## PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS NOVEMBER 2007 CAUCUS \& PRIMARY SCENE-SETTER SURVEY NATIONAL TOPLINE- BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC <br> November 20-26, 2007 $\mathrm{N}=1,399$

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- <br> rove | Disapprove | Don't <br> know |  | Approve | Disapprove | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November, 2007 | 30 | 59 | $11=100$ | June, 2004 | 48 | 43 | $9=100$ |
| October, 2007 | 30 | 63 | $7=100$ | May, 2004 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ |
| September, 2007 | 31 | 59 | $10=100$ | Late April, 2004 | 48 | 43 | $9=100$ |
| August, 2007 | 31 | 59 | $10=100$ | Early April, 2004 | 43 | 47 | $10=100$ |
| July, 2007 | 29 | 61 | $10=100$ | Late March, 2004 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ |
| June, 2007 | 29 | 61 | $10=100$ | Mid-March, 2004 | 46 | 47 | $7=100$ |
| April, 2007 | 35 | 57 | $8=100$ | February, 2004 | 48 | 44 | $8=100$ |
| March, 2007 | 33 | 58 | $9=100$ | Mid-January, 2004 | 56 | 34 | $10=100$ |
| February, 2007 | 33 | 56 | $11=100$ | Early January, 2004 | 58 | 35 | $7=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 33 | 59 | $8=100$ | December, 2003 | 57 | 34 | $9=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 33 | 57 | $10=100$ | November, 2003 | 50 | 40 | $10=100$ |
| December, 2006 | 32 | 57 | $11=100$ | October, 2003 | 50 | 42 | $8=100$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 32 | 58 | $10=100$ | September, 2003 | 55 | 36 | $9=100$ |
| Early October, 2006 | 37 | 53 | $10=100$ | Mid-August, 2003 | 56 | 32 | $12=100$ |
| September, 2006 | 37 | 53 | $10=100$ | Early August, 2003 | 53 | 37 | $10=100$ |
| August, 2006 | 37 | 54 | $9=100$ | Mid-July, 2003 | 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| July, 2006 | 36 | 57 | $7=100$ | Early July, 2003 | 60 | 29 | $11=100$ |
| June, 2006 | 36 | 54 | $10=100$ | June, 2003 | 62 | 27 | $11=100$ |
| April, 2006 | 33 | 56 | $11=100$ | May, 2003 | 65 | 27 | $8=100$ |
| Early April, 2006 | 35 | 55 | $10=100$ | April 10-16, 2003 | 72 | 22 | $6=100$ |
| March, 2006 | 33 | 57 | $10=100$ | April 9, 2003 | 74 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| February, 2006 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | April 2-7, 2003 | 69 | 25 | $6=100$ |
| January, 2006 | 38 | 54 | $8=100$ | March 28-April 1, 2003 | 71 | 23 | $6=100$ |
| December, 2005 | 38 | 54 | $8=100$ | March 25-27, 2003 | 70 | 24 | $6=100$ |
| Early November, 2005 | 36 | 55 | $9=100$ | March 20-24, 2003 | 67 | 26 | $7=100$ |
| Late October, 2005 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | March 13-16, 2003 | 55 | 34 | $11=100$ |
| Early October, 2005 | 38 | 56 | $6=100$ | February, 2003 | 54 | 36 | $10=100$ |
| September 8-11, 2005 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | January, 2003 | 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| September 6-7, 2005 | 40 | 52 | $8=100$ | December, 2002 | 61 | 28 | $11=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ | Late October, 2002 | 59 | 29 | $12=100$ |
| June, 2005 | 42 | 49 | $9=100$ | Early October, 2002 | 61 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| Late May, 2005 | 42 | 48 | $10=100$ | Mid-September, 2002 | 67 | 22 | $11=100$ |
| Mid-May, 2005 | 43 | 50 | $7=100$ | Early September, 2002 | 63 | 26 | $11=100$ |
| Late March, 2005 | 49 | 46 | $5=100$ | Late August, 2002 | 60 | 27 | $13=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2005 | 45 | 46 | $9=100$ | August, 2002 | 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| February, 2005 | 46 | 47 | $7=100$ | Late July, 2002 | 65 | 25 | $10=100$ |
| January, 2005 | 50 | 43 | $7=100$ | July, 2002 | 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| December, 2004 | 48 | 44 | $8=100$ | June, 2002 | 70 | 20 | $10=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ | April, 2002 | 69 | 18 | $13=100$ |
| August, 2004 | 46 | 45 | $9=100$ | Early April, 2002 | 74 | 16 | $10=100$ |
| July, 2004 | 46 | 46 | $8=100$ | February, 2002 | 78 | 13 | $9=100$ |

