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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]

	App-	Dis-	Don't		App-	Dis-	Don't
	rove	approve	know		rove	approve	<u>know</u>
April, 2007	35	57	8=100	November, 2003	50	40	10=100
March, 2007	33	58	9=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
Mid-January, 2007	33	59	8=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12 = 100
Early January, 2007	33	57	10=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10 = 100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10 = 100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	June, 2003	62	27	11 = 100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	April 10-16, 2003	72	22	6=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	April 9, 2003	74	20	6=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	April 2-7, 2003	69	25	6=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	March 28-April 1, 2003	71	23	6=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	March 25-27, 2003	70	24	6=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	March 20-24, 2003	67	26	7=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11 = 100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10 = 100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10 = 100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	December, 2002	61	28	11 = 100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12 = 100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11 = 100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11 = 100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	August, 2002	67	21	12 = 100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10 = 100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	July, 2002	67	21	12 = 100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	June, 2002	70	20	10 = 100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10 = 100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7 = 100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7 = 100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11 = 100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15 = 100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10 = 100	July, 2001	51	32	17 = 100
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	June, 2001	50	33	17 = 100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	May, 2001	53	32	15 = 100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	March, 2001	55	25	20 = 100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100				

More specifically...
Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]?
How about [NEXT ITEM]?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	DK/Ref
a.	The economy	38	52	10=100
	December, 2006	39	53	8=100
	August, 2006	33	59	8=100
	June, 2006	33	57	10=100
	March, 2006	34	57	9=100
	February, 2006	38	55	7=100
	December, 2005	38	55	7=100
	Late October, 2005	36	56	8=100
	Early September, 2005	33	60	7=100
	July, 2005	38	53	9=100
	Mid-May, 2005	35	57	8=100
	February, 2005	43	50	7=100
	January, 2005	45	50	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	38	55	7=100
	Early September, 2004	44	49	7=100
	August, 2004	42	52	6=100
	July, 2004	42	52	6=100
	June, 2004	43	50	7=100
	Early April, 2004	39	53	8=100
	Mid-January, 2004	47	47	6=100
	September, 2003	43	48	9=100
	February, 2003	43	48	9=100
	January, 2003	47	45	8=100
	Early October, 2002	49	40	11=100
	June, 2002	53	36	11=100
	January, 2002	60	28	12=100
	Early September, 2001	47	44	9=100
	February, 2001	50	22	28=100
b.	The situation in Iraq	30	63	7=100
	December, 2006	23	71	6=100
	August, 2006	32	61	7=100
	June, 2006	35	57	8=100
	March, 2006	30	65	5=100
	February, 2006	38	57	5=100
	December, 2005	36	58	6=100
	Late October, 2005	37	57	6=100
	Early September, 2005	34	58	8=100
	July, 2005	35	57	8=100
	Mid-May, 2005	37	56	7=100
	February, 2005	40	53	7=100
	January, 2005	45	50	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	37	56	7=100
	Early September, 2004	47	45	8=100
	August, 2004	43	52	5=100
	July, 2004	42	53	5=100 5=100
	June, 2004	42	51	7=100
	Late April, 2004	44	48	8=100
	Early April, 2004 Early April, 2004	40	53	7=100
	Daily Apill, 2004	40	55	7-100

Q.2 CONTINUED...

