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

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

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

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>
January, 2005	40	54	6=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	Late Feb, 1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	66	31	3=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
April, 2003 ¹	50	41	9=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	September, 1988 (<i>RVs</i>)	50	45	5=100
September, 2002 ²	41	55	4=100	May, 1988	41	54	5=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100	January, 1988	39	55	6=100
May, 2002	44	44	12=100				
March, 2002	50	40	10=100				
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100				
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100				
June, 2001	43	52	5=100				
March, 2001	47	45	8=100				
February, 2001	46	43	11=100				
January, 2001	55	41	4=100				
October, 2000 (<i>RV's</i>)	54	39	7=100				
September, 2000	51	41	8=100				
June, 2000	47	45	8=100				
April, 2000	48	43	9=100				
August, 1999	56	39	5=100				
January, 1999	53	41	6=100				
November, 1998	46	44	10=100				
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100				
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100				
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100				
February, 1998	59	37	4=100				
January, 1998	46	50	4=100				
September, 1997	45	49	6=100				
August, 1997	49	46	5=100				
January, 1997	38	58	4=100				
July, 1996	29	67	4=100				
March, 1996	28	70	2=100				
October, 1995	23	73	4=100				
June, 1995	25	73	2=100				
April, 1995	23	74	3=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.

Q.3 In the long run, do you think George W. Bush will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

		Early			----- Clinton -----									
		Dec	Oct	Jan	Jan	Early	Sept	Feb	Oct	May	Jan	Oct	Sept	Aug
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>
36	Successful	39	40	26	44	38	18	14	21	21	18	22	13	
27	Unsuccessful	20	15	15	24	24	34	35	26	19	25	22	25	
35	Too early to tell	38	44	58	29	35	43	48	52	57	56	54	60	
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Ref.	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.4F1 Now thinking about George W. Bush's upcoming State of the Union address... Do you consider this year's State of the Union address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

		Mid			--- Clinton ---	
		Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
34	More important	34	52	54	16	27
9	Less important	9	6	4	22	16
47	Same	49	35	36	53	51
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=763]:

Q.5F2 Now thinking about George W. Bush's upcoming inaugural address... Do you consider this year's inaugural address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

34	More important
13	Less important
46	Same
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

NO QUESTION 6

ASK ALL:

Q.7 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? [**RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION**]

		Mid-						
		July	Jan	Apr	Feb	Mar	May	Feb
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>
32	War/War in Iraq	25	16	14	34	10 [▲]	-	--
12	Economy (general)	14	20	28	21	8	7	7
10	Terrorism	8	14	9	16	24	1	*
7	Unemployment/Lack of jobs	8	13	10	6	4	5	6
5	Health care/costs	5	5	3	2	2	6	7
5	Morality/Ethics/Family values	4	3	4	5	8	6	12
5	Dissatisfaction with govt/politics	7	5	3	5	4	2	5
4	Social Security	1	--	1	--	--	3	1
3	Education	4	3	4	1	4	8	11
3	Poverty/Hunger/Starvation	2	3	3	1	2	3	3
	Defense issues/Military spending/ National & homeland security	3	3	2	2	5	1	1
3	Deficit/National debt/Balanced budget	1	2	2	--	1	1	1
2	Crime/Gangs/Justice system	1	1	1	1	4	4	8
1	Immigration	1	3	1	--	1	1	2
	Inflation/Difference between wages/costs	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
1	Tsunami disaster	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	U.S. military in other countries	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Drugs/Alcohol	1	1	1	2	4	4	6
1	Trade/Jobs moving overseas	2	1	--	--	--	--	--
1	U.S. foreign policy/Intl affairs	4	2	--	--	--	2	2
1	Homelessness	1	1	1	--	1	1	2
1	Taxes	1	1	1	--	1	3	3
1	Issues related to elderly	1	2	1	--	1	2	2
1	Youth problems/teen violence	--	--	--	--	2	8	3
1	Abortion	1	--	--	--	--	1	1
1	Uneven distribution of wealth	1	--	--	--	--	1	1
	Too much foreign aid/ spend money at home	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
9	Other							
1	None	1	1	1	1	1	*	2
5	Don't know/No answer	6	4	9	4	8	8	7
49	(NET) DEFENSE/TERRORISM/ INTERNATIONAL	41	37	29	54	39	3	5
24	(NET) ECONOMIC	26	35	41	29	16	40	26

