



Interviews with 1,028 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 6-8, 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 920 registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points) and 543 likely voters (plus or minus 4 percentage points).

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

	Oct. <u>6-8</u>	Sept. 29- <u>Oct. 2</u>	Sept. <u>22-24</u>	Aug.30- <u>Sept.2</u>	August <u>18-20</u>	August <u>2-3</u>
Approve	39%	39%	42%	41%	42%	40%
Disapprove	56%	59%	55%	55%	57%	59%
No opinion	5%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%

	June <u>14-15</u>	May <u>16-17</u>	May <u>5-7</u>	April <u>21-23</u>
Approve	37%	36%	34%	32%
Disapprove	53%	57%	58%	60%
No opinion	10%	7%	8%	8%

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	<u>Ap- prove</u>	<u>Disap- prove</u>		<u>Ap- prove</u>	<u>Disap- prove</u>		<u>Ap- prove</u>	<u>Disap- prove</u>
<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)

LIKELY VOTERS

	<u>Oct. 6-8</u>	<u>Sept. 29- Oct. 2</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug 30- Sept 2</u>
Democrat	58%	53%	55%	53%
Republican	37%	42%	42%	43%
Other (vol.)	2%	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%

REGISTERED VOTERS

	<u>Oct. 6-8</u>	<u>Sept. 29- Oct. 2</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug 30- Sept 2</u>	
Democrat	54%	53%	54%	56%	
Republican	38%	40%	41%	40%	
Other (vol.)	3%	2%	1%	2%	
No opinion	5%	5%	4%	3%	
	<u>Aug. 18-20</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>	<u>May 5-7</u>	<u>April 21-23</u>
Democrat	52%	53%	45%	52%	50%
Republican	43%	40%	38%	38%	40%
Other (vol.)	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
No opinion	3%	4%	12%	7%	6%

ALL AMERICANS

	<u>Oct. 6-8</u>	<u>Sept. 29- Oct. 2</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug 30- Sept 2</u>	
Democrat	55%	54%	52%	55%	
Republican	36%	37%	42%	39%	
Other (vol.)	2%	2%	1%	2%	
No opinion	7%	7%	5%	4%	
	<u>Aug. 18-20</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>	<u>May 5-7</u>	<u>April 21-23</u>
Democrat	52%	51%	44%	50%	50%
Republican	41%	40%	36%	37%	38%
Other (vol.)	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%
No opinion	7%	5%	4%	4%	7%

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	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Undecided/ other</u>
<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>			
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
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>			
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)

Oct. 6-8 Sept. 29-
Oct. 2

The U.S. representative in
your congressional district

Yes	52%	57%
No	31%	33%
No opinion	17%	10%

Most members of Congress

Yes	34%	42%
No	51%	52%
No opinion	15%	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)

Oct. 6-8 Sept. 29-
Oct. 2

Most Democratic members of Congress

Yes	50%	53%
No	35%	41%
No opinion	14%	6%

Most Republican members of Congress

Yes	36%	38%
No	51%	57%
No opinion	13%	5%

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The U.S. Representative in your Congressional District

	Yes, deserves	No, does not	No opinion
<u>National Adults</u>			
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
<u>National Adults</u>			
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 Congress is handling its job?

Oct
6-8

Approve 28%
Disapprove 63%
No opinion 9%

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	<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>			
2006 Mar 13-16	27	65	8	2002 Aug 5-8	46	43	11
2006 Feb 6-9	25	65	10	2002 Jul 26-28	53	36	11
2006 Jan 9-12	27	67	7	2002 Jul 9-11	54	36	10
				2002 Jun 3-6	52	38	10
				2002 May 6-9	57	33	10
				2002 Apr 8-11	57	34	9
				2002 Mar 4-7	63	28	9
				2002 Feb 4-6	62	28	10
				2002 Jan 7-9	62	29	9
				<u>2001</u>			
				2001 Dec 6-9	72	19	9
				2001 Nov 8-11	73	19	8
				2001 Oct 11-14	84	10	6
				2001 Sep 7-10	42	44	14
				2001 Aug 16-19	50	37	13
				2001 Aug 3-5	47	42	11
				2001 Jul 19-22	49	37	14
				2001 Jun 11-17	51	34	15
				2001 May 10-14	49	34	17
				2001 Apr 6-8	55	32	13
				2001 Mar 5-7	55	28	17
				2001 Feb 1-4	53	32	15
				2001 Jan 10-14	50	40	10
				<u>2000</u>			
				2000 Dec 2-4	56	34	10
				2000 Oct 6-9	49	42	9
				2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	48	42	10
				2000 May 18-21	39	52	9
				2000 Jan 7-10	51	42	7
				<u>1999</u>			
				1999 Sep 23-26	37	56	7
				1999 Jul 13-14	39	51	10
				1999 Jun 11-13	41	53	6
				1999 Apr 13-14	45	47	8
				1999 Feb 12-13	41	54	5
				1999 Jan 15-17	50	46	4
				<u>1998</u>			
				1998 Dec 15-16	42	52	6
				1998 Nov 13-15	41	54	5
				1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	44	47	9
				1998 Oct 9-12	47	46	7
				1998 Oct 6-7	44	48	8
				1998 Sep 11-12	55	36	9
				1998 May 8-10	44	48	8
				1998 Apr 17-19	49	40	11
				1998 Feb 13-15	57	33	10
				1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	56	35	9
				1998 Jan 16-18	42	47	11

