



Interviews with 1,033 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 18-20, 2006. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for results based on half-samples is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

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4. Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems? (RANDOMIZED)

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Terrorism	48%	38%	11%	3%
The situation in Iraq	41%	47%	8%	3%
The economy	38%	52%	7%	2%

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The economy

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	38	53	4	5
2005 Oct 21-23	38	50	9	3
2003 Jul 18-20	36	53	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5	43	42	10	5
2002 Jul 26-28	37	42	13	8
2002 Jun 28-30	44	40	10	6
2002 May 28-29 ^	43	34	13	10

Terrorism

2006 Mar 10-12	45	41	7	7
2005 Oct 21-23	49	38	9	4
2003 Jul 18-20	55	29	10	6
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	55	27	13	5
2002 Oct 21-22	52	23	14	11
2002 Sep 20-22 ^	56	27	10	7
2002 Jun 28-30	57	22	13	8
2002 May 28-29 ^	51	19	19	11

^ Asked of a half sample.

The situation in Iraq

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	40	48	6	6
2005 Oct 21-23	40	46	10	4
2003 Jul 18-20	51	36	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	53	29	12	6

- 5 Thinking about the likelihood of terrorist attacks against the U.S., do you think the chances of terrorist attacks will be higher or lower if the Democrats win control of Congress this November, or do you think the outcome of the congressional elections this year will not affect the chances of a terrorist attack against the U.S.?

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Higher	24%
Lower	17%
No effect	56%
No opinion	3%

9. Who do you think is currently winning the war on terrorism -- the U.S. and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

	<u>August 18-20</u>	<u>August 2-3</u>
U.S. and its allies	36%	31%
Neither side	41%	45%
The terrorists	22%	21%
No opinion	1%	3%

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	<u>U.S. and its allies</u>	<u>Neither side</u>	<u>The terrorists</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22	41	42	14	3
2005 Aug 28-30 ^	34	42	23	1
2005 Jul 7-10	34	44	21	1
2005 Jun 24-26	36	41	20	3
2005 Jan 7-9	37	42	20	1
2004 Oct 9-10 ^	38	41	19	2
2004 Jul 19-21 ^	40	41	16	3
2004 Jan 12-15 ^	51	35	14	*
2003 Oct 10-12	42	42	13	3
2003 Jul 18-20	48	34	15	3
2003 May 19-21	54	32	11	3
2003 Apr 22-23	65	28	5	2
2003 Mar 3-5 ^	37	43	17	3
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2 ^	35	44	16	5
2002 Dec 5-8 ^	33	46	19	2
2002 Oct 14-17 ^	32	44	21	3
2002 Aug 5-8 ^	37	46	14	3
2002 Jul 5-8	39	43	16	2
2002 Jun 21-23	33	49	14	4
2002 May 28-29	41	35	15	9
2002 Apr 22-24	47	39	10	4
2002 Mar 22-24	51	35	12	2
2002 Mar 4-7	53	34	10	3
2002 Jan 7-9 ^	66	25	7	2
2001 Dec 6-9	64	28	5	3
2001 Nov 8-11 ^	53	33	11	3
2001 Oct 11-14	42	44	11	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

10. How much confidence do you have in the Bush administration to protect U.S. citizens from future acts of terrorism -- a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or none at all?

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Great deal	22%
Moderate amount	37%
Not much	23%
None at all	18%
No opinion	*

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	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22	30	34	22	13	1
2005 Jul 7-10	23	38	24	14	1
2005 Jun 16-19	23	38	21	17	1
2005 Feb 4-6	38	35	16	10	1
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1 ^	31	33	21	15	*
2004 Jul 19-21 ^	27	40	18	15	*
2003 May 19-21 ^	35	44	15	5	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

21. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

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| a. The war in Iraq is a distraction from the U.S. efforts against terrorists who want to attack targets within the U.S. | 52% |
| b. The war in Iraq is an essential part of the U.S. efforts against terrorists who want to attack targets within the U.S. | 44% |
| No opinion | 4% |