▲ War in Afghanistan in March 2002

IF ANSWER GIVEN IN Q.7, ASK [N=1457]:

Q.8 Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you just mentioned – the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

		Mid		--- Gallup ---					(RV's)					
		Jan	Mar	Jan	April	July	April	July	June	Jan	May	May	Jan	May
		2004	2002	1999 ³	1998	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1990	1988	1988	1987
36	Republican Party	35	38	33	40	36	42	36	28	32	29	26	30	28
35	Democratic Party	35	27	43	42	35	32	33	35	41	30	38	35	38
18	No difference (VOL)	14	21	n/a	10	18	17	16	23	12	31	22	24	24
<u>11</u>	Don't know	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE.]

		Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a.	News about the current situation in Iraq	48	37	11	4	*=100
	December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1=100
	Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1=100
	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 ⁴	47	40	10	2	1=100
	April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1=100
	March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1=100
	March 13-16, 2003 ⁵	62	27	6	4	1=100
	February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1=100
	January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2=100

³ In January 1999, the “no difference” and “don’t know” categories are combined.

⁴ From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed: “News about the war in Iraq.”

⁵ 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.”

Q.9 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/Ref
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
b. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	35	41	17	7	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	30	43	16	10	1=100
Early September, 2004	39	34	15	11	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	37	41	15	7	*=100
December, 2003	35	38	14	11	2=100
November, 2003	40	34	15	10	1=100
October, 2003	32	39	16	12	1=100
September, 2003	39	30	18	12	1=100
March, 2003	40	35	16	8	1=100
February, 2003	42	33	15	10	*=100
January, 2003	40	35	13	11	1=100
December, 2002	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
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	1=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

Q.9 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
c. George W. Bush's cabinet choices and other high level appointments for his second term ⁶	18	37	26	18	1=100
January, 2001	26	32	24	17	1=100
January, 1997 (Clinton)	15	32	30	23	*=100
January, 1993 (Clinton)	24	42	22	11	1=100
d. The earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean	58	32	7	3	*=100
e. Safety concerns about certain types of pain medicines like Vioxx and Celebrex	29	30	25	16	*=100

T.1 Thinking about the earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean, have you or anyone in your household made a donation to help those affected, are you planning to do so, or is this something you don't think you will do right now?

30 Yes, have made a donation
 30 Planning to do so
 37 No, don't think will donate right now
3 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)
 100

IF MADE A DONATION (1 IN T.1) ASK [N=474]:

T.2 Did you donate to a church or other religious organization, or to some other kind of charity?

36 Church or religious organization
 57 Other kind of charity
 4 Both (**VOL.**)
3 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)
 100

T.3 Did you donate through the mail, on the Internet, by phone, or in person? [**MULTI-PUNCH, ENTER ALL ANSWERS GIVEN; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL**]

17 Mail
 15 Internet
 10 Phone
 59 In person
 1 Other (**VOL.**)
 2 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

Numbers add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

⁶ In January 2005, "for his second term" was added.

ASK ALL:

T.4 As compared to other major countries, do you think the U.S. government has given more than its fair share to the relief effort, less than its fair share, or about its fair share?

36	More than fair share
10	Less than fair share
48	About right
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.10 What's your opinion of the cabinet choices and other high level appointments George W. Bush has made for his second term... Do you think they are too conservative, too moderate or about right?

		<u>Jan 2001⁷</u>
25	Too conservative	21
7	Too moderate	7
45	About right	50
<u>23</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>22</u>
100		100

Q.11 How much influence do you think Dick Cheney is having within the Bush Administration... too much, too little or about the right amount?

		<u>Jan 2001</u>
25	Too much	12
18	Too little	12
44	Right amount	58
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>18</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.12F1 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

		<u>Jan</u>	----- Clinton -----			
		<u>2002</u>	Early Sept	Jan	Dec	Oct
			<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
53	Domestic policy	52	56	86	85	76
27	Foreign policy	34	30	7	7	13
1	Neither (VOL)	*	0	*	2	*
16	Both (VOL)	11	11	5	4	7
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

⁷ In January 2001 the question was worded: "...appointments George W. Bush has made so far..."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=763]:

Q.13F2 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or the war on terrorism?

