

# Bush Better Suited to Deal With Terror Threat, Poll Finds

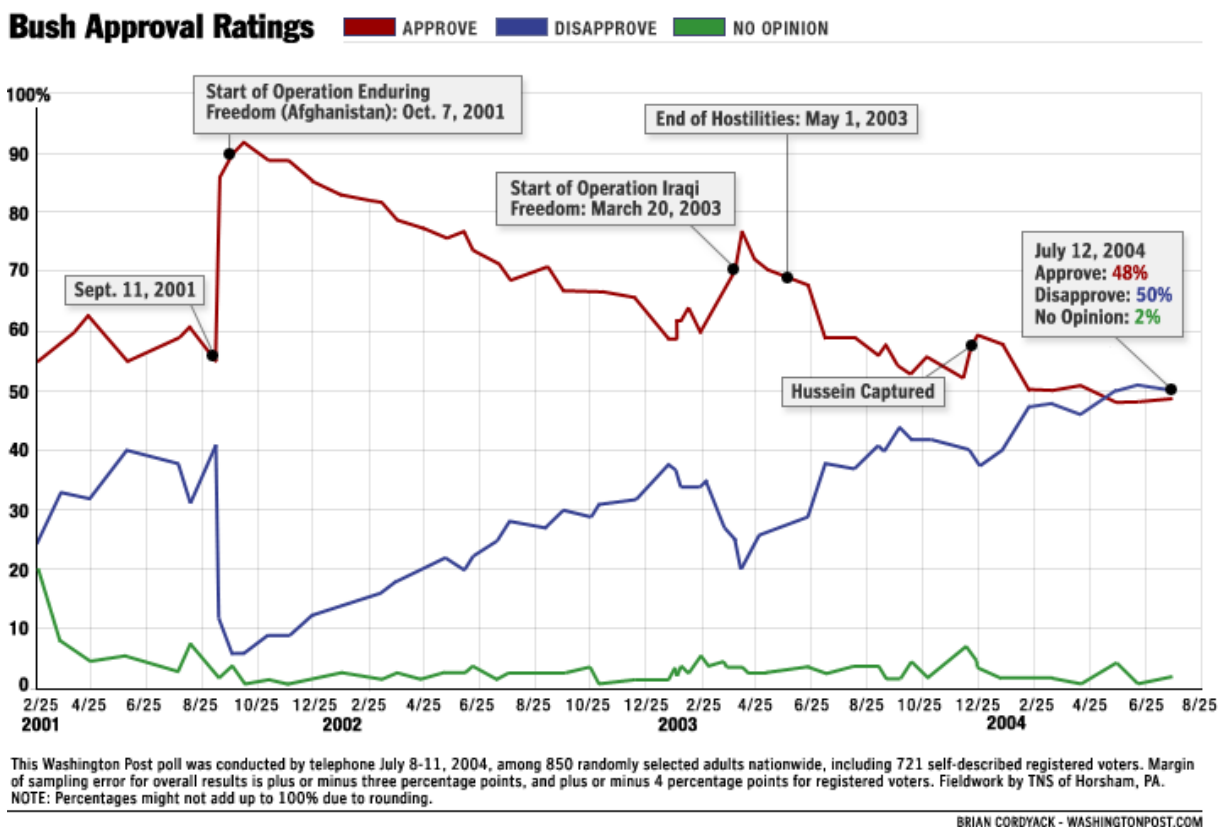
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Despite growing fears that the United States is losing the war on terrorism, President Bush has reclaimed the advantage over his Democratic challenger John F. Kerry as the candidate best able to deal with the international terrorist threat, according to the latest Washington Post poll.

The survey found that 55 percent of Americans approve of the way Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism, up five points in the past three weeks. Slightly more than half -- 51 percent -- also said they trust Bush more than Kerry to deal with terrorism, while 42 percent prefer the Democrat. Three weeks ago, the two were tied on this crucial voting issue.

But other results were less favorable for the president and underscored the growing unease with the war in Iraq and the state of the U.S.-led international war on terrorism.

For the first time in Post polls this year, less than half of the country -- 46 percent -- said the United States is winning the war on terrorism, down eight points since April.



