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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 know		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- approve	Don't know
October, 2005	38	56	6=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
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				
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100				
<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100				
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100				
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100				
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=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>
October, 2005	29	65	6=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
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>RVs</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				

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 -----									
		Jan	Dec	Oct	Jan	Jan	Early	Sep	Feb	Oct	May	Jan	Oct	Sept	Aug
		<u>2005</u>	<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>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>
26	Successful	36	39	40	26	44	38	18	14	21	21	18	22	13	
41	Unsuccessful	27	20	15	15	24	24	34	35	26	19	25	22	25	
30	Too early to tell	35	38	44	58	29	35	43	48	52	57	56	54	60	
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Ref.	<u>2</u>	<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	100	

ROTATE Q.4 AND Q.5

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
October, 2005	32	52	16=100	April, 1998	41	40	19=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15=100	March, 1998	43	39	18=100
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15=100	January, 1998	43	41	16=100
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17=100	November, 1997	41	43	16=100
Early February, 2004	41	42	17=100	August, 1997	42	44	14=100
January, 2003	48	37	15=100	June, 1997	33	50	17=100
June, 2002	50	34	16=100	May, 1997	40	44	16=100
May, 2002	49	34	17=100	April, 1997	40	44	16=100
February, 2002	56	24	20=100	February, 1997	44	42	14=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100	January, 1997	38	47	15=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100	November, 1996	40	43	17=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100	July, 1996	38	48	14=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100	June, 1996	36	50	14=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100	April, 1996	39	46	15=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100	March, 1996	35	51	14=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100	February, 1996	33	53	14=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100	January, 1996	36	54	10=100
February, 2000	40	43	17=100	October, 1995	36	51	13=100
January, 2000	39	41	20=100	September, 1995	36	50	14=100
December, 1999	38	42	20=100	August, 1995	38	45	17=100
October, 1999	34	50	16=100	June, 1995	41	45	14=100
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100	April, 1995	44	43	13=100
August, 1999	40	44	16=100	March, 1995	43	39	18=100
July, 1999	36	45	19=100	December, 1994	52	28	20=100
June, 1999	37	46	17=100				
May, 1999	38	44	18=100				
March, 1999	38	47	15=100				
February, 1999	37	51	12=100				
January, 1999	38	50	12=100				
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100				
November, 1998	41	48	11=100				
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100				
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100				
June, 1998	42	38	20=100				
May, 1998	40	41	19=100				

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
October, 2005	32	48	20=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

Thinking again about George W. Bush...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.6F1 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

		----- Clinton -----					
		Jan	Jan	Early Sept	Jan	Dec	Oct
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
64	Domestic policy	53	52	56	86	85	76
20	Foreign policy	27	34	30	7	7	13
1	Neither (VOL)	1	*	0	*	2	*
12	Both (VOL)	16	11	11	5	4	7
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:

Q.7F2 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or the war on terrorism?

		Sept	Jan	Aug	Jan
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>
50	Domestic policy	56	40	29	33
33	War on terrorism	25	44	43	52
1	Neither (VOL.)	1	1	1	*
13	Both (VOL.)	12	13	22	13
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100

Q.8F2 All in all, what effect has George W. Bush had on politics and the way government works in Washington? Has he made things better, made things worse, or hasn't he had much of an effect?

		March	<i>Clinton</i>
		<u>2004</u>	<u>March 2000</u>
21	Made better	32	39
41	Made worse	39	28
32	Not much of an effect	23	28
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

Thinking about some issues...

Q.9F2 Have George W. Bush's policies and decisions made [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] better, worse, or neither better nor worse?

