

## DOMESTIC PRIORITIES FOR CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

(Demographic Breakdown for Top Six Responses)

	Defending the country from future <u>terrorist attacks</u> %	Strengthening the nation's <u>economy</u> %	Making Social Security <u>sound</u> %	Improving the educational <u>system</u> %	Improving the job <u>situation</u> %	Making Medicare <u>sound</u> %
<b>Total</b>	75	75	70	70	68	67
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	76	78	68	65	68	62
Female	75	71	72	74	69	71
<b>Race</b>						
White	77	72	68	65	65	64
Non-white	68	85	76	89	79	79
Black	68	84	74	91	85	82
Hispanic*	68	79	64	74	74	78
<b>Race and Sex</b>						
White Men	76	73	65	60	65	59
White Women	78	70	72	70	65	68
<b>Age</b>						
Under 30	68	77	55	78	68	56
30-49	76	72	71	72	69	66
50-64	80	76	74	58	67	72
65+						
<b>Sex and Age</b>						
Men under 50	75	79	63	69	69	58
Women under 50	71	69	67	78	69	67
Men 50+	76	76	75	57	65	70
Women 50+	80	75	79	67	69	78
<b>Education</b>						
College Grad.	67	65	59	64	57	59
Some College	71	77	72	74	65	70
High School Grad.	83	75	73	65	76	67
<H.S. Grad.	81	88	80	87	80	80
<b>Family Income</b>						
\$75,000+	73	70	60	61	61	57
\$50,000-\$74,999	75	71	68	66	66	67
\$30,000-\$49,999	78	75	69	68	62	67
\$20,000-\$29,999	74	80	72	70	68	69
<\$20,000	78	80	80	84	84	77

\* The designation Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

Question: I'd like to ask you some questions about priorities for President Bush and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think the item that I read should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?

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	Defending the country from future <u>terrorist attacks</u>	Strengthening the nation's <u>economy</u>	Making Social Security <u>sound</u>	Improving the educational <u>system</u>	Improving the job <u>situation</u>	Making Medicare <u>sound</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	75	75	70	70	68	67
<b>Region</b>						
East	75	76	69	73	65	71
Midwest	73	76	71	66	73	62
South	81	76	73	73	71	71
West	70	70	63	65	62	61
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>						
Total White Protestant	81	69	70	63	60	63
White Prot. Evangelical	87	71	71	67	60	64
White Prot. Non-Evangel.	73	68	68	60	60	62
White Catholic	78	76	74	68	70	65
Secular	60	75	65	70	71	59
<b>Party ID</b>						
Republican	84	66	65	62	58	58
Democrat	66	82	75	76	72	76
Independent	74	74	68	68	73	66
<b>Party and Ideology</b>						
Conservative Republican	83	67	70	62	53	59
Moderate/Liberal Repub.	87	63	56	62	65	58
Conserv./Moderate Dem.	73	84	80	74	76	85
Liberal Democrat	49	82	66	79	60	60
<b>Bush Approval</b>						
Approve	86	67	68	64	63	60
Disapprove	63	81	70	74	73	73
<b>Use of Force in Iraq</b>						
Right Decision	84	68	69	62	63	62
Wrong Decision	62	81	70	76	72	73
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married	77	71	67	64	64	64
Unmarried	72	78	73	76	73	71
<b>Parental Status</b>						
Parent	78	74	63	70	67	61
Non-Parent	74	75	74	69	69	70
<b>Labor Union</b>						
Union Household	83	71	62	64	69	69
Non-Union Household	74	75	71	70	68	67

## FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES FOR CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

(Demographic Breakdown for Top Six Responses)

