

Washington Post-ABC News Poll June 2005

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*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/5/05	48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05	47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05	50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05	50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05	52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04	48	27	21	49	12	38	2
10/20/04 All	50	30	20	46	11	35	4
LV	50	33	17	48	10	38	2
RV	50	30	20	46	11	35	3
10/17/04 LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04 LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04 LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04 All	50	33	18	45	13	32	5
LV	53	38	15	46	10	35	1
RV	52	35	17	46	13	32	5
9/8/04 All	52	35	17	43	11	32	5
RV	52	38	14	45	11	33	3
8/29/04 All	50	31	19	47	13	34	3
RV	52	33	19	47	13	35	1
8/1/04 All	47	28	18	49	13	36	5
RV	48	29	19	51	13	38	2
7/25/04 All	50	32	19	47	13	34	3
RV	51	33	18	47	13	34	2
7/11/04	48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04 All	47	30	17	51	13	39	1
RV	48	32	15	51	12	40	1
5/23/04	47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04	51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04	50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04	50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04	58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03	59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03	57	37	20	39	10	29	5
12/7/03	53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03	57	34	23	39	11	28	4
10/29/03	56	30	26	42	13	29	2
10/13/03	53	33	20	43	13	29	4
9/30/03	54	34	20	44	15	29	2
9/13/03	58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03	56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03	59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03	59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03	68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03	71	50	22	26	17	9	3

4/16/03	74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03	77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03	71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03	68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03	67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5
3/2/03	62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03	64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03	62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03	62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03	59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03	59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02	66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02	LV 67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02	LV 67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02	LV 67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02	All 67	39	28	29	13	16	4
	LV 68	47	21	30	14	16	3
9/26/02	67	42	25	30	12	18	3
9/8/02	71	42	28	27	12	15	3
7/28/02	69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02	72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02	74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02	77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02	76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02	78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02	79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02	82	52	30	16	9	7	2
1/27/02	83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01	86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01	89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01	89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01	92	76	16	6	3	3	1
9/27/01	90	70	20	6	3	3	4
9/13/01	86	63	23	12	5	6	2
9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
8/12/01	61	28	33	31	14	17	8
7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
3/25/01	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
2/25/01	55	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	22

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

6/5/05 - Summary Table*

	Approve	Disapprove	No op.
a. Social Security	34	62	4
b. The situation in Iraq	41	58	1
c. The nomination of federal judges	46	44	10
d. The economy	40	58	2
e. The US campaign against terrorism	50	49	1
f. Federal funding for embryonic stem cell research	33	55	13

*Half sample asked a-c, other half asked d-f.

Trend where available:

a. Social Security

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	34	62	4
4/24/05	31	64	5
3/13/05	35	56	9
1/16/05	38	55	7
12/19/04	38	52	9
4/18/04	41	51	8
3/7/04	38	55	7
10/29/03	40	46	14
9/13/03	43	46	11
4/30/03	49	38	13
12/15/02	49	38	13
9/26/02	42	43	15
7/15/02	54	35	11
1/27/02	54	28	18
9/9/01	41	50	9
7/30/01	46	48	6
6/3/01	46	40	14

b. The situation in Iraq

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	41	58	1
4/24/05	42	56	2
3/13/05	39	57	4
1/16/05	40	58	2
12/19/04	42	57	1
9/26/04 RV	47	50	3
8/29/04 RV	47	51	2
7/25/04	45	53	2
6/20/04	44	55	2
5/23/04	40	58	2
4/18/04	45	54	1
3/7/04	46	53	1
2/11/04	47	52	1
1/18/04	55	42	2
12/21/03	60	39	2
12/14/03	58	38	4
11/16/03	48	48	4
10/29/03	47	51	2
10/13/03	51	47	2
9/29/03	50	47	3
9/13/03	52	46	2
9/7/03	49	47	4
8/24/03	56	37	7
8/11/03	56	41	3
7/10/03	58	41	2
6/22/03	67	30	2
4/30/03	75	22	2

Compare to: The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein

3/27/03	69	26	5
3/23/03	71	26	3
3/20/03	65	29	5
3/17/03	64	29	7
3/9/03	55	38	8
2/23/03	55	39	6
2/9/03	61	37	2
2/5/03	61	32	7

