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## HARD TIMES FOR BUSH AND THE GOP

The last several months of polling has shown that the war with Iraq has become a liability for George W. Bush. In addition, the president's job rating on keeping the country safe from terrorism, a stronghold for Bush and his administration, has been declining, thus, is not an issue that he can readily turn to for boosting his ratings, according to a new Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll. On top of his negative job ratings (including the economy and the war in Iraq), Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff Scooter Libby, now under indictment in the case revolving around the naming of a CIA officer, testified that Cheney authorized him to leak classified information to make the case for war in Iraq and indicated Bush had approved the decision. Two-thirds of Americans think this was an inappropriate thing to do and it has lessened the president's credibility among the public.

The poll shows that Bush's popularity is at its lowest point in any Times poll since taking office. This poll also shows that Bush has stabilized his ratings, albeit a low approval rating. Last month, the poll had the president's job performance at 38% approving to 58% disapproving. In the current poll, his rating is virtually unchanged -- it is 39% to 57%. Along with this low job rating, more than three out of five respondents do not think the country should continue with the president's policies and almost the same share believe the country is seriously off on the wrong track. To add to the public's pessimism -- just a bare majority believe the economy is doing well, compared to a Times poll taken in January 2005, when 60% thought the nation's economy was doing well. The survey also found a lack of confidence in Bush's ability to conduct the country's business. Three years ago, a Times poll showed that 69% of Americans thought the president showed good judgment in a crisis. Today, the public is somewhat divided (46% said good judgment vs. 49% who said he has not shown good judgment). The president has not been able yet to change this perception. Some of it may be the slow response in helping victims of Hurricane Katrina and/or the perceived worsening of the war in Iraq. There has been talk by the president's own party to shake things up in the White House and bring in new blood. But when Andrew Card, chief of staff, left, he was replaced by another White House insider, Joshua Bolten, director of the Office of Management and Budget. Plus there have been several top military staff that have called for the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Plus, another thing for the Bush administration to defend is the whole issue of Libby testifying that Bush authorized a leak of classified information. First, nearly half of those surveyed believed that Bush leaked the information (on the third day of the poll, Bush admitted he leaked classified information). Next, most respondents (66%) thought the action taken by Bush on leaking information was inappropriate. Nearly half of conservatives thought the leaking of information was inappropriate, while Republicans were split (43% each who said either appropriate or inappropriate). Almost three-fifths of independents and just under eight in 10 moderates thought Bush's action was inappropriate. More than three out of five moderate Republicans and 36% of conservative Republicans also thought it was inappropriate (48% of conservative GOP'ers said it was appropriate). Does this create a credibility gap for the president? It appears it does. A fifth of respondents said the leaking of classified information to support the case for an Iraqi war changed their opinion of Bush as less credible than more credible, although three-quarters said it didn't change their opinion. Among those who said it didn't change their opinion, half disapproved of the job the president was doing, while 47% approved.

The poll asked the following question about former president Bill Clinton during his second term (during and after his impeachment hearings) and now about Bush:

Which comes closest to the way you feel about George W. Bush: "I like Bush as a person and I also like most of his policies," or "I like Bush as a person, but I don't like most of his policies," or "I don't like Bush as a person, but I do like most of his policies," or I don't like Bush and I also don't like most of his policies."

In Times polls taken in 1999 and 2000, it showed that Clinton was personally liked by 33% to 42% of the public. And it also showed that Clinton's policies were liked by 58% to 66% of respondents. The reverse is true for the current president. Roughly three out of five surveyed in the current poll said they liked Bush personally, but 62% disliked the president's policies. People have strong feelings about the president as the data reflects. The end of the scales for this question are very similar – a third like Bush and like his policies, while another third don't like Bush and don't like his policies.

## **Immigration**

This survey was taken during a period in which nationwide protests on the subject of immigration laws were underway, in the wake of an immigration bill passed by Republicans in the House of Representatives last year which would call for tougher enforcement of immigration laws and 700 miles of fencing along the Mexican border. The survey found the public much more supportive of an approach similar to a bipartisan proposal in the Senate which would combine tougher legislation with a version of a guest worker program providing temporary visas to non-citizen workers. Sixty-three percent of the public favor such an approach, compared to 30% who prefer the tougher House-style version. The Senate was unable to reach a compromise on the legislation before leaving on spring break, and the toughest sticking points were over guest worker programs.

With that much focus on the subject, it is not surprising that more than eight in 10 among the public rated illegal immigration as an important problem. More than half (53%) said they considered it important, but not one of the most important problems, and another 31% said that it was among the most important issues facing the nation. Only 14% rated it as not very important.

The survey found that while Republican lawmakers are split over the idea of adding a guest worker program, a majority of the general public agree with President Bush, who backs such a program. Fifty-four percent of the public supports it, compared to 21% who do not. A quarter aren't sure. Republicans (56% to 24%) and Independents (60% to 22%) were the most supportive. More Democrats support it than don't at 48% to 18%, with more than a third not sure, but there is clearly more of an undercurrent of unease with a program that some say would take jobs away from the poorest Americans.

Most popular with the public, and most controversial among lawmakers, was a proposal to allow undocumented workers who have been living and working in the U.S. for a number of years and who do not have criminal records to apply for legal status, after fulfilling certain requirements. Two-thirds overall supported the idea while fewer than one in five were opposed. Allowing immigrants who are living and working in the U.S. to start down the path to legal citizenship received broad bipartisan support – 59% of Democrats, 71% of Independents, and 67% of Republicans back the idea.

Least popular was the idea of fencing off large swaths of the border with Mexico, and toughening immigration laws by making it a felony to be in the U.S. illegally. This proposal received only a plurality of support, at 42% to 35%, and nearly a quarter unsure. Half each of Republicans and conservatives supported it, while Democrats split 38% to 38% and a plurality of Independents opposed the idea 42% to 32%.