		<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Neither better nor worse</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refuse</u>
a.F2	America's economy	19	57	20	4=100
b.F2	The federal budget deficit	6	66	21	7=100
c.F2	Public education	24	32	37	7=100
d.F2	Health care in America	16	43	36	5=100
e.F2	The tax system	22	40	31	7=100
f.F2	The Social Security system	12	40	39	9=100
g.F2	America's national security	47	30	21	2=100
h.F2	America's relations with its allies	22	47	26	5=100
i.F2	Race relations	16	29	48	7=100
j.F2	The gap between rich and poor	8	57	31	4=100
k.F2	Morality in America	25	35	36	4=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.10F1 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, tell me which one best reflects your impression of George W. Bush so far. (First,) does George W. Bush impress you as... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]

		<u>July 2005</u>	<u>Sep 2003</u>	<u>Feb 2001</u>	<u>Oct 1999</u>
a.F1	49	49	62	60	63
	46	46	32	28	29
	2	2	2	4	2
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
b.F1	51	50	68	60	
	43	42	26	18	
	2	4	3	7	
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	
	100	100	100	100	
c.F1	9	9	9	8	7
	27	26	34	37	39
	55	57	51	46	44
	3	2	1	3	2
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
100	100	100	100	100	

Q.10F1 CONTINUED...

			July	Sep	Oct
			<u>2005</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>1999</u>
d.F1	45	Cares about people like me, or	48	56	54
	51	DOESN'T care about people like me	49	38	37
	1	Neither particularly (VOL)	1	2	2
	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
	100		100	100	100
e.F1	51	A strong leader, or	55	68	68
	46	NOT a strong leader	41	29	24
	2	Neither particularly (VOL)	2	1	3
	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
	100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:

Q.11F2 When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more... **[READ, ROTATE]**

		July	Jan	May	Jan	Jan	Jan
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
57	Conservative members of his party OR	53	54	49	41	38	48
27	Moderate members of his party	23	27	32	35	40	37
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Compared to other presidents, do you think that President Bush offers important jobs to his friends and political allies more often, less often, or about as often as other presidents?

41	More often
9	Less often
44	About as often
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.13 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	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
		<u>Closely</u>	<u>Closely</u>	<u>Closely</u>	<u>Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	News about the current situation in Iraq	43	36	15	6	*=100
	Early September, 2005	32	40	20	7	1=100
	July, 2005	43	37	13	6	1=100
	June, 2005	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

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Not too Closely	Not at all Closely	DK/Ref
April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1=100
Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*=100
December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1=100
November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1=100
October, 2003	38	40	14	7	1=100
September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1=100
Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1=100
Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1=100
June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*=100
May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*=100
April 11-16, 2003 ³	47	40	10	2	1=100
April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1=100
March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1=100
March 13-16, 2003 ⁴	62	27	6	4	1=100
February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1=100
January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2=100
December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1=100
Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1=100
Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1=100
Early September, 2002	48	29	15	6	2=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

b.F1 The high price of gasoline these days	65	25	6	3	1=100
Early September, 2005	71	19	7	3	*=100
Mid-May, 2005	58	27	9	5	1=100
Mid-March, 2005	50	32	13	5	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	64	22	8	5	1=100
August, 2004	52	29	10	8	1=100
July, 2004	56	25	11	7	1=100
June, 2004	58	26	9	6	1=100
April, 2004	46	30	15	8	1=100
Early April, 2004	58	23	10	8	1=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	27	14	10	2=100
September, 2003	45	27	15	11	1=100
March, 2003	52	27	11	9	1=100
February, 2003	53	25	12	9	1=100
June, 2001	56	31	7	5	1=100
May, 2001	61	26	6	6	1=100
Early October, 2000	56	25	12	6	1=100
June, 2000 ⁵	61	25	9	5	*=100
March, 2000	58	28	10	4	*=100
October, 1990	62	26	8	4	*=100

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

⁴ From October 2002 to March 13-16, 2003 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq." In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq."

⁵ In August 1990 through June 2000 the story was listed as "Recent increases in the price of gasoline."

