## The New York Times / CBS News/MTV Poll 17-29 Year olds

June 15-23, 2007 Total N = 659

An asterisk indicates registered respondents.

1. Suppose a reporter stopped you on the street and wanted to interview you. If he or she asked you to name the most important issue facing people of your generation today, what would you tell them?

	6/15-23/07
War/Iraq	18
Environment	8
Health care	6
Economy	5
Education	5
Drugs	5
Social Security	5
Crime	4
Misc. social issues	4
Jobs/Unemployment	3
Moral values	2
Fuel cost	2
Terrorism	2
Other	17
DK/NA	14

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way  $George\ W$ . Bush is handling his job as President?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	30	63	7
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	28	66	6

3. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	24	72	4
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	26	70	5

4. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

	All	5/07 adults	6/07 Age 17-29
Health Care		5	3
Social Security		-	1
Budget Deficit		1	2
Education		2	1
Economy		7	8
Immigration		7	8
Defense		1	1
Poverty		3	2
Crime		1	1
Foreign Policy		3	2
Jobs		1	1
Abortion		1	-
Moral Values		2	2
President		3	4
War		18	23
Iraq		13	9
Politicians/ Government		1	2
Heating oil/Gas Crisis		7	5
Environment		3	2
Religious Values		1	1
Terrorism general		3	5
Other		12	11
DK/NA		5	6

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way  $George\ W$ . Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	23	72	5
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	22	72	6

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	42	52	6
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	37	56	8

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

			Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
5/18-23/07	All	adults	35	52	13
6/15-23/07	Age	17-29	32	54	14

8. How would you rate the job opportunities for people of your generation -- are they excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Pretty good	Only fair	Poor	DK/NA
9/8-13/04 CBS/MTV	3	30	41	26	
6/15-23/07	9	41	35	14	1

9. How much do you think the government in Washington cares about people of your generation  $\--$  a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	8	47	34	11	_

10. How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	A lot	Some	Not much	None	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	20	46	23	11	_
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	14	44	25	16	-

11. In 2008, how much influence do you think people of your generation will have in deciding who the next President will be -- a lot, some, not much, or no influence at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	None	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	34	43	20	2	-

12. Do you think people of your generation will have more influence than people older than you in deciding who the next president will be, less influence, or about the same amount of influence as people older than you?

	More	Less	Same	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	18	45	36	1

13. Do you think your generation will be better off, worse off, or about the same as your parents' generation?

	Better off	Worse off	Same	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	25	48	25	2

14. Compared to previous presidential elections, do you think the 2008 election for President next year will be the MOST important election of your lifetime, one of the most important, about as important as others, less important, or not important at all?

	The most	One of the	As important	Less	Not	DK/
	important	most imp.	as others	imp.	imp.	NA
$9/8-13/04^{1}*$ CBS/MTV	7 37	39	21	1	1	1
6/15-23/07	22	43	29	3	2	1

QUESTION READ: "...DO YOU THINK THIS YEAR'S ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT IS..."

15. Thinking about the candidates now running for President, is there any candidate that you feel enthusiastic about? IF YES: Who is that?

	6/15-23/07
Enthusiastic	49
Barack Obama	18
Hillary Clinton	17
Rudy Giuliani	4
Mitt Romney	2
Fred Thompson	2
Sam Brownback	1
John Edwards	1
John McCain	1
Ron Paul	1
Al Gore	-
Dennis Kucinich	-
Bill Richardson	-
Tommy Thompson	-
Other	-
Not enthusiastic	45
DK/NA	6

16. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, would you probably vote for the Republican candidate or would you probably vote for the Democratic candidate?

	Rep.	Dem.	Other(vol.)	Won't vote(vol.)	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
5/18-23/07* All adults	33	49	1	-	10	6
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	32	54	1	1	4	7

17. I'm going to name some possible 2008 presidential candidates and ask you what you think of them. If you haven't heard much about someone I name, just tell me.

Is your opinion of Rudy Giuliani favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rudy Giuliani yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19 AND 20 WERE ROTATED.

	Not		Haven't heard		
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
5/18-23/07* All adults	34	25	27	13	1
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	32	19	26	23	_

18. Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19 AND 20 WERE ROTATED.

	Not		Haven't heard		
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
5/18-23/07* All adults	23	30	26	20	1
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	20	26	28	25	_

19. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19 AND 20 WERE ROTATED.