#### **Midterm Elections**

Republicans are worried about the effect Bush's negative ratings will have on the midterm elections. There hasn't been much good news coming from or out of the White House – just more bad news. Usually midterm elections are about the success or failure of the current administration. The Republicans are now in control of both the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

Among registered voters, if the congressional race were held today, Democrats have a 14 point advantage. More than two out of five voters who consider themselves independents said they will vote for a Democratic candidate, as will 60% of moderates. Almost a fifth of moderate Republicans will crossover and vote for a Democrat. Half of the elderly (65 and over) will also vote for a Democrat in their congressional district. White voters are split as to whom they will vote for, but two-thirds of minorities will vote for a Democratic candidate. The highly affluent (more than \$100,000 household income) are leaning toward voting for a Republican candidate in their district (42% to 37% for a Democrat). Regionally, majorities of voters in the East and Midwest will vote for a Democratic candidate, while nearly half of voters in the West and a small plurality in the South also will vote for a Democrat in their district.

About half of the voters want Democrats to control Congress after the November elections, while 38% said they want Republicans to keep control. The impression of Democrats in Congress are better than the Republicans, but it's still not a ringing endorsement. Forty-two percent of voters have a favorable impression of the congressional Democrats, while 40% have an unfavorable opinion. But voters have a more negative opinion of congressional Republicans (39% favorable, 51% unfavorable). More than a third of voters said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate in their congressional district if they knew that he or she was endorsed by the president or supported most of his policies, 18% said more likely and 44% said it would not be a factor. Roughly two out five of both moderates and independents said it would make them less likely to vote for a candidate who was endorsed or supported by the president. These results show a turnaround from when the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press conducted a poll four years ago that said a plurality of voters would be casting a vote for, not against the president. Today, Pew's results are similar to the poll's current findings -- 31% to 18% saying they would be voting against, not for the president.

Republicans have a right to worry because presidents who have low job approval ratings usually wind up costing their party congressional seats. Can the Democrats do well enough in November, that is, pick up 16 seats in the House or six seats in the Senate? It is a tall order, but it can be done. For instance, in Charles Cook's *Off to the Races* column in the National Journal, February 14, 2006, he references job approval ratings of modern day presidents and how declining ratings in the second term can hurt in the midterm elections: "Dwight D. Eisenhower's job approval rating went from a high of 73% at the start of his second term to 57% in October 1958. Republicans lost 48 seats that term. In 1974, in the aftermath of Watergate, the GOP also lost 48 seats. And in 1994, Clinton's approval rating sank to 41% and the Democrats gave up 53 seats and control of Congress. The reverse is true, too. If the president is doing well, seats are gained." The Democrats would like to nationalize the election and if they do, they may do well in November. On the other hand, Republicans need to localize their campaigns and consider each race a separate election.

## **Democrats vs. Republicans**

The poll asked a series of questions about which party would be better at handling certain issues. In most of the issues and attributes measured, Democrats either beat the Republicans or both parties split the issue. The one issue, however, that the Republicans beat the Democrats on is the war on terrorism by 10 points. This is somewhat good news for them. However, a Times poll in December 2002 shows that the Republicans in Congress beat the Democrats on this issue by 28 points (52% to 24%). Congressional Republicans are doing better on this issue than Bush. In the current poll, 53% of those surveyed

disapproved of Bush's handling the war on terrorism vs. 43% who approved. Whereas Republicans are splitting the issue of who can handle the Iraq war better, Bush's job approval rating is negative (58% to 38% who approve).

<b>DEMOCRATS</b>	REPUBLICANS
44%	38%
30%	29%
26%	35%
50%	17%
46%	20%
45%	22%
41%	29%
40%	32%
39%	30%
33%	34%
29%	39%
29%	25%
	44% 30% 26% 50% 46% 45% 41% 40% 39% 33% 29%

In the 2004 election, Bush was able to close the gender gap, but this poll shows that the gap is widening.

## Some examples of this are:

- Nearly two out of three men say the economy is doing well, 53% of women say it is doing badly.
- A small majority of men approve of the way the president is handling the war on terrorism, but three out of five women disapprove.
- Male voters are divided over who they would vote for if the congressional election were held today, but 57% of women voters would vote for a Democratic in their congressional district.
- Male voters are virtually split as to who they want to control Congress, but 56% of women voters want Democrats to control both chambers.
- Women think Democrats come closer to representing their views (50% to 32% for the GOP), while men think Republicans do, although by a smaller margin (45% to 37%).
- About a third of men believe the congressional GOP'ers have more honesty and integrity than the Democrats in Congress; the reverse is true of women.
- Nearly half of women think the Democrats will keep American prosperous for years to come, while men are divided over this issue (each party at 36%).
- Men by more than two to one think the Republican party is best to handle the war on terrorism, while this time, women are divided.
- Women by 11 points think the Democrats over the Republicans can do a better job of handling the situation in Iraq, while men give this issue to the Republicans by 16 points.

If the November 2004 election were being held today, and knowing what you know today, who would you vote for? The voters surveyed would give Mass. Senator John Kerry the edge over the incumbent, George W. Bush by 10 points (49% to 39%). Once again we see a large gender gap. Male voters were divided, while women voters gave Kerry a 20 point advantage (53% to 33%). Eleven percent who said they voted for Bush in 2004, would vote for Kerry, while just 3% of Kerry voters would switch to Bush.

## Iraq

Between the ongoing insurgency in Iraq and an outbreak of sectarian violence that continues to disrupt the process of the formation of a government in that country, the survey found the public's optimism about the war continuing to erode. However, most seem resigned to a U.S. presence there, even if the sect-on-sect fighting erupts into full-on civil war. The Bush administration has resisted characterizing the fighting in Iraq as "civil war" but 56% of the public said that characterization is fair. Only a third disagree.