## Q. 1 CONTINUED....

|  | App- <br> rove | Dis- <br> approve | Don't <br> know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2002 | 80 | 11 |  |

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N = 7 2 4 ] :}$

R.1F1 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]

November, 2007
October, 2007
July, 2007
June, 2007
April, 2007
March, $2007^{1}$
February, 2007
Mid-January, 2007
Early October, 2006
June, 2006
March, 2006
January, 2006
Early November, 2005
Early October, 2005
Mid-September, 2005
Mid-May, 2005
Mid-March, 2005
Early February, 2004
June, 2002
May, 2002
February, 2002
Early September, 2001
June, 2001

| Approve | Disapprove | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35 | 50 | 15=100 |
| 31 | 54 | $15=100$ |
| 33 | 54 | $13=100$ |
| 34 | 49 | $17=100$ |
| 36 | 43 | $21=100$ |
| 37 | 42 | $21=100$ |
| 41 | 36 | $23=100$ |
| 39 | 34 | $27=100$ |
| 35 | 53 | $12=100$ |
| 32 | 50 | $18=100$ |
| 34 | 46 | $20=100$ |
| 34 | 48 | $18=100$ |
| 36 | 44 | $20=100$ |
| 32 | 48 | $20=100$ |
| 36 | 45 | $19=100$ |
| 39 | 41 | $20=100$ |
| 37 | 44 | $19=100$ |
| 38 | 42 | $20=100$ |
| 47 | 36 | $17=100$ |
| 42 | 37 | $21=100$ |
| 49 | 30 | $21=100$ |
| 49 | 30 | $21=100$ |
| 50 | 28 | $22=100$ |

[^0]R.2F2 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY - DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION]

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept Jan } \\ & 20072007 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Mid- |  |  |  | Mid- |  |  | Mar May Feb |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | May |  |  | July | Jan |  | Feb |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2006 | 2005 |  | 2005 | 2004 | $\underline{2004}$ | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 |  | 2001 |
| 32 | War/War in Iraq |  |  | 37 | 42 | 25 | 23 | 24 | 32 | 25 | 16 | 14 | 34 | $10^{\text {4 }}$ | -- | -- |
| 14 | Economy (general) |  |  | 10 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 28 | 21 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| 7 | Health care/costs | 7 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| 7 | Energy Costs/Rising gas/heating prices | 2 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 6 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 22 | 4 |
| 6 | Immigration | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | Dissatisfaction with govt/politics | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 4 | Unemployment/Lack of jobs | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 4 | Terrorism | 6 | 5 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 24 | 1 | -- |
| 3 | Deficit/National debt/Balanced budget | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | U.S. foreign policy/International affairs | 1 | -- | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | Social Security | 1 | -- | -- | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | Education | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 11 |
| 2 | Inflation/Difference in Wages/Costs | 1 | -- | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | Defense issues/Military spending/ National \& homeland security | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Oil dependence/Energy policy and alternatives | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | Morality/Ethics/Family values | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 12 |
| 2 | Poverty/Hunger/Starvation | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | Taxes (general) | 1 | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 1 | Environment/pollution/Global warming | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | Crime/Gangs/Justice system | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 1 | Youth | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 1 | Abortion | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | Middle East | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- |
| 1 | Drugs/Alcohol | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| 1 | Uneven distribution of wealth | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | None | -- | -- | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 2 |
| 6 | Don't know/No answer | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| 40 | (NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | INTERNATIONAL | 48 | 50 | 47 | 37 | 36 | 49 | 41 | 37 | 29 | 54 | 39 | 3 | 5 |
| 31 | (NET) ECONOMIC | 20 | 15 | 23 | 26 | 31 | 24 | 26 | 35 | 41 | 29 | 16 | 40 | 26 |

- War in Afghanistan in March 2002


## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=675]:

And a different kind of question...
R.3F2 What one word best describes your impression of the situation in Iraq these days? Just the first word or thought that comes to mind? (OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE).*

|  |  | ( $\mathrm{N}=760$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N}=695$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sept | March |
|  |  | $\underline{2007}$ | $\underline{2006}$ |
| 29 | Improving/Improved | 8 | 12 |
| 26 | Terrible | 31 | 22 |
| 24 | Bad | 34 | 39 |
| 21 | Mess | 41 | 37 |
| 18 | Disaster | 19 | 15 |
| 17 | Hopeless | 16 | 10 |
| 14 | Horrible | 26 | 15 |
| 13 | Better | 4 | 8 |
| 13 | Chaos | 12 | 29 |
| 12 | Sad | 31 | 18 |
| 11 | Ridiculous | 5 | 1 |
| 9 | Quagmire | 6 | 4 |
| 8 | Awful | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | Confusing | 10 | 8 |
| 8 | Difficult | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | Poor | 3 | 6 |
| 8 | Tragedy/Tragic | 9 | 5 |
| 8 | Unnecessary | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | No good/Not good | 8 | 6 |
| 7 | Disappointing | 10 | 2 |
| 7 | Good | 4 | 7 |
| 7 | Long/Lengthy | 6 | 1 |
| 7 | Mistake | 4 | 0 |
| 7 | Shouldn't be there | 6 | 2 |
| 6 | Hopeful | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | Horrific | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | Bring troops home | 9 | 6 |
| 5 | Depressing | 6 | 2 |
| 5 | Progress | 5 | 3 |
| 5 | Troubled | 2 | 4 |
| 4 | Deplorable | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | Frustrating | 6 | 5 |
| 4 | Killing | 5 | 5 |
| 4 | Pathetic | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | Scary | 5 | 4 |
| 4 | Senseless | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | Unstable | 4 | 7 |
| 4 | Useless | 5 | 0 |
| 4 | Waste | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | Winning | 3 | 0 |

* The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.


## QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

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?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No <br> Preference | (VOL.) Other Party | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DK/ } \\ & \text { Ref } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lean } \\ \text { Rep } \end{gathered}$ | Lean <br> Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November, 2007 | 28 | 33 | 32 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ | 9 | 16 |
| October, 2007 | 25 | 37 | 33 | 3 | * | $2=100$ | 11 | 17 |
| September, 2007 | 27 | 32 | 32 | 6 | * | $3=100$ | 8 | 16 |
| August, 2007 | 26 | 32 | 32 | 5 | 1 | $4=100$ | 10 | 16 |
| July, 2007 | 27 | 32 | 34 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 11 | 17 |
| June, 2007 | 25 | 34 | 32 | 6 | * | $3=100$ | 10 | 17 |
| April, 2007 | 25 | 28 | 40 | 5 | * | $2=100$ | 13 | 17 |
| March, 2007 | 25 | 36 | 33 | 3 | * | $3=100$ | 12 | 16 |
| February, 2007 | 25 | 34 | 34 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 10 | 18 |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 24 | 35 | 34 | 3 | * | $4=100$ | 12 | 18 |
| Early-January, 2007 | 23 | 31 | 39 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 12 | 18 |
| December, 2006 | 25 | 35 | 32 | 5 | * | $3=100$ | 11 | 1 |
| Mid-November, 2006 | - 25 | 36 | 32 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 9 | 18 |
| Late October, 2006 | 26 | 32 | 33 | 5 | 1 | $3=100$ | 10 | 16 |
| Early October, 2006 | 27 | 34 | 33 | 3 | * | $3=100$ | 12 | 15 |
| Early September, 2006 | 30 | 34 | 30 | 3 | * | $3=100$ | 10 | 14 |
| August, 2006 | 30 | 33 | 30 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 12 | 14 |
| July, 2006 | 29 | 33 | 31 | 4 | 1 | $2=100$ | 11 | 14 |
| June, 2006 | 29 | 34 | 31 | 4 | * | $2=100$ | 11 | 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 | 30.3 | 31.2 | 30.1 | 5.1 | . 7 | $2.7=100$ | 12.6 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29.2 | 33.6 | 28.9 | 5.1 | . 5 | $2.7=100$ | 11.7 | 11.4 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | . 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 | 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 |
| 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 |

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | No <br> Preference | Other Party | DK/ <br> Ref | Lean <br> Rep | Lean <br> Dem |
| 1990 | 31.0 | 33.1 | 29.1 | $6.8=100$ |  |  | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1989 | 33 | 33 | $34=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1987 | 26 | 35 | $39=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## QUESTIONS 4 THROUGH 30 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