2/1/03	61	35	3
1/28/03	58	38	4
1/27/03	57	40	3
1/20/03	50	46	4
12/15/02	58	37	5
11/4/02 LV	56	40	4
11/3/02 LV	57	40	4
11/2/02 LV	56	41	3
10/27/02	57	38	5
9/26/02	58	39	3
9/14/02	65	31	4
8/29/02	52	36	12

c. No trend.

d. The economy

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	40	58	2
4/24/05	40	57	3
3/13/05	43	55	2
1/16/05	46	52	2
12/19/04	46	51	3
9/26/04 RV	47	50	4
8/29/04 RV	45	52	3
7/25/04	47	50	3
6/20/04	46	53	1
5/23/04	44	54	2
4/18/04	44	54	2
3/7/04	39	59	1
2/11/04	44	54	2
1/18/04	51	47	2
12/21/03	51	44	5
11/16/03	48	49	3
10/29/03	45	53	2
10/13/03	45	52	2
9/13/03	42	56	3
9/7/03	44	51	5
8/11/03	45	51	5
7/10/03	47	49	4
4/30/03	52	45	3
2/9/03	47	49	4
2/1/03	44	52	4
1/28/03	46	49	4
1/27/03	47	47	5
1/20/03	43	53	4
1/5/03	50	43	7
12/15/02	50	46	4
11/4/02 LV	53	45	2
11/3/02 LV	52	46	2
11/2/02 LV	55	43	2
10/27/02	51	43	6
10/27/02 LV	53	44	3
9/26/02	51	47	3
9/8/02	57	40	4
7/28/02	57	39	4
7/15/02	58	38	3
4/21/02	64	33	3
1/27/02	62	34	4
12/19/01	67	27	6
11/6/01	72	23	5
9/9/01	48	48	4
7/30/01	52	45	3

6/3/01	53	41	6
4/22/01	55	38	7
3/25/01	50	42	8

e. The US campaign against terrorism

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	50	49	1
4/24/05	56	41	3
3/13/05	59	38	3
1/16/05	61	38	2
12/19/04	53	43	3
9/26/04 RV	59	38	3
8/29/04 RV	60	37	3
7/25/04	57	40	4
6/20/04	50	48	2
5/23/04	58	39	4
4/18/04	63	35	2
3/7/04	63	34	3
2/11/04	64	34	2
1/18/04	66	33	2
12/21/03	70	28	2
10/29/03	63	35	2
10/13/03	66	30	4
9/13/03	70	27	3
9/7/03	67	28	5
4/30/03	79	19	2
2/9/03	74	23	4
2/1/03	75	21	3
1/27/03	72	26	2
1/20/03	71	25	4
12/15/02	79	20	1
11/4/02 LV	76	22	1
11/3/02 LV	77	22	3
11/2/02 LV	78	21	2
10/27/02 All	74	23	4
10/27/02 LV	78	20	2
9/26/02	70	28	2
9/8/02	74	24	2
7/28/02	81	17	2
7/15/02	83	15	2
5/19/02*	79	19	3
4/21/02*	81	18	2
3/10/02*	88	10	2
1/27/02	88	10	2
12/19/01*	89	9	2
10/15/01*	92	5	3

*Asked very/somewhat follow-up

f. No trend.

3. Which of these should be the highest priority for Bush and Congress this year: (The U.S. campaign against terrorism), (the war in Iraq), (the economy and jobs), (health care), (Social Security) or something else?

	Terr- orism	Iraq	Economy/ jobs	Health care	Social Security	Something else	No op.
6/5/05	12	24	30	16	13	4	1
4/24/05	12	22	32	15	11	6	1
3/13/05	17	23	27	16	10	5	2