When asked what course the U.S. should pursue if civil war does break out in Iraq, a third said the U.S. should remain neutral and mediate a cease fire, a similar proportion said the U.S. should withdraw troops immediately, and about a quarter think the U.S. should get involved militarily -- including 19% who said the U.S. should intervene to stop the fighting, and a handful - 6% - who suggested that the U.S. should choose a side and fight with that group. Only 36% - down from 45% in January – think it is at all likely that Iraq will be able to maintain a democratic government after the U.S. and its allies pull out. More than half (52%) now believe that outcome isn't likely, compared to 44% who felt that way four months ago.

In general, American optimism that the situation in Iraq will improve in the short term is slipping. Last January, fewer than two in 10 said they thought things in Iraq would get worse in the coming year, but that number has climbed eleven points to three in 10 in the current poll while the proportion of those who think it will get better shrank from 34% four months ago to 23% today. A plurality of 44% then and now don't think much will change in that period of time. The proportion of those who think the war is not worthwhile has grown from a minority of about four in 10 when the Times Poll first asked the question in November 2003, to 53% this past January and then to nearly six in 10 (58%) today. The proportion of those who believe the Iraq war was worth it has dropped from nearly half in 2003 to 42% in January and further to 38% today.

Public faith in the President is also slipping. Last January, half of the public did not agree with George W. Bush's optimistic outlook on Iraq but 45% did believe him when he said that progress is being made in that country. In the current poll, the disbelief gap has widened to 19 points – now 56% said they do not believe Bush that Iraq is getting better compared to 37% who do. Similarly, the country is now nearly divided over whether Bush deliberately exaggerated the Iraqi threat in order to build support for the war. In a September 2004 Times survey, nearly six in 10 answered a similar question by saying that President Bush did not deliberately mislead the country. In the current poll, 49% give the president the benefit of the doubt, while 46% -- including 37% of Independents – do not.

The country is also nearly divided over Bush's assertion that bringing the troops home from Iraq will be the responsibility of the next president -- 45% said Bush *should* set a definite date for withdrawal while he is still in office, while 49% agreed with the president that no date can be set within the next two years.

#### Iran

Despite the growing disenchantment with the war in Iraq, and a mistrust of Bush's decision making abilities when it comes to war with Iran, there is still an undercurrent of support for military action there, if Teheran cannot be persuaded to desist from developing nuclear weapons. In January, there was much stronger support (57% to 33%) for the general idea of U.S. military action against Iraq if it continued to produce material that can be used to make nuclear weapons. Support for such action dropped in the current survey but is still a plurality today (48% to 40%). More than half (54%) of those surveyed said they don't trust Bush to make the right decision about whether the U.S. should go to war with Iran, compared to 42% who said they did.

Only 15% said that they think Iran will be deterred from obtaining nuclear weapons through diplomatic means. Most (61%) see an Iranian nuclear capability as inevitable and 12% said they think such an outcome will be overcome but only through military action.

Four out of 10 said that the U.S. experience in Iraq has made them feel less supportive of the possibility of the U.S. taking military action against Iran. A similar proportion said that Iraq was a separate issue and had no influence on how they feel about Iran. Seventeen percent said that they feel better about taking action against Iran after seeing how things have gone in Iraq.

Air strikes without the commitment of ground troops is favored over any other type of military action, if such action is required. Just over four in 10 said they'd support air strikes, but not ground troops. That number rises to 51% among those who said they were would support the U.S. taking military action to keep Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. Overall, about a quarter of the public said they would support the use of ground troops alone (6%) or in combination with air strikes (19%).

## **Warrantless Surveillance**

Americans are virtually split on whether they think it is acceptable or not that Bush authorized federal government agencies to use electronic surveillance to monitor phone calls and emails within the U.S. without first getting a court warrant to do so. Independents are somewhat divided on this, but 52% of moderates find this action unacceptable. Men and women are at odds with each other on this – men support the warrantless surveillance, women don't.

Wisconsin Democratic Senator Russ Feingold has called for a Senate resolution to censure the president on the authorization of warrantless surveillance with the U.S., but the public is ambiguous on this issue. Americans are split on whether to censure the president, but they are clear that they don't find the president's action on this issue to be an impeachable offense.

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# Results from the Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll National Poll (G.W. Bush, Iraq, Iran, Congress and Midterm elections) April 8-11, 2006

## **Guide to Column Headings**

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## Note

-(Vol.) indicates a voluntarily response

- '-' indicates less than 0.5%

Q1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Right direction	26	25	7	22	52	11	18	43	35	18
Wrong track	65	67	88	63	39	81	<b>76</b>	45	56	73
Don't know	9	8	5	15	9	8	6	12	9	9

Q2. Would you say the country is better off because of George W. Bush's policies and should proceed in the direction he set out, or do you think the country is not better off and needs to move in a new direction?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Continue policies of										
G.W. Bush	29	29	4	21	61	8	18	53	36	23
Needs a new direction	64	65	93	63	33	82	<b>75</b>	43	56	71
Don't know	7	6	3	16	6	10	7	4	8	6

Q3. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
Well (net)	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>45</u>
Very well	10	11	2	3	23	1	6	19	13	8
Fairly well	42	42	29	40	54	32	42	48	<b>47</b>	37
Badly (net)	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>53</u>
Fairly badly	30	29	43	32	18	46	34	18	25	35
Very badly	16	17	24	21	5	19	16	15	14	18
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	_	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	_	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Approve (net)	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>34</u>
Approve strongly	19	19	2	11	42	4	10	37	22	16
Approve somewhat	20	21	4	25	37	9	18	29	23	18
Disapprove (net)	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>62</u>
Disapprove somewhat	15	15	18	17	10	10	21	14	15	15
Disapprove strongly	42	43	<b>75</b>	38	7	<b>73</b>	48	17	36	47
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

