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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>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
August, 2002	67	21	12=100
Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
July, 2002	67	21	12=100
June, 2002	70	20	10=100
April, 2002	69	18	13=100
Early 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.2 Now I will read a list of some things that have been in the news 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]**

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	38	34	17	10	1=100
February, 2002	35	40	15	9	1=100
January, 2002	30	44	16	9	1=100
December, 2001	37	40	13	8	2=100
Mid-November, 2001	41	36	15	7	1=100
June, 2001	24	41	18	16	1=100
May, 2001	34	36	15	15	0=100
April, 2001	36	34	16	13	1=100
February, 2001	30	39	18	12	1=100
January, 2001	32	38	17	11	2=100
June, 1995	26	41	22	11	*=100
March, 1995	27	45	19	9	*=100
February, 1995	23	41	22	13	1=100
December, 1994	28	43	20	9	*=100
October, 1994	27	40	20	12	1=100
June, 1994	25	42	23	10	*=100

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	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
May, 1994	33	40	16	10	1=100
January, 1994	34	39	16	10	1=100
Early January, 1994	36	44	13	7	*=100
December, 1993	35	41	15	8	1=100
October, 1993	33	38	20	9	*=100
September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100
May, 1993	37	38	18	6	1=100
February, 1993	49	36	10	5	*=100
January, 1993	42	39	12	7	*=100
September, 1992	43	37	13	6	*=100
May, 1992	39	39	15	6	1=100
March, 1992	47	38	11	4	*=100
February, 1992	47	37	10	6	*=100
January, 1992	44	40	11	5	*=100
October, 1991	36	38	16	9	1=100
b. Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq					
Late October, 2002	51	32	10	6	1=100
Early October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1=100
Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1=100
Early September, 2002 ¹	48	29	15	6	2=100
c. Continued violence in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis					
Early October, 2002	29	36	22	12	1=100
Early October, 2002	32	39	20	8	1=100
June, 2002	38	33	18	10	1=100
April, 2002	38	37	14	10	1=100
Early April, 2002	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 ²	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
d. The work of United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq					
August, 1998 ³	35	39	15	10	1=100
August, 1998 ³	18	31	23	27	1=100
February, 1998	36	40	16	8	*=100
January, 1998	32	35	18	15	*=100
December, 1997	34	33	15	17	1=100
November, 1997	44	32	10	13	1=100
October, 1991	35	38	15	11	1=100

¹ In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "...U.S. will invade Iraq."

² 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."

³ In August 1998 the story was listed as "The current dispute with Iraq over U.N. weapons inspections." In February 1998 the story was listed as "The conflict in Iraq over U.N. weapons inspectors and U.S. threats to retaliate with air strikes." In January 1998 the story was listed as "The conflict in Iraq over U.N. weapons inspectors." In November and December 1997 the story was listed as "(the conflict over) Iraq's refusal to let Americans participate in weapons inspections." In October 1991 the story was listed as "The standoff in Baghdad between the Iraqis and U.N. weapons inspectors."

Q.2 CONTINUED...

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
e.	Terrorist attacks in Kenya against Israeli citizens August, 1998 ⁴	21 27	34 37	26 18	17 18	2=100 *=100
f.	The large oil spill polluting the coast of Spain	15	29	28	27	1=100

Q.3 Do you happen to know whether a new Department of Homeland Security has been created in Washington, or is it still being considered?

49	Has been created (Correct Answer)
17	Still being considered
34	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

Q.4 In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Senate?

