

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
DECEMBER 2004 POLITICAL TYPOLOGY SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
December 1 - 16, 2004
N=2000

ON FORM ONE Q.1/1a PRECEDES Q.2 --- ON FORM TWO, Q.2 PRECEDES Q.1/1a

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

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (1,2 IN Q.1) ASK:

Q.1a Do you (approve/disapprove) very strongly, or not so strongly?

	<u>Nov 2003</u>	<u>Sept 2003</u>	<u>June 2002</u>	<u>April 2001</u>
48 Approve	50	55	70	56
34 Very strongly	34	35	46	34
12 Not so strongly	14	18	21	20
2 Don't know (VOL)	2	2	3	2
44 Disapprove	40	36	20	27
35 Very strongly	30	27	8	18
8 Not so strongly	9	9	12	9
1 Don't know (VOL)	1	*	0	*
<u>8</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>
100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Sat- isfied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>		<u>Sat- isfied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	January, 1999	53	41	6=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	November, 1998	46	44	10=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	February, 1998	59	37	4=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	January, 1998	46	50	4=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	August, 1997	49	46	5=100
April, 2003 ¹	50	41	9=100	January, 1997	38	58	4=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	July, 1996	29	67	4=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
September, 2002 ²	41	55	4=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
May, 2002	44	44	12=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
March, 2002	50	40	10=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
June, 2001	43	52	5=100	September, 1993	20	75	4=100
March, 2001	47	45	8=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
February, 2001	46	43	11=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 2001	55	41	4=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
October, 2000 (RV's)	54	39	7=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
September, 2000	51	41	8=100	Late Feb, 1991 (Gallup)	66	31	3=100
June, 2000	47	45	8=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
April, 2000	48	43	9=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
August, 1999	56	39	5=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
				May, 1988	41	54	5=100
				January, 1988	39	55	6=100

¹ Asked April 8, 2003 only; N=395.

² The September 2002 trend is from a Pew Global Attitudes Project survey, fielded August 19 to September 8, 2002 and released December 4, 2002.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=993]:

Q.3F1 What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

66 More politically divided
26 Not more divided
8 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1007]:

Q.4F2 Thinking about the people you know, are they more divided over politics these days than in the past, or not?

53 More divided
40 Not more divided
7 Don't know/Refused
100

ASK IF 'MORE DIVIDED' IN EITHER (1 IN Q.3F1 OR 1 IN Q.4F2) [N=1178]:

Q.5 Why do you think people are more divided these days? What are they more divided about? [OPEN END; ENTER MULTIPLE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS "BUSH" ENTER BUSH, BUT ALSO PROBE "What is it about George W. Bush that divides people?"]

36 FOREIGN POLICY (NET)
32 War/Iraq
3 Terrorism/ 9/11
2 Other foreign policy issues
19 DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)
13 Economy/jobs
3 Healthcare
2 Taxes
1 Social Security
4 Other domestic issues
14 RELIGION AND MORALITY (NET)
5 Religion
3 Values/morals
3 Gay marriage/gay rights
2 Abortion
1 Church-State divide
1 Christian Right
3 Other religious/moral issues
12 LEADERSHIP/ELECTED OFFICIALS (NET)
6 President Bush
1 Democrats/liberals
1 Republicans/conservatives
4 Other leaders/the way the country is run
4 People are ignorant/selfish/scared/stubborn
3 CAMPAIGN/ELECTION (NET)
2 Election/Close election
* Negative Campaign
1 Other campaign/election
3 Rich-poor gap
3 Politics
3 Political parties/Both Republicans and Democrats
2 Everything is more divided

Q.5 CONTINUED...

- 2 Money
- 2 People have different views
- 1 Ideology/political philosophy
- 1 Media
- 1 Race
- 1 The way things are going
- 1 Immigrants
- 6 Other
- 9 Don't know

ASK ALL:

Q.6 All in all, how do you feel about George W. Bush being reelected President? Are you **[READ]**

- 15 Excited
- 34 Happy
- 29 Unhappy
- 15 Or depressed
- 7 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused
- 100

Q.7 Here are some stories covered by news organizations this past month. For each, please 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 WITH ITEMS a FIRST, FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS b THRU e; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS AND DATES]

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a. News about the current situation in Iraq	34	44	15	6	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1=100
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1=100
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

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

Q.7 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/Ref
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
ASK FORM 1 ONLY, DECEMBER 1-7, 2004 ONLY [N=523]:					
b1.F1 A fistfight between players and fans at an NBA game	24	25	25	26	*=100
ASK FORM 1 ONLY, DECEMBER 8-15, 2004 ONLY [N=419]:					
b2.F2 Recent reports of steroid use by some Major League Baseball players	22	28	23	27	0=100
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=993]:					
c.F1 Controversy over the results of the recent election in Ukraine	10	22	29	38	1=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY, DECEMBER 1-7, 2004 ONLY [N=523]:					
d1.F2 The conviction of Scott Peterson for the murder of his wife, Laci Peterson	21	27	27	24	1=100
April, 2004 ⁵	20	37	24	17	2=100
July, 2003	22	34	26	17	1=100
May, 2003	31	31	21	16	1=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY, DECEMBER 8-15, 2004 ONLY [N=436]:					
d2.F2 The debate in Washington over reorganizing the nation's intelligence system	16	31	29	22	2=100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1007]:					
e.F2 The death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat	18	38	25	17	2=100

NO QUESTION 8

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 April, 2004 the story was listed as "The murder of Laci Peterson." In 2003 the story was listed as "The murder of Laci Peterson, the pregnant California woman whose husband has been charged in her death."

