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ASK ALL:

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- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		App- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
April, 2008	27	65	8=100	Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100
March, 2008	28	63	9=100	February, 2005	46	47	7=100
Late February, 2008	33	59	8=100	January, 2005	50	43	7=100
Early February, 2008	31	62	7=100	December, 2004	48	44	8=100
January, 2008	31	59	10=100	Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100
Late December, 2007	31	60	9=100	August, 2004	46	45	9=100
November, 2007	30	59	11=100	July, 2004	46	46	8=100
October, 2007	30	63	7=100	June, 2004	48	43	9=100
September, 2007	31	59	10=100	May, 2004	44	48	8=100
August, 2007	31	59	10=100	Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100
July, 2007	29	61	10=100	Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100
June, 2007	29	61	10=100	Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100
April, 2007	35	57	8=100	Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100
March, 2007	33	58	9=100	February, 2004	48	44	8=100
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100
Mid-January, 2007	33	59	8=100	Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100
Early January, 2007	33	57	10=100	December, 2003	57	34	9=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	November, 2003	50	40	10=100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100

Q.1 CONTINUED...

	<u>App-rove</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
August, 2002	67	21	12=100
Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
July, 2002	67	21	12=100
June, 2002	70	20	10=100
April, 2002	69	18	13=100
Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
February, 2002	78	13	9=100
January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

ASK ALL:

ROTATE THOUGHT/Q.2

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election ... Quite a lot, or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

		Quite <u>A lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>Little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
2008	April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1=100
	March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1=100
	Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2=100
2004	November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1=100
	Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1=100
	September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1=100
	August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1=100
	July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1=100
	June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1=100
	May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1=100
	Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1=100
	Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*=100
2000	November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1=100
	Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*=100
	Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1=100
	Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1=100
	September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1=100
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*=100	

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

		Quite	(VOL.)	Only a	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
	June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*=100
	May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1=100
	April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*=100
1996	November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*=100
	October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1=100
	Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1=100
	Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1=100
	July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*=100
	June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1=100
1992	Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1=100
	September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1=100
	August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*=100
	June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1=100
1988	Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0=100
	Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0=100
	Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0=100
	Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0=100

ASK ALL:

ROTATE THOUGHT/Q.2

Q.2 Would you say you are looking forward to the presidential election this fall or not?

--TREND FOR COMPARISON--¹

	Late Dec	Jan
	<u>2007</u>	<u>1988</u>
68 Yes	70	74
30 No	28	23
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
100	100	100

¹ In Late December 2007 and January 1988, this question was asked as part of a list where the presidential election always appeared first in the list. "I am going to read you a list of events that will occur in the coming year. As I read each one, please tell me whether or not this is an event you are especially looking forward to. The first one is..."

ASK ALL:

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST ASK:

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

- 86 Yes, Registered
- 83 Absolutely certain
- 1 Chance registration has lapsed
- 2 Don't know/Refused
- 14 No, Not registered/Don't know
- * 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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No Preference</u>	<u>Other Party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
April, 2008	24	37	31	5	1	2=100	11	15
March, 2008	24	38	29	5	*	4=100	9	14
Late February, 2008	24	38	32	3	*	3=100	10	17
Early February, 2008	26	35	31	5	*	3=100	11	14
January, 2008	24	33	37	4	*	2=100	12	18
Late December, 2007	25	32	36	4	*	3=100	12	18
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
Yearly Totals								
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1=100	10.7	16.7
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

<i>Yearly Totals</i>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
				No Preference	Other Party	DK/Ref		
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
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8=100			12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34=100					
1987	26	35	39=100					

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Now I'd like your views on some people. As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. (First, **INSERT NAME**) would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **(NEXT NAME)? [IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[NAME]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?
[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

a.		-----Favorable-----			----Unfavorable----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Total	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	Total	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	Never Heard of	Can't rate/Ref
	George W. Bush	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4=100
	March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5=100
	Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5=100
	Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5=100
	January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4=100
	Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4=100
	August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3=100
	December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4=100
	April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3=100
	Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3=100
	July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3=100
	Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2=100
	Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2=100
	Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3=100
	September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5=100
	August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3=100
	June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3=100
	Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3=100
	Gallup: January 29-February 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1=100
	Gallup: January 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*=100
	Gallup: October 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1=100
	Gallup: June 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1=100
	April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3=100
	January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2=100

Q. 3 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't rate/Ref
December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5=100
July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4=100
January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7=100
May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10=100
March, 1999 ²	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14=100
November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19=100
b. John McCain	48	11	37	40	17	23	2	10=100
March, 2008	45	8	37	41	16	25	2	12=100
Late February, 2008	48	12	36	38	14	24	1	13=100
Early February, 2008	53	12	41	31	10	21	3	13=100
January, 2008	55	14	41	31	9	22	3	11=100
Late December, 2007	46	8	38	34	10	24	7	13=100
August, 2007	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12=100
December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13=100
April, 2006	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12=100
Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15=100
Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16=100
July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14=100
January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17=100
May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15=100
c. Hillary Clinton	49	16	33	47	23	24	0	4=100
March, 2008	50	16	34	44	23	21	*	6=100
Late February, 2008	51	19	32	44	23	21	0	5=100
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	*	6=100
January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	*	4=100
Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	*	6=100
August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4=100
December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5=100
April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3=100
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5=100
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7=100
December 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8=100
July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4=100
January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5=100
May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8=100
Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5=100
Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3=100
March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4=100
January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3=100
June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4=100
April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5=100
February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4=100
January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4=100

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In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

Q. 3 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't rate/Ref
October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4=100
August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4=100
December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4=100
July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2=100
May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10=100
d. Barack Obama	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6=100
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9=100
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8=100
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10=100
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8=100
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11=100
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13=100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE Q.4-Q.4A/Q.5-Q.5A BLOCKS

Q.4 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE]—who would you vote for?