		May 2001 ⁵	Nov 1998	Jan 1996	Aug 1995	June 1995	April 1995	March 1995	Dec 1994
48	Happy	44	47	47	50	46	52	55	57
34	Unhappy	38	32	43	39	41	36	31	31
18	Don't know/Refused	18	21	10	11	13	12	14	12
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.5 I'd like your views of some people and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what I name. First, would you describe your opinion of [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] as very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly Unfavorable, or very unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE")

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
a.	The federal government in Washington	11	53	20	7	*	9=100
	Mid-November, 2001	17	65	12	3	0	3=100
	Late October, 2000 (RVs)	7	47	30	10	*	6=100
	October, 1997	4	34	41	18	0	3=100
b.	Your state government	15	47	21	10	1	7=100
	Mid-November, 2001	15	62	14	4	*	5=100
	October, 1997	10	56	22	7	*	5=100
c.	Your local government	16	51	16	9	*	7=100
	Mid-November, 2001	15	63	13	4	*	5=100
	October, 1997	12	56	18	7	*	7=100

⁴ In August 1998 the story was listed as "The bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania."

⁵ From December 1994 to August 1995 the question was worded: "In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Congress?" In January 1996, the question was worded: "Generally, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Congress in November 1994?" In November 1998 and May 2001 the question was worded: "In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. Congress (last year)?"

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
d. The Republican Party	18	41	22	11	*	8=100
July, 2001	11	37	27	15	*	10=100
January, 2001	13	43	22	13	*	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	11	42	28	12	0	7=100
August, 1999	8	45	31	12	*	4=100
February, 1999	7	37	36	15	0	5=100
January, 1999	10	34	27	23	0	6=100
Early December, 1998	11	35	27	20	*	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	9	43	28	14	0	6=100
Early September, 1998	9	47	26	11	*	7=100
March, 1998	10	40	31	12	*	7=100
August, 1997	9	38	36	11	*	6=100
June, 1997	8	43	31	11	1	6=100
January, 1997	8	44	33	10	*	5=100
October, 1995	10	42	28	16	*	4=100
December, 1994	21	46	19	8	*	6=100
July, 1994	12	51	25	8	*	4=100
May, 1993	12	42	25	10	0	11=100
July, 1992	9	37	31	17	*	6=100
e. The Democratic Party	15	39	27	10	*	9=100
July, 2001	18	40	24	10	*	8=100
January, 2001	18	42	21	9	1	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	16	44	23	12	*	5=100
August, 1999	14	45	28	9	*	4=100
February, 1999	11	47	26	11	0	5=100
January, 1999	14	41	26	12	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	18	41	24	10	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	11	45	29	9	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	13	47	25	8	*	7=100
March, 1998	15	43	26	10	*	6=100
August, 1997	11	41	32	10	0	6=100
June, 1997	10	51	25	8	*	6=100
January, 1997	13	47	28	7	*	5=100
October, 1995	9	40	37	11	0	3=100
December, 1994	13	37	31	13	*	6=100
July, 1994	13	49	27	7	*	4=100
May, 1993	14	43	25	9	0	9=100
July, 1992	17	44	24	9	*	6=100
f. George W. Bush	35	33	16	11	0	5=100
July, 2001	22	39	21	14	*	4=100
January, 2001	24	36	21	12	0	7=100
May, 2000	18	40	19	12	1	10=100
March, 1999 ⁶	21	40	14	7	4	14=100
November, 1997	13	41	12	6	9	19=100
g. Laura Bush	33	38	7	5	2	15=100
July, 2001	21	43	12	5	1	18=100
May, 2000 ⁷	10	31	7	4	16	32=100
Barbara Bush:						
Gallup August, 1992	69			10	1	20=100
Gallup April, 1992	81			13		6=100
Gallup January, 1989	41	45	4	1		9=100
Nancy Reagan:						
ABC/W. Post November, 1981	51			23		25=100

⁶ In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

⁷ In May 2000 the category was listed: "George W. Bush's wife, Laura Bush."

Q.5 CONTINUED...