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	41	54	4
10/29/03	40	52	9
4/30/03	57	37	6
9/26/02	51	43	6
7/15/02	57	36	7
2/21/02	57	39	4
1/27/02	58	35	7
12/19/01	59	34	7
9/9/01	45	48	7
7/30/01	48	48	4
4/22/01	58	33	8
10/31/99	42	53	6
9/2/99	46	47	7
6/6/99	48	46	6
3/14/99	44	49	7
2/14/99	46	50	4
12/20/98	44	51	5
12/19/98	45	50	5
12/13/98	49	46	5
11/7/98	41	55	4
11/1/98	49	47	5
11/1/98 LV	47	51	2
10/25/98	45	44	11
10/25/98 LV	45	48	7
10/18/98	46	45	8
10/18/98 LV	45	49	5
9/28/98	52	44	4
9/28/98 LV	52	46	2
8/21/98	55	39	6
7/12/98	46	44	11
5/12/98	45	45	9
4/4/98	47	45	8
1/31/98	55	35	10
1/30/98	55	35	10
1/25/98	56	37	8
1/24/98	55	38	7
1/19/98	47	49	5
10/13/97	36	57	7
8/27/97	39	54	7
7/8/97	40	53	6
4/24/97	40	53	7
3/9/97	35	60	5
8/5/96	42	52	7
6/30/96	35	58	7
5/22/96	35	60	5
3/10/96	30	64	6
1/7/96	31	65	5
11/19/95	27	68	5
10/1/95	32	65	3
7/17/95	34	63	3
3/19/95	39	56	5
1/29/95	42	52	6
10/31/94	21	72	8
10/23/94	18	78	4
9/11/94	24	70	5
6/26/94	34	61	5
3/27/94	35	62	3
2/27/94	32	64	4
1/23/94	29	60	11

11/14/93	28	66	6
8/8/93	33	64	3
4/26/93	30	69	2
1/17/93	29	66	6
4/9/92	17	78	5
3/18/92	19	76	5
3/8/92	22	73	6
2/2/92	32	64	4
12/15/91	35	59	6
10/21/91	45	50	5
6/2/91	49	46	5
10/14/90	34	63	3
2/4/90	41	55	4
1/16/90	39	55	6
8/21/89	42	53	5
5/23/89	54	44	2
2/14/89	53	44	3
1/23/88*	43	53	4
6/1/87	56	40	4
6/22/85	54	37	9
5/83	33	43	24
6/81	38	40	22
6/79	19	61	20
9/78	29	49	22
6/77	34	42	24
6/75	29	54	17
8/74	48	35	17

*1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

5a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are doing their job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	42	56	2
6/6/99*	41	52	7
3/14/99	40	56	4
7/8/97	40	54	6
9/15/96 Reg.	46	48	6
6/30/96	38	56	6
4/5/95	45	50	5
10/31/94	33	59	7
10/23/94	31	64	5
9/11/94	35	59	6

* Post poll

5b. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are doing their job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	42	56	3
6/6/99*	51	42	7
3/14/99	51	42	7
7/8/97	45	49	6
4/5/95	36	60	4
10/31/94	39	53	8
10/23/94	36	59	5
9/11/94	41	53	6

* Post poll

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
6/5/05	61	32	8
9/26/02	64	27	9
7/15/02	68	23	9
11/1/98	72	20	8
11/1/98 LV	73	23	5
10/18/98	68	20	11
10/18/98 LV	67	25	9
9/28/98	70	21	10
9/28/98 LV	71	23	6
7/12/98	70	18	12
1/19/98	74	19	7
4/5/95	65	25	9
10/31/94	51	38	11
10/23/94	49	43	8
9/11/94	53	35	12
6/26/94	59	31	10
3/27/94	62	26	12
1/17/93	60	29	11
4/9/92	47	39	13
3/18/92	49	40	11
2/2/92	56	32	12
12/15/91	60	28	12
10/21/91	64	27	9
6/2/91	61	26	14
10/14/90	64	29	7
5/23/89	71	18	11

7. Right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress in the next election or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

	Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opin.
6/5/05	40	50	8	3
2/21/02	40	48	7	6
10/31/99	41	47	8	3
9/28/98	44	46	NA	10
9/28/98 LV	52	42	NA	6
7/12/98	42	44	5	10
1/19/98	47	41	7	4
8/27/97	34	52	9	5
11/6/94 RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94	35	56	2	7
10/23/94	32	58	4	6
9/11/94	36	53	4	7
6/26/94	35	54	6	5
3/27/94	32	56	6	7
1/23/94	32	46	10	12
11/14/93	38	52	5	5
7/8/92	34	54	3	9
6/7/92	36	53	4	7
4/9/92	33	56	3	8
3/11/92	36	54	3	7
2/2/92	38	51	4	7
10/21/91	31	55	7	6
6/2/91	37	49	5	9
11/4/90 LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90	36	57	NA	7
5/21/90	43	50	3	3
5/23/89	45	44	4	6

8. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/05	46	41	1	9	2
8/11/03	39	40	3	10	7
12/15/02	41	44	2	11	2
10/27/02 LV	39	51	2	5	2
9/26/02	39	46	3	8	4
9/26/02 LV	42	49	1	7	2
7/15/02	42	45	2	7	4
1/27/02	40	44	3	10	4
4/22/01	47	40	4	7	3
7/23/00	42	42	2	9	6
9/2/99	45	39	4	9	4
6/6/99	45	35	3	13	5
3/14/99	47	37	5	9	3
2/14/99	48	37	4	7	4
10/18/98	44	36	3	12	6
10/18/98 LV	43	42	3	10	2
9/28/98	49	38	2	8	3
9/28/98 LV	45	44	1	8	2
8/21/98	48	36	4	9	3
7/12/98	45	38	3	8	6
1/31/98	47	37	4	6	7
1/19/98	45	42	2	7	4
7/8/97	44	37	2	14	3
9/15/96 RV	45	38	3	11	3
8/5/96	43	38	3	11	3
6/30/96	46	37	3	12	3
5/22/96	47	38	3	10	3
11/6/94 RV	41	39	2	12	6
10/31/94	43	43	2	8	4
10/23/94	39	40	3	15	3
9/11/94	43	40	4	11	3
6/26/94	41	36	3	14	5
2/27/94	46	32	4	16	3
11/14/93	42	39	3	11	4
1/17/93	49	28	5	13	5
7/8/92	48	38	1	8	4
6/7/92	43	37	3	11	6
3/11/92	45	37	1	11	5
3/8/92	51	36	1	7	5
2/2/92	49	39	2	7	3
12/15/91	39	37	3	15	6
10/21/91	39	40	3	13	5

9. Do you feel Bush and the Republican leaders in Congress are making good progress on solving the nation's problems or not?

	Yes, making progress	No, not making progress	No opinion
6/5/05	37	61	2

Compare to:

Do you feel Bush and the Democratic leaders in Congress are making good progress on solving the nation's problems or not?

	Yes, making progress	No, not making progress	No opinion
2/21/02	55	42	3
2/4/90	43	55	2
4/3/89	44	51	4

10. (IF BUSH AND CONGRESS NOT MAKING PROGRESS) Whose fault is that mainly - (Bush and the Republicans), or (the Democrats in Congress)?

	Bush and the Republicans	Democrats in Congress	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
6/5/05	67	13	17	2	1

11. Would you support or oppose a plan in which people who chose to could invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

	Support	Oppose	No opin.
6/5/05	48	49	2
4/24/05	45	51	4
3/13/05	56	41	3
12/19/04	53	44	3
7/15/02	52	45	3
4/22/01	53	46	2
3/25/01	52	45	3
10/30/00 LV	58	35	8
9/6/00 RV	59	37	4
5/10/00	64	31	5

12. (IF SUPPORT) What if that plan also reduced the rate of growth in guaranteed Social Security benefits for future retirees - in that case would you support or oppose it?

	Support	Oppose	No opin.
6/5/05	57	39	4
4/24/05	56	41	1

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	Support	-----Oppose-----		No op.
	NET	In general	If reduced benefits	
6/5/05	27	68	49	19
4/24/05	25	69	51	19

13. Based on what you know about Bush's proposals, do you think they would or would not improve the long-term financial stability of the Social Security system?

	Yes, would	No, would not	No opinion
6/5/05	32	63	5

14. If a system were put in place that (reduced the rate of growth in guaranteed benefits), but (allowed a stock-market option for some Social Security contributions), do you think that would increase or decrease the overall retirement income most seniors receive?

	Increase	Decrease	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/05	32	56	4	7

15. On another subject, all in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

	----Worth fighting----			----Not worth fighting---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04 LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04 LV	48	36	12	50	7	43	2
RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04 RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04 RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2
1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5
11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4
8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70	"	"	27	"	"	4
Gulf War:							
2/2/92*	66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1
*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"							

16. Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	No opinion
6/5/05	25	73	2
3/13/05	27	70	3
12/19/04	27	70	3
6/20/04	29	71	1
4/18/04	33	65	2
1/18/04	34	62	4
12/21/03	37	60	4
11/16/03	33	64	3
10/29/03	35	62	3
10/13/03	37	60	3
9/13/03	43	55	2
9/7/03	38	57	5
8/11/03	42	53	5
7/10/03	44	52	3
6/22/03	51	44	5
4/9/03	66	28	6
4/3/03	62	32	5
3/27/03	58	34	9

17. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal, or somewhat?