IF OTHER OR DK (Q.4 =3,9), ASK:

Q.4a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.4]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

		Mar	Late
		2008	Feb
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
45	McCain	44	45
49	Clinton	49	50
<u>6</u>	Other/Don't know (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE Q.4-Q.4A/Q.5-Q.5A BLOCKS

Q.5 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE]—who would you vote for?

IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5 =3,9), ASK:

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

		Mar	Late
		2008	Feb
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
44	McCain	43	43
50	Obama	49	50
<u>6</u>	Other/Don't know (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY:

Thinking about the Democratic nomination...

Q.6 Which Democratic candidate would be your first choice for president? (READ AND ROTATE) [IF “Don’t know” PROBE ONCE WITH: “Just as of today, would you say you LEAN toward...(READ). IF STILL DK, ENTER.]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=651]:

		Late		Early		WITHOUT GORE							WITH GORE		
		Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2008	Jan 2008	Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Sept 2007	July 2007^	Apr 2007^	Mar 2007^	July 2007	April 2007	Mar 2007
47	Barack Obama	49	49	38	31	26	23	24	25	24	27	28	21	24	26
45	Hillary Clinton	39	40	46	46	46	45	45	42	44	39	39	40	34	35
n/a	John Edwards	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	14	12	12	14	13	21	19	18	16	*
n/a	Dennis Kucinich	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	3	1	4	2	3	1	*	2	1	*
n/a	Bill Richardson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1
n/a	Joe Biden	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	1
n/a	Chris Dodd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*
n/a	Mike Gravel	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
n/a	Al Gore^	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	--	--	--	12	14	12
*	Other (VOL.)	0	0	1	*	*	2	*	1	1	*	*	1	*	0
2	None of them (VOL.)	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	5	4	2	5	3
6	Don’t know (VOL.)	9	8	12	4	3	9	7	8	6	3	5	6	2	5
*	Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^March-July trends recalculated by substituting in Al Gore supporters’ second choice.

ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY:

Q.7 Do you think the fact that the contest between Clinton and Obama has not yet been decided is a good thing or a bad thing for the Democratic Party?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=651]:

		Mar 2008	Late Feb 2008
35	Good thing	44	57
51	Bad thing	41	27
<u>14</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100

ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY:

Q.8 If it turns out that neither Hillary Clinton nor Barack Obama wins enough support in the primaries and caucuses to get the nomination, the decision could be made by a group of party leaders called “super delegates.” If this happens, what do you think these party leaders should do? [READ AND ROTATE]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=651]:

53 Should they vote for the candidate who won the most support in the primaries and caucuses [OR]
 40 Should they vote for the candidate they think has the best chance of defeating John McCain
 7 Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
 100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
 ROTATE Q.9 AND Q.10**

Q.9 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between [READ AND ROTATE]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Hillary Clinton</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
April, 2008	46	45	9=100
March, 2008	46	42	12=100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
 ROTATE Q.9 AND Q.10**

Q.10 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between [READ AND ROTATE]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
April, 2008	42	47	11=100
March, 2008	38	50	12=100

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>	
November, 2004	48	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	25=100
Mid-October, 2004	54	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	19=100
Early October, 2004	61	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	12=100
September, 2004	60	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Kerry</i>	18=100
August, 2004	44	<i>Bush</i>	37	<i>Kerry</i>	19=100
July, 2004	42	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Kerry</i>	20=100
June, 2004	51	<i>Bush</i>	35	<i>Kerry</i>	14=100
May, 2004	52	<i>Bush</i>	31	<i>Kerry</i>	17=100
Early February, 2004	56	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12=100
Mid-January, 2004	61	<i>Bush</i>	21	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	18=100
September, 2003	47	<i>Bush</i>	34	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	19=100
June, 2003	66	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12=100
November, 2000	43	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Gore</i>	25=100

Q.9/10 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Other/DK</u>
Late October, 2000	48	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Gore</i>	14=100
Early October, 2000	33	<i>Bush</i>	46	<i>Gore</i>	21=100
June, 2000	51	<i>Bush</i>	33	<i>Gore</i>	16=100
October, 1999	70	<i>Bush</i>	23	<i>Gore</i>	7=100
Late September, 1996 ³	12	<i>Dole</i>	79	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
Early September, 1996	16	<i>Dole</i>	75	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
July, 1996	19	<i>Dole</i>	72	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
October, 1992	30	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	61	<i>Clinton</i>	9=100
March, 1992	72	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	20	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	8=100
February, 1992	66	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	25	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	9=100
October, 1991	78	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	11	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	11=100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE Q.9 AND Q.10

Q.9 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between [READ AND ROTATE: John McCain or Hillary Clinton]?

Q.10 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between [READ AND ROTATE: John McCain or Barack Obama]?