		<u>Aug 2002</u>	<u>Jan 2002</u>
40	Domestic policy	29	33
44	War on terrorism	43	52
1	Neither (VOL.)	1	*
13	Both (VOL.)	22	13
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100

NO QUESTION 14

ASK ALL:

Q.15 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

		<u>Jan 2002</u>	<u>Jan 2001</u>
30	Work together	53	41
59	Bicker and oppose one another more than usual	39	50
4	Same as in the past (VOL.)	5	4
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

Q.16 When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more... [**READ, ROTATE**]

		<u>May 2003</u>	<u>Jan 2003</u>	<u>Jan 2002</u>	<u>Jan 2001</u>
54	Conservative members of his party OR	49	41	38	48
27	Moderate members of his party	32	35	40	37
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 17-19

On another subject...

Q.20 I'd like to ask you some questions about priorities for President Bush and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think the item that I read should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done? (First,) should **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES)** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? (What about **(INSERT ITEM)?**)

<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>		Important				DK/Ref
		Top Priority	But lower Priority	Not too Important	Should Not Be Done	
s.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	75	22	2	*	1=100
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	75	21	2	1	1=100
m.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	70	25	2	2	1=100
l.F2	Improving the educational system	70	25	2	2	1=100
a.F1	Improving the job situation	68	28	2	1	1=100
n.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	67	29	3	1	*=100
q.F2	Providing health insurance to the uninsured	60	30	7	2	1=100
o.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	59	34	5	1	1=100
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	56	34	5	2	3=100
f.F1	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans	54	33	7	4	2=100
c.F1	Reducing crime	53	39	5	2	1=100
r.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	52	35	8	3	2=100
e.F1	Protecting the environment	49	42	8	1	*=100
d.F1	Reducing federal income taxes for the middle class	48	35	8	6	3=100
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	47	42	7	1	3=100
u.F2	Increasing the minimum wage	43	39	11	6	1=100
p.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	41	32	14	10	3=100
v.F2	Changing the federal income tax system to make it simpler	39	36	15	6	4=100
g.F1	Developing a national missile defense system to protect against missile attacks	35	38	15	9	3=100
h.F1	Making the recent federal income tax cuts permanent	34	34	12	14	6=100
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	32	47	13	2	6=100
w.F2	Limiting the amount of money courts can award in personal injury lawsuits	27	40	18	11	4=100
k.F1	Passing a constitutional amendment that would prohibit gay marriages	27	17	19	35	2=100

FULL TREND

ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

a.F1	Improving the job situation	68	28	2	1	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	67	28	3	1	1=100
	January, 2003	62	32	4	1	1=100
	January, 2002	67	27	4	1	1=100
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2=100
	January, 2000	41	35	16	4	4=100
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3=100
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4=100
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1=100
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1=100
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2=100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Top	Important	But lower	Not too	Should Not	
		Priority	Priority	Priority	Important	Be Done	DK/Ref
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	56	34	5	2	3=100	
	Mid-January, 2004	51	38	6	3	2=100	
	January, 2003	40	44	11	2	3=100	
	January, 2002	35	44	13	3	5=100	
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3=100	
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3=100	
c.F1	Reducing crime	53	39	5	2	1=100	
	Mid-January, 2004	53	34	9	2	2=100	
	January, 2003	47	42	8	2	2=100	
	January, 2002	53	39	6	*	2=100	
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*=100	
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2=100	
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1=100	
	January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2=100	
	January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1=100	
	January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*=100	
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2=100	
d.F1	Reducing federal income taxes for the middle class	48	35	8	6	3=100	
	Mid-January, 2004	44	37	12	6	1=100	
	January, 2002	43	37	11	6	3=100	
	January, 2001	66	26	4	3	1=100	
	January, 2000	54	34	7	3	2=100	
	July, 1999	57	30	8	4	1=100	
	January, 1999	52	33	8	3	4=100	
	January, 1998	54	33	8	3	2=100	
	January, 1997	42	38	10	8	2=100	
	December, 1994	53	32	9	3	3=100	
e.F1	Protecting the environment	49	42	8	1	*=100	
	Mid-January, 2004	49	40	10	1	*=100	
	January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1=100	
	January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1=100	
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1=100	
	January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1=100	
	July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1=100	
	January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1=100	
	January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1=100	
	January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1=100	
f.F1	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans	54	33	7	4	2=100	
	Mid-January, 2004	50	35	8	4	3=100	
	January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4=100	
	January, 2002	50	37	7	4	2=100	
	Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2=100	
	January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3=100	
	January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4=100	
	July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3=100	

Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Important Top	But lower Priority	Not too Important	Should Not Be Done	DK/Ref
		<u>Priority</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
g.F1	Developing a national missile defense system to protect against missile attacks	35	38	15	9	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	35	34	18	11	2=100
	January, 2003	42	34	13	8	3=100
	January, 2002	39	35	15	7	4=100
	Early September, 2001	35	39	14	11	1=100
	January, 2001	41	32	14	9	4=100
h.F1	Making the recent federal income tax cuts permanent	34	34	12	14	6=100
	January, 2003 ⁸	30	39	15	9	7=100
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	75	21	2	1	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	78	18	2	1	1=100
	January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0=100
	January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1=100
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	32	47	13	2	6=100
	Mid-January, 2004	32	47	14	3	4=100
	January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5=100
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6=100
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7=100
k.F1	Passing a constitutional amendment that would prohibit gay marriages	27	17	19	35	2=100
	Mid-January, 2004	22	16	22	37	3=100
ASK ITEMS 1 THRU w OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=763]:						
l.F2	Improving the educational system	70	25	2	2	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	71	23	4	1	1=100
	January, 2003	62	31	4	1	2=100
	January, 2002	66	27	4	1	2=100
	Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1=100
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1=100
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1=100
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2=100
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*=100
m.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	70	25	2	2	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	65	28	4	2	1=100
	January, 2003	59	34	4	1	2=100
	January, 2002	62	32	3	1	2=100
	Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2=100
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1=100
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1=100

⁸ In January 2003 the item was listed: "making the cuts in federal income taxes passed in 2001 permanent".

Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Top Priority	Important But lower Priority	Not too Important	Should Not Be Done	DK/Ref
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1=100
n.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	67	29	3	1	*=100
	Mid-January, 2004	62	32	4	1	1=100
	January, 2003	56	39	4	*	1=100
	January, 2002	55	38	5	1	1=100
	January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2=100
	January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2=100
	July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2=100
	January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1=100
	January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1=100
o.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	59	34	5	1	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	50	42	6	1	1=100
	January, 2003	48	45	5	1	1=100
	January, 2002	44	46	7	2	1=100
	January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2=100
	January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2=100
	July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1=100
	January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1=100
	January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1=100
	January, 1997	57	35	6	2	*=100
p.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	41	32	14	10	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	45	31	13	9	2=100
	January, 2003	39	34	16	7	4=100
	January, 2002	45	32	12	7	4=100
	January, 2001	51	27	10	7	5=100
	January, 2000	48	34	9	6	3=100
	July, 1999	55	28	8	5	4=100
	January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4=100
	January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2=100
	January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3=100
q.F2	Providing health insurance to the uninsured	60	30	7	2	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	54	34	8	3	1=100
	January, 2003	45	41	10	2	2=100
	January, 2002	43	45	7	3	2=100
	January, 2001	61	31	4	2	2=100
	January, 2000	55	32	8	2	3=100
r.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	52	35	8	3	2=100
	Mid-January, 2004	48	31	15	5	1=100
	January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3=100
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2=100
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2=100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Top	Important But lower	Not too	Should Not	
		<u>Priority</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Be Done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
s.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	75	22	2	*	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	79	16	2	1	2=100
	January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1=100
	January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1=100
	Early September, 2001 ⁹	80	18	1	*	1=100
	January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1=100
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1=100
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	47	42	7	1	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	46	41	10	1	2=100
	January, 2003	40	46	10	1	3=100
	January, 2002	42	46	7	2	3=100
	Early September, 2001 ¹⁰	46	41	6	2	5=100
u.F2	Increasing the minimum wage	43	39	11	6	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	38	39	17	5	1=100
	Early September, 2001	40	40	13	6	1=100
	January, 2000	34	41	16	6	3=100
v.F2	Changing the federal income tax system to make it simpler	39	36	15	6	4=100
w.F2	Limiting the amount of money courts can award in personal injury lawsuits	27	40	18	11	4=100

ASK ALL:

