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

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	2002			
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
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				

Q.2 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. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
a. News about the current situation in Iraq	41	39	12	7	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*=100
Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2=100
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*=100
January, 2005	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 ¹	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 ²	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
b. The revelation of the identity of the press informant know as Deep Throat from the Watergate scandal	16	28	25	30	1=100
June, 1997 ³	7	16	29	47	1=100

¹ From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as "News about the war in Iraq."

² 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."

³ In June 1997 the story was listed as "The 25th anniversary of the Watergate break-in."

Q.2 CONTINUED...

		<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
c.	Newsweek's retraction of a story about U.S. soldiers flushing the Koran down a toilet as part of prisoner interrogation	20	29	21	29	1=100
d.	The rejection by French and Dutch voters of the European Union Constitution	10	16	21	52	1=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=726]:

e.F1	George W. Bush's proposal to deal with the Social Security system	36	36	15	12	1=100
	Mid-May, 2005	36	36	17	10	1=100
	Mid-March, 2005	38	34	16	11	1=100
	February, 2005	31	36	20	13	*=100
	Clinton: February, 1998 ⁴	24	38	26	12	*=100
	January, 1997	29	35	22	13	1=100
f.F1	The Michael Jackson trial	13	31	29	26	1=100
	Mid-March, 2005	12	23	32	32	1=100
	February, 2005	8	17	30	44	1=100
	November, 2003 ⁵	29	27	22	20	2=100
	January, 1994	19	30	30	20	1=100
	December, 1993	15	25	27	32	1=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=738]:

g.F2	The passage of a bill in Congress allowing stem cell research ⁶	21	35	21	22	1=100
	Early September, 2001	31	34	18	15	2=100
h.F2	The Supreme Court decision upholding the federal government's ban on the use of medical marijuana	19	34	21	25	1=100

⁴ In February 1998, the story was listed as "Clinton's proposal to deal with the problem with Social Security." In January 1997 the story was listed as "Proposals to reform the Social Security System."

⁵ In November 2003 the story was listed as "Recent charges of child molestation against Michael Jackson." In January 1994 and December 1993 the story was listed as "Michael Jackson's personal problems."

⁶ In September 2001 the story was listed as "George W. Bush's decision on federal funding for stem-cell research."

Now, a different kind of question...

ASK ALL:

I.1 If "6" represents a very liberal position in politics and "1" represents a very conservative position, where on this scale of 6 to 1 would you rate **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS a. AND b. WITH ITEM c. ALWAYS LAST)?** Again, 6 is very liberal and 1 is very conservative, and you can use any number in between. **[IF ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW"/"NEVER HEARD OF" DO NOT PROBE.]**

	<i>Based on Those Who Could Rate</i>						Never heard of/ <u>DK/Refused</u>	<u>(N)</u>
	-Conservative-			— Liberal —				
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		
a. The Republican Party	27	27	22	11	7	6=100	9%	1,332
b. The Democratic Party	5	6	21	24	22	22=100	10%	1,329
c. Yourself	11	14	31	20	15	9=100	7%	1,377
Early Sept, 2004	15	13	30	17	12	13=100	8%	
Mid-March, 2004	12	12	30	20	14	12=100	6%	
Mid-January, 2004	15	15	27	18	14	11=100	5%	
January, 2000	15	16	31	16	10	12=100	8%	
May, 1999	13	12	30	20	11	14=100	7%	
September, 1996	17	10	31	18	13	11=100	6%	
September, 1988	14	15	29	20	12	10=100	6%	
<i>Newsweek</i> : 1984	16	9	31	19	12	13=100	6%	

On a different subject...

Q.3 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>News- papers</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Magazines</u>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Other (VOL)</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
June, 2005	74	44	22	5	24	2	1
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 ⁷	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

⁷ 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."

