## PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE \& THE PRESS MARCH 2007 POLITICAL SURVEY <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> March 21-25, 2007 <br> $\mathrm{N}=1503$

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]

March, 2007
February, 2007
Mid-January, 2007
Early January, 2007
December, 2006
Mid-November, 2006
Early October, 2006
September, 2006
August, 2006
July, 2006
June, 2006
April, 2006
Early April, 2006
March, 2006
February, 2006
January, 2006
December, 2005
Early November, 2005
Late October, 2005
Early October, 2005
September 8-11, 2005
September 6-7, 2005
July, 2005
June, 2005
Late May, 2005
Mid-May, 2005
Late March, 2005
Mid-March, 2005
February, 2005
January, 2005
December, 2004
Mid-October, 2004
August, 2004
July, 2004
June, 2004
May, 2004
Late April, 2004
Early April, 2004
Late March, 2004
Mid-March, 2004
February, 2004
Mid-January, 2004
Early January, 2004
December, 2003

| App- <br> rove | Disapprove | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 58 | $9=100$ |
| 33 | 56 | $11=100$ |
| 33 | 59 | $8=100$ |
| 33 | 57 | $10=100$ |
| 32 | 57 | $11=100$ |
| 32 | 58 | $10=100$ |
| 37 | 53 | $10=100$ |
| 37 | 53 | $10=100$ |
| 37 | 54 | $9=100$ |
| 36 | 57 | $7=100$ |
| 36 | 54 | $10=100$ |
| 33 | 56 | $11=100$ |
| 35 | 55 | $10=100$ |
| 33 | 57 | $10=100$ |
| 40 | 52 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 54 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 54 | $8=100$ |
| 36 | 55 | $9=100$ |
| 40 | 52 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 56 | $6=100$ |
| 40 | 52 | $8=100$ |
| 40 | 52 | $8=100$ |
| 44 | 48 | $8=100$ |
| 42 | 49 | $9=100$ |
| 42 | 48 | $10=100$ |
| 43 | 50 | $7=100$ |
| 49 | 46 | $5=100$ |
| 45 | 46 | $9=100$ |
| 46 | 47 | $7=100$ |
| 50 | 43 | $7=100$ |
| 48 | 44 | $8=100$ |
| 44 | 48 | $8=100$ |
| 46 | 45 | $9=100$ |
| 46 | 46 | $8=100$ |
| 48 | 43 | $9=100$ |
| 44 | 48 | $8=100$ |
| 48 | 43 | $9=100$ |
| 43 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| 47 | 44 | $9=100$ |
| 46 | 47 | $7=100$ |
| 48 | 44 | $8=100$ |
| 56 | 34 | $10=100$ |
| 58 | 35 | $7=100$ |
| 57 | 34 | $9=100$ |

November, 2003
October, 2003
September, 2003
Mid-August, 2003
Early August, 2003
Mid-July, 2003
Early July, 2003
June, 2003
May, 2003
April 10-16, 2003
April 9, 2003
April 2-7, 2003
March 28-April 1, 2003
March 25-27, 2003
March 20-24, 2003
March 13-16, 2003
February, 2003
January, 2003
December, 2002
Late October, 2002
Early October, 2002
Mid-September, 2002
Early September, 2002
Late August, 2002
August, 2002
Late July, 2002
July, 2002
June, 2002
April, 2002
Early April, 2002
February, 2002
January, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
Early October, 2001
Late September, 2001
Mid-September, 2001
Early September, 2001
August, 2001
July, 2001
June, 2001
May, 2001
April, 2001
March, 2001
February, 2001