## (ORDER OF NEXT THREE QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Approve (net)	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>31</u>
Approve strongly	21	21	3	20	43	4	16	37	27	16
Approve somewhat	16	16	4	13	32	4	11	27	18	14
Disapprove (net)	<u>59</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>65</u>
Disapprove somewhat	12	12	13	10	9	9	14	12	11	12
Disapprove strongly	48	49	<b>79</b>	49	13	<b>79</b>	57	21	41	54
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the war on terrorism? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Approve (net)	<u>43</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>34</u>
Approve strongly	25	25	4	26	52	4	20	44	34	18
Approve somewhat	17	19	9	15	27	8	14	26	19	16
Disapprove (net)	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>61</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>61</u>
Disapprove somewhat	17	15	22	15	9	21	20	12	15	18
Disapprove strongly	36	37	62	36	8	64	41	14	28	43
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Approve (net)	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>32</u>
Approve strongly	17	17	2	9	38	1	9	33	20	13
Approve somewhat	22	21	7	29	37	10	20	31	26	19
Disapprove (net)	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>
Disapprove somewhat	19	20	25	13	13	23	22	14	18	20
Disapprove strongly	38	39	64	43	8	60	44	19	34	42
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

Q8. Which one of the following statements comes closest to the way you feel about George W. Bush: "I like George W. Bush as a person and I also like most of his policies," or "I like George W. Bush as a person but I don't like most of his policies," or "I don't like George W. Bush as a person and I also don't like most of his policies"?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Like Bush personally (net)	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>61</u>
Like Bush, like policies	34	33	2	28	72	7	25	57	40	28
Like Bush, don't like policies	28	29	37	23	19	30	29	25	22	33
Don't like Bush personally (net)	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>
Don't like Bush, like policies	2	3	2	3	3	1	2	4	3	2
Don't like Bush, don't										
like policies	34	34	58	37	6	57	43	13	32	35
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	_	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

## **COMBINED RESPONSES**

	$\underline{ALL}$	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	$\underline{MOD}$	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
Like Bush's policies (net)	36	36	4	31	<b>74</b>	8	27	61	42	30
Dislike Bush's policies (net)	62	63	95	60	25	87	72	38	55	68
Don't know	2	1	1	9	1	5	1	1	3	2

Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Approve (net)	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>30</u>
Approve strongly	5	4	4	2	8	_	5	8	6	4
Approve somewhat	23	24	19	12	30	17	21	29	19	26
Disapprove (net)	<u>61</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>56</u>
Disapprove somewhat	29	29	35	26	25	35	27	25	28	29
Disapprove strongly	32	34	31	44	27	33	36	30	40	26
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>

Q10. If the election for Congress was being held today, which party would you like to see win in your congressional district: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democratic	49	49	90	39	9	74	59	25	39	58
Republican	35	35	4	13	86	10	22	63	41	30
Other party (Vol.)	3	3	1	6	1	7	1	1	4	1
Neither	5	6	4	12	1	4	8	4	7	4
Don't know	8	7	2	30	3	5	9	7	10	6

	Among Registered Voters										
	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>			
Democratic	89	42	9	<b>76</b>	60	25	41	57			
Republican	4	10	86	10	21	65	41	31			
Other party (Vol.)	1	8	1	8	2	1	4	2			
Neither	4	13	1	5	8	3	7	4			
Don't know	2	27	3	1	9	6	7	6			

Q11. As you may know, this November all seats of the U.S. House of Representatives and a third of the seats in the United States Senate are up for election. After the election in November, would you like to see the Democrats take control of Congress, or would you like to see the Republicans continue to be in control of Congress?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Democrats in control	50	51	90	45	7	81	57	25	43	56
Republicans keep control										
of Congress	37	38	3	16	89	9	25	65	42	33
Each party control one house of										
Congress (Vol.)	2	2	2	3	1	1	4	2	2	2
Don't know	11	9	5	36	3	9	14	8	13	9

	Among Registered Voters											
	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	MOD	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>				
Democrats in control	90	50	7	85	57	26	46	56				
Republicans keep control of												
Congress	3	17	89	9	24	67	41	34				
Each party control one house of												
Congress (Vol.)	3	3	1	1	4	2	2	2				
Don't know	4	30	3	5	15	5	11	8				

Q12. What is your impression of the Democrats in Congress? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about them to say?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Favorable (net)	<u>41</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>45</u>
Very favorable	4	4	8	_	1	4	4	4	3	5
Somewhat favorable	37	38	55	34	16	61	43	18	33	40
Unfavorable (net)	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>29</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	25	26	13	26	40	19	24	32	29	22
Very unfavorable	13	14	3	7	29	4	7	25	20	7
Haven't heard enough	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

	Among Registered Voters										
	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	LIB	MOD	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>			
Favorable (net)	<u>62</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>44</u>			
Very favorable	8	1	1	4	5	4	3	5			
Somewhat favorable	54	41	16	63	43	18	36	39			
Unfavorable (net)	<u>17</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>31</u>			
Somewhat unfavorable	14	24	42	17	24	34	29	24			
Very unfavorable	3	8	29	4	6	27	20	7			
Haven't heard enough	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>23</u>			
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>			

Q13. What is your impression of the Republicans in Congress? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about them to say?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Favorable (net)	<u>37</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>
Very favorable	5	5	3	3	9	4	4	5	5	4
Somewhat favorable	33	34	11	19	63	16	25	51	35	31
Unfavorable (net)	<u>50</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>48</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	28	28	37	28	18	30	35	22	31	26
Very unfavorable	22	22	38	22	3	42	24	9	21	22
Haven't heard enough	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	_	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

	Among Registered Voters											
	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>				
Favorable (net)	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>37</u>				
Very favorable	3	4	9	5	4	6	6	4				
Somewhat favorable	12	21	65	16	25	53	35	33				
Unfavorable (net)	<u>74</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>48</u>				
Somewhat unfavorable	37	26	19	27	36	23	31	26				
Very unfavorable	37	26	3	44	23	9	23	22				
Haven't heard enough	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>				
Don't know	_	<u>1</u>										