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Can you tell me the name of the person George W. Bush has nominated to replace Colin Powell as Secretary of State?

43 Yes, Correct, Condoleezza Rice / Condi / Rice
 5 Yes, Incorrect, any other person
52 No, Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.10 Do you happen to know when Iraq is scheduled to hold its first national elections? Will it be this winter, sometime in the spring, or later in the summer?

57 This winter
 10 Sometime in the spring
 5 Later in the summer
28 Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK ALL:

Q.11 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)** **(AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?)**

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
a.	Government is almost always													
	47 wasteful and inefficient	48	--	--	52	51	--	59	56	--	63	63	64	66
	38 Strongly	38	--	--	43	41	--	49	48	--	53	51	54	54
	9 Not Strongly	10	--	--	9	10	--	10	8	--	10	12	10	12
	Government often does a better													
	45 job than people give it credit for	46	--	--	40	43	--	36	39	--	34	34	32	31
	28 Strongly	28	--	--	27	28	--	23	25	--	20	19	19	17
	17 Not Strongly	18	--	--	13	15	--	13	14	--	14	15	13	14
	<u>8</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	--	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100			100	100		100	100		100	100	100	100

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
b.	Government regulation of business is													
	49 necessary to protect the public interest	--	54	50	--	48	--	--	45	--	45	43	38	41
	32 Strongly	--	39	35	--	32	--	--	29	--	28	25	24	24
	17 Not Strongly	--	15	15	--	16	--	--	16	--	17	18	14	17
	Government regulation of business													
	41 usually does more harm than good	--	36	41	--	44	--	--	46	--	50	51	55	54
	30 Strongly	--	27	31	--	32	--	--	33	--	37	38	41	39
	11 Not Strongly	--	9	10	--	12	--	--	13	--	13	13	14	15
	<u>10</u> Neither/Don't know	--	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	--	<u>8</u>	--	--	<u>9</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100		100	100		100			100		100	100	100	100

Q.11 CONTINUED...

		Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
c.	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return	34	--	--	--	45	--	45	46	--	54	52	48	53
	34 Strongly	24	--	--	--	30	--	33	35	--	36	37	35	37
	11 Not Strongly	10	--	--	--	15	--	12	11	--	18	15	13	16
	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently	52	--	--	--	42	--	42	40	--	36	39	41	39
	40 Strongly	42	--	--	--	31	--	31	28	--	25	28	31	27
	12 Not Strongly	13	--	--	--	11	--	11	12	--	11	11	10	12
	<u>14</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>11</u>	--	--	--	<u>13</u>	--	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	--	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
	100	100				100		100	100		100	100	100	100
d.	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt	57	--	--	--	57	--	--	46	49	47	46	50	48
	46 Strongly	--	--	--	--	44	--	--	36	42	35	33	39	35
	11 Not Strongly	--	--	--	--	13	--	--	10	7	12	13	11	13
	The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy	33	--	--	--	35	--	--	44	44	47	47	43	47
	22 Strongly	--	--	--	--	23	--	--	31	34	31	34	31	32
	11 Not Strongly	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	13	10	16	13	12	15
	<u>10</u> Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	--	<u>8</u>	--	--	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100					100			100	100	100	100	100	100
e.	The position of blacks in American society has improved in recent years	73	--	--	--	78	--	73	73	--	69	70	67	72
	59 Strongly	--	--	--	--	63	--	55	57	--	52	52	50	52
	14 Not Strongly	--	--	--	--	15	--	18	16	--	17	18	17	20
	There hasn't been much real progress for blacks in recent years	20	--	--	--	18	--	22	21	--	27	26	27	25
	14 Strongly	--	--	--	--	13	--	16	16	--	20	19	20	18
	6 Not Strongly	--	--	--	--	5	--	6	5	--	7	7	7	7
	<u>7</u> Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	--	<u>4</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
	100					100		100	100		100	100	100	100
f.	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days	27	--	--	31	28	25	33	28	--	37	34	34	32
	18 Strongly	16	--	--	22	19	--	22	19	--	25	21	24	20
	9 Not Strongly	8	--	--	9	9	--	11	9	--	12	13	10	12
	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition	60	--	--	54	59	61	54	58	--	53	56	54	59
	44 Strongly	50	--	--	43	46	--	41	45	--	38	40	40	43
	16 Not Strongly	14	--	--	11	13	--	13	13	--	15	16	14	16
	<u>13</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>12</u>	--	--	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	--	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
	100	100			100	100	100	100	100		100	100	100	100

Q.11 CONTINUED...

		Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Apr	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
g.	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard													
45	work and talents	46	--	--	50	46	41	41	38	37	--	--	--	31
32	Strongly	30	--	--	36	30	--	26	19	--	--	--	--	17
13	Not Strongly	16	--	--	14	16	--	15	19	--	--	--	--	14
	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our													
44	jobs, housing and health care	44	--	--	38	44	48	48	52	54	--	--	--	63
34	Strongly	35	--	--	29	34	--	37	38	--	--	--	--	49
10	Not Strongly	9	--	--	9	10	--	11	14	--	--	--	--	14
<u>11</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>10</u>	--	--	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	--	--	--	<u>6</u>
100		100			100	100	100	100	100	100				100

NO ITEM H.

		Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
i.	The best way to ensure peace is through													
30	military strength	--	--	--	--	33	--	--	36	--	36	35	40	36
25	Strongly	--	--	--	--	26	--	--	30	--	28	27	32	28
5	Not Strongly	--	--	--	--	7	--	--	6	--	8	8	8	8
	Good diplomacy is the best way to													
55	ensure peace	--	--	--	--	55	--	--	53	--	59	58	52	58
46	Strongly	--	--	--	--	45	--	--	44	--	49	46	43	46
9	Not Strongly	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	9	--	10	12	9	12
<u>15</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	--	<u>12</u>	--	--	<u>11</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100						100			100		100	100	100	100

		Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
j.	We should all be willing to fight for our													
46	country, whether it is right or wrong	--	--	--	48	47	--	--	48	--	49	49	47	52
39	Strongly	--	--	--	41	39	--	--	39	--	38	39	39	43
7	Not Strongly	--	--	--	7	8	--	--	7	--	11	10	8	9
	It's acceptable to refuse to fight in a war													
46	you believe is morally wrong	--	--	--	45	47	--	--	47	--	48	47	47	45
38	Strongly	--	--	--	37	38	--	--	39	--	38	38	37	35
8	Not Strongly	--	--	--	8	9	--	--	8	--	10	9	10	10
<u>8</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>7</u>	--	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
100					100	100			100		100	100	100	100

		Jun	Jul	Feb	Sep	Aug	Oct	Jun	Oct	Apr	Oct	Apr	Oct	Jul
		<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>
k.	Most people who want to get ahead can													
68	make it if they're willing to work hard	--	--	--	73	74	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	68
62	Strongly	--	--	--	66	66	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	59
6	Not strongly	--	--	--	7	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9
	Hard work and determination are no													
28	guarantee of success for most people	--	--	--	24	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30
22	Strongly	--	--	--	20	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22
6	Not strongly	--	--	--	4	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8
<u>4</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<u>2</u>
100					100	100								100

Q.11 CONTINUED...

		Jun <u>03</u>	Jul <u>02</u>	Feb <u>02</u>	Sep <u>00</u>	Aug <u>99</u>	Oct <u>97</u>	Jun <u>97</u>	Oct <u>96</u>	Apr <u>96</u>	Oct <u>95</u>	Apr <u>95</u>	Oct <u>94</u>	Jul <u>94</u>
i.	Success in life is pretty much determined													
	16 by forces outside of our control	--	--	--	--	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18
	11 Strongly	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
	5 Not strongly	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6
	78 Everyone has it in their own power to succeed	--	--	--	--	80	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	79
	68 Strongly	--	--	--	--	72	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	67
	10 Not strongly	--	--	--	--	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
	<u>6</u> Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	--	<u>5</u>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<u>3</u>
	100					100								100
		Jun <u>03</u>	Jul <u>02</u>	Feb <u>02</u>	Sep <u>00</u>	Aug <u>99</u>	Oct <u>97</u>	Jun <u>97</u>	Oct <u>96</u>	Apr <u>96</u>	Oct <u>95</u>	Apr <u>95</u>	Oct <u>94</u>	Jul <u>94</u>
m.	Too much power is concentrated in the													
	77 hands of a few large companies	--	80	77	--	77	--	--	75	--	77	75	73	76
	64 Strongly	--	67	62	--	62	--	--	61	--	62	59	58	59
	13 Not Strongly	--	13	15	--	15	--	--	14	--	15	16	15	17
	The largest companies do NOT have													
	16 too much power	--	12	17	--	17	--	--	18	--	18	20	20	19
	9 Strongly	--	7	9	--	10	--	--	10	--	9	10	10	9
	7 Not Strongly	--	5	8	--	7	--	--	8	--	9	10	10	10
	<u>7</u> Neither/Don't know	--	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	--	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>7</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100		100	100		100			100		100	100	100	100
		Jun <u>03</u>	Jul <u>02</u>	Feb <u>02</u>	Sep <u>00</u>	Aug <u>99</u>	Oct <u>97</u>	Jun <u>97</u>	Oct <u>96</u>	Apr <u>96</u>	Oct <u>95</u>	Apr <u>95</u>	Oct <u>94</u>	Jul <u>94</u>
n.	Business corporations make too													
	53 much profit	51	58	54	54	52	--	51	51	--	53	51	50	52
	46 Strongly	43	51	44	46	42	--	43	43	--	44	42	40	43
	7 Not Strongly	8	7	10	8	10	--	8	8	--	9	9	10	9
	Most corporations make a fair													
	39 and reasonable amount of profit	42	33	39	38	42	--	43	42	--	43	44	44	43
	25 Strongly	27	22	24	28	29	--	28	27	--	27	26	28	27
	14 Not Strongly	15	11	15	10	13	--	15	15	--	16	18	16	16
	<u>8</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	--	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100		100	100	100	100
		Jun <u>03</u>	Jul <u>02</u>	Feb <u>02</u>	Sep <u>00</u>	Aug <u>99</u>	Oct <u>97</u>	Jun <u>97</u>	Oct <u>96</u>	Apr <u>96</u>	Oct <u>95</u>	Apr <u>95</u>	Oct <u>94</u>	Jul <u>94</u>
o.	Elected officials in Washington lose touch													
	66 with the people pretty quickly	--	--	--	66	68	--	--	69	72	73	76	74	71
	54 Strongly	--	--	--	53	55	--	--	58	59	60	64	61	58
	12 Not Strongly	--	--	--	13	13	--	--	11	13	13	12	13	13
	Elected officials in Washington try hard to													
	26 stay in touch with voters back home	--	--	--	27	26	--	--	25	23	24	21	22	25
	15 Strongly	--	--	--	18	16	--	--	15	14	14	12	13	14
	11 Not Strongly	--	--	--	9	10	--	--	10	9	10	9	9	11
	<u>8</u> Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	--	--	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	100				100	100			100	100	100	100	100	100

