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## QUESTIONS 1-2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

Q. 3 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in this country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [READ AND RANDOMIZE]? Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [NEXT ITEM]?

|  | -------FAVOR------- |  |  | -------OPPOSE------- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Strongly |  |  | Strongly |  |  | (VOL.) |
|  | Total | Favor | $\underline{\text { Favor }}$ | Total | Oppose | Oppose | DK/Ref |
| a. The death penalty for persons convicted of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early January, 2007 | 64 | 30 | 34 | 29 | 11 | 18 | $7=100$ |
| March, 2006 | 65 | 27 | 38 | 27 | 8 | 19 | $8=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 68 | 32 | 36 | 24 | 8 | 16 | $8=100$ |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 64 | 28 | 36 | 30 | 10 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| March, 2002 | 67 | 33 | 34 | 26 | 9 | 17 | $7=100$ |
| March, 2001 | 66 | 30 | 36 | 27 | 10 | 17 | $7=100$ |
| September, 1999 | 74 | 41 | 33 | 22 | 7 | 15 | 4=100 |
| June, 1996 | 78 | 43 | 35 | 18 | 7 | 11 | $4=100$ |
| b. The U.S. government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| raising taxes | 63 | 26 | 37 | 32 | 13 | 19 | 5=100 |
| Early January, 2007 | 66 | 27 | 39 | 29 | 11 | 18 | $5=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 64 | 25 | 39 | 30 | 10 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| December, 2004 | 65 | 31 | 34 | 30 | 10 | 20 | $5=100$ |
| Early September, 2004 | 66 | 30 | 36 | 26 | 11 | 15 | $8=100$ |
| August, 2003 | 67 | 23 | 44 | 29 | 10 | 19 | $4=100$ |
| c. Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally | 36 | 13 | 23 | 55 | 31 | 24 | $9=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 37 | 13 | 24 | 55 | 33 | 22 | $8=100$ |
| Early November, 2006 (RVs) | 30 | 10 | 20 | 57 | 31 | 26 | $13=100$ |
| July, 2006 ${ }^{1}$ | 35 | 12 | 23 | 56 | 31 | 25 | $9=100$ |
| June, 2006 | 33 | 13 | 20 | 55 | 32 | 23 | $12=100$ |
| March, 2006 | 39 | 10 | 29 | 51 | 28 | 23 | $10=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 36 | 13 | 23 | 53 | 31 | 22 | $11=100$ |
| December, 2004 | 32 | 14 | 18 | 61 | 38 | 23 | $7=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 29 | 8 | 21 | 60 | 35 | 25 | $11=100$ |
| July, 2004 | 32 | 10 | 22 | 56 | 33 | 23 | $12=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 32 | 10 | 22 | 59 | 35 | 24 | $9=100$ |
| Early February, 2004 | 30 | 9 | 21 | 63 | 42 | 21 | $7=100$ |
| November, 2003 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 62 | 41 | 21 | $8=100$ |
| October, 2003 | 30 | 9 | 21 | 58 | 33 | 25 | $12=100$ |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 38 | 10 | 28 | 53 | 30 | 23 | $9=100$ |
| March, 2001 | 35 | 8 | 27 | 57 | 34 | 23 | $8=100$ |
| June, 1996 | 27 | 6 | 21 | 65 | 41 | 24 | $8=100$ |