•		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Ref
	Mid-January, 2004	59	37	4=100
	September, 2003	52	40	8=100
	April 10-16, 2003 ¹	77	17	6=100
	April 8-9, 2003	71	23	6=100
	April 9, 2003	76	18	6=100
	April 8, 2003	65	28	7=100
	April 2-7, 2003	73	21	6=100
	March 28-April 1, 2003	69	26	5=100
	March 25-27, 2003	73	23	4=100
	March 23-24, 2003	72	22	6=100
	March 20-22, 2003	70	23	7=100
	February, 2003	56	37	7=100
	January, 2003	56	36	8=100
	Early October, 2002	56	34	10=100
c.	Terrorist threats	46	43	11=100
	December, 2006	48	44	8=100
	August, 2006	50	39	11=100
	June, 2006	47	41	12=100
	March, 2006	42	49	9=100
	February, 2006	53	40	7=100
	December, 2005	49	44	7=100
	Late October, 2005	52	40	8=100
	Early September, 2005	49	41	10=100
	July, 2005	49	40	11=100
	Mid-May, 2005	57	35	8=100
	February, 2005	59	34	7=100
	January, 2005	62	33	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11=100
	Early September, 2004	62	32	6=100
	August, 2004	58	37	5=100
	July, 2004	54	40	6=100
	June, 2004	56	35	9=100
	Late April, 2004	55	36	9=100
	Early April, 2004	53	38	9=100
	Gallup: December, 2003	65	33	2=100
	September, 2003	64	28	8=100
	February, 2003	67	25	8=100
	January, 2003	69	23	8=100
	Early October, 2002	71	22	7=100
	June, 2002	74	18	8=100
	Mid-September, 2001 ²	85	6	9=100
	Clinton: Early September, 1998	72	20	8=100

From March to April 2003 the item was worded: "... dealing with the war in Iraq?"

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

Q.2 CONTINUED...

Que continuedo		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	DK/Ref
d.	Education	38	45	17=100
	August, 2006	38	45	17=100
	February, 2006	43	45	12=100
	February, 2005	44	42	14=100
	Gallup: August, 2004	47	47	6=100
	Gallup: January, 2004	56	35	9=100
	Gallup: January, 2003	57	30	13=100
	June, 2002	56	31	13=100
	Gallup: March, 2001	65	22	13=100
	Bush, Sr: May, 1990	45	45	10=100
ASK F	FORM 1 ONLY [N=756]:			
e.F1	The nation's foreign policy	30	55	15=100
	December, 2006	30	59	11=100
	August, 2006	37	49	14=100
	June, 2006	37	51	12=100
	Late October, 2005	36	51	13=100
	July, 2005	36	49	15=100
	Mid-May, 2005	38	46	16=100
	February, 2005	43	46	11=100
	January, 2005	48	43	9=100
	Mid-October, 2004	37	49	14=100
	Early September, 2004	47	42	11=100
	August, 2004	42	49	9=100
	July, 2004	40	48	12=100
	Mid-January, 2004	53	36	11=100
	March, 2003	53	36	11=100
	Early April, 2002	69	20	11=100
	Gallup: October, 2001	81	14	5=100
	Early September, 2001	46	34	20=100
	August, 2001 ³	45	32	23=100
	Clinton: September, 1997	54	34	12=100
	Bush, Sr: May, 1990	58	30	12=100
f.F1	The federal budget deficit	22	60	18=100
	February, 2006	27	60	13=100
	February, 2005	41	46	13=100
	Gallup: December, 2003	32	60	8=100
	Gallup: August, 2003	39	55	6=100
	Gallup: January, 2003 ⁴	43	47	10=100
	Gallup: March, 2002	51	37	12=100
	Gallup: April, 2001	52	37	11=100
	Clinton: July, 1994	31	58	11=100
	Bush, Sr: May, 1990	22	64	14=100

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

⁴ Between April 2001 and January 2003 the Gallup item was worded "the federal budget."

Q.2 CONTINUED...

<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	DK/Ref
30	56	14=100
26	59	15=100
32	52	16=100
25	62	13=100
23	57	20=100
24	54	22=100
	30 26 32 25 23	30 56 26 59 32 52 25 62 23 57

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.3F1 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]

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
April, 2007	36	43	21 = 100
March, 2007 ⁶	37	42	21 = 100
February, 2007	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

NO QUESTIONS 4 THROUGH 7

⁵ In April 2006 the item was asked as a stand-alone question and not part of a list of items.

In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

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?