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>Closely</u>	Fairly <u>Closely</u>	Not too <u>Closely</u>	Not at all <u>Closely</u>	DK/Ref
September, 1990	56	28	11	5	*=100
August, 1990	57	27	10	5	1=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:

c.F2 The impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast

Early September, 2005 (<i>Impact of Hurricane Katrina</i>)	73	21	4	2	*=100
July, 2005 (<i>Hurricanes affecting the Gulf Coast</i>)	70	21	7	2	*=100
Early October, 2002 (<i>Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana</i>)	38	37	17	8	*=100
	38	34	18	10	*=100

ASK ALL:

d. The confirmation of John Roberts as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Early September, 2005 (<i>Nomination of John Roberts</i>)	28	33	18	20	1=100
July, 2005 (<i>Retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor</i>)	18	26	25	29	2=100
	24	29	24	22	1=100

e. The nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court

August, 1993 (<i>Nomination of Ruth Bader Ginsburg</i>)	22	33	21	23	1=100
October, 1991 (<i>Nomination of Clarence Thomas</i>)	18	30	27	24	1=100
July, 1991 (<i>Nomination of Clarence Thomas</i>)	28	35	18	18	1=100
August, 1990 (<i>Nomination of David Souter</i>)	33	33	19	14	1=100
September, 1987 (<i>Nomination of Robert Bork</i>)	16	27	27	29	1=100
	17	23	29	29	2=100

f. The criminal indictment of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay for campaign finance violations

	18	25	26	30	1=100
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NO QUESTIONS 14-15

Q.16 From what you've seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court?

-- John Roberts --

	Mid-Sept <u>2005</u>	Early Sept <u>2005</u>
33 Should	46	35
27 Should not	21	19
<u>40</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>33</u>	<u>46</u>
100	100	100

Q.17 Do you worry that Harriet Miers would make the Supreme Court too conservative, not conservative enough, or don't you worry about this?

Next Supreme Court Appointment

	<u>July 2005⁶</u>
18 Too conservative	31
8 Not conservative enough	19
56 Don't worry about this	44
<u>18</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>
100	100

⁶ In July 2005 the question was worded "Do you worry that the president's next Supreme Court appointment will make the court ..."

Q.18 Do you worry that Chief Justice John Roberts will make the Supreme Court too conservative, not conservative enough, or don't you worry about this?

20 Too conservative
 9 Not conservative enough
 60 Don't worry about this
11 Don't know/Refused
 100

Q.19 Does the fact that Harriet Miers [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] make you feel more favorably toward her, less favorably, or does this not affect your opinion at all? How about the fact that she [NEXT ITEM]

	<u>More favorably</u>	<u>Less favorably</u>	<u>No effect</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
a. Is a woman	22	3	72	3=100
b. Once served as George W. Bush's personal attorney	10	35	52	3=100
c. Has never before served as a judge	10	38	49	3=100
d. Had a long career in a major law firm	29	11	56	4=100
e. Is an evangelical Christian	20	14	61	5=100

Q.20 When Senators ask Supreme Court nominees questions about issues like abortion that may come before the court, do you think [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE] or do you think [NEXT ITEM]?

55 Nominees should be required to answer those questions
 39 Nominees should be allowed to not comment on those questions
6 Don't know/Refused [VOL]
 100

NO QUESTION 21-22

On a different subject...

Q.23 Looking ahead to the next presidential election, would you like to see a president who offers policies and programs similar to those of the Bush administration, OR would you like to see a president who offers different policies and programs?

		----- <i>Clinton Administration</i> -----				
		<u>June 2000</u>	<u>Feb 2000</u>	<u>Aug 1999</u>	<u>June 1999</u>	<u>Feb 1999</u>
25	Policies and programs similar to Bush Administration	40	41	43	43	54
69	Different policies and programs	52	51	50	50	41
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.24 Considering what the president and Congress need to deal with, do you think reducing the budget deficit should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or does it not need to be addressed this year?