1 In June and July 2006, mid-March through August 2004, and October 2003, the question was not part of a list of items.

## Q. 3 CONTINUED...

d. Reducing legal immigration


## NO QUESTION 4

Q. 5 Do you think abortion should be (READ)
(FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER)

|  | Legal in all cases | Legal in most cases | Illegal in most cases | Illegal in all cases | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August, 2007 | 17 | 35 | 26 | 17 | 5=100 |
| March, 2007 Pew Social Trends | 15 | 30 | 30 | 20 | $5=100$ |
| February 2006 Associated Press/Ispos-Poll | 19 | 32 | 27 | 16 | $6=100$ |
| December 2005 ABC/Washington Post ${ }^{2}$ | 17 | 40 | 27 | 13 | $3=100$ |
| April 2005 ABC/Washington Post | 20 | 36 | 27 | 14 | $3=100$ |
| December 2004 ABC/Washington Post | 21 | 34 | 25 | 17 | 3=100 |
| May 2004 ABC/Washington Post | 23 | 31 | 23 | 20 | $2=99$ |
| January 2003 ABC/Washington Post | 23 | 34 | 25 | 17 | $2=100$ |
| August 2001 ABC/Washington Post | 22 | 27 | 28 | 20 | $3=100$ |
| June 2001 ABC/BeliefNet Poll | 22 | 31 | 23 | 20 | $4=100$ |
| January 2001 ABC/Washington Post | 21 | 38 | 25 | 14 | 1=99 |
| September 2000 (RVs) ABC/Washington Post | 20 | 35 | 25 | 16 | 3=99 |
| July 2000 ABC/Washington Post | 20 | 33 | 26 | 17 | $4=100$ |
| September 1999 ABC/Washington Post | 20 | 37 | 26 | 15 | $2=100$ |
| March 1999 ABC/Washington Post | 21 | 34 | 27 | 15 | $3=100$ |
| July 1998 ABC/Washington Post | 19 | 35 | 29 | 13 | $4=100$ |
| August 1996 ABC/Washington Post | 22 | 34 | 27 | 14 | $3=100$ |
| June 1996 ABC/Washington Post | 24 | 34 | 25 | 14 | $2=99$ |
| October 1995 ABC/Washington Post | 26 | 35 | 25 | 12 | $3=100$ |
| September 1995 ABC/Washington Post | 24 | 36 | 25 | 11 | $4=100$ |
| July 1995 ABC/Washington Post | 27 | 32 | 26 | 14 | $1=100$ |

Q. 6 Now I would like to ask your opinion about a specific abortion procedure known as "late-term" abortion or "partial birth" abortion, which is sometimes performed on women during the last few months of pregnancy. Do you think that this procedure should be legal or illegal?

|  |  | Gallup <br> May 2007 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 17 | Legal | 22 |
| 75 | Illegal | 72 |
| $\underline{8}$ | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{5}$ |
| 100 |  | 99 |

[^0]Q. 7 As you may know, the federal government has debated whether to fund certain kinds of medical research known as 'stem cell research' ... How much have you heard about this? [READ, IN ORDER]

|  |  | July | July | Dec. | Aug. | March |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | A lot | $\underline{2006}$ | $\frac{2005}{43}$ | $\frac{2004}{47}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\frac{2002}{42}$ |
| 43 | A little [OR] | 42 | 42 | 41 | 43 | 52 |
| 12 | Nothing at all | 15 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 20 |
| $\frac{*}{100}$ | [VOL, DO NOT READ] Don't Know/Refused | $\frac{*}{2}$ | $\frac{*}{4}$ | $\underline{1}$ | $\frac{*}{4}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
| 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |

Q. 8 All in all, which is more important... [READ, IN ORDER]

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 2004 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 2004 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2002 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 | Conducting stem cell research that might result in new medical cures | 56 | 57 | 56 | 52 | 43 |
|  | OR |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | Not destroying the potential life of human embryos | 32 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 38 |
| 14 | [VOL, DO NOT READ] Don't Know/Refused | $\underline{12}$ | $\underline{13}$ | $\underline{12}$ | 14 | 19 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## QUESTION 9 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL

Q. 10 Now I'd like your views on some people. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]
How about (NEXT NAME)? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

|  | ----Favorable---- |  |  | ----Unfavorable---- |  |  | (VOL.) <br> Never | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (VOL.) } \\ & \text { Can’t } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | heard of | $\underline{\text { rate/Ref }}$ |
| a. George W. Bush | 40 | 12 | 28 | 57 | 34 | 23 | * | 3=100 |
| December, 2006 | 39 | 12 | 27 | 57 | 34 | 23 | * | 4=100 |
| April, 2006 | 40 | 15 | 25 | 57 | 35 | 22 | * | $3=100$ |
| Late October, 2005 | 46 | 17 | 29 | 51 | 29 | 22 | * | $3=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 51 | 22 | 29 | 46 | 25 | 21 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| Late March, 2005 | 53 | 23 | 30 | 45 | 27 | 18 | 0 | $2=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RVs) | 56 | 26 | 30 | 42 | 23 | 19 | * | $2=100$ |
| Early October, 2004 (RVs) | 57 | 27 | 30 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| Early September, 2004 | 52 | 25 | 27 | 43 | 24 | 19 | * | $5=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 58 | 27 | 31 | 39 | 22 | 17 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| June, 2004 | 52 | 19 | 33 | 45 | 22 | 23 | * | $3=100$ |
| Early February, 2004 | 53 | 21 | 32 | 44 | 25 | 19 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| January 29-February 1, 2004 | 52 | -- | -- | 47 | -- | -- | -- | $1=100$ |
| Gallup: January 2-5, 2004 | 65 | -- | -- | 35 | -- | -- | -- | *=100 |
| Gallup: October 6-8, 2003 | 60 | -- | -- | 39 | -- | -- | -- | $1=100$ |
| Gallup: June 9-10, 2003 | 66 | -- | -- | 33 | -- | -- | -- | $1=100$ |

Q. 10 CONTINUED...

April, 2003
January, 2003
December, 2002
July, 2001
January, 2001
May, 2000
March, 1999 ${ }^{3}$
November, 1997
b. Rudy Giuliani

Early April, 2006
Late October, 2005
Late March, 2005
May, 2000
c. Mitt Romney
d. John McCain

December, 2006
April, 2006
Late October, 2005

Late March, 2005
July, 2001
January, 2001
May, 2000
e. Fred Thompson
f. Hillary Clinton

December, 2006
April, 2006
Late October, 2005
Late March, 2005
December, 2002
July, 2001
January, 2001
May, 2000
Early December, 1998
Early October, 1998 ( RVs )
Early September, 1998
Late August, 1998
March, 1998

| ----Favorable---- |  |  | ----Unfavorable---- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly |
| 72 | 37 | 35 | 25 | 11 | 14 |
| 70 | 28 | 42 | 28 | 10 | 18 |
| 68 | 35 | 33 | 27 | 11 | 16 |
| 61 | 22 | 39 | 35 | 14 | 21 |
| 60 | 24 | 36 | 33 | 12 | 21 |
| 58 | 18 | 40 | 31 | 12 | 19 |
| 61 | 21 | 40 | 21 | 7 | 14 |
| 54 | 13 | 41 | 18 | 6 | 12 |

(VOL.) (VOL.)
Never
Can't
heard of
rate/Ref
$0 \quad 3=100$
$\begin{array}{ll}0 & 2=100 \\ 0 & 5=100\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}0 & 5=100 \\ * & 4=100\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}* & 4=100 \\ 0 & 7=100\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}1 & 10=100 \\ 4 & 14=100\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllll}54 & 13 & 41 & 18 & 6 & 12\end{array}$
$9 \quad 19=100$

| 54 | 12 | 42 | 28 | 9 | 19 | 8 | $10=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 70 | 26 | 44 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 10 | $6=100$ |
| 63 | 22 | 41 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 10 | $10=100$ |
| 60 | 20 | 40 | 17 | 5 | 12 | 7 | $16=100$ |
| 37 | 9 | 28 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 26 | $19=100$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | 5 | 23 | 24 | 7 | 17 | 29 | $19=100$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 47 | 8 | 39 | 29 | 8 | 21 | 12 | $12=100$ |
| 51 | 13 | 38 | 26 | 6 | 20 | 10 | $13=100$ |
| 54 | 14 | 40 | 26 | 7 | 19 | 8 | $12=100$ |
| 56 | 15 | 41 | 19 | 5 | 14 | 10 | $15=100$ |