Now thinking about Iraq...
Q. 31 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]

|  | Very | Fairly | Not too | ot at | DK/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | well | well | well | well | Refused |
| November, 2007 | 11 | 37 | 29 | 19 | 4=100 |
| October, 2007 | 10 | 34 | 29 | 22 | $5=100$ |
| September, 2007 | 9 | 32 | 30 | 24 | $5=100$ |
| July, 2007 | 8 | 28 | 34 | 25 | $5=100$ |
| June, 2007 | 7 | 27 | 33 | 28 | $5=100$ |
| 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 | $6=100$ |
| February, 2006 | 13 | 38 | 29 | 17 | $3=100$ |
| January, 2006 | 12 | 39 | 27 | 17 | $5=100$ |
| 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 | $2=100$ |

## Q. 31 CONTINUED...

|  | Very <br> well | Fairly <br> well | Not too <br> well | Not at all <br> well | DK/ <br> Refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early February, 2004 | $\frac{17}{17}$ | $\frac{46}{23}$ | $\frac{11}{23}$ | $3=100$ |  |
| 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, 200 | 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. 32 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?

November, 2007
October, 2007
September, 2007
July, 2007
June, 2007
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
August, 2006
June, 2006
April, 2006
March, 2006
February, 2006
January, 2006
December, 2005
Early October, 2005
Mid-September, 2005
July, 2005
June, 2005
February, 2005
January, 2005
December, 2004
Mid-October, 2004
Early September, 2004

| Keep troops <br> in Iraq | Bring troops <br> home | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| 42 | 54 | $4=100$ |
| 39 | 54 | $7=100$ |
| 39 | 54 | $7=100$ |
| 39 | 56 | $5=100$ |
| 41 | 53 | $6=100$ |
| 43 | 52 | $5=100$ |
| 42 | 53 | $5=100$ |
| 46 | 48 | $6=100$ |
| 41 | 53 | $6=100$ |
| 44 | 50 | $6=100$ |
| 46 | 48 | $6=100$ |
| 46 | 47 | $7=100$ |
| 47 | 47 | $6=100$ |
| 47 | 47 | $6=100$ |
| 48 | 46 | $6=100$ |
| 50 | 45 | $5=100$ |
| 48 | 48 | $4=100$ |
| 44 | 50 | $6=100$ |
| 50 | 46 | $4=100$ |
| 48 | 48 | $4=100$ |
| 49 | 46 | $5=100$ |
| 47 | 48 | $5=100$ |
| 51 | 45 | $4=100$ |
| 52 | 43 | $5=100$ |
| 50 | 46 | $4=100$ |
| 55 | 42 | $3=100$ |
| 54 | 41 | $5=100$ |
| 56 | 40 | $4=100$ |
| 57 | 36 | $7=100$ |
| 54 | 40 | $6=100$ |
|  |  |  |

## Q. 32 CONTINUED...

August, 2004

| Keep troops <br> in Iraq | Bring troops <br> home | $\frac{\text { DK/ Ref }}{42}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

## IF "KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ" (1 IN Q.32) ASK [N=621]:

Q. 33 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq? $\wedge$

|  | Should <br> set a <br> timetable | Should <br> not set <br> timetable | DK/ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Refused |  |  |  |
| November, 2007 | 11 |  | 29 |
| October, 2007 | 15 | 26 |  |
| $1=41 \%$ |  |  |  |
| September, 2007 | 13 | 25 | $1=42 \%$ |
| June, 2007 | 13 | 25 | $1=39 \%$ |
| April, 2007 | 11 | 28 | $2=41 \%$ |
| March, 2007 | 14 | 27 | $2=43 \%$ |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 19 | 26 | $1=46 \%$ |
| December, 2006 | 17 | 25 | $2=44 \%$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 17 | 27 | $2=46 \%$ |
| Late October, 2006 | 15 | 29 | $2=46 \%$ |
| Early October, 2006 | 15 | 30 | $2=47 \%$ |
| Early September, 2006 | 13 | 32 | $2=47 \%$ |
| August, 2006 | 16 | 30 | $2=48 \%$ |
| June, 2006 | 16 | 32 | $1=50 \%$ |
| April, 2006 | 14 | 32 | $1=48 \%$ |
| March, 2006 | 14 | 29 | $1=44 \%$ |
| January, 2006 | 16 | 30 | $2=48 \%$ |
| December, 2005 | 17 | 30 | $2=49 \%$ |
| Early October, 2005 | 15 | 31 | $1=47 \%$ |
| Mid-September, 2005 | 19 | 30 | $2=51 \%$ |
| July, 2005 | 16 | 34 | $2=52 \%$ |

$\wedge$ Trend note: Question previously asked of all respondents. Results shown here are limited to those who said we should "keep troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized." The small number who volunteered that the U.S. should "get out now" in previous surveys have been grouped with supporters of a timetable.