April, 2007 March, 2007 February, 2007 Mid-January, 2007 Early-January, 2007 December, 2006 Mid-November, 2006 Late October, 2006 Early October, 2006 Early September, 2006 July, 2006 June, 2006	26 27	Democrat 28 36 34 35 31 35 36 32 34 34 33 33 33	Independent 40 33 34 34 39 32 32 33 30 30 31 31	(VOL.) No Preference 5 3 4 3 4 5 4 5 3 4 4 4 4 4	(VOL.) Other Party * * * * * * 1 * *	DK/ Ref 2=100 3=100 3=100 4=100 3=100 3=100 3=100 3=100 3=100 3=100 2=100 2=100	Lean Rep 13 12 10 12 12 11 9 10 12 10 12 11 11	Lean <u>Dem</u> 17 16 18 18 18 17 18 16 15 14 14 16
April, 2006	29	32	30	5	*	4=100	10	14
Early April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100	11	15
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100	11	16
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	•	3=100	10	15
Yearly Totals								
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9=100	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8 = 100	10.2	14.9
2004	29.5	33.1	30.0	4.0	.4	3.0=100	11.8	13.6
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5=100	12.1	13.0
2002 2001	30.3 29.2	31.2 33.6	30.1 28.9	5.1 5.1	.7 .5	2.7=100 2.7=100	12.6 11.7	11.6 11.4
2001	30.9	33.0 31.8	28.9 27.9	5.2	.5 .6	3.6=100	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1 = 100	11.7	12.5
2000 The Sept 11	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0=100	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9=100	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4 = 100	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3 = 100	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2 = 100			12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4 = 100			14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6=100			14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8=100			11.8	14.7
	Republican	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No Preference Other/DK	e/		Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9=100			13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5=100			14.6	10.8
1990 1989	31.0 33	33.1 33	29.1 34=100	6.8=100			12.4	11.3
1989 1987	33 26	33 35	34=100 39=100					
1701	20	33	37-100					

IF ANSWERED 1 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Republican or NOT a strong Republican?

		Not Strong/
	Strong	Don't Know
April, 2007	14	11=25%
January, 2007	12	11=23%
Mid-November, 2006	14	11=25%
Late-October, 2006	14	12=26%
Early-October, 2006	15	12=27%
September, 2006	17	13=30%
December, 2005	16	13=29%
December, 2004	18	13=31%
July, 2004	17	12=29%
August, 2003	14	13=27%
September, 2000	14	13=27%
Late-September, 1999	10	14=24%
August, 1999	11	14=25%
November, 1997	11	14=25%
October, 1995	11	19=30%
April, 1995	15	15=30%
October, 1994	16	15=31%
July, 1994	13	16=29%
June, 1992	11	17=28%
May, 1990	13	15=28%
February, 1989	15	16=31%
May, 1988	13	15=28%
January, 1988	12	15=27%
May, 1987	11	14=25%

IF ANSWERED 2 IN PARTY, ASK:

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG Democrat or NOT a strong Democrat?

		Not Strong/
	Strong	Don't Know
April, 2007	15	13=28%
January, 2007	17	14=31%
Mid-November, 2006	22	14=36%
Late-October, 2006	18	14=32%
Early-October, 2006	19	15=34%
September, 2006	18	16=34%
December, 2005	20	14=34%
December, 2004	19	15=34%
July, 2004	20	13=33%
August, 2003	15	16=31%
September, 2000	19	15=34%
Late-September, 1999	15	16=31%
August, 1999	15	18=33%
November, 1997	14	18=32%
October, 1995	14	16=30%
April, 1995	14	15=29%
October, 1994	18	14=32%
July, 1994	15	18=33%
June, 1992	14	18=32%

PARTYSTR CONTINUED...

		Not Strong/
	Strong	Don't Know
May, 1990	16	17=33%
February, 1989	17	21=38%
May, 1988	19	19=38%
January, 1988	19	20=39%
May, 1987	18	19=37%

ASK ALL:

Q.8 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008? **[READ]**

		March	Feb	Dec
		2007	2007	<u>2006</u>
26	A lot	24	24	23
34	Some	36	34	36
21	Not much	20	22	20
17	None at all	18	18	20
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL DO NOT READ) 2	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) ONLY:

Q.9 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.9) ASK:

Q.9a And who would be your SECOND choice? [READ REMAINING NAMES IF NECESSARY]

