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Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,020—National Adults, aged 18+, conducted February 28-March 1, 2006. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of sampling error is ± 3 percentage points.

For results based on the –493—national adults in the Form A half-sample and –527—national adults in the Form B half-sample, the maximum margins of sampling error are ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –920—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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First,

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2006</u>				<u>2005</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	38	60	2	2005 Feb 25-27	52	45	3
2006 Feb 9-12	39	56	4	2005 Feb 21-24	51	45	4
2006 Feb 6-9	42	55	4	2005 Feb 7-10	49	48	3
2006 Jan 20-22	43	54	4	2005 Feb 4-6	57	40	3
2006 Jan 9-12	43	53	4	2005 Jan 14-16	51	46	3
2006 Jan 6-8	43	54	3	2005 Jan 7-9	52	44	4
<u>2005</u>				2005 Jan 3-5	52	44	4
2005 Dec 19-22	43	53	4	<u>2004</u>			
2005 Dec 16-18	41	56	3	2004 Dec 17-19	49	46	5
2005 Dec 9-11	42	55	3	2004 Dec 5-8	53	44	3
2005 Dec 5-8	43	52	5	2004 Nov 19-21	55	42	3
2005 Nov 17-20	38	57	5	2004 Nov 7-10	53	44	3
2005 Nov 11-13	37	60	3	2004 Oct 29-31	48	47	5
2005 Nov 7-10	40	55	5	2004 Oct 22-24	51	46	3
2005 Oct 28-30	41	56	3	2004 Oct 14-16	51	47	2
2005 Oct 24-26	41	56	3	2004 Oct 11-14	48	49	3
2005 Oct 21-23	42	55	3	2004 Oct 9-10	47	49	4
2005 Oct 13-16	39	58	3	2004 Oct 1-3	50	48	2
2005 Sep 26-28	45	50	5	2004 Sep 24-26	54	44	2
2005 Sep 16-18	40	58	2	2004 Sep 13-15	52	45	3
2005 Sep 12-15	45	52	3	2004 Sep 3-5	52	46	2
2005 Sep 8-11	46	51	3	2004 Aug 23-25	49	47	4
2005 Aug 28-30	45	52	3	2004 Aug 9-11	51	46	3
2005 Aug 22-25	40	56	4	2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	48	49	3
2005 Aug 8-11	45	51	4	2004 Jul 19-21	49	47	4
2005 Aug 5-7	45	51	4	2004 Jul 8-11	47	49	4
2005 Jul 25-28	44	51	5	2004 Jun 21-23	48	49	3
2005 Jul 22-24	49	48	3	2004 Jun 3-6	49	49	2
2005 Jul 7-10	49	48	3	2004 May 21-23	47	49	4
2005 Jun 29-30	46	51	3	2004 May 7-9	46	51	3
2005 Jun 24-26	45	53	2	2004 May 2-4	49	48	3
2005 Jun 16-19	47	51	2	2004 Apr 16-18	52	45	3
2005 Jun 6-8	47	49	4	2004 Apr 5-8	52	45	3
2005 May 23-26	48	47	5	2004 Mar 26-28	53	44	3
2005 May 20-22	46	50	4	2004 Mar 8-11	50	47	3
2005 May 2-5	50	45	5	2004 Mar 5-7	49	48	3
2005 Apr 29-May 1	48	49	3	2004 Feb 16-17	51	46	3
2005 Apr 18-21	48	49	3	2004 Feb 9-12	51	46	3
2005 Apr 4-7	50	45	5	2004 Feb 6-8	52	44	4
2005 Apr 1-2	48	48	4	2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	49	48	3
2005 Mar 21-23	45	49	6	2004 Jan 12-15	53	44	3
2005 Mar 18-20	52	44	4	2004 Jan 9-11	59	38	3
2005 Mar 7-10	52	44	4	2004 Jan 2-5	60	35	5