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Television</u>	<u>News- papers</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Magazines</u>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Other (VOL)</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
September, 1993	83	60	17	9	--	3	*
January, 1993	83	52	17	5	--	1	1
Early January, 1991	82	40	15	4	--	1	*

IF '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.3 ASK:

Q.3a 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:		<u>Dec 2004</u>	<u>Oct 2003</u>	<u>Aug 2003</u>	<u>Early July 2003</u>	<u>Jan 2002</u>
13	Local news programming	15	17	17	17	16
12	ABC Network news	11	12	12	12	11
9	CBS Network news	9	8	10	11	11
12	NBC Network news	14	13	15	14	15
18	CNN Cable news	20	20	26	27	28
5	MSNBC Cable news	6	6	7	9	8
16	The Fox News Cable Channel	19	17	18	22	16
2	CNBC Cable news ⁸	3	--	3	3	4
4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	3	4	4	3	2

IF '5' INTERNET AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.3, ASK [N=351]:

Q.3b When you get news online, do you read the websites of local or national newspapers, or not?

62	Yes
36	No
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF '2' NEWSPAPERS AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.3 ASK [N=670]:

Q.3c How do you read the newspaper... Do you mostly read the paper version of the newspaper, or do you mostly read the newspaper online?

90	Paper version
6	Online
3	Both (VOL)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

⁸ In October 2003, CNBC Cable news item was not asked due to programming error.

IF 'YES' IN Q.3b OR '2' ONLINE IN Q.3c, ASK [N=246]:

Q.3d Do you read the newspaper online mostly because it is free or mostly because it is convenient? [**READ AND ROTATE**]

8	Mostly because free
73	Mostly because convenient
14	Both (VOL)
5	Neither (VOL)
*	Don't know/Refused
<u>100</u>	

IF 'YES' IN Q.3b OR '2' ONLINE IN Q.3c, ASK [N=246]:

Q.3e Since you started reading newspapers online, are you reading the PAPER version of the newspaper more often, less often, or about as much as you used to?

12	More often
35	Less often
50	About as much
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Now I'd like your opinion of some groups and organizations in the news. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... (**INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE**) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? (**INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE"**)

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL)	(VOL)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
a. The Republican Party	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8=100
December, 2004	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

Q.4 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			----Unfavorable----			(VOL) Never	(VOL) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Rate</u>
b.	The Democratic Party	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9=100
	December, 2004	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
	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.	Congress	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11=100
	June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11=100
	July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11=100
	March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7=100
	January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7=100
	August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3=100
	June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5=100
	February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4=100
	January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7=100
	Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7=100
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7=100
	October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3=100
	August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6=100
	June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6=100
	May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9=100
	February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8=100
	January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4=100
	June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5=100
	April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5=100
	January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4=100
	October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3=100
	August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7=100
	June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5=100

Q.4 CONTINUED...		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL)	(VOL)
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
	February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9=100
	July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4=100
	May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9=100
	November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6=100
	March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8=100
	May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6=100
	May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8=100
	January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7=100
	May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6=100
	January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10=100
	June, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7=100
d.	The Supreme Court	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13=100
	July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10=100
	March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8=100
	January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10=100
	October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5=100
	May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6=100
	July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4=100
	May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9=100
	November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7=100
	May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9=100
	January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8=100
	May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7=100
	Roper, March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21		8=100
e.	Network television news such as ABC, NBC, and CBS ⁹	68	19	49	23	6	17	*	9=100
	July, 2001	72	17	55	23	7	16	*	5=100
	August, 1999	74	19	55	24	6	18	*	2=100
	June, 1999	68	20	48	28	6	22	*	4=100
	February, 1998	76	16	60	22	5	17	*	2=100
	February, 1997	73	15	58	23	5	18	*	4=100
	April, 1996	79	21	58	17	4	13	0	4=100
	January, 1996	83	25	58	15	4	11	*	2=100
	June, 1995	67	16	51	30	9	21	*	3=100
	July, 1994	69	17	52	29	7	22	*	2=100
	May, 1993	81	23	58	15	3	12	0	4=100
	January, 1992	82	27	55	13	2	11	0	5=100
	November, 1991	75	24	51	21	5	16	0	4=100
	March, 1991	91	40	51	7	2	5	0	2=100
	May, 1990	82	22	60	15	3	12	*	3=100
	August, 1989	82	28	54	14	3	11		4=100
	February, 1989	82	21	61	15	3	12		3=100
	August, 1988 (RVs)	81	29	52	14	5	9		5=100
	May, 1988	78	20	58	18	4	14		4=100
	January, 1988	81	12	69	16	3	13		3=100
	January 7-18, 1988	78	18	60	18	4	14		4=100

⁹ In June 2005, "...such as ABC, NBC, and CBS" was added to the question wording.