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=574]:

				Ma	rch 20	007
Chc	oice			Cha	oice	
1^{st}	2^{nd}	<u>Total</u>		1^{st}	2^{nd}	<u>Total</u>
34	24	58	Hillary Clinton	35	24	59
24	22	46	Barack Obama	26	20	46
18	15	33	John Edwards	16	13	29
14	16	30	Al Gore	12	17	29
1	2	3	Joe Biden	1	2	3
1	1	2	Dennis Kucinich	*	1	1
1	4	5	Bill Richardson	1	2	3
*	1	1	Chris Dodd	*	1	1
*	0		Other (VOL. DO NOT READ) [SPECIFY]	0	*	
5	2		None of them (VOL. DO NOT READ)	3	5	
2	6		Don't know/Haven't thought about it (VOL. DO NOT READ)	5	5	
*	*		Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	1	1	
<u>n/a</u>	<u>7</u>		No first choice	n/a	<u>9</u>	
100	100			100	100	

ASK OF REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) ONLY:

Q.10 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.10) ASK:

Q.10a And who would be your SECOND choice? [READ REMAINING NAMES IF NECESSARY]

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=530]:

				Ma	rch 20	07
Che	oice			Chc	oice	
1^{st}	2^{nd}	<u>Total</u>		1^{st}	2^{nd}	Total
32	21	53	Rudy Giuliani	33	18	51
23	21	44	John McCain	22	17	39
10	7	17	Fred Thompson	n/a	n/a	n/a
9	10	19	Newt Gingrich	8	11	19
8	11	19	Mitt Romney	7	8	15
3	1	4	Mike Huckabee	2	3	5
2	3	5	Tommy Thompson	3	3	6
*	1	1	Sam Brownback	2	1	3
1	1	2	Duncan Hunter	1	2	3
*	1	1	Jim Gilmore	3	1	4
1	1		Other (VOL. DO NOT READ) [SPECIFY]	2	1	
3	4		None of them (VOL. DO NOT READ)	5	7	
8	7		Don't know/Haven't thought about it (VOL. DO NOT READ)	12	10	
*	*		Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	*	1	
<u>n/a</u>	<u>11</u>		No first choice	<u>n/a</u>	<u>17</u>	
100	100			100	100	

ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) ONLY:

Q.11 In choosing between the candidates for the Democratic nomination in 2008, what one issue will be most important to you? [OPEN END; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES; PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL]

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=574]:

38	Iraq/The war
16	Economy/Jobs
	•
13	Health care
12	Education
8	Foreign policy
5	Terrorism/Security
3	Immigration
2	Environment
2	Gas/Oil/Energy
2	Social Security
1	Abortion
1	Honesty/Integrity
1	Direction of the country
1	Moral values
9	Other
9	DK/Nothing/Everything

Q.12 [READ FOR 1ST ITEM ONLY: Regardless of who you may support for the Democratic nomination in 2008], who do you think [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? [RANDOMIZE NAMES FOR EACH RESPONDENT, BUT KEEP SAME ORDER ACROSS ITEMS: Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards or Al Gore?]

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=574]:

		Hillary	Barack	John	Al	(VOL.) All/	(VOL.) Other/	DK/
a.	Would be the strongest leader	Clinton 37	Obama 20	Edwards 12	<u>Gore</u> 19	multiple 2	none 1	<u>Ref</u> 9=100
b.	Has the best experience to be preside	nt 39	5	7	39	1	2	7=100
c.	Is the most inspiring	32	34	10	13	2	2	7=100
d.	Has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008	d 32	17	16	16	3	2	14=100
e.	Is most likely to make the changes th country needs	e 37	22	11	15	3	3	9=100
	TEM f. APRIL 19-22 ONLY [N=475]]:						
f.	Comes closest to YOUR views on abortion	26	6	5	4	2	6	51=100

ASK OF REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) ONLY:

Q.13 In choosing between the candidates for the Republican nomination in 2008, what one issue will be most important to you? [OPEN END; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES; PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL]

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=530]:

31 Iraq/The war Terrorism/Security 17 12 Economy/Jobs 12 **Immigration** 8 Foreign policy 7 Abortion 5 Education 4 Taxes 3 Health care 2 Honesty/Integrity 1 Social Security 1 Gas/Oil/Energy Gay marriage/Rights 1 Moral values 1 8 Other

DK/Nothing/Everything

Q.14 [READ FOR 1ST ITEM ONLY: Regardless of who you may support for the Republican nomination in 2008], who do you think [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? [RANDOMIZE NAMES FOR EACH RESPONDENT, BUT KEEP SAME ORDER ACROSS ITEMS: Rudy Giuliani [pronounced: John McCain, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich or Fred Thompson?]

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=530]:

	_	Rudy Giuliani	John McCain	Mitt Romney		Fred Thompson	(VOL.) All/ multiple	(VOL.) Other/ none	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
a.	Would be the strongest leader	37	26	7	12	7	1	1	9=100
b.	Has the best experience to be president	28	32	5	17	4	1	4	9=100
c.	Is the most inspiring	44	20	4	10	7	1	4	10=100
d.	Has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008	44	21	5	5	6	*	4	15=100
e.	Is most likely to make the changes the country needs	31	22	7	11	7	1	6	15=100
ASK IT	ΓΕΜ f. APRIL 19-22 ONLY [N	_							
f.	Comes closest to YOUR views on abortion	s 11	15	6	9	6	1	3	49=100

Q.15 Thinking about Iraq, would you prefer a Republican candidate who will continue George W. Bush's policies in Iraq, or would you prefer a Republican candidate who will take a different approach to the situation in Iraq?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=530]:

- 38 Continue Bush's policies
- Take a different approach
- 8 Don't know/Refused

100

ASK ALL:

Q.16 How would you describe the presidential election campaign so far – is it interesting to you, or would you say it is dull?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1258]:

		Mid-Oct	Early Sep	t June	June	July
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u> 1996</u>
35	Interesting	66	50	35	31	21
52	Dull	28	42	56	63	73
6	Neither (VOL.)	51	6	4	4	3
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Ref (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

Q.17 And do you think the presidential election is too long, or not too long?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1258]:

		Mid-Oct	Early Sept	June	Mid-March
		2004	2004	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>
63	Too long OR	51	53	53	53
30	Not too long	43	42	42	43
3	Neither applies (VOL.)	3	2	2	1
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Ref (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	3
100		100	100	100	100

NO QUESTIONS 18 AND 19

QUESTIONS 20 THROUGH 23 ALREADY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.24 The Congress is now debating future funding for the war in Iraq. Would you like to see your Congressional representative vote FOR or AGAINST a bill that calls for a withdrawal of troops from Iraq to be completed by August of 2008?

IF 'VOTE FOR' (1 IN Q.24) ASK:

Q.25 As you may know, President Bush has said he will veto any Iraq funding bill that includes a timeline for troop withdrawal. Would you like to see Democratic leaders work with Bush toward a compromise, or should they insist on a timeline for troop withdrawal?

IF 'VOTE AGAINST' (2 IN Q.24) ASK:

Q.26 As you may know, President Bush has said he will veto any Iraq funding bill that includes a timeline for troop withdrawal. Would you like to see President Bush work with Democratic leaders toward a compromise, or should Bush insist on NO timeline for troop withdrawal?

BASED	ON TOTAL:	March
		<u>2007</u>
59	Vote for	59
	25 Work with Bush	
	32 Insist on a timeline	
	2 Don't know/Refused	
33	Vote against	33
	14 Work with Democratic leaders	
	18 Insist on NO timeline	
	1 Don't know/Refused	
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.27 How much, if anything, have you heard about the firing of eight federal prosecutors and questions about how Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and the White House handled the firings - have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	-	March
		<u>2007</u>
33	A lot	33
44	A little	43
22	Nothing at all	22
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>
100		$1\overline{0}0$

Q.28 Do you think Attorney General Alberto Gonzales should resign or otherwise lose his job over the issue of the firings, or not?