	Not		Haven't heard		
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
5/18-23/07* All adults	14	16	18	52	1
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	7	17	12	63	-

20. Is your opinion of Fred Thompson favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Fred Thompson yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19 AND 20 WERE ROTATED.

		Not		Haven't heard	
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
4/9-12/07* CBS All adults	s 11	4	11	74	
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	10	8	10	72	1

21. Is your opinion of Hillary Rodham Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Hillary Rodham Clinton yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 21, 22 AND 23 WERE ROTATED.

	Not		Haven't heard		
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
5/18-23/07* All adults	38	42	19	2	_
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	41	43	15	2	_

22. Is your opinion of John Edwards favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John Edwards yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 21, 22 AND 23 WERE ROTATED.

	Not		Haven't heard		
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
5/18-23/07* All adults	30	28	27	14	_
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	24	24	28	23	-

23. Is your opinion of Barack Obama (ba-ROCK o-BOM-a) favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama yet to have an opinion? QUESTIONS 21, 22 AND 23 WERE ROTATED.

		Not		Haven't heard	
	Favorable	favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
5/18-23/07* All adults	34	21	25	20	_
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	41	19	18	21	-

24. Would you describe the candidates now running for President as a group of people who have diverse personal backgrounds and experiences, or as a group of people who have mostly the same kind of personal backgrounds and experiences?

	Diverse	Same	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	71	22	7

25. In deciding who you would like to see elected President next year, which ONE of the following issues will be most important to you? 1. Education, or 2. Terrorism and national security, or 3. The environment and global warming, or 4. the economy and jobs, or 5. Health care, or 6. The war in Iraq, OR 7. Immigration?

	6/15-23/07
Economy	23
Iraq	20
Education	15
Environment	12
Terrorism	10
Health care	10
Immigration	8
DK/NA	2

26. (IF NAMED AN ISSUE IN Q25) And do you think the candidates for President are making [Issue Named in q25] enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

	Enough	Not enough	Too much(vol.)	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	25	65	-	10

27. How important to you are government policies that promote job training and job opportunities for younger workers -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	62	26	9	2	1

28. And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

	Enough	Not enough	Too much (vol.)	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	19	68	_	13

29.	Hov	ı imp	portant	to	you	are	gove	ernment	pol	icies	that	provide	insura	ance	coverage	to
peop	ole	who	don't	have	it		very	importa	ant,	somew	hat	important	, not	too	important	, or
not	at	all	import	ant?	)											

Very Somewhat Not too Not at all DK/NA 6/15-23/07 60 28 8 4 1

30. And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

Enough Not enough Too much (vol.) DK/NA 6/15-23/07 32 54 1 13

31. How important to you are government policies that try to reduce gas and oil use by consumers -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very Somewhat Not too Not at all DK/NA 6/15-23/07 63 27 5 4 1

32. And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

Enough Not enough Too much (vol.) DK/NA 6/15-23/07 32 59 1 8

33. How important to you are government policies covering loans, grants, and student aid that helps pay for college -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very Somewhat Not too Not at all DK/NA 6/15-23/07 59 29 7 4 1

34. And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

Enough Not enough Too much (vol.) DK/NA 6/15-23/07 21 67 - 12

35. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a Mormon, or not?

Would Would not DK/NA 3/7-11/07 All adults 33 53 15 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 28 59 13

36. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is black, or not?

Would Would not DK/NA 6/15-23/07 66 30 4

37. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or not?

Would Would not DK/NA 6/15-23/07 59 38 3

38. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who has ever smoked marijuana, or not?

Would Would not DK/NA 6/15-23/07 68 28 4

39. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who has ever used cocaine, or not?

40. In general, what is the best age for a president of the United States -- in their 30s, in their 40s, in their 50s, in their 60s, or in their 70s?

30s 40s 50s 60s 70s DK/NA 3/7-11/07 All adults 5 28 52 9 5 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 14 44 33 5 1 4

41. Would you agree or disagree with the following statement? It makes no real difference who is elected President -- things go on just as they did before.

Agree Disagree DK/NA 9/8-13/04\* CBS/MTV 14 85 1 6/15-23/07 20 80 1

42. In general, is your opinion of the Republican party favorable or not favorable? QUESTIONS 42 AND 43 WERE ROTATED.

Favorable Not favorable DK/NA 5/18-23/07 All adults 38 56 5 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 38 55 7

43. In general, is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable or not favorable? QUESTIONS 42 AND 43 WERE ROTATED.

