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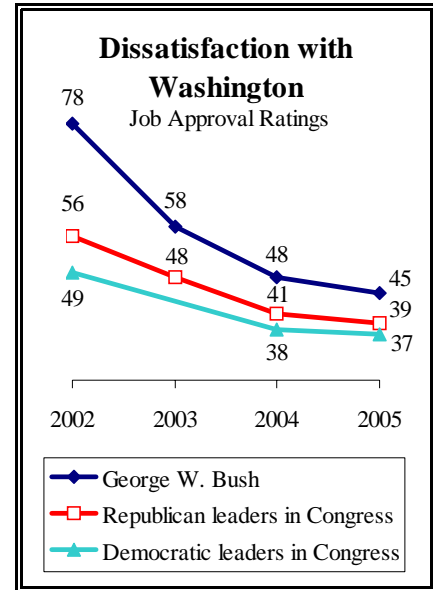
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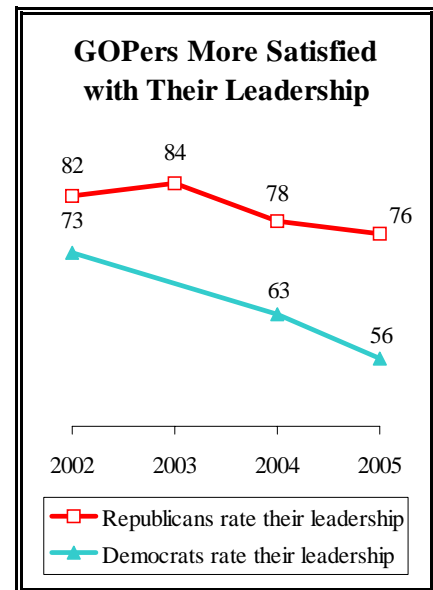
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The American public is not happy with the nation’s political leadership. President Bush’s approval rating remains below 50%, and just 39% approve of the job performance of Republican congressional leaders. Despite the paltry ratings for GOP leaders, however, Democrats have failed to benefit. The public has about the same low regard for the job performance of Democratic leaders as for the Republicans (37% approval).

Public attitudes toward leaders in both parties have not changed much over the past year, but have declined markedly over the longer term. In early 2003, at the start of the last congressional session, job approval ratings for both the president and GOP congressional leaders were significantly higher (58%, 48% respectively). And in early 2002, only a few months after the 9/11 attacks, Americans were more unified behind the government and its leaders.



The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, conducted March 17-21 among 1,505 Americans, finds that Democrats have increasingly soured on the performance of their own party’s congressional leaders. Democrats’ approval of the party’s leadership stands at 56%; by contrast, fully three-quarters of rank-and-file Republicans (76%) have a positive view of their party’s congressional leaders. About a year ago, 63% of Democrats approved of the performance of Democratic congressional leaders.



As Congress wrestles with Social Security and other contentious issues, the public expresses negative views of the institution in several areas. Fewer than a quarter say Congress is doing an excellent or good job of dealing with important issues (23%), acting ethically (23%), and understanding people’s needs (20%). And just 18% feel Congress is doing well in working across party lines.

Yet the public, like Congress, is deeply divided over the issues at the top of the legislative agenda. Support for President Bush's goal of private investment accounts in Social Security remains well below its level in December. Currently, 44% approve of the idea, compared with 46% last month and 54% in December. Americans also are split over an administration-backed plan to permit oil and gas drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; 46% oppose that plan, while 42% favor it.

Congress Criticized Across the Board			
	Excellent/ Good	Fair/ Poor	DK
<i>Congressional performance...</i>	%	%	%
Dealing with important issues	23	72	5=100
Acting ethically and honestly	23	72	5=100
Understanding needs of people	20	76	4=100
Working across party lines	18	75	7=100

Social Security: Young People Less Supportive

While public opinion on private investment accounts has not changed much in the past month, support for the idea among younger Americans – who up to this point have been the most reliable backers of the proposal – has weakened significantly. In February, people age 18-29 favored the idea of private accounts by a 66%-19% margin. Today, just 49% favor private accounts, while 25% are opposed, and nearly as many (26%) say they don't know how they feel about the issue.

Opinion on Private Investment Accounts				
	Sept	Dec	Feb	Mar
	%	%	%	%
Favor	58	54	46	44
Oppose	26	30	38	40
DK	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	100	100	100	100

Despite the White House effort to keep Social Security reform on the front burner, public awareness of the issue has not increased substantially over the past month. Today, 46% say they have heard a lot about the proposal to add private accounts to Social Security, up only slightly from 43% in mid-February. About one-in-five (22%) say they have heard nothing at all about the proposal, unchanged from 21% a month ago.