Q.4 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			----Unfavorable----			(VOL)	(VOL)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
October, 1987	81	19	62	13	3	10		6=100
May, 1987	84	21	63	14	3	11		2=100
January, 1987	74	19	55	22	6	16		4=100
July, 1986	83	30	53	14	4	10		3=100
August, 1985	81	30	51	10	2	8		7=100
June, 1985	84	25	59	10	2	8		6=100
f. The daily newspaper you are most familiar with								
July, 2001	72	22	50	18	5	13	0	10=100
August, 1999	75	24	51	17	5	12	*	8=100
June, 1999	78	22	56	18	5	13	*	4=100
February, 1998	79	24	55	17	6	11	*	4=100
February, 1997	74	18	56	18	5	13	*	8=100
April, 1996	74	21	53	19	4	15	0	7=100
January, 1996	80	24	56	16	4	12	0	4=100
June, 1995	79	27	52	16	5	11	*	5=100
July, 1994	74	22	52	21	7	14	1	4=100
May, 1993	80	23	57	18	5	13	*	2=100
January, 1992	81	26	55	14	4	10	0	5=100
November, 1991	78	27	51	18	5	13	0	4=100
March, 1991	80	24	56	16	5	11	0	4=100
May, 1990	85	30	55	10	3	7	*	5=100
August, 1989	78	22	56	17	5	12	*	5=100
February, 1989	77	25	52	17	5	12		6=100
August, 1988 (RVs)	78	22	56	17	4	13		5=100
May, 1988	78	30	48	15	5	10		7=100
January, 1988	78	19	59	17	4	13		5=100
January 7-18, 1988	81	19	62	14	3	11		5=100
October, 1987	80	21	59	16	4	12		4=100
May, 1987	79	21	58	13	4	9		8=100
January, 1987	81	22	59	15	3	12		4=100
July, 1986	76	19	57	19	6	13		5=100
August, 1985	79	28	51	17	6	11		4=100
June, 1985	77	25	52	15	5	10		8=100
	81	25	56	11	3	8		8=100
g. Large nationally influential newspapers such as the New York Times and the Washington Post								
July, 2001	38	10	28	25	10	15	1	36=100
February, 1998	52	13	39	17	6	11	1	30=100
February, 1997	47	9	38	18	6	12	1	34=100
January, 1992	41	8	33	20	7	13	2	37=100
July, 1985	53	16	37	13	4	9	0	34=100
	48	12	36	11	3	8	1	40=100
h. Local television news								
July, 2001	73	22	51	20	6	14	*	7=100
June, 1999	79	25	54	17	4	13	*	4=100
February, 1998	74	25	49	22	7	15	*	4=100
February, 1997	81	19	62	16	4	12	0	3=100
April, 1996	81	25	56	15	3	12	0	4=100
	84	26	58	13	3	10	*	3=100

Q.4 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			----Unfavorable----			Never Heard of	Can't Rate
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
January, 1996	84	28	56	14	4	10	*	2=100
March, 1991	89	37	52	8	2	6	*	3=100
August, 1989	80	27	53	15	4	11		5=100
July, 1985	84	27	57	11	2	9		5=100

i. Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC¹⁰

July, 2001	67	23	44	18	4	14	*	15=100
February, 1998	78	28	50	11	3	8	*	11=100
	71	26	45	12	3	9	1	16=100

On another subject...

Q.5 In making his next appointment to the Supreme Court, should President Bush choose someone who will make the court more liberal, someone who will make it more conservative, or someone who will keep the court about the same as it is now?

	March <u>2005</u>	Clinton Gallup <u>March 1993</u>
28 More liberal	24	29
29 More conservative	28	29
35 About the same as it is now	41	38
<u>8</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100

Q.6 How important is the president's choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally? [READ]

	March <u>2005</u>
47 Very important	38
29 Somewhat important	36
14 Not too important	15
8 Not at all important	8
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>
100	100

Thinking again about the news media...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=726]:

Q.7F1 Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?