At the same time, the proportion of the public who say the war with Iraq was not worth fighting has grown to 53 percent, a record high. A slight majority -- 53 percent -- say the conflict with Iraq has contributed to the long-term U.S. security.

Bush's overall job approval rating stood at 48 percent, unchanged from last month. Half disapproved of the job he was doing.

The survey also found that Kerry's choice of Sen. John Edwards (N.C.) as his running mate did little to change the overall character of the race. Although the Edwards selection was greeted warmly by many voters, particularly Democrats, Kerry and Bush remain in a tight battle -- with each candidate claiming 46 percent of the hypothetical vote of registered voters. In June, the Massachusetts senator led Bush 48 percent to 44 percent.

Nearly half of voters -- 47 percent -- said the selection of Edwards made them feel more favorable toward Kerry while 22 percent said they were less favorably inclined and 26 percent said it made no difference. That is a slightly less positive reaction than the one that greeted Bush's choice of Richard B. Cheney four years ago or the initial reaction to Al Gore's selection of Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (Conn.).

On several key measures, Kerry has improved his standing with voters in recent weeks while Bush's image has eroded. Eight in 10 Kerry supporters -- 79 percent -- say they will "definitely" vote for him, up from 72 percent in three weeks; 76 percent of Bush's supporters are firmly behind their candidate, unchanged from last month.

At the same time, Kerry may be closing the perceptions gap separating him from Bush on some key measures of leadership and performance. A majority of the public -- 55 percent -- said Kerry is a "strong leader," up from 52 percent in April. Although slightly more Americans -- 59 percent -- see Bush as a strong leader, his standing has dropped five points since April and 15 points in the past year. Similarly, Kerry has cut Bush's double-digit advantage on which candidate could be trusted to handle a crisis to four points since May.

A total of 850 randomly selected adults were interviewed July 8 to 11. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

## Historical Trend Data

### Washington Post Poll: Presidential Politics, Iraq and War on Terror

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*This Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone July 8-11, 2004, among 850 randomly selected adults nationwide, including 721 self-described registered voters. Margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus 3 percentage points, and plus or minus 4 percentage points for registered voters. Fieldwork by TNS of Horsham, Pa.*

\*= 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.
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 All	67	39	28	29	13	16	4
10/27/02 LV	68	47	21	30	14	16	3
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)?

7/11/04 - Summary Table\*

	Approve	Disapprove	No op.
a. The economy	45	53	2
b. The situation in Iraq	43	55	2
c. The US campaign against terrorism	55	43	2
d. Immigration issues with Latin America	34	49	17
e. Education	50	44	7

Trend where available:

### a. The economy

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/11/04	45	53	2
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
10/27/02 LV	53	44	3
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

## b. The situation in Iraq

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/11/04	43	55	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

## c. The US campaign against terrorism

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/11/04	55	43	2
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 All	74	23	4
10/27/02 LV	78	20	2
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	19	3
4/21/02*	81	18	2
3/10/02*	88	10	2
1/27/02	88	10	2
12/19/01*	89	9	2
10/15/01*	92	5	3

\*Asked very/somewhat follow-up

d. No trend.

e. Education

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/11/04	50	44	7
6/20/04	51	45	5
4/18/04	51	43	6
3/7/04	50	45	5
2/11/04	47	45	8
1/18/04	55	37	9
12/21/03	47	37	15
10/29/03	55	38	7
9/13/03	56	39	6
4/30/03	59	34	7
12/15/02	62	30	8
9/26/02	61	32	7
7/15/02	62	31	6
1/27/02	71	21	8
9/9/01	61	32	7
7/30/01	63	31	5
6/3/01	57	35	8
4/22/01	60	28	12

**3. How closely are you following the 2004 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?**

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too closely	Not closely at all	No opin.
7/11/04	36	43	13	7	1
6/20/04	33	45	15	7	*
5/23/04	33	41	17	9	*
4/18/04	30	45	16	9	0
3/7/04	33	42	18	7	*
2/11/04	30	45	15	10	*
1/18/04	22	44	22	13	*
10/29/03	15	39	30	15	0
9/13/03	16	40	27	17	*