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Q.1 (BUSH JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2003</u>				<u>2002</u>			
2003 Dec 15-16	63	34	3	2002 Dec 9-10	63	32	5
2003 Dec 11-14	56	41	3	2002 Dec 5-8	64	29	7
2003 Dec 5-7	55	43	2	2002 Nov 22-24	65	28	7
2003 Nov 14-16	50	47	3	2002 Nov 11-14	66	26	8
2003 Nov 10-12	51	45	4	2002 Nov 8-10	68	27	5
2003 Nov 3-5	54	43	3	2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	63	29	8
2003 Oct 24-26	53	42	5	2002 Oct 21-22	67	28	5
2003 Oct 10-12	56	40	4	2002 Oct 14-17	62	31	7
2003 Oct 6-8	55	42	3	2002 Oct 3-6	67	28	5
2003 Sep 19-21	50	47	3	2002 Sep 23-26	68	26	6
2003 Sep 8-10	52	43	5	2002 Sep 20-22	66	30	4
2003 Aug 25-26	59	37	4	2002 Sep 13-16	70	26	4
2003 Aug 4-6	60	36	4	2002 Sep 5-8	66	30	4
2003 Jul 25-27	58	38	4	2002 Sep 2-4	66	29	5
2003 Jul 18-20	59	38	3	2002 Aug 19-21	65	28	7
2003 Jul 7-9	62	34	4	2002 Aug 5-8	68	26	6
2003 Jun 27-29	61	36	3	2002 Jul 29-31	71	23	6
2003 Jun 12-15	63	33	4	2002 Jul 26-28	69	26	5
2003 Jun 9-10	62	34	4	2002 Jul 22-24	69	24	7
2003 May 30-Jun 1	64	32	4	2002 Jul 9-11	73	21	6
2003 May 19-21	66	30	4	2002 Jul 5-8	76	18	6
2003 May 5-7	69	28	3	2002 Jun 28-30	76	19	5
2003 Apr 22-23	70	26	4	2002 Jun 21-23	73	21	6
2003 Apr 14-16	71	24	5	2002 Jun 17-19	74	20	6
2003 Apr 7-9	69	26	5	2002 Jun 3-6	70	23	7
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3	2002 May 28-29	77	17	6
2003 Mar 29-30	71	26	3	2002 May 20-22	76	17	7
2003 Mar 24-25	69	27	4	2002 May 6-9	76	19	5
2003 Mar 22-23	71	25	4	2002 Apr 29-May 1	77	20	3
2003 Mar 14-15	58	38	4	2002 Jun 7-8	74	18	8
2003 Mar 3-5	57	37	6	2002 Apr 22-24	77	17	6
2003 Feb 24-26	57	37	6	2002 Apr 8-11	75	20	5
2003 Feb 17-19	58	37	5	2002 Apr 5-7	76	19	5
2003 Feb 7-9	61	34	5	2002 Mar 22-24	79	17	4
2003 Feb 3-6	59	35	6	2002 Mar 18-20	79	16	5
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	61	35	4	2002 Mar 8-9	80	14	6
2003 Jan 23-25	60	36	4	2002 Mar 4-7	77	18	5
2003 Jan 20-22	58	36	6	2002 Mar 1-3	81	14	5
2003 Jan 13-16	61	34	5	2002 Feb 8-10	82	14	4
2003 Jan 10-12	58	37	5	2002 Feb 4-6	82	14	4
2003 Jan 3-5	63	32	5	2002 Jan 25-27	84	13	3
<u>2002</u>				2002 Jan 11-14	83	13	4
2002 Dec 19-22	61	32	7	2002 Jan 7-9	84	12	4
2002 Dec 16-17	63	33	4				

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Q.1 (BUSH JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2001</u>			
2001 Dec 14-16	86	11	3
2001 Dec 6-9	86	10	4
2001 Nov 26-27	87	8	5
2001 Nov 8-11	87	9	4
2001 Nov 2-4	87	9	4
2001 Oct 19-21	88	9	3
2001 Oct 11-14	89	8	3
2001 Oct 5-6	87	10	3
2001 Sep 21-22	90	6	4
2001 Sep 14-15	86	10	4
2001 Sep 7-10	51	39	10
2001 Aug 24-26	55	36	9
2001 Aug 16-19	57	34	9
2001 Aug 10-12	57	35	8
2001 Aug 3-5	55	35	10
2001 Jul 19-22	56	33	11
2001 Jul 10-11	57	35	8
2001 Jun 28-Jul 1	52	34	14
2001 Jun 11-17	55	33	12
2001 Jun 8-10	55	35	10
2001 May 18-20	56	36	8
2001 May 10-14	56	31	13
2001 May 7-9	53	33	14
2001 Apr 20-22	62	29	9
2001 Apr 6-8	59	30	11
2001 Mar 26-28	53	29	18
2001 Mar 9-11	58	29	13
2001 Mar 5-7	63	22	15
2001 Feb 19-21	62	21	17
2001 Feb 9-11	57	25	18
2001 Feb 1-4	57	25	18

2. Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or only moderately?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Moderately approve</u>	<u>Moderately disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	20	18	16	44	2
2005 Dec 9-11	22	20	12	43	3
2005 Aug 5-7	25	20	13	38	4
2005 Jan 14-16	30	21	12	34	3
2004 Nov 19-21	39	16	11	31	3
2004 Oct 14-16	36	15	10	37	2
2004 Jul 19-21	30	19	12	35	4
2004 May 21-23	28	19	12	37	4
2003 Sep 19-21	30	20	15	32	3
2001 Oct 5-6	60	27	5	5	3

Thinking for a moment about the elections for Congress next year,

3. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -- [ROTATED: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

3A. As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Undecided/ other</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	53	39	7
2006 Feb 9-12	50	43	8
2006 Jan 6-8	49	43	8
2005 Oct 21-23	50	43	7
2005 Aug 28-30	53	41	6
<u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	52	39	10
2006 Feb 9-12	49	42	9
2006 Jan 6-8	49	42	9
2005 Oct 21-23	50	42	8
2005 Aug 28-30	52	41	7

On a different topic,

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dick Cheney is handling his job as vice president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	40	52	9
2006 Jan 20-22	41	47	12
2005 Nov 11-13	36	54	10
2005 Jan 7-9	50	40	10
2004 Jan 9-11	56	36	8
2002 Jan 25-27	68	18	14
2001 May 18-20	60	26	14
2001 Apr 20-22	63	21	16

Turning back to George W. Bush,

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

<u>2006 Feb 28-Mar 1</u> <u>(sorted by "approve")</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Terrorism	47	49
The economy	40	57
<i>Overall job approval</i>	38	60
The situation in Iraq	35	64
Health care policy	30	63

Q.5 (BUSH ISSUE APPROVAL) CONTINUED

BUSH ISSUE APPROVAL TRENDS

A. The economy

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2006</u>				<u>2003</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	40	57	3	2003 Aug 25-26	45	52	3
2006 Feb 6-9	40	56	4	2003 Jul 25-27	46	51	3
2006 Jan 20-22	39	56	5	2003 Jul 18-20	45	51	4
<u>2005</u>				2003 Jul 7-9	48	50	2
2005 Dec 16-18	41	56	3	2003 Jun 12-15	48	48	4
2005 Dec 9-11	40	58	2	2003 May 5-7	53	44	3
2005 Nov 11-13	37	61	2	2003 Apr 14-16	49	45	6
2005 Sep 16-18	35	63	2	2003 Mar 29-30	49	47	4
2005 Sep 8-11	39	58	3	2003 Mar 24-25	52	42	6
2005 Aug 28-30	38	60	2	2003 Mar 14-15	44	52	4
2005 Jun 24-26	41	55	4	2003 Feb 3-6	44	52	4
2005 May 20-22 ^	40	58	2	2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	47	48	5
2005 Apr 29-May 1	43	53	4	2003 Jan 23-25	46	49	5
2005 Apr 1-2	41	55	4	2003 Jan 10-12	48	47	5
2005 Feb 25-27	48	49	3	2003 Jan 3-5	49	47	4
2005 Feb 4-6	50	47	3	<u>2002</u>			
2005 Jan 7-9	50	48	2	2002 Dec 9-10	49	47	4
<u>2004</u>				2002 Nov 8-10	55	39	6
2004 Nov 7-10	47	51	2	2002 Oct 21-22	49	44	7
2004 Oct 14-16	46	51	3	2002 Jul 26-28	52	43	5
2004 Sep 24-26	49	48	3	2002 Jul 5-8	58	36	6
2004 Aug 9-11	46	51	3	2002 Jun 28-30	63	33	4
2004 Jun 21-23 ^	47	50	3	2002 May 20-22	61	29	10
2004 Jun 3-6	41	58	1	2002 Apr 5-7 ^	60	33	7
2004 May 7-9 ^	41	56	3	2002 Mar 22-24	65	29	6
2004 May 2-4	41	56	3	2002 Mar 1-3	64	31	5
2004 Apr 16-18	46	52	2	2002 Feb 4-6	66	30	4
2004 Mar 26-28	42	55	3	2002 Jan 25-27	64	30	6
2004 Feb 9-12	45	52	3	<u>2001</u>			
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	43	54	3	2001 Nov 2-4 ^	71	24	5
2004 Jan 2-5	54	43	3	2001 Oct 5-6	72	23	5
<u>2003</u>				2001 Jul 10-11	54	36	10
2003 Dec 5-7	48	49	3	2001 May 18-20	51	41	8
2003 Nov 3-5	47	50	3	2001 Apr 20-22 ^	55	38	7
2003 Oct 6-8	42	55	3	2001 Mar 9-11	55	32	13
2003 Sep 8-10	45	53	2	2001 Feb 1-4	53	27	20

^ Asked of half sample.

