# PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 2004 OMNIBUS SURVEYS 

FINAL TOPLINE
September 22-26, 2004 Total N=1200; RV N=948
September 17-21, 2004 Total N=1200; RV N=989

RESULTS ARE SHOWN FOR TWO DISTINCT SURVEYS: SEPTEMBER 17-21 IS FROM THE MIDSEPTEMBER OMNIBUS AND SEPTEMBER 22-26 IS FROM THE LATE SEPTEMBER OMNIBUS

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

|  |  | Quite | (VOL.) | Only a | (VOL.) | DK/ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | A lot | Some | $\underline{\text { Little }}$ | None | Ref. |  |
|  | September 22-26, 2004 | 68 | 4 | 23 | 4 | 1=100 | ( $N=948$ ) |
|  | September 17-21, 2004 | 66 | 4 | 25 | 4 | $1=100$ | ( $N=989$ ) |
|  | Early September, 2004 | 71 | 3 | 22 | 3 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | September 11-14 | 69 | 3 | 23 | 4 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | September 8-10 | 73 | 3 | 21 | 2 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | August, 2004 | 69 | 2 | 26 | 2 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | July, 2004 | 67 | 2 | 28 | 2 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | June, 2004 | 58 | 3 | 36 | 2 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | May, 2004 | 59 | 6 | 30 | 4 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | Late March, 2004 | 60 | 4 | 31 | 4 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | Mid-March, 2004 | 65 | 2 | 31 | 2 | *=100 |  |
| 2000 | Early November, 2000 | 72 | 6 | 19 | 2 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | Late October, 2000 | 66 | 6 | 24 | 4 | *=100 |  |
|  | Mid-October, 2000 | 67 | 9 | 19 | 4 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | Early October, 2000 | 60 | 8 | 27 | 4 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | September, 2000 | 59 | 8 | 29 | 3 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | July, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 45 | 3 | *=100 |  |
|  | June, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 43 | 5 | *=100 |  |
|  | May, 2000 | 48 | 4 | 42 | 5 | 1=100 |  |
|  | April, 2000 | 45 | 7 | 41 | 7 | *=100 |  |
| 1996 | November, 1996 | 67 | 8 | 22 | 3 | *=100 |  |
|  | October, 1996 | 65 | 7 | 26 | 1 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | Late September, 1996 | 61 | 7 | 29 | 2 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | Early September, 1996 | 56 | 3 | 36 | 4 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | July, 1996 | 55 | 3 | 41 | 1 | *=100 |  |
|  | June, 1996 | 50 | 5 | 41 | 3 | $1=100$ |  |
| 1992 | October, 1992 | 77 | 5 | 16 | 1 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | September, 1992 | 69 | 3 | 26 | 1 | $1=100$ |  |
|  | August, 1992 | 72 | 4 | 23 | 1 | *=100 |  |
|  | June, 1992 | 63 | 6 | 29 | 1 | $1=100$ |  |
| 1988 | Gallup: November, 1988 | 73 | 8 | 17 | 2 | $0=100$ |  |
|  | Gallup: October, 1988 | 69 | 9 | 20 | 2 | $0=100$ |  |
|  | Gallup: August, 1988 | 61 | 10 | 27 | 2 | $0=100$ |  |
|  | Gallup: September, 1988 | 57 | 18 | 23 | 2 | $0=100$ |  |

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?
IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST ASK:
REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

| 9/22-26 | 9/17-21 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}$ |  |
| 79 | 81 | Yes, registered |
| 76 | 79 | Absolutely certain |
| 2 | 2 | Chance registration has lapsed |
| 1 | 0 | Don't know/Refused |
| 20 | 18 | No, not registered |
| 1 | 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 |  |

Q. 1 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote [INSERT, ROTATE

REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC TICKETS WITH NADER TICKET LAST] for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Democratic ticket of John Kerry and John Edwards, or for the ticket of Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo?