Compare to: How closely are you following the 2000 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too closely	Not closely at all	No opin.
Likely Voters:					
11/6/00	54	38	6	2	*
11/5/00	53	38	6	2	*
11/4/00	52	39	7	2	*
11/3/00	51	40	6	3	*
11/2/00	48	42	7	3	*
11/1/00	48	43	7	2	*
10/31/00	46	44	7	2	*
10/30/00	47	44	7	2	*
10/29/00	47	43	7	3	*
10/28/00	47	42	7	3	*
10/27/00	48	41	7	4	*
10/26/00	47	42	8	3	*
10/25/00	47	42	8	3	0
10/24/00	44	43	10	3	0
10/23/00	44	45	8	3	0
10/22/00	44	44	9	3	0
10/21/00	46	41	9	4	*
10/20/00	46	40	11	4	*
10/19/00	44	41	10	4	*
10/18/00	42	45	10	3	*
10/17/00	40	46	10	3	*

Registered Voters:					
10/15/00	33	44	15	8	*
10/9/00	30	45	16	9	*
10/1/00	27	48	17	8	*
9/6/00	26	48	17	9	*
8/20/00	28	46	16	10	1
8/10/00	29	43	18	11	*

General Population:					
8/6/00	17	36	22	25	*
7/29/00	16	35	25	24	*
7/23/00	14	36	25	25	*
6/11/00	13	36	26	25	0
4/2/00	17	36	24	23	0
3/11/00	21	40	21	17	0
2/27/00	24	46	20	10	*
2/6/00	19	48	21	13	0
1/16/00	11	39	26	24	*
12/15/99	12	33	31	24	*
10/31/99	16	45	25	13	*

**4/4a. If the 2004 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for (George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, the Republicans), (John Kerry and John Edwards, the Democrats), or Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo, the independents? Which one are you leaning toward?**

Net Leaned Vote, Registered Voters:

	Bush/ Cheney	Kerry/ Edwards	Nader/ Camejo	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote	No op.
7/11/04	46	46	4	1	2	1	1
6/20/04*	44	48	6	*	1	*	1
5/23/04	46	46	4	*	1	1	1

4/18/04	48	43	6	*	2	1	*
3/7/04	44	48	3	*	1	2	2

\*and previous asked only for Presidential candidates

#### Net Leaned Vote, General Population:

	Bush/ Cheney	Kerry/ Edwards	Nader/ Camejo	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote	No op.
7/11/04	45	46	5	1	2	x	x
6/20/04*	42	48	7	*	1	1	1
5/23/04	45	44	6	*	1	2	1
4/18/04	47	42	7	*	2	1	*
3/7/04	42	47	5	*	1	3	2

\*and previous asked only for Presidential candidates

#### 5. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Will you definitely vote for (CANDIDATE), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Is there a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	Definitely vote	NET	---Chance change mind---	No opin.
7/11/04 All	77	22	7	14
Bush/Cheney	76	23	8	15
Kerry/Edwards	79	20	7	13
6/20/04* All	71	28	13	15
Bush	78	21	9	13
Kerry	72	27	13	14

\*Asked only of Presidential candidates

#### Compare to:

#### Gore:

	Definitely vote	-----Change mind-----	No opinion
Likely Voters:		Good chance      Unlikely	
11/6/00	92	3      4	1
11/5/00	91	4      5	*
11/4/00	90	4      6	*
11/3/00	88	5      6	1
11/2/00	84	7      9	1
11/1/00	83	7      9	1
10/31/00	83	6      11	1
10/30/00	88	4      8	0
10/29/00	88	5      7	*
10/28/00	88	5      6	1
10/27/00	85	6      8	1
10/26/00	85	6      8	1
10/25/00	84	7      8	1
10/24/00	83	7      8	1
10/23/00	83	7      9	1
10/22/00	80	7      11	1
10/21/00	80	8      10	1
10/20/00	78	10      11	2
10/19/00	80	8      9	2
10/18/00	80	8      9	3
10/17/00	80	8      9	3



