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**Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on September 29-October 2, 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. The sample included 914 registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points) and 548 likely voters (plus or minus 4 percentage points).**

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**FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 4 PM**

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

	Sept. 29- Oct. 2	Sept. 22-24	Aug. 30- Sept. 2	August 18-20	August 2-3	June 14-15	May 16-17	May 5-7	April 21-23
Approve	39%	42%	41%	42%	40%	37%	36%	34%	32%
Disapprove	59%	55%	55%	57%	59%	53%	57%	58%	60%
No opinion	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	10%	7%	8%	8%

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	Ap- prove	Disap- prove		Ap- prove	Disap- prove		Ap- prove	Disap- prove
<u>2006</u>								
Mar 10-12	36%	60%	Jul 19-21	49%	47%	Oct 31-Nov 3	63%	29%
Feb 28-Mar 1	38%	60%	Jun 21-23	48%	49%	Oct 21-22	67%	28%
Feb 9-12	39%	56%	May 7-9	46%	51%	Oct 3-6	67%	28%
Jan 20-22	43%	54%	Apr 16-18	52%	45%	Sep 20-22	66%	30%
Jan 6-8	43%	54%	Mar 26-28	53%	44%	Sep 13-16	70%	26%
			Mar 5-7	49%	48%	Sep 2-4	66%	29%
			Feb 16-17	51%	46%	Jul 29-31	71%	23%
<u>2005</u>			Jan 29-Feb 1	49%	48%	Jul 26-28	69%	26%
Dec 16-18	41%	56%	Jan 9-11	59%	38%	Jul 5-8	76%	18%
Dec 9-11	42%	55%	Jan 2-5	60%	35%	Jun 28-30	76%	19%
Nov 11-13	37%	60%				Jun 21-23	73%	21%
Oct 28-30	41%	56%	<u>2003</u>			Jun 7-8	74%	18%
Oct 21-23	42%	55%	Dec 15-16	63%	34%	May 28-29	77%	17%
Sep 16-18	40%	58%	Dec 5-7	55%	43%	Apr 29-May 1	77%	20%
Sep 8-11	46%	51%	Nov 14-16	50%	47%	Apr 5-7	76%	19%
Aug 28-30	45%	52%	Oct 24-26	53%	42%	Mar 22-24	79%	17%
Aug 5-7	45%	51%	Oct 10-12	56%	40%	Mar 8-9	80%	14%
Jul 22-24	49%	48%	Sep 19-21	50%	47%	Mar 1-3	81%	14%
Jun 24-26	45%	53%	Aug 25-26	59%	37%	Feb 8-10	82%	14%
Jun 16-19	47%	51%	Jul 25-27	58%	38%	Jan 25-27	84%	13%
May 20-22	46%	50%	Jun 27-29	61%	36%	Jan 11-14	83%	15%
Apr 29-May 1	48%	49%	Jun 9-10	62%	34%			
Apr 1-2	48%	48%	May 30-Jun 1	64%	32%	<u>2001</u>		
Mar 18-20	52%	44%	Apr 22-23	70%	26%	Dec 14-16	86%	11%
Feb 25-27	52%	45%	Apr 5-6	70%	27%	Nov 26-27	87%	8%
Jan 14-16	51%	46%	Mar 29-30	71%	26%	Nov 2-4	87%	9%
Jan 7-9	52%	44%	Mar 22-23	71%	25%	Oct 19-21	88%	9%
			Mar 14-15	58%	38%	Oct 5-6	87%	10%
<u>2004</u>			Feb 24-26	57%	37%	Sep 21-22	90%	6%
Dec 17-19	49%	46%	Feb 7-9	61%	34%	Sep 14-15	86%	10%
Nov 19-21	55%	42%	Jan 31-Feb 2	61%	35%	Sep 7-10	51%	39%
Oct 29-31	48%	47%	Jan 23-25	60%	36%	Aug 24-26	55%	36%
Oct 22-24	51%	46%	Jan 10-12	58%	37%	Aug 10-12	57%	35%
Oct 14-16	51%	47%	Jan 3-5	63%	32%	Aug 3-5	55%	35%
Oct 9-10	47%	49%				Jul 10-11	57%	35%
Oct 1-3	50%	48%	<u>2002</u>			Jun 8-10	55%	35%
Sep 24-26	54%	44%	Dec 16-17	63%	33%	May 18-20	56%	36%
Sep 3-5	52%	46%	Dec 9-10	63%	32%	Apr 20-22	62%	29%
Aug 23-25	49%	47%	Nov 22-24	65%	28%	Mar 9-11	58%	29%
Jul 30-Aug 1	48%	49%	Nov 8-10	68%	27%	Feb 9-11	57%	25%

2. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -- the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate? (IF UNDECIDED) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate? (RESPONSES ROTATED)

	Sept. 29- <u>Oct. 2</u>	Sept. <u>22-24</u>	Aug 30- <u>Sept 2</u>	Aug. <u>18-20</u>	Aug. <u>2-3</u>	June <u>14-15</u>	May <u>5-7</u>	April <u>21-23</u>
<b>ALL AMERICANS</b>								
Democrat	54%	52%	55%	52%	51%	44%	50%	50%
Republican	37%	42%	39%	41%	40%	36%	37%	38%
Other (vol.)	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%
No opinion	7%	5%	4%	4%	7%	15%	10%	7%
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>								
Democrat	53%	54%	56%	52%	53%	45%	52%	50%
Republican	40%	41%	40%	43%	40%	38%	38%	40%
Other (vol.)	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
No opinion	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%	12%	7%	6%
<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b>								
Democrat	53%	55%	53%					
Republican	42%	42%	43%					
Other (vol.)	2%	1%	2%					
No opinion	3%	2%	2%					

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	Democratic <u>candidate</u>	Republican <u>candidate</u>	Undecided/ <u>other</u>
<b><u>ALL AMERICANS</u></b>			
2006 Mar 10-12	54	38	8
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
<b><u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u></b>			
2006 Mar 10-12	55	39	7
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

3. Please tell me whether you think each of the following political officeholders deserves to be re-elected or not: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE) (ROTATE)

Sept. 29-  
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The U.S. representative in  
your congressional district

Yes	57%
No	33%
No opinion	10%

Most members of Congress

Yes	42%
No	52%
No opinion	7%

4. Please tell me whether you think each of the following political officeholders deserves to be re-elected or not: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE) (ROTATE)

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Oct. 2

Most Democratic members of Congress

Yes	53%
No	41%
No opinion	6%

Most Republican members of Congress

Yes	38%
No	57%
No opinion	5%

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**The U.S. Representative in your Congressional District**

	Yes, deserves	No, does not	No opinion
<b><u>National Adults</u></b>			
2006 Jan 6-8	60	27	13
2005 Oct 21-23	63	24	13
2004 Oct 14-16	62	21	17
2003 Oct 10-12	64	22	14
2002 Sep 20-22	64	19	17
2002 Apr 29-May 1	66	18	16
2001 Aug 24-26	64	20	16
2000 Jan 7-10	67	15	18
1998 Oct 9-12	68	16	16
1998 Apr 17-19	64	19	17
1997 Oct 27-29	62	18	20
1997 Aug 22-25	63	21	16
1996 May 9-12	65	22	13
1996 Jan 12-15	62	21	17
1994 Nov 2-6	53	29	18
1994 Oct 22-25	54	30	16
1994 Oct 18-19	57	29	14
1994 Oct 7-9	54	29	17
1994 Jul 15-17	60	27	13
1994 Mar 25-27	60	23	17
1994 Feb 26-28	59	28	13
1993 Dec 17-19	59	26	15
1993 Nov 2-4	62	19	19
1993 Jul 19-21	58	25	17
1991 Nov	58	25	17

