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Which of the following issues will be MOST important to you when you decide how to vote for president? (RANDOM ORDER) 5.

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Nov. 2-4 2007	Oct. 12-14 2007	June 22-24 2007
Economy	29%	29%	22%	23%
War in Iraq	23%	28%	28%	31%
Health care	20%	18%	20%	17%
Illegal immigration	14%	10%	15%	15%
Terrorism	10%	12%	12%	10%
Other (vol.)	2%	1%	2%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%	%	2%

How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat 6. good, somewhat poor, or very poor? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 494 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Sep. 7-9 2007			
Very good Somewhat good Somewhat poor Very poor No opinion	6% 40% 33% 21% 1%	9% 45% 28% 17% *			
	Aug. 6-8	May 4-6	Mar. 9-11	Jan. 19-21	Nov. 3-5
	2007	2007	<u>2007</u>	2007	2006
Very good	11%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Somewhat good	45%	43%	42%	48%	41%
Somewhat poor	26%	25%	31%	23%	32%
Very poor	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Oct. 27-29	Sep. 22-24	Aug.30-Sep. 2	Jun. 14-15	May 7-9
	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
Very good Somewhat good Somewhat poor Very poor No opinion	13% 49% 24% 13% 1%	12% 47% 26% 15%	9% 35% 34% 22% *	9% 42% 31% 16% 2%	10% 42% 26% 21% 1%

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	Very good	Some- what good	Some- what poor	Very poor	No opinion	Total good	Total <u>poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	<i>79</i>	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

^{*}Asked of a half sample.

Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be --7. very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 494 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Sep. 7-9 2007			
Very good Somewhat good Somewhat poor Very poor No opinion	7% 43% 30% 19% 1%	11% 51% 23% 13% 2%			
	Aug. 6-8	Mar. 9-11	Oct. 27-29	Sep. 22-24	Aug. 30-Sep. 2
	2007	<u>2007</u>	2006	2006	2006
Very good	12%	10%	13%	12%	11%
Somewhat good	48%	43%	48%	50%	45%
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	26%	26%	25%
Very poor	13%	14%	10%	9%	17%
No opinion	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%

		Some-	Some-				
	Very	what	what	Very	No	Total	Total
	good	good	poor	poor	opinion	good	<u>poor</u>
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2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 Jul 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22
* Asked of a half sample.							

Asked of a half sample.

- 8. Do you think the economy is now in a recession, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)
- 9. (IF NOT IN A RECESSION) How likely do you think it is that a recession will start in the U.S. in the next year – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 251 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 6.0 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

QUESTION 8 ONLY

	Dec. 6-9	Oct. 12-14
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
Yes	57%	46%
No	42%	51%
No opinion	1%	3%

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	Yes	<u>No</u>	No opinion
2004 Jan 2-5	32	66	2
2003 Apr 22-23	56	41	3
2003 Mar 24-25	41	54	5
2002 Nov 22-24	52	45	3
2002 Oct 3-6 ^	55	40	5
2002 Jul 29-31	46	50	4
2002 Jun 28-30	52	45	3
2002 May 6-9	45	53	2
2002 Apr 8-11	45	52	3
2002 Mar 8-9 ^	56	38	6
2001 Nov 8-11	59	38	3
2001 Oct 11-14	49	49	2
2001 Sep 21-22	52	43	5
2001 Sep 7-10	51	43	6
2001 May 10-14	33	62	5
2001 Apr 6-8	42	52	6
2001 Mar 5-7*	31	64	5
2001 Feb 1-4*	44	49	7
1994 May 20-22	35	61	4
1994 Feb. 26-28	34	62	4
1993 Dec 4-6	45	50	5
1992 Sept 11-15	79	19	2
1992 Jan. 3-6	84	14	2
1991 March	81	16	4
* Asked of a half sample.			