DO NOT ASK IF (Q9=1 AND Q10=2) OR (Q9=2 AND Q10=1):

Q.10a All in all, do you think [ROTATE NAMES: Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama] has the BEST chance of defeating John McCain this fall?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

36 Hillary Clinton⁴
42 Barack Obama
9 Neither (VOL. DO NOT READ)
6 Both (VOL. DO NOT READ)
7 Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100

³ In 1996 and October 1992, the question also asked about Ross Perot. Results here are included in the "Other/DK" category.

⁴ "Hillary Clinton" includes respondents who selected Clinton in Q.9 but McCain in Q.10; "Barack Obama" includes respondents who selected McCain in Q.9 but Obama in Q.10.

Now a different kind of question...

ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=658]:

RANDOMIZE Q.11F1/Q.12F1/Q.13F1

Q.11F1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Hillary Clinton. Just the one word that best describes her. **[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].**

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

		<u>Late February 2008</u>	
22	Experienced	34	Experienced
17	Liar	16	Strong
17	Untrustworthy	16	Untrustworthy
16	Determined	15	Intelligent
15	Strong	14	Smart
14	Smart	12	Determined
13	Intelligent	11	“Rhymes with rich”
12	Dishonest	11	Knowledgeable
11	Politician	10	Capable
10	Aggressive	10	Competent
10	Ambitious	10	Female/woman
9	Tenacious	8	Good
7	Devious	8	Liberal
7	Honest	8	Politician/political
7	Knowledgeable	8	Socialist
7	Liberal	7	Ambitious
7	Okay	7	Qualified
7	Tough	6	Bill Clinton
7	Woman	6	Crooked
6	Competent	6	Dislike her
6	Deceitful	6	Power hungry
6	Good	6	Selfish/self-centered
6	Powerful	6	Unfavorable
5	“Rhymes with rich”	5	Dynamic
5	Confident	5	Fair
5	Two-faced	5	Liar
5	Manipulative	5	Manipulative
4	Capable	5	Same
4	Crooked	5	Scary
4	Fair	4	Arrogant
4	Go-getter	4	Cold
4	Sincere	4	Confident
		4	Dishonest
		4	Driven
		4	Fake
		4	Old
		4	Overbearing
		4	Tough
		4	Untruthful
		(N=629)	

Q.11F1 CONTINUED...
TREND FOR COMPARISON

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

<u>August 1998</u>		<u>July 1996</u>		<u>March 1996</u>	
66	Strong	25	Strong	34	Intelligent
17	Intelligent	24	Dishonest	26	Smart
11	Brave	23	Intelligent	22	“Rhymes with rich”
10	Good	23	Smart	21	Good
9	Loyal	22	“Rhymes with rich”	21	Bossy
9	Smart	19	Good	20	Aggressive
8	Dominating	15	Bossy	18	Domineering
8	Courageous	14	Aggressive	17	Okay
7	Powerful	10	Outspoken	16	Strong
6	Naive	10	Okay	13	Nice
6	Tough	9	Crook	13	Liar
5	Controlling	8	Dominating	11	Powerful
5	Aggressive	8	Fake	10	Distrustful
5	Admirable	8	Nice	9	Dishonest
5	Nice	8	Pushy	9	Pushy
5	Excellent	7	Arrogant	8	Snob
5	Faithful	7	Outgoing	7	Ambitious
5	Fine	7	Sneaky	7	Fair
5	Steadfast	7	Independent	7	Great
5	“Rhymes with rich”	7	Liar	6	Independent
(N=498)		(N=606)		(N=750)	

ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=658]:

RANDOMIZE Q.11F1/Q.12F1/Q.13F1

Q.12F1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama. Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].

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

46	Inexperienced	45	Inexperienced
19	Good	32	Charismatic
17	Change	25	Intelligent
17	Charismatic	23	Change
16	Intelligent	14	Inspirational
13	Honest	13	Young
12	Inspirational	11	New
9	Liberal	10	Enthusiastic
8	New	10	Hope
7	Different	9	Arrogant
7	Energetic	9	Energetic
7	Hopeful	9	Leader
7	Scary	9	Speaker
7	Unknown	8	Different
7	Young	7	Honest
6	Fake	6	Articulate
6	Idealistic	6	Good
6	Leader	6	Integrity
6	Okay	6	Unqualified
6	Smooth	5	Visionary
5	Dishonest	5	Impressive
5	Sincere	5	Liberal
5	Strong	5	Okay
5	Unqualified	5	Smart
4	Ambitious	4	Dynamic
4	Arrogant	4	Fair
4	Bad	4	Fresh
4	Charming	4	Great
4	Confident	4	Muslim
4	Educated	4	Refreshing
4	Good speaker	4	Smooth
4	Likeable	4	Unfavorable
4	Nice		
4	Untrustworthy		
4	Phony		
4	Refreshing		
4	Smart		
4	Terrorist		

(N=629)

ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=658]:

RANDOMIZE Q.11F1/Q.12F1/Q.13F1

Q.13F1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of John McCain. Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].