	Reducing threat of international <u>terrorism</u> %	Stopping the spread of AIDS <u>worldwide</u> %	Stopping drug <u>trafficking</u> %	Protecting the global <u>environment</u> %	Making Iraq <u>stable</u> %	Watching the development <u>of China</u> %
<b>Total</b>	73	61	56	48	46	42
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	73	58	49	48	50	44
Female	74	64	62	49	42	40
<b>Race</b>						
White	75	58	53	47	48	40
Non-white	66	74	64	52	37	47
Black	67	86	70	52	33	45
Hispanic*	75	--	--	67	--	--
<b>Race and Sex</b>						
White Men	74	54	48	42	51	42
White Women	76	61	59	51	45	39
<b>Age</b>						
Under 30	66	72	52	58	46	35
30-49	72	57	46	44	43	41
50-64	77	57	64	46	47	46
65+	79	62	74	50	50	48
<b>Sex and Age</b>						
Men under 50	69	61	42	51	48	44
Women under 50	71	64	55	47	40	35
Men 50+	78	54	64	42	54	45
Women 50+	77	63	72	52	44	48
<b>Education</b>						
College Grad.	66	53	43	41	50	35
Some College	74	61	52	50	42	46
High School Grad. or Less	76	66	65	52	45	44
<b>Family Income</b>						
\$75,000+	73	50	40	40	52	36
\$50,000-\$74,999	65	55	48	44	43	24
\$30,000-\$49,999	74	58	56	50	40	50
\$20,000-\$29,999	76	66	59	50	43	43
<\$20,000	73	77	73	62	45	52

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Question: Now thinking about FOREIGN policy problems, tell me whether each one should have top priority in the U.S. government, a priority but not top priority, or no priority?

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	Reducing threat of international <u>terrorism</u>	Stopping the spread of AIDS <u>worldwide</u>	Stopping drug trafficking <u>trafficking</u>	Protecting the global environment <u>environment</u>	Making Iraq stable <u>stable</u>	Watching the development of China <u>of China</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	73	61	56	48	46	42
<b>Region</b>						
East	78	69	56	48	50	37
Midwest	68	52	48	41	38	44
South	78	64	67	53	49	44
West	66	57	45	48	46	40
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>						
Total White Protestant	77	57	58	44	52	48
White Protestant Evangelical	81	54	68	44	54	50
White Prot. Non-Evangelical	74	60	51	44	50	45
White Catholic	76	60	55	48	44	33
Secular	63	59	38	54	45	28
<b>Party ID</b>						
Republican	82	44	57	36	59	46
Democrat	67	73	62	55	36	39
Independent	70	63	46	51	44	40
<b>Party and Ideology</b>						
Conservative Republican	88	38	55	28	62	53
Moderate/Liberal Republican	72	53	58	45	55	32
Conserv./Moderate Democrat	72	66	67	48	37	46
Liberal Democrat	56	84	49	70	34	23
<b>Bush Approval</b>						
Approve	84	53	58	40	58	45
Disapprove	59	70	51	56	33	39
<b>Use of Force in Iraq</b>						
Right Decision	83	54	57	43	57	47
Wrong Decision	62	67	52	55	34	37
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married	76	51	51	40	47	41
Unmarried	69	73	62	58	45	44
<b>Parental Status</b>						
Parent	75	57	49	46	42	38
Non-Parent	72	63	60	50	48	44
<b>Labor Union</b>						
Union Household	72	52	48	44	36	40
Non-Union Household	73	63	57	49	48	42

## NEEDS MAJOR CHANGES/COMPLETELY REBUILT

	The healthcare <u>system</u> %	The tax <u>system</u> %	The education <u>system</u> %	The Social Security <u>system</u> %	The legal <u>system</u> %
<b>Total</b>	71	46	62	49	52
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	68	48	61	50	52
Female	74	44	62	49	52
<b>Race</b>					
White	68	43	58	48	49
Non-white	81	57	76	53	61
Black	82	60	76	55	70
Hispanic*	75	42	72	51	57
<b>Race and Sex</b>					
White Men	64	44	56	48	49
White Women	72	42	60	49	49
<b>Age</b>					
Under 30	67	31	66	48	50
30-49	73	48	65	58	53
50-64	78	56	59	49	55
65+	61	46	53	34	48
<b>Sex and Age</b>					
Men under 50	67	44	65	54	51
Women under 50	74	41	66	54	53
Men 50+	68	54	57	42	53
Women 50+	74	50	56	43	51
<b>Education</b>					
College Grad.	71	46	64	54	45
Some College	72	44	65	56	50
High School Grad.	71	47	60	42	58
<H.S. Grad.	70	49	57	48	54
<b>Family Income</b>					
\$75,000+	70	46	63	55	50
\$50,000-\$74,999	77	49	58	54	53
\$30,000-\$49,999	73	47	63	50	56
\$20,000-\$29,999	65	44	60	46	47
<\$20,000	73	46	63	47	55