QUESTION 8 AND 9 COMBINED

	Dec. 6-9 2007
Yes, in a recession (from Q.8)	57%
No, but very likely in next year	3%
No, but somewhat likely in next year	23%
No, not too likely in next year	13%
No, not likely at all in next year	4%
No opinion	1%

12. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of terrorism -- very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Aug. 6-8 2007	Mar. 9-11 2007	Nov. 3-5 2006	Aug. 18-20 2006
Very worried	11%	12%	13%	9%	8%
Somewhat worried	28%	30%	31%	31%	28%
Not too worried	33%	33%	31%	33%	36%
Not worried at all	28%	24%	23%	27%	29%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	*

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all	No opinion
2006 Jan 20-22*	14	29	34	23	1
2005 Dec 16-18	11	30	37	22	*
2005 Jul 22-24	14	33	30	23	*
2005 Jun 16-19	8	30	36	26	*
2005 Jan 7-9	10	28	37	24	1
2004 Dec 17-19	13	28	34	25	*
2004 Oct 14-16	13	34	33	20	*
2004 Sep 3-5*	11	32	36	21	*
2004 Aug 9-11*	8	26	36	30	*
2004 Feb 9-12	10	30	36	24	*
2004 Jan 2-5	5	23	42	30	*
2003 Dec 5-7	9	28	38	25	*
2003 Aug 25-26	11	30	33	26	
2003 Jul 18-20*	6	24	38	32	*
2003 Apr 22-23*	8	26	39	26	1
2003 Mar 22-23	8	30	38	24	*
2003 Feb 17-19	8	28	33	31	
2003 Feb 7-9*	13	35	34	18	*
2003 Jan 23-25	8	31	36	25	*
2002 Sep 2-4	8	30	37	25	*
2002 May 28-29	9	31	37	22	*
2002 Apr 22-24	8	27	39	25	*
2002 Mar 4-7	12	33	32	23	*
2002 Feb 4-6*	8	27	39	25	1
2001 Nov 26-27	8	27	34	30	*
2001 Nov 2-4	11	28	34	26	1
2001 Oct 19-21 **	13	30	33	23	1
2001 Oct 11-14 **	18	33	35	14	*
2001 Oct 5-6 **	24	35	27	14	*
2001 Sep 21-22 **	14	35	32	18	1
2001 Sep 14-15 **	18	33	35	13	1
2001 Sep 11 **	23	35	24	16	1
2000 Apr 7-9*	4	20	41	34	1
1998 Aug 20	10	22	38	29	1
1996 Jul 20-21 ***	13	26	34	27	*
1996 Apr 9-10 ***	13	22	33	32	*
1995 Apr 21-23 ***	14	28	33	24	1

^{*} Asked of a half sample.

^{**} WORDING: How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack -- very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

^{****} WORDINGIN 1996 AND 1998: How worried are you that someone in your family will become a victim of a terrorist attack similar to the bombing in OklahomaCity? WORDINGIN 1995: How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of a terroristattack similar to the bombing in OklahomaCity?

13. Who do you think is currently winning the war on terrorism -- the U.S. and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Sep. 7-9 2007	Jan 19-21 2007	
U.S. and its allies	32%	31%	28%	
Neither side	46%	49%	54%	
The terrorists	21%	19%	17%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	
	Oct. 27-29	Aug. 18-20	Aug. 2-3	Jun. 8-11
	2006	2006	2006	2006
U.S. and its allies	34%	36%	31%	29%
Neither side	43%	41%	45%	47%
The terrorists	20%	22%	21%	19%
No opinion	4%	1%	3%	5%

	U.S. and <u>its allies</u>	Neither side	The <u>terrorists</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22	41	42	14	3
2005 Aug 28-30*	34	42	23	1
2005 Jul 7-10	34	44	21	1
2005 Jun 24-26	36	41	20	3
2005 Jan 7-9	37	42	20	1
2004 Oct 9-10 *	38	41	19	2
2004 Jul 19-21 *	40	41	16	3
2004 Jan 12-15 *	51	35	14	*
2003 Oct 10-12	42	42	13	3
2003 Jul 18-20	48	34	15	3
2003 May 19-21	54	32	11	3
2003 Apr 22-23	65	28	5	2
2003 Mar 3-5 *	37	43	17	3
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2 *	35	44	16	5
2002 Dec 5-8 *	33	46	19	2
2002 Oct 14-17 *	32	44	21	3
2002 Aug 5-8 *	37	46	14	3
2002 Jul 5-8	39	43	16	2
2002 Jun 21-23	33	49	14	4
2002 May 28-29	41	35	15	9
2002 Apr 22-24	47	39	10	4
2002 Mar 22-24	51	35	12	2
2002 Mar 4-7	53	34	10	3
2002 Jan 7-9 *	66	25	7	2
2001 Dec 6-9	64	28	5	3
2001 Nov 8-11 *	53	33	11	3
2001 Oct 11-14	42	44	11	3

^{*} Asked of a half sample.