There continue to be significant age differences in attentiveness to the president's plan. Just 24% of those under age 30 say they have heard a lot about private accounts; those age 30-49 are more aware (41% have heard a lot). By comparison, 60% of people age 50-64, and 65% of those age 65 and older have heard a lot about the proposal.

In general, opposition to the plan to allow private accounts is much higher among people who have heard a lot about it than among those who are less familiar with it. Overall, people who have heard a lot about the plan oppose it by 52%-41%, while those who have heard little or nothing

favor it by a 47% to 30% margin.

This pattern is significant even when age is taken into account. In particular, people under age 30 who have heard a lot about the proposal are more than twice as likely as their less engaged peers to oppose the idea (45% vs.19%). And among older age groups, where opposition is higher even among people who have not heard much about the private accounts proposal, those who *have* heard a lot express the most opposition.

Divided Over Alaska Drilling

The close vote on Capitol Hill on legislation to allow oil exploration and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) reflects a divided public. Overall, 42% of Americans say they would favor opening the Refuge to oil and gas drilling, while 46% are opposed. Beyond the expected partisan gap on this issue is a significant generational divide. Most younger Americans oppose the decision to allow drilling in ANWR, while most seniors are in favor.

Views on ANWR drilling reflect broader differences over the tradeoff between the nation’s energy needs and environmental protection. Asked which should be a more important priority for the country, 49% say developing new energy sources, while 42% say protecting the environment. This is unchanged from previous surveys in 2001 and 2002.

News Interest: Gas Prices, Iraq

The high price of gasoline leads this month’s news interest index, with 50% of the public following news reports on this topic very closely. While topping the current list, the public is giving less attention to *the high price of gasoline these days* than in October of last year (64% very closely).

Four-in-ten are following news about the current situation in Iraq very closely, with no significant change from a month ago. Public attention to *George W. Bush’s proposal to deal with the Social Security system* grew to 38% from 31% a month ago, though young people remain largely

	Heard a lot %	Little/Nothing %
All		
Favor	41	47
Oppose	52	30
DK	7	23
	100	100
Age 18-29		
Favor	46	50
Oppose	45	19
DK	9	31
	100	100
Age 30-64		
Favor	44	49
Oppose	49	32
DK	7	19
	100	100
Age 65+		
Favor	31	24
Oppose	66	52
DK	3	24
	100	100

	Favor %	Oppose %	DK %
Total	42	46	12=100
Republican	63	25	12=100
Democrat	29	61	10=100
Independent	38	52	10=100
18-29	33	54	13=100
30-49	38	50	12=100
50-64	45	46	9=100
65+	57	30	13=100

disengaged from the issue. Barely a quarter (27%) of people under age 30 are following Social Security news very closely, compared with nearly half (48%) of people age 50 and older.

Although the Terry Schiavo case has dominated the news, it is unclear whether public interest in the story is commensurate with the wall-to-wall coverage. While not covered in Pew’s survey which started Thursday night (March 17), a Gallup survey conducted Friday through Sunday found 27% of Americans following news about Terry Schiavo’s situation very closely. That is significantly lower than public interest in gas prices, Iraq and Social Security as measured in this survey.

March News Interest	
	<u>Following very closely</u>
<i>News stories...</i>	%
High gas prices	50
Situation in Iraq	40
Bush Social Security plan	38
Steroids in baseball	18
Martha Stewart’s release	16
Michael Jackson trial	12
Protests in Lebanon	10
<i>Terry Schiavo case*</i>	27

* Source: Gallup, March 18-20

Three other high-profile news stories rank even lower on the public’s list of news interests: *Reports of steroid use by some Major League Baseball players* (18%) and *Martha Stewart’s release from prison* (16%) were followed closely by fewer than one-in-five Americans, and *the Michael Jackson trial* (12%) received even less attention. There is a significant gender gap with respect to news about steroid use, with 22% of men and just 14% of women following very closely. There is an even wider racial gap with respect to the Michael Jackson trial, with 27% of blacks following very closely compared with 11% of whites.