Q.21 Now thinking about FOREIGN policy problems, tell me whether each one should have top priority in the U.S. government, a priority but not top priority, or no priority. (First.../How about...) **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]**

		<u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>A</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
a.	Making Iraq stable	46	37	15	2=100
b.	Reducing the threat of international terrorism	73	24	2	1=100
	January, 2003	74	22	3	1=100
	March, 1999	75	20	2	3=100
	June, 1995	71	23	5	1=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

c.F1	Countering the threat of North Korean militarism	41	46	7	6=100
	January, 2003	47	40	8	5=100
	March, 1999	29	49	14	8=100
	September, 1993	20	49	25	6=100

⁹ In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: "Keeping the economy strong."

¹⁰ In Early September 2001 the item was worded: "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

Q.21 CONTINUED...

		<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>A Priority</u>	<u>No Priority</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
d.F1	Keeping a close watch on the development of China as a world power	42	46	9	3=100
	January, 2003	39	49	10	2=100
	March, 1999	52	37	8	3=100
e.F1	Bringing about a permanent settlement between Israel and the Arabs	34	42	21	3=100
	January, 2003	38	40	19	3=100
	March, 1999	35	42	19	4=100
	September, 1993	34	45	19	2=100
f.F1	Preventing human rights abuses in other countries	36	45	17	2=100
	March, 1999	37	46	13	4=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=763]:

g.F2	Protecting the global environment	48	43	7	2=100
	March, 1999	62	30	5	3=100
	June, 1995	55	37	6	2=100
	September, 1993	63	31	5	1=100
h.F2	Stopping international drug trafficking	56	36	7	1=100
	March, 1999	72	23	4	1=100
	June, 1995	75	20	4	1=100
	September, 1993	82	14	4	*=100
i.F2	Stopping the spread of AIDS around the world	61	33	5	1=100
	March, 1999	65	29	4	2=100
j.F2	Insuring democracy succeeds in Russia and Eastern Europe	17	53	25	5=100
	March, 1999 ¹¹	30	43	21	6=100
	June, 1995	14	54	29	3=100
	September, 1993	23	53	21	3=100

NO QUESTION 22

¹¹ In March 1999 and before the item was listed: "Insuring democracy succeeds in Russia and the other former Soviet states".

ASK ALL:

All in all...

Q.23 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. The economy	45	50	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	38	55	7=100
Early September, 2004	44	49	7=100
August, 2004	42	52	6=100
July, 2004	42	52	6=100
June, 2004	43	50	7=100
Early April, 2004	39	53	8=100
Mid-January, 2004	47	47	6=100
September, 2003	43	48	9=100
February, 2003	43	48	9=100
January, 2003	47	45	8=100
Early October, 2002	49	40	11=100
June, 2002	53	36	11=100
January, 2002	60	28	12=100
Early September, 2001	47	44	9=100
February, 2001	50	22	28=100
b. The situation in Iraq	45	50	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	37	56	7=100
Early September, 2004	47	45	8=100
August, 2004	43	52	5=100
July, 2004	42	53	5=100
June, 2004	42	51	7=100
Late April, 2004	44	48	8=100
Early April, 2004	40	53	7=100
Mid-January, 2004	59	37	4=100
September, 2003	52	40	8=100
April 10-16, 2003 ¹²	77	17	6=100
April 8-9, 2003	71	23	6=100
--April 9, 2003	76	18	6=100
--April 8, 2003	65	28	7=100
April 2-7, 2003	73	21	6=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	26	5=100
March 25-27, 2003	73	23	4=100
March 23-24, 2003	72	22	6=100
March 20-22, 2003	70	23	7=100
February, 2003	56	37	7=100
January, 2003	56	36	8=100
Early October, 2002	56	34	10=100

¹²

From March to April 2003 the item was worded: "... dealing with the war in Iraq?" The 1991 Gallup trend was worded "...George Bush is handling the situation in the Persian Gulf region."