	-----Contributed-----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opin.
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 LV	54	36	18	43	3
RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3
6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3
4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4
7/10/03*	62	33	29	35	3
*"did or did not"					

18. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the United States (has gotten bogged down in Iraq), or do you think the United States (is making good progress in Iraq)?

	Has gotten bogged down	Is making good progress	No opinion
6/5/05	65	33	2
4/24/05	58	39	3
3/13/05	54	43	4
10/3/04 LV	58	38	4
9/26/04 LV	59	37	4
RV	60	36	4
9/8/04 RV	54	40	6
5/23/04	65	33	2
5/6/04	60	35	5
4/18/04	59	41	0

19. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think the United States is heading for the same kind of involvement in Iraq as it had in the Vietnam war, or do you think the United States will avoid that kind of involvement this time?

	Another Vietnam	Will avoid that	Already in it (vol.)	No opin.
6/5/05	42	52	3	3
Compare to: Afghanistan				
3/10/02	18	77	NA	5
Compare to: Serbia				
4/26/99	31	65	NA	4
Compare to: Bosnia				
11/29/95	33	61	NA	6
Compare to: Persian Gulf				
4/3/91*	8	89	NA	3
1/20/91*	11	86	NA	3
12/5/90	32	66	NA	3
11/15/90	26	69	NA	5
9/9/90	18	78	NA	4
8/20/90	22	74	NA	4

*Wording change: "Persian Gulf" in place of "Middle East"

20. Do you think the Bush Administration does or does not have a clear plan for eventually withdrawing most U.S. troops from Iraq?

	Does	Does not	No opinion
6/5/05	33	65	2
3/13/04	32	64	4

21. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----Excellent/Good----			-----Not so good/Poor-----			No op.
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04 RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04 RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98 LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

22. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel (optimistic) or (pessimistic) about the state of the national economy?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
6/5/05	59	40	1
12/19/04	58	40	2
6/20/04	64	34	2
1/14/03	63	35	2

26. As it conducts the war on terrorism, do you think the United States government is or is not doing enough to protect the rights of American citizens?

	Yes	No	Doing too much (vol.)	No opin.
6/5/05	50	46	1	2
9/7/03	69	28	*	3
12/15/02	61	35	*	3
9/8/02	74	24	*	1
6/16/02	65	30	2	3

27. How confident are you that the United States is adequately protecting the rights of prisoners in the U.S. campaign against terrorism, such as those being held in the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

	-----Confident-----			-----Not confident-----			No opin.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	At all	
6/5/05	60	23	38	37	20	17	3

28. As you may know, starting in 2001 the FBI was given additional authority in areas like surveillance, wiretaps and obtaining records in terrorism investigations. Supporters said this was necessary to fight terrorism. Opponents said it went too far in compromising privacy rights. Do you think this additional FBI authority should or should not be continued?

	Yes, should	No, should not	No opinion
6/5/05	59	39	2

Q29a. (HALF SAMPLE) Would you support or oppose further expanding the FBI's authority in these investigations by allowing it to demand records without first getting a judge or prosecutor's approval?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
6/5/05	31	68	1

29b. (HALF SAMPLE) Would you support or oppose further expanding the FBI's authority in these investigations by requiring the Postal Service to let FBI agents copy information from the outside of envelopes in the mail?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
6/5/05	44	54	2

30. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of:

6/5/05 - Summary Table

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
a. George W. Bush	48	51	1
b. The Republican party	49	49	2
c. The Democratic party	51	47	2
d. Hillary Rodham Clinton	51	46	3
e. John McCain	57	32	11