## IF OTHER OR DK (Q.1=4,9), ASK:

Q.1b As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.1]?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

|  | Bush/ Lean Bush | Kerry/ Lean Kerry | Nader/ Lean Nader | Other/ <br> Don't Know |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 22-26, 2004 | 48 | 40 | 2 | $10=100$ | ( $N=948$ ) |
| September 17-21, 2004 | 45 | 42 | 3 | $10=100$ | ( $N=989$ ) |
| Early September, 2004 | 49 | 43 | 1 | $7=100$ |  |
| September 11-14 | 46 | 46 | 1 | $7=100$ |  |
| September 8-10 | 52 | 40 | 1 | $7=100$ |  |
| August, 2004 | 45 | 47 | 2 | $6=100$ |  |
| July, 2004 | 44 | 46 | 3 | $7=100$ |  |
| June, 2004 | 46 | 42 | 6 | $6=100$ |  |
| May, 2004 | 43 | 46 | 6 | $5=100$ |  |
| Late March, 2004 | 44 | 43 | 6 | $7=100$ |  |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 42 | 49 | 4 | $5=100$ |  |
|  | Bush/ Lean Bush | Gore/ Lean Gore | Nader/ Lean Nader |  |  |
| September, 2000 | 41 | 47 | 2 | $10=100$ |  |
| July, 2000 | 42 | 41 | 6 | $11=100$ |  |

$\left.\begin{array}{lcccc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Dole/ } \\ \text { Lean Dole }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Clinton/ } \\ \text { Lean Clinton }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Perot/ } \\ \text { Lean Perot }\end{array} & \\ \text { Late September, 1996 } & 35 & 51 & & 7 \\ \text { Early September, 1996 } & 34 & & 52 & 8\end{array}\right)$

|  | Bush, Sr./ <br> Lean Bush, Sr. | Clinton/ <br> Lean Clinton | Perot/ <br> Lean Perot |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 35 | 48 | 8 | $9=100$ |
| Early October, 1992 | 31 | 28 | 36 | $5=100$ |

## NO QUESTION 2

## IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE KERRY IN Q.1/1b (Q.1=1,3 OR Q.1b=1,3,4,9) ASK:

Q.3a Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for John Kerry in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

|  |  | Chance might <br> vote for Kerry | Decided not to <br> vote for Kerry | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September 22-26, 2004 | 14 | 41 | $5=60 \%$ |
|  | September 17-21, 2004 | 10 | 40 | $7=57 \%$ |
|  | Early September, 2004 | $(N=989)$ |  |  |
|  | September 11-14 | 11 | 42 | $4=57 \%$ |
|  | September 8-10 | 11 | 38 | $5=54 \%$ |
|  | Jugust, 2004 2004 | 11 | 46 | $3=60 \%$ |
|  | June, 2004 | 11 | 39 | $3=53 \%$ |
|  | May, 2004 | 13 | 36 | $5=54 \%$ |
|  | Late March, 2004 | 10 | 41 | $3=54 \%$ |
|  | Mid-March, 2004 | 11 | 35 | $4=50 \%$ |
|  | Late February, 2004 | 13 | 37 | $3=53 \%$ |
|  | Early February, 2004 | 13 | 32 | $3=48 \%$ |
| Gore: | November, 2000 | 13 | 36 | $3=52 \%$ |
| Gore: | Late October, 2000 | 15 | 33 | $5=53 \%$ |
| Gore: | Mid-October, 2000 |  |  |  |
| Gore: | Early October, 2000 | 8 | 41 | $6=55 \%$ |
| Gore: | September, 2000 | 9 | 44 | $4=57 \%$ |
| Gore: | June, 2000 | 10 | 40 | $5=55 \%$ |
| Clinton: | Late September, 1996 | 11 | 38 | $7=56 \%$ |
| Clinton: | Early September, 1996 | 13 | 35 | $5=53 \%$ |
| Clinton: | July, 1996 | 14 | 34 | $6=54 \%$ |
| Clinton: | September, 1992 | 11 |  |  |
| Clinton: | August, 1992 | 10 | 35 | $3=49 \%$ |
| Clinton: | May, 1992 | 8 | 34 | $4=48 \%$ |
|  |  | 12 | 36 | $4=48 \%$ |
|  |  | 14 | 28 | $6=46 \%$ |
|  | 11 | 26 | $3=43 \%$ |  |
|  |  | 38 | $6=55 \%$ |  |

## IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE BUSH IN Q.1/1b (Q.1=2,3 OR Q.1b=2,3,4,9) ASK:

Q.3b Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for George W. Bush in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

|  | Chance might <br> vote for Bush | Decided not to <br> vote for Bush | Don't know/ <br> Refused |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 22-26, 2004 | 10 |  | 37 |  | $5=52 \%$ |$\quad(N=948)$


| Q.3b CONTINUED... | Chance might vote for Bush | Decided not to vote for Bush | Don't know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June, 2004 | 9 | 41 | 2=52\% |
| May, 2004 | 9 | 42 | 4=55\% |
| Late March, 2004 | 11 | 40 | 3=54\% |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 11 | 44 | 2=57\% |
| Late February, 2004 | 10 | 43 | 3=56\% |
| Early February, 2004 | 10 | 41 | 2=53\% |
| Bush: November, 2000 | 8 | 44 | 7=59\% |
| Bush: Late October, 2000 | 10 | 41 | 4=55\% |
| Bush: Mid-October, 2000 | 12 | 40 | 5=57\% |
| Bush: Early October, 2000 | 11 | 39 | 7=57\% |
| Bush: September, 2000 | 15 | 38 | 6=59\% |
| Bush: June, 2000 | 15 | 33 | 6=54\% |
| Dole: Late September, 1996 | 16 | 44 | 5=65\% |
| Dole: Early September, 1996 | 14 | 47 | 5=66\% |
| Dole: July, 1996 | 15 | 40 | $3=58 \%$ |
| Bush, Sr: September, 1992 | 12 | 44 | 6=62\% |
| Bush, Sr: August, 1992 | 15 | 45 | $4=64 \%$ |
| Bush, Sr: May, 1992 | 8 | 40 | 5=53\% |

QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 ASKED SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2004 ONLY:
Q. 4 As I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes John Kerry or George W. Bush. (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)

|  | BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=948]: |  |  |  | (VOL.) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | George <br> W. Bush | John <br> Kerry $^{1}$ | (VOL.) <br> Neither | Both Equally | DK/Ref. |
| a | Would use good judgment in a crisis |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | September 22-26, 2004 | 49 | 36 | 3 | 3 | $9=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2004 | 53 | 34 | 2 | 4 | $7=100$ |
|  | September 11-13, 2004 | 52 | 33 | 3 | 4 | $8=100$ |
|  | September 8-10, 2004 | 55 | 34 | 1 | 3 | $7=100$ |
|  | August, 2004 | 50 | 38 | 2 | 3 | $7=100$ |
|  | May, 2004 | 47 | 35 | 4 | 5 | $9=100$ |
|  | Late March, 2004 | 46 | 36 | 2 | 3 | $13=100$ |
|  | Mid-March, 2004 | 48 | 39 | 2 | 5 | $6=100$ |
|  | Late-October, 2000 | 43 | 42 | 2 | 5 | $8=100$ |
|  | Mid-October, 2000 | 40 | 42 | 5 | 8 | $5=100$ |
|  | Early October, 2000 | 36 | 43 | 4 | 10 | $7=100$ |
|  | September, 2000 | 38 | 44 | 3 | 8 | $7=100$ |
|  | June, 2000 | 44 | 37 | 5 | 6 | $8=100$ |
| b. | Honest and truthful |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | September 22-26, 2004 | 41 | 32 | 15 | 3 | $9=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2004 | 43 | 35 | 12 | 4 | $6=100$ |
|  | September 11-13, 2004 | 41 | 36 | 13 | 4 | $6=100$ |
|  | September 8-10, 2004 | 44 | 35 | 12 | 3 | $6=100$ |
|  | August, 2004 | 42 | 38 | 12 | 2 | $6=100$ |
|  | May, 2004 | 34 | 36 | 17 | 4 | $9=100$ |

In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.
Q. 4 CONTINUED...

Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
Late-October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
June, 2000
c. Cares about people like me

September 22-26, 2004
Early September, 2004
September 11-13, 2004
September 8-10, 2004
August, 2004
May, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
Late-October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
d. A strong leader

September 22-26, 2004
Early September, 2004
September 11-13, 2004
September 8-10, 2004
August, 2004
May, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
Late-October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
e. Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular

September 22-26, 2004
Early September, 2004
September 11-13, 2004
September 8-10, 2004
August, 2004
May, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
Late-October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
June, 2000

| George | John | (VOL.) | Both |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W. Bush | Kerry $^{2}$ | Neither | Equally | DK/Ref. |
| 37 | 38 | 12 | 3 | 10=100 |
| 35 | 39 | 16 | 5 | $5=100$ |
| 43 | 32 | 15 | 5 | $5=100$ |
| 38 | 30 | 19 | 6 | $7=100$ |
| 36 | 32 | 17 | 8 | $7=100$ |
| 35 | 37 | 13 | 9 | $6=100$ |
| 35 | 31 | 19 | 7 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 42 | 8 | 3 | $9=100$ |
| 41 | 43 | 6 | 5 | $5=100$ |
| 38 | 46 | 6 | 4 | $6=100$ |
| 44 | 41 | 6 | 5 | $4=100$ |
| 39 | 45 | 7 | 3 | $6=100$ |
| 34 | 45 | 8 | 5 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 42 | 9 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| 34 | 48 | 8 | 4 | $6=100$ |
| 40 | 43 | 8 | 5 | $4=100$ |
| 40 | 42 | 7 | 7 | $4=100$ |
| 35 | 44 | 11 | 5 | $5=100$ |
| 31 | 47 | 9 | 7 | $6=100$ |
| 54 | 28 | 5 | 3 | $10=100$ |
| 58 | 30 | 4 | 3 | $5=100$ |
| 57 | 30 | 4 | 4 | $5=100$ |
| 59 | 29 | 3 | 3 | $6=100$ |
| 57 | 34 | 2 | 3 | $4=100$ |
| 50 | 31 | 8 | 4 | $7=100$ |
| 51 | 33 | 4 | 2 | $10=100$ |
| 52 | 34 | 4 | 4 | $6=100$ |
| 44 | 41 | 6 | 6 | $3=100$ |
| 42 | 39 | 9 | 6 | $4=100$ |
| 41 | 38 | 7 | 10 | $4=100$ |
| 44 | 38 | 7 | 6 | $5=100$ |


| 63 | 23 | 3 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 69 | 23 | 1 | 3 | $4=100$ |
| 67 | 23 | 1 | 4 | $5=100$ |
| 70 | 22 | 1 | 3 | $4=100$ |
| 62 | 29 | 1 | 5 | $3=100$ |
| 65 | 23 | 3 | 4 | $5=100$ |
| 59 | 28 | 3 | 3 | $7=100$ |
| 63 | 27 | 1 | 5 | $4=100$ |
| 49 | 35 | 7 | 4 | $5=100$ |
| 49 | 35 | 6 | 5 | $5=100$ |
| 43 | 35 | 8 | 6 | $8=100$ |
| 45 | 37 | 8 | 5 | $5=100$ |
| 46 | 32 | 9 | 5 | $8=100$ |

