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*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
12/11/06	36	18	18	62	13	49	2
11/4/06	40	24	16	57	12	46	2
10/22/06	37	21	16	60	15	45	3
10/8/06	39	23	16	60	12	48	1
9/7/06	42	24	18	55	12	43	3
8/6/06	40	23	17	58	12	46	2
6/25/06	38	20	18	60	12	48	2
5/15/06	33	17	16	65	18	47	2
4/9/06	38	20	18	60	13	47	1
3/5/06	41	24	17	58	14	44	1
1/26/06	42	25	18	56	14	42	2
1/8/06	46	29	17	52	13	39	2
12/18/05	47	29	17	52	12	40	1
11/2/05	39	20	18	60	13	47	1
10/29/05	39	22	17	58	13	45	3
9/11/05	42	27	15	57	12	45	1
8/28/05	45	27	18	53	12	41	2
6/26/05	48	27	21	51	11	40	1
6/5/05	48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05	47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05	50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05	50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05	52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04	48	27	21	49	12	38	2
10/20/04	50	30	20	46	11	35	4
10/17/04 LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04 LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04	50	33	18	45	13	32	5
9/8/04	52	35	17	43	11	32	5
8/29/04	50	31	19	47	13	34	3
8/1/04	47	28	18	49	13	36	5
7/25/04	50	32	19	47	13	34	3
7/11/04	48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04	47	30	17	51	13	39	1
5/23/04	47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04	51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04	50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04	50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04	58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03	59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03	57	37	20	39	10	29	5
12/7/03	53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03	57	34	23	39	11	28	4

10/29/03	56	30	26	42	13	29	2
10/13/03	53	33	20	43	13	29	4
9/30/03	54	34	20	44	15	29	2
9/13/03	58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03	56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03	59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03	59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03	68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03	71	50	22	26	17	9	3
4/16/03	74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03	77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03	71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03	68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03	67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5
3/2/03	62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03	64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03	62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03	62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03	59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03	59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02	66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02	LV 67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02	LV 67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02	LV 67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02	67	39	28	29	13	16	4
9/26/02	67	42	25	30	12	18	3
9/8/02	71	42	28	27	12	15	3
7/28/02	69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02	72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02	74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02	77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02	76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02	78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02	79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02	82	52	30	16	9	7	2
1/27/02	83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01	86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01	89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01	89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01	92	76	16	6	3	3	1
9/27/01	90	70	20	6	3	3	4
9/13/01	86	63	23	12	5	6	2
9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
8/12/01	61	28	33	31	14	17	8
7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
3/25/01	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
2/25/01	55	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	22

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

12/11/06 - Summary Table

	Approve	Disapprove	No op.
a. The situation in Iraq	28	70	2
b. The US campaign against terrorism	46	52	2
c. The economy	43	55	2
d. Ethics in government	39	56	5

Trend:

a. The situation in Iraq

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/11/06	28	12	16	70	13	57	2
10/8/06	35	21	14	64	10	54	1
9/7/06	41	25	16	57	10	47	2
8/6/06	36	21	15	62	10	52	2
6/25/06	37	21	17	62	11	52	*
5/15/06	32	19	13	66	13	53	1
4/9/06	37	21	16	62	11	51	1
3/5/06	40	23	17	59	12	47	*
1/26/06	39	24	15	60	10	50	1
12/18/05	46	31	15	53	10	43	1
11/2/05	36	20	15	64	13	51	1
9/11/05	38	NA	NA	62	NA	NA	1
8/28/05	42	28	14	57	11	46	1
6/26/05	43	25	18	56	12	44	1
6/5/05	41	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	1
4/24/05	42			56			2
3/13/05	39			57			4
1/16/05	40			58			2
12/19/04	42			57			1
9/26/04 RV	47			50			3
8/29/04 RV	47			51			2
7/25/04	45			53			2
6/20/04	44			55			2
5/23/04	40			58			2
4/18/04	45			54			1
3/7/04	46			53			1
2/11/04	47			52			1
1/18/04	55			42			2
12/21/03	60			39			2
12/14/03	58			38			4
11/16/03	48			48			4
10/29/03	47			51			2
10/13/03	51			47			2
9/29/03	50			47			3
9/13/03	52			46			2
9/7/03	49			47			4
8/24/03	56			37			7
8/11/03	56			41			3
7/10/03	58			41			2
6/22/03	67			30			2
4/30/03	75	"	"	22	"	"	2
3/27/03*	69			26			5
3/23/03	71			26			3
3/20/03	65			29			5
3/17/03	64			29			7
3/9/03	55			38			8
2/23/03	55			39			6
2/9/03	61			37			2
2/5/03	61			32			7
2/1/03	61			35			3
1/28/03	58			38			4
1/27/03	57			40			3
1/20/03	50			46			4
12/15/02	58			37			5
11/4/02 LV	56			40			4
11/3/02 LV	57			40			4
11/2/02 LV	56			41			3