Q.5 (BUSH ISSUE APPROVAL) CONTINUED

B. The situation in Iraq

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2006</u>				<u>2004</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	35	64	2	2004 May 7-9 ^	41	58	1
2006 Feb 6-9	38	59	3	2004 May 2-4	42	55	3
2006 Jan 20-22	39	58	3	2004 Apr 16-18	48	49	3
<u>2005</u>				2004 Mar 26-28	51	47	2
2005 Dec 16-18	37	61	2	2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	46	53	1
2005 Dec 9-11	39	59	2	2004 Jan 2-5	61	36	3
2005 Nov 11-13	35	63	2	<u>2003</u>			
2005 Sep 16-18	32	67	1	2003 Dec 5-7	50	47	3
2005 Sep 8-11	40	58	2	2003 Nov 3-5	45	54	1
2005 Aug 28-30	40	59	1	2003 Oct 6-8	47	50	3
2005 Jun 24-26	40	58	2	2003 Sep 8-10	51	47	2
2005 May 20-22 ^	40	56	4	2003 Aug 25-26	57	41	2
2005 Apr 29-May 1	42	55	3	2003 Jul 25-27	60	38	2
2005 Apr 1-2	43	54	3	2003 Jul 18-20	57	39	4
2005 Feb 25-27	45	53	2	2003 Jul 7-9	58	39	3
2005 Feb 4-6	50	48	2	2003 Jun 12-15	63	34	3
2005 Jan 7-9	42	56	2	2003 Apr 14-16	76	21	3
<u>2004</u>				2003 Mar 29-30	71	27	2
2004 Nov 7-10	47	51	2	2003 Mar 24-25	71	26	3
2004 Oct 14-16	46	52	2	2003 Mar 14-15	56	41	3
2004 Sep 24-26	48	49	3	2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	54	42	4
2004 Aug 9-11	45	52	3	2003 Jan 3-5	55	40	5
2004 Jun 21-23 ^	42	56	2	<u>2002</u>			
2004 Jun 3-6	41	57	2	2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
				2002 Oct 21-22	52	40	8

^ Asked of half sample.

Q.5 (BUSH ISSUE APPROVAL) CONTINUED

C. Terrorism

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2006</u>				<u>2004</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	47	49	3	2004 Aug 9-11	57	40	3
2006 Feb 6-9	54	43	3	2004 Jun 21-23 ^	54	44	2
2006 Jan 20-22	52	44	3	2004 Jun 3-6	56	43	1
<u>2005</u>				2004 May 7-9 ^	54	43	3
2005 Dec 9-11	52	46	2	2004 May 2-4	52	45	3
2005 Nov 11-13	48	49	3	2004 Apr 16-18	60	39	1
2005 Sep 8-11	52	45	3	2004 Mar 26-28	58	39	3
2005 Aug 28-30	53	44	3	<u>2003</u>			
2005 Jun 24-26	55	41	4	2003 Dec 5-7	65	33	2
2005 May 20-22 ^	55	40	5	2003 Sep 8-10	64	34	2
2005 Apr 1-2	57	40	3	2003 Aug 25-26	66	31	3
2005 Feb 25-27	60	37	3	2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	71	26	3
2005 Feb 7-10	55	42	3	<u>2002</u>			
2005 Jan 7-9	58	39	3	2002 May 20-22 ^	83	13	4
<u>2004</u>				2002 Apr 5-7 ^	83	13	4
2004 Nov 7-10	60	37	3	2002 Mar 20-22 †	86	12	2
2004 Oct 14-16	57	41	2	<u>2001</u>			
2004 Sep 24-26	62	36	2	2001 Nov 2-4 †	86	12	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† WORDING: U.S. military action abroad to fight terrorism.

‡ Alternate wording asked in Nov. 2-4 and Mar. 20-22 poll produced similar results; data presented are the average of two wordings: "efforts to prevent future acts of terrorism in the U.S." and "U.S. military action abroad to fight terrorism."

