do you think the United States is able to do more to reduce this violence, or do you think the United States is already doing everything it can to reduce this violence? **

United States is able to do more	25	[270]
United States is already doing everything it can	65	
Not sure	10	

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

30.	Getting near the end of the survey, I have a question for you about the holidays.	Are you envious of the
	kinds of toys and presents for children that are available today, or do you think the	toys and presents you
	received as a child were better? *	

Envious of children's toys and presents today	30	[271]
Toys and presents received as a child were better	55	
Not sure	15	

^{*} 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	88	[272]
Not registered	10	
Not sure	2	

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	40	[274]
Voted—John Kerry	37	
Voted—someone else	4	
Voted—refused (VOL)	2	
Did not vote	15	
Not sure	2	

F3. And did you happen to vote in last month's election for Congress? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—the Republican candidate, the Democratic candidate, or someone else?

Voted—Republican candidate	24	[275]
Voted—Democratic candidate	36	
Voted—someone else	4	
Voted—refused (VOL)	1	
Did not vote	31	
Not sure	4	

F4. Are you currently employed? (IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

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

Currently Employed		
Professional/ manager	22	[276]
White-collar worker	19	
Blue-collar worker	16	
Farmer, rancher	-	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	3	
Homemaker	8	
Retired	25	
Unemployed, looking for work	3	
Other	-	
Not sure	4	

F5. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	2	[315-316]
Some high school	6	
High school graduate	24	
Some college, no degree	19	
Vocational training/2-year college	13	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	8	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused	2	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	23	[317]
Moderate	36	
Conservative	34	
Not sure	7	

F7a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) 54 CONTINUE [318] Catholic 22 Jewish..... 2 Skip to Q.F8 Muslim Other..... 8 **CONTINUE** 10 None..... Not sure/refused.....

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "PROTESTANT," "OTHER," "NONE," OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.F7a.)

F7b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	23	[319]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	45	
Not sure	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F7a)	24	

F8. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

16	[320]
6	
6	
10	
36	
5	
	6 21 6 10 36

F9. 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	[321]
Labor union household	7	
Non-union household	78	
Not sure	4	

F10. Please tell me whether any of the following statements apply to you.

You or an immediate family member are currently serving in the U.S. military	12	[322]
You are a military veteran	13	· > ·
Someone in your immediate family is a military veteran	39	
Neither you nor an immediate family member is a current or former member of the military	38	
Not sure	4	

F11. 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	4	[323]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	
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	14	
More than \$100,000	12	
Not sure/refused	18	