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
p.	Most elected officials care what													
	32 people like me think	33	--	--	39	35	--	28	38	--	33	32	29	34
	19 Strongly	18	--	--	26	21	--	17	23	--	18	18	17	18
	13 Not Strongly	15	--	--	13	14	--	11	15	--	15	14	12	16
	Most elected officials don't care													
	63 what people like me think	62	--	--	55	60	--	67	58	--	64	64	68	64
	52 Strongly	51	--	--	44	49	--	55	48	--	53	53	56	51
	11 Not Strongly	11	--	--	11	11	--	12	10	--	11	11	12	13
	<u>5</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>5</u>	--	--	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	--	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	--	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100			100	100		100	100		100	100	100	100

Q.12 Would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS a. AND b. WITH c. ALWAYS LAST] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."] How about [NEXT ITEM]?

		-----Favorable-----			----Unfavorable----			Never Heard of	Can't Rate
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a.	The Republican Party	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6=100
	June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9=100
	Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6=100
	June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9=100
	April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6=100
	December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8=100
	July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10=100
	January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7=100
	August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4=100
	February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5=100
	January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6=100
	Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6=100
	Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7=100
	March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7=100
	August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6=100
	June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6=100
	January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5=100
	October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4=100
	December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6=100
	July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4=100
	May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11=100
	July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6=100
b.	The Democratic Party	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6=100
	June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10=100
	Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5=100
	June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8=100
	April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7=100
	December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9=100
	July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8=100
	January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9=100

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Never Heard of	Can't Rate
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5=100
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4=100
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5=100
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7=100
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6=100
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6=100
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6=100
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5=100
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3=100
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6=100
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4=100
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9=100
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6=100
c. The news media	43	8	35	51	18	33	*	6=100
Late October, 2000 (RVs)	50	7	43	45	14	31	0	5=100
February, 1999 (RVs)	48	6	42	49	14	35	0	3=100
March, 1998 (RVs)	45	7	38	53	17	36	*	2=100
October, 1997 (RVs)	50	6	44	48	14	34	*	2=100

NO QUESTION 13-14

Q.15 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	Excellent		Good		Only Fair		Poor		Don't know/ Refused	
	Total	Very	Total	Very	Total	Very	Total	Very	Total	Very
December, 2004	3		33		43		20		1=100	
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5		31		37		26		1=100	
Mid-September, 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	

Q.15 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only</u>		<u>Don't know/</u>
			<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Refused</u>
July 15-17, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	26	52	21	*=100
June 29-30, 1993 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	14	52	32	1=100
Aug. 31-Sept., 1992 (<i>Gallup</i>) (<i>RVs</i>)	1	9	37	53	*=100

NO QUESTION 16

On another subject...

Q.17 How have you been getting most of your news about national and international issues? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet? **[ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]**

	<u>Television</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Magazines</u>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Other Don't Know/</u>	<u>Refused</u>
						<u>(VOL)</u>	
December, 2004	74	46	21	4	24	2	3
October, 2003	80	50	18	4	20	2	1
August, 2003	79	46	15	3	18	2	1
Early July, 2003	79	45	16	5	19	1	*
March, 2003 ⁶	89	24	19	*	11	2	*
February, 2003	83	42	19	4	15	3	*
January, 2003	81	44	22	4	17	2	1
January, 2002	82	42	21	3	14	2	*
Mid-September, 2001	90	11	14	*	5	1	1
Early September, 2001	74	45	18	6	13	1	*
February, 2001	76	40	16	4	10	2	1
October, 1999	80	48	19	5	11	2	*
January, 1999	82	42	18	4	6	2	*
January, 1996	88	61	25	8	--	2	*
September, 1995	82	63	20	10	--	1	1
January, 1994	83	51	15	10	--	5	1
September, 1993	83	60	17	9	--	3	*
January, 1993	83	52	17	5	--	1	1
Early January, 1991	82	40	15	4	--	1	*

⁶ In March 2003, the question was worded "news about the war in Iraq." In Mid-September 2001, the question was worded "news about the terrorist attacks." In September 1995, question wording did not include "international." In Early January 1991 the question asked about "the latest developments in the Persian Gulf."