| 59 | 15 | 44 | 17 | 4 | 13 | 8 | $16=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 | 14 | 37 | 22 | 5 | 17 | 13 | $14=100$ |
| 59 | 18 | 41 | 15 | 3 | 12 | 9 | $17=100$ |
| 54 | 14 | 40 | 20 | 5 | 15 | 11 | $15=100$ |


| 29 | 8 | 21 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 35 | $20=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 | 21 | 34 | 39 | 21 | 18 | 2 | $4=100$ |
| 56 | 22 | 34 | 39 | 21 | 18 | $*$ | $5=100$ |
| 54 | 20 | 34 | 42 | 21 | 21 | 1 | $3=100$ |
| 56 | 20 | 36 | 38 | 19 | 19 | 1 | $5=100$ |
| 57 | 22 | 35 | 36 | 17 | 19 | $*$ | $7=100$ |
| 47 | 15 | 32 | 44 | 23 | 21 | 1 | $8=100$ |
| 53 | 20 | 33 | 42 | 23 | 19 | 1 | $4=100$ |
| 60 | 25 | 35 | 35 | 16 | 19 | $*$ | $5=100$ |
| 49 | 15 | 34 | 42 | 22 | 20 | 1 | $8=100$ |
| 66 | 32 | 34 | 31 | 15 | 16 | $*$ | $3=100$ |
| 58 | 24 | 34 | 36 | 18 | 18 | $*$ | $6=100$ |
| 64 | 24 | 40 | 31 | 13 | 18 | 0 | $5=100$ |
| 63 | 25 | 38 | 34 | 13 | 21 | $*$ | $3=100$ |
| 65 | 26 | 39 | 31 | 14 | 17 | $*$ | $4=100$ |

[^1]Q. 10 CONTINUED...

|  | ----Favorable---- |  |  | ----Unfavorable---- |  |  | (VOL.) <br> Never | $\begin{gathered} \text { (VOL.) } \\ \text { Can't } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | heard of | rate/Ref |
| January, 1997 | 57 | 17 | 40 | 40 | 17 | 23 | * | 3=100 |
| June, 1996 | 53 | 13 | 40 | 43 | 17 | 26 | * | $4=100$ |
| April, 1996 | 49 | 12 | 37 | 46 | 19 | 27 | 0 | $5=100$ |
| February, 1996 | 42 | 14 | 28 | 54 | 27 | 27 | 0 | $4=100$ |
| January, 1996 | 42 | 10 | 32 | 54 | 26 | 28 | 0 | $4=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 58 | 14 | 44 | 38 | 14 | 24 | -- | $4=100$ |
| August, 1995 | 49 | 16 | 33 | 47 | 22 | 25 | * | $4=100$ |
| December, 1994 | 50 | 17 | 33 | 45 | 20 | 25 | 1 | $4=100$ |
| July, 1994 | 57 | 19 | 38 | 40 | 18 | 22 | 1 | $2=100$ |
| May, 1993 | 60 | 19 | 41 | 29 | 11 | 18 | 1 | $10=100$ |
| g. John Edwards | 47 | 10 | 37 | 29 | 10 | 19 | 11 | $13=100$ |
| Early April, 2006 | 47 | 10 | 37 | 27 | 9 | 18 | 11 | $15=100$ |
| Late October, 2005 | 50 | 12 | 38 | 23 | 6 | 17 | 10 | $17=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RVs) | 58 | 18 | 40 | 31 | 13 | 18 | 1 | $10=100$ |
| Early October, 2004 (RVs) | 50 | 16 | 34 | 28 | 11 | 17 | 2 | $20=100$ |
| Early September, 2004 | 49 | 16 | 33 | 31 | 11 | 20 | 3 | $17=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 58 | 22 | 36 | 24 | 6 | 18 | 4 | $14=100$ |
| Early February, 2004 | 42 | 9 | 33 | 24 | 7 | 17 | 8 | $26=100$ |
| January, 2003 | 22 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 43 | $21=100$ |
| h. Barack Obama | 48 | 14 | 34 | 26 | 10 | 16 | 13 | $13=100$ |