		<u>March 2005</u>
42	Top priority	39
38	Important but lower priority	46
6	Not too important	6
10	Does not need to be addressed this year	5
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100

Q.25 Would you favor or oppose [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] as a way to reduce the budget deficit?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Raising taxes	26	70	4=100
March, 2005	31	66	3=100
b. Lowering defense and military spending	36	58	6=100
March, 2005	35	60	5=100
c. Lowering domestic spending	47	41	12=100
March, 2005	54	35	11=100

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

Q.26 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (RANDOMIZE LIST)

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
a. The United States should cooperate fully with the United Nations	54	39	7=100
August, 2004	60	30	10=100
December, 2002	67	28	5=100
Early September, 2001	58	31	11=100
March, 1999	65	26	9=100
September, 1997	59	30	11=100
June, 1995	62	30	8=100
February, 1995	65	29	6=100
October, 1993	64	28	8=100
April, 1993	71	22	7=100
1991 (Gallup) ⁷	77	17	6=100
1985 (Gallup)	56	35	9=100
1980 (Gallup)	59	28	13=100
1976 (Gallup)	46	41	13=100
1972 (Gallup)	63	28	9=100
1968 (Gallup)	72	21	7=100
1964 (Gallup)	72	16	12=100
b. In deciding on its foreign policies, the U.S. should take into account the views of its major allies	79	16	5=100
August, 2004	76	14	10=100
December, 2002	85	10	5=100

⁷ Trends for this series in 1991 and earlier are from public opinion surveys conducted by Potomac Associates, The Gallup Organization and the Institute for International Social Research.

Q.26 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Early September, 2001	80	11	9=100
March, 1999	82	12	6=100
September, 1997	72	18	10=100
June, 1995	74	18	8=100
April, 1993	80	13	7=100
1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	86	10	4=100
1985 (<i>Gallup</i>)	82	12	6=100
1980 (<i>Gallup</i>)	79	13	8=100
1976 (<i>Gallup</i>)	72	18	10=100
1972 (<i>Gallup</i>)	80	12	8=100
1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	84	9	7=100
1964 (<i>Gallup</i>)	81	7	12=100
c. Since the U.S. is the most powerful nation in the world, we should go our own way in international matters, not worrying too much about whether other countries agree with us or not	32	63	5=100
August, 2004	28	65	7=100
December, 2002	25	72	3=100
Early September, 2001	32	62	6=100
March, 1999	26	69	5=100
September, 1997	32	62	6=100
June, 1995	34	60	6=100
April, 1993	34	63	3=100
1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	29	66	5=100
1985 (<i>Gallup</i>)	26	70	4=100
1980 (<i>Gallup</i>)	26	66	8=100
1976 (<i>Gallup</i>)	29	62	9=100
1972 (<i>Gallup</i>)	22	72	6=100
1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	23	72	5=100
1964 (<i>Gallup</i>)	19	70	11=100
d. The U.S. should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own	42	51	7=100
August, 2004	34	59	7=100
December, 2002	30	65	5=100
Early September, 2001	37	55	8=100
March, 1999	35	57	8=100
September, 1997	39	54	7=100
June, 1995	41	51	8=100
April, 1993	37	58	5=100
1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	33	60	7=100
1985 (<i>Gallup</i>)	34	59	7=100
1980 (<i>Gallup</i>)	30	61	9=100
1976 (<i>Gallup</i>)	41	49	10=100
1972 (<i>Gallup</i>)	35	56	9=100
1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	27	66	7=100
1964 (<i>Gallup</i>)	18	70	12=100

Q.26 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
e. We should not think so much in international terms but concentrate more on our own national problems and building up our strength and prosperity here at home	71	23	6=100
August, 2004	69	25	6=100
December, 2002	65	31	4=100
Early September, 2001	68	25	7=100
March, 1999	68	27	5=100
September, 1997	72	24	4=100
June, 1995	78	18	4=100
April, 1993	79	18	3=100
1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	78	16	6=100
1985 (<i>Gallup</i>)	60	34	6=100
1980 (<i>Gallup</i>)	61	30	9=100
1976 (<i>Gallup</i>)	73	22	5=100
1972 (<i>Gallup</i>)	73	20	7=100
1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	60	31	9=100
1964 (<i>Gallup</i>)	55	32	13=100

NO QUESTIONS 27-29

Thinking about the political parties for a moment...