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Question: Do you think... in this country works pretty well and requires only MINOR CHANGES, do you think it needs MAJOR CHANGES, or do you think it needs to be COMPLETELY REBUILT?

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	The healthcare <u>system</u> %	The tax <u>system</u> %	The education <u>system</u> %	The Social Security <u>system</u> %	The legal <u>system</u> %
<b>Total</b>	71	46	62	49	52
<b>Region</b>					
East	71	47	62	49	50
Midwest	74	50	61	51	51
South	71	44	57	48	54
West	68	44	69	51	52
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>					
Total White Protestant	66	43	54	49	51
White Protestant Evangelical	65	44	54	47	57
White Prot. Non-Evangelical	66	41	55	51	46
White Catholic	69	47	58	48	46
Secular	71	39	63	42	50
<b>Party ID</b>					
Republican	58	43	54	50	50
Democrat	81	50	67	46	52
Independent	74	47	65	51	53
<b>Party and Ideology</b>					
Conservative Republican	54	44	50	53	52
Moderate/Liberal Republican	63	40	60	46	47
Conserv./Moderate Democrat	81	49	62	47	51
Liberal Democrat	82	54	79	49	55
<b>Use of Force in Iraq</b>					
Right Decision	63	43	56	52	52
Wrong Decision	80	50	67	48	52
<b>Bush Approval</b>					
Approve	63	43	56	51	53
Disapprove	82	51	67	48	51
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Married	71	47	59	50	53
Unmarried	72	45	65	48	50
<b>Parental Status</b>					
Parent	73	45	62	55	54
Non-Parent	70	47	61	46	50
<b>Labor Union</b>					
Union Household	74	51	61	54	55
Non-Union Household	70	45	62	49	52

## AID TO THE TSUNAMI VICTIMS

	--Give a Donation--				---U.S. Government has given---			
	Yes, have made a <u>donation</u> %	No, don't think		DK/ <u>Ref</u> %	More than <u>fair share</u> %	Less than <u>fair share</u> %	About <u>right</u> %	DK/ <u>Ref</u> %
		<u>to do so</u> %	<u>will donate</u> <u>right now</u> %					
<b>Total</b>	30	30	37	3=100	36	10	48	6=100
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	32	28	37	3	38	11	46	5
Female	29	32	37	2	33	10	51	6
<b>Race</b>								
White	30	30	37	3	38	9	47	6
Non-white	30	31	37	2	28	15	52	5
Black	22	32	44	2	27	14	55	4
Hispanic*	32	37	31	0	22	14	60	4
<b>Race and Sex</b>								
White Men	30	27	39	4	41	10	44	5
White Women	30	32	36	2	35	9	50	6
<b>Age</b>								
Under 30	24	26	46	4	27	13	53	7
30-49	31	33	34	1	37	11	48	4
50-64	35	31	31	3	38	9	47	6
65+	28	27	41	4	40	8	45	7
<b>Sex and Age</b>								
Men under 50	30	29	38	3	37	11	47	5
Women under 50	28	32	39	1	30	12	53	5
Men 50+	36	25	36	3	40	10	45	5
Women 50+	30	33	34	3	37	8	47	8
<b>Education</b>								
College Grad.	42	30	25	3	28	17	48	7
Some College	29	34	35	2	36	9	50	5
H.S. Grad.	24	30	43	3	39	8	48	5
< H.S. Grad.	23	22	53	2	42	7	46	5
<b>Family Income</b>								
\$75,000+	40	37	22	1	34	13	48	6
\$50,000-\$74,999	33	29	37	1	37	11	48	4
\$30,000-\$49,999	30	28	39	3	37	9	50	3
\$20,000-\$29,999	28	32	35	5	38	12	43	7
<\$20,000	19	25	55	1	32	10	51	7

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Question: Thinking about the earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean, have you or anyone in your household made a donation to help those affected, are you planning to do so, or is this something you don't think you will do right now? As compared to other major countries, do you think the U.S. government has given more than its fair share to the relief effort, less than its fair share, or about its fair share?