Q. 11 In making your decision about who to vote for in the presidential election of 2008, will [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? ... How important will [NEXT ITEM] be?
a. The issue of Iraq

June, 2007 (RVs)
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)
August, 2004 (RVs)

| Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 72 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 1=100 |
| 73 | 20 | 3 | 3 | $1=100$ |
| 74 | 20 | 3 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 70 | 24 | 3 | 2 | $1=100$ |
| 78 | 18 | 2 | 1 | $1=100$ |
| 38 | 32 | 17 | 11 | $2=100$ |

Now a different kind of question.
Q. 12 Regardless of the specific candidates who are running for president, we'd like to know how you generally feel about some different traits. First, would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE], or wouldn't this matter to you? How about if a candidate [NEXT ITEM]? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE PROMPT RESPONDENT WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS WHEN NECESSARY]

|  | More | Less | Wouldn't |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | likely | likely | matter | DK/Ref |
| a. Is a woman | 15 | 12 | 72 | 1=100 |
| February, 2007 | 13 | 11 | 75 | $1=100$ |

Q. 12 CONTINUED...

| b. Is black | 9 | 6 | 84 | $1=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February, 2007 | 7 | 4 | 88 | $1=100$ |
| c. Is Hispanic | 9 | 15 | 75 | $1=100$ |
| February, 2007 | 4 | 14 | 80 | $2=100$ |
| d. Is Mormon | 5 | 25 | 66 | $4=100$ |
| February, 2007 | 2 | 30 | 64 | $4=100$ |
| e. Is Muslim | 3 | 45 | 49 | $3=100$ |
| $\quad$ February, 2007 | 1 | 46 | 49 | $4=100$ |
| f. Is an evangelical Christian | 19 | 16 | 60 | $5=100$ |
| g. Does not believe in God | 3 | 61 | 34 | $2=100$ |
| February, 2007 | 3 | 63 | 32 | $2=100$ |
| h. Is Catholic | 13 | 7 | 79 | $1=100$ |
| i. Is Jewish | 9 | 11 | 79 | $1=100$ |

Q. 13 On the abortion issue, do you happen to know if Rudy Giuliani is...pro-choice, that is, a supporter of abortion rights, pro-life, that is, favors new laws to outlaw abortion in almost all cases, or are you not sure where he stands on this issue?

|  | Republican <br> Registered | Newsweek |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
|  | $\underline{\text { Voters }}^{4}$ |  | ${\text { Feb. } 2007^{5}}_{34}^{31}$ |
| 22 | 31 | Pro-choice, that is, a support of abortion rights | 12 |
| 7 | 7 | Pro-life, that is, favors new laws to outlaw abortion in almost all cases | 51 |
| 68 | 60 | Not sure | $\underline{3}$ |
| $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{2}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) | 100 |

## NO QUESTIONS 14-24

Thinking about another topic...
Q. 25 Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?
Early

[^2]Q. 26 During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

|  |  | August | March |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 28 | Should come out in favor of candidates | $\underline{2004}$ | $\frac{2002}{25}$ |
| 63 | Should not come out in favor of candidates | 65 | 70 |
| $\underline{9}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) | $\underline{10}$ | $\underline{8}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 |

## ROTATE Q.27/Q. 28

Q. 27 How do you feel about this statement: It makes me uncomfortable when politicians talk about how religious they are. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

|  |  | August <br> $\frac{2004}{12}$ | Sept <br> $\underline{2000(R V s)}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | Completely Agree | 12 | 25 |
| 28 | Mostly Agree | 28 | 25 |
| 30 | Mostly Disagree | 34 | 26 |
| 20 | Completely Disagree | 22 | 19 |
| $\underline{7}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{5}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 |

