



**RT Strategies National Omnibus Poll**  
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**Conducted November 17-20, 2005**  
**N = 1,001 adults nationwide, Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.1\%$**

**All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

PtP1. Thinking about the war in Iraq, when Democratic Senators criticize the President's policy on the war in Iraq, do you believe it HELPS the morale of our troops in Iraq or HURTS the morale of our troops in Iraq? (IF HELPS/HURTS, ASK:) And do you believe it (HURTS/HELPS) morale A LOT or just SOME?

TOTAL Hurts morale .....	70
TOTAL Helps morale .....	13
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Hurts morale a lot.....	44
Hurts morale some.....	26
Helps morale some .....	6
Helps morale a lot .....	7
Not sure/refused .....	17

PtP2. When Democrats criticize the President's policy in Iraq, do you believe they are (ROTATE)

Criticizing the President's policy because they believe their criticisms will help the United States' efforts in Iraq,  
 OR, Criticizing the President's policy to gain a partisan political advantage?

Criticizing the President's policy because they believe their criticisms will help the United States' efforts in Iraq .....	31
Criticizing the President's policy to gain a partisan political advantage .....	51
Some of both (VOLUNTEERED).....	6
Neither (VOLUNTEERED) .....	6
Not sure/refused.....	7

PtP3. And thinking about the future of our policies in Iraq, do you believe the U.S. military should.... (ROTATE FIRST TWO, ALWAYS ASK "Set a fixed timetable" last)

Withdraw our troops immediately, regardless of the impact.....	16
Withdraw our troops as the Iraqi government and military meet specific goals and objectives .....	49
Set a fixed publicly available timetable for withdrawal .....	30
None of the above (VOLUNTEERED).....	3
Not sure/refused.....	2

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only:

45. Into which of the following categories does your age fall?

18-29 .....	16
30-34 .....	9
35-39 .....	9
40-44 .....	11
45-49 .....	10
50-54 .....	9
55-59 .....	7
60-64 .....	7
65 and older.....	22
Refused .....	*
Mean.....	47

46. What is the last year of school you completed?

High School or less.....	32
Some College.....	30
College Graduate .....	37
Grade school or some high school.....	6
Graduated high school.....	26
Some community college or university but did not finish .....	18
Graduated from community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree .....	11
Completed four-year college or university degree.....	22
Completed post-graduate degree, such as Master's or PhD or professional school such as law or medicine .....	16
Not sure/refused .....	1

47. How important is religion in your daily life?

Extremely important .....	34
Very important.....	29
Somewhat important .....	22
Not too important .....	8
Not important at all.....	6
Not sure/refused .....	1

48. On the abortion issue, are you generally (ROTATE:) pro-choice or pro-life. Do you feel strongly that way, or only somewhat?

TOTAL Pro-life.....	46
TOTAL Pro-choice .....	48
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Strongly pro-life.....	36
Somewhat pro-life .....	10
Somewhat pro-choice .....	15
Strongly pro-choice .....	32
Not sure/refused .....	6

49. In national politics do you consider yourself (RANDOMIZE:)

1. A Democrat
2. A Republican
3. An Independent
4. Or none of these?

(IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN ASK) Do you consider yourself strongly (Democratic/Republican) or only moderately (Democratic/Republican).

(IF INDEPENDENT/NONE OF THESE, ASK: Do lean more toward the (ROTATE) Democratic or Republican Party?

Republican .....	31
Independent.....	35
Democrat .....	33
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Republicans with leaners .....	40
Democrats with leaners.....	46
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Strongly Republican .....	18
Moderately Republican .....	13
Independent or Neither/Lean Republican .....	9
Independent or Neither/Do not lean .....	13
Independent or Neither/Lean Democratic.....	13
Moderately Democratic .....	14
Strongly Democratic.....	19
Not sure/Refused .....	1

50. How would you describe your political views (ROTATE ORDER, STARTING FROM BOTTOM EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW)

TOTAL Conservative.....	38
TOTAL Liberal.....	27
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Very conservative .....	14
Somewhat conservative .....	24
Moderate.....	32
Somewhat liberal .....	19
Very liberal.....	8
Not sure/refused .....	2

51. Are you Hispanic? (IF NOT HISPANIC, ASK:) Is your ethnicity white, black, Asian, American Indian or something else?

White .....	78
Black.....	10
Hispanic.....	9
Asian.....	*
American Indian .....	1
Other.....	1
Mixed (VOLUNTEERED) .....	*
Not sure/refused .....	1

52. GENDER

Men .....	48
Women.....	52
Not sure/refused .....	-

53. REGIONS

East (21%)	New England .....	5
	Mid Atlantic States .....	16
Midwest (21%)	Great Lakes .....	16
	Farm Belt.....	5
South (35%)	Deep South.....	16
	Outer South .....	18
West (23%)	Mountain.....	7
	Pacific.....	16

54. Size of Place

Urban .....	30
Suburban.....	50
Rural.....	20