Registered Voters:				
10/15/00	75	10	13	3
10/9/00	71	10	15	4
10/1/00	68	15	15	2
9/6/00	69	11	18	2
8/20/00	71	9	18	2
8/6/00	65	14	18	3
General Population:				
8/6/00	62	16	20	2
7/23/00	58	15	26	2

# **Bush:**

	Definitely vote	-----Change mind-----		No opinion
		Good chance	Unlikely	
Likely Voters:				
11/6/00	92	3	4	1
11/5/00	91	3	4	2
11/4/00	89	4	5	2
11/3/00	88	5	6	2
11/2/00	88	5	6	1
11/1/00	90	5	5	1
10/31/00	89	5	4	1
10/30/00	87	5	7	1
10/29/00	87	5	6	1
10/28/00	86	6	7	1
10/27/00	88	6	6	1
10/26/00	86	5	8	1
10/25/00	86	4	9	*
10/24/00	85	5	10	1
10/23/00	85	6	8	1
10/22/00	86	5	8	1
10/21/00	87	5	7	1
10/20/00	86	4	9	1
10/19/00	85	6	9	1
10/18/00	84	6	9	1
10/17/00	83	8	8	0
Registered Voters:				
10/15/00	76	12	12	1
10/9/00	72	11	14	3
10/1/00	71	14	13	2
9/6/00	70	13	16	1
8/20/00	68	12	20	1
8/6/00	68	14	16	1
General Population				
8/6/00	65	15	18	2
7/23/00	63	14	22	2

## **6. As you may know, Kerry has picked John Edwards as his vice presidential running-mate. Does the selection of Edwards make you think more favorably or less favorably of Kerry?**

	--More Favorably---			-----Less Favorably----			No diff.	No
	NET	Much	Smwht.	NET	Smwht.	Much less	(vol.)	opin.
7/11/04	46	19	27	22	12	9	27	5

Compare to:

As you may know, Gore has picked Joseph Lieberman as his vice presidential running-mate. Does the selection of Lieberman make you think more favorably or less favorably of Gore? (Is that much more or somewhat more favorably?; Is that somewhat less or much less favorably?)

--More Favorably---			-----Less Favorably----			No diff.	No
NET	Much	Smwht.	NET	Smwht.	Much less	(vol.)	opin.

Registered Voters:

8/10/00	53	25	28	17	10	7	26	5
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As you may know, Bush has picked Dick Cheney as his vice presidential running-mate. Does the selection of Cheney make you think more favorably or less favorably of Bush? (Is that much more or somewhat more favorably?; Is that somewhat less or much less favorably?)

--More Favorably---			-----Less Favorably----			No diff.	No
NET	Much	Smwht.	NET	Smwht.	Much less	(vol.)	opin.

Registered Voters:

8/10/00	50	24	26	24	14	10	22	3
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## 7. Who do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM), (Bush) or (Kerry)?

7/11/04 - Summary Table\*

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. The economy	43	51	1	3	3
b. The situation in Iraq	47	47	1	3	2
c. The US campaign against terrorism	51	42	1	3	3
d. Immigration issues with Latin America	38	42	1	8	11
e. Education	40	50	1	4	5

Trend where available:

### a. The economy

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
7/11/04	43	51	1	3	3
6/20/04	45	50	1	3	1
5/23/04	43	48	*	5	3
4/18/04	47	47	1	4	1
3/7/04	41	53	*	4	2
2/11/04	41	49	1	4	5

### b. The situation in Iraq

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
7/11/04	47	47	1	3	2
6/20/04	50	45	*	4	1
5/23/04	48	42	*	6	3
4/18/04	52	41	*	4	2

3/7/04	47	48	1	3	2
2/11/04	48	41	1	6	5

c. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
7/11/04	51	42	1	3	3
6/20/04	47	48	1	3	1
5/23/04	52	39	1	4	4
4/18/04	58	37	1	3	1
3/7/04	57	36	2	2	3
2/11/04	53	37	1	4	5

d. No trend.

e. Education

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
7/11/04	40	50	1	4	5
6/20/04	42	52	1	2	2
4/18/04	47	44	1	6	2
3/7/04	40	52	1	3	4
2/11/04	40	49	1	6	5