Q. 28 And how do you feel about this statement: It's important to me that a president have strong religious beliefs. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

|  | August <br> $\underline{2004}$ | Sept <br> $\underline{2000(R V s)}$ |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | Completely Agree | 29 | 35 |
| 39 | Mostly Agree | 41 | 35 |
| 16 | Mostly Disagree | 15 | 17 |
| 11 | Completely Disagree | 11 | 10 |
| $\underline{4}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{3}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 |

Q. 29 Do you believe that it is proper or improper for journalists to ask politicians how their religious beliefs affect their opinions on issues of the day?

|  |  | July |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2003}$ |
| 58 | Proper | 57 |
| 37 | Improper | 39 |
| $\underline{5}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) | 4 |
| 100 |  | 100 |

On another subject,
Q. 30 Do you feel that [INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE] is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION: Q.30c SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW Q.30a, AND Q.30d SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW Q.30b.

|  | Friendly | Neutral | Unfriendly | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The Democratic Party | 30 | 37 | 15 | 18=100 |
| July, 2006 | 26 | 42 | 20 | $12=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 29 | 38 | 20 | $13=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 40 | 34 | 13 | $13=100$ |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 42 | 36 | 12 | $10=100$ |
| b. The Republican Party | 50 | 23 | 9 | 18=100 |
| July, 2006 | 47 | 28 | 13 | 12=100 |
| July, 2005 | 55 | 23 | 9 | $13=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 52 | 24 | 10 | 14=100 |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 52 | 27 | 10 | $11=100$ |

IF THINK DEMOCRATS ARE FRIENDLY/NEUTRAL/UNFRIENDLY TO RELIGION (Q.30a=1, 2, 3), ASK:
Q.30c And in your view, is this a good thing, a bad thing, or doesn't it matter to you?
a. The Democratic Party

| 30 | Friendly |
| ---: | :--- |
| 15 | Good thing |
| 2 | Bad thing |
| 13 | Doesn't matter |
| ${ }^{*}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 37 | Neutral |
| 13 | Good thing |
| 7 | Bad thing |
| 17 | Doesn't matter |
| ${ }^{*}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 15 | Unfriendly |
| $*$ | Good thing |
| 12 | Bad thing |
| 3 | Deesn't matter |
| ${ }^{*}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| $\underline{18}$ | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 100 |  |

## IF THINK REPUBLICANS ARE FRIENDLY/NEUTRAL/UNFRIENDLY TO RELIGION (Q.30b=1, 2, 3),

 ASK:Q.30d And in your view, is this a good thing, a bad thing, or doesn't it matter to you?
b. The Republican Party

| 50 | Friendly |
| :---: | :---: |
| 23 | Good thing |
| 11 | Bad thing |
| 16 | Doesn't matter |
| * | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 23 | Neutral |
| 6 | Good thing |
| 4 | Bad thing |
| 13 | Doesn't matter |
| * | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 9 | Unfriendly |
| 1 | Good thing |
| 5 | Bad thing |
| 3 | Doesn't matter |
| * | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 18 | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |
| 100 |  |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 31 Here are a couple of statements about the political parties. For each, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it. (The first one is...) (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)

|  | -----AGREE----- |  |  | -----DISAGREE----- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Comp <br> letely | Mostly | Total | Comp <br> letely | Mostly | DK/Ref |
| a. Religious conservatives have too much control over the Republican Party | 43 | 15 | 28 | 41 | 10 | 31 | $16=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 45 | 14 | 31 | 43 | 11 | 32 | $12=100$ |
| Early September, $2004{ }^{8}$ | 43 | 17 | 26 | 48 | 18 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| b. Liberals who are not religious have too much control over the Democratic Party | 37 | 13 | 24 | 47 | 14 | 33 | $16=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 44 | 12 | 32 | 42 | 11 | 31 | $14=100$ |

## NO QUESTIONS 32-34

[^3]RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian,
46 Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)
23 Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)

* Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

2 Jewish (Judaism)

* Muslim (Islam)

1 Buddhist

* Hindu

2 Atheist (do not believe in God)
2 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1 Something else (SPECIFY)
10 Nothing in particular
$9 \quad$ Christian (VOL.)

* Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
$\underline{2}$ Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100
IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK:
BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?


## BASED ON TOTAL

Yes
No
Don't know/refused (VOL.)
Undesignated
Christian

## ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

|  |  | Mid |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | July | July | Aug | July | March | March | Nov | March | Sept | June | June |
|  |  | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2005}$ | 2004 | $\underline{2003}$ | $\underline{2003}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $2000{ }^{9}$ | 1997 | $\underline{1996}$ |
| 14 | More than once a week | 15 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 14 |
| 26 | Once a week | 25 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 28 | 26 | 25 |
| 16 | Once or twice a month | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| 18 | A few times a year | 18 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 21 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 21 |
| 16 | Seldom | 14 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 13 |
| 9 | Never | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 9 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | $\underline{1}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^4]Q. 35 How important is religion in your life - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?
Q. 36 Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible? [READ, IN ORDER]

The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, OR
The Bible is the word of God, but not everything

## OR

The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God
[VOL. DO NOT READ] Other
[VOL. DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused
15 A few time

15 A few times a week
4 Once a week
6 A few times a month
11 Seldom
6 Never
$\underline{2}$ Don't know/refused (VOL.)

| July <br> $\underline{2006}$ | July <br> $\underline{2005}$ | March <br> $\underline{2004}^{10}$ | Mid-July <br> $\underline{2003}$ | March <br> $\underline{2001}$ | June <br> $\underline{1996}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 36 | 40 | 35 | 36 | 35 |
| 43 | 40 | 42 | 43 | 43 | 47 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 18 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 14 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{\underline{2}}$ |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

Several times a day
Once a day

00
Q. 38 Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?

IF BELIEVE IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (Q.38=1), ASK:
Q. 39 How certain are you about this belief? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, not too certain, or not at all certain?

|  |  | Gallup Dec 1994 | Gallup Dec 1988 | Gallup Nov 1978 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gallup } \\ \text { June }^{1976}{ }^{11} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 94 | Yes, believe in God | 96 | 95 | 94 | 94 |
| 73 | Absolutely certain |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Fairly certain |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Not too certain |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Not at all certain |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | No, do not believe in God | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| $\underline{2}$ | Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{1}$ | 1 | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 101 | 100 | 99 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 40 Now I am going to read you a list of some political figures. For each name that I read, please tell me how religious you think that person is -- very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious. First, (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE).

|  | Very <br> religious | Somewhat <br> religious | Not too <br> religious | Not at all <br> religious | (VOL.) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DK/Ref |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. George W. Bush | 97 | 41 | 12 | 3 | $35=100$ |
| b. Rudy Giuliani | 22 | 21 | 3 | 1 | $53=100$ |
| c. Mitt Romney | 11 | 40 | 7 | 2 | $40=100$ |
| d. John McCain | 5 | 23 | 5 | 2 | $65=100$ |
| e. Fred Thompson | 12 | 41 | 16 | 9 | $22=100$ |
| f. Hillary Clinton <br> June, 1996 | 11 | 45 | 18 | 7 | $19=100$ |
| g. John Edwards | 18 | 37 | 7 | 3 | $35=100$ |
| h. Barack Obama | 15 | 36 | 6 | 3 | $40=100$ |

$11 \quad$ Based on responses from a national sample aged 15 and over. Percentages from the Gallup 1988 and 1976 surveys may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?
IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?