Q14. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate in your congressional district this November if you knew he or she supported most of George W. Bush's policies and was endorsed by the president, or would knowing this not be a factor in your vote? (IF MORE OR LESS) Would this make you much (more/less) likely or only somewhat (more/less) likely to vote for a candidate in your congressional district?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
More likely (net)	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>
Much more likely	11	10	3	8	22	3	8	19	14	8
Somewhat more likely	7	8	3	4	15	3	6	11	7	8
Less likely (net)	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>38</u>
Somewhat less likely	6	6	9	5	3	9	7	3	6	6
Much less likely	28	30	49	27	6	54	31	12	25	32
Not a factor	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>52</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>42</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

	Among Registered Voters											
	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	MOD	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>				
More likely (net)	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>				
Much more likely	3	2	23	3	7	18	13	8				
Somewhat more likely	3	5	15	3	6	12	6	9				
Less likely (net)	<u>59</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>37</u>				
Somewhat less likely	8	7	3	8	7	4	7	5				
Much less likely	51	30	5	56	33	11	27	32				
Not a factor	<u>32</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>42</u>				
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>				

## (ORDER OF NEXT THREE QUESTIONS ROTATED)

Q15. Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, comes closer to representing the values that you, yourself, hold important?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	44	45	84	34	5	75	48	23	37	50
Republicans	38	38	4	25	87	11	24	68	45	32
Both equally (Vol.)	4	4	3	3	2	5	6	1	4	3
Neither (Vol.)	7	8	5	17	3	5	15	2	9	6
Don't know	7	5	4	21	3	4	7	6	5	9

Q16. Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think listens more to the needs of lobbyists and special interests than to the needs of their own constituents?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	26	26	28	19	30	20	20	35	24	28
Republicans	35	36	48	26	28	50	41	21	35	35
Both equally (Vol.)	17	18	10	22	20	12	20	18	23	12
Neither (Vol.)	7	7	5	6	10	7	6	9	8	7
Don't know	15	13	9	27	12	11	13	17	10	18

Q17. Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think has more honesty and integrity?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
Democrats	30	30	59	19	4	50	34	14	24	35
Republicans	29	29	3	14	68	11	15	52	33	25
Both equally (Vol.)	6	7	7	8	5	7	7	6	7	5
Neither (Vol.)	26	26	25	38	19	25	35	19	28	25
Don't know	9	8	6	21	4	7	9	9	8	10

## (ORDER OF NEXT NINE QUESTIONS ROTATED)

Q18. Which party do you think can do a better job handling the major problems facing the country?

	$\underline{ALL}$	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	39	40	75	36	4	68	47	16	34	45
Republicans	30	30	2	16	70	7	19	54	36	24
Both equally (Vol.)	6	7	5	6	8	4	6	8	5	7
Neither (Vol.)	13	12	9	19	10	9	16	11	17	8
Don't know	12	11	9	23	8	12	12	11	8	16

Q19. Which party do you think can do a better job of handling Social Security?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	LIB	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	45	47	77	37	14	65	56	26	42	48
Republicans	22	23	2	9	54	8	13	40	27	18
Both equally (Vol.)	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
Neither (Vol.)	15	14	10	16	18	12	14	17	16	14
Don't know	15	13	8	35	12	13	14	14	12	17

Q20. Which party do you think can do a better job of handling the budget deficit?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	46	<b>47</b>	<b>79</b>	31	18	70	51	29	41	50
Republicans	20	20	3	14	43	5	14	35	23	17
Both equally (Vol.)	5	5	4	7	5	6	4	6	6	4
Neither (Vol.)	17	18	10	23	22	11	19	18	20	16
Don't know	12	10	4	25	12	8	12	12	10	13

Q21. Which party do you think will do a better job of keeping America prosperous in the years to come?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Democrats	40	41	77	35	5	66	47	20	36	45
Republicans	32	32	4	11	<b>76</b>	9	21	57	36	28
Both equally (Vol.)	6	7	4	12	6	7	8	4	6	6
Neither (Vol.)	11	10	6	22	7	10	12	9	13	8
Don't know	11	10	9	20	6	8	12	10	9	13

Q22. Which party do you think can do a better job of handling national security and the war on terrorism?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	29	29	57	19	3	51	32	13	22	35
Republicans	39	41	10	26	82	15	34	60	46	33
Both equally (Vol.)	7	8	9	9	5	5	11	6	8	7
Neither (Vol.)	13	12	11	25	7	16	14	9	16	10
Don't know	12	10	13	21	3	13	9	12	8	15

Q23. Which party do you think can do a better job of helping seniors receive better prescription drug coverage under Medicare?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	50	52	<b>79</b>	38	23	<b>76</b>	55	30	48	52
Republicans	17	17	4	6	38	4	12	30	20	14
Both equally (Vol.)	4	5	3	4	6	2	5	6	4	5
Neither (Vol.)	13	12	5	19	19	7	10	17	14	11
Don't know	16	14	9	33	14	11	18	17	14	18

Q24. Which party do you think can do a better job of handling immigration issues?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	29	29	51	28	6	43	38	14	24	34
Republicans	25	26	9	14	51	13	20	37	29	21
Both equally (Vol.)	5	5	5	6	3	3	7	4	5	5
Neither (Vol.)	21	22	17	21	25	19	19	23	24	18
Don't know	20	18	18	31	15	22	16	22	18	22

Q25. Which party do you think can do a better job of handling taxes?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<u>MEN</u>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	41	42	74	27	11	67	44	23	35	46
Republicans	29	29	4	16	64	7	21	50	33	24
Both equally (Vol.)	4	4	3	7	5	5	4	4	6	3
Neither (Vol.)	14	14	11	22	12	12	18	10	16	12
Don't know	12	11	8	28	8	9	13	13	10	15

Q26. Which party do you think can do a better job of handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Democrats	33	33	58	29	6	48	40	16	25	39
Republicans	34	36	5	19	77	6	25	61	41	28
Both equally (Vol.)	3	4	3	6	2	6	5	1	4	3
Neither (Vol.)	17	16	18	25	10	23	20	10	20	14
Don't know	13	11	16	21	5	17	10	12	10	16