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.17 ASK Q.18. IF NOT, SKIP TO Q.19

Q.18 Do you get most of your news about national and international issues from [READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 8 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

BASED ON TOTAL:		Oct	Aug	Early	Jan
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
15	Local news programming	17	17	17	16
11	ABC Network news	12	12	12	11
9	CBS Network news	8	10	11	11
14	NBC Network news	13	15	14	15
20	CNN Cable news	20	26	27	28
6	MSNBC Cable news	6	7	9	8
19	The Fox News Cable Channel	17	18	22	16
3	CNBC Cable news ⁷	--	3	3	4
3	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4	4	3	2

ASK ALL:

Q.19 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Other's aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1=100
November, 2004 (RVs)	61	27	9	3	*=100
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	63	26	8	3	*=100
June, 2004	44	34	15	7	*=100
August, 2003	48	33	12	6	1=100
November, 2002	49	27	14	9	1=100
August, 2002	54	30	11	5	*=100
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1=100
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1=100
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*=100
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*=100
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*=100
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*=100
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*=100
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*=100
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*=100
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*=100
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*=100
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*=100
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*=100
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1=100

⁷ In October 2003, CNBC Cable news item was not asked due to programming error.

Q.19 CONTINUED...

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*=100
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*=100
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*=100
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1=100
October, 1988	52	33	11	4	*=100
September, 1988	58	32	8	2	*=100
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3=100
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2=100
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1=100
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2=100
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1=100

Q.20 Now I'm going to read a few more pairs of statements. Again, just tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q THRU Z FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS AA THRU HH) (AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?)**

		Jun <u>03</u>	Jul <u>02</u>	Feb <u>02</u>	Sep <u>00</u>	Aug <u>99</u>	Oct <u>97</u>	Jun <u>97</u>	Oct <u>96</u>	Apr <u>96</u>	Oct <u>95</u>	Apr <u>95</u>	Oct <u>94</u>	Jul <u>94</u>
q.	This country should do whatever it takes													
77	to protect the environment	--	--	--	78	80	--	--	77	--	77	74	77	78
63	Strongly	--	--	--	67	67	--	--	66	--	65	63	65	62
14	Not Strongly	--	--	--	11	13	--	--	11	--	12	11	12	16
	This country has gone too far in its efforts													
18	to protect the environment	--	--	--	17	15	--	--	18	--	20	22	19	19
12	Strongly	--	--	--	12	10	--	--	13	--	13	15	13	12
6	Not Strongly	--	--	--	5	5	--	--	5	--	7	7	6	7
<u>5</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	--	--	<u>5</u>	--	3	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100					100	100			100		100	100	100	100
		Jun <u>03</u>	Jul <u>02</u>	Feb <u>02</u>	Sep <u>00</u>	Aug <u>99</u>	Oct <u>97</u>	Jun <u>97</u>	Oct <u>96</u>	Apr <u>96</u>	Oct <u>95</u>	Apr <u>95</u>	Oct <u>94</u>	Jul <u>94</u>
r.	Stricter environmental laws and regulations													
31	cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	--	--	--	31	28	--	--	30	--	35	39	32	33
21	Strongly	--	--	--	22	19	--	--	22	--	23	28	23	21
10	Not Strongly	--	--	--	9	9	--	--	8	--	12	11	9	12
	Stricter environmental laws and regulations													
60	are worth the cost	--	--	--	61	65	--	--	63	--	61	57	62	62
48	Strongly	--	--	--	50	50	--	--	51	--	47	44	49	45
12	Not Strongly	--	--	--	11	15	--	--	12	--	14	13	13	17
<u>9</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	--	--	<u>7</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100					100	100			100		100	100	100	100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
s.	There are no real limits to growth													
	51 in this country today	--	--	--	--	54	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	51
	36 Strongly	--	--	--	--	38	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33
	15 Not strongly	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18
	People in this country should learn													
	41 to live with less	--	--	--	--	40	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	45
	30 Strongly	--	--	--	--	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30
	11 Not strongly	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15
	<u>8</u> Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	--	<u>6</u>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<u>4</u>
	100					100								100
		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
t.	As Americans, we can always find ways													
	59 to solve our problems and get what we want	--	--	--	59	63	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	52
	45 Strongly	--	--	--	46	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35
	14 Not strongly	--	--	--	13	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17
	This country can't solve many of its													
	36 important problems	--	--	--	36	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	45
	27 Strongly	--	--	--	29	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30
	9 Not strongly	--	--	--	7	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15
	<u>5</u> Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<u>3</u>
	100				100	100								100
		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
u.	Homosexuality is a way of life													
	49 that should be accepted by society	47	--	--	50	49	46	45	44	44	45	47	46	46
	35 Strongly	33	--	--	35	33	--	32	32	29	29	30	33	26
	14 Not Strongly	14	--	--	15	16	--	13	12	15	16	17	13	20
	Homosexuality is a way of life that													
	44 should be discouraged by society	45	--	--	41	44	48	50	49	49	50	48	48	49
	38 Strongly	38	--	--	35	37	--	43	42	42	41	40	41	41
	6 Not Strongly	7	--	--	6	7	--	7	7	7	9	8	7	8
	<u>7</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>8</u>	--	--	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100			100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Oct 95	Jun 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
v.	Books that contain dangerous ideas should													
	44 be banned from public school libraries	45	--	--	48	52	--	46	44	46	42	45	42	46
	38 Strongly	39	--	--	41	43	--	39	39	37	--	40	36	37
	6 Not Strongly	6	--	--	7	9	--	7	5	9	--	5	6	9
	Public school libraries should be allowed													
	51 to carry any books they want	52	--	--	48	45	--	50	51	52	53	52	53	55
	41 Strongly	43	--	--	40	36	--	40	43	41	--	44	47	39
	10 Not Strongly	9	--	--	8	9	--	10	9	11	--	9	8	12
	<u>5</u> Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>	--	--	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100			100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
w.	74	Religion is a very important part of my life	--	--	--	75	75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	66	Strongly	--	--	--	69	67	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	8	Not Strongly	--	--	--	6	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	24	Religion is not that important to me	--	--	--	23	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	15	Strongly	--	--	--	15	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	9	Not Strongly	--	--	--	8	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't Know	--	--	--	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	100					100	100							

NO ITEM X.