Q.23 CONTINUED...	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
c. Terrorist threats	62	33	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11=100
Early September, 2004	62	32	6=100
August, 2004	58	37	5=100
July, 2004	54	40	6=100
June, 2004	56	35	9=100
Late April, 2004	55	36	9=100
Early April, 2004	53	38	9=100
Gallup: December, 2003	65	33	2=100
September, 2003	64	28	8=100
February, 2003	67	25	8=100
January, 2003	69	23	8=100
Early October, 2002	71	22	7=100
June, 2002	74	18	8=100
Mid-September, 2001 ¹³	85	6	9=100
Clinton: Early September, 1998	72	20	8=100
d. The nation's foreign policy	48	43	9=100
Mid-October, 2004	37	49	14=100
Early September, 2004	47	42	11=100
August, 2004	42	49	9=100
July, 2004	40	48	12=100
Mid-January, 2004	53	36	11=100
March, 2003	53	36	11=100
Early April, 2002	69	20	11=100
Gallup: October, 2001	81	14	5=100
Early September, 2001	46	34	20=100
August, 2001 ¹⁴	45	32	23=100

ASK ALL:

ROTATE Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK WITH Q.26/Q.27 BLOCK

On a different subject...

Q.24 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Refused</u>
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1=100
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1=100
Early November, 2004 (<i>RVs</i>)	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 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	31	46	21	0=100
January 12-15, 2004 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	34	42	21	0=100

¹³ In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

¹⁴ In August 2001 roughly half of the U.S. sample was asked about Bush's handling of international policy, while the other half was asked about the handling of the nation's foreign policy. Results did not differ between question wordings.

Q.24 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
January 2-5, 2004 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	40	41	16	*=100
December 11-14, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	34	44	19	*=100
November 3-5, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	28	49	21	*=100
October 24-26, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	24	44	30	*=100
October 6-8, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	20	50	27	1=100
September 8-10, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	20	49	30	*=100
August 4-6, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	24	52	23	*=100
August 5-8, 2002 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	27	52	19	1=100
August 16-19, 2001 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	34	49	14	1=100
August 18-19, 2000 (<i>Gallup</i>)	25	49	21	4	1=100
August 24-26, 1999 (<i>Gallup</i>)	14	50	28	7	1=100
September 1, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	11	54	25	9	1=100
August 22-25, 1997 (<i>Gallup</i>)	8	41	38	13	*=100
October 26-29, 1996 (<i>Gallup</i>)	5	42	39	13	1=100
November 6-8, 1995 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	28	47	22	1=100
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>) (RVs)	1	9	37	53	*=100

Q.25 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
January, 2005	27	18	52	3=100
August, 2004	36	9	47	8=100
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8=100
September, 2003	37	17	43	3=100
May, 2003	43	19	35	3=100
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7=100
January, 2003	30	20	44	6=100
Early October, 2002	34	18	42	6=100
June, 2002	30	20	46	4=100
January, 2002	44	17	36	3=100
January, 2001 <i>Newsweek</i>	18	33	44	5=100
June, 2000	15	24	55	6=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5=100
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4=100
May, 1990	18	31	45	6=100
February, 1989	25	22	49	4=100
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9=100
May, 1988	24	20	46	10=100
January, 1988	22	26	45	7=100
January, 1984 <i>Newsweek</i> (RVs)	35	13	49	3=100

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.26 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape?

	Don't Know/				
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Refused</u>
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1=100
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1=100
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1=100
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4=100
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1=100
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1=100
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2=100
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2=100
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1=100
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2=100
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1=100
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1=100
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1=100
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1=100
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1=100
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1=100
January, 1993 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	4	33	46	16	1=100
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	6	34	40	19	1=100
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	5	30	47	17	1=100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	4	35	45	15	1=100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	4	32	45	18	1=100

Q.27 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Stay the					
	<u>Improve A lot</u>	<u>Improve Some</u>	<u>Get a Little Worse</u>	<u>Get a lot Worse</u>	<u>Same (VOL.)</u>	<u>Don't Know/Refused</u>
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3=100
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6=100
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3=100
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7=100
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4=100
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6=100
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4=100
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4=100
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8=100
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4=100
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4=100
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4=100
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3=100
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3=100
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3=100
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	9	51	14	3	15	8=100
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	6	50	20	5	14	5=100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	8	49	22	4	13	4=100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	9	46	19	5	16	5=100

NO QUESTION 28

Q.29 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?