**Most members of Congress**

	Yes, deserves	No, does not	No opinion
<b><u>National Adults</u></b>			
2006 Jan 6-8	42	47	11
2005 Oct 21-23	45	44	11
2004 Oct 14-16	51	33	16
2003 Oct 10-12	51	35	14
2002 Sep 20-22	57	28	15
2002 Apr 29-May 1	58	22	20
2001 Aug 24-26	51	31	18
2000 Jan 7-10	55	31	14
1998 Oct 9-12	58	26	16
1998 Apr 17-19	56	28	16
1997 Oct 27-29	50	29	21
1997 Aug 22-25	56	27	17
1996 May 9-12	50	35	15
1996 Jan 12-15	47	38	15
1994 Nov 2-6	39	45	16
1994 Oct 22-25	43	44	13
1994 Oct 18-19	44	42	14
1994 Oct 7-9	37	48	15
1994 Jul 15-17	41	43	16
1994 Mar 25-27	46	38	16
1994 Feb 26-28	42	44	14
1993 Dec 17-19	38	47	15
1993 Jul 19-21	39	46	15
1991 Nov	38	48	14

*(NO TRENDS ON "MOST DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF CONGRESS" OR "MOST REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS")*

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling: (ROTATE)

Sept. 29-  
Oct. 2    Aug.  
2-3        June  
14-15      May  
16-17

The situation in Iraq

Approve	32%	36%	39%	34%
Disapprove	66%	62%	54%	62%
No opinion	2%	2%	8%	7%

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**The situation in Iraq**

	Approve	Dis-approve	No opinion		Approve	Dis-approve	No opinion
<b><u>2006</u></b>				<b><u>2004</u></b>			
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
<b><u>2005</u></b>				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	<b><u>2003</u></b>			
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
<b><u>2004</u></b>				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	<b><u>2002</u></b>			
2004 Jun 3-6	41	57	2	2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
				2002 Oct 21-22	52	40	8

10. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq?

	Sept. 29- Oct. 2	Sept. 22-24	Aug. 30- Sept. 2	Aug. 18-20	Aug. 2-3	June 14-15
Favor	38%	40%	39%	35%	36%	38%
Oppose	61%	59%	58%	61%	60%	54%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	8%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 9-12 *	40	56	4
2005 Jun 16-19	39	59	2
2005 Mar 18-20*	47	47	6
2004 Nov 19-21*	48	46	6
2003 Oct 24-26	54	43	3
2003 Apr 22-23	71	26	3
2003 Apr 10	72	22	6
2003 Apr 7-8	68	28	4
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3
2003 Mar 29-30	70	27	3
2003 Mar 24-25	71	27	2
2003 Mar 22-23	72	25	3

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *Would you favor or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?*

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Mar 14-15*	64	33	3
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3
2003 Feb 7-9	63	34	3
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4
2003 Jan 23-25	52	43	5
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6
2003 Jan 3-5*	56	39	5
2002 Dec 19-22*	53	38	9
2002 Dec 16-17*	58	35	7
2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
2002 Nov 22-24	58	37	5
2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6
2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6
2002 Oct 14-17*	56	37	7
2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7
2002 Sep 20-22*	57	38	5
2002 Sep 13-16 †	57	39	4
2002 Sep 5-8* †	58	36	6
2002 Sep 2-4 †	58	36	6
2002 Aug 19-21 †	53	41	6
2002 Jun 17-19* †	61	31	8
2001 Nov 26-27 ‡	74	20	6
2001 Feb 19-21 ‡	52	42	6
1993 Jun 29-30 ‡	70	27	3
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5 ‡	55	40	5

\* Asked of half sample.

† WORDING: Would you favor or oppose sending American ground troops to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

‡ WORDING: Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

11. Do you think the war with Iraq has made the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism?

	Sept. 29
	<u>Oct. 2</u>
Safer	40%
Less safe	57%
No opinion	3%

12. In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq -- very well, moderately well, moderately badly or very badly?

