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QUESTION 1 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

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

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
December, 2006	28	65	7=100
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8=100
Early October, 2006	30	63	7=100
July, 2006	30	65	5=100
May, 2006	29	65	6=100
March, 2006	32	63	5=100
January, 2006	34	61	5=100
Late November, 2005	34	59	7=100
Early October, 2005	29	65	6=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100
April, 2003 ¹	50	41	9=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100
September, 2002	41	55	4=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=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 (RVs)	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

1 Asked April 8, 2003 only; N=395.

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	5=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
Late February, 1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	66	31	3=100
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988 (<i>RVs</i>)	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

Q.3 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2007 will be better or worse than 2006?

		----- Gallup End of Year -----											
		Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec
		1999	1998	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1986	1985	1984	1982	1981
57	Better	66	59	59	64	61	61	48	53	64	61	50	41
28	Worse	19	25	28	20	11	31	42	25	20	20	32	44
<u>15</u>	DK/Refused	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

QUESTION 4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUESTION 5 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

Q.6 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month, tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY “Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?”]

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. News about the current situation in Iraq	42	39	12	7	*=100
b. News about the incoming Democratic leaders in Congress	29	36	19	15	1=100
c. Ethnic violence in the Darfur region of Sudan	13	23	29	34	1=100
May, 2006	16	22	27	33	2=100
July, 2004 ²	14	22	27	35	2=100
d. The death of a former Russian spy from radiation poisoning	16	30	28	25	1=100
e. Rebuilding efforts in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina	29	40	21	9	1=100
March, 2006	36	42	14	7	1=100
December, 2005	39	40	15	5	1=100
Early October, 2005 <i>Impact of Katrina and Rita</i>	73	21	4	2	*=100
Early September, 2005 <i>Impact of Katrina</i>	70	21	7	2	*=100

QUESTIONS 7 THROUGH 10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

Now a few questions about America’s place in the world...

Q.11 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	57	35	8=100
October, 2005	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 (<i>Gallup</i>) ³	77	17	6=100
1985 (<i>Gallup</i>)	56	35	9=100
1980 (<i>Gallup</i>)	59	28	13=100

2 In 2004, the item was worded as “Ethnic violence in Sudan.”

3 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.11 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
1976 (<i>Gallup</i>)	46	41	13=100
1972 (<i>Gallup</i>)	63	28	9=100
1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	72	21	7=100
1964 (<i>Gallup</i>)	72	16	12=100
b. In deciding on its foreign policies, the U.S. should take into account the views of its major allies	82	12	6=100
October, 2005	79	16	5=100
August, 2004	76	14	10=100
December, 2002	85	10	5=100
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	28	68	4=100
October, 2005	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	53	5=100
October, 2005	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

Q.11 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
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
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			
October, 2005	69	26	5=100
August, 2004	71	23	6=100
December, 2002	69	25	6=100
Early September, 2001	65	31	4=100
March, 1999	68	25	7=100
September, 1997	68	27	5=100
June, 1995	72	24	4=100
April, 1993	78	18	4=100
1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	79	18	3=100
1985 (<i>Gallup</i>)	78	16	6=100
1980 (<i>Gallup</i>)	60	34	6=100
1976 (<i>Gallup</i>)	61	30	9=100
1972 (<i>Gallup</i>)	73	22	5=100
1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	73	20	7=100
1964 (<i>Gallup</i>)	60	31	9=100
	55	32	13=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=750]:

Q.12F1 Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the ethnic genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

	<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>Bosnia</i>
	March	June
	<u>1999⁴</u>	<u>1995⁵</u>
51 U.S. has responsibility	47	30
36 Doesn't have responsibility	46	64
<u>13</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
100	100	100

4 In March 1999 this question was listed as: "Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting between ethnic groups in Kosovo, a province of Serbia, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?"

5 In June 1995 this question was listed as: "Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting between the Serbs and Bosnians in what used to be Yugoslavia, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.13F2 Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. troops in the Darfur region of Sudan as part of a multinational force to help end the ethnic genocide there?

		---Bosnia---	
		June	Jan
		1995 ⁶	1994
53	Favor	32	32
38	Oppose	61	55
<u>9</u>	No Opinion	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100

ASK ALL:

ROTATE Q.14/15 BLOCK WITH Q.16/17 BLOCK

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.14 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	Don't Know Refused
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2=100
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2=100
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2=100
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1=100
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2=100
Early 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
January 15-17, 1999 (Gallup)	14	55	27	4	*=100
March 20-22, 1998 (Gallup)	20	46	27	7	*=100

6 In June 1995 and January 1994 the question was listed as: "Would you favor or oppose the use of U.S. military force in Bosnia to help end the fighting there?"

Q. 14 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't Know <u>Refused</u>
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.15 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>	Don't Know/ <u>Same</u>	<u>Refused</u>
December, 2006	22	18	56	4=100
September, 2006	16	25	55	4=100
January, 2006	20	22	55	3=100
Early 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

Now thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.16 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 financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1=100
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2=100
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1=100
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2=100
Mid- May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1=100
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1=100

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Refused</u>
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.17 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?

	<u>Improve A lot</u>	<u>Improve Some</u>	<u>Get a Little Worse</u>	<u>Get a lot Worse</u>	<u>Stay the Same (VOL.)</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3=100
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4=100
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4=100
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

Q.18 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>
December, 2006	40	49	5	6=100
March, 2006	37	56	3	4=100
January, 2006	33	56	6	5=100
Early 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
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

Thinking now about Hurricane Katrina...