10/27/02	57			38			5
9/26/02	58			39			3
9/14/02	65			31			4
8/29/02	52	"	"	36	"	"	12

*3/27/03 and previous: "The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein"

b. The US campaign against terrorism

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
12/11/06	46	NA	NA	52	NA	NA	2
10/8/06	45	29	16	53	13	40	1
9/7/06	53	33	19	45	14	31	2
8/6/06	47	NA	NA	50	NA	NA	2
6/25/06	51	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	2
5/15/06	53	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	4
4/9/06	50	32	18	49	15	34	1
3/5/06	52	NA	NA	46	NA	NA	2
1/26/06	52			45			2
1/8/06	53			45			2
12/18/05	56			44			1
11/2/05	48			51			1
9/11/05	50	"	"	47	"	"	3
8/28/05	56	34	21	43	14	29	2
6/5/05	50	NA	NA	49	NA	NA	1
4/24/05	56			41			3
3/13/05	59			38			3
1/16/05	61			38			2
12/19/04	53			43			3
9/26/04 RV	59			38			3
8/29/04 RV	60			37			3
7/25/04	57			40			4
6/20/04	50			48			2
5/23/04	58			39			4
4/18/04	63			35			2
3/7/04	63			34			3
2/11/04	64			34			2
1/18/04	66			33			2
12/21/03	70			28			2
10/29/03	63			35			2
10/13/03	66			30			4
9/13/03	70			27			3
9/7/03	67			28			5
4/30/03	79			19			2
2/9/03	74			23			4
2/1/03	75			21			3
1/27/03	72			26			2
1/20/03	71			25			4
12/15/02	79			20			1
11/4/02 LV	76			22			1
11/3/02 LV	77			22			3
11/2/02 LV	78			21			2
10/27/02	74			23			4
9/26/02	70			28			2
9/8/02	74			24			2
7/28/02	81			17			2
7/15/02	83	"	"	15	"	"	2
5/19/02	79	51	27	19	10	9	3
4/21/02	81	56	25	18	10	7	2
3/10/02	88	64	24	10	5	5	2
1/27/02	88	NA	NA	10	NA	NA	2
12/19/01	89	67	22	9	5	4	2