										<i>U.S. News & – World Report –</i>		
		Mid-	Late	Late	Mid-				Aug	May	Jan	
		Sept	Aug	April	Feb	Jan	Oct	June	June	1992	1992	1992
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1992</u>
32	Plenty of jobs available	31	34	30	31	27	24	31	42	15	16	12
58	Jobs are difficult to find	52	55	57	59	60	66	59	44	76	77	79
5	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL)	6	4	4	5	6	5	4	8	6	4	6
<u>5</u>	Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 30-31

Q.32 In recent years, President Bush and Congress have made major cuts in federal income tax rates. Do you approve or disapprove of these tax cuts?

		March	Aug
		<u>2004¹⁵</u>	<u>2003</u>
51	Approve	53	54
41	Disapprove	38	37
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100

NO QUESTION 33

Q.34 People have different opinions about how the Social Security system might be changed for the future. When decisions about Social Security's future are being made, which do you think is MORE important... (READ; ROTATE ITEMS 1 AND 2)

		Early Oct
		<u>2000</u>
65	Keeping Social Security as a program with a GUARANTEED monthly benefit based on a person's earnings during their working life?	54
OR		
29	Letting younger workers DECIDE for THEMSELVES how some of their own contributions to Social Security are invested, which would cause their future benefits to be higher or lower depending on how well their investments perform?	31
1	Both equally important (VOL.)	9
1	Neither is important (VOL.)	1
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

NO QUESTION 35

¹⁵ In March 2004 and before the question was worded: "...President Bush and Congress have made two major cuts in federal income tax rates".

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.36F1 In international affairs, do you think George W. Bush pushes American interests too hard, not hard enough, or about right?

		<u>Mid- Jan 2004</u>	Clinton <u>June 1995</u>
27	Too hard	26	12
23	Not hard enough	22	42
43	About right	47	39
<u>7</u>	Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=763]:

Q.37F2 In formulating U.S. foreign policy, is the Bush administration taking into account the interests and views of our allies... Too much, too little, or about the right amount?

		<u>July 2004</u>	<u>Mid-Jan 2004</u>	<u>Early Sept 2001</u>
16	Too much	15	18	19
34	Too little	37	30	22
44	Right amount	38	46	42
<u>6</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.38 Do you think [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE] in this country works pretty well and requires only MINOR CHANGES, do you think it needs MAJOR CHANGES, or do you think it needs to be COMPLETELY REBUILT?

		<u>Works pretty well/ Only minor changes</u>	<u>Major changes</u>	<u>Completely Rebuilt</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
a.	The health care system	27	50	21	2=100
b.	The tax system	50	29	17	4=100
c.	The education system	36	45	17	2=100
d.	The Social Security system	47	34	15	4=100
e.	The legal system	44	37	15	4=100

Q.39 Usually at the start of a new presidential term, certain groups gain influence in Washington, while other groups lose influence... As I read from a list, tell me if you think these groups will gain influence, lose influence or not be affected by Bush being in office for another term? First... **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE a. THROUGH j. — ITEM k. SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST)**¹⁶

		<u>Gain</u>	<u>Lose</u>	<u>Not be affected</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Blacks	26	31	35	8=100
	January, 2001	30	29	31	10=100
	January, 1993	66	6	19	9=100
b.	Hispanics	39	24	29	8=100
c.	Conservative Christians	54	11	26	9=100
	January, 2001	51	11	27	11=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

d.F1	Environmentalists	18	44	30	8=100
	January, 2001	24	40	25	11=100
	January, 1993	67	7	16	10=100
e.F1	Older people	29	40	26	5=100
	January, 2001	46	26	22	6=100
	January, 1993	42	25	26	7=100
f.F1	Washington lobbyists	40	14	30	16=100
	January, 2001	35	17	28	20=100
	January, 1993	23	31	29	17=100
g.F1	Union leaders	18	38	32	12=100
	January, 2001	26	38	24	12=100
	January, 1993	35	24	28	13=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=763]:

h.F2	Business corporations	56	9	28	7=100
	January, 2001	66	9	17	8=100
	January, 1993	34	33	21	12=100
i.F2	Poor people	20	49	26	5=100
	January, 2001	29	40	23	8=100
	January, 1993	61	12	19	8=100
j.F2	The military	63	13	18	6=100
	January, 2001	72	4	16	8=100

ASK ALL:

k.	People like yourself	22	34	40	4=100
	January, 2001	35	26	33	6=100
	January, 1993	43	22	27	8=100

¹⁶ In January 2001 the lead in to the question was worded: "Usually, when there is a new president, certain groups gain influence in Washington..."