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	Approve	Dis-approve	No opinion		Approve	Dis-approve	No opinion
1997				1990			
1997 Dec 18-21	39	52	9	1990 Nov 2-4	26	63	11
1997 Oct 27-29	36	53	11	1990 Oct 25-28	24	68	8
1997 Aug 22-25	41	48	11	1990 Oct 18-21	23	64	13
1997 Jul 25-27	34	57	9	1990 Oct 11-14	28	65	7
1997 May 6-7	32	58	10	1988			
1997 Apr 18-20	30	59	11	1988 Sep 9-11	42	42	16
1997 Feb 24-26	37	48	15	1987			
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	36	51	13	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	42	49	9
1997 Jan 10-13	41	49	10	1986			
1996				1986 Apr 11-14	42	37	21
1996 Oct 26-29	34	51	15	1983			
1996 Aug 5-7	39	49	12	1983 Apr 29-May 2	33	43	24
1996 May 9-12	30	65	5	1982			
1996 Apr 9-10	35	57	8	1982 Jun 11-14	29	54	17
1995				1981			
1995 Sep 22-24	30	61	9	1981 Jun 19-22	38	40	22
1995 Aug 28-30	30	60	10	1980			
1995 Jul 7-9	35	55	10	1980 Jun 13-16	25	56	19
1995 May 11-14	34	57	9	1979			
1995 Apr 17-19	37	54	9	1979 Jun 1-4	19	61	20
1995 Mar 27-29	31	61	8	1978			
1995 Mar 17-19	32	59	9	1978 Sep 8-11	29	49	22
1995 Feb 24-26	35	53	12	1977			
1995 Feb 3-5	38	53	9	1977 Sep 9-12	35	44	21
1995 Jan 16-18	33	52	15	1977 Aug 5-8	36	44	20
1994				1977 Jun 3-6	34	42	24
1994 Dec 28-30	23	66	11	1977 May 20-23	40	40	20
1994 Oct 22-25	23	70	7	1977 Mar 25-28	36	42	22
1994 Oct 7-9	21	73	6	1976			
1994 Jul 15-17	27	65	8	1976 Jan 23-26	24	58	18
1994 Mar 25-27	29	63	8	1975			
1994 Feb 26-28	28	66	6	1975 Oct 31-Nov 3	28	54	18
1993				1975 Jun 27-30	29	54	17
1993 Nov 2-4	24	69	8	1975 Apr 18-21	38	48	14
1993 Aug 8-10	23	69	8	1975 Feb 28-Mar 3	32	50	18
1993 Jul 19-21	24	65	11	1974			
1993 Feb 26-28	27	54	19	1974 Oct 11-14	35	43	22
1992				1974 Aug 16-19	47	34	19
1992 Mar 3 ^	18	78	3	1974 Apr 12-15	30	47	23
1991							
1991 Oct 10-13	40	54	6				
1991 Jul 25-28	32	53	15				

^ Gallup/Newsweek

6. Compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

	All Americans	Republicans	Democrats	Registered Voters
More				
Oct. 6-8	47%	44%	51%	49%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	46%	44%	47%	48%
Less				
Oct. 6-8	38%	40%	36%	36%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	39%	38%	40%	36%
Same (vol.)				
Oct. 6-8	11%	14%	9%	12%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	14%	17%	11%	15%
No opinion				
Oct. 6-8	4%	2%	3%	3%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	2%	1%	2%	1%

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	More enthusiastic	Less enthusiastic	Same (vol.)	No opinion
<u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u>				
2006 Jan 6-8	45	39	14	1
2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	38	45	14	3
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	37	46	14	3
1998 Oct 23-25	35	47	16	2
1998 Oct 9-12	35	47	16	2
1998 Aug 21-23	38	41	17	4
1998 Apr 17-19	30	48	19	3
1994 Nov 2-6	38	48	13	2
1994 Oct 7-9	34	46	18	2
<u>Republicans</u>				
2006 Jan 6-8	47	32	20	1
2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	42	42	15	1
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	39	46	14	1
1998 Oct 23-25	44	39	16	1
1998 Oct 9-12	45	36	17	2
1998 Aug 21-23	42	39	17	2
1998 Apr 17-19	31	48	19	2
1994 Nov 2-6	44	44	11	1
1994 Oct 7-9	40	42	18	*
<u>Democrats</u>				
2006 Jan 6-8	48	44	7	1
2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	38	46	13	3
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	39	44	15	2
1998 Oct 23-25	32	51	16	1
1998 Oct 9-12	41	45	13	1
1998 Aug 21-23	37	41	18	4
1998 Apr 17-19	31	48	19	2
1994 Nov 2-6	35	50	14	1
1994 Oct 7-9	29	50	18	3
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>				
2006 Jan 6-8	46	37	15	1
2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	41	42	15	2
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	41	43	15	1
1998 Oct 23-25	37	44	18	1
1998 Oct 9-12	45	38	16	1
1998 Aug 21-23	39	39	19	3
1998 Apr 17-19	31	47	20	2
1994 Nov 2-6	40	45	14	1
1994 Oct 7-9	34	44	20	2