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c. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/11/06	43	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	2
10/8/06	41	NA	NA	56	NA	NA	2
8/6/06	39	NA	NA	59	NA	NA	2
6/25/06	38	NA	NA	61	NA	NA	1
5/15/06	38	NA	NA	60	NA	NA	2
4/9/06	40	20	21	59	18	41	1
3/5/06	48	NA	NA	51	NA	NA	1
1/26/06	46			52			1
12/18/05	47			52			1
11/2/05	36			61			3
9/11/05	40			58			2
8/28/05	44			54			3
6/5/05	40			58			2
4/24/05	40			57			3
3/13/05	43			55			2
1/16/05	46			52			2
12/19/04	46			51			3
9/26/04 RV	47			50			4
8/29/04 RV	45			52			3
7/25/04	47			50			3
6/20/04	46			53			1
5/23/04	44			54			2
4/18/04	44			54			2
3/7/04	39			59			1
2/11/04	44			54			2
1/18/04	51			47			2
12/21/03	51			44			5
11/16/03	48			49			3
10/29/03	45			53			2
10/13/03	45			52			2
9/13/03	42			56			3
9/7/03	44			51			5
8/11/03	45			51			5
7/10/03	47			49			4
4/30/03	52			45			3
2/9/03	47			49			4
2/1/03	44			52			4
1/28/03	46			49			4
1/27/03	47			47			5
1/20/03	43			53			4
1/5/03	50			43			7
12/15/02	50			46			4
11/4/02 LV	53			45			2
11/3/02 LV	52			46			2
11/2/02 LV	55			43			2
10/27/02	51			43			6
9/26/02	51			47			3
9/8/02	57			40			4
7/28/02	57			39			4
7/15/02	58			38			3
4/21/02	64			33			3
1/27/02	62			34			4
12/19/01	67			27			6
11/6/01	72			23			5
9/9/01	48			48			4
7/30/01	52			45			3

6/3/01	53			41			6
4/22/01	55			38			7
3/25/01	50	"	"	42	"	"	8

d. Ethics in government

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
12/11/06	39	56	5
5/15/06	39	54	7
3/5/06	40	54	6
1/26/06	42	56	2
1/8/06	45	52	3
12/18/05	48	49	3

Question 3 held for release.

4. What would you say is the one most important problem you would like to see Bush and the Congress deal with next year?

	12/11/06	12/18/05
Iraq/War in Iraq	44	32
Economy	10	15
Health care	6	11
Immigration	5	6
Terrorism/War on terrorism/ Homeland security	4	5
Education	4	3
Medicare	1	3
Social Security	2	3
Jobs/Unemployment	3	2
Taxes	2	2
Gasoline prices/Energy prices	3	2
Federal budget deficit	*	1
Environment	1	1
Poverty/Homelessness/Hunger	2	1
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in Government	2	1
Crime/drugs	1	1
Prescription drug benefits	*	*
Global warming/Greenhouse effect	1	*
None	0	1
Other	6	6
No opinion	4	3

Question 5 held for release.

6. Who do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM), (Bush) or (the Democrats in Congress)?

12/11/06 - Summary Table*

	Bush	Dems	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. The situation in Iraq	32	56	1	7	3

Questions 6b-f held for release.

Trend where available:

a. The situation in Iraq

	Bush	Dems	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
12/11/06	32	56	1	7	3
1/18/04	56	36	1	4	3
4/30/03	72	20	2	3	3

Questions 7-10 held for release.

11. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think Congress should or should not hold hearings on how the Bush administration handled pre-war intelligence, war planning, and related issues in the war in Iraq?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
12/11/06	53	44	3

12. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think Congress should or should not hold hearings on how the Bush administration has handled surveillance, treatment of prisoners and related issues in the U.S. campaign against terrorism?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
12/11/06	52	45	3

13. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not?

	----- Worth fighting ----			--- Not worth fighting --			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
12/11/06	36	25	11	61	12	50	2
11/4/06 RV	44	33	12	53	10	44	2
10/22/06	40	28	12	57	11	47	2
10/8/06	35	25	10	63	13	50	2
9/7/06	42	29	13	56	11	45	2
8/6/06	39	29	10	59	12	47	1
6/25/06	40	25	15	58	13	45	2
5/15/06	37	24	14	62	12	50	1
4/9/06	41	30	11	58	10	48	1
3/5/06	42	29	14	57	11	46	1
1/26/06	44	32	12	55	13	42	1
1/8/06	43	30	13	55	12	43	2
12/18/05	46	33	14	52	11	42	1
11/2/05	39	25	13	60	12	48	1
8/28/05	46	33	12	53	9	44	1
6/26/05	46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04 LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04 RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04 RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04 RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2

1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5
11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4
8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70	"	"	27	"	"	4
2/2/92*	66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1

*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"

14. Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	No opinion
12/11/06	21	77	2
5/15/06	22	76	2
11/2/05	25	73	2
8/28/05	30	68	3
6/26/05	29	69	2
6/5/05	25	73	2
3/13/05	27	70	3
12/19/04	27	70	3
6/20/04	29	71	1
4/18/04	33	65	2
1/18/04	34	62	4
12/21/03	37	60	4
11/16/03	33	64	3
10/29/03	35	62	3
10/13/03	37	60	3
9/13/03	43	55	2
9/7/03	38	57	5
8/11/03	42	53	5
7/10/03	44	52	3
6/22/03	51	44	5
4/9/03	66	28	6
4/3/03	62	32	5
3/27/03	58	34	9

15. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal, or somewhat?