**8. Of the following list, which one of these will be the single most important issue in your vote for president this year: (The U.S. campaign against terrorism), (the war in Iraq), (the economy and jobs), (education), (Health care), (crime) or something else?**

	Terrorism	Iraq	Econ./ jobs	Educ- ation	Health care	Crime	Other	No op.
7/11/04	19	19	29	12	12	1	8	1

Compare to:

	Terrorism	Iraq	Econ./ jobs	Educ- ation	Health care	Medicare/ drugs	Soc. Sec.	Other	No op.
6/20/04	18	19	26	9	9	5	4	8	1
5/23/04	14	18	32	8	8	7	5	6	1
4/18/04	22	23	26	8	5	4	4	6	1
3/7/04	17	10	36	8	6	7	7	8	1
12/21/03*	14	9	37	12	8	6	7	6	2

\*"Which one of the these will be ..."

9/10. Please tell me whether the following statement applies to (Bush/Kerry), or not.

7/11/04 - Summary Table

	-----Bush-----			-----Kerry-----		
	Yes	No	No op.	Yes	No	No op.
a. He understands the problems of people like you	42	57	1	55	38	7
b. He is a strong leader	59	40	1	55	35	10

c. He can be trusted in a crisis	57	41	2	53	34	14
d. He is a likeable person	68	31	1	72	24	4

Trend where available:

a. He understands the problems of people like you

	-----Bush-----			-----Kerry-----		
	Yes	No	No op.	Yes	No	No op.
7/11/04	42	57	1	55	38	7
5/23/04	42	57	1	52	43	5
4/18/04	41	57	2	51	40	10
3/7/04	41	57	2	58	34	8
2/11/04	41	57	2			
1/18/04	43	56	1			
12/21/03	45	53	2			
10/29/03	40	58	2			
9/13/03	48	51	1			
4/30/03	51	48	1			
12/15/02	51	47	2			
7/15/02	57	41	2			
1/27/02	61	37	2			
7/30/01	45	54	2			
4/22/01	47	51	2			
11/4/00 LV	49	46	5			
10/24/00 LV	50	46	3			
10/15/00 RV	46	46	7			
10/9/00 RV	50	44	6			
9/6/00 RV	47	49	4			
8/20/00 RV	50	46	5			
7/23/00 RV	44	51	5			
7/23/00	44	51	5			
6/11/00	48	47	5			
4/2/00	48	46	6			
3/11/00	47	47	6			
2/27/00	43	51	6			
2/6/00	43	52	5			
1/16/00	46	49	6			
12/15/99	47	46	7			
10/31/99	54	39	7			
9/2/99	50	39	11			
3/14/99	52	27	21			

b. He is a strong leader

	-----Bush-----			-----Kerry-----		
	Yes	No	No op.	Yes	No	No op.
7/11/04	59	40	1	55	35	10
5/23/04	62	37	1	52	38	10
4/18/04	64	36	1	52	38	11
3/7/04	63	36	1	61	29	10
2/11/04	61	38	1			
12/21/03	67	32	2			
10/29/03	62	37	1			
9/13/03	66	34	*			
4/30/03	74	25	*			
12/15/02	75	23	2			
7/15/02	75	24	1			
7/30/01	55	43	2			
4/22/01	53	42	5			
10/9/00 RV	62	33	5			

9/6/00 RV	65	28	7
8/20/00 RV	65	29	5
8/10/00 RV	67	29	5
7/23/00 RV	61	33	6
7/23/00	62	32	5
6/11/00	65	30	6
4/2/00	68	27	5
3/11/00	63	31	6
2/27/00	62	32	6
2/6/00	65	30	7
1/16/00	65	28	7
12/15/99	67	26	7
10/31/99	77	18	5
9/2/99	70	18	12
3/14/99	68	13	20

c. He can be trusted in a crisis

	-----Bush-----			-----Kerry-----		
	Yes	No	No op.	Yes	No	No op.
7/11/04	57	41	2	53	34	14
5/23/04	60	39	1	46	42	12
7/30/01	60	37	3			
4/22/01	65	32	4			
12/15/99	62	27	11			
9/2/99	58	22	19			

d. No trend.