| App- <br> rove | Disapprove | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 | 40 | $10=100$ |
| 50 | 42 | $8=100$ |
| 55 | 36 | $9=100$ |
| 56 | 32 | $12=100$ |
| 53 | 37 | $10=100$ |
| 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| 60 | 29 | 11=100 |
| 62 | 27 | $11=100$ |
| 65 | 27 | $8=100$ |
| 72 | 22 | $6=100$ |
| 74 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| 69 | 25 | $6=100$ |
| 71 | 23 | $6=100$ |
| 70 | 24 | $6=100$ |
| 67 | 26 | $7=100$ |
| 55 | 34 | $11=100$ |
| 54 | 36 | $10=100$ |
| 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| 61 | 28 | $11=100$ |
| 59 | 29 | $12=100$ |
| 61 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| 67 | 22 | $11=100$ |
| 63 | 26 | $11=100$ |
| 60 | 27 | $13=100$ |
| 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| 65 | 25 | $10=100$ |
| 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| 70 | 20 | $10=100$ |
| 69 | 18 | $13=100$ |
| 74 | 16 | $10=100$ |
| 78 | 13 | $9=100$ |
| 80 | 11 | $9=100$ |
| 84 | 9 | $7=100$ |
| 84 | 8 | $8=100$ |
| 86 | 7 | $7=100$ |
| 80 | 9 | $11=100$ |
| 51 | 34 | $15=100$ |
| 50 | 32 | $18=100$ |
| 51 | 32 | $17=100$ |
| 50 | 33 | $17=100$ |
| 53 | 32 | 15=100 |
| 56 | 27 | $17=100$ |
| 55 | 25 | $20=100$ |
| 53 | 21 | 26=100 |

From what you've seen and read so far,
Q. 2 Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

|  | Approve | Disapprove | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March, 2007 | 37 | 42 | 21=100 |
| February, $2007{ }^{1}$ | 41 | 36 | $23=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 39 | 34 | $27=100$ |
| Early October, 2006 | 35 | 53 | $12=100$ |
| June, 2006 | 32 | 50 | $18=100$ |
| March, 2006 | 34 | 46 | $20=100$ |
| January, 2006 | 34 | 48 | $18=100$ |
| Early November, 2005 | 36 | 44 | $20=100$ |
| Early 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 | $22=100$ |
| April, 1995 Republican leaders | 44 | 43 | $13=100$ |

## NO QUESTION 3

Q. 4 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008? [READ]

|  | Feb | Dec |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2007}$ | $\frac{2006}{24}$ |
| 24 | A lot | 34 | 36 |
| 36 | Some | 22 | 20 |
| 20 | Not much | 18 | 20 |
| 18 | None at all | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
| $\underline{2}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL. - DO NOT READ) | $\underline{2}$ | 100 |

## ROTATE Q.5/5a AND Q.6/6a

Q. 5 I'm going to read you the names of some possible DEMOCRATIC presidential candidates. Who would you most like to see nominated as the Democratic Party's candidate for president in 2008? [READ AND
RANDOMIZE. ACCEPT VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE IF OFFERED BEFORE FULL LIST IS
READ. IF 98 'DON'T KNOW' PROBE ONCE: Is there anyone you are leaning toward as of today?]
IF ANSWERED (1-96 IN Q.5) ASK:
Q.5a And who would be your SECOND choice? [READ REMAINING NAMES IF NECESSARY]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1246]:
Choice

| Total | $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ | $\underline{2}^{\text {nd }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 39 | 24 | 16 |
| 38 | 23 | 15 |
| 28 | 16 | 13 |
| 24 | 10 | 13 |
| 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | * | 1 |
| 6 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | * | * |
|  | 14 | 20 |
|  | 6 | 14 |
|  | 1 | 2 |
|  | 100 | 100 |

Hillary Clinton<br>Barack Obama<br>John Edwards<br>Al Gore<br>Joe Biden<br>Chris Dodd<br>Dennis Kucinich<br>Bill Richardson<br>Other (VOL. DO NOT READ)<br>None of them/Will vote in Republican primary (VOL. DO NOT READ)<br>Don't know/Haven't thought about it (VOL. DO NOT READ)<br>Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)

ASK ALL:
Q. 6 I'm going to read you the names of some possible REPUBLICAN presidential candidates. Who would you most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate for president in 2008? [READ AND
RANDOMIZE. ACCEPT VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE IF OFFERED BEFORE FULL LIST IS
READ. IF 98 'DON'T KNOW' PROBE ONCE: Is there anyone you are leaning toward as of today?]
IF ANSWERED (1-96 IN Q.6) ASK:
Q.6a And who would be your SECOND choice? [READ REMAINING NAMES IF NECESSARY]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1246]:
Choice

| Total | $11^{\text {st }}$ | $\underline{2}^{\text {nd }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 43 | 28 | 15 |
| 40 | 25 | 15 |
| 11 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 5 | 5 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | * |
|  | 16 | 26 |
|  | 11 | 22 |
|  | 1 | $\underline{3}$ |
|  | 100 | 100 |

[^0]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 7 Now thinking about some groups and organizations ... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM;

RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?
(VOL.) (VOL.) --------Favorable------ -----Unfavorable----- Never Can't Total Very Mostly Total Very Mostly Heard of Rate/Ref.