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
y.	59	I'm generally satisfied with the way things are going for me financially	--	--	--	59	64	--	--	57	57	--	--	56
	44	Strongly	--	--	--	46	48	--	--	43	44	--	--	36
	15	Not Strongly	--	--	--	13	16	--	--	14	13	--	--	20
	39	I'm not very satisfied with my financial situation	--	--	--	39	34	--	--	41	42	--	--	43
	33	Strongly	--	--	--	33	28	--	--	36	37	--	--	33
	6	Not Strongly	--	--	--	6	6	--	--	5	5	--	--	10
	<u>2</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	--	--	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	--	--	<u>1</u>
	100					100	100			100	100			100

		Jun 03	Jul 02	Feb 02	Sep 00	Aug 99	Oct 97	Jun 97	Oct 96	Apr 96	Oct 95	Apr 95	Oct 94	Jul 94
z.	35	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet	--	--	--	37	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	36
	29	Strongly	--	--	--	30	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	27
	6	Not strongly	--	--	--	7	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	9
	62	Paying the bills is generally not a problem for me	--	--	--	59	68	--	--	--	--	--	--	63
	48	Strongly	--	--	--	48	54	--	--	--	--	--	--	43
	14	Not strongly	--	--	--	11	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	20
	<u>3</u>	Neither/Don't know	--	--	--	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	--	--	--	--	--	--	<u>1</u>
	100					100	100							100

		March 2002	
aa.	46	It IS NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values	50
	36	Strongly	--
	10	Not strongly	--
	51	It IS necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values	47
	46	Strongly	--
	5	Not strongly	--
	<u>3</u>	Neither/Don't know	<u>3</u>
	100		100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

- bb. Using overwhelming military force is the best
39 way to defeat terrorism around the world
30 Strongly
9 Not strongly
 Relying too much on military force to defeat
51 terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism
42 Strongly
9 Not strongly
10 Neither/Don't know
100
- cc. In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests
53 of its allies even if it means making compromises with them
38 Strongly
15 Not strongly
 In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its OWN national
37 interests even when its allies strongly disagree
27 Strongly
10 Not strongly
10 Neither/Don't know
100
- dd. The growing number of newcomers from other countries
40 threaten traditional American customs and values
29 Strongly
11 Not strongly
 The growing number of newcomers from other countries
50 strengthens American society
34 Strongly
16 Not strongly
10 Neither/Don't know
100
- ee. 44 It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs
33 Strongly
11 Not strongly
 We should pay less attention to problems overseas and
49 concentrate on problems here at home
41 Strongly
8 Not strongly
7 Neither/Don't know
100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

- ff. Americans need to be willing to give up more privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism
- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 35 | |
| 24 | Strongly |
| 11 | Not strongly |
| Americans shouldn't have to give up more privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism | |
| 60 | |
| 51 | Strongly |
| 9 | Not strongly |
| <u>5</u> | Neither/Don't know |
| 100 | |
-
- gg. The government should do more to protect morality in society
- | | |
|----------|---|
| 41 | |
| 31 | Strongly |
| 10 | Not strongly |
| 51 | I worry the government is getting too involved in the issue of morality |
| 40 | Strongly |
| 11 | Not strongly |
| <u>8</u> | Neither/Don't know |
| 100 | |

NO QUESTIONS 21 THROUGH 30

On another subject...

Q.31 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 — a lot, a little or nothing at all?

		Early Sept <u>2004</u> ⁸	RV's Sept <u>2000</u>
23	A lot	19	26
43	A little	41	43
33	Nothing at all	39	30
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.32 Generally, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

<u>Total</u>			-- Early Sept 2004 --		---- Sept 2000 ----	
<u>Proposal</u> ⁹			Heard about		Heard about	
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>RV's</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
54	54	Favor	58	61	70	71
30	35	Oppose	26	28	21	23
<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
100	100		100	100	100	100

(N=1420)

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."

⁹ Based on the percent who heard "A lot" or "A little" in Q.31.