15. Thinking about Israel and its neighbors, do you think peace can be achieved in the Middle East in the period ahead, or not?

	Dec. 6-9 2007
Yes, peace can be achieved	35%
No, cannot be achieved	63%
No opinion	1%

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Thinking about Israel and its neighbors, do you think peace can be achieved in the Middle East in the period ahead, or not?	April 2002 %	March 2002 %	Oct 2000 %	Oct 1994 %	July <u>1985</u> %	Oct 1982 %
Yes, peace can be achieved	34	30	37	42	35	57
No, cannot be achieved	61	65	53	47	57	37
Not sure	5	5	10	11	8	6

Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military action in Afghanistan?

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Mar. 9-11 2007	Aug. 2-3 2006
Approve	56%	53%	56%
Disapprove	41%	41%	41%
No opinion	3%	6%	3%

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	<u>Approve</u>	Disapprove	No opinion
2003 Dec 5-7*	71	25	4
2002 Sep 2-4	83	13	4
2002 Mar 8-9 **	91	7	2
2002 Jan 25-27**	89	9	2
2001 Dec 6-9**	88	9	3
2001 Nov 26-27**	92	6	2
2001 Nov 2-4**	86	11	3
2001 Oct 19-21**	88	10	2

20. Who do you think is currently winning the war in Afghanistan -- the U.S. and its allies, the insurgents in Afghanistan, or neither side?

	Dec. 6-9	Aug. 2-3
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
U.S. and its allies	30%	28%
Insurgents	10%	10%
Neither side	58%	58%
No opinion	2%	5%

^{*}Based on a half sample.
**WORDING: Do you approve or disapprove of the current U.S. military action in the waron terrorism?

21. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No Opinion
Dec. 6-9, 2007	31%	68%	1%
Nov. 2-4, 2007	31%	68%	1%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	34%	65%	2%
September 7-9, 2007	34%	63%	4%
August 6-8, 2007	33%	64%	3%
June 22-24, 2007	30%	67%	3%
May 4-6, 2007	34%	65%	1%
April 10-12, 2007	32%	66%	2%
March 9-11, 2007	32%	63%	4%
January 11, 2007	31%	67%	2%
December 15-17, 2006	31%	67%	2%
November 17-19, 2006	33%	63%	4%
November 3-5, 2006	33%	61%	6%
October 27-29, 2006	38%	59%	3%
October 20-22, 2006	34%	64%	3%
October 13-15, 2006	34%	64%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	32%	62%	7%
Sep. 29-October 2, 2006	38%	61%	1%
September 22-24, 2006	40%	59%	1%
August 30-Sep. 2, 2006	39%	58%	2%
August 18-20, 2006	35%	61%	3%
August 2-3, 2006	36%	60%	3%
June 14-15, 2006	38%	54%	8%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
2006 Feb 9-12 *	40	56	4
2005 Jun 16-19	39	59	2
2005 Mar 18-20*	47	47	6
2004 Nov 19-21*	48	46	6
2003 Oct 24-26	54	43	3
2003 Apr 22-23	71	26	3
2003 Apr 10	72	22	6
2003 Apr 7-8	68	28	4
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3
2003 Mar 29-30	70	27	3
2003 Mar 24-25	71	27	2
2003 Mar 22-23	72	25	3

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CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS (CONTINUED)

Would you favor or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in anattempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion			
2003 Mar 14-15*	64	33	3			
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4			
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4			
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3			
2003Feb 7-9	63	34	3			
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4			
2003 Jan 23-24	52	43	5			
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6			
2003 Jan 3-5*	56	39	5			
2002 Dec. 19-22*	53	38	9			
2002 Dec 16-17*	58	35	7			
2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6			
2002 Nov 22-24	58	37	5			
2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6			
2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6			
2002 Oct 14-17*	56	37	7			
2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7			
2002 Sept 20-22*	57	38	5			
Would you favor or op	ppose sending	American groun	d troops to the Persi	an Gulf in an atte	empt to remove S	Saddam Hussein froi
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ompower in Iraq?