ITEMS a AND b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=753$ ]:

| c.F1 Th | The military | 77 | 43 | 34 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 6=100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Early January, 2007 | 84 | 47 | 37 | 11 | 3 | 8 | * | $5=100$ |
|  | Late October, 2005 | 82 | 44 | 38 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | $6=100$ |
|  | Late March, 2005 | 87 | 49 | 38 | 9 | 3 | 6 | * | $4=100$ |
|  | June, 2004 | 85 | 48 | 37 | 10 | 3 | 7 | * | $5=100$ |
| Newsweek: | k: May 16-17, 2002 | 93 | 59 | 34 | 5 | 2 | 3 | -- | $2=100$ |
| Newsweek: | k: September 13-14, 2001 | 94 | 58 | 36 | 4 | 2 | 2 | -- | $2=100$ |
|  | July, 2001 | 81 | 29 | 52 | 11 | 4 | 7 | * | $8=100$ |
|  | January, 2001 | 82 | 32 | 50 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 0 | $6=100$ |
|  | August, 1999 | 89 | 30 | 59 | 10 | 2 | 8 | * | $1=100$ |
|  | June, 1999 | 83 | 36 | 47 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 0 | $4=100$ |
|  | Early September, 1998 | 86 | 29 | 57 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | $4=100$ |
|  | October, 1997 | 78 | 22 | 56 | 18 | 5 | 13 | 0 | $4=100$ |
|  | May, 1997 | 80 | 23 | 57 | 16 | 5 | 11 | 0 | $4=100$ |
|  | February, 1996 | 82 | 33 | 49 | 16 | 4 | 12 | * | $2=100$ |
|  | July, 1994 | 87 | 30 | 57 | 11 | 3 | 8 | * | $2=100$ |
|  | May, 1993 | 85 | 32 | 53 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 0 | $5=100$ |
|  | March, 1991 | 94 | 60 | 34 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | $2=100$ |
|  | May, 1990 | 73 | 18 | 55 | 21 | 6 | 15 | * | $6=100$ |
|  | January, 1988 | 77 | 20 | 57 | 17 | 3 | 14 | * | $6=100$ |
|  | April, 1987 | 80 | 17 | 63 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 0 | $4=100$ |
|  | January, 1987 | 73 | 19 | 54 | 16 | 5 | 11 | * | $11=100$ |
|  | July, 1986 | 85 | 32 | 53 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | $5=100$ |
|  | June, 1985 | 77 | 24 | 53 | 18 | 5 | 13 | * | $5=100$ |
| ASK FOR | RM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=750]$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d.F2 M | Military leaders | 65 | 17 | 48 | 23 | 7 | 16 | 0 | $12=100$ |

## QUESTION 8 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL:

Thinking again about Congress...
Q. 9 Are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic Party won control of Congress?

|  |  | Nov | ------------Republican Party------------ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dec | Nov | April | March | Dec |
|  |  | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2002}{ }^{4}$ | 1998 | 1995 | 1995 | 1994 |
| 54 | Нарру |  | 60 | 48 | 47 | 52 | 55 | 57 |
| 32 | Unhappy | 24 | 34 | 32 | 36 | 31 | 31 |
| 14 | Don't know/Refused | 16 | 18 | $\underline{21}$ | 12 | 14 | 12 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Q. 10 What do you think is the most important thing that the new Congress has done during its first few months? (RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER)

## 22 ISSUES (NET)

16 Ending the war/Bringing the troops home
2 Raising minimum wage
1 Health care
$4 \quad$ Other issues

4 Oversight/Accountability

4 Opposing Bush/Republicans
1 Creating problems

4 Other

16 Nothing/Not much
53 Don’t know/Refused

[^1]
## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:

Q.11F1Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as Speaker of the House?

|  |  | --- Newt Gingrich---- |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | April | March | Feb |
| 48 | Approve | $\underline{1995}$ | $\underline{1995}$ | $\frac{1995}{43}$ |
| 22 | Disapprove | 42 | 37 | 29 |
| $\underline{30}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{15}$ | $\underline{19}$ | $\underline{33}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N = 7 5 0 ] :}$