## IF "BRING TROOPS HOME" (2 IN Q.32) ASK [N=699]:

Q. 34 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

|  | Remove <br> all troops <br> immediately | Gradual <br> withdrawal | DK/ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nefused |  |  |  |
| November, 2007 | 16 | 36 |  |
| Retober, 2007 | 18 | 35 |  |
| Re54\% |  |  |  |
| September, 2007 | 18 | 34 | $2=54 \%$ |
| July, 2007 | 21 | 31 | $2=54 \%$ |
| June, 2007 | 20 | 35 | $1=56 \%$ |
| April, 2007 | 17 | 34 | $2=53 \%$ |
| March, 2007 | 18 | 33 | $1=52 \%$ |
| February, 2007 | 16 | 35 | $2=53 \%$ |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 16 | 30 | $2=48 \%$ |
| December, 2006 | 18 | 32 | $*=50 \%$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 16 | 31 | $1=48 \%$ |
| August, 2006 | 15 | 30 | $1=46 \%$ |
| April, 2006 | 18 | 29 | $1=48 \%$ |
| January, 2006 | 14 | 32 | $2=48 \%$ |
| December, 2005 | 17 | 28 | $1=46 \%$ |

## ASK ALL:

R. 4 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?

|  |  |  | Mid- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oct | Sept | July | April | Feb | Nov | Sept | Aug | July |
|  |  | $\frac{2007}{11}$ | $\frac{2007}{8}$ | $\frac{2007}{9}$ | $\frac{2007}{9}$ | $\frac{2007}{7}$ | $\frac{2006}{12}$ | $\frac{2006}{13}$ | $\frac{2006}{14}$ | $\frac{2005}{17}$ |
| 11 | Definitely succeed | 35 | 34 | 34 | 36 | 40 | 41 | 44 | 40 | 43 |
| 37 | Probably succeed | 31 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 34 | 28 | 26 | 28 | 25 |
| 33 | Probably fail | 13 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 12 | 8 |
| 13 | Definitely fail | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{10}$ | $\underline{11}$ | $\underline{8}$ | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{7}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{8}$ | $\underline{6}$ |
| 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | $\underline{7}$ |  |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

R. 5 As I read a few specific things about Iraq, tell me if you think we are making progress or losing ground in each area. First, are we making progress or losing ground in [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think we are making progress or losing ground in this area?

## ASK ITEMS a THRU d OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=724]:

a.F1 Training Iraqi security forces so they can replace U.S. troops

September, 2007
June, 2007
February, 2007
November, 2006
August, 2006
June, 2006
April, 2006
March, 2006
January, 2006
December, 2005
b.F1 Reducing the number of civilian casualties there

September, 2007
June, 2007
February, 2007
November, 2006
August, 2006
June, 2006
April, 2006
March, 2006
January, 2006
December, 2005
c.F1 Preventing terrorists from using Iraq as a base for attacks against the U.S. and its allies

September, 2007
June, 2007
February, 2007
November, 2006
August, 2006
June, 2006
April, 2006
March, 2006
January, 2006
December, 2005

| Making progress | (VOL) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Losing | No | DK/ |
|  | ground | change | Ref |
| 50 | 36 | 3 | $11=100$ |
| 50 | 38 | 2 | $10=100$ |
| 42 | 36 | 2 | $20=100$ |
| 51 | 34 | 2 | $13=100$ |
| 48 | 37 | 1 | $14=100$ |
| 58 | 26 | 2 | $14=100$ |
| 61 | 28 | 2 | $9=100$ |
| 55 | 30 | 1 | $14=100$ |
| 56 | 30 | 1 | $13=100$ |
| 65 | 22 | 1 | $12=100$ |
| 61 | 27 | 1 | $11=100$ |
| 43 | 46 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| 37 | 48 | 2 | $13=100$ |
| 21 | 65 | 2 | $12=100$ |
| 20 | 66 | 2 | $12=100$ |
| 20 | 67 | 2 | $11=100$ |
| 25 | 58 | 3 | $14=100$ |
| 29 | 56 | 3 | $12=100$ |
| 28 | 56 | 3 | $13=100$ |
| 27 | 56 | 3 | $14=100$ |
| 32 | 54 | 3 | $11=100$ |
| 35 | 53 | 3 | $9=100$ |
| 51 | 36 | 3 | $10=100$ |
| 46 | 41 | 2 | $11=100$ |
| 38 | 46 | 3 | $13=100$ |
| 43 | 43 | 3 | $11=100$ |
| 39 | 49 | 2 | $10=100$ |
| 45 | 40 | 2 | $13=100$ |
| 49 | 39 | 2 | $10=100$ |
| 44 | 43 | 3 | $10=100$ |
| 42 | 44 | 2 | $12=100$ |
| 52 | 33 | 2 | $13=100$ |
| 48 | 41 | 2 | $9=100$ |