Q27. Regardless of how you may have voted in the presidential election in November 2004, knowing what you know today, would you vote for George W. Bush or John Kerry if the presidential election was being held today?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
George W. Bush	40	39	6	37	<b>79</b>	12	29	66	48	32
John Kerry	47	49	83	38	13	<b>75</b>	57	22	41	52
Someone else (Vol.)	6	6	3	15	3	10	7	3	8	5
Would not vote (Vol.)	4	4	5	4	3	3	6	3	2	6
Don't know	3	2	3	6	2	_	1	6	1	5

Q28. Do you think George W. Bush generally shows good judgment in a crisis, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Yes, shows good judgment	46	46	11	47	85	23	34	71	53	39
No, does not show good										
judgment	49	50	82	48	11	73	61	24	43	54
Don't know	5	4	7	5	4	4	5	5	4	7

Q28A. As you may know, a former senior White House aide testified that George W. Bush authorized a leak of classified information to support the case for war in Iraq. Do you believe that Bush authorized the leak, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
Yes	46	48	64	37	28	65	48	33	46	46
No	22	22	14	19	35	8	22	32	25	20
Don't know	32	30	22	44	<b>37</b>	27	30	35	29	34

Q28B. Regardless of whether or not you believe George W. Bush authorized a leak of classified information to support the case for war in Iraq, do you think it was an appropriate or inappropriate action for the president to take?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Appropriate	22	22	5	23	43	13	12	37	32	13
Not appropriate	66	67	90	58	43	80	<b>79</b>	47	58	74
Don't know	12	11	5	19	14	7	9	16	10	13

Q28C. Does the testimony that George W. Bush authorized a leak of classified information to support the case for war in Iraq change your opinion of Bush's credibility one way or the other, or is your opinion of Bush's credibility unchanged? (IF CHANGED) In your opinion, is he more credible, or less credible now?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
No change	<b>76</b>	77	71	66	88	71	<b>74</b>	81	75	<b>76</b>
More credible	1	1	_	4	1	3	1	1	2	_
Less credible	20	20	26	24	8	24	22	15	21	20
Don't know	3	2	3	6	3	2	3	3	2	4

Q29. As you may know, South Dakota adopted a law that would ban all abortions, except to save the life of the mother. Do you approve or disapprove of the South Dakota abortion law? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Approve (net)	<u>34</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>
Approve strongly	24	24	13	22	41	8	15	43	26	23
Approve somewhat	10	10	11	5	11	4	11	12	10	9
Disapprove (net)	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>
Disapprove somewhat	15	14	16	19	14	14	18	14	15	15
Disapprove strongly	43	45	53	48	28	65	51	23	42	44
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

#### (ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q63. Which comes closest to your view on abortion: Abortion should always be legal, or should be legal most of the time, or should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life, or abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	$\underline{MOD}$	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
Legal (net)	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>54</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>44</u>
Always legal	27	28	34	31	18	42	33	13	27	27
Legal most of the time	19	18	22	16	15	23	21	14	20	17
Illegal (net)	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>52</u>
Illegal, with exceptions	41	42	35	43	49	31	39	51	43	40
Always illegal	2	2	1	6	1	2	2	3	2	3
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Q30. As you may know, Congress and the Bush administration have been pressuring China to revalue its currency as a way of reducing the U.S. trade deficit. Some argue that this pressure would harm U.S. and China relations. What do you think is more important: Forcing China to move to a market based currency that will help reduce the trade deficit, or allowing China to reform its exchange rate at its own pace in order to maintain good economic relations?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Forcing China to move to a market based currency	26	27	18	25	37	21	22	34	38	16
Allowing China to reform it's exchange rate at own pace Don't know	50 24	50 23	58 24	56 19	37 26	59 20	57 21	39 27	44 18	55 29

Q31. Generally speaking, should foreign countries be allowed to invest in all areas of the U.S. economy, or some areas, or no areas of the U.S. economy?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
All areas	10	10	8	11	10	12	7	11	13	7
Some areas	<b>67</b>	67	62	68	72	<b>72</b>	68	65	<b>67</b>	67
No areas	16	16	21	15	12	8	19	18	16	16
Don't know	7	7	9	6	6	8	6	6	4	10

Q32. Generally speaking, should Arab countries be allowed to invest in all areas of the U.S. economy, or some areas, or no areas of the U.S. economy?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
All areas	8	8	5	12	8	8	7	9	12	5
Some areas	56	55	50	52	65	60	56	55	60	52
No areas	31	31	37	30	25	26	32	31	26	34
Don't know	5	6	8	6	2	6	5	5	2	9

Q33. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Restrictions on foreign companies are more important than the job creation that these companies could bring to the United States"? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you strongly (agree/disagree) or only somewhat (agree/disagree)?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Agree (net)	<u>51</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>43</u>
Strongly agree	23	24	17	28	27	18	20	29	26	21
Somewhat agree	27	27	24	32	30	34	27	25	33	22
Disagree (net)	<u>31</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
Somewhat disagree	20	20	23	16	20	19	23	18	19	20
Strongly disagree	12	10	17	10	6	11	14	10	12	11
Don't know	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u> 19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u> 19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u> 26</u>

Q34. Compared to other problems facing the country, how big a problem is illegal immigration? Would you say it is one of the most important problems facing the country, or is it an important problem, but not one of the most important, or is it not all that important, or is it not important at all?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Important (net)	<u>84</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>85</u>
One of the most important	31	33	26	24	39	17	32	37	35	28
Important, but not most	53	52	58	45	51	55	52	53	47	58
Not important (net)	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>9</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>
Not all that important	10	9	12	14	7	17	11	7	11	10
Not important at all	4	4	3	12	2	9	3	2	5	3
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Do you support or oppose the following illegal immigration proposals that are currently being debated in the Congress (Q35-Q37):