	----- Contributed -----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
12/11/06	46	25	21	51	3
10/8/06	48	26	21	50	3
9/7/06	50	28	21	47	3
6/25/06	51	28	22	48	1
5/15/06	48	28	20	51	2
4/9/06	52	32	20	46	1
3/5/06	50	28	23	48	2
1/26/06	53	32	21	45	1
12/18/05	54	32	22	44	2
11/2/05	46	25	21	52	2

8/28/05	49	29	20	49	2
6/26/05	52	31	22	46	1
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3
6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3
4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4
7/10/03*	62	33	29	35	3

*"did or did not"

16. Do you think (the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if that means U.S. military casualties); OR, do you think (the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there)?

	Keep forces	Withdraw forces	No opinion
12/11/06	48	48	4
11/2/05	52	44	4
8/28/05	54	44	2
6/26/05	58	41	2
12/19/04	58	39	3
6/20/04	57	42	1
5/23/04	58	40	2
4/18/04	66	33	1
11/16/03	62	34	4
10/29/03	58	38	3
9/13/03	65	32	3
8/24/03	69	27	4
7/10/03	72	26	2

17. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the Bush Administration does or does not have a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

	Does	Does not	No opinion
12/11/06	25	72	3
9/7/06	38	61	2
8/6/06	33	64	3
6/25/06	35	64	2
3/5/06	34	65	*
12/18/05	40	59	1
3/13/05	42	57	2
5/23/04	40	58	2
5/6/04	38	57	5
4/18/04	45	53	2
3/7/04	43	53	3
12/21/03	48	47	5
10/13/03	42	53	5
9/13/03	42	55	2

18. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the Democrats in Congress do or do not have a clear plan for handling the situation in

Iraq?

	Do	Do not	No opinion
12/11/06	26	65	9
9/7/06	25	69	7
8/6/06	27	66	6
6/25/06	24	71	5
3/5/06	24	70	6
12/18/05	23	74	3

19. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	No opinion
12/11/06	17	52	27	1
10/8/06	18	51	28	3
8/6/06	17	53	27	3
5/15/06	15	54	27	4
4/9/06	13	54	31	2
3/5/06	11	52	34	3
12/18/05	9	52	36	3
11/2/05	15	47	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	36	4

20. (IF DECREASED, Q19) Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Withdrawn immediately	Decreased but not withdrawn immediately	No opinion
12/11/06	28	70	1
10/8/06	37	63	*
8/6/06	33	66	1
5/15/06	31	68	1
4/9/06	28	72	1
3/5/06	33	67	*
12/18/05	23	77	0
11/2/05	38	61	*
8/28/05	33	66	1
6/26/05	34	66	1
3/13/05	27	72	1

19/20 NET:

	Increased	NET	----- Decreased ----- All/immed.	Not all/not immed.	DK	Kept about the same	No op.
12/11/06	17	52	15	36	1	27	4
10/8/06	18	51	19	32	*	28	3
8/6/06	17	53	18	35	*	27	3
5/15/06	15	54	17	37	*	27	4
4/9/06	13	54	15	39	1	31	2
3/5/06	11	52	17	35	*	34	3
12/18/05	9	52	12	40	*	36	3
11/2/05	15	47	18	29	*	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	13	27	*	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	13	25	*	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	12	31	1	37	4

21. Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
12/11/06	31	66	3
6/25/06	48	49	2
3/5/06	43	56	2
12/18/05	60	37	2
11/2/05	44	55	2
8/28/05	48	50	2
6/26/05	48	51	1
12/19/04	44	49	7
6/20/04	51	48	1

22. In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration (told the American public what it believed to be true), or (intentionally misled the American public)?