Q.33 As you may know, the federal government has debated whether to fund certain kinds of medical research known as ‘stem cell research’ ... How much have you heard about this? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

		Aug <u>2004</u>	March <u>2002</u>
47	A lot	42	27
41	A little [OR]	43	52
11	Nothing at all	15	20
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.34 All in all, which is more important... **[READ, IN ORDER]**

		Aug <u>2004</u>	March <u>2002</u>
56	Conducting stem cell research that might result in new medical cures [OR]	52	43
32	Not destroying the potential life of human embryos involved in this research	34	38
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL, DO NOT READ]	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>
100		100	100

Q.35 Which comes closer to your view about the tax cuts passed under President Bush over the past few years?**[READ IN ORDER]**

		Early Sept <u>2004</u>
28	All of the tax cuts should be made permanent	27
35	Tax cuts for the wealthy should be repealed, while others stay in place, OR	31
25	All of the tax cuts should be repealed	28
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>14</u>
100		100

Q.36 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**?
How about... **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		----- FAVOR -----			----- OPPOSE -----			Don't know
		Net	Strongly Favor	Favor	Net	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	
a.	Making it more DIFFICULT for a woman to get an abortion	36	19	17	55	29	26	9=100
	Early February, 2004	36	17	19	58	30	28	6=100
	November, 2003	35	19	16	57	29	28	8=100
	August, 2003 ¹⁰	36	17	19	57	30	27	7=100
	May, 1993	32	15	17	60	35	25	8=100
	May, 1992	30	--	--	62	--	--	8=100
	May, 1990	38	21	17	55	29	26	7=100
	May, 1987	41	18	23	51	33	18	8=100
	May, 1985	47	--	--	49	--	--	4=100

¹⁰ In August 2003 and earlier the question was worded: "Changing the laws to make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion."

Q.36 CONTINUED...

		----- FAVOR -----			----- OPPOSE -----			
		<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			Don't
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>know</u>
b.	Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally	32	14	18	61	38	23	7=100
	August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11=100
	July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12=100
	March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9=100
	Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7=100
	November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8=100
	October, 2003	31	9	21	58	33	25	12=100
	Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9=100
	March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8=100
	June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8=100
c.	An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.45 an hour	86	53	33	12	4	8	2=100
	June, 2001	87	49	38	12	4	8	1=100
	October, 1999	82	48	34	16	4	12	2=100
	February, 1998 ¹¹	80	48	32	19	5	14	1=100
d.	The U.S. government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes	65	31	34	30	10	20	5=100
	Early September, 2004	66	30	36	26	11	15	8=100
	August, 2003	67	23	44	29	10	19	4=100
e.	Limiting the amount that patients can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits	63	31	32	30	14	16	7=100

Q.37 Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

		Mid- Early (RVs)								Oct- Oct- Oct-						
		July	Oct	Sept	Sept	Aug	June	Sept	Feb	Oct	Sept	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Dec
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1995</u> ¹²	<u>94+</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>90+</u>	<u>86+</u>	<u>82+</u>	<u>78+</u>	<u>74+</u>
20	Increase	25	50	32	34	27	31	17	19	18	10	12	21	22	32	13
54	Keep same	53	41	44	48	54	47	57	56	53	52	53	55	52	45	47
19	Cut back	18	7	20	14	16	19	24	24	26	36	32	23	24	16	33
<u>7</u>	DK/Ref.	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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¹¹ In February 1998, the question was worded: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.15 an hour."

¹² In 1995 and previous years, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should expand our spending on national defense, keep it about the same or cut it back?"

Q.38 Do you think that using military force against countries that may seriously threaten our country, but have not attacked us, can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

		July	Aug	May
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>
14	Often justified	20	20	22
46	Sometimes justified	40	43	45
21	Rarely justified	22	19	17
14	Never justified	14	13	13
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 39-40

Thinking about trade for a moment...

Q.41 In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA, and the World Trade Organization, have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT NAFTA IS, "The North American Free Trade Agreement"]

		July	March	Dec ¹³	Early Sept	Nov	Sept
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>
47	Good thing	47	44	34	49	45	47
34	Bad thing	34	37	33	29	34	30
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 42- 43

Q.44 All in all, which do you think should be the higher priority right now – cutting taxes or reducing the federal budget deficit?

		<i>CBS/NY Times</i> <u>Nov 2004</u>
32	Cutting taxes	28
61	Reducing the federal budget deficit	67
1	Neither (VOL.)	1
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

¹³ In December 2003 the question's wording and interviewer instructions were: "...free trade agreements like NAFTA, (the North American Free Trade Agreement) and the WTO (World Trade Organization)... [INTERVIEWER: READ OUT FULL NAMES ONLY IF RESPONDENT IS UNCERTAIN]. In Early September 2001 and earlier the question was worded: "So far, do you think that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, has been a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?"

Q.45 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
December, 2004	49	44	7=100
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11=100
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12=100
Early October, 2004	50	39	11=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
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
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	30	7=100
May, 2003	74	20	6=100

Q.46 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=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
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7=100</i>

Q.47 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?

		Mid- Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	July <u>2004</u>	June ¹⁴ <u>2004</u>	May <u>2004</u>	Late April <u>2004</u>	Early April <u>2004</u>	Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>
56	Keep troops in Iraq	57	54	54	53	51	53	53	50	63	58	64
40	Bring troops home	36	40	42	43	44	42	40	44	32	39	32
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.48 How much have you heard or read about the Patriot Act, adopted in 2001, which is now up for renewal in Congress – a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

		<i>CBS/NY Times</i> <u>April 2004</u>
15	A lot	12
29	Some	27
27	Not much	28
26	Nothing at all	30
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>
100		100

ASKED DECEMBER 2-15, 2004 ONLY [N=1700]:

Q.49 Which comes closer to your view... Is the Patriot Act a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists or does it go too far and pose a threat to civil liberties?

<u>Total</u>	Based on those who those that heard <u>A lot/Some</u>		<i>CBS/NY Times</i> <u>April 2004¹⁵</u>
33	46	Necessary tool	52
39	48	Goes too far	42
<u>28</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100	100		100
	(N=804)		

Now thinking about your personal life...

