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BUSH INTERNATIONAL POLL II**

- FINAL TOPLINE -

United States – April 3 - 8, 2002 (N=1362)

Britain – April 2 - 9, 2002 (N=1009)

Italy – April 5 - 10, 2002 (N=1000)

Germany – April 3 - 6, 2002 (N=1021)

France – April 3 - 4, 2002 (N=1012)

Q.A Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? **[Interviewer instruction: If don't know, enter as don't know. 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 don't know.]**

ASKED IN US ONLY:	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
April, 2002	74	16	10=100
February, 2002	78	13	9=100
January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

Q.1 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the international policies of President George W. Bush?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
US ¹	69	20	11=100
March, 2002 ²	78	17	5=100
October, 2001	81	14	5=100
Early September, 2001	46	34	20=100
August, 2001	45	32	23=100
Britain	40	37	23=100
August, 2001	17	49	34=100
Italy	44	47	9=100
August, 2001	29	46	25=100
Germany	35	59	6=100
August, 2001	23	65	12=100
France	32	61	7=100
August, 2001	16	59	25=100

¹ The US sample was asked "the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's foreign policy." In August 2001 roughly half of the US sample was asked about Bush's handling of international policy, while the other half was asked about the handling of the nation's foreign policy. Results did not differ between question wordings.

² Gallup trend from October 2001 and March 2002 was worded "the way George W. Bush is handling foreign affairs."

Q.B 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, ROTATE]

ASKED IN US ONLY:		<u>Very</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>Fairly</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Continued violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis	44	33	13	9	1=100
	December, 2001	31	40	19	9	1=100
	Early September, 2001	21	33	25	20	1=100
	April, 2001 ³	22	34	24	19	1=100
	Mid-October, 2000	30	38	18	13	1=100
	Early October, 2000	21	30	27	21	1=100
	January, 1997	12	23	29	35	1=100
	October, 1996	17	34	26	23	*=100
	May, 1988	18	37	34	9	2=100
b.	The U.S. military effort in Afghanistan	45	37	12	5	1=100
	February, 2002	47	39	8	5	1=100
	January, 2002	51	35	9	4	1=100
	December, 2001	44	38	12	5	1=100
	Mid-November, 2001	49	36	11	3	1=100
	Early November, 2001	45	36	12	6	1=100
	Mid-October, 2001	51	35	10	3	1=100
	January, 1991 ⁴	67	28	4	1	0=100
c.	Defending against terrorist attacks in the U.S.	49	35	10	5	1=100
	December, 2001 ⁵	60	29	7	3	1=100
	Mid-November, 2001	66	25	6	2	1=100
	Early November, 2001	63	26	6	3	2=100
	Mid-October, 2001	78	16	4	1	1=100
	Early October, 2001 ⁶	73	22	4	1	*=100
	Mid-September, 2001	74	22	3	1	*=100
d.	Droughts and water shortages in the U.S.	19	25	28	26	2=100
e.	Reports of sexual abuses by Catholic priests	27	34	25	13	1=100
	December, 1993	18	32	31	18	1=100

³ In April 2001 the story was listed as "Continued violence in the Middle East." In Mid-October 2000 the story was listed as "Continued violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis." In Early October 2000 the story was listed as "Renewed violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis." In January 1997 the story was listed as "Renewed tensions between Israelis and Palestinians over Hebron." In October 1996 the story was listed as "Renewed violence between Israelis & Palestinians on the West Bank and in Jerusalem." In May 1988 the story was listed as "The conflict in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis in the occupied territories."

⁴ In January 1991 the question was worded: "How closely have you been following news about the War in the Gulf?"

⁵ From Mid-October 2001 to December 2001 the story was listed as "Terrorism attacks on the United States."

⁶ In Early October 2001 and Mid-September 2001 the story was listed as "News about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington?"

Q.2 As I read some specific US policies tell me if you approve or disapprove of them. **[READ AND ROTATE]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The U.S. led military campaign against the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan			
US	83	10	7=100
Britain	73	18	9=100
Italy	59	37	4=100
Germany	61	31	8=100
France	64	30	6=100
b. President Bush calling Iraq, Iran and North Korea an Axis of Evil			
US	56	34	10=100
Britain	32	55	13=100
Italy	29	60	11=100
Germany	17	74	9=100
France	27	62	11=100
c. The US decision to place tariffs on steel imports to the US			
US	49	27	24=100
Britain	17	65	18=100
Italy	17	58	25=100
Germany	14	74	12=100
France	11	81	8=100
d. The US decision to try Al Qaeda prisoners before military tribunals rather than in the US civilian courts			
US	61	24	15=100
Britain	48	38	14=100
Italy	46	45	9=100
Germany	50	40	10=100
France	40	51	9=100
e. President Bush's decision to increase US foreign aid to poor countries			
US	53	36	11=100
Britain	90	8	2=100
Italy	95	4	1=100
Germany	86	12	2=100
France	90	8	2=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

f.1 Recent US efforts to bring about peace in the Middle East			
US	77	17	6=100 (N=667)
Britain	75	18	7=100 (N=506)
Italy	88	11	1=100 (N=537)
Germany	76	21	3=100 (N=503)
France	67	28	5=100 (N=517)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

f.2 US policies in the Middle East			
US	55	26	19=100 (N=695)
Britain	36	39	25=100 (N=503)
Italy	39	51	10=100 (N=463)
Germany	25	63	12=100 (N=518)
France	26	63	11=100 (N=495)

Q.3 Which one better describes George W. Bush? **[READ AND ROTATE]** He makes decisions based entirely on U.S. interests OR He takes into account European interests when making decisions.