Q.30 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase.. (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS)?

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>Equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
a. Able to manage the federal government well	35	41	3	13	8=100
July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10=100
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11=100
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8=100
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7=100
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5=100
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5=100
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13=100
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10=100
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9=100
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10=100
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10=100
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10=100
b. Governs in an honest and ethical way	30	40	6	18	6=100
July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9=100
Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12=100
March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9=100
August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8=100
July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5=100
April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6=100
July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6=100

Q.30 CONTINUED...

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	Don't
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Know</u>
c.	Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs	32	48	4	9	7=100
	July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9=100
	Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11=100
	March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8=100
	August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7=100
	July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6=100
	April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4=100
	July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5=100
	May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9=100
	July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11=100
	May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11=100
	May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10=100
	January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10=100
	May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10=100
d.	Is concerned with the needs of people like me	30	52	5	7	6=100
	July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7=100
	Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9=100
	March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7=100
	August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7=100
	July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6=100
	April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3=100
	July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4=100
	May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7=100
	May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7=100
	January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7=100
e.	Is concerned with the needs and interests of the disadvantaged	22	61	5	5	7=100
	July, 2004	23	57	5	6	9=100
	Early September, 1998	20	57	5	5	13=100
	March, 1998	16	64	6	6	8=100
	July, 1996	23	63	3	5	6=100
	July, 1994	21	65	4	5	5=100
	May, 1990	14	56	12	10	8=100
	May, 1987	11	61	14	7	7=100
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:						
f.F1	Is concerned with the needs and interests of business and other powerful groups	59	22	6	3	10=100
	July, 2004	61	22	6	3	8=100
	Early September, 1998	57	23	8	2	10=100
	March, 1998	63	20	7	2	8=100
	July, 1996	65	19	8	2	6=100
	July, 1994	66	23	5	1	5=100
	May, 1990	57	15	15	5	8=100
	May, 1987	58	15	16	3	8=100

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>Equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:					
g.F2	Is concerned with the needs and interests of business				
	61	23	8	2	6=100

ASK ALL:

Q.31 And do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job of reducing the federal budget deficit?⁸

	June <u>1999</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>
29	37	42	31
47	41	36	36
6	5	2	--
10	8	13	18
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>
100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 32-48

On a different subject...

Q.49 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't Know <u>Refused</u>
October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1=100
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1=100
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1=100
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1=100
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1=100
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1=100
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2=100
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1=100
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2=100
Late February, 2004	2	29	42	26	1=100
February 9-12, 2004 (Gallup)	2	31	46	21	0=100
January 12-15, 2004 (Gallup)	3	34	42	21	0=100
January 2-5, 2004 (Gallup)	3	40	41	16	*=100
December 11-14, 2003 (Gallup)	3	34	44	19	*=100
November 3-5, 2003 (Gallup)	2	28	49	21	*=100
October 24-26, 2003 (Gallup)	2	24	44	30	*=100
October 6-8, 2003 (Gallup)	2	20	50	27	1=100
September 8-10, 2003 (Gallup)	1	20	49	30	*=100
August 4-6, 2003 (Gallup)	1	24	52	23	*=100
February 17-19, 2003 (Gallup)	1	17	48	34	*=100
February 4-6, 2002 (Gallup)	2	26	55	16	1=100
March 5-7, 2001 (Gallup)	3	43	43	10	1=100
January 7-10, 2000 (Gallup)	19	52	23	5	1=100

⁸ In previous years, this question was asked as one item in a series. In June 1999 the question was worded "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the question was worded "reducing the budget deficit."