Q.12F2Do you approve or disapprove of the way Harry Reid is handling his job as Senate Majority Leader?

|  |  | --Bob |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dole-- |  |  |
|  |  | April | Feb |
| 32 | Approve | $\frac{1995}{59}$ | $\underline{1995}$ |
| 22 | Disapprove | 25 | 19 |
| $\underline{46}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{16}$ | $\underline{36}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  | 100 | 100 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 13 Generally, do you think Democratic leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

|  |  | Mid- <br> Jan <br> $\underline{2007}$ | Mid- | ------ Republicans ------ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Nov | Sept | April | Feb | Dec |
|  |  | $\underline{2006}$ | $1995{ }^{5}$ | $1995{ }^{6}$ | 1995 | 1994 |
| 54 | Successful |  | 57 | 59 | 54 | 63 | 61 | 62 |
| 32 | Unsuccessful |  | 25 | 22 | 31 | 28 | 20 | 24 |
| 4 | Mixed/get some passed (VOL.) | 5 | 6 | n/a | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 10 | Don't know/Refused | 13 | 13 | 15 | $\underline{6}$ | 14 | 4 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Q. 14 In dealing with Congress, do you think President Bush...[READ]

|  |  | Clinton and Republicans |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | March | Aug | April |
| 43 | Should go along with the Democrats more often? | $\frac{1996}{30}$ | $\frac{1995}{26}$ | $\frac{1995}{25}$ |
| 18 | Should challenge the Democrats more often? | 23 | 27 | 27 |
| 27 | Is handling the situation about right? | 41 | 38 | 41 |
| 3 | Neither (VOL. DO NOT READ) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) | $\underline{4}$ | $\frac{7}{1}$ | $\underline{5}$ |
|  |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^2]Q. 15 From what you have seen or heard about events in the new Congress, in general, do you think the Democrats are keeping the promises they made during the campaign, or not?

|  |  | --- Republicans --- |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | April | Newsweek |
| 40 | Yes, keeping promises | $\underline{1995}$ | $\underline{59}$ |
| 38 | No, not keeping 1995 |  |  |
| $\underline{22}$ | Don't know/Refused | 30 | 31 |
| 100 |  | $\underline{11}$ | $\underline{29}$ |
|  |  | 100 | 100 |

Q. 16 On balance, do you think the new Congress has accomplished more than you expected in its first 100 days, less than you expected, or about what you expected?

|  |  | April |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 5 | More than expected | $\frac{1995}{18}$ |
| 19 | Less than expected | 12 |
| 64 | About what was expected | 65 |
| $\frac{12}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{5}$ |
|  |  | 100 |

Q. 17 Do you think Congress is spending too much, too little, or the right amount of time conducting investigations of possible government wrongdoing?

| 31 | Too much |
| :--- | :--- |
| 35 | Too little |
| 25 | Right amount |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

Q. 18 How would you rate the job Congress has done so far in dealing with Iraq? [READ]

| 3 | Excellent |
| :---: | :--- |
| 19 | Good |
| 38 | Only fair |
| 35 | Poor |
| $\frac{5}{100}$ | Don’t know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |

Q. 19 How much influence, if any, do you think Congress should have over the direction of U.S. policy in Iraq? [READ]

| 38 | A lot |
| :---: | :--- |
| 40 | Some |
| 9 | Not much |
| 9 | None at all |
| $\frac{4}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ) |

Q. 20 Do you think Democratic leaders in Congress are going too far or not far enough in challenging George W. Bush's policies in Iraq, or are they handling this about right?

| 23 | Too far |
| :--- | :--- |
| 40 | Not far enough |
| 30 | About right |
| $\frac{7}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

## QUESTION 21 ALREADY RELEASED

## ASK ALL:

Thinking more generally about the political parties...
Q. 22 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 (INSERT ITEM;
RANDOMIZE)?


[^3]
## Q. 22 CONTINUED...