Q. 5 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates - George W. Bush or John Kerry - do you think would do the best job of (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN BUSH OR KERRY PROBE ONCE: "IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUSH AND KERRY. . . ")?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=948]:

| George | John | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{\text { W. Bush }}$ | Kerry $^{3}$ | $\underline{\text { Neither }}$ |

September 22-26, 2004
Early September, 2004
September 11-13, 2004
September 8-10, 2004
August, 2004
May, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
Late-October, $2000^{4}$
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
June, 2000
March, 2000

| 46 | 5 | $10=100$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | 4 | $9=100$ |
| 47 | 4 | $9=100$ |
| 44 | 4 | $9=100$ |
| 52 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| 48 | 5 | $9=100$ |
| 44 | 6 | $11=100$ |
| 53 | 2 | $8=100$ |
| 46 | 6 | $8=100$ |
| 49 | 3 | $11=100$ |
| 47 | 6 | $12=100$ |
| 46 | 5 | $11=100$ |
| 41 | 5 | $16=100$ |
| 46 | 4 | $8=100$ |

b. Improving the health care system

September 22-26, 2004
48
Early September, 2004
September 11-13, 2004
September 8-10, 2004
August, 2004
May, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
Late-October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
June, 2000
March, 2000

| 32 | 48 | 7 | $13=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 32 | 50 | 8 | $10=100$ |
| 30 | 53 | 8 | $9=100$ |
| 34 | 49 | 7 | $10=100$ |
| 29 | 55 | 5 | $11=100$ |
| 29 | 51 | 7 | $13=100$ |
| 33 | 46 | 6 | $15=100$ |
| 29 | 57 | 4 | $10=100$ |
| 38 | 47 | 5 | $10=100$ |
| 37 | 48 | 4 | $11=100$ |
| 36 | 49 | 5 | $10=100$ |
| 32 | 51 | 6 | $11=100$ |
| 31 | 44 | 6 | $19=100$ |
| 31 | 51 | 6 | $12=100$ |

c. Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq

September 22-26, 2004

| 46 | 38 | 5 | $11=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 51 | 39 | 3 | $7=100$ |
| 52 | 40 | 2 | $6=100$ |
| 52 | 37 | 4 | $7=100$ |
| 44 | 46 | 3 | $7=100$ |
| 44 | 41 | 4 | $11=100$ |
| 49 | 37 | 4 | $10=100$ |
| 47 | 45 | 2 | $6=100$ |

Early September, 2004
September 11-13, 2004
September 8-10, 2004
August, 2004
May, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
45
DK/Ref.
$0=100$
$9=100$
$9=100$
$8=100$
$9=100$
$8=100$
$8=100$
$11=100$
$11=100$
$8=100$
$3=100$
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$10=100$
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$11=100$
$19=100$
$12=100$
$1=100$
$7=100$
$6=100$
$7=100$
100
$10=100$
$6=100$

[^0]|  |  | George <br> W. Bush | John <br> Kerry ${ }^{5}$ | (VOL.) <br> Neither | DK/Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| g. | Defending the country from future terrorist attacks |  |  |  |  |
|  | September 22-26, 2004 | 54 | 30 | 4 | $12=100$ |
|  | Early September, 2004 | 58 | 31 | 3 | $8=100$ |
|  | September 11-13, 2004 | 57 | 31 | 4 | $8=100$ |
|  | September 8-10, 2004 | 59 | 30 | 3 | $8=100$ |
|  | August, 2004 | 49 | 39 | 4 | $8=100$ |
|  | May, 2004 | 52 | 33 | 5 | $10=100$ |
|  | Late March, 2004 | 53 | 29 | 4 | $14=100$ |
|  | Mid-March, 2004 | 57 | 32 | 4 | $7=100$ |