D. Health care policy

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	30	63	7
2006 Feb 6-9	27	64	9
2006 Jan 20-22	31	60	10
2005 Aug 28-30 ^	32	60	8
2005 Jun 24-26	34	59	7
2005 Jan 7-9	40	54	6
2004 Nov 7-10	37	57	6
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	35	57	8
2004 Jan 2-5	43	49	8
2003 Aug 25-26	43	48	9
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	46	44	10
2003 Jan 10-12	41	44	15
2002 Jul 26-28	47	40	13
2002 Mar 22-24 ^	52	37	11

^ Asked of half sample.

6. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to George W. Bush. How about – [ROTATED]?

2006 Feb 28-Mar 1
(sorted by “applies”)

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>
Is a strong and decisive leader	52	47
Is honest and trustworthy	47	52
Shares your values	45	52
Can manage the government effectively	40	59

FULL TRENDS: BUSH QUALITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

A. Is honest and trustworthy

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	47	52	1
2006 Jan 20-22	49	49	2
2005 Nov 11-13	46	52	2
2005 Oct 28-30	49	48	3
2005 Sep 16-18	47	50	3
2005 Aug 28-30	51	47	2
2005 Jul 22-24	54	44	2
2005 Apr 1-2	56	42	2
2005 Jan 14-16 ^	56	41	3
2004 Feb 16-17	55	42	3
2003 Nov 14-16	59	40	1
2003 Jun 27-29	65	33	2
2003 Apr 5-6	73	25	2
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	70	27	3
2002 Jul 26-28	69	26	5
2002 Apr 29-May 1	77	20	3
2001 Jul 10-11	66	31	3
2001 Apr 20-22	67	29	4
2001 Feb 9-11	64	29	7
2000 Mar 10-12	64	28	8
1999 Sep 10-12	62	29	9

^ Asked of a half sample.

Q.6 CONTINUED

B. Is a strong and decisive leader

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	52	47	1
2006 Jan 20-22	51	48	1
2005 Oct 28-30	52	47	1
2005 Sep 16-18	49	51	*
2005 Sep 8-11	52	47	1
2005 Aug 28-30	60	40	*
2005 Jul 22-24	62	37	1
2005 Jan 14-16 ^	61	37	2
2004 Feb 16-17	65	33	2
2003 Nov 14-16	66	34	*
2003 Jun 27-29	75	24	1
2003 Apr 5-6	80	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	76	23	1
2002 Jul 26-28	70	27	3
2002 Apr 29-May 1	77	21	2
2001 Oct 5-6	75	23	2
2001 Aug 10-12	55	43	2
2001 Jul 10-11	57	40	3
2001 Apr 20-22	60	37	3
2001 Feb 9-11	61	34	5
2000 Mar 10-12	63	30	7
2000 Feb 25-27	61	32	7
2000 Feb 20-21	58	33	9
2000 Feb 4-6	62	30	8
2000 Jan 17-19	66	24	10
1999 Mar 4	60	14	26

^ Asked of a half sample.

Q.6 CONTINUED

C. Shares your values

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	45	52	3
2006 Jan 20-22	44	54	2
2005 Nov 11-13	43	55	2
2005 Aug 28-30	46	54	*
2005 Jul 22-24	50	48	2
2005 Apr 1-2	55	43	2
2004 Feb 16-17	52	45	3
2003 Nov 14-16	53	46	1
2003 Jan 10-12	54	43	3
2002 Nov 8-10	66	31	3
2002 Jul 26-28	60	36	4
2002 Apr 29-May 1	67	30	3
2001 Aug 10-12	56	41	3
2001 Jul 10-11	56	40	4
2001 Apr 20-22	58	39	3
2001 Feb 9-11	57	39	4
2000 Mar 10-12	52	41	7
2000 Jan 17-19	55	32	13
1999 Sep 10-14	56	34	10
1999 Mar 12-14	58	31	11

D. Can manage the government effectively

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	40	59	1
2005 Nov 11-13	43	55	2
2005 Oct 28-30	43	56	1
2005 Jul 22-24	53	45	2
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	67	31	2
2002 Jul 26-28	66	30	4
2002 Apr 29-May 1	75	21	4
2001 Oct 5-6	79	19	2
2001 Feb 9-11	61	31	8
2000 Mar 10-12	64	28	8
2000 Jan 17-19	66	22	12
1999 Sep 10-14	72	19	9
1999 Mar 12-14	77	15	8

^ Asked of a half sample.