**11. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse or staying the same?**

	Better	Worse	Same	No opin.
7/11/04	35	29	35	1
4/18/04	36	28	35	1
3/7/04	34	29	36	1
10/29/03	32	31	37	1
9/13/03	28	31	40	*
8/11/03	32	29	38	1
1/20/03	18	38	43	1
7/28/02	17	44	39	1
7/15/02	20	36	43	2
7/7/02*	22	37	41	0
6/9/02	27	29	43	1
5/12/02	35	27	38	0
4/14/02	34	26	40	0
3/17/02	47	20	32	1
2/17/02	29	27	42	2
1/20/02	25	36	39	1
12/9/01	24	37	38	1
11/11/01	16	48	36	1
10/14/01	15	46	39	0
9/16/01	9	44	46	1
8/12/01	16	46	38	0
7/15/01	13	40	46	0
6/17/01	17	45	38	1
5/20/01	13	47	39	0
4/22/01	12	44	44	0
3/25/01	13	49	37	1
2/11/01	13	45	41	1
1/14/01	12	40	47	1
7/9/00	21	28	50	0

9/12/99	21	23	56	1
5/23/99	24	26	49	1
1/31/99	28	21	50	0
1/03/99	29	21	47	2
11/08/98	26	27	47	0
10/11/98	24	31	44	1
9/27/98	26	31	43	0
9/13/98	20	27	53	0
6/21/98	30	21	49	0
5/24/98	34	22	42	1
4/26/98	31	21	47	1
10/26/97	22	25	51	0
8/3/97	24	20	55	1
6/22/97	25	26	47	1
3/2/97	17	27	55	0
2/2/97	23	27	49	0
1/5/97	21	27	52	0
10/27/96	23	29	48	1
9/29/96	20	28	52	0
9/1/96	18	36	46	1
7/7/96	13	40	48	0
6/9/96	12	43	44	0
5/12/96	15	45	40	0
4/14/96	13	38	48	0
3/17/96	15	41	43	*
10/1/95	16	39	44	0
8/6/95	15	36	50	0
7/9/95	13	39	47	1
6/11/95	13	35	51	0
5/14/95	16	41	42	0
3/19/95	19	38	43	0
10/2/94	21	38	41	0
9/25/94	20	36	43	1
9/18/94	19	35	45	1
7/10/94	21	33	46	0
6/26/94	24	30	46	0
5/29/94	23	33	44	0
4/3/94	23	28	48	1
2/27/94	30	27	43	0
2/13/94	34	25	41	0
1/30/94	34	24	42	0
1/16/94	32	25	43	0
1/2/94	30	25	45	0
12/19/93	25	30	46	0
12/5/93	22	31	47	0
11/21/93	20	37	42	1
11/7/93	15	37	48	0
10/24/93	12	39	49	0
10/10/93	16	37	46	0
9/26/93	17	37	45	0
9/12/93	16	32	52	0
8/29/93	13	42	45	0
8/15/93	16	39	45	1
8/1/93	13	35	52	0
7/4/93	14	35	51	0
6/20/93	16	35	49	0
6/6/93	14	35	50	0
5/23/93	13	33	54	1
5/9/93	14	34	52	0
4/25/93	25	26	49	0
4/11/93	17	30	52	0
3/28/93	26	29	45	0
3/14/93	23	24	52	0