	Told the American public what it believed to be true	Intentionally misled the American public	No opin.
12/11/06	45	52	3
11/4/06 RV	51	47	2
5/15/06	46	52	2
11/2/05	44	55	2
6/26/05	48	52	*
3/13/05	55	43	2
8/29/04 RV	57	40	3
7/25/04	55	42	3

23. (HALF SAMPLE) All told, do you think the United States is winning or losing the war in Iraq?

	Winning	Losing	Neither/It's a tie (vol.)	No opinion
12/11/06	34	52	9	4
12/18/05	56	34	8	2
8/28/05	51	38	8	3

24. (HALF SAMPLE) All told, do you think the United States will win or lose the war in Iraq?

	Win	Lose	Neither/It will be a tie (vol.)	No opinion
12/11/06	34	46	11	9
12/18/05	60	27	7	6

25. Would you describe Iraq as currently in a civil war, not in a civil war but close to one, or is the situation less severe than that?

	Currently in a civil war	Not in a civil war but close to one	Situation less severe than that	No op.
12/11/06	41	45	11	3
8/6/06	34	51	12	3
4/9/06	30	49	18	3

26. As you may know a government committee called the Iraq Study Group issued its report on Iraq this week. Given what you've heard and read, overall do you support or oppose the Iraq Study Group report?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
12/11/06	46	22	32

27. Do you think the Iraq Study Group does or does not have a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

	Does	Does not	No opinion
12/11/06	32	41	28

28. Please tell me if you support or oppose each of the following proposals. First is (ITEM)... How about (NEXT ITEM)...

12/11/06 - Summary Table

	Support	Oppose	No op.
a. Changing the primary mission of U.S. forces in Iraq to supporting and training the Iraqi Army, rather than on directly fighting insurgents.	79	18	3
c. Withdrawing almost all U.S. combat forces from Iraq by early 2008, but keeping military training forces there.	69	28	3
d. Reducing U.S. military and financial support from the Iraqi government if the Iraqis fail to make progress toward national unity and restoring civil order.	74	22	4

29. (IF OPPOSE, Q28B) Is that because you want U.S forces to (be withdrawn sooner), or to (stay longer)?

	Withdrawn sooner	Stay longer	No opinion
12/11/06	53	42	4

30. Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress in training and equipping the Iraqi Army to be an effective force in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
12/11/06	41	53	6

31. How confident are you that after U.S. training the Iraqi Army will be able to defeat the insurgents in Iraq - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
12/11/06	51	8	43	48	31	17	1

32. (HALF SAMPLE) Some people say (the United States should include direct talks with Syria as part of a regional dialogue about the situation in Iraq because Syria has influence in the region). Others say (the United States should not directly engage with Syria because the U.S. has identified Syria as a sponsor of terrorism.) What do you think? Do you think the United States should or should not hold direct talks with Syria about the situation in Iraq?

	Should include Syria in talks	Should NOT directly engage with Syria	No opinion
12/11/60	58	37	5

33. (HALF SAMPLE) Some people say (the United States should include direct talks with Iran as part of a regional dialogue about the situation in Iraq because Iran has influence in the region). Others say (the United States should not directly engage with Iran because the US has identified Iran as a sponsor of terrorism and because of Iran's nuclear program.) What do you think? Do you think the United States should or should not hold direct talks with Iran about the situation in Iraq?

	Should include Iran in talks	Should NOT directly engage with Iran	No opinion
12/11/60	57	41	2

34. Do you think Bush is or is not willing enough to change his administration's policies in Iraq?

	Is	Is not	Too willing (vol.)	No change needed (vol.)	No opin.
12/11/06	30	66	*	1	3

35. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	--- Excellent/Good ---			---- Not so good/Poor ----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opin.
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04 RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04 RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98 LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

Questions 36-37 held for release.