	Keeps leaders from doing their job	Keeps leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done	Don't know/ Refused
June, 2005	28	60	12=100
Early July, 2003	29	54	17=100

¹⁰ In June 2005, "Fox News Channel" was added to the question wording.

Q.7F1 CONTINUED...

	Keeps leaders <u>from doing their job</u>	Keeps leaders from doing things <u>that shouldn't be done</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2002	26	59	15=100
Mid-November, 2001	32	54	14=100
Early September, 2001	25	60	15=100
February, 1999	31	58	11=100
Early February, 1998	39	55	6=100
February, 1997	32	56	12=100
Late January, 1994	24	66	10=100
Early January, 1994	18	69	13=100
August, 1989	23	68	9=100
December, 1986	26	60	14=100
July, 1985	17	67	16=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=738]:

Q.8F2 Some people think that by criticizing the military, news organizations weaken the country's defenses. Others think that such criticism helps keep our nation militarily prepared. Which position is closer to your opinion?

	Weakens <u>defenses</u>	Keeps nation <u>prepared</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 2005	47	44	9=100
Early July, 2003	43	45	12=100
July, 2002	40	49	11=100
Mid-November, 2001	37	49	14=100
March, 1991	28	59	13=100
August, 1989	33	56	11=100
December, 1986	31	57	12=100
July, 1985	31	51	18=100

ASK ALL:

Q.9 In general, do you think news organizations get the facts straight, or do you think that their stories and reports are often inaccurate?

	Get the <u>facts straight</u>	Stories often <u>inaccurate</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 2005	36	56	8=100
Early July, 2003	36	56	8=100
July, 2002	35	56	9=100
Mid-November, 2001	46	45	9=100
Early September, 2001	35	57	8=100
February, 1999	37	58	5=100
Early August, 1998	33	58	9=100
Early February, 1998	34	63	3=100
February, 1997	37	56	7=100
January, 1992	49	44	7=100
August, 1989	54	44	2=100
August, 1988	40	50	10=100
May, 1988	48	43	9=100
January, 1988	44	48	8=100
July, 1985	55	34	11=100

Q.10 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations deal fairly with all sides, or do they tend to favor one side?

	<u>Deal fairly with all sides</u>	<u>Tend to favor one side</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
June, 2005	21	72	7=100
Early July, 2003	26	66	8=100
Early September, 2001	26	67	7=100
February, 1997	27	67	6=100
January, 1992	31	63	6=100
August, 1989	28	68	4=100
August, 1988	36	57	7=100
May, 1988	34	56	10=100
January, 1988	30	59	11=100
December, 1986	39	54	7=100
July, 1986	37	57	6=100
July, 1985	34	53	13=100

Q.11 In general, do you think news organizations are pretty independent, or are they often influenced by powerful people and organizations?

	<u>Pretty independent</u>	<u>Often influenced by powerful people and organizations</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
June, 2005	21	73	6=100
Early July, 2003	23	70	7=100
Early September, 2001	23	71	6=100
January, 1994	28	63	9=100
January, 1992	35	58	7=100
August, 1989	33	62	5=100
January, 1988	40	49	11=100
July, 1986	37	53	10=100
July, 1985	37	53	10=100

Q.12 In general, do you think news organizations pay too much attention to GOOD NEWS, too much attention to BAD NEWS, or do they mostly report the kinds of stories they should be covering?