		Decisions based entirely on U.S. interests	Takes into account European interests	DK/Ref
US		--	--	--
Britain		80	13	7=100
	August, 2001	79	14	7=100
Italy		71	25	4=100
	August, 2001	74	15	11=100
Germany		69	25	6=100
	August, 2001	73	18	9=100
France		85	11	4=100
	August, 2001	85	8	7=100

Q.4 How much do you worry about the possibility of Islamic terrorism in (name of country) these days? Are you ...

US	Britain	Italy	Germany	France	
22	16	21	17	18	Very worried
45	40	38	46	42	Somewhat worried
22	31	30	25	29	Not too worried
11	13	11	11	10	Not worried at all
*	*	*	1	1	Don't know/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	

Q.5 How good a job is our government doing in developing intelligence, law enforcement, and taking legal and financial steps to combat international terrorism? Would you say it is doing a very good, good, bad or very bad job?

US	Britain	Italy	Germany	France	
--	6	6	2	7	Very good job
--	51	38	59	63	Good
--	21	32	23	19	Bad
--	9	8	4	5	Very bad
--	13	16	12	6	Don't know/Refused
	100	100	100	100	

Q.6 As a result of the US led war against terrorism, do you think that the chances of a terrorist attack on our country are now less than they were, greater, or about the same as they were?

US	Britain	Italy	Germany	France	
--	10	12	7	14	Less
--	34	23	26	15	Greater
--	55	63	65	69	About the same
--	1	2	2	2	Don't know/Refused
	100	100	100	100	

Q.7 In your opinion has our government been too supportive of US policies on the war on terrorism, not supportive enough, or has our government taken about the right position?

<u>US</u>	<u>Britain</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>France</u>	
--	35	27	20	11	Too supportive
--	3	13	8	16	Not supportive enough
--	59	56	69	69	About right
--	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
	100	100	100	100	

Q.8 Which of the following comes closer to your point of view?

<u>US</u>	<u>Britain</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>France</u>	
--	77	74	63	67	The US is right to be so concerned about the threat of international terrorism
--	20	23	33	30	The US is over reacting to the threat of international terrorism
--	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
	100	100	100	100	

Q.9 How do you see the US led war on terrorism – do you think the US is taking into account the interests of its allies in the fight against terrorism or do you think the US is acting mainly on its own interests?

<u>US</u>	<u>Britain</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>France</u>	
48	22	28	12	17	Taking into account the interests of its allies
41	73	68	85	80	Acting mainly on its own interests
<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't Know/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	

Q.10 Do you think the partnership between the US and western Europe should remain as close as it has been or do you think that western Europe should take a more independent approach to security and diplomatic affairs than it has in the past?

<u>US</u>	<u>Britain</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>France</u>	
--	48	36	44	33	Remain as close
--	47	59	51	60	More independent
--	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused
	100	100	100	100	

Q.11 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	(VOL) <u>Both</u>	(VOL) <u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
US	41	13	6	21	19=100
Mid-October, 2001	47	10	8	18	17=100
Early September, 2001	40	17	6	23	14=100
September, 1997	48	13	5	16	18=100
September, 1993	45	21	3	18	12=100
Chicago CFR: 1990	34	13	7	26	20=100
Chicago CFR: 1982	41	17	8	19	16=100
Chicago CFR: 1978	39	12	8	15	13=100
Britain	17	28	11	23	21=100
Italy	14	30	15	32	9=100
Germany	24	26	4	33	13=100
France	19	36	8	25	12=100

Q.12	Do you think the US is doing as much as it can to bring about a peace settlement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, or don't you think so?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
	US	53	34	13=100	
	Britain	31	57	12=100	
	Italy	27	67	6=100	
	Germany	30	64	6=100	
	France	24	71	5=100	
Q.13	Would you favor or oppose the US and its allies taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule as part of the war on terrorism?	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
	US	69	21	10=100	
	January, 2002 ⁷	73	16	11=100	
	Britain	46	43	11=100	
	Italy	34	57	9=100	
	Germany	34	59	7=100	
	France	46	47	7=100	
Q.14	Here are some reasons given for using military force against Iraq. As I read a reason, tell me if it is a very important, fairly important, or not important reason to justify the use of military force against Iraq. First, [INSERT] , would that be a very important reason, fairly important reason, or not important reason to justify the use of military force against Iraq?				
		<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not too Important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	If we learned that Iraq is developing nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction				
	US	81	11	5	3=100
	January, 2002	77	15	5	3=100
	Britain	67	21	8	4=100
	Italy	49	24	23	4=100
	Germany	57	24	15	4=100
	France	54	37	6	3=100
b.	If we learned that Iraq helped the terrorists attack the United States on September 11 th				
	US	83	10	4	3=100
	January, 2002	83	11	3	3=100
	Britain	55	30	11	4=100
	Italy	45	25	24	6=100
	Germany	44	37	14	5=100
	France	47	38	11	4=100

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In January 2002 the question was worded "As part of the U.S. war on terrorism, would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule?"