Favorable Not favorable DK/NA 5/18-23/07 All adults 53 42 5 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 58 35 8

44. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party comes closer to sharing your moral values?

Democratic Both (vol.) Neither (vol.) Republican DK/NA 3/7-11/07 All adults 41 46 2 4 7 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 52 1 5 5 36

45. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more to likely to reinstate the military draft?

Republican Democratic Both (vol.) Neither (vol.) DK/NA 6/15-23/07 66 16 1 5 12

46. Which of these comes closest to your view? Abortion should be generally available to those who want it, abortion should be available but under stricter limits then it is now, abortion should not be permitted?

Available Available but stricter Not permitted DK/NA 5/18-23/07 All adults 39 37 21 2 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 37 38 24 1

47. Which comes closest to your view?...Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Marry Civil unions No legal recognition DK/NA 3/7-11/07 All adults 28 32 35 5 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 44 24 30 3

48. Do you think being homosexual is something people choose to be, or do you think it is something they cannot change?

	Choose	Cannot change	DK/NA
10/5-8/06 All adults	34	53	12
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	4.3	50	7

49. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the healthcare system in the United States? 1) On the whole, the healthcare system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better or 2) There are some good things in our health care system, but fundamental changes are needed or 3) Our healthcare system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it.

	Minor changes	Fundamental changes	Rebuild	DK/NA
2/23-27/07 All adults	8	54	36	1
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	10	55	35	1

50. Which do you think would be better for the country: 1. Having one health insurance program covering all Americans that would be administered by the government and paid for by taxpayers, OR 2. Keeping the current system where many people get their insurance from private employers and some have no insurance.

			One	Current	Comb.	Neither	DK/
			program	system	(vol.)	(vol.)	NA
2/23-27/07	All	adults	47	38	4	2	8
6/15-23/07	Age	17-29	62	32	2	2	3

53. Which comes closer to your view: 1. Global warming is a very serious problem and should be one of the highest priorities for government leaders OR 2. Global warming is serious but does not need to be a high priority OR 3. Global warming is not serious and can be addressed years from now.

		Serious, not a high priority	Not serious	Doesn't need to be addressed now	DK/ NA
4/20-22/07 All adults		37	8	1	2
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	54	35	10	1	-

54. Which comes closer to your opinion: 1) America should always welcome all immigrants, OR 2) America should always welcome some immigrants, but not others, OR 3) America cannot afford to open its doors to any newcomers?

	Welcome all	Welcome some	No newcomers	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	24	48	24	4
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	30	47	21	2

55. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is gay or lesbian, or not?

Would Would not DK/NA 6/15-23/07 25 70 4

56. Do you favor or oppose reinstating the military draft in the United States?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
$9/8-13/04 \text{ CBS/MTV}^1$	18	78	4
6/15-23/07	9	87	4

<sup>1</sup>QUESTION READ: "...TO PROVIDE SOLDIERS FOR THE IRAQ CONFLICT..."

57. How likely do you think it is that the United States will reinstate the military draft in the next few years -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	13	29	39	17	3

58. Do you think possession of small amounts of marijuana should or should not be treated as a criminal offense?

Should Should not DK/NA 6/15-23/07 41 58 1

59. Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the US have stayed out?

	Right thing	Stayed out	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	35	61	4
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	38	58	4

60. How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

			Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	DK/
			well	well	badly	badly	NA
5/18-23/07	All	adults	2	21	29	47	2
6/15-23/07	Age	17-29	2	25	34	38	2

61. Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do - would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed in Iraq, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in Iraq?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	DK/NA
4/9-12/07 CBS All adults	12	33	29	24	2
6/15-23/07 Age 17-29	10	41	28	19	3

62. As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the United States is more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't it made any difference?

More safe Less safe No difference DK/NA 6/15-23/07 31 19 47 2

63. How big of a problem do you think guns are in the schools in your community? Are guns a serious problem or not a serious problem in the schools where you live?

Serious problem Not a serious problem DK/NA 6/15-23/07 27 70 2

64. Thinking about the violence at Virginia Tech this past spring, do you think that stricter gun control laws would have done a lot to prevent the violence at Virginia Tech, done a little, or had no effect on preventing the violence at Virginia Tech?