	<u>Too much attention to good news</u>	<u>Too much attention to bad news</u>	<u>Report the kinds of stories they should be covering</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
June, 2005	3	67	23	7=100
Early July, 2003	2	67	25	6=100
Early September, 2001	3	67	24	6=100
May, 1991	2	54	37	7=100
August, 1989	3	64	30	3=100
July, 1985	1	60	35	4=100

Q.13 I'm going to read you some pairs of opposite phrases. After I read each pair, tell me which ONE phrase you feel better describes news organizations generally. If you think that NEITHER phrase applies, please say so. [NOTE FORM SPLIT; RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON FORM 1; ASK ITEM h. FIRST ON FORM 2 AND RANDOMIZE THE REST]

			Early July	July	Mid- Nov	Early Sept	Feb	Aug	Jan	July	July
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=726]:											
a.F1	28	Care about the people they report on, OR	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>85</u>
	58	Don't care about the people they report on	31	30	47	23	21	--	41	--	35
	9	Neither applies	9	10	11	10	9	--	9	--	10
	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	--	<u>5</u>	--	<u>7</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100		100		100
b.F1	28	Willing to admit their mistakes, OR	27	23	35	24	26	--	--	--	34
	62	Try to cover up their mistakes	62	67	52	67	66	--	--	--	55
	6	Neither applies	5	6	9	5	6	--	--	--	4
	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	--	--	--	<u>7</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100				100
c.F1	43	Moral, OR	45	39	53	40	40	--	--	--	54
	35	Immoral	32	36	23	34	38	--	--	--	13
	15	Neither applies	14	18	17	20	16	--	--	--	20
	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	--	--	--	<u>13</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100				100
d.F1	49	Growing in influence, OR	55	57	--	55	59	--	--	--	63
	36	Declining in influence	29	29	--	29	32	--	--	--	17
	7	Neither applies	8	7	--	9	6	--	--	--	7
	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	--	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	--	--	--	<u>13</u>
	100		100	100		100	100				100
e.F1	47	Protect democracy, OR	52	50	60	46	45	55	52	58	54
	33	Hurt democracy	28	29	19	32	38	19	27	18	23
	12	Neither applies	13	14	14	15	13	20	13	17	13
	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=738]:											
f.F2	65	Care about how good a job they do, OR	68	65	78	69	69	--	--	77	79
	25	Don't care about how good a job they do	22	23	14	22	22	--	--	16	11
	6	Neither applies	7	8	6	7	6	--	--	5	4
	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	--	--	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100			100	100
g.F2	59	Highly professional, OR	62	49	73	54	52	--	--	71	72
	25	Not professional	24	31	12	27	32	--	--	13	11
	12	Neither applies	9	15	12	15	13	--	--	12	9
	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	--	--	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100			100	100

Q.13 CONTINUED...

			Early July	July	Mid- Nov	Early Sept	Feb	Aug	Jan	July	July
			<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>85</u>
h.F2	42	Stand up for America, OR	51	49	69	43	41	--	53	53	52
	40	Too critical of America	33	35	17	36	42	--	35	28	30
	14	Neither applies	12	12	10	16	13	--	8	15	10
	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	--	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100		100	100	100
i.F2	60	Politically biased in their reporting, OR	53	59	47	59	56	--	47	42	45
		Careful that their reporting is NOT									
	28	politically biased	29	26	35	26	31	--	39	41	36
	6	Neither applies	9	10	11	8	8	--	7	9	7
	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	--	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>
	100		100	100	100	100	100		100	100	100
j.F2	50	Liberal, OR	51	--	--	--	--	--	54	--	41
	26	Conservative	26	--	--	--	--	--	26	--	19
	16	Neither applies	14	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	20
	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	--	--	--	--	--	<u>8</u>	--	<u>20</u>
	100		100						100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.14 Do you think the press has been too critical of the Bush Administration policies and performance so far, not critical enough or do you think that the press has handled this about right?

		May 2004 ¹¹	Early July 2003	Clinton June 1993
28	Press too critical	34	25	35
33	Not critical enough	24	23	12
34	About right	35	48	49
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100

¹¹ In May 2004 the question was worded "Would you say the press has been too critical, not critical enough, or fair in the way it has covered the Bush Administration."

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=726]:

Q.15F1 Some people think it is okay for news organizations to use unnamed sources because they can sometimes find out important news they otherwise wouldn't get. Others think it is too risky because it can sometimes lead to inaccurate reports. Which comes closer to your opinion?

44	Okay
52	Too risky
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=738]:

Q.16F2 Some people feel news reporters should ALWAYS reveal the sources of their story to the audience. Others feel that SOMETIMES reporters should be allowed to keep their sources confidential if that is the only way to get information. Which position is closer to your opinion?