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

52	Old	55	Old
32	Honest	32	Honest
23	Experienced	29	Experienced
19	Patriot	21	Patriot
17	Conservative	14	Conservative
16	Hero	13	Hero
14	Republican	12	Liberal
11	Good	10	Good
11	Knowledgeable	7	Integrity
10	Honorable	7	Leader
9	Veteran	7	War
6	American	6	Bush
6	Moderate	6	Honorable
6	Steadfast	6	Knowledgeable
6	Trustworthy	6	Moderate
6	Untrustworthy	6	Republican
5	Liar	6	Steady
5	Okay	5	Fair
5	Politician	5	Okay
5	Seasoned	4	Military
4	Age	4	Trustworthy
4	Bush	4	Untrustworthy
4	Confident		
4	Dedicated		
4	Determined		
4	Likeable		
4	Loyal		
4	Nice		
4	Sincere		
4	Strong		
4	Warmonger		

Late February 2008

(N=611)

Now I have a different kind of question ...

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

RANDOMIZE Q.14/Q.15/Q.16

Q.14 As I name some traits, please tell me whether you think each one describes Hillary Clinton. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of Hillary Clinton as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of Clinton as **[NEXT ITEM]** or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

		Yes, describes		Don't Know/
		<u>Clinton</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused</u>
a.	Patriotic	76	20	4=100
	March, 2008	76	19	5=100
b.	Phony	50	47	3=100
	March, 2008	46	50	4=100
c.	Honest	42	51	7=100
	March, 2008	48	46	6=100
d.	Down-to-earth	48	48	4=100
	March, 2008	45	50	5=100
e.	Hard to like	53	45	2=100
	March, 2008	51	45	4=100
f.	Inspiring	50	47	3=100
	March, 2008	49	47	4=100
g.	Tough	76	22	2=100
h.	Arrogant	55	43	2=100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

RANDOMIZE Q.14/Q.15/Q.16

Q.15 As I name some traits, please tell me whether you think each one describes Barack Obama. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of Barack Obama as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of Obama as **[NEXT ITEM]** or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

		Yes, describes		Don't Know/
		<u>Obama</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused</u>
a.	Patriotic	61	32	7=100
	March, 2008	64	27	9=100
b.	Phony	32	63	5=100
	March, 2008	27	66	7=100

Q.15 CONTINUED...

		Yes, describes		Don't Know/
		<u>Obama</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused</u>
c.	Honest	61	30	9=100
	March, 2008	65	25	10=100
d.	Down-to-earth	60	35	5=100
	March, 2008	67	25	8=100
e.	Hard to like	25	71	4=100
	March, 2008	17	78	5=100
f.	Inspiring	66	31	3=100
	March, 2008	70	26	4=100
g.	Tough	49	44	7=100
h.	Arrogant	38	58	4=100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
RANDOMIZE Q.14/Q.15/Q.16**

Q.16 As I name some traits, please tell me whether you think each one describes John McCain. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of John McCain as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of McCain as **[NEXT ITEM]** or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323]:

		Yes, describes		Don't Know/
		<u>McCain</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused</u>
a.	Patriotic	90	7	3=100
b.	Phony	26	69	5=100
c.	Honest	65	26	9=100
d.	Down-to-earth	60	33	7=100
e.	Hard to like	37	57	6=100
f.	Inspiring	39	55	6=100
g.	Tough	71	23	6=100
h.	Arrogant	36	59	5=100

ASK ALL:

Q.17 Now a different kind of question. Please tell me if you think of each person I name as very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal. (First,) [INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]. From what you've read and heard, would you say [NAME] is very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal? How about [NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: From what you've read and heard, would you say [NAME] is very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?]

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		Very				Very	Don't
		<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Know</u>
a.	George W. Bush	25	31	15	9	7	13=100
	January, 2008	22	34	13	8	6	17=100
b.	Hillary Clinton	4	13	22	34	18	9=100
	January, 2008	7	14	20	29	18	12=100
c.	Barack Obama	4	11	21	33	20	11=100
	January, 2008	4	10	23	33	13	17=100
d.	John McCain	10	38	27	8	4	13=100
	January, 2008	7	35	27	10	2	19=100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1323] :

Q.18 Thinking about the issues, what one ISSUE would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? [OPEN ENDED; MAY ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS]

NOTE: Totals exceed 100% because of multiple responses.

		Nov
		<u>2007⁵</u>
44	Economy	15
24	Iraq/The war	32
14	Health care/Health care reform	22
7	Energy/gas	2
5	Job situation/Unemployment	3
5	Education/Education reform	4
4	Terrorism/Protecting the nation	5
4	Budget deficit/National debt	2
3	Immigration	8
3	Environment/global warming	2
3	Social Security	4
1	Abortion	1
1	Taxes	1
1	Moral values/Religion	2
3	Other domestic policy	5
1	Other foreign policy	2
5	Other (general)	1
3	Don't know/Refused	5

⁵ Trends from previous elections not shown.

ASK ALL FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.19F1 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates — **[ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES]** John McCain or Barack Obama — do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN MCCAIN OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between McCain and Obama. . . "]**?