2/28/93	23	28	47	2
2/14/93	30	24	45	1
1/31/93	29	26	45	0
1/17/93	29	23	47	1
1/3/93	33	17	48	2
12/20/92	31	25	43	1
12/6/92	26	27	47	0
11/22/92	17	32	51	0
11/8/92	16	47	37	0
10/25/92	12	46	42	0
10/11/92	6	52	42	0
9/27/92	10	48	42	0
9/13/92	9	58	33	1
8/30/92	8	48	43	0
8/16/92	12	45	43	0
8/2/92	12	41	48	0
7/19/92	11	52	37	0
7/5/92	18	47	35	0
6/21/92	15	41	43	0
6/7/92	18	36	46	0
5/24/92	15	45	40	0
5/10/92	19	38	42	0
4/26/92	18	39	44	0
4/12/92	17	41	41	0
3/29/92	16	42	42	0
3/25/92	15	45	40	0
3/15/92	9	48	42	0
3/1/92	9	55	36	0
2/16/92	8	48	44	0
2/2/92	9	57	34	0
1/19/92	7	58	35	0
1/5/92	8	54	38	0
12/22/91	4	66	30	0
12/08/91	6	60	29	5
11/24/91	6	53	37	4
11/10/91	12	50	38	0
10/27/91	11	44	44	1
10/21/91	9	56	34	1
09/22/91	16	41	41	2
09/08/91	16	40	41	3
08/25/91	17	40	40	3
08/11/91	16	44	38	2
07/28/91	13	53	34	0
07/28/91	19	46	33	2
07/14/91	19	42	37	2
06/30/91	20	40	38	2
06/02/91	20	44	35	1
04/09/91	18	49	31	2
03/04/91	10	53	36	1
01/27/91	6	65	28	1
11/01/90	4	77	19	0
10/14/90	3	77	19	1
09/09/90	5	64	31	0
07/24/90	9	58	32	1
05/21/90	7	46	47	0
02/04/90	10	42	48	0
01/16/90	11	38	51	0
08/21/89	15	32	53	0
06/19/89	12	37	51	0
05/23/89	12	37	50	1
04/03/89	9	39	51	1
02/14/89	16	36	47	1
01/16/89	25	36	38	1

10/10/88	24	34	42	0
07/20/88	24	39	35	2
07/11/88	23	36	41	0
05/25/88	16	42	41	1
03/21/88	20	44	36	0
01/23/88	18	45	37	0
12/17/87	15	47	38	0
12/13/87	14	49	36	1
12/02/87	15	53	31	1
11/05/87	10	56	32	2
10/26/87	12	60	28	0
10/19/87	17	47	36	0
06/29/87	19	38	43	0
06/01/87	20	38	41	1
04/13/87	20	37	42	1
03/09/87	22	36	41	1
02/28/87	18	48	33	1
01/18/87	23	38	38	1
09/08/86	30	34	35	1
06/23/86	32	30	38	0
05/19/86	35	28	36	1
04/28/86	40	28	32	0
03/24/86	42	24	33	1
02/12/86	29	27	43	1
12/17/85	30	30	37	3
10/28/85	27	35	37	1
09/23/85	27	32	39	2
07/29/85	32	29	39	0
06/22/85	37	28	35	0
05/13/85	32	29	38	1
03/25/85	36	27	37	0
02/26/85	41	25	32	2
01/16/85	43	12	44	1
07/08/84	43	26	31	0
05/22/84	40	23	36	1
01/17/84	49	19	31	1
12/13/83	46	20	31	3
11/07/83	44	20	36	0
09/26/83	44	20	35	1
08/01/83	50	19	30	1
06/19/83	36	20	42	2
05/15/83	43	17	39	1
04/12/83	37	21	40	2
03/02/83	39	21	39	1
01/22/83	18	46	36	0
12/18/82	20	53	26	1
10/11/82	21	48	28	3
09/13/82	21	45	33	1
08/17/82	17	50	31	2
04/25/82	21	47	30	2
03/08/82	13	59	27	1
01/30/82	17	50	31	2
12/12/81	12	54	32	2
11/22/81	11	55	33	1
10/18/81	17	40	41	2
09/20/81	12	42	44	2
05/20/81	14	49	36	1
03/06/81	9	54	36	1

\*7/7/02 and previous: ABC/Money



**12. Would you say that you and your family living with you are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as you were a year ago?**

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	No opinion
7/11/04	26	22	52	*

**13. On another subject, do you think the United States is winning or losing the war on terrorism?**

	Winning	Losing	Neither/It's a draw (vol.)	No opinion
7/11/04	46	38	13	3
4/18/04	54	30	13	3
3/7/04	56	27	14	3
10/6/02	47	24	21	9

**14. 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? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?**

	----Worth fighting----			----Not worth fighting---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
7/11/04	45	34	10	53	12	42	2
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
Gulf War:							
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"							

**15. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?**

	-----Contributed-----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
7/11/04	53	30	24	43	4
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"					