Trend:

a. George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
6/5/05	48	51	1
10/17/04* LV	52	42	6
10/13/04* LV	49	46	5
10/12/04* LV	49	46	5
10/11/04* LV	52	44	4
10/4/04* LV	53	42	5
10/3/04* LV	53	41	5
9/26/04* LV	53	40	7
RV	52	38	10
9/8/04* RV	51	39	11
8/29/04* RV	50	40	9
8/1/04* RV	47	45	8
7/25/04* RV	54	43	3
3/7/04*	47	46	7
12/15/02	66	32	3
12/15/00**	56	36	8
10/15/00* RV	46	34	21
9/6/00* RV	58	31	11
7/23/00*	62	29	9
6/11/00*	50	28	22
4/2/00*	50	31	19
2/27/00*	49	39	11
10/31/99**	69	24	8
9/2/99**	61	23	16
6/6/99**	54	15	30
3/14/99**	54	14	32
2/14/99**	51	13	36
1/19/98**	34	13	53

*"Regardless of how you might vote, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of George W. Bush or perhaps you don't know enough to say."

**"I'm going to read you a few names. For each, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person or group, or perhaps you don't know enough to say...George W. Bush"

b. The Republican Party

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
6/5/05	49	49	2
12/15/02	56	38	5
1/27/02	63	30	7
7/30/01	51	46	3
12/15/00	54	35	11
1/16/00	53	37	10
1/10/00*	53	41	6
1/10/00 LV	56	39	5
11/21/99	50	44	6
5/2/99	47	44	9
2/21/99	45	46	9
2/13/99	40	54	5
2/8/99	45	47	8
1/10/99	40	52	8
12/20/98	31	57	12
12/16/98	43	47	10
10/29/97	50	42	8
9/1/96 RV	50	45	5
8/18/96 RV	55	41	4
8/7/96 RV	51	44	5
4/10/96	52	41	7
4/19/95	52	42	6
7/8/92 RV	53	39	8

*1/10/00 and previous: Gallup

c. The Democratic Party

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
6/5/05	51	47	2
12/15/02	56	37	6
1/27/02	56	36	8
7/30/01	60	36	4
12/15/00	64	25	11
1/16/00	56	35	9
1/10/00*	61	33	6
1/10/00 LV	58	37	5
11/21/99	51	41	8
5/2/99	53	37	10
2/21/99	55	37	8
2/13/99	56	38	6
2/8/99	57	37	6
1/10/99	57	35	8
12/20/98	57	30	13
12/16/98	58	32	10
10/29/97	54	39	7
9/1/96 RV	60	36	4
8/18/96 RV	55	41	4
8/7/96 RV	57	38	5
4/10/96	55	38	7
4/19/95	51	43	6
7/8/92 RV	54	38	8

*1/10/00 and previous: Gallup

d. Hillary Rodham Clinton

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
6/5/05	51	46	3
6/1/03	44	48	8
9/2/99	49	44	7
6/6/99	59	35	6
3/14/99	60	36	4
2/14/99	63	31	6
11/1/98	64	31	5
11/1/98 LV	60	36	3
8/21/98	64	28	8
8/19/98	64	32	4
4/4/98	58	33	10
1/30/98	60	30	10
1/19/98	52	39	9
3/9/97	47	44	9
9/4/96 RV	47	42	12
6/30/96	44	47	9
1/21/96	28	36	36
1/19/96	32	34	34
10/31/94	47	44	8
5/15/94	54	41	5
3/27/94	53	39	8
1/23/94	55	34	11
11/14/93	58	33	9
8/8/93	59	33	8
4/26/93	54	26	20
2/23/93	59	24	18
1/17/93	51	20	29
7/8/92	30	26	43
3/28/92	28	22	51

e. John McCain

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
6/5/05	57	32	11
7/30/01	57	30	12
2/27/00	60	21	19
10/31/99	36	22	41
9/2/99	22	10	68
3/14/99	20	10	69

31. Do you think Bush is doing a better job as president in his second term than in his first term, a worse job or what?

	Better	Worse	Same (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/05	30	38	30	2

Compare to:

Do you think Bush will do a better job as president in his second term than in his first term, a worse job or what?

	Better	Worse	Same (vol.)	No opinion
1/16/05	55	29	14	3

Clinton:

1/15/97	56	19	21	3
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32. Overall do you think Bush has done more to (unite the country), or has done more to (divide the country)?

	Unite	Divide	No opin.
6/5/05	43	55	2
9/8/04 RV	48	44	8
8/29/04 RV	47	48	5
4/18/04	50	48	2
3/7/04	48	49	3
12/21/03	58	36	6

33. Do you think Bush is mainly concentrating on things that are important to you personally, or on things that are not important to you personally?