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=658]:

		<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Improving economic conditions	33	53	8	6=100
b.	Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq	50	38	5	7=100
c.	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	63	26	5	6=100
d.	Making wise decisions about U.S. trade policies	48	38	7	7=100

ASK ALL FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.20F2 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates — **[ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES]** John McCain or Hillary Clinton — do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN MCCAIN OR CLINTON PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between McCain and Clinton. . . "]**?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=665]:

		<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Hillary Clinton</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Improving economic conditions	35	56	5	4=100
b.	Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq	49	43	4	4=100
c.	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	58	31	3	8=100
d.	Making wise decisions about U.S. trade policies	44	44	5	7=100

TREND FOR COMPARISON

		<u>George W. Bush</u>	<u>John Kerry⁶</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.	Improving economic conditions				
	Mid October, 2004	40	47	4	9=100
	Early October, 2004	40	46	5	9=100
	September, 2004	42	45	4	9=100
	August, 2004	37	52	3	8=100
	May, 2004	38	48	5	9=100
	Late March, 2004	39	44	6	11=100
	Mid-March, 2004	37	53	2	8=100

⁶ In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.

Q19F1/Q20F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	George <u>W. Bush</u>	John <u>Kerry</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-October, 2000	37	49	3	11=100
Early October, 2000	35	47	6	12=100
September, 2000	38	46	5	11=100
June, 2000	38	41	5	16=100
March, 2000	42	46	4	8=100
b. Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq				
Mid October, 2004	47	41	4	8=100
Early October, 2004	50	40	2	8=100
September, 2004	51	39	3	7=100
August, 2004	44	46	3	7=100
May, 2004	44	41	4	11=100
Late March, 2004	49	37	4	10=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	45	2	6=100
c. Defending the country from future terrorist attacks				
Mid October, 2004	53	35	4	8=100
Early October, 2004	57	32	3	8=100
September, 2004	58	31	3	8=100
August, 2004	49	39	4	8=100
May, 2004	52	33	5	10=100
Late March, 2004	53	29	4	14=100
Mid-March, 2004	57	32	4	7=100
d. Making wise decisions about U.S. trade policies				
May, 2004	40	40	6	14=100
Late March, 2004	38	39	5	18=100
Mid-March, 2004	38	48	3	11=100
July, 1996 ⁷	40	40	6	14=100

⁷

In 1996 the question asked about Bob Dole and Bill Clinton. In 1992, the question asked about George Bush, Sr., Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. Perot is included in the "Neither" trend category.

ASK ALL:

Q.21 Now, I'd like your opinion of some organizations and institutions. (First,) is your overall opinion of...
[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly
 UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN**
“NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN'T RATE”]

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't	
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=747]:									Heard of	Rate
a.F1	The federal government in Washington	37	6	31	58	21	37	1	4=100	
	January, 2007	45	7	38	46	15	31	1	8=100	
	February, 2006	43	6	37	50	16	34	*	7=100	
	December, 2005	46	7	39	49	18	31	*	5=100	
	Late October, 2005	45	6	39	48	16	32	*	7=100	
	February, 2004	59	10	49	36	11	25	*	5=100	
	April, 2003	73	14	59	22	5	17	0	5=100	
	December, 2002	64	11	53	27	7	20	*	9=100	
	Mid-November, 2001	82	17	65	15	3	12	0	3=100	
	Late October, 2000 (RVs)	54	7	47	40	10	30	*	6=100	
	October, 1997	38	4	34	59	18	41	0	3=100	
b.F1	Your state government	59	9	50	37	16	21	0	4=100	
	December, 2005	57	8	49	37	11	26	*	6=100	
	December, 2002	62	15	47	31	10	21	1	7=100	
	Mid-November, 2001	77	15	62	18	4	14	*	5=100	
	October, 1997	66	10	56	29	7	22	*	5=100	
c.F1	Your local government	63	11	52	33	12	21	1	3=100	
	December, 2005	66	12	54	28	10	18	*	6=100	
	December, 2002	67	16	51	25	9	16	*	7=100	
	Mid-November, 2001	78	15	63	17	4	13	*	5=100	
	October, 1997	68	12	56	25	7	18	*	7=100	
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=755]:										
d.F2	The news media	40	8	32	56	20	36	0	4=100	
	March, 2007	45	7	38	49	17	32	*	6=100	
	January, 2007	45	8	37	49	17	32	*	6=100	
	April, 2006	48	8	40	46	15	31	*	6=100	
	February, 2006	59	12	47	37	10	27	0	4=100	
	Late October, 2005	52	11	41	42	13	29	0	6=100	
	Mid-March, 2005	56	12	44	40	13	27	0	4=100	
	December, 2004	43	8	35	51	18	33	*	6=100	
	Late October, 2000 (RVs)	50	7	43	45	14	31	0	5=100	
	February, 1999	49	6	43	49	15	34	0	2=100	
	March, 1998	48	9	39	50	16	34	*	2=100	
	October, 1997	50	7	43	48	14	34	*	2=100	
e.F2	The military	84	49	35	11	3	8	*	5=100	
	July, 2007	78	47	31	15	6	9	0	7=100	
	March, 2007	77	43	34	17	6	11	0	6=100	
	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	