		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
h.	Dick Cheney	20	39	16	10	5	10=100
	July, 2001	19	39	20	6	6	10=100
	January, 2001	20	42	13	5	2	18=100
	December, 1994	10	32	14	5	21	18=100
	March, 1991 ⁸	33	35	4	2	10	16=100
	May, 1990	3	17	8	3	44	25=100
i.	Colin Powell	42	40	5	3	4	6=100
	July, 2001	39	42	6	3	4	6=100
	January, 2001	45	35	6	3	4	7=100
	October, 1995	21	55	11	3	2	8=100
	August, 1995	26	36	12	5	7	14=100
	February, 1995	31	36	8	3	12	10=100
	December, 1994	31	38	7	2	11	11=100
	July, 1994	33	41	6	2	10	8=100
	June, 1992	30	35	11	4	10	10=100
	March, 1991	51	28	2	1	7	11=100
j.	Bill Clinton	17	29	22	27	*	5=100
	July, 2001	20	30	19	27	0	4=100
	January, 2001	23	41	17	17	0	2=100
	May, 2000	17	31	19	28	*	5=100
	March, 1999	21	34	19	23	*	3=100
	December, 1998	23	32	19	24	0	2=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	15	37	20	24	0	4=100
	Early September, 1998	18	39	18	23	0	2=100
	Late August, 1998	18	36	20	24	0	2=100
	March, 1998	22	40	19	16	*	3=100
	November, 1997	19	44	21	14	0	2=100
	October, 1997	15	47	20	16	*	2=100
	September, 1997	18	44	21	14	0	3=100
	August, 1997	16	45	21	17	0	1=100
	April, 1997	17	44	21	16	*	2=100
	January, 1997	17	49	18	14	*	2=100
	October, 1996 (RVs)	12	45	22	19	0	2=100
	June, 1996	16	45	23	14	*	2=100
	April, 1996	16	41	24	16	0	3=100
	February, 1996	20	35	22	21	0	2=100
	January, 1996	13	43	27	15	0	2=100
	August, 1995	13	36	29	20	0	2=100
	February, 1995	14	41	25	17	0	3=100
	December, 1994	17	34	24	22	0	3=100
	July, 1994	15	43	25	16	*	1=100
	May, 1993	18	42	23	12	0	5=100
	July, 1992	17	42	25	9	0	7=100
	June, 1992	10	36	33	14	1	6=100
	May, 1992	11	42	32	10	*	5=100
	March, 1992	10	43	29	11	1	6=100
	February, 1992	15	44	24	7	2	8=100
	January, 1992	9	28	11	4	27	21=100
	November, 1991	5	25	8	2	39	21=100
k.	Hillary Clinton	15	32	21	23	1	8=100
	July, 2001	20	33	19	23	1	4=100
	January, 2001	25	35	19	16	*	5=100
	May, 2000	15	34	20	22	1	8=100
	Early December, 1998	32	34	16	15	*	3=100

⁸ In March 1991 and May 1990, the category was listed: "Richard Cheney."