August, 1997
July, 1996
April, 1995
July, 1994

| Republican | (VOL.) |  | (VOL.) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Democratic | Both | (VOL.) | DK/ |
| Party | Party | equally | Neither | Ref |
| 28 | 33 | 5 | 26 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 37 | 2 | 18 | $5=100$ |
| 35 | 36 | 4 | 19 | $6=100$ |
| 32 | 35 | 6 | 21 | $6=100$ |
| 26 | 52 | 4 | 9 | $9=100$ |
| 28 | 48 | 4 | 10 | $10=100$ |
| 32 | 47 | 2 | 12 | $7=100$ |
| 32 | 48 | 4 | 9 | $7=100$ |
| 35 | 46 | 3 | 7 | $9=100$ |
| 34 | 40 | 7 | 8 | $11=100$ |
| 32 | 45 | 7 | 8 | $8=100$ |
| 38 | 40 | 4 | 11 | $7=100$ |
| 39 | 46 | 2 | 7 | $6=100$ |
| 51 | 34 | 4 | 7 | $4=100$ |
| 39 | 42 | 4 | 10 | $5=100$ |
| 30 | 49 | 2 | 10 | $9=100$ |
| 24 | 47 | 2 | 16 | $11=100$ |
| 27 | 31 | 13 | 18 | $11=100$ |
| 27 | 43 | 9 | 11 | $10=100$ |
| 28 | 37 | 14 | 11 | $10=100$ |
| 26 | 36 | 14 | 14 | $10=100$ |

d. Is more concerned with the needs of people like me
Early October, 2006

April, $2006{ }^{9}$
Early October, 2005
July, 2004
Early September, 1998
March, 1998
August, 1997
July, 1996
April, 1995
July, 1994
May, 1990
May, 1988
January, 1988

| 26 | 55 | 2 | 7 | $10=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 27 | 55 | 3 | 8 | $7=100$ |
| 28 | 52 | 3 | 10 | $7=100$ |
| 30 | 52 | 5 | 7 | $6=100$ |
| 30 | 50 | 5 | 8 | $7=100$ |
| 31 | 46 | 5 | 9 | $9=100$ |
| 30 | 51 | 4 | 8 | $7=100$ |
| 31 | 49 | 3 | 10 | $7=100$ |
| 35 | 50 | 2 | 7 | $6=100$ |
| 39 | 49 | 2 | 7 | $3=100$ |
| 35 | 49 | 4 | 8 | $4=100$ |
| 21 | 42 | 12 | 18 | $7=100$ |
| 23 | 51 | 8 | 11 | $7=100$ |
| 22 | 47 | 11 | 13 | $7=100$ |

e. Is more influenced by lobbyists and special interests

| 40 | 30 | 15 | 1 | $14=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 41 | 27 | 16 | 2 | $14=100$ |
| 45 | 28 | 14 | 2 | $11=100$ |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=753$ ]:
Q.23F1 In your view, does the [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] or the [NEXT ITEM] have better political leaders?

|  |  | Sept | April | Feb |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | 2006 |
| 29 | Republican Party | 38 | 38 | 41 |
| 44 | Democratic Party | 34 | 40 | 37 |
| 8 | Both equally (VOL.) | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | Neither (VOL.) | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| $\underline{12}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 12 | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{9}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=750$ ]:

Q.24F2 In your view, does the [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] or the [NEXT ITEM] have stronger political leaders?

|  |  | Sept <br> April | Ap06 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2006}$ |  |  |  |
| 36 | Republican Party | 43 | 53 |
| 41 | Democratic Party | 30 | 26 |
| 6 | Both equally (VOL.) | 7 | 4 |
| 5 | Neither (VOL.) | 5 | 8 |
| $\frac{12}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{15}$ | $\underline{9}$ |
| 100 | 100 |  |  |

## QUESTIONS 25 AND 26 ALREADY RELEASED

## NO QUESTIONS 27 THROUGH 34

ASK ALL:
Now a different kind of question...
Q. 35 If " 6 " represents someone who is very liberal in politics and "1" represents someone who is very conservative, where on this scale of 6 to 1 would you rate the following people and yourself? First, where would you place (INSERT ITEMS a AND b ROTATED FIRST; RANDOMIZE ITEMS c THRU f; ALWAYS ASK ITEM g "Yourself" LAST)? [IF ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW"/"NEVER HEARD OF" DO NOT PROBE.]