Q.21 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't
								Heard of	Rate
	June, 2004	85	48	37	10	3	7	*	5=100
<i>Newsweek:</i>	May 16-17, 2002	93	59	34	5	2	3	--	2=100
<i>Newsweek:</i>	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
	July, 1985	77	24	53	18	5	13	*	5=100
f.F2	Business corporations	47	10	37	45	15	30	*	8=100
	January, 2007	57	9	48	30	8	22	2	11=100
	December, 2005	57	9	48	35	10	25	*	8=100
	Late October, 2005	45	8	37	45	16	29	*	10=100
	July, 2005	49	9	40	40	11	29	*	11=100
	March, 2002	62	10	52	29	6	23	1	8=100
	July, 2001	59	9	50	27	6	21	*	14=100
	March, 2001	65	9	56	25	6	19	1	9=100
	August, 1999	73	8	65	22	3	19	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	64	9	55	26	5	21	*	10=100
	October, 1997	66	11	55	28	5	23	*	6=100
	June, 1997	68	8	60	25	7	18	*	7=100
	May, 1997	59	9	50	28	7	21	1	12=100
	June, 1996	62	10	52	31	6	25	*	7=100
	February, 1996	59	9	50	34	10	24	1	6=100
	October, 1995	60	6	54	36	7	29	0	4=100
	July, 1994	70	8	62	24	5	19	*	6=100
	November, 1991	65	8	57	28	6	22	0	7=100
	January, 1988	59	6	53	32	5	27	*	9=100
	June, 1985	58	8	50	31	7	24	1	10=100
g.F2	The Supreme Court	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10=100
	July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14=100
	January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9=100
	July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9=100
	February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12=100
	Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11=100
	July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11=100
	June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13=100

Q.21 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't
							Heard of	Rate
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10=100
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8=100
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10=100
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5=100
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6=100
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4=100
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9=100
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7=100
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9=100
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8=100
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7=100
March 1985 (<i>Roper</i>)	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8=100

ASK ALL:

ROTATE Q.22-Q.22b BLOCK WITH Q.23

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

Q.22 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	(VOL.)				
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refused</u>
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*=100
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1=100
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2=100
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1=100
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1=100
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2=100
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2=100
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1=100
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2=100
Early November, 2006 (<i>RVs</i>)	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 (<i>RVs</i>)	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 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	31	46	21	0=100
January 12-15, 2004 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	34	42	21	0=100
January 2-5, 2004 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	40	41	16	*=100
December 11-14, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	34	44	19	*=100

Q.22 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) Don't Know/ Refused</u>
November 3-5, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	28	49	21	*=100
October 24-26, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	24	44	30	*=100
October 6-8, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	20	50	27	1=100
September 8-10, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	20	49	30	*=100
August 4-6, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	24	52	23	*=100
February 17-19, 2003 (<i>Gallup</i>)	1	17	48	34	*=100
February 4-6, 2002 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	26	55	16	1=100
March 5-7, 2001 (<i>Gallup</i>)	3	43	43	10	1=100
January 7-10, 2000 (<i>Gallup</i>)	19	52	23	5	1=100
January 15-17, 1999 (<i>Gallup</i>)	14	55	27	4	*=100
March 20-22, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	20	46	27	7	*=100
Jan 31 - Feb 2, 1997 (<i>Gallup</i>)	4	38	43	15	*=100
March 15-17, 1996 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	31	48	18	1=100
May 11-14, 1995 (<i>Gallup</i>)	2	27	50	20	1=100
January 15-17, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	22	54	24	*=100
February 12-14, 1993 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	14	46	39	1=100
January 3-6, 1992 (<i>Gallup</i>)	*	12	46	41	1=100

IF 'ONLY FAIR' OR 'POOR (3,4 IN Q.22) ASK [N=1322]:

Q.22a Which of the following do you think is the biggest reason for the nation's economic problems? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

IF ANSWER GIVEN (1-5 IN Q.22a), ASK:

Q.22b And which, if any, would you say is the SECOND biggest reason? **[READ IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q.22a. DO NOT READ ITEM SELECTED IN Q.22a]**

<u>1st choice</u>	<u>2nd choice</u>	<u>Com- bined</u>	
31	21	52	The war in Iraq
26	28	54	Rising energy prices
12	13	25	Foreign competition
11	12	23	Too little regulation of financial institutions
9	10	19	Normal ups and downs of the economy
8	2		Other (VOL. DO NOT READ)
1	1		None (VOL. DO NOT READ)
2	2		Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
<u>--</u>	<u>11</u>		<i>No first choice</i>
100	100		

ASK ALL:**ROTATE Q.22-Q.22b BLOCK WITH Q.23**

Now thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.23 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>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2=100
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2=100
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2=100
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2=100
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1=100
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2=100
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1=100
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
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

NO QUESTION 24

ASK ALL:

Q.25 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?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
April, 2008	30	61	4	5=100
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8=100
November, 2007	41	48	4	7=100
September, 2007	36	50	6	8=100
June, 2007	39	49	5	7=100
February, 2007	39	48	6	7=100
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 & World Report</i>	15	76	6	3=100
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	16	77	4	3=100
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News & World Report</i>	12	79	6	3=100

NO QUESTION 26

On another subject...

ASK ALL:

Q.27 Would you favor or oppose a law that banned the sale of handguns?

	April <u>2007</u>	March <u>2000</u>	Sept <u>1999</u>	May <u>1999</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>
36 Favor	37	47	46	44	45
59 Oppose	55	47	50	50	51
<u>5</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.28 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Nov <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2004</u>	June <u>2003</u>	May <u>2000</u>	April <u>2000</u>	March <u>2000</u>	June <u>1999</u>	May <u>1999</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>
Protect rights of Americans to own guns	42	32	37	42	38	37	29	33	30	34
Control gun ownership	55	60	58	54	57	55	66	62	65	57
<u>5</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.29 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

IF "YES" (1 IN Q.29) ASK:

Q.30 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer [READ AND ROTATE]?

