

CNN **POLL**

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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8. 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				
Oct. 6-8	40%	45%	8%	6%
Sept. 22-24	47%	41%	9%	4%
August 18-20	48%	38%	11%	3%
The situation in Iraq				
Oct. 6-8	34%	51%	8%	7%
Sept. 22-24	42%	47%	7%	4%
August 18-20	41%	47%	8%	3%
The economy				
Oct. 6-8	35%	54%	6%	4%
Sept. 22-24	39%	51%	7%	3%
August 18-20	38%	52%	7%	2%
Moral issues such as same-sex marriage and stem cell research*				
Oct. 6-8	35%	50%	8%	7%
Sept. 22-24	40%	47%	8%	5%
Moral issues such as same-sex marriage, stem cell research, and protecting children*				
Oct. 6-8	37%	46%	8%	9%

*Asked of a half sample.

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The economy

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>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

The situation in Iraq

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

19. Do you think President Bush should or should not fire Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Oct. <u>6-8</u>	Sept. <u>22-24</u>	April <u>21-23</u>
Yes	52%	N/A	39%
No	33%	N/A	35%
No opinion	15%	N/A	26%

20. Do you think Donald Rumsfeld should or should not resign as Secretary of Defense? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Oct. <u>6-8</u>	Sept. <u>22-24</u>	April <u>21-23</u>
Yes	48%	47%	43%
No	41%	43%	35%
No opinion	11%	9%	22%

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

	Oct. <u>6-8</u>	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>
Favor	32%	38%	40%	39%	35%	36%	38%
Oppose	62%	61%	59%	58%	61%	60%	54%
No opinion	7%	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?

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

	Oct. <u>6-8</u>	August <u>18-20</u>	May <u>5-7</u>
Safer	36%	37%	33%
Less safe	53%	55%	53%
No change (vol.)	7%	7%	10%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%

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	<u>Safer</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	<u>No change (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Aug 5-7	34	57	6	3
2005 Jul 7-10 ^	40	54	5	1
2005 Jun 29-30	44	39	13	4
2005 Jun 24-26 ^	43	46	8	3
2004 Oct 1-3	47	45	5	3
2004 Jun 21-23	37	55	6	2
2004 Mar 5-7	50	37	10	3
2003 Dec 15-16 ^	56	33	9	2
2003 Nov 14-16	48	43	7	2
2003 Oct 24-26	45	43	10	2
2003 Apr 22-23	58	33	8	1
2003 Apr 10 †	51	37	9	3

^ Based on a half sample.

† Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.