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		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	24	34	18	18	*	6=100
	Early September, 1998	24	40	18	13	0	5=100
	Late August, 1998	25	38	21	13	*	3=100
	March, 1998	26	39	17	14	*	4=100
	January, 1997	17	40	23	17	*	3=100
	June, 1996	13	40	26	17	*	4=100
	April, 1996	12	37	27	19	0	5=100
	February, 1996	14	28	27	27	0	4=100
	January, 1996	10	32	28	26	0	4=100
	October, 1995	14	44	24	14	--	4=100
	August, 1995	16	33	25	22	*	4=100
	December, 1994	17	33	25	20	1	4=100
	July, 1994	19	38	22	18	1	2=100
	May, 1993	19	41	18	11	1	10=100
i.	Al Gore	12	32	25	21	1	9=100
	July, 2001	16	38	21	18	*	7=100
	January, 2001	22	35	20	19	*	4=100
	May, 2000	13	37	23	15	1	11=100
	March, 1999	12	35	26	17	2	8=100
	December, 1998	18	40	22	11	1	8=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	37	25	13	1	8=100
	Early September, 1998	13	44	22	13	1	7=100
	Late August, 1998	11	44	23	14	1	7=100
	March, 1998	17	42	19	11	2	9=100
	November, 1997	12	43	26	12	1	6=100
	September, 1997	11	35	28	15	1	10=100
	August, 1997	15	39	22	15	1	8=100
	April, 1997	12	45	24	12	1	6=100
	January, 1997	18	47	21	8	1	5=100
	July, 1994	18	49	19	7	2	5=100
	August, 1992	22	44	15	5	2	12=100
	July, 1992 ⁹	15	32	14	5	6	28=100
	September, 1987	6	23	11	3	23	34=100
m.	Joe Lieberman	8	31	18	9	16	18=100
	July, 2001	10	34	18	8	13	17=100
	January, 2001	17	38	16	5	6	18=100
n.	Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright	16	39	16	6	7	16=100
	March, 1999 ¹⁰	20	43	14	8	6	9=100
	April, 1997	16	49	10	4	6	15=100
	January, 1997	13	44	12	4	9	18=100
	February, 1995	2	16	11	5	47	19=100
o.	Tom Daschle	7	24	19	11	21	18=100
	July, 2001	4	16	10	5	43	22=100
p.	Dick Gephardt	8	27	18	8	19	20=100
	July, 2001	6	26	17	7	24	20=100
	November, 1997	4	28	20	8	25	15=100
	March, 1991	11	35	11	3	17	23=100
	May, 1990	3	26	12	5	29	25=100
	September, 1987	6	31	11	3	17	32=100

⁹ July 1992 trend based on 461 respondents asked on July 9, 1992 only.

¹⁰ In March 1999 and April 1997, the category was listed: "Secretary of State Madeleine Albright." In January 1997 the category was listed: "Secretary of State designate, Madeleine Albright." In February 1995 the category was listed: "Madeleine Albright."

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		Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
q.	Trent Lott	5	23	16	8	29	19=100
	July, 2001	4	18	16	10	31	21=100
	January, 1999	4	23	19	11	27	16=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	6	24	18	9	24	19=100
	Early September, 1998	5	22	17	6	34	16=100
	March, 1998	3	13	11	7	52	14=100
	November, 1997	3	16	14	5	51	11=100
	April, 1997	4	19	13	5	48	11=100
r.	Dennis Hastert	3	15	9	3	52	18=100

We have just a few questions about America's place in the world.

Q.6 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. **(ROTATE LIST)**

a. The United States should cooperate fully with the United Nations

		Early Sept 2001	March 1999	Sept 1997	June 1995	Feb 1995	Oct 1993	April 1993	1991 ¹¹	1985	1980	1976	1972	1968	1964
67	Agree	58	65	59	62	65	64	71	77	56	59	46	63	72	72
28	Disagree	31	26	30	30	29	28	22	17	35	28	41	28	21	16
<u>5</u>	DK/Ref	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

b. In deciding on its foreign policies, the U.S. should take into account the views of its major allies

		Early Sept 2001	March 1999	Sept 1997	June 1995	Feb 1995	Oct 1993	April 1993	1991 ¹¹	1985	1980	1976	1972	1968	1964
85	Agree	80	82	72	74	--	--	80	86	82	79	72	80	84	81
10	Disagree	11	12	18	18	--	--	13	10	12	13	18	12	9	7
<u>5</u>	DK/Ref	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	--	--	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

c. Since the U.S. is the most powerful nation in the world, we should go our own way in international matters, not worrying too much about whether other countries agree with us or not

		Early Sept 2001	March 1999	Sept 1997	June 1995	Feb 1995	Oct 1993	April 1993	1991 ¹¹	1985	1980	1976	1972	1968	1964
25	Agree	32	26	32	34	--	--	34	29	26	26	29	22	23	19
72	Disagree	62	69	62	60	--	--	63	66	70	66	62	72	72	70
<u>3</u>	DK/Ref	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100	100			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹¹ All data from 1991 and earlier are from public opinion surveys conducted by Potomac Associates, The Gallup Organization and the Institute for International Social Research.