## (ORDER OF NEXT THREE QUESTIONS ROTATED)

Q35. One proposal is to create a "guest worker" program that would give a temporary visa to non-citizens who want to work legally in the United States. The program would provide a path to permanent resident status if certain requirements were met. Do you support or oppose this, or haven't you heard enough about it to say? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) Do you (support/oppose) it strongly, or (support/oppose) it somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Support (net)	<u>54</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>49</u>
Support strongly	28	29	24	29	31	39	26	23	30	25
Support somewhat	26	25	24	31	25	26	27	26	29	23
Oppose (net)	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
Oppose somewhat	8	8	7	5	11	7	6	9	7	8
Oppose strongly	13	14	11	17	13	6	15	15	14	13
Haven't hear enough	23	22	32	15	18	19	25	25	18	28
Don't know (net)	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>30</u>

Q36. One proposal would allow undocumented immigrants who have been living and working in the United States for a number of years, and who do not have a criminal record, to start on a path to citizenship by registering that they are in the country, paying a fine, getting fingerprinted, and learning English, among other requirements. Do you support or oppose this, or haven't you heard enough about it to say? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) Do you (support/oppose) it strongly, or (support/oppose) it somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Support (net)	<u>66</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>
Support strongly	37	38	33	37	38	52	32	35	39	36
Support somewhat	29	29	26	34	29	28	36	24	31	27
Oppose (net)	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>
Oppose somewhat	6	6	8	5	6	5	6	7	8	4
Oppose strongly	12	12	11	7	14	5	11	15	12	11
Haven't heard enough	14	13	20	16	9	10	13	15	7	20
Don't know (net)	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>

Q37. One proposal is to fence off hundreds of miles of the border between the United States and Mexico, and to toughen immigration laws by making it a felony to be in the United States illegally. Do you support or oppose this, or haven't you heard enough about it to say? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) Do you (support/oppose) it strongly, or (support/oppose) it somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Support (net)	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>35</u>
Support strongly	29	30	25	22	34	22	29	33	34	24
Support somewhat	13	14	13	10	16	9	12	17	15	11
Oppose (net)	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>32</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>38</u>
Oppose somewhat	15	14	16	15	13	21	12	12	11	17
Oppose strongly	20	20	22	26	15	31	20	14	19	21
Haven't heard enough	21	20	22	25	20	16	24	22	18	25
Don't know (net)	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>

### (ORDER OF STATEMENTS ROTATED)

Q38. Now that you have heard some of the immigration legislation proposed by some members of Congress, which would you prefer: An approach that only focuses on tougher enforcement of immigration laws, or an approach that includes both tougher enforcement of immigration laws and also creates a guest worker program that allows undocumented workers to work legally in the U.S. on temporary visas?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Only tougher enforcement										
of laws	30	30	26	29	33	20	28	35	28	31
Tougher enforcement and					- 4				.=	<b></b>
guest worker program	63	63	63	65	64	71	68	57	67	60
Don't know	7	7	11	6	3	9	4	8	5	9

Q39. As you may know, George W. Bush authorized federal government agencies to use electronic surveillance to monitor phone calls and emails within the United States without first getting a court warrant to do so. Do you consider this an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism? (IF ACCEPTABLE/UNACCEPTABLE) Do you feel strongly about that or not?

	$\underline{ALL}$	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	LIB	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Acceptable (net)	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>72</u>	<u> 26</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>43</u>
Strongly acceptable	34	34	15	30	60	10	28	56	42	27
Not strongly acceptable	14	14	12	19	13	16	16	10	12	16
Unacceptable (net)	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>50</u>
Not strongly unacceptable	9	9	15	6	5	11	12	6	7	11
Strongly unacceptable	38	39	54	38	17	60	40	23	37	39
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

Q40. As you may also know, a U.S. Senator has called for a Senate resolution to censure George W. Bush, which is a formal expression of disapproval, but does not carry any legal consequences. The Senator claims it was illegal for Bush to authorize government agencies to use electronic surveillance to monitor American citizens without a court warrant. What do you think? Do you think that George W. Bush should be censured by the Senate for this, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	$\underline{\text{WOM}}$
Yes, censure	46	46	65	53	19	75	51	26	43	49
No, don't censure	45	45	23	38	75	20	40	66	53	37
Don't know	9	9	12	9	6	5	9	8	4	14

Q41. If George W. Bush broke the law when he authorized government agencies to use electronic surveillance to monitor American citizens without a court warrant, do you think that is an impeachable offense, or not an impeachable offense?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Impeachable offense	36	36	53	37	14	54	41	21	33	38
Not an impeachable offense	56	56	36	53	80	34	53	72	63	49
Don't know	8	8	11	10	6	12	6	7	4	13

Q42. All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

	$\underline{ALL}$	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Yes, worth going to war	38	38	9	38	69	12	29	60	45	31
No, not worth going to war	58	58	87	59	26	86	66	35	53	63
Don't know	4	4	4	3	5	2	5	5	2	6

Q43. Do you believe George W. Bush when he says that the U.S. military is making a lot of progress in making Iraq a safe, democratic country, or do you not believe him?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Believe Bush	37	38	8	37	70	15	26	60	45	30
Do not believe Bush	56	56	88	49	23	81	66	32	47	63
Don't know	7	6	4	14	7	4	8	8	8	7

Q44. Over the next year, do you expect the situation in Iraq will get better, get worse or remain about the same?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Better	23	23	6	25	44	9	20	37	30	18
Worse	30	30	50	21	10	47	33	18	25	34
Same	44	44	42	49	43	43	45	42	42	45
Don't know	3	3	2	5	3	1	2	3	3	3

Q45. Do you think the war in Iraq has stabilized the situation in the Middle East, or do you think it has destabilized that region, or do you think it has not had an effect on the stability of the region one way or the other?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Stabilized	18	18	5	17	35	4	16	31	24	14
Destabilized	43	44	59	41	24	60	50	26	41	45
No effect	30	29	29	30	31	25	29	33	30	29
Don't know	9	9	7	12	10	11	5	10	5	12