7. Next, we'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (ROTATED)

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert October 6-8	28%	36%	24%	12%
Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi October 6-8	35%	26%	29%	11%
Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid October 6-8	28%	23%	36%	13%
Senate Republican Leader Bill Frist October 6-8	28%	36%	22%	14%

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Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	27	17	31	25
2003 Jul 25-27	28	12	41	19
2003 Jan 3-5	32	10	36	22
2002 Sep 23-26	30	11	31	28
2002 Jul 26-28	31	15	29	25
2001 Aug 3-5	29	15	36	20
2000 Oct 25-28	28	9	37	26
1999 Sep 10-14	23	7	22	48
1999 Feb 19-21	31	10	32	27

House Democratic Leader, Nancy Pelosi

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Jul 25-27	23	19	42	16
2003 Jan 3-5	23	18	39	20

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 May 20-22	22	19	42	17
2005 Apr 29-May 1	21	18	44	17

Senate Republican Leader Bill Frist

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 13-16	24	30	27	19
2005 May 20-22	26	24	32	18
2005 Apr 29-May 1	32	21	31	16
2005 Apr 1-2	26	24	31	19
2003 Jan 3-5	36	11	30	23

QUESTIONS 9 AND 10 ROTATED

9. Generally speaking, do you think most Republicans in Congress are ethical or unethical?

Oct. 6-8

Ethical	47%
Unethical	44%
No opinion	10%

10. Generally speaking, do you think most Democrats in Congress are ethical or unethical?

Oct. 6-8

Ethical	54%
Unethical	34%
No opinion	11%

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Most Republicans in Congress

	<u>Ethical</u>	<u>Unethical</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	58	36	6
2005 Apr 29-May 1	56	38	6

Most Democrats in Congress

	<u>Ethical</u>	<u>Unethical</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	63	31	6
2005 Apr 29-May 1	55	39	6

As you may know, former Florida Congressman Mark Foley resigned from Congress recently after the public release of sexually explicit messages he had sent to a teenage boy who had been a congressional page.

12. Overall, which of the following statements best describes your view of former Congressman Foley's actions -- Foley did something illegal, he did something immoral, but nothing illegal, or he did not do anything seriously wrong?

Oct. 6-8

Illegal	53%
Immoral but not illegal	40%
Nothing seriously wrong	2%
No opinion	5%

Some Republican leaders in Congress were aware last year that Foley had sent messages to a former congressional page that some people considered inappropriate, although they say they were unaware of the messages that caused Foley to resign. The leaders did not take any disciplinary action and did not start a formal investigation at that time.

13. Based on what you have read or heard do you think the Republican leaders in Congress handled this matter appropriately or inappropriately?

Oct. 6-8

Appropriately	17%
Inappropriately	75%
No opinion	8%

14. Just your best guess, why do you think the Republican leaders did not investigate this matter at that time? Do you think they were involved in a deliberate cover-up, or do you think they were unaware of the serious and inappropriate nature of Foley's behavior?

Oct. 6-8

Deliberate cover-up	52%
Unaware of serious nature	38%
No opinion	10%

15. Thinking specifically about the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, do you think Hastert should resign as the Speaker of the House or do you think he should remain as the Speaker of the House?

Oct. 6-8

Resign	52%
Remain as Speaker	31%
No opinion	17%

16. Has the Foley matter made you less likely to go out and vote at all in the congressional elections this year, or has the Foley matter had no effect on the chances that you will go out and vote in the congressional elections this year?

Oct. 6-8

Less likely to vote	11%
No effect	72%
More likely (vol.)	14%
No opinion	3%

17. If you do decide to vote this year, has the Foley matter made you less likely to vote for Republican candidates for Congress this year, or has the Foley matter had no effect on the chances that you will vote for a Republican this year?

Oct. 6-8

Less likely to choose GOP	27%
No effect	65%
More likely (vol.)	5%
No opinion	3%

18. Overall, do you feel the news media have acted responsibly or irresponsibly in its coverage of the Foley matter?

Oct. 6-8

Responsibly	61%
Irresponsibly	30%
No opinion	9%