Based on Those Who Could Rate
a. George W. Bush

| -- Conservative -- |  |  | ---- Liberal ---- |  |  | Never heard of/ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{3}$ | 4 | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | DK/Refused | $(\mathbf{N})^{10}$ |
| 32 | 24 | 18 | 10 | 6 | $10=100$ | 9\% | (1373) |
| 28 | 27 | 18 | 10 | 8 | $9=100$ | 8\% |  |
| 26 | 24 | 20 | 13 | 7 | $9=100$ | 8\% |  |
| 28 | 28 | 16 | 10 | 8 | $10=100$ | 10\% |  |
| 13 | 26 | 30 | 14 | 10 | $7=100$ | 16\% |  |
| 15 | 24 | 27 | 15 | 10 | $9=100$ | 15\% |  |
| 6 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 24 | $31=100$ | 8\% | (1388) |
| 10 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 23 | 29=100 | 12\% |  |
| 7 | 4 | 18 | 27 | 20 | $24=100$ | 5\% |  |

Q. 35 CONTINUED...

|  |  | Based on Those Who Could Rate |  |  |  |  |  | Never heard of/ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{3}$ | 4 | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{6}$ | DK/Refused | (N) |
| c. | John McCain | 9 | 21 | 36 | 17 | 9 | $8=100$ | 21\% | (1228) |
|  | January, 2000 | 9 | 23 | 37 | 18 | 8 | $5=100$ | 39\% |  |
| d. | Rudy Giuliani | 10 | 16 | 37 | 20 | 9 | $8=100$ | 18\% | (1261) |
| e. | Newt Gingrich | 31 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 8 | $7=100$ | 25\% | (1162) |
| f. | Mitt Romney | 15 | 23 | 33 | 14 | 7 | $8=100$ | 54\% | (736) |
| g. | Yourself | 12 | 16 | 27 | 20 | 14 | $11=100$ | 6\% | (1407) |
|  | June, 2005 | 11 | 14 | 31 | 20 | 15 | $9=100$ | 7\% |  |
|  | Early September, 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\% |  |
|  | Newsweek: 1984 | 16 | 9 | 31 | 19 | 12 | $13=100$ | 6\% |  |

## QUESTIONS 36 THROUGH 44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## QUESTIONS 45 THROUGH 54 ALREADY RELEASED

## ASK ALL:

## ROTATE Q. 55 AND Q. 56

Q. 55 Do you think the American people give enough support to soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, or not?

51 Yes, the American people give enough support
44 No, the American people do not give enough support
$\frac{5}{10}$ Don't know/Refused
Q. 56 Do you think the U.S. government gives enough support to soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, or not?

21 Yes, the U.S. government gives enough support
72 No, the U.S. government does not give enough support
$\frac{7}{100}$ Don't know/Refused
Q. 57 How would you rate the job the government has been doing providing medical care to U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan? [READ]

| 4 | Excellent |
| :--- | :--- |
| 22 | Good |
| 33 | Only fair, OR |
| 32 | Poor |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ] |

Q. 58 How much, if anything, have you heard about problems with outpatient care for injured military personnel at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington D.C.? [READ]

| 41 | A lot |
| :--- | :--- |
| 34 | A little |
| 23 | Nothing at all |
| $\frac{2}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ] |

## IF HEARD IN Q. 58 (1 OR 2), ASK [ $\mathrm{N}=1245$ ]:

Q. 59 From what you've heard or read, who do you think is most to blame for these problems... [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

35 Officials at Walter Reed Hospital
10 Top military leaders
23 The Bush administration, OR
12 Congress
2 Other [VOL. DO NOT READ]
11 All/Multiple [VOL. DO NOT READ]
$\frac{7}{100}$ Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

## ASK ALL:

Q. 60 In general, do you think that the incidents at Walter Reed Army Hospital were unusual, or do you think they represent a common problem with the quality of care given to returning soldiers?

18 Incidents were unusual
57 Represent a common problem
25 Don’t know/Refused
100

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



[^0]:    2
    Includes "None of them/Don't Know/Refused" responses for first and second choice responses.

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[^1]:    4
    In December 2002, the question was worded: "In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Senate?" In November 1998, the question was worded: "Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. Congress? In April 1995 and before, the question was worded: "Generally, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Congress."

[^2]:    5 In September, 1995 the question asked "In general, would you say the Republican leaders in Congress have been successful or unsuccessful so far this year in getting their programs passed into law?"

    6 From April, 1995 to December, 1994 the question asked "Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?"

[^3]:    7 In April 2006 and earlier, the question was worded: "Which party do you think is better described by the phrase.... Able to manage the federal government well."

    8 In April 2006 and earlier, the question was worded: "Which party do you think is better described by the phrase... Governs in an honest and ethical way."