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d. The U.S. should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own

		Early													
		Sept	March	Sept	June	Feb	Oct	April							
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1964</u>
30	Agree	37	35	39	41	--	--	37	33	34	30	41	35	27	18
65	Disagree	55	57	54	51	--	--	58	60	59	61	49	56	66	70
<u>5</u>	DK/Ref	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	--	--	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

e. We should not think so much in international terms but concentrate more on our own national problems and building up our strength and prosperity here at home

		Early													
		Sept	March	Sept	June	Feb	Oct	April							
		<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1964</u>
65	Agree	68	68	72	78	--	--	79	78	60	61	73	73	60	55
31	Disagree	25	27	24	18	--	--	18	16	34	30	22	20	31	32
<u>4</u>	DK/Ref	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	--	--	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Now a few questions about the situation in Iraq.

Q.7 How much have you yourself thought about whether the U.S. should use military force to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq? [READ]

		Early Oct	Mid-Sept	Late Aug	Jan 1991 ¹²
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	
58	A Great deal	54	55	46	66
29	Some	32	27	35	24
8	Only a little – OR –	8	9	11	6
4	Not at all	5	6	6	2
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Q.8 Would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule?

ASK IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE ("1" OR "2" IN Q.8):

Q.9 Do you feel strongly about this, or do you think you might change your mind?

		----- Gallup ¹³ -----									
		Nov	Late	Early	Mid-	Late	June	Nov	Feb	June	March
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
65	Favor	62	55	62	64	64	59	74	52	70	55
51	Feel Strongly			49							
13	Might Change mind			12							
1	Don't know/Refused			1							
25	Oppose	26	34	28	23	21	34	20	42	27	40
16	Feel Strongly			17							
9	Might Change mind			11							
*	Don't know/Refused			*							
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

¹² In January 1991 the question was worded "How much thought have you given to the question of whether the U.S. should use military force against Iraq if it does not withdraw its forces from Kuwait?"

¹³ Gallup trend was worded "Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?"

ASK ALL:

Q.10 Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly what's at stake as to why the U.S. might use military force to end the rule of Saddam Hussein, or do you think he has not explained the reasons clearly enough?

		Late Oct <u>2002</u>	Mid-Sept <u>2002</u>	Late Aug <u>2002</u>	<i>New York Times</i> <u>Aug 1990</u> ¹⁴
48	Explained clearly	48	52	37	50
45	Not clearly	45	37	52	41
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.11 In your view, has there been too much, too little, or the right amount of discussion of ways to deal with Saddam Hussein other than using military force?

		Late Oct <u>2002</u>
19	Too much	16
44	Too little	50
29	Right amount	25
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>
100		100

Q.12 In conducting their inspections in Iraq, do you think the U.N. weapons inspection team is going far enough to ensure that any Iraqi weapons will be discovered, or do you think they aren't going far enough?

28	Going far enough
55	Aren't going far enough
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

Thinking more generally,

Q.13 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? [READ]

		Early Oct <u>2002</u>	Late Aug <u>2002</u>	June <u>2002</u>	Jan <u>2002</u>	Dec <u>2001</u>	Oct 15-21 <u>2001</u>	Oct 10-14 <u>2001</u>	Early Oct <u>2001</u>
31	Very worried	20	16	32	20	13	29	27	28
42	Somewhat worried	46	46	44	42	39	42	40	45
18	Not too worried	22	25	17	28	27	18	19	15
8	Not at all worried	11	12	7	9	19	10	12	11
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹⁴ New York Times trend was worded "Do you think George Bush has explained clearly what's at stake and why the U.S. is sending troops to Saudi Arabia, or do you think ..."