## IF ANSWERED 1 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican or NOT a strong Republican?

| August, 2007 | Strong | Not Strong/ <br> Don't Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| July, 2007 | 14 | $12=26 \%$ |
| June, 2007 | 16 | $11=27 \%$ |
| April, 2007 | 13 | $12=25 \%$ |
| January, 2007 | 14 | $11=25 \%$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 12 | $11=23 \%$ |
| Late-October, 2006 | 14 | $11=25 \%$ |
| Early-October, 2006 | 14 | $12=26 \%$ |
| September, 2006 | 15 | $12=27 \%$ |
| December, 2005 | 17 | $13=30 \%$ |
| December, 2004 | 16 | $13=29 \%$ |
| July, 2004 | 18 | $13=31 \%$ |
| August, 2003 | 17 | $12=29 \%$ |
| September, 2000 | 14 | $13=27 \%$ |
| Late-September, 1999 | 14 | $13=27 \%$ |
| August, 1999 | 10 | $14=24 \%$ |
| November, 1997 | 11 | $14=25 \%$ |
| October, 1995 | 11 | $14=25 \%$ |
| April, 1995 | 11 | $19=30 \%$ |
| October, 1994 | 15 | $15=30 \%$ |
| June, 1992 | 16 | $15=31 \%$ |
| May, 1990 | 11 | $17=28 \%$ |
| February, 1989 | 13 | $15=28 \%$ |
| May, 1988 | 15 | $16=31 \%$ |
| January, 1988 | 13 | $15=28 \%$ |
| May, 1987 | 12 | $15=27 \%$ |

## IF ANSWERED 2 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat or NOT a strong Democrat?

|  | Strong | Not Strong/ <br> Don't Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| August, 2007 | 18 | $14=32 \%$ |
| July, 2007 | 19 | $13=32 \%$ |
| June, 2007 | 19 | $15=34 \%$ |
| April, 2007 | 15 | $13=28 \%$ |
| January, 2007 | 17 | $14=31 \%$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 22 | $14=36 \%$ |
| Late-October, 2006 | 18 | $14=32 \%$ |
| Early-October, 2006 | 19 | $15=34 \%$ |
| September, 2006 | 18 | $16=34 \%$ |
| December, 2005 | 20 | $14=34 \%$ |
| December, 2004 | 19 | $15=34 \%$ |
| July, 2004 | 20 | $13=33 \%$ |
| August, 2003 | 15 | $16=31 \%$ |
| September, 2000 | 19 | $15=34 \%$ |

PARTYSTR CONTINUED...

|  | Strong | Not Strong/ <br> Don't Know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Late-September, 1999 | 15 | $16=31 \%$ |
| August, 1999 | 15 | $18=33 \%$ |
| November, 1997 | 14 | $18=32 \%$ |
| October, 1995 | 14 | $16=30 \%$ |
| April, 1995 | 14 | $15=29 \%$ |
| October, 1994 | 18 | $14=32 \%$ |
| July, 1994 | 15 | $18=33 \%$ |
| June, 1992 | 14 | $18=32 \%$ |
| May, 1990 | 16 | $17=33 \%$ |
| February, 1989 | 17 | $21=38 \%$ |
| May, 1988 | 19 | $19=38 \%$ |
| January, 1988 | 19 | $20=39 \%$ |
| May, 1987 | 18 | $19=37 \%$ |


[^0]:    2 Percentages from $\mathrm{ABC} / \mathrm{Washington} \mathrm{Post} \mathrm{surveys} \mathrm{may} \mathrm{not} \mathrm{add} \mathrm{to} 100 \%$ due to rounding

[^1]:    3 In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

[^2]:    $4 \quad$ Based on Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters.
    5 The Newsweek 2007 survey was based on Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters.
    6 In March 2002 the question was worded, "Since September $11^{\text {th }}$, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?"
    In Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, "As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention."

[^3]:    8 In 2004, this question was asked only of registered voters, and was asked as part of a list. The question read, "Here are some statements about the candidates and political parties.

[^4]:    9
    September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