	Important to you	Not important to you	No opin.
6/5/05	41	58	1
12/15/02	52	45	3
7/15/02	53	44	3
7/30/01	45	53	2

34. How about the (ITEM) - do you think they are mainly concentrating on things that are important to you personally, or on things that are not important to you personally?

6/5/05 - Summary Table

	Important to you	Not important to you	No opin.
a. Republicans in Congress	39	59	2
b. Democrats in Congress	46	53	2

46. When it comes time for Bush to nominate a new justice to the U.S. Supreme Court, do you think he should pick someone who is more of a (liberal), moderate or (conservative)?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	No opin.
6/5/05	21	41	35	3
12/19/04	21	43	33	3

47. As you may know, the Constitution gives the Senate the power to confirm the president's nominations to the federal courts. Would you say that the Senate

should only consider a judge's background, experience and qualifications, OR should the Senate also consider a judge's views on political issues?

	Background, experience and qualifications	Views on issues	No opinion
6/5/05	46	51	2

Compare to:

As you may know, the Constitution gives the Senate the power to confirm the president's nominations to the federal courts. Would you say that the Senate should only consider a judge's background, experience and qualifications, OR should the Senate also consider a judge's views on such issues as abortion, gun control and affirmative action?

	Background, experience and qualifications	Views on issues	No opinion
12/19/04	35	60	5

48. Who do you trust more to deal with the issue of (ITEM), your (state legislature) or your (state courts)?

6/5/05 - Summary Table

	State legislature	State courts	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. gay marriage	45	40	1	11	3
b. the death penalty	40	53	1	4	1
c. abortion	44	44	1	10	2

49. On another subject, do you think the federal government should or should not allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/5/05	48	49	4
4/21/02	43	50	7
1/27/02	48	48	4
4/22/01	41	55	4
1/15/01	38	56	5
5/13/89*	26	60	13

*"Do you think the federal government should allow new oil drilling..."

50. In general, would you favor or oppose building more nuclear power plants at this time? Do you favor/oppose this strongly or somewhat?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			No opin
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	
6/5/05	34	17	17	64	37	27	2
6/3/01	42	19	22	52	32	20	6
4/22/01	37	17	20	59	33	27	4
3/26/90	22	NA	NA	76	NA	NA	2
5/19/86	19	NA	NA	78	NA	NA	3
4/30/86	28	NA	NA	68	NA	NA	4
1/16/85	26	NA	NA	67	NA	NA	6
4/12/83	27	NA	NA	65	NA	NA	8
11/10/80	47	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	6

51. (IF FAVOR) Would you favor or oppose building a nuclear power plant within 50 miles of your home?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
6/5/05	70	29	1

50/51 NET.

	-----Favor-----			No op.	-----Oppose-----	
	NET	-----Within 50 miles-----			(NET)	No opin.
6/5/05	34	Favor	Oppose	*	64	2

SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
6/5/05	30	31	34	4	*

904. Do you lean more towards the: (READ LIST)

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Neither (vol.)	No op.
6/5/05	48	34	16	2

901/904 Leaned Party ID.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
6/5/05	48	45	5	2	*

908a. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't think in those terms (vol.)	No op.
6/5/05	23	40	35	1	*

911. What, if anything, is your religion?

	Protestant	Catholic	Christian (Non-Protestant)	Other Non-Christian	None	No op.
6/5/05	47	23	11	4	14	*

911b. (IF CHRISTIAN) Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Yes	No	No opin.
6/5/05	44	54	2

INCOME. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources?

	-----Less than \$50k-----				-----More than \$50k-----			
	NET	<20k	20-35k	35-50k	NET	50-75k	75-100k	100k+
6/5/05	55	15	20	20	43	17	13	14

Q909. What was the last grade of school you completed?

High school or less	15
Graduated high school	32
Some college	21
Graduated College	20
Post-graduate	11

Q910. What is your age?

18-29	21
30-39	21
40-49	18
50-64	24
65+	16

Q918. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

IF YES: Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?

IF NO: Are you white, black, or some other race?

White	76
Black	10
Hispanic	7

Asian	1
Other Race	6

Q921. RESPONDENT'S SEX

Male	48
Female	52