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

Q.14 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

IF "1, YES" (USE A COMPUTER) IN Q.14, ASK:

Q.15 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

	<i>Computer User</i>			Based on Total Respondents: <i>Goes Online</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 2002	76	24	*=100	67	33	*=100
Early October, 2002	75	25	*=100	63	37	*=100
June, 2002	74	26	*=100	66	34	*=100
May, 2002	75	25	*=100	66	34	*=100
April, 2002	71	29	*=100	62	38	0=100
February, 2002	71	29	*=100	62	38	0=100
January, 2002	73	27	0=100	62	38	0=100
Mid-November, 2001	73	27	0=100	62	38	0=100
Mid-September, 2001	72	28	*=100	62	38	*=100
June, 2001	72	28	*=100	62	38	0=100
May, 2001	75	25	*=100	64	36	0=100
April, 2001	72	28	*=100	62	38	0=100
February, 2001	72	28	0=100	60	40	*=100
January, 2001	71	29	*=100	61	39	0=100
July, 2000	68	31	1=100	55	45	*=100
June, 2000	68	31	1=100	56	44	*=100
April, 2000	68	32	*=100	54	46	*=100
March, 2000 ¹⁵	72	28	0=100	61	39	0=100
February, 2000	67	33	*=100	52	48	0=100
January, 2000	68	32	*=100	52	48	*=100
December, 1999	67	33	*=100	53	47	0=100
October, 1999	67	33	*=100	50	50	0=100
Late September, 1999	68	32	*=100	52	48	*=100
September, 1999	70	30	*=100	53	47	0=100
August, 1999	67	33	*=100	52	48	0=100
July, 1999	68	32	*=100	49	51	0=100
June, 1999	64	35	1=100	50	50	*=100
May, 1999	66	33	1=100	48	52	0=100
April, 1999	71	29	*=100	51	49	*=100
March, 1999	68	32	*=100	49	51	*=100
February, 1999	68	32	*=100	49	51	*=100
January, 1999	69	31	*=100	47	53	*=100
Early December, 1998	64	36	*=100	42	58	0=100
November, 1998	--	--	--	37	63	*=100
Early September, 1998	64	36	*=100	42	58	*=100
Late August, 1998	66	34	0=100	43	57	*=100
Early August, 1998	66	34	*=100	41	59	*=100
April, 1998	61	39	*=100	36	64	0=100
January, 1998	65	35	*=100	37	63	0=100
November, 1997	66	34	*=100	36	63	1=100
June, 1997	60	40	0=100	--	--	--
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100	--	--	--
July, 1996	56	44	*=100	23	77	0=100
April, 1996	58	42	*=100	21	79	*=100
March, 1996	61	39	*=100	22	78	0=100
February, 1996	60	40	0=100	21	79	*=100
January, 1996	59	41	0=100	21	79	0=100
June, 1995 ¹⁶	--	--	--	14	86	*=100

¹⁵ In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

¹⁶ The 1995 figure combines responses from two separate questions: (1) Do you or anyone in your household ever use a modem to connect to any computer bulletin boards, information services such as CompuServe or Prodigy, or other computers at other locations? (IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else or both?) (2) Do you, yourself, ever use a computer at (work) (school) (work or school) to connect with computer bulletin boards, information services such as America Online or Prodigy, or other computers over the Internet?

ASK ALL:

R.1 How important would you say religion is in your own life — very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not very Important</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
December, 2002	60	27	12	1=100
March, 2002	63	24	12	1=100
Mid-November, 2001	61	24	14	1=100
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 (<i>Gallup</i>)	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 (<i>Gallup</i>)	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 (<i>Gallup</i>)	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 (<i>Gallup</i>)	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 (<i>Gallup</i>)	70	22	7	1=100

R.2 People practice their religion in different ways... Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week or less, or never?

	<u>March 2002</u>	<u>March 2001</u>	<u>June 1996</u>
38 Several times a day	35	37	29
22 Once a day	24	22	22
15 A few times a week	15	17	19
15 Once a week or less	16	14	18
7 Never	8	8	10
3 Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100	100	100	100