38. What do you think is more important right now - (for the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy); or (for the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats)?

	Investigate threats	Respect privacy	No opin.
12/11/06	63	34	3
9/7/06	65	32	3
5/15/06	67	30	3
5/11/06	65	31	4
1/8/06	65	32	3
9/7/03*	73	21	5
9/8/02	78	18	4
6/9/02	79	18	3

*9/7/03 and previous: "FBI" rather than "federal government"

39. In investigating terrorism, do you think the federal agencies like the FBI are or are not intruding on some Americans' privacy rights?

	Are	Are not	No opinion
12/11/06	66	30	4
9/7/06	61	35	4
1/8/06*	64	32	4
9/7/03	58	33	8

*"do you think federal agencies are or are not"

40. (IF YES, Q39) Do you think those intrusions are justified or not justified?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
12/11/06	51	43	6
9/7/06	54	40	6
1/8/06	49	46	5
9/7/03	63	29	8

Q39/40 NET:

	----- Intrusion -----			Not an	No	
	NET	Just.	Not just.	intrusion	opin.	
12/11/06	66	34	28	4	30	4
9/7/06	61	33	24	4	35	4
1/8/06	64	31	30	4	32	4
9/7/03	58	36	17	4	33	8

Question 41-42 held for release.

43. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel (optimistic) or (pessimistic) about (ITEM)?

Questions 43a, 43c-g held for release.

12/11/06 - Summary Table*

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No op.
b. the situation in Iraq	40	57	3

*Full sample asked item a, half sample asked items b-d, other half asked e-g.

Trend where available:

b. the situation in Iraq

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
12/11/06	40	57	3
10/22/06	42	55	3
5/15/06	43	55	2
12/18/05	54	44	2
12/19/04	46	51	2
6/20/04	52	45	3
5/23/04	55	43	2
1/18/04*	58	39	2

*"Thinking about the coming year"

Questions 44-49 held for release.

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
12/11/06	34	24	36	5	1
11/4/06	33	30	32	3	2
10/22/06	30	28	36	4	2
10/8/06	38	27	31	3	1
9/7/06	33	32	30	3	2
8/6/06	34	27	34	4	1
6/25/06	33	28	35	3	*
5/15/06	34	28	33	4	1
5/11/06	33	30	33	3	1
4/9/06	34	29	34	3	0
3/5/06	32	28	36	3	1
1/26/06	32	27	34	6	*
1/8/06	31	30	34	5	1
12/18/05	33	32	33	2	*
11/2/05	31	27	38	3	1
9/11/05	31	27	34	8	1
9/2/05	32	31	31	5	2
8/28/05	32	29	33	5	1
6/26/05	34	28	32	5	1
6/5/05	30	31	34	4	*
4/24/05	35	28	32	5	*

901/904 Leaned Party:

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
12/11/06	52	38	7	3	*
10/22/06	52	41	6	1	1
10/8/06	56	39	5	1	*
9/7/06	50	41	7	1	*
5/15/06	53	39	6	1	*
5/11/06	53	41	5	1	1
4/9/06	53	42	5	1	0
3/5/06	50	42	7	1	1
11/2/05	52	41	6	1	*
9/11/05	48	39	10	3	*

905. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
12/11/06	84	16	*
11/4/06	80	19	*

10/22/06	78	22	3
10/8/06	85	15	*
9/7/06	81	19	*
8/6/06	85	15	0
6/25/06	83	17	1
5/15/06	83	17	*
5/11/06	84	16	*
4/9/06	83	17	0
1/26/06	81	19	*
12/18/05	86	14	*
11/2/05	86	14	*

908a. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't think in those terms (vol.)	No op.
12/11/06	23	42	33	2	1
11/4/06	19	42	36	2	1
10/22/06	22	42	32	2	2
10/8/06	21	43	33	1	1
9/7/06	24	39	33	2	2
8/6/06	18	42	38	1	1
6/25/06	21	41	35	1	1
5/15/06	19	48	31	1	1
5/11/06	18	49	33	*	*
4/9/06	21	41	35	2	1
3/5/06	22	42	33	2	1
1/26/06	21	40	37	1	1
1/8/06	20	40	37	2	1
12/18/05	22	42	34	1	1
11/2/05	23	44	32	1	*
9/11/05	22	44	31	2	2
8/28/05	20	44	34	2	1
6/26/05	21	44	33	1	1
6/5/05	23	40	35	1	*
4/24/05	20	47	30	1	1