7. Looking ahead for the next few years, which political party do you think will do a better job of protecting the country from international terrorism and military threats -- [ROTATED: the Republican Party (or) the Democratic Party]?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	No difference (vol.)/ <u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	45	40	16
2005 Sep 12-15	48	37	15
2003 Sep 8-10	51	36	13
2002 Sep 5-8	50	31	19

Next,

8. Do you think big business does -- or does not -- have too much influence over the decisions made by the Bush administration?

	<u>Yes, does</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	73	23	4
2005 Aug 28-30	70	25	5
2004 Oct 9-10 ^	61	35	4
2002 Jul 26-28 ^	69	24	7
2002 Jun 28-30 ^	63	32	5
2002 Jan 11-14	63	31	6
2001 Jul 10-11	67	26	7
2001 Apr 20-22	63	30	7

^ Asked of a half sample.

9. Do you think President Bush is paying enough attention to what his administration is doing, or not?

	<u>Yes, paying enough attention</u>	<u>No, is not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	38	58	4

Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about Iraq. First,

11. In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Iraq, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq, or not?

	Yes, a mistake	No, Not	No opinion		Yes, a mistake	No, not	No opinion
<u>IRAQ</u>				<u>AFGHANISTAN</u>			
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	55	43	2	2004 Jul 19-21	25	72	3
2006 Feb 9-12 ^	55	42	3	2002 Jan 7-9	6	93	1
2006 Jan 20-22	51	46	3	2001 Nov 8-11	9	89	2
2006 Jan 6-8 ^	50	47	3	<u>YUGOSLAVIA</u>			
2005 Dec 16-18	52	46	2	1999 Jun 4-5	43	53	4
2005 Dec 9-11	48	50	2	1999 Apr 21	42	51	7
2005 Nov 11-13 ^	54	45	1	<u>PERSIAN GULF WAR</u>			
2005 Oct 28-30	54	45	1	1991 Jul 18-21	15	82	3
2005 Oct 21-23	49	49	2	1991 Feb 28-Mar 3	10	87	3
2005 Sep 16-18	59	39	2	1991 Feb 7-10	21	76	3
2005 Sep 8-11	53	46	1	1991 Jan 30-Feb 2	18	80	2
2005 Aug 28-30	53	46	1	1991 Jan 23-26	18	77	5
2005 Aug 5-7 ^	54	44	2	1991 Jan 17-20	16	80	4
2005 Jul 22-24	46	53	1	1991 Jan 11-13	29	65	6
2005 Jun 24-26	53	46	1	1991 Jan 3-6	30	61	9
2005 Apr 29-May 1 ^	49	48	3	1990 Dec 6-9	28	66	6
2005 Mar 18-20 ^	46	51	3	1990 Nov 29-Dec 2	29	66	5
2005 Feb 25-27	47	51	2	1990 Nov 15-18	27	65	8
2005 Feb 4-6	45	55	*	1990 Nov 8-11	27	68	5
2005 Jan 14-16	52	47	1	1990 Nov 2-4	25	67	8
2005 Jan 7-9	50	48	2	1990 Aug 30-Sep 2	16	76	8
2004 Nov 19-21	47	51	2	1990 Aug 23-26	18	76	6
2004 Oct 29-31 ^	44	52	4	1990 Aug 16-19	17	75	8
2004 Oct 22-24	47	51	2	1990 Aug 30-Sep 2	16	76	8
2004 Oct 14-16	47	52	1	1990 Aug 23-26	18	76	6
2004 Oct 9-10 ^	46	53	1	1990 Aug 16-19	17	75	8
2004 Oct 1-3	48	51	1	1990 Oct 25-28	24	71	5
2004 Sep 24-26	42	55	3	1990 Oct 18-21	26	67	7
2004 Sep 3-5 ^	38	57	5	1990 Oct 11-14	27	68	5
2004 Aug 23-25 ^	48	50	2	1990 Oct 3-4	21	71	8
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	51	2	1990 Sep 27-30	20	73	7
2004 Jul 19-21	50	47	3	1990 Sep 14-16	18	73	10
2004 Jul 8-11 ^	54	45	1	1990 Sep 10-11	19	76	5
2004 Jun 21-23 ^	54	44	2				
2004 Jun 3-6 ^	41	58	1				
2004 May 7-9 ^	44	54	2				
2004 Apr 16-18 ^	42	57	1				
2004 Jan 12-15 ^	42	56	2				
2003 Nov 3-5 ^	39	60	1				
2003 Oct 6-8 ^	40	59	1				
2003 Jul 7-9 ^	27	72	1				
2003 Mar 24-25 ^	23	75	2				