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	<i>--Give a Donation--</i>				<i>---U.S. Government has given---</i>			
	Yes, have	No, don't think		DK/ Ref	More than fair share	Less than fair share	About right	DK/Ref
	made a donation	Planning to do so	will donate right now					
<b>Total</b>	30	30	37	3=100	36	10	48	6=100
<b>Region</b>								
East	34	38	27	1	35	11	50	4
Midwest	25	28	44	3	40	10	47	3
South	27	30	40	3	35	9	48	8
West	36	25	36	3	32	13	48	7
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>								
Total White Protestant	28	29	41	2	41	7	47	5
- Evangelical	24	31	43	2	44	4	46	6
- Non-Evangelical	31	28	38	3	37	11	47	5
White Catholic	36	31	31	2	39	8	49	4
Secular	28	24	44	4	26	19	48	7
<b>Party ID</b>								
Republican	32	34	32	2	46	4	46	4
Democrat	28	31	39	2	28	15	50	7
Independent	32	27	39	2	32	12	50	6
<b>Party and Ideology</b>								
Conservative Republican	30	36	31	3	50	5	41	4
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	36	31	32	1	36	3	56	5
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	26	30	43	1	33	9	52	6
Liberal Democrat	34	33	31	2	18	28	47	7
<b>Use of Force in Iraq</b>								
Right Decision	29	33	36	2	46	3	47	4
Wrong Decision	32	27	38	3	24	20	50	6
<b>Marital Status</b>								
Married	33	34	31	2	37	10	49	4
Unmarried	27	26	44	3	34	11	48	7
<b>Bush Approval</b>								
Approve	32	32	34	2	45	3	48	4
Disapprove	30	27	40	3	25	20	48	7
<b>Parental Status</b>								
Parent	33	33	33	1	37	9	49	5
Non-Parent	29	28	40	3	35	11	48	6
<b>Labor Union</b>								
Union Household	33	29	35	3	38	9	47	6
Non-Union Household	30	30	38	2	35	10	49	6



**PERCENT FOLLOWING EACH NEWS STORY “VERY CLOSELY”**

	<u>The earthquake and tsunami</u>	<u>Current situation in Iraq</u>	<u>Condition of economy</u>	<u>Safety concerns about Vioxx/Celebrex</u>	<u>Pres. Bush Cabinet appointments</u>	<u>(N)</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	58	48	35	29	18	(1503)
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	53	50	38	22	20	(727)
Female	62	45	32	35	16	(776)
<b>Race</b>						
White	56	48	34	28	18	(1226)
Non-white	62	46	37	33	19	(258)
Black	61	50	40	41	17	(163)
Hispanic*	56	37	21	19	16	(88)
<b>Race and Sex</b>						
White Men	50	49	35	19	19	(603)
White Women	63	47	32	36	17	(623)
<b>Age</b>						
Under 30	49	40	22	16	12	(237)
30-49	55	44	34	23	16	(548)
50-64	60	54	43	37	23	(430)
65+	72	58	42	49	26	(500)
<b>Education</b>						
College Grad.	63	51	41	25	25	(532)
Some College	54	47	34	23	19	(402)
H.S. Grad	56	46	32	33	13	(446)
< H.S. Grad	58	46	31	35	17	(117)
<b>Region</b>						
East	63	55	37	30	18	(263)
Midwest	53	46	39	28	17	(357)
South	59	48	33	35	20	(587)
West	56	41	30	16	16	(296)
<b>Party ID</b>						
Republican	57	48	32	25	20	(509)
Democrat	63	52	38	34	17	(477)
Independent	53	46	35	26	18	(439)

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Question: Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?