		Aug <u>1989</u>	July <u>1985</u>
19	ALWAYS reveal	18	15
76	SOMETIMES keep confidential	79	78
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=726]:

Q.17F1 What do you think news organizations care about most when deciding what stories to report... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

19	Keeping the public informed, OR
75	Attracting the biggest audience
3	Both equally (VOL)
1	Neither (VOL)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL.]
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=738]:

Q.17F2 What do you think news organizations care about most when deciding what stories to report... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

22	Informing people in order to serve the public interest, OR
69	Entertaining people in order to attract the biggest audience
4	Both equally (VOL)
2	Neither (VOL)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused [VOL.]
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.18 In your opinion, which is better – that news coverage of the war on terrorism be pro-American or that news coverage of the war on terrorism be neutral?

		Early July <u>2003</u>	Early April <u>2003¹²</u>	Late March <u>2003</u>	Feb <u>2003</u>	Mid- Nov <u>2001</u>	March <u>1991</u>
24	Pro-American	29	23	25	16	30	22
68	Neutral	64	69	68	78	64	71
<u>8</u>	No opinion/Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.19 As I read a list, tell me if you think these organizations mostly report the facts about recent news developments, or mostly give their opinions about the news. (First,) do [**“does” for item f**] [**INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE**] mostly report the facts about the news, or mostly give their opinions about the news?

		Mostly report facts about recent news developments	Mostly give their opinions about the news	Both (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Cable news networks	45	29	8	1	17=100
b.	Network evening news programs	53	31	6	1	9=100
c.	Network morning news programs	39	33	5	1	22=100
d.	News blogs on the Internet	20	32	2	1	45=100
e.	Local television news programs	61	25	6	1	7=100
f.	The daily newspaper you are most familiar with	54	31	6	1	8=100
g.	Major national newspapers	45	30	6	*	19=100
h.	Talk radio shows	10	68	5	*	17=100

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.20 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>
June, 2005	47	45	8=100
February, 2005	47	47	6=100
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

¹² In Early April 2003 and earlier the question was worded, "... that news coverage of a war be pro-American or that news coverage of a war be neutral?"

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Early September, 2004	53	39	8=100
August, 2004	53	41	6=100
July, 2004	52	43	5=100
June, 2004	55	38	7=100
May, 2004	51	42	7=100
Late April, 2004	54	37	9=100
Early April, 2004	57	35	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6=100
Late February, 2004	60	32	8=100
Early February, 2004	56	39	5=100
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5=100
Early January, 2004	62	28	10=100
December, 2003	67	26	7=100
October, 2003	60	33	7=100
September, 2003	63	31	6=100
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	24	9=100
May, 2003	74	20	6=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>8=100</i>
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7=100</i>
Late January, 1991	77	15	9=100

Q.21 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>
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
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

Q.21 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>
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
April 10-16, 2003	61	32	3	1	3=100
April 8-9, 2003	60	32	3	3	2=100
April 2-7, 2003	55	37	3	2	3=100
March 25-April 1, 2003	39	46	8	2	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	45	41	6	2	6=100
March 20-22, 2003	65	25	2	1	7=100

Q.22 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?

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
June, 2005	50	46	4=100
February, 2005	55	42	3=100
January, 2005	54	41	5=100
December, 2004	56	40	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	57	36	7=100
Early September, 2004	54	40	6=100
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100
June, 2004 ¹³	51	44	5=100
May, 2004	53	42	5=100
Late April, 2004	53	40	7=100
Early April, 2004	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	63	32	5=100
October, 2003	58	39	3=100
September, 2003	64	32	4=100

Q.23 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?

	Jan <u>2005</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	May <u>2004</u>
44 Less emotionally involved	35	36	35	26
15 More emotionally involved	19	19	23	33
36 About as involved as they have been	44	41	37	36
1 Mixed / Some more, some less (VOL.)	*	*	1	1
<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100	100

¹³ 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?"

Q.24 Some people are comparing Iraq to the war in Vietnam thirty years ago. Do you think Iraq will turn out to be another Vietnam, or do you think the U.S. will accomplish its goals in Iraq?