| d.F1 | Establishing democracy in Iraq | 43 | 46 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September, 2007 | 39 | 49 | 4 | $8=100$ |
|  | June, 2007 | 39 | 47 | 3 | $11=100$ |
|  | February, 2007 | 40 | 47 | 3 | $10=100$ |
|  | November, 2006 | 43 | 42 | 2 | $13=100$ |
|  | August, 2006 | 47 | 39 | 3 | $11=100$ |
|  | June, 2006 | 55 | 35 | 2 | $8=100$ |
|  | April, 2006 | 51 | 38 | 3 | $8=100$ |
|  | March, 2006 | 50 | 38 | 2 | $10=100$ |
|  | January, 2006 | 62 | 26 | 2 | $10=100$ |
|  | December, 2005 | 58 | 32 | 2 | $8=100$ |
| ASK | EMS e THRU h OF FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=675$ ]: |  |  |  |  |
| e.F2 | Defeating the insurgents militarily | 43 | 44 | 3 | $10=100$ |
|  | September, 2007 | 37 | 44 | 4 | $15=100$ |
|  | June, 2007 | 32 | 50 | 3 | $15=100$ |
|  | February, 2007 | 30 | 55 | 3 | $12=100$ |
|  | November, 2006 | 34 | 52 | 2 | $12=100$ |
|  | August, 2006 | 41 | 45 | 3 | $11=100$ |
|  | June, 2006 | 48 | 36 | 2 | $14=100$ |
|  | April, 2006 | 40 | 46 | 2 | $12=100$ |
|  | March, 2006 | 36 | 51 | 1 | $12=100$ |
|  | January, 2006 | 46 | 38 | 3 | $13=100$ |
|  | December, 2005 | 44 | 41 | 3 | $12=100$ |
| f.F2 | Preventing a civil war between various religious and ethnic groups | 32 | 55 | 3 | $10=100$ |
|  | September, 2007 | 26 | 57 | 4 | $13=100$ |
|  | June, 2007 | 24 | 60 | 3 | $13=100$ |
|  | February, 2007 | 18 | 68 | 4 | $10=100$ |
|  | November, 2006 | 22 | 65 | 2 | $11=100$ |
|  | August, 2006 | 22 | 63 | 4 | $11=100$ |
|  | June, 2006 | 32 | 50 | 4 | $14=100$ |
|  | April, 2006 | 26 | 59 | 3 | $12=100$ |
|  | March, 2006 | 24 | 66 | 2 | $8=100$ |
|  | January, 2006 | 34 | 48 | 4 | $14=100$ |
|  | December, 2005 | 36 | 49 | 3 | $12=100$ |
| g.F2 | Rebuilding roads, power plants and other services in Iraq | 46 | 30 | 1 | 23=100 |
|  | September, 2007 | 39 | 34 | 2 | 25=100 |
|  | June, 2007 | 36 | 39 | 1 | 24=100 |
|  | February, 2007 | 40 | 36 | 2 | $22=100$ |
|  | November, 2006 | 43 | 36 | 1 | $20=100$ |
|  | August, 2006 | 46 | 34 | 1 | $19=10$ |
|  | June, 2006 | 52 | 23 | 1 | $24=100$ |
|  | April, 2006 | 55 | 26 | 1 | $18=100$ |
|  | March, 2006 | 53 | 29 | 1 | $17=100$ |
|  | January, 2006 | 59 | 22 | 1 | $18=100$ |
| h.F2 | Getting Iraqi political leaders to work together | 41 | 47 | 3 | $9=100$ |
|  | September, 2007 | 35 | 49 | 3 | $13=100$ |

QUESTIONS 35 THROUGH 56 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.


[^0]:    1 In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