## NO QUESTIONS 6 THROUGH 8

## QUESTIONS 9 THROUGH 14 ASKED SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2004 ONLY:

## ASK ALL:

Q. 9 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?
U.S. News \&

Late Late Mid-

- World Report -

| Sept 17-21 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2004}{31}$ | Plenty of jobs available |
| 52 | Jobs are difficult to find |
| 6 | Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL) |
| $\frac{11}{100}$ | Don't know |


| Aug | April Feb | Jan | Oct | June June | Aug | May | Jan |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2004}{34}$ | $\frac{2004}{30}$ | $\frac{2004}{31}$ | $\frac{2004}{27}$ | $\frac{2003}{24}$ | $\frac{2002}{31}$ | $\frac{2001}{42}$ | $\frac{1992}{15}$ | $\frac{1992}{16}$ |
| $\frac{1992}{12}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 | 57 | 59 | 60 | 66 | 59 | 44 | 76 | 77 |
| 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| 7 | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\frac{7}{7}$ | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{3}$ |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | $\underline{3}$ |
| 100 | $\underline{100}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Now thinking about Iraq...
Q. 10 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

|  | Right decision | Wrong decision | Don't know Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 17-21, 2004 | 47 | 37 | 16=100 |
| Early September, 2004 | 53 | 39 | $8=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 53 | 41 | $6=100$ |
| July, 2004 | 52 | 43 | $5=100$ |
| June, 2004 | 55 | 38 | $7=100$ |
| May, 2004 | 51 | 42 | $7=100$ |
| Late April, 2004 | 54 | 37 | $9=100$ |
| Early April, 2004 | 57 | 35 | $8=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 55 | 39 | $6=100$ |
| Late February, 2004 | 60 | 32 | $8=100$ |
| Early February, 2004 | 56 | 39 | $5=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2004 | 65 | 30 | $5=100$ |
| Early January, 2004 | 62 | 28 | $10=100$ |
| December, 2003 | 67 | 26 | $7=100$ |
| October, 2003 | 60 | 33 | $7=100$ |
| September, 2003 | 63 | 31 | $6=100$ |

In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.

## Q. 10 CONTINUED...

August, 2003

| Right <br> decision | Wrong <br> decision | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 63 | 30 | $7=100$ <br> 74 <br> 74 <br> 74 |
| 24 | $6=100$ |  |
| 74 | 19 | $7=100$ |
| 72 | 20 | $7=100$ |
| 69 | 25 | $8=100$ |
| 74 | 21 | $5=100$ |
| 74 | 21 | $5=100$ |
| 71 | 22 | $7=100$ |
| 77 | 15 | $9=100$ |

Q. 11 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]

|  | Very <br> well | Fairly <br> well | Not too <br> well | Not at all <br> well | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 17-21, 2004 | 11 | 35 | 26 | 19 | $9=100$ |
| Early September, 2004 | 12 | 40 | 26 | 18 | $4=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 12 | 41 | 28 | 16 | $3=100$ |
| July, 2004 | 13 | 42 | 26 | 16 | $3=100$ |
| June, 2004 | 16 | 41 | 25 | 14 | $4=100$ |
| May, 2004 | 10 | 36 | 32 | 19 | $3=100$ |
| Late April, 2004 | 12 | 43 | 26 | 15 | $4=100$ |
| Early April, 2004 | 14 | 43 | 26 | 13 | $4=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 16 | 45 | 26 | 11 | $2=100$ |
| Early February, 2004 | 17 | 46 | 23 | 11 | $3=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2004 | 22 | 51 | 18 | 6 | $3=100$ |
| Early January, 2004 | 23 | 47 | 18 | 7 | $5=100$ |
| December, 2003 | 28 | 47 | 16 | 6 | $3=100$ |
| October, 2003 | 16 | 44 | 25 | 11 | $4=100$ |
| September, 2003 | 15 | 47 | 26 | 9 | $3=100$ |
| August, 2003 | 19 | 43 | 24 | 11 | $3=100$ |
| Early July, 2003 | 23 | 52 | 16 | 5 | $4=100$ |
| April 10-16, 2003 | 61 | 32 | 3 | 1 | $3=100$ |
| April 8-9, 2003 | 60 | 32 | 3 | 3 | $2=100$ |
| April 2-7, 2003 | 55 | 37 | 3 | 2 | $3=100$ |
| March 25-April 1, 2003 | 39 | 46 | 8 | 2 | $5=100$ |
| March 23-24, 2003 | 45 | 41 | 6 | 2 | $6=100$ |
| March 20-22, 2003 | 65 | 25 | 2 | 1 | $7=100$ |