2002 Sept 13-16	57	39	4
2002 Sept 5-8*	58	36	6
2002 Sept 2-4	58	36	6
2002 Aug 19-21	53	41	6
2002 June 17-19*	61	31	8

Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

2001 Nov 26-27	74	20	6
2001 Feb 19-21	52	42	6
1993 June 29-30	70	27	3
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	55	40	5

QUESTIONS 21 AND 22 COMBINED

21/22. Is your mind made up about the war in Iraq or do you think you could change your mind?

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Aug. 6-8 2007
Favor/mind made up	20%	21%
Favor/could change mind	11%	12%
Oppose/could change mind	19%	17%
Oppose/mind made up	49%	47%
No opinion	1%	3%

Who do you think is currently winning the war in Iraq -- the U.S. and its allies, the insurgents in Iraq, or neither side?

	U.S. and its <u>Allies</u>	<u>Insurgents</u>	Neither <u>Side</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Dec. 6-9, 2007	28%	11%	59%	1%
Nov. 2-4, 2007	27%	10%	62%	1%
April 10-12, 2007	21%	15%	63%	2%
October 20-22, 2006	20%	18%	60%	1%
August 30-Sept. 2, 2006	25%	12%	62%	1%
April 21-23, 2006	26%	13%	58%	4%

	U.S. and its allies	Insurgents <u>in Iraq</u>	Neither <u>side</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2006 Feb 9-12	31	10	55	4
2005 Dec 16-18*	40	9	50	1
2005 Dec 9-11*	36	13	49	2
2005 Jun 24-26	34	14	50	2
2005 Feb 25-27	43	7	48	2
2004 Nov 19-21	44	7	46	3
2004 Oct 22-24*	35	10	53	2

Asked of a half sample.

24. Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should now do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq -- the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, The U.S. should keep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should withdraw some troops from Iraq, or the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq?

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Sep. 7-9 2007	June 22-24 2007	Nov. 17-19 2006	Oct. 27-29 2006
Send more troops	10%	10%	17%	16%	15%
Keep same number as now	19%	23%	16%	21%	17%
Withdraw some troops	30%	36%	24%	27%	28%
Withdraw all troops	39%	29%	39%	33%	34%
No opinion	2%	3%	3%	3%	6%

	Send more troops	Keep as now	Withdraw some troops	Withdraw all troops	No <u>opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	9	23	38	27	3
2005 Dec 9-11	9	25	38	26	2
2005 Sep 16-18	8	26	33	30	3
2005 Aug 28-30	19	26	27	26	2
2005 Aug 5-7	13	28	23	33	3
2005 Jun 6-8	10	26	31	28	5
2005 Feb 4-6	10	38	32	17	3
2005 Jan 14-16	24	26	21	25	4
2004 Sep 24-26	21	35	21	18	5
2004 Jun 3-6	18	30	23	27	2
2004 May 7-9	25	24	18	29	4
2004 Apr 16-18	33	25	16	21	5
2004 Apr 5-8	20	29	18	28	5
2004 Jan 2-5	11	40	29	16	4
2003 Dec 15-16	14	40	27	15	4
2003 Dec 5-7	22	33	25	17	3
2003 Nov 3-5*	17	32	29	19	3
2003 Oct 24-26*	14	27	39	18	2
2003 Aug 25-26*	15	36	32	14	3

^{*}WORDING: Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should now do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq - the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, the U.S. shouldkeep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should begin to withdraw some troops from Iraq, (or) the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq?

25. If the U.S. government decides to take military action in Iran, would you favor or oppose it?

	Dec. 6-9 2007	Nov. 2-4 2007	Oct. 12-14 2007	May 4-6 2007	Jan 19-21 2007
Favor	22%	28%	29%	33%	26%
Oppose	73%	70%	68%	63%	68%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%	4%	6%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
2005 Feb 25-27	28	66	6
2002 Jan 11-14	71	23	6

26. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think that the government of Iran is - or is not -attempting to develop its own nuclear weapons? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 494 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Dec. 6-9	Oct. 12-14	Jan. 20-22
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
Yes	61%	77%	80%
No	33%	18%	12%
No opinion	7%	5%	8%

27. Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iran was attempting to develop its own nuclear weapons? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Dec. 6-9 2007
Yes, deliberately misled	54%
No, did not	44%
No opinion	3%