		Early Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	Late April <u>2004</u>
35	Will be another Vietnam	29	29	25
47	U.S. will accomplish its goals	54	55	54
7	Too early to tell (VOL.)	4	4	6
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.25 Since the start of military action in Iraq, about how many U.S. soldiers have been killed? To the best of your knowledge, has it been under 500, 500 to 1000, 1000 to 2000, or more than 2000? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT GIVES A SPECIFIC NUMBER, ENTER IN THE APPROPRIATE RANGE WITHOUT PROMPTING. IF RESPONDENT SAYS "500", "1,000" OR "2,000", PROMPT "Would you say it is a little over or a little under ____?" "2,000", PROMPT "Would you say it is a little over or a little under ____?"]

		April <u>2004</u> ¹⁴
4	Under 500	28
13	500 to 1,000	55 (Correct)
54	1,000 to 2,000 (Correct)	6
24	More than 2,000	4
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>
100		100

Now, I have a few questions about the political parties...

FOR Q.26 THROUGH Q.28, HALF OF RESPONDENTS SHOULD GET THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FIRST ON ALL QUESTIONS; HALF OF RESPONDENTS SHOULD GET THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FIRST ON ALL QUESTIONS.

Q.26 First thinking about social issues such as homosexuality and abortion, has the [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] become too conservative, too liberal, or is it about right on social issues such as homosexuality and abortion? What about [ALTERNATE ITEM]? Has it become too conservative, too liberal, or is it about right on social issues such as homosexuality and abortion?

		<u>Too Conservative</u>	<u>Too Liberal</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a.	The Republican Party	38	13	34	15=100
b.	The Democratic Party	13	35	36	16=100

¹⁴ In April 2004 the question included "Since the start of military action in Iraq, last March...."

Q.27 Now thinking about economic issues such as taxes and government programs, do you think the **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.26]** has become too conservative, too liberal, or is it about right on economic issues such as taxes and government programs? What about **[ALTERNATE ITEM]**? Has it become too conservative, too liberal, or is it about right on economic issues such as taxes and government programs?

		Too <u>Conservative</u>	Too <u>Liberal</u>	About <u>right</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a.	The Republican Party	36	17	33	14=100
b.	The Democratic Party	14	33	39	14=100

Q.28 Now thinking about foreign policy and national security issues, do you think the **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.26]** is too tough, not tough enough, or about right in its approach to foreign policy and national security issues? What about **[ALTERNATE ITEM]**? Do you think it is too tough, not tough enough, or about right in its approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

		Too <u>tough</u>	Not tough <u>enough</u>	About <u>right</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a.	The Republican Party	22	31	35	12=100
b.	The Democratic Party	5	46	35	14=100

On another subject...

Q.29 Do you use a computer at your workplace, at school, at home, or anywhere else on at least an occasional basis?

Q.30 Do you ever go online to access the Internet or World Wide Web or to send and receive email?

	<i>Computer User</i>			Based on Total Respondents: <i>Goes Online</i>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2005	77	23	*=100	69	31	*=100
Late May, 2005	76	24	*=100	70	29	1=100
Mid-March, 2005	78	22	*=100	72	28	0=100
December, 2004	80	20	*=100	72	28	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	79	21	*=100	72	28	*=100
Early September, 2004	78	22	*=100	72	28	*=100
August, 2004	75	25	*=100	68	32	0=100
April, 2004	73	27	0=100	66	34	*=100
March, 2004 ¹⁵	75	25	*=100	68	32	*=100
August, 2003	77	23	*=100	67	33	*=100
Mid-July, 2003	75	25	*=100	65	35	*=100
June, 2003	75	25	0=100	67	33	0=100
January, 2003	76	24	0=100	67	33	*=100
December, 2002	76	24	*=100	67	33	*=100
Early October, 2002	75	25	*=100	63	37	*=100
August, 2002	78	22	*=100	69	31	*=100
June, 2002	74	26	*=100	66	34	*=100
May, 2002	75	25	*=100	66	34	*=100
April, 2002	71	29	*=100	62	38	0=100

¹⁵ 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.