Now thinking about Iraq...

Q.40 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>
January, 2005	51	44	5=100
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.41 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>
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
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
April 10-16, 2003	61	32	3	1	3=100
April 8-9, 2003	60	32	3	3	2=100

Q.41 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	55	37	3	2	3=100
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	39	46	8	2	5=100
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	45	41	6	2	6=100
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	65	25	2	1	7=100

Q.42 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?

	Dec <u>2004</u>	Mid- Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	July <u>2004</u>	June ¹⁷ <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>
54 Keep troops in Iraq	56	57	54	54	53	51	53	53	50	63	58	64
41 Bring troops home	40	36	40	42	43	44	42	40	44	32	39	32
<u>5</u> Don't know/Refused	4	<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	100

Q.43 Thinking about the people you know, would you say they are becoming LESS emotionally involved in the news from Iraq than they were, MORE emotionally involved, or are the people you know about as involved as they had been?

	Aug <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	May <u>2004</u>
35 Less emotionally involved	36	35	26
19 More emotionally involved	19	23	33
44 About as involved as they have been	41	37	36
* Mixed / Some more, some less (VOL.)	*	1	1
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100

NO QUESTION 44

Q.45 On January 30th, Iraq is scheduled to have its first nationwide elections. How much have you heard about this... A lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	June 2004 ¹⁸
46 A lot	42
40 A little	40
13 Nothing at all	17
<u>1</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>
100	100

¹⁷ 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?"

¹⁸ In June 2004 the question was worded: "On June 30th, the U.S. is planning to hand over civilian authority to Iraqi leaders. How much have you heard about this... a lot, a little, or nothing at all?"

Q.46 All in all, do you think the January elections in Iraq will lead to a MORE stable situation, a LESS stable situation, or will the situation in Iraq not change much?

29	More stable
14	Less stable
49	Situation will not change much
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

NO QUESTIONS 47-50

And briefly, about the war on terrorism...

Q.51 How well is the MILITARY effort to destroy terrorist groups around the world going? **[READ]**

		Sept ¹⁹ <u>2003</u>	Late Aug <u>2002</u>	Jan <u>2002</u>	Early Nov <u>2001</u>	Oct 15-21 <u>2001</u>	Oct 10-14 <u>2001</u>
12	Very well	11	22	38	30	38	45
51	Fairly well	51	43	51	45	45	35
25	Not too well	23	18	6	12	9	6
9	Not at all well	7	4	3	4	2	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.52 How would you rate the job the government is doing in BUILDING DEFENSES at home to prevent future terrorist attacks? Would you say the government is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

		Jan <u>2002</u>	Early Nov <u>2001</u>	Oct 15-21 <u>2001</u>	Oct 10-14 <u>2001</u>
9	Excellent	13	15	18	20
38	Good	47	47	51	47
38	Only fair	31	25	22	22
11	Poor	6	7	5	4
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

¹⁹ In September 2003 the question wording included "in Afghanistan". In 2004 "around the world" was added.

Q.53 If you had to choose, what should get a higher priority now? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		Late Feb <u>2003</u>	Early Aug <u>2002</u>	June <u>2002</u>	Jan <u>2002</u>	Nov <u>2001</u>	Oct 15-21 <u>2001</u>	Oct 10-14 <u>2001</u>	Late Sept <u>2001</u>
60	Building our defenses at home to prevent future terrorist attacks	46	51	51	44	42	37	36	33
	OR								
28	Taking military action to destroy terrorist networks around the world	39	30	34	40	42	48	45	44
7	Both (VOL)	8	13	8	12	11	13	13	16
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.54 What is the best way to pay for increased spending for military defense and homeland security? Should the U.S. ... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Feb <u>2003</u> ²⁰	Feb <u>2002</u>
16	Add to the budget deficit	11	23	24
20	Reduce spending on domestic programs [OR]	19	21	22
42	Postpone or reduce last year's tax cuts	47	40	42
2	None (VOL)	3	1	2
1	Multiple (VOL)	1	1	*
4	Other (VOL)	4	2	1
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100

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In February 2003 and 2002 the question was worded: "As you may know, President Bush has proposed large increases in the budget for military defense and homeland security. Which one of the following do you think is the BEST way to pay for these increases, if they are to happen?"