Aside from the situation in Iraq, public interest in other foreign political news remains very limited. Just 10% followed news about *protests and political changes in Lebanon* very closely, while 36% said they didn’t follow this story closely at all. Men age 50 and older were much more interested in reports from Lebanon – 20% followed very closely compared with just 8% of the rest of the country.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International among a nationwide sample of 1,505 adults, 18 years of age or older, from March 17-21, 2005. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on Form 1 (N=755) or Form 2 (N=750) only, the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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MARCH 2005 NII/ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
March 17 - 21, 2005
N=1505

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [**IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK**]

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know
March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
2004				August, 2002	67	21	12=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	2001			
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
2003				August, 2001	50	32	18=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100
Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100				
Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100				
June, 2003	62	27	11=100				
May, 2003	65	27	8=100				
April 10-16, 2003	72	22	6=100				
April 9, 2003	74	20	6=100				
April 2-7, 2003	69	25	6=100				
March 28-April 1, 2003	71	23	6=100				
March 25-27, 2003	70	24	6=100				
March 20-24, 2003	67	26	7=100				
March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100				
February, 2003	54	36	10=100				
January, 2003	58	32	10=100				
2002							
December, 2002	61	28	11=100				
Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100				
Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100				

ROTATE Q.2 AND Q.3

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**¹

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
March, 2005	39	44	17=100	July, 1996	38	48	14=100
Early February, 2004	41	42	17=100	June, 1996	36	50	14=100
January, 2003	48	37	15=100	April, 1996	39	46	15=100
June, 2002	50	34	16=100	March, 1996	35	51	14=100
May, 2002	49	34	17=100	February, 1996	33	53	14=100
February, 2002	56	24	20=100	January, 1996	36	54	10=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100	October, 1995	36	51	13=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100	September, 1995	36	50	14=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100	August, 1995	38	45	17=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100	June, 1995	41	45	14=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100	April, 1995	44	43	13=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100	March, 1995	43	39	18=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100	December, 1994	52	28	20=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100				
February, 2000	40	43	17=100				
January, 2000	39	41	20=100				
December, 1999	38	42	20=100				
October, 1999	34	50	16=100				
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100				
August, 1999	40	44	16=100				
July, 1999	36	45	19=100				
June, 1999	37	46	17=100				
May, 1999	38	44	18=100				
March, 1999	38	47	15=100				
February, 1999	37	51	12=100				
January, 1999	38	50	12=100				
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100				
November, 1998	41	48	11=100				
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100				
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100				
June, 1998	42	38	20=100				
May, 1998	40	41	19=100				
April, 1998	41	40	19=100				
March, 1998	43	39	18=100				
January, 1998	43	41	16=100				
November, 1997	41	43	16=100				
August, 1997	42	44	14=100				
June, 1997	33	50	17=100				
May, 1997	40	44	16=100				
April, 1997	40	44	16=100				
February, 1997	44	42	14=100				
January, 1997	38	47	15=100				
November, 1996	40	43	17=100				

¹ Some trends from 1998 and 1999 have been omitted.

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

Thinking about Congress as a whole...

C.1 Do you think Congress is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job in... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know Refused</u>
a. Dealing with the important issues facing the country	2	21	42	30	5=100
b. Acting ethically and honestly	1	22	43	29	5=100
c. Working across party lines to reach compromises	1	17	38	37	7=100
d. Understanding the needs of people like yourself	2	18	38	38	4=100

QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Q.6 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. **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. George W. Bush's proposal to deal with the Social Security system	38	34	16	11	1=100
February, 2005	31	36	20	13	*=100
Clinton: February, 1998 ²	24	38	26	12	*=100
January, 1997	29	35	22	13	1=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=755]:

b.F1 News about the current situation in Iraq	40	39	14	5	2=100
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*=100
January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*=100
December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1=100
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1=100

² In February 1998, the story was listed as "Clinton's proposal to deal with the problem with Social Security." In January 1997 the story was listed as "Proposals to reform the Social Security System."

Q.6 CONTINUED...

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
	August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
	July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*=100
	June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
	April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*=100
	Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1=100
	Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*=100
	December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1=100
	November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1=100
	October, 2003	38	40	14	7	1=100
	September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1=100
	Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1=100
	Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1=100
	June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*=100
	May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*=100
	April 11-16, 2003 ³	47	40	10	2	1=100
	April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1=100
	March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1=100
	March 13-16, 2003 ⁴	62	27	6	4	1=100
	February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1=100
	January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2=100
	December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1=100
	Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1=100
	Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1=100
	Early September, 2002	48	29	15	6	2=100
c.F1	The Michael Jackson trial	12	23	32	32	1=100
	February, 2005	8	17	30	44	1=100
	November, 2003 ⁵	29	27	22	20	2=100
	January, 1994	19	30	30	20	1=100
	December, 1993	15	25	27	32	1=100
d.F1	The high price of gasoline these days	50	32	13	5	*=100
	Mid-October, 2004	64	22	8	5	1=100
	August, 2004	52	29	10	8	1=100
	July, 2004	56	25	11	7	1=100
	June, 2004	58	26	9	6	1=100
	April, 2004	46	30	15	8	1=100
	Early April, 2004	58	23	10	8	1=100
	Mid-March, 2004	47	27	14	10	2=100
	September, 2003	45	27	15	11	1=100
	March, 2003	52	27	11	9	1=100

³ From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as "News about the war in Iraq."