Q.49 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't Know <u>Refused</u>
January 15-17, 1999 (<i>Gallup</i>)	14	55	27	4	*=100
March 20-22, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	20	46	27	7	*=100
Jan 31 - Feb 2, 1997 (<i>Gallup</i>)	4	38	43	15	*=100
March 15-17, 1996 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	31	48	18	1=100
May 11-14, 1995 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	27	50	20	1=100
January 15-17, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	22	54	24	*=100
February 12-14, 1993 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	14	46	39	1=100
January 3-6, 1992 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	12	46	41	1=100

Q.50 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>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
October, 2005	20	32	45	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2=100
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3=100
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 (<i>RVs</i>)	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 (<i>RVs</i>)	24	16	51	9=100
May, 1988	24	20	46	10=100
January, 1988	22	26	45	7=100
January, 1984 <i>Newsweek (RVs)</i>	35	13	49	3=100

Q.51 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?

	(VOL)			
	<u>Plenty of jobs available</u>	<u>Jobs are difficult to find</u>	<u>Lots of some jobs, few of others</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
October, 2005	36	56	4	4=100
May, 2005	30	60	6	4=100
January, 2005	32	58	5	5=100
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11=100
August, 2004	34	55	4	7=100
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9=100
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6=100
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7=100
October, 2003	24	66	5	5=100
June, 2002	31	59	4	6=100

Q.51 CONTINUED...

	(VOL)			
	<u>Plenty of jobs available</u>	<u>Jobs are difficult to find</u>	<u>Lots of some jobs, few of others</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
June, 2001	42	44	8	6 =100
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	15	76	6	3 =100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	16	77	4	3 =100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & W. Report</i>	12	79	6	3 =100

Q.52 Some people think of American society as divided into two groups, the “haves” and the “have-nots,” while others think it’s incorrect to think of America that way. Do you, yourself, think of America as divided into haves and have-nots, or don’t you think of America that way?

	<u>Yes, divided</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 2005	48	50	2=100
Late Mar, 2005	38	59	3=100
Late Feb, 2004	38	59	3=100
June, 2001	44	53	3=100
Oct, 1999 <i>Gallup</i>	39	59	2=100
Aug, 1988 <i>Gallup</i>	26	71	3=100
Aug, 1984 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	31	61	8=100

Q.53 If you had to choose, which of these groups are you in, the haves or the have-nots?

		--- Gallup ---				
		<u>Late Mar 2005</u>	<u>Late Feb 2004</u>	<u>June 2001</u>	<u>Oct 1999</u>	<u>Aug 1988</u>
47	Haves	48	59	52	67	59
38	Have-nots	34	27	32	24	17
11	Neither (VOL)	8	7	10	6	15
<u>4</u>	Don’t know/Refused	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 54-59

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.60 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>
October, 2005	44	50	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7=100
July, 2005	49	44	7=100
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
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

Q.60 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
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.61 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>
October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
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
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>

Q.61 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 8-9, 2003</i>	60	32	3	3	2=100
<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.62 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>
October, 2005	47	48	5=100
Mid-September, 2005	51	45	4=100
July, 2005	52	43	5=100
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 ⁹	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

IF "KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ" (1 IN Q.62) ASK:

Q.63 Do you think more troops are needed in Iraq right now, or do you think there are already enough troops there to do the job?

	July <u>2005</u>	Jun <u>2004</u>	Early Jan <u>2004</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2003</u>
13 More troops needed	16	18	29	32	34
26 Have enough there to do the job	27	23	26	21	25
0 Reduce number of troops (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*
<u>8</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
47%	52%	51%	63%	58%	64%

⁹ 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?"

ASK ALL:

Q.64 In the long run, do you think the war in Iraq has increased the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessened the chances, or has it made no difference?

		July <u>2005</u>	Mid-Oct <u>2004</u>	Early Sept <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2002</u> ¹⁰
41	Increased	45	36	34	45
25	Lessened	22	32	32	18
32	No difference	30	28	31	30
<u>2</u>	Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.65F1 Which concerns you more... [READ AND ROTATE]

		July <u>2005</u>	Early April <u>2004</u>	Mid-Jan <u>2004</u>
32	That the U.S. will leave Iraq before a stable democracy is in place OR	34	36	41
55	That the U.S. will wait too long to withdraw its troops from Iraq	50	52	48
4	Neither (VOL.)	9	2	5
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:

Q.66F2 How much longer do you think United States troops will have to remain in Iraq – for less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, or will the U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