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Q.11 (MISTAKE SENDING TROOPS) CONTINUED

	Yes, a mistake	No, Not	No opinion		Yes, a mistake	No, not	No opinion
<u>VIETNAM WAR</u>				<u>KOREAN WAR</u>			
2000 Nov 13-15	69	24	7	2000 Jun 6-7	34	47	19
1995 Apr 21-24	71	23	6	1953 Jan 11-16	36	50	14
1990 Mar 15-18	74	22	4	1952 Oct 17-22	43	37	19
1973 Jan 12-15	60	29	11	1952 Oct 9-14	43	37	20
1971 May 14-17	61	28	11	1952 Feb 28-Mar 5	51	35	14
1971 Jan 8-11	60	31	9	1951 Aug 3-8	42	48	11
1970 May 21-26	56	36	8	1951 Jun 16-21	43	40	17
1970 Apr 2-7	51	34	15	1951 Apr 16-21	37	45	18
1970 Jan 15-20	57	32	11	1951 Mar 26-31	45	43	12
1969 Sep 17-22	58	32	10	1951 Feb 4-9	49	41	9
1969 Jan 23-28	52	39	9	1951 Jan 1-5	49	38	13
1968 Sep 26-Oct 1	54	37	9	1950 Aug 20-25	20	65	15
1968 Aug 7-12	53	35	12				
1968 Apr 4-9	48	40	12				
1968 Feb 22-27	49	42	9				
1968 Feb 1-6	46	42	12				
1967 Dec 7-12	45	46	9				
1967 Oct 6-11	47	44	9				
1967 Jul 13-18	41	48	11				
1967 Apr 19-24	37	50	13				
1967 Jan 26-31	32	52	16				
1966 Nov 10-15	31	52	17				
1966 Sep 8-13	35	48	17				
1966 May 5-10	36	49	15				
1966 Mar 3-8	26	59	15				
1965 Aug 27-Sep 1	24	60	16				

^ Asked of a half sample

AFGHANISTAN WORDING: Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

YUGOSLAVIA WORDING: In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Yugoslavia, do you think the United States made a mistake sending military forces to fight in Yugoslavia?

PERSIAN GULF WAR WORDING (Feb. 28-Mar 3, 1991-Jul. 18-21, 1991): In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to the Persian Gulf region, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to the Persian Gulf region, or not?

PERSIAN GULF WAR WORDING (Aug. 16-19, 1990-Feb. 7-10, 1990): In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Saudi Arabia, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Saudi Arabia, or not?

VIETNAM WAR WORDING (1990-2000): Looking back, do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?

VIETNAM WAR WORDING (1965-1973): In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Vietnam, do you think the U.S. made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?

KOREAN WAR WORDING (2000): Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the United States made a mistake in going into the war in Korea, or not?

KOREAN WAR WORDING (Feb. 1951-Jan. 1953): Do you think the United States made a mistake in going into the war in Korea, or not?

KOREAN WAR WORDING (Aug. 1950-Jan. 1951): In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Korea, do you think the United States made a mistake in deciding to defend Korea, or not?

12. Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should now do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq – [ROTATED: the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, the U.S. should keep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should withdraw some troops from Iraq, (or) the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq]?

	<u>Send more troops</u>	<u>Keep as now</u>	<u>Withdraw some troops</u>	<u>Withdraw all troops</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	9	23	38	27	3
2005 Dec 9-11	9	25	38	26	2
2005 Sep 16-18	8	26	33	30	3
2005 Aug 28-30	19	26	27	26	2
2005 Aug 5-7	13	28	23	33	3
2005 Jun 6-8	10	26	31	28	5
2005 Feb 4-6	10	38	32	17	3
2005 Jan 14-16	24	26	21	25	4
2004 Sep 24-26	21	35	21	18	5
2004 Jun 3-6	18	30	23	27	2
2004 May 7-9	25	24	18	29	4
2004 Apr 16-18	33	25	16	21	5
2004 Apr 5-8	20	29	18	28	5
2004 Jan 2-5	11	40	29	16	4
2003 Dec 15-16	14	40	27	15	4
2003 Dec 5-7	22	33	25	17	3
2003 Nov 3-5 ^	17	32	29	19	3
2003 Oct 24-26 ^	14	27	39	18	2
2003 Aug 25-26 ^	15	36	32	14	3

^ WORDING: Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should now do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq – [ROTATED: the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, the U.S. should keep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should begin to withdraw some troops from Iraq, (or) the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq]?