Q.50 For each description I read, please tell me if it applies to you or not. (First,...) **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS)**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. Do you happen to have any guns, rifles or pistols in your home?	37	60	3=100
Mid-October, 2004	39	59	2=100
Mid-July, 2003 ¹⁶	34	63	3=100
August, 2002	35	62	3=100
April, 2000	35	62	3=100

¹⁴ In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: "Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?"

¹⁵ The CBS/NY Times question was preceded with: "Some people say the Patriot Act is a necessary tool that helps the government find terrorists, while others say it goes too far and is a threat to civil liberties."

¹⁶ From 1997 to 2003, the question asked about "guns or revolvers in your home." In 1993, the question asked about "guns in this household."

Q.50 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
June, 1997	40	57	3=100
December, 1993	45	53	2=100
b. Are you the owner of a small business?	16	84	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	15	85	*=100
August, 1999	14	86	*=100
c. Do you trade stocks or bonds in the stock market?	28	71	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	31	68	1=100
Mid-July, 2003	29	69	2=100
August, 2002	34	65	1=100
August, 1999	25	75	*=100
d. Over the past 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household has been without a job and looking for work, or not?	37	63	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	63	1=100
e. Were you or either of your parents born in a country other than the United States or Canada?	16	84	*=100
August, 2002	14	86	*=100
August, 1999	15	84	1=100
f. Do you attend Bible study or prayer group meetings?	36	64	*=100
August, 2002	41	58	1=100
August, 1999	34	66	*=100

ASK ALL:

INT1 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home, or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

INT2 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC [N=2000]:

	<i>Computer User</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 2004	80	20	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	79	21	*=100
Early September, 2004	78	22	*=100
August, 2004	75	25	*=100
April, 2004	73	27	0=100
March, 2004 ¹⁷	75	25	*=100
August, 2003	77	23	*=100
Mid-July, 2003	75	25	*=100
January, 2003	76	24	0=100
December, 2002	76	24	*=100
Early October, 2002	75	25	*=100
August, 2002	78	22	*=100

Based on Total Respondents:

	<i>Goes Online</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 2004	72	28	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	72	28	*=100
Early September, 2004	72	28	*=100
August, 2004	68	32	0=100
April, 2004	66	34	*=100
March, 2004 ¹⁷	68	32	*=100
August, 2003	67	33	*=100
Mid-July, 2003	65	35	*=100
January, 2003	67	33	*=100
December, 2002	67	33	*=100
Early October, 2002	63	37	*=100
August, 2002	69	31	*=100

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Based on Total Respondents:

¹⁷ Beginning in 2004, the online use question is asked of all respondents (in previous years it was asked only of those who identified themselves as computer users). This modification was made to adjust to changes in technology and means of access to the Internet, and increases the percent who are classified as Internet users by 1-2 percentage points.

	<i>Computer User</i>			<i>Goes Online</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ¹⁸	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	29	71	0=100
Early September, 1996	56	44	*=100	22	78	0=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 ¹⁹	--	--	--	14	86	*=100

¹⁸ In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

¹⁹ 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:

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL) No Preference	(VOL) Other Party	<u>Don't know</u>
2004 Trend						
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
Yearly Totals						
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			

IF ANSWERED 1 IN PARTY, ASK [N=662]:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican, or NOT a strong Republican?

		Late															
		July	Aug	Sept	Sept	Aug	Nov	Oct	April	Oct	July	June	May	Feb	May	Jan	May
		2004	2003	2000	1999	1999	1997	1995	1995	1994	1994	1992	1990	1989	1988	1988	1987
18	Strong	17	14	14	10	11	11	11	15	16	13	11	13	15	13	12	11
<u>13</u>	Not strong	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
31%		29	27	27	24	25	25	30	30	31	29	28	28	31	28	27	25

IF ANSWERED 2 IN PARTY, ASK [N=641]:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat, or NOT a strong Democrat?

		Late															
		July	Aug	Sept	Sept	Aug	Nov	Oct	April	Oct	July	June	May	Feb	May	Jan	May
		204	2003	2000	1999	1999	1997	1995	1995	1994	1994	1992	1990	1989	1988	1988	1987
19	Strong	20	15	19	15	15	14	14	14	18	15	14	16	17	19	19	18
<u>15</u>	Not strong	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
34%		33	31	34	31	33	32	30	29	32	33	32	33	38	38	39	37

IF ANSWERED 3,4,5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK [N=697]:

PARTYLN As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?
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	Republican	Democrat	Other/DK/Ref.
December, 2004	41	33	26=100
August, 2003	29	39	32=100
August, 2002	32	34	34=100
September, 2000	28	33	39=100
Late September, 1999	31	34	35=100
August, 1999	34	36	30=100

IF REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (1 IN PARTY OR 1 IN PARTYLN) ASK [N=955]:

Q.24 Do you ever vote for Democratic candidates, or do you always vote Republican?

71	Sometimes vote for Democratic candidates
22	Always vote Republican
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT (2 IN PARTY OR 2 IN PARTYLN) ASK [N=872]:

Q.25 Do you ever vote for Republican candidates, or do you always vote Democratic?

56	Sometimes vote for Republican candidates
38	Always vote Democratic
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	