		March	<i>Newsweek</i> March
		<u>21-25, 2007</u>	14-15, 2007
34	Yes, should	30	35
24	No, should not	31	32
<u>42</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>39</u>	<u>33</u>
100		100	100

- Q.29 Do you think Congress is spending too much, too little, or the right amount of time conducting investigations of possible government wrongdoing in the Gonzales case?
 - 34 Too much
 - 17 Too little
 - 23 Right amount
 - 26 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

100

Now a different kind of question...

Q.30 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? First, where would you place (INSERT ITEMS a AND b ROTATED FIRST; RANDOMIZE ITEMS c THRU g; ALWAYS ASK ITEM h "Yourself" LAST)? [IF ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW"/"NEVER HEARD OF" DO NOT PROBE.]

Based on Those Who Could Rate

		Co	nservat	ive	Liberal		Never heard of/		
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	DK/Refused	$(\mathbf{N})^7$
a.	George W. Bush	32	26	16	10	8	8=100	9%	(1379)
	March, 2007	32	24	18	10	6	10=100	9%	
	Early September, 2004	28	27	18	10	8	9=100	8%	
	Mid-March, 2004	26	24	20	13	7	9=100	8%	
	Mid-January, 2004	28	28	16	10	8	10=100	10%	
	January, 2000	13	26	30	14	10	7=100	16%	
	May, 1999	15	24	27	15	10	9=100	15%	

Numbers listed are the number of respondents who could rate each candidate or themselves and on which all percentages are based, except for the percentage of "Never heard of/Don't know/Refused" which is based on total.

Q.30 CONTINUED...

			B_{ϵ}	ased or	on Those Who Could Rate					
		Co	nservat	ive			- Libe	eral	Never heard of	-/
		<u>1</u> 9	<u>2</u> 4	<u>3</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	DK/Refused	<u>(N)</u>
b.	Bill Clinton	9		14		19	25	29 = 100	9%	(1376)
	March, 2007	6	5	16		18	24	31 = 100	8%	
	January, 2000	10	6	14		18	23	29 = 100	12%	
	September, 1996	7	4	18		27	20	24=100	5%	
c.	Nancy Pelosi	7	9	15		20	18	31=100	33%	(1060)
d.	Hillary Clinton	9	6	13		18	22	32=100	8%	(1382)
	January, 2004	10	6	12		16	21	35=100	15%	
e.	Barack Obama	5	6	20		30	23	16=100	31%	(1065)
f.	Al Gore	8	9	15		19	22	27=100	13%	(1331)
	January, 2000	10	7	23		22	22	16=100	16%	
	May, 1999	11	8	17		19	22	23=100	13%	
g.	John Edwards	5	7	22		29	23	14=100	24%	(1163)
	January, 2004	6	10	26		30	16	12=100	56%	
h. Y	ourself	14	14	28		20	13	11=100	7%	(1418)
	March, 2007	12	16	27		20	14	11 = 100	6%	
	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 31 THROUGH 44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Turning to the subject of Iraq ...

Q.45 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	Right	Wrong	
	decision	decision	DK/ Ref
April, 2007	45	47	8=100
March, 2007	43	49	8=100
February, 2007	40	54	6=100
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9=100
Early January, 2007	40	53	7=100
December, 2006	42	51	7=100
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8=100
Late October, 2006	43	47	10=100
Early October, 2006	45	47	8=100

Q.45 CONTINUED...

	Right	Wrong	
	decision	decision	DK/ Ref
Early September, 2006	49	43	8=100
August, 2006	45	46	9=100
July, 2006	44	50	6=100
June, 2006	49	44	7=100
April, 2006	47	46	7=100
March, 2006	45	49	6=100
February, 2006	51	44	5=100
January, 2006	45	47	8=100
December, 2005	47	48	5=100
Late October, 2005	48	45	7=100
Early 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
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
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6=100
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

Q.46 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]

	Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	
	<u>well</u>	well	<u>well</u>	well	DK/ Ref
April, 2007	7	31	34	25	3=100
March, 2007	10	30	32	24	4=100
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3=100
Mid-January, 2007	7	28	32	30	3=100
December, 2006	4	28	37	27	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	6	26	34	30	4=100
Late October, 2006	5	30	34	25	6=100
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5=100
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5=100
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4=100
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4=100
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early 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
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.47 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	Bring troops	
	<u>in Iraq</u>	<u>home</u>	DK/ Ref
April, 2007	41	53	6=100
March, 2007	43	52	5=100
February, 2007	42	53	5=100
Mid-January, 2007	46	48	6=100
Early January, 2007	41	53	6=100
December, 2006	44	50	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	46	48	6=100
Late October, 2006	46	47	7=100
Early October, 2006	47	47	6=100
Early September, 2006	47	47	6=100
August, 2006	48	46	6=100
June, 2006	50	45	5=100
April, 2006	48	48	4=100
March, 2006	44	50	6=100
February, 2006	50	46	4 = 100
January, 2006	48	48	4=100
December, 2005	49	46	5=100
Early 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 ⁸	51	42	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

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?"

IF "KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ" (1 IN Q.47) ASK:

Q.48 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?

	_			Mid-		Mid-			Early			Early		
		March	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Aug	April	Oct	July	June	Jan	Oct	Sept
		2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2004	2004	2003	<u>2003</u>
17	More troops needed	21	21	25	17	17	15	13	13	16	18	29	32	34
15	Have enough there to do the job	15	14	14	20	20	24	27	26	27	23	26	21	25
0	Reduce number of troops (VOL	.) *	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	9	9	8	8	9	10	8	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
41%		43%	42%	46%	44%	46%	48%	48%	47%	52%	51%	63%	58%	64%

IF "BRING TROOPS HOME" (2 IN Q.47) ASK:

Q.49 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

				Mid-		Mid-				
		March	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Aug	April	Jan	Dec
		2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005
17	Remove all troops immediately	18	16	16	18	16	15	18	14	17
34	Gradual withdrawal over the next yr or two	33	35	30	32	31	30	29	32	28
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
53%	Ó	52%	53%	48%	50%	48%	46%	48%	48%	46%

ASK ALL:

Q.50 Do you think the war in Iraq has helped the war on terrorism, or has it hurt the war on terrorism?

			(VOL)	DK/
	Helped	<u>Hurt</u>	No effect	<u>Ref</u>
April, 2007	38	44	7	11=100
February, 2007	40	47	5	8=100
Mid-November, 2006	37	48	5	10=100
Late October, 2006	36	46	6	12=100
Early October, 2006	38	47	5	10=100
Early September, 2006	41	45	5	9=100
June, 2006	44	40	6	10=100
March, 2006	38	44	8	10=100
January, 2006	44	38	8	10=100
Late October, 2005	44	44	6	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	43	43	6	8=100
July, 2005	39	47	7	7=100
February, 2005	44	41	7	8=100
Mid-October, 2004	45	40	6	9=100
Early September, 2004	46	40	6	8=100
August, 2004	45	44	4	7=100
July, 2004	43	45	5	7=100
June, 2004	43	44	4	9=100
Mid-March, 2004	50	37	5	8=100
Late February, 2004	62	28	3	7=100
Early February, 2004	55	32	7	6=100
December, 2003	59	26	6	9=100
September, 2003	54	31	7	8=100
May, 2003	65	22	6	7=100

	Should	Should	(VOL)	
	set a	not set	Should	DK/
	<u>timetable</u>	<u>timetable</u>	get out now	Refused
April, 2007	56	38	1	5=100
March, 2007	55	38	1	6=100
Mid-January, 2007	59	35	1	5=100
December, 2006	58	34	2	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	56	36	1	7=100
Late October, 2006	54	37	2	7=100
Early October, 2006	53	39	2	6=100
Early September, 2006	47	45	1	7=100
August, 2006	52	41	1	6=100
June, 2006	52	42	2	4=100
April, 2006	53	40	2	5=100
March, 2006	55	39	1	5=100
January, 2006	50	42	2	6=100
December, 2005	56	38	1	5=100
Early October, 2005	52	43	1	4=100
Mid-September, 2005	57	37	1	5=100
July, 2005	49	45	*	6=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.52F1 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in establishing a stable democratic government in Iraq?