Q.29/Q.30 CONTINUED...

Based on Total Respondents:

	<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>
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 ¹⁶	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 ¹⁷	--	--	--	14	86	*=100

¹⁶ In March 2000, "or anywhere else" was added to the question wording.

¹⁷ 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?

IF INTERNET USER (Q.30=1) ASK [N=1,022]:

Q.31 How frequently do you go online to get NEWS... would you say every day, 3 to 5 days per week, 1 or 2 days per week, once every few weeks, or less often?

		Apr	Apr	Apr	Oct	Aug	Jul	Jun	Dec	Nov	Sept	Apr	June
		<u>04</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>95</u>
34	Every day	27	25	27	25	22	21	22	25	10	23	18	6
15	3-5 days per week	18	16	15	14	15	15	18	17	11	16	17	9
15	1-2 days per week	15	16	19	22	19	22	22	22	16	21	20	15
11	Once every few weeks	12	13	12	11	15	14	14	10	13	14	15	13
16	Less often	17	21	18	20	20	19	18	18	20	19	21	28
9	No/Never (VOL.)	11	9	9	8	9	9	7	8	30	7	9	29
<u>0</u>	Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*	*	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	*	*	*	*	*
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

IF INTERNET USER (Q.30=1) ASK [N=1,022]:

Q.32 When you go online do you ever come across news when you may have been going online for a purpose other than to get the news?

		April	April	Nov	Oct	Nov	April	Oct
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u> ¹⁸	<u>1999</u> ¹⁹	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1996</u>
73	Yes	73	65	45	55	48	54	53
26	No	27	35	53	44	51	45	45
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	*	*	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

IF INTERNET USER (Q.30=1) ASK [N=1,022]:

Q.33 Do you ever read online news columns or web logs that discuss news about current events, public issues and politics?

65	Yes
35	No
<u>*</u>	Don't Know/Refused
100	

¹⁸ In 2000 the question asked about "news and information about the 2000 elections."

¹⁹ In 1999 and 1998 the question was worded: "When you go online do you ever encounter or come across news and information on current events, public issues or politics when you may have been going online for a purpose other than to get the news?" In 1996 this question was asked: "are you ever exposed to news..."

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the war on terrorism...

Q.34 How much, if anything, have you heard about reported mistreatment of prisoners held by the U.S. at Guantanamo Bay ... a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

		May <u>2004</u> ²⁰
49	A lot	58
40	A little	34
10	Nothing at all	7
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

Q.35 Do you think these reports of prisoner mistreatment represent isolated incidents, or do you think they represent a wider pattern of prisoner mistreatment?

54	Isolated incidents
34	Wider pattern
1	Neither (VOL)
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.36 Based on what you've seen or heard, do you think the press is giving too much, too little, or the right amount of attention to these reports?

		May <u>2004</u>
39	Too much	36
24	Too little	17
32	Right amount	39
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>
100		100

Lastly on a different subject...

Q.37 In 1973 the Roe versus Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe versus Wade decision, or not?

		-----Gallup-----			
		Jan <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>	Aug ²¹ <u>1992</u>	Oct <u>1989</u>
30	Yes	31	36	34	33
63	No	62	60	60	61
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100

²⁰ In May 2004 question worded: "... reports of mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. troops."

²¹ Gallup trend from August 1992 is based on registered voters.

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

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

<i>Trend</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>
				No Preference	Other Party	
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
Late March, 2005	29	32	36	2	*	1=100
Mid-March, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
February, 2005	31	32	30	4	1	2=100
January, 2005	32	33	30	4	*	1=100
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
<i>Yearly Totals</i>						
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
<i>2001 Post-Sept 11</i>	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	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>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<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>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>No Pref/Oth/DK</u>			
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Refused to lean</u>
June, 2005	10	16	12=38%
Mid-May, 2005	9	13	14=36%
Late March, 2005	13	17	9=39%
December, 2004	14	12	9=35%
August, 2003	12	16	14=42%
August, 2002	12	13	13=38%
September, 2000	11	13	15=39%
Late September, 1999	14	15	16=45%
August, 1999	15	15	12=42%