Q. 12 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

|  |  | Early |  |  |  |  | Late | Early | Early |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept 17-21 |  | Sept | Aug | July | June | May | April | April | Jan | Oct | Sept |
| $\underline{2004}$ |  | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}{ }^{6}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | $\underline{2004}$ | 2003 | $\underline{2003}$ |
| 50 | Keep troops in Iraq | 54 | 54 | 53 | 51 | 53 | 53 | 50 | 63 | 58 | 64 |
| 40 | Bring troops home | 40 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 42 | 40 | 44 | 32 | 39 | 32 |
| $\underline{10}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{6}$ | 4 | 4 | 5 | $\underline{5}$ | 7 | $\underline{6}$ | 5 | $\underline{3}$ | 4 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^1] government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?"
Q. 13 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

|  | Excellent |  | Only |  | Don't know/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Good | Fair | Poor | Refused |
| September 17-21, 2004 | 4 | 34 | 40 | 20 | $2=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 3 | 30 | 45 | 21 | $1=100$ |
| Late April, 2004 | 4 | 34 | 38 | 22 | $2=100$ |
| Late February, 2004 | 2 | 29 | 42 | 26 | $1=100$ |
| February 9-12, 2004 (Gallup) | 2 | 31 | 46 | 21 | $0=100$ |
| January 12-15, 2004 (Gallup) | 3 | 34 | 42 | 21 | $0=100$ |
| January 2-5, 2004 (Gallup) | 3 | 40 | 41 | 16 | *=100 |
| December 11-14, 2003 (Gallup) | 3 | 34 | 44 | 19 | *=100 |
| November 3-5, 2003 (Gallup) | 2 | 28 | 49 | 21 | *=100 |
| October 24-26, 2003 (Gallup) | 2 | 24 | 44 | 30 | *=100 |
| October 6-8, 2003 (Gallup) | 2 | 20 | 50 | 27 | $1=100$ |
| September 8-10, 2003 (Gallup) | 1 | 20 | 49 | 30 | *=100 |
| August 4-6, 2003 (Gallup) | 1 | 24 | 52 | 23 | *=100 |
| August 5-8, 2002 (Gallup) | 1 | 27 | 52 | 19 | $1=100$ |
| August 16-19, 2001 (Gallup) | 2 | 34 | 49 | 14 | $1=100$ |
| August 18-19, 2000 (Gallup) | 25 | 49 | 21 | 4 | $1=100$ |
| August 24-26, 1999 (Gallup) | 14 | 50 | 28 | 7 | $1=100$ |
| September 1, 1998 (Gallup) | 11 | 54 | 25 | 9 | $1=100$ |
| August 22-25, 1997 (Gallup) | 8 | 41 | 38 | 13 | *=100 |
| October 26-29, 1996 (Gallup) | 5 | 42 | 39 | 13 | $1=100$ |
| November 6-8, 1995 (Gallup) | 2 | 28 | 47 | 22 | $1=100$ |
| July 15-17, 1994 (Gallup) | 1 | 26 | 52 | 21 | *=100 |
| June 29-30, 1993 (Gallup) | 1 | 14 | 52 | 32 | $1=100$ |
| Aug. 31-Sept., 1992 (Gallup) (RVs) | 1 | 9 | 37 | 53 | *=100 |