13. Which comes closer to your view about the war in Iraq – [ROTATED: you think the U.S. will definitely win the war in Iraq, you think the U.S. will probably win the war in Iraq, you think the U.S. can win the war in Iraq, but you don't think it will win, (or) you do not think the U.S. can win the war in Iraq]?

	<u>Definitely win</u>	<u>Probably win</u>	<u>Can win, but don't think will win</u>	<u>Do not think it can win</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>NET: can win</u>	<u>NET: will win</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	24	20	18	34	5	62	44
2005 Dec 16-18 ^	24	25	20	27	4	69	49
2005 Dec 9-11 ^	25	21	19	30	5	65	46
2005 Nov 11-13	23	23	17	33	4	63	46
2005 Sep 16-18	21	22	20	34	3	63	43

^ Asked of a half sample.

14. Just your best guess, do you think it is likely or unlikely that there will be a major civil war involving ethnic or religious groups in Iraq in the next year?

	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>Already occurring (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	73	20	2	5

15. How closely have you been following the news about last week's bombings of major religious buildings in Iraq and the violence that followed -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	25	45	19	11	*

Next,

16. How closely have you been following the news about the proposed sale of cargo operations at several major U.S. seaports to a company from the United Arab Emirates -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	36	37	14	12	*

17. Do you favor or oppose this proposed sale?

18. Do you [favor/oppose] it strongly or only moderately?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.17-18)

2006 Feb 28-Mar 1

Favor	17
<i>(Strongly)</i>	<i>(5)</i>
<i>(Only moderately)</i>	<i>(12)</i>
Oppose	66
<i>(Strongly)</i>	<i>(45)</i>
<i>(Only moderately)</i>	<i>(21)</i>
No opinion	17

19. If this proposed sale went through, do you think it would create a major threat to U.S. security, a minor threat, or no threat at all?

	<u>Major threat</u>	<u>Minor threat</u>	<u>No threat at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	39	36	16	9

20. Do you think the federal government should – or should not – allow companies from each of the following countries to own cargo operations at U.S. seaports? How about companies from – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<u>2006 Feb 28-Mar 1 (sorted by “yes, should”)</u>	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Great Britain	71	26	3
France	45	50	4
Arab countries that are friendly to the U.S.	40	56	4
China	31	65	4

21. Just your best guess, do you think the proposed sale of U.S. seaport operations to the United Arab Emirates company is controversial mainly – [ROTATED: because of discrimination against Arabs, (or mainly) because it is a deal that is not in the best interest of the United States]?

	<u>Discrimination against Arabs</u>	<u>Not in best interest of United States</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	22	69	9

22. Which comes closer to your view about Arab and Muslim countries that are allies of the United States – [ROTATED: the U.S. should trust them the same as any other ally, (or) the U.S. should trust them less than its other allies]?

	<u>Trust same as any other ally</u>	<u>Trust less than other allies</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	45	51	5

Finally,

Q.23-24 SPLIT SAMPLED

23. How easy would it be for a terrorist organization to bring weapons into the United States through – [RANDOM ORDER] – [ROTATED: very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, (or) very difficult]?

BASED ON –493—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

A. U.S. seaports

	<u>Very easy</u>	<u>Some-what easy</u>	<u>Some-what difficult</u>	<u>Very difficult</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total easy</u>	<u>Total difficult</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	43	29	19	6	3	72	25

B. U.S. airports

	<u>Very easy</u>	<u>Some-what easy</u>	<u>Some-what difficult</u>	<u>Very difficult</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total easy</u>	<u>Total difficult</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	19	26	35	20	1	45	55

C. Border crossings between the U.S. and Canada or Mexico

	<u>Very easy</u>	<u>Some-what easy</u>	<u>Some-what difficult</u>	<u>Very difficult</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total easy</u>	<u>Total difficult</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	49	29	14	6	1	78	20

24. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, do you think that security at – [RANDOM ORDER] – has gotten better, has stayed about the same, or has gotten worse? [IF BETTER: Has it gotten a lot better, or only a little better?]

BASED ON –527—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

A. U.S. seaports

	<u>A lot better</u>	<u>A little better</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	9	20	45	9	17

B. U.S. airports

	<u>A lot better</u>	<u>A little better</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	34	33	23	7	4

C. Border crossings between the U.S. and Canada or Mexico

	<u>A lot better</u>	<u>A little better</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	9	21	43	20	7