			Mid-								Late	
		Feb	Nov	Sept	Aug	June	March	Feb	Jan	Dec	Oct	July
		2007	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>						
6	Definitely succeed	7	7	9	12	15	10	16	14	16	12	17
36	Probably succeed	37	39	43	35	40	39	39	42	41	44	43
37	Probably fail	35	31	29	30	29	33	28	26	28	29	25
14	Definitely fail	12	13	10	11	9	10	11	8	9	8	8
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.53F2 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?

			M1a-		
		Feb	Nov	Sept	Aug
		<u>2007</u>	2006	2006	2006
9	Definitely succeed	7	12	13	14
36	Probably succeed	40	41	44	40
30	Probably fail	34	28	26	28
16	Definitely fail	12	13	9	12
9	Don't know/Refused	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.54 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about George W. Bush's decision earlier this year to send more U.S. troops to Iraq? [READ]

		March	Feb	Jan
		2007	2007^{9}	2007
51	A lot	52	42	43
42	A little	38	47	43
6	Nothing at all	9	10	13
<u>1</u>	DK/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.55 So far, do you think the troop increase is making things better in Iraq, is making things worse, or not having any effect?

		March
		<u>2007</u>
24	Is making things in Iraq better	27
20	Is making things in Iraq worse	19
46	Not having any effect	44
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>10</u>
100		100

Q.56 Looking ahead, do you think the troop increase will make things better in the long run, will make things worse, or not have any effect in the long run?

	2007
	<u>2007</u>
Will make things in Iraq better	36
Will make things in Iraq worse	22
Not have any effect	33
8 Don't know/Refused (VOL)	9
100	100

Q.57 A number of suggestions have been made about how the U.S. might change its policies in Iraq. As I read a few, tell me if you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	DK/Ref
a.	Starting talks with Iran and Syria to encourage			
	their cooperation in the Iraq effort	66	25	9=100
	December, 2006	69	22	9=100
b.	Trying harder to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict	59	30	11=100
	December, 2006	59	31	10=100
c.	Shifting the primary mission of U.S. troops from			
	fighting insurgents to supporting the Iraqi Army	55	29	16=100
	December, 2006	62	25	13=100
d.	Ending our support of the Iraqi government if			
	they fail to make substantial progress	52	36	12=100
	December, 2006	52	38	10=100

In January and February 2007, the question was worded: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about George W. Bush's plan that will send an additional 21,000 U.S. troops to Iraq?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=756]:

O.58F1 If the U.S. withdraws its troops from Iraq while the country remains unstable, would it make a terrorist attack in the United States more likely, less likely, or not make a difference?

- 45 More likely
- 7 Less likely
- 43 Not make a difference
- <u>5</u> 100 Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.59F2 If U.S. troops remain in Iraq for many years, would it make a terrorist attack in the U.S. more likely, less likely, or not make a difference?

- 41 More likely
- Less likely 18
- 34 Not make a difference
- Don't know/Refused 7

100

NO QUESTIONS 60 OR 61

ASK ALL:

Q.62 Do you personally know someone who has served in the current military effort in Iraq or Afghanistan, or

IF 'YES' (1 IN Q.62), ASK:

How close would you say you are to this person? Would you say you are...(READ) [IF VOL: "Know 0.63 more than one person" **PROMPT**: Thinking about the person you are closest to... How close would you say you are?"]

BASED ON TOTAL:

- Yes
 - 27 Very close
 - 25 Somewhat close, OR
 - 10 Don't you know this person all that well?
 - Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
- 37 No
- 1 Don't know/Refused

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IF 'VERY CLOSE' (1 IN Q.63) [N=388]:

Is that a close friend or a close family member? Q.64

- 28 Friend
- 60 Family member
- Other (VOL.) 1
- Both (VOL.) 11
- Don't know/Refused 0

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