		<u>Jan</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2006</u>	
71	Yes		77	77	79	70
	Mostly because of human activity					
47	such as burning fossil fuels, OR	47	47	50	41	
	Mostly because of natural patterns in the					
18	earth's environment	20	20	23	21	
6	Don't know/Refused	10	10	6	8	
21	No	16	17	17	20	
3	Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	

ASK ALL:

Q.31 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

		<u>Jan</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2006</u>
44	Very serious	45	43	41
29	Somewhat serious	32	36	33
13	Not too serious	12	11	13
11	Not a problem	8	9	11
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Do you think it is possible to reduce the effects of global warming, or not?

IF "POSSIBLE" (1 IN Q.32) ASK:

Q.33 To reduce the effects of global warming will we have to make major sacrifices, or can technology solve the problem without requiring major sacrifices?

BASED ON SOLID EVIDENCE OF EARTH GETTING WARMER IN Q.29 [N=1041]:

		<u>June</u> <u>2006</u>
74	Yes, possible	67
47	Have to make major sacrifices	39
23	Technology can solve the problem without major sacrifices	23
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5
19	No, not possible	22
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>
100		100

NO QUESTIONS 34 AND 35

ASK ALL:

Thinking about another topic...

Q.36 In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA, and the policies of 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			
		Nov <u>2007</u>	Dec <u>2006⁸</u>	Oct <u>2005</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>	July <u>2004</u>	March <u>2004</u>	Dec <u>2003</u>	Sept <u>2001</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	Sept <u>1997</u>
35	Good thing	40	44	44	47	47	44	34	49	45	47
48	Bad thing	40	35	34	34	34	37	33	29	34	30
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<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	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.37 Thinking about the financial situation of you and your family... Do you think these free trade agreements have definitely helped, probably helped, probably hurt, or definitely hurt the financial situation of you and your family?

		Dec <u>2006</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Dec <u>2003</u>
3	Definitely helped	3	3	2
24	Probably helped	32	31	25
32	Probably hurt	24	25	24
16	Definitely hurt	12	16	14
13	Neither (VOL.)	11	12	15
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.38 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?

		Dec <u>2006</u>
39	Higher	30
29	Lower	32
18	Not make a difference	23
1	Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ)	1
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>14</u>
100		100

⁸ In December 2006 the question wording asked about: “free trade agreements like NAFTA and the World Trade Organization,” and did not mention “policies of” the World Trade Organization. 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.38 CONTINUED...

b. Do free trade agreements make the wages of American workers higher, lower, or not make a difference?

		Dec <u>2006</u>
8	Higher	11
56	Lower	44
22	Not make a difference	30
2	Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ)	1
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>14</u>
100		100

c. Do free trade agreements create jobs in the U.S., lead to job losses, or not make a difference?

		Dec <u>2006</u>
9	Create jobs	12
61	Lead to job losses	48
18	Not make a difference	25
2	Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ)	2
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>13</u>
100		100

d. Do free trade agreements make the American economy grow, slow the economy down, or not make a difference?

		Dec <u>2006</u>
19	Make the economy grow	28
50	Slow the economy down	34
17	Not make a difference	21
2	Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ)	2
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>15</u>
100		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?

		Dec <u>2006</u>
58	Good	57
12	Bad	9
19	Don't make a difference	19
0	Mixed/Depends (VOL. DO NOT READ)	1
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>14</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Now a few questions about Iraq...

Q.39 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right</u> <u>decision</u>	<u>Wrong</u> <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2008	37	57	6=100
Late February, 2008	38	54	8=100
Late December, 2007	36	56	8=100
October, 2007	39	54	7=100
September, 2007	42	50	8=100
July, 2007	41	53	6=100
June, 2007	40	51	9=100
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
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7=100
Late October, 2006	43	47	10=100
Early October, 2006	45	47	8=100
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
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

Q. 39 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5=100
Early January, 2004	62	28	10=100
December, 2003	67	26	7=100
October, 2003	60	33	7=100
September, 2003	63	31	6=100
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	24	9=100
May, 2003	74	20	6=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>7=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>8=100</i>
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7=100</i>
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

ASK ALL:

Q.40 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ Refused
April, 2008	10	34	28	24	4=100
Late February, 2008	12	36	25	23	4=100
Late December, 2007	11	30	31	23	5=100
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
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	7	30	32	27	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

Q. 40 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
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
September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7=100</i>

ASK ALL:

Q.41 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
April, 2008	41	56	3=100
Late February, 2008	47	49	4=100
Late December, 2007	40	54	6=100
November, 2007	41	54	5=100
October, 2007	42	54	4=100
September, 2007	39	54	7=100
July, 2007	39	54	7=100
June, 2007	39	56	5=100
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

Q. 41 CONTINUED...	Keep troops	Bring troops	(VOL.)
	<u>in Iraq</u>	<u>home</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
Mid-November, 2006	46	48	6=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	49	44	7=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
September, 2004	54	40	6=100
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100
June, 2004 ⁹	51	44	5=100
May, 2004	53	42	5=100
Late April, 2004	53	40	7=100
Early April, 2004	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	63	32	5=100
October, 2003	58	39	3=100
September, 2003	64	32	4=100

IF “KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ” (1 IN Q.41) ASK:

Q.42 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

	Should	Should	(VOL.)
	<u>set a</u> <u>timetable</u>	<u>not set</u> <u>timetable</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Refused</u>
April, 2008	14	26	1=41%
Late February, 2008	16	30	1=47%
Late December, 2007	13	26	1=40%
November, 2007	11	29	1=41%
October, 2007	15	26	1=42%
September, 2007	13	25	1=39%
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%

⁹ In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: “Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?”