	Less than <u>a year</u>	1-2 <u>years</u>	2-5 <u>years</u>	Longer than <u>five years</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
October, 2005	12	24	31	26	7=100
July, 2005	9	23	31	27	10=100
Feb, 2005	11	27	32	22	8=100
July, 2004	17	31	27	17	8=100
June, 2004	17	33	26	16	8=100
April, 2004 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	8	27	33	25	7=100
March, 2004 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	8	22	35	26	9=100
Dec, 2003 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	15	34	31	12	8=100
July, 2003 <i>CBS/NY Times</i>	13	31	31	18	7=100

ASK ALL:

Q.67 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

		Mid-Sep <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>
52	Should set a timetable	57	49
43	Should not set a timetable	37	45
1	Should get out now (VOL.)	1	*
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100

¹⁰ The question from the November 2002 Global Attitudes survey was worded: "In the long run, do you think a war with Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule is likely to increase the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., lessen the chances, or will it make no difference?"

Q.68 On October 15th, Iraq is scheduled to have a nationwide vote on the country's proposed constitution. How much have you heard about this... A lot, a little, or nothing at all?

		Jan <u>2005</u>	June <u>2004</u> ¹¹
21	A lot	46	42
50	A little	40	40
28	Nothing at all	13	17
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

Q.69 If the proposed constitution is approved in Iraq, do you think it will lead to a MORE stable situation, a LESS stable situation, or will the situation in Iraq not change much?

		<i>Before Jan 30th Elections</i>	
		Feb <u>2005</u>	Jan ¹² <u>2005</u>
29	More stable	47	29
10	Less stable	7	14
51	Situation will not change much	40	49
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100

On a different subject...

Q.70 Do you approve or disapprove of the 62-billion dollar relief effort President Bush and Congress have passed to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina?

80	Approve
15	Disapprove
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.71F1 Which concerns you more [READ AND ROTATE]?

26	That we are spending too MUCH money on hurricane relief
	OR
45	That we are spending too LITTLE money on hurricane relief
17	(VOL. DO NOT READ) Neither
<u>12</u>	(VOL. DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
100	

¹¹ 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?". In January 2005 question was worded "On January 30th, Iraq is scheduled to have its first nationwide elections..."

¹² In January and February 2005 the question was worded "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?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:

Q.72F2 In the long run, which concerns you more **[READ AND ROTATE]**?

- 42 That the government will spend too MUCH money on hurricane relief
- OR
- 44 That the government will spend too LITTLE money on hurricane relief
- 8 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Neither
- 6 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused
- 100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

Q.73F1 If you had to choose, which of the following would you say is the best way for the government to pay for the problems caused by the hurricanes **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

- 15 Increase the federal budget deficit
- 15 Raise taxes
- 31 Cut spending for the war in Iraq
- 20 Cut domestic spending
- 6 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Other
- 13 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused
- 100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=742]:

Q.74F2 If you had to choose, which of the following would you say is the best way for the government to pay for the problems caused by the hurricanes **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

- 13 Increase the federal budget deficit
- 14 Raise taxes
- 28 Cut defense and military spending
- 31 Cut domestic spending
- 4 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Other
- 10 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused
- 100

ASK ALL:

Q.75 Which of the following, if any, concerns you MOST about the government's hurricane relief effort? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

- 32 The money will be wasted on unnecessary things
- 6 The money will add too much to the budget deficit
- 51 The money won't go to the people who really need it
- 2 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** None
- 6 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** All/Multiple
- * **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Other
- 3 **(VOL. DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused
- 100

ASK ALL:

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	
October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
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

<i>Yearly Totals</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL)	(VOL)	<u>Don't know</u>	
				No Preference	Other Party		
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100	
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100	
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100	
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100	
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100	
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100	
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100	
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100	
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100	
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100	
				No Preference/			
	<u>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>
October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%

PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Refused to lean</u>
September 6-7, 2005	10	15	15=40%
July, 2005	9	15	11=35%
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%