Q.19a How would you rate the job the federal government has done in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

	<u>Mid-Sept 2005⁷</u>	<u>Early Sept 2005</u>
3 Excellent	8	8
17 Good	29	30
36 Only fair	30	29
40 Poor	31	29
<u>4</u> Don't know/Refused [VOL]	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100

Q.19b From what you have heard or read, how much progress has been made so far in rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina [READ]?⁸

9 A lot
47 Some
33 Not much
5 None at all
<u>6</u> Don't Know/Refused
100

7 In Mid-September and Early September 2005 the question was worded: "...the job the federal government has been doing in response to Hurricane Katrina?"

8 The question wording is modified from a CBS News/New York Times poll last conducted August 17-21, 2006.

Q.19c Which concerns you more **[READ AND ROTATE]**?

- 21 That the government is spending too MUCH money on hurricane relief in the Gulf
OR
55 That the government is spending too LITTLE money on hurricane relief in the Gulf
10 Neither (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)
14 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)
100

QUESTIONS 20-34 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 35-36

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.37 In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA, and the World Trade Organization, have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT NAFTA IS, "The North American Free Trade Agreement"]**

		Late				Early			
		Oct	Dec	July	March	Dec	Sept	Nov	Sept
		<u>2005⁹</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>
44	Good thing	44	47	47	44	34	49	45	47
35	Bad thing	34	34	34	37	33	29	34	30
<u>21</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.38 Thinking about the financial situation of you and your family... Do you think these free trade agreements (like NAFTA and the WTO) have definitely helped, probably helped, probably hurt, or definitely hurt the financial situation of you and your family? **[INTERVIEWER: READ OUT FULL NAMES ONLY IF RESPONDENT IS UNCERTAIN]**

		July	Dec
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
3	Definitely helped	3	2
32	Probably helped	31	25
24	Probably hurt	25	24
12	Definitely hurt	16	14
11	Neither (VOL.)	12	15
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>
100		100	100

9 In October 2005 the question asked: "So far, do you think that NAFTA has been a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?" In December 2003 the question wording asked about "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the WTO"; full names of the organizations were read out only if the respondent was uncertain. In Early September 2001 and earlier the question was worded: "NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement..."

- Q.39 As I read some of the possible ways free trade agreements affect America, tell me what your impression is. First **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?
- a. Do free trade agreements make the price of products sold in the U.S. higher, lower or not make a difference?
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 30 | Higher |
| 32 | Lower |
| 23 | Not make a difference |
| 1 | Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| <u>14</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 100 | |
- b. Do free trade agreements make the wages of American workers higher, lower, or not make a difference?
- | | |
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| 11 | Higher |
| 44 | Lower |
| 30 | Not make a difference |
| 1 | Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| <u>14</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 100 | |
- c. Do free trade agreements create jobs in the U.S., lead to job losses, or not make a difference?
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 12 | Create jobs |
| 48 | Lead to job losses |
| 25 | Not make a difference |
| 2 | Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| <u>13</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 100 | |
- d. Do free trade agreements make the American economy grow, slow the economy down, or not make a difference?
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 28 | Make the economy grow |
| 34 | Slow the economy down |
| 21 | Not make a difference |
| 2 | Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| <u>15</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 100 | |
- e. Are free trade agreements good for the people of developing countries, bad for the people of developing countries, or don't they make a difference?
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 57 | Good |
| 9 | Bad |
| 19 | Don't make a difference |
| 1 | Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| <u>14</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |
| 100 | |

Thinking about the issue of terrorism for a moment...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=750]:

Q.40F1 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11th terrorist attacks?

		Aug <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	July <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Late Aug <u>2002</u>
23	Greater	25	17	28	24	22
41	The same	37	39	40	39	39
31	Less	33	39	29	34	34
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.41F2 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?
[READ]

		Aug <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	July <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Aug <u>2003</u>	Nov <u>2002</u>	June <u>2002</u>	Early <u>2001</u>	Oct <u>2001</u>	Oct <u>2001</u>
17	Very well	22	16	16	17	18	19	15	16	35	38	48
48	Fairly well	52	52	50	53	53	56	54	60	46	46	40
21	Not too well, [OR]	16	20	20	19	17	16	19	16	9	9	6
11	Not at all well	8	10	9	8	8	7	8	4	5	4	2
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.42 Would you favor or oppose the following measures to curb terrorism: [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]

		Favor	Oppose	DK/Ref	
a.	Requiring that all citizens carry a national identity card at all times to show to a police officer on request	57	39	4=100	
	January, 2006	57	38	5=100	
	August, 2003 ¹⁰	56	40	4=100	
	Late August, 2002	59	38	3=100	
	Mid-September, 2001	70	26	4=100	
b.F1	Allowing the U.S. government to monitor personal telephone calls and e-mails	34	61	5=100	(N=750)
	Late August, 2002	33	61	6=100	
b.F2	Allowing the U.S. government to monitor your personal telephone calls and e-mails	22	75	3=100	(N=752)
	January, 2006	24	73	3=100	
	Late August, 2002	22	76	2=100	
	Mid-September, 2001	26	70	4=100	
c.F1	Allowing the U.S. government to monitor credit card purchases	42	53	5=100	(N=750)
	Late August, 2002	43	51	6=100	

10 In August 2003, the item was asked as a stand-alone question.

Q.42 CONTINUED...

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
c.F2	Allowing the U.S. government to monitor your credit card purchases	26	71	3=100	(N=752)
	January, 2006	29	68	3=100	
	Late August, 2002	32	63	5=100	
	Mid-September, 2001	40	55	5=100	
d.	Allowing airport personnel to do extra checks on passengers who appear to be of Middle-Eastern descent	57	38	5=100	
	January, 2006	57	38	5=100	
	Late August, 2002	59	38	3=100	