Q. 42 CONTINUED...	Should set a <u>timetable</u>	Should not set <u>timetable</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
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%

^ Trend note: In June 2007 and earlier the question was asked of all respondents. Results shown here are limited to those who said we should “keep troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized” in order to be consistent with the way the question is currently asked. 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.41) ASK:

Q.43 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 all troops <u>immediately</u>	Gradual <u>withdrawal</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
April, 2008	16	39	1=56%
Late February, 2008	14	33	2=49%
Late December, 2007	18	34	2=54%
November, 2007	16	36	2=54%
October, 2007	18	35	1=54%
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:

Q.44 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?

		Late- Feb 2008	Late- Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Sept 2007	July 2007	April 2007	Feb 2007	Nov 2006	Mid- Sept 2006	Aug 2006
12	Definitely succeed	13	10	11	11	8	9	9	7	12	13	14
35	Probably succeed	40	35	37	35	34	34	36	40	41	44	40
30	Probably fail	26	31	33	31	32	32	30	34	28	26	28
16	Definitely fail	13	14	13	13	15	17	16	12	13	9	12
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.45 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=747]:

		Making progress	Losing ground	(VOL.) No change	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
a.F1	Training Iraqi security forces so they can replace U.S. troops	53	32	4	11=100
	Late February, 2008	57	29	1	13=100
	November, 2007	50	36	3	11=100
	September, 2007	50	38	2	10=100
	June, 2007	42	36	2	20=100
	February, 2007	51	34	2	13=100
	November, 2006	48	37	1	14=100
	August, 2006	58	26	2	14=100
	June, 2006	61	28	2	9=100
	April, 2006	55	30	1	14=100
	March, 2006	56	30	1	13=100
	January, 2006	65	22	1	12=100
	December, 2005	61	27	1	11=100
b.F1	Reducing the number of civilian casualties there	37	48	4	11=100
	Late February, 2008	46	40	3	11=100
	November, 2007	43	46	3	8=100
	September, 2007	37	48	2	13=100
	June, 2007	21	65	2	12=100
	February, 2007	20	66	2	12=100
	November, 2006	20	67	2	11=100
	August, 2006	25	58	3	14=100
	June, 2006	29	56	3	12=100
	April, 2006	28	56	3	13=100
	March, 2006	27	56	3	14=100
	January, 2006	32	54	3	11=100
	December, 2005	35	53	3	9=100

Q.45 CONTINUED...

		<u>Making</u>	<u>Losing</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u>
		<u>progress</u>	<u>ground</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>DK/</u>	<u>Ref</u>
c.F1	Preventing terrorists from using Iraq as a base for attacks against the U.S. and its allies	45	41	6	8=100	
	Late February, 2008	52	37	2	9=100	
	November, 2007	51	36	3	10=100	
	September, 2007	46	41	2	11=100	
	June, 2007	38	46	3	13=100	
	February, 2007	43	43	3	11=100	
	November, 2006	39	49	2	10=100	
	August, 2006	45	40	2	13=100	
	June, 2006	49	39	2	10=100	
	April, 2006	44	43	3	10=100	
	March, 2006	42	44	2	12=100	
	January, 2006	52	33	2	13=100	
	December, 2005	48	41	2	9=100	
d.F1	Establishing democracy in Iraq	39	46	5	10=100	
	Late February, 2008	49	40	2	9=100	
	November, 2007	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 ITEMS e THRU h OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=755]:						
e.F2	Defeating the insurgents militarily	42	43	3	12=100	
	Late February, 2008	49	35	2	14=100	
	November, 2007	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	33	51	6	10=100	
	Late February, 2008	35	49	3	13=100	
	November, 2007	32	55	3	10=100	
	September, 2007	26	57	4	13=100	

Q.45 CONTINUED...

		<u>Making</u>	<u>Losing</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u>
		<u>progress</u>	<u>ground</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/</u>
				<u>change</u>	<u>Ref</u>
	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	53	29	2	16=100
	Late February, 2008	47	29	1	23=100
	November, 2007	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=100
	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	44	45	3	8=100
	Late February, 2008	47	39	3	11=100
	November, 2007	41	47	3	9=100
	September, 2007	35	49	3	13=100

ASK FORM A ONLY [N=755]:

Q.46FA 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?

		April
		<u>2007</u>
41	More likely	45
11	Less likely	7
42	Not make a difference	43
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>
100		100

ASK FORM B ONLY [N=747]:

Q.47FB 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?

		April <u>2007</u>
35	More likely	41
22	Less likely	18
38	Not make a difference	34
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**

9	Very conservative
29	Conservative
37	Moderate
14	Liberal OR
5	Very liberal?
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100	