No effect Depends (vol.) A lot A little DK/NA 4/20-22/07 All adults 30 45 3 21 1 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 25 30 42 NΑ 3

65. Do you think that allowing adults to carry concealed handguns would have reduced some of the violence at Virginia Tech, would have made the violence there worse, or would that have had no effect on the violence there?

Depends (vol.) No effect Reduced Made it worse DK/NA 4/20-22/07 All adults 23 26 42 2 6 6/15-23/07 Age 17-29 3 23 28 46 NA

67. Where do you usually get most of your news about what's going on in the world today -- from the newspapers, or radio, or television, or the internet, or someplace else?

Newspapers Radio TV Internet Someplace else DK/NA 6/15-23/07 12 7 45 31 4 1

68. Have you ever used the Internet to visit networking sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook? IF YES: Do you have your own page on any of those sites?

Yes, visited Visited and have page No DK/NA 6/15-23/07 15 56 30 -

69. (AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED NETWORKING SITES) Have you ever visited any political candidates' pages on sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook? IF YES: While you were there did you sign up for any mailing lists, volunteer, donate money, or become a friend?

Yes, visited Visited and signed up No 6/15-23/07 15 10 74

70. Have you ever visited any political or campaign web sites? IF YES: While you were there did you sign up for any mailing lists, volunteer, or donate money?

Yes, visited Visited and signed up No 6/15-23/07 22 9 69

71-74. CBS/MTV only questions.

75. Have you personally ever done something to get involved in politics or political issues, such as work on a campaign, join a political club, or attend a political rally or march?

Yes No DK/NA 6/15-23/07 28 72 -

reg. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

Yes No DK/NA 6/15-23/07 **74 25 1** 

77. (IF NOT REGISTERED) Do you plan to register before the 2008 election, or not?

Yes No DK/NA 6/15-23/07 77 21 2

prim. (IF REGISTERED OR PLAN TO REGISTER) Next year, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic presidential primary or caucus, or a Republican primary or caucus or aren't you likely to vote in a primary or caucus at all?

Democratic Republican Not likely
Primary Primary to vote DK/NA
6/15-23/07\* 45 25 15 15

78. (IF REGISTERED OR PLAN TO REGISTER) Would 2008 be the first election in which you might vote for president, or have you voted in a presidential election before?

First time voting Have voted before DK/NA 6/15-23/07\* 43 57 -

81. Are you currently employed, or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all?

Employed Out of work Not in market for work DK/NA 6/15-23/07 68 15 17 -

educ. What was the last grade in school you completed?

Not a Some College Post
H.S. grad H.S. grad college grad Grad
6/15-23/07 13 36 35 11 5

Do you have some form of health insurance or health care coverage, or not?

Yes No DK/NA 6/15-23/07 78 22 -

109. Do you now rent or own the place where you live, or do you live with your parents?

Rent Own Parents Other (vol.) 6/15-23/07 28 21 48 3

110. Do you have any children?

Yes No 6/15-23/07 31 69

111. Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

Almost Every Once or A few times DK/ week every week twice a month a year NA Never 30 6/15-23/07 20 10 17 22

evan. Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

Yes No DK/NA 5/18-23/07 All adults 28 71 - 6/15-23/07 24 75 1

112. Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or any other kind of firearm?

Yes, self Yes, other No DK/NA 6/15-23/07 21 21 58 -

prty. Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	s 29	37	32	3
6/15-23/07	23	35	36	6

pphl. How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
5/18-23/07 All adults	20	43	32	5
6/15-23/07	28	40	27	5

reli. What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Other	None	DK/NA
6/15-23/07	48	20	1	8	18	4

age. How old are you?

17-24 25-29 Refused 6/15-23/07 61 39 -

Hisp. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

Hispanic Not Hispanic DK/NA 6/15-23/07 11 89 -

race. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

White Black Asian Other Refused 6/15-23/07 76 12 2 9 1

marr. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

inc. Was your total family income in 2005 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

\$15,000-\$30,000-\$50,000-\$75,000-Under Over \$15,000 \$29,999 \$49,999 \$74,999 \$100,000 \$100,000 Refused 6/15-23/07 22 18 12 10 8 13 17

Male Female 6/15-23/07 50 50