Q46. Do you think Iraq is currently engaged in a civil war, or do you not think Iraq is currently engaged in a civil war?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Yes, in a civil war	56	57	67	58	43	71	60	47	58	55
No, not in a civil war	33	32	19	27	51	19	29	43	37	28
Don't know	11	11	14	15	6	10	11	10	5	17

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Q47. Whether you think Iraq is in a civil war or not, if the sectarian violence there were to turn into a nationwide civil war, what do you think the United States should do: Should the U.S. choose a side and fight with that group, or should the U.S. keep troops in Iraq but remain neutral and mediate a cease fire, or should the U.S. withdraw its troops, or should the U.S. intervene to stop the fighting?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
U.S. choose sides	6	6	4	8	7	6	4	9	7	6
U.S. remain neutral and mediate	33	34	30	36	36	31	35	35	38	29
U.S. withdraw its troops	32	32	44	37	15	35	40	20	26	36
U.S. intervene to stop fighting	19	20	14	7	31	17	15	25	22	17
Don't know	10	8	8	12	11	11	6	11	7	12

Q48. Do you think that George W. Bush should set a definite date for the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq while he is still in office, or do you not think he should set a definite date for the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq while he is still in office?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<u>CON</u>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Definite date while in office	45	46	62	39	26	60	49	31	36	52
No definite date	49	49	32	52	67	35	44	64	58	41
Don't know	6	5	6	9	7	5	7	5	6	7

Q49. There has been discussion of whether George W. Bush deliberately exaggerated the threat of Iraq having weapons of mass destruction in order to bolster support for going to war with Iraq. Bush says that he acted in good faith on the intelligence he was given about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction. What do you think? Do you think the president deliberately exaggerated the threat, or that he acted in good faith?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Bush deliberately exaggerated										
threat to drum up support	46	47	77	37	13	70	53	26	42	49
Bush acted in good faith	49	49	15	57	85	24	43	71	56	43
Don't know	5	4	8	6	2	6	4	3	2	8

Q50. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that Iraq will be able to maintain a democratic government after the U.S. and its allies leave? (IF LIKELY/UNLIKELY) Do you think it is very (likely/unlikely) or somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<u>WOM</u>
Likely (net)	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>30</u>
Very likely	10	10	3	6	19	3	7	17	12	8
Somewhat likely	26	25	19	30	35	20	22	35	31	22
Unlikely (net)	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>55</u>
Somewhat unlikely	22	22	27	19	18	24	28	17	20	23
Very unlikely	30	31	40	30	15	41	35	17	28	32
Don't know	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>

Q51. Overall, taking into consideration everything you have heard or read about the situation with Iran, do you think Iran will be stopped from getting nuclear weapons through diplomatic solutions, or only through military action, or do you think Iran will eventually get nuclear weapons?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Iran stopped through diplomatic solutions	15	15	19	12	13	21	11	15	18	12
Iran stopped only through military action	12	13	5	12	20	7	12	16	17	8
Iran will eventually get nuclear weapons	61	61	64	65	54	64	67	54	59	63
Don't know	12	11	12	11	13	8	10	15	6	17

Q52. If Iran continues to produce material that can be used to develop nuclear weapons, would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action against Iran? (IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE) Would you (support/oppose) that strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<b>REG</b>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Support (net)	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>47</u>
Support strongly	28	27	16	28	41	20	25	35	33	23
Support somewhat	20	21	21	16	24	16	21	23	16	24
Oppose (net)	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>42</u>	<u> 29</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>39</u>
Oppose somewhat	17	16	18	19	14	21	17	14	20	14
Oppose strongly	23	25	34	23	10	35	25	15	22	25
Don't know	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>

Q53. Suppose George W. Bush decides to order military action against Iran, would you support the use of U.S. ground troops against Iran, or would you support air strikes, but oppose the use of ground troops?

No military action (Vol.)	<u>ALL</u> <b>20</b>	<u>REG</u> <b>20</b>	<u>DEM</u> 32	<u>IND</u> 17	<u>REP</u> 6	<u>LIB</u> 39	MOD 20	<u>CON</u> 9	<u>MEN</u> 17	<u>WOM</u> 22
Ground troops	6	6	6	5	8	3	8	6	8	5
Air strikes, but oppose ground troops	44	45	42	46	46	33	50	46	47	42
Combination of air strikes and ground troops (Vol.) Don't know	19 11	18 11	8 12	20 12	28 12	18 7	12 10	24 15	24 4	14 17

Q54. Generally speaking, do you trust George W. Bush to make the right decision about whether we should go to war with Iran, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<b>MOD</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
Trust him	42	41	8	40	82	16	29	69	50	35
Do not trust him	54	56	89	54	15	81	66	29	48	60
Don't know	4	3	3	6	3	3	5	2	2	5

Q55. Would you say that what has happened over the past three years with the war in Iraq has influenced the way you feel about the U.S. taking military action against Iran, or has it not influenced the way you feel? (IF INFLUENCED) Has the war in Iraq made you more or less supportive of U.S. military action against Iran? (IF MORE/LESS SUPPORTIVE) Are you much (more/less) supportive, or somewhat (more/less) supportive?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<b>REP</b>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<b>CON</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOM</b>
More supportive (net)	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>
Influenced: much more supportive	e 6	6	3	4	11	2	8	7	8	4
Influenced: somewhat more										
supportive	11	10	8	6	18	14	9	13	11	12
Less supportive (net)	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>44</u>
Influenced: somewhat less										
supportive	17	18	21	16	14	16	15	20	13	21
Influenced: much less supportive	23	23	37	24	4	38	25	10	21	23
No influence	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>34</u>
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

## How the poll was conducted

The Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,357 adults nationwide by telephone April 8 through 11, 2006. This includes 1,234 registered voters. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation, and random digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Adults were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census figures for sex, race, age, education and region. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points in either direction. For certain subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.