⁴ From October 2002 to March 13-16, 2003 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq." In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq."

⁵ In November 2003 the story was listed as "Recent charges of child molestation against Michael Jackson." In January 1994 and December 1993 the story was listed as "Michael Jackson's personal problems."

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/Ref
February, 2003	53	25	12	9	1=100
June, 2001	56	31	7	5	1=100
May, 2001	61	26	6	6	1=100
Early October, 2000	56	25	12	6	1=100
June, 2000 ⁶	61	25	9	5	*=100
March, 2000	58	28	10	4	*=100
October, 1990	62	26	8	4	*=100
September, 1990	56	28	11	5	*=100
August, 1990	57	27	10	5	1=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:

e.F2	Martha Stewart's release from prison	16	32	27	24	1=100
	Early March, 2004 ⁷	18	31	28	23	*=100
f.F2	Recent reports of steroid use by some Major League Baseball players	18	34	24	23	1=100
	December, 2004	22	28	23	27	0=100
g.F2	Protests and political changes in Lebanon	10	28	25	36	1=100

NO QUESTION 7

QUESTION 8 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Now on another topic...

Q.9 How much, if anything, have you heard about a proposal which would allow younger workers to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes in private retirement accounts, which might include stocks or mutual funds — have you heard a lot, a little or nothing at all?

		Feb <u>2005</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>	Early ⁸ Sept <u>2004</u>	(RVs) Sept <u>2000</u>
46	A lot	43	23	19	26
32	A little	35	43	41	43
22	Nothing at all	21	33	39	30
*	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100

⁶ In August 1990 through June 2000 the story was listed as "Recent increases in the price of gasoline."

⁷ In Early March 2004 the story was listed as "The trial and conviction of Martha Stewart."

⁸ In Early September 2004 and 2000 the question was worded "... portion of their payroll taxes in private retirement accounts, which might include stocks or mutual funds, rather than having all of it go toward Social Security."

Q.10		Generally, do you favor or oppose this proposal?			
		Feb	Dec	Early	(RVs)
		2005	2004	Sept	Sept
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>
44	Favor	46	54	58	70
40	Oppose	38	30	26	21
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

IF 'FAVOR' (1 IN Q.10):

Q.11FAV Do you feel strongly about this, or do you think you could change your mind?

		<u>Feb 2005</u>
24	Feel strongly / won't change mind	24
19	Could change mind / don't feel strongly	21
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
44%		46%

IF 'OPPOSE' (2 IN Q.10):

Q.11OPP Do you feel strongly about this, or do you think you could change your mind?

		<u>Feb 2005</u>
28	Feel strongly / won't change mind	26
11	Could change mind / don't feel strongly	12
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	*
40%		38%

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=755]:

D.1F1 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

42	Favor
46	Oppose
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:

D.2F2 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be a more important priority for this country... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		<u>Feb 2002</u>	<u>May 2001</u>
42	Protecting the environment [OR]	45	42
49	Developing new sources of energy	48	49
<u>9</u>	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

<i>Trend</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>
				No	Other	
				<u>Preference</u>	<u>Party</u>	
March, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
February, 2005	31	32	30	4	1	2=100
January, 2005	32	33	30	4	*	1=100
December, 2004	31	34	30	3	*	2=100
Mid-October, 2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
Late September, 2004	29	30	31	6	*	4=100
Mid-September, 2004	29	31	30	5	*	5=100
Early September, 2004	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
August, 2004	31	35	27	4	*	3=100
July, 2004	29	33	32	3	*	3=100
June, 2004	30	34	31	3	*	2=100
May, 2004	29	35	26	5	1	4=100
Early May, 2004	27	34	31	4	1	3=100
Late April, 2004	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
Early April, 2004	31	32	28	4	1	4=100
Late March, 2004	30	34	28	4	*	4=100
March, 2004	27	35	32	4	*	2=100
Mid-February, 2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
Early February, 2004	31	33	31	3	*	2=100
Mid-January, 2004	31	31	31	4	1	2=100
Early January, 2004	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
<i>Yearly Totals</i>						
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100
				No Preference/ <u>Other/DK</u>		
1996	29	33	33	5=100		
1995	32	30	34	4=100		
1994	30	32	34	4=100		
1993	27	34	34	5=100		
1992	28	33	35	4=100		
1991	31	32	33	4=100		
1990	31	33	30	6=100		
				Independent/ <u>No Pref/Oth/DK</u>		
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

(All party identification trends based on general public.)