911. What, if anything, is your religion?

	Protestant	Catholic	Christian (Non-Protestant)	Other Non-Christian	None	No op.
12/11/06	42	21	12	2	16	1
11/4/06	48	23	12	2	12	1
10/22/06	44	21	14	3	15	1
10/8/06	44	19	13	5	15	*
9/7/06	46	19	12	6	14	1
8/6/06	45	23	12	3	16	1
6/25/06	45	23	12	4	14	*
5/15/06	46	22	14	4	12	*
5/11/06	46	24	10	4	13	1
4/9/06	42	24	14	5	14	*
3/5/06	44	21	14	4	14	*
1/26/06	46	24	11	4	14	1
1/8/06	45	20	12	4	15	1
12/18/05	44	21	13	3	15	1
11/2/05	46	21	11	6	15	*
9/11/05	44	23	12	3	15	*
8/28/05	44	23	14	3	13	1
6/26/05	46	22	10	4	16	*
6/5/05	47	23	11	4	14	*

4/24/05 47 21 12 4 14 1

911b. (IF CHRISTIAN) Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Yes	No	No opin.
12/11/06	44	53	3
11/4/06	43	55	2
10/22/06	43	53	4
10/8/06	44	55	1
9/7/06	45	53	2
8/6/06	46	51	3
6/25/06	42	55	3
5/15/06	42	56	1
5/11/06	38	60	2
4/9/06	40	59	1
3/5/06	46	53	1
1/26/06	44	54	2
1/8/06	45	51	3
12/18/05	43	54	2
11/2/05	41	57	2
9/11/05	40	58	2
8/28/05	43	54	3
6/26/05	42	55	3
6/5/05	44	54	2
4/24/05	42	56	2

912b. Are you, or is anyone in your household, a military veteran?

	----- Yes -----					No	No op.
	NET	Resp is	Other HH member is	Both resp and other HH member are			
12/11/06	28	13	14	1	72	*	

INCOME. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources?

	-----Less than \$50k-----				-----More than \$50k-----			
	NET	<20k	20-35k	35-50k	NET	50-75k	75-100k	100k+
12/11/06	46	11	16	19	51	18	16	17
10/22/06	52	16	20	17	45	16	11	17
10/8/06	46	13	16	17	51	22	13	16
9/7/06	51	16	18	17	47	17	15	15
8/6/06	49	14	16	18	48	20	12	16
6/25/06	50	16	16	19	47	19	11	17
5/15/06	52	14	18	21	46	16	13	17
5/11/06	46	9	18	18	53	18	15	20
4/9/06	53	16	20	17	47	19	12	16
3/5/06	50	16	18	16	48	20	12	16
1/26/06	52	20	15	17	46	18	12	16
12/18/05	54	17	19	18	44	18	12	15
11/2/05	52	14	18	20	46	19	13	14
9/11/05	55	18	20	17	42	18	11	14
8/28/05	52	18	15	19	46	18	11	16
6/26/05	49	14	17	18	49	19	14	16
6/5/05	55	15	20	20	43	17	13	14
4/24/05	55	15	21	19	45	18	12	15

Q909. What was the last grade of school you completed?

High school or less	9
Graduated high school	38
Some college	23
Graduated College	18
Post-graduate	11

Q910. What is your age

?	
18-29	21
30-39	18
40-49	20
50-64	26
65+	15

Q918. Are you of Hispanic origin or background? IF YES: Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic? IF NO: Are you white, black, or some other race?

White	77
Black	11
Hispanic	6
Asian	2
Other Race	4

Q921. RESPONDENT'S SEX

Male	48
Female	52

END