	Sept. 29- <u>Oct. 2</u>	Sept. <u>22-24</u>	June <u>14-15</u>	June <u>8-11</u>
Very well	6%	6%	7%	5%
Moderately well	32%	32%	34%	38%
Moderately badly	30%	28%	29%	31%
Very badly	32%	33%	26%	23%
No opinion	*	2%	4%	3%

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	Very <u>well</u>	Moder- ately <u>well</u>	Moder- ately <u>badly</u>	Very <u>badly</u>	No <u>opinion</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>well</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>badly</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	6	32	32	28	1	38	60
2006 Jan 6-8	8	38	32	21	1	46	53
2005 Oct 21-23	7	35	29	28	1	42	57
2005 Aug 5-7	5	38	28	28	1	43	56
2005 Apr 29-May 1	6	36	31	25	2	42	56
2005 Mar 18-20	8	44	24	21	3	52	45
2005 Feb 4-6	13	40	28	18	1	53	46
2005 Jan 7-9	5	35	29	30	1	40	59
2004 Dec 5-8	6	34	26	33	1	40	59
2004 Sep 24-26	4	42	27	25	2	46	52
2004 Aug 9-11*	5	40	28	25	2	45	53
2004 Jul 8-11	5	35	30	29	1	40	59
2004 Jun 3-6	6	34	35	25	*	40	60
2004 May 21-23	7	35	26	31	1	42	57
2004 May 2-4	4	33	32	30	1	37	62
2004 Apr 5-8	5	30	31	33	1	35	64
2004 Mar 5-7	9	46	28	15	2	55	43
2003 Nov 3-5**	4	34	34	27	1	38	61
2003 Oct 6-8 **	6	36	34	24	*	42	56
2003 Sep 8-10**	6	41	31	21	1	47	52
2003 Aug 25-26**	6	44	30	19	1	50	49
2003 Jul 25-27**	10	46	28	15	1	56	43
2003 Jul 18-20**	6	48	30	15	1	54	45
2003 Jun 27-29**	5	51	29	13	2	56	42
2003 May 30-Jun 1**	11	59	22	7	1	70	29
2003 May 5-7**	30	56	10	3	1	86	13
2003 Apr 22-23**	21	64	12	2	1	85	14

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*WORDING: How would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now that the major fighting has ended -- very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?



13. A year from now, do you think things will be going better for the U.S. in Iraq, or do you think things will be going worse?

	Sept. 29- <u>Oct. 2</u>
Better	46%
Worse	50%
No opinion	5%

14. At this time, how worried are you about the situation in Iraq -- very worried, fairly worried, or not worried?

	Sept. 29- <u>Oct. 2</u>
Very worried	37%
Fairly worried	38%
Not worried	24%
No opinion	*

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	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Fairly worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Nov 19-21	35	39	25	1

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: Vietnam War--At this time, how worried are you about the situation in Vietnam -- very worried, fairly worried, or not worried?

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Fairly worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1966 Nov 10-15	49	34	15	2

15. Do you think the Bush administration has deliberately misled the American public about how the war in Iraq is going or don't you think so?

	Sept. 29- <u>Oct. 2</u>
Yes, deliberately misled	58%
No, don't think so	41%
No opinion	1%

16. Do you think the war in Iraq has turned into a situation like the United States faced in the Vietnam War, or don't you think so?
17. (IF NO:) How likely do you think it is that the war in Iraq will turn into a situation like the United States faced in the Vietnam War -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

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QUESTION 16 ONLY

Yes, has turned into situation like Vietnam	52%
No, has not done so	45%
No opinion	3%

QUESTIONS 16 AND 17 COMBINED:

Yes, has turned into situation like Vietnam	52%
No, but is very likely to do so	3%
No, but is somewhat likely to do so	11%
No, and is not too likely to do so	16%
No, and is not likely at all to do so	14%
No opinion	4%