Q. 14 Now I'd like your views on some people. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT

ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?
[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]
a. John Kerry

September 17-21, 2004
Early September, 2004
September 11-14
September 8-10
August, 2004
June, 2004
Early February, 2004
January, 2003
Clinton: August, 1992 (RVs)
--------Favorable------
Total Very Mostly Total Very Mostly Heard of Rate

Clinton: July, 1992
Dukakis: September, 1988 (RVs)
Dukakis: August, 1988 (RVs)

| 43 | 10 | 33 | 40 | 19 | 21 | $*$ | $17=100$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | 17 | 32 | 43 | 19 | 24 | $*$ | $8=100$ |
| 51 | 17 | 34 | 40 | 19 | 21 | $*$ | $9=100$ |
| 50 | 18 | 32 | 44 | 18 | 26 | 0 | $6=100$ |
| 56 | 23 | 33 | 36 | 14 | 22 | 1 | $7=100$ |
| 50 | 11 | 39 | 41 | 16 | 25 | 0 | $9=100$ |
| 58 | 14 | 44 | 28 | 8 | 20 | 1 | $13=100$ |
| 30 | 6 | 24 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 36 | $18=100$ |
| 63 | 16 | 47 | 35 | 11 | 24 | 0 | $2=100$ |
| 59 | 17 | 42 | 34 | 9 | 25 | 0 | $7=100$ |
| 51 | 18 | 33 | 42 | 19 | 23 | $7=100$ |  |
| 59 | 17 | 42 | 33 | 11 | 22 | $8=100$ |  |

b. George W. Bush

| September 17-21, 2004 | 48 | 19 | 29 | 41 | 23 | 18 | $*$ | $11=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Early September, 2004 | 52 | 25 | 27 | 43 | 24 | 19 | $*$ | $5=100$ |
| September 11-14 | 49 | 24 | 25 | 46 | 27 | 19 | 0 | $5=100$ |
| September 8-10 | 55 | 28 | 27 | 40 | 21 | 19 | $*$ | $5=100$ |

Q. 14 CONTINUED...

|  | August, 2004 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | June, 2004 |
| Gallup: | Eanly February, 2004 |
| Gallup: | January 29 - February 1, 2004 |
| Gallup: | October 6-8, 2004 |
| Gallup: | June 9-10, 2003 |
|  | April, 2003 |
|  | December, 2002 |
|  | July, 2001 |
|  | January, 2001 |
|  | May, 2000 |
|  | March, 1999 |
|  | November, 1997 |

--------Favorable------ -----Unfavorable----- Never Can’t

| Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | Heard of | R Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | 27 | 31 | 39 | 22 | 17 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| 52 | 19 | 33 | 45 | 22 | 23 | * | $3=100$ |
| 53 | 21 | 32 | 44 | 25 | 19 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| 52 | -- | -- | 47 | -- | -- | -- | $1=100$ |
| 65 | -- | -- | 35 | -- | -- | -- | *=100 |
| 60 | -- | -- | 39 | -- | -- | -- | $1=100$ |
| 66 | -- | -- | 33 | -- | -- | -- | $1=100$ |
| 72 | 37 | 35 | 25 | 11 | 14 | 0 | $3=100$ |
| 68 | 35 | 33 | 27 | 11 | 16 | 0 | $5=100$ |
| 61 | 22 | 39 | 35 | 14 | 21 | * | $4=100$ |
| 60 | 24 | 36 | 33 | 12 | 21 | 0 | $7=100$ |
| 58 | 18 | 40 | 31 | 12 | 19 | 1 | $10=100$ |
| 61 | 21 | 40 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 4 | $14=100$ |
| 54 | 13 | 41 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 9 | $19=100$ |


[^0]:    ${ }^{3}$ In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.
    4 In 2000 the item was listed as "Keeping the economy strong."

[^1]:    In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: "Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable

