

CNN **POLL**

Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 27-29, 2006. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample included 472 registered voters who identify themselves as Democrats or independents who lean Democratic (plus or minus 4.5 percentage points) and 401 registered voters who identify themselves as Republicans or independents who lean Republican (plus or minus 5 percentage points).

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6. How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOMIZED)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The situation in Iraq					
October 27-29	49%	34%	12%	4%	1%
October 13-15	43%	38%	13%	5%	1%
September 22-24	46%	36%	14%	2%	1%
August 2-3	45%	41%	9%	4%	1%
Terrorism					
October 27-29	46%	34%	14%	5%	1%
October 13-15	43%	37%	16%	5%	1%
September 22-24	49%	33%	14%	5%	*
August 2-3	48%	36%	10%	6%	*
Ethics in government					
October 27-29	37%	35%	19%	7%	2%
The situation in North Korea					
October 27-29	35%	32%	23%	8%	2%
October 13-15	32%	34%	23%	9%	2%
The economy					
October 27-29	33%	40%	21%	5%	*
October 13-15	33%	45%	18%	4%	1%
September 22-24	32%	42%	21%	4%	*
August 2-3	40%	42%	15%	3%	*
The situation in Afghanistan					
October 27-29	33%	36%	21%	8%	2%
Gas prices					
October 27-29	31%	27%	28%	14%	1%
September 22-24	28%	33%	28%	11%	*
August 2-3	47%	31%	16%	6%	1%
Taxes					
October 27-29	29%	35%	27%	8%	1%
Illegal immigration					
October 27-29	29%	31%	27%	12%	1%
September 22-24	31%	30%	23%	15%	1%
August 2-3*	33%	34%	25%	8%	*

*Wording: "Immigration"

Moral issues such as same-sex marriage and stem cell research					
October 27-29	25%	30%	24%	20%	1%
September 22-24	24%	29%	26%	20%	2%

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	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy					
2006 Jan 6-8	38	45	14	1	1
2005 Oct 21-23	43	41	15	1	*
2002 Sep 20-22*	37	44	17	2	*
2002 Aug 19-21*	34	44	17	3	2

*WORDING: Economic conditions

Terrorism					
2006 Jan 6-8	45	35	16	3	1
2005 Oct 21-23	45	32	19	4	*
2002 Sep 20-22**	47	36	13	3	1
2002 Aug 19-21*	45	37	12	5	1

*WORDING: The war on terrorism

**Asked of a half sample.

The situation in Iraq					
2006 Jan 6-8	45	40	11	3	1
2005 Oct 21-23	44	37	13	4	2
2005 Sept 20-22*	42	36	15	6	1
2002 Aug 19-21	32	41	18	7	2

*WORDING: The possibility of war with Iraq

Gas prices					
2006 Jan 6-8	33	33	26	8	1
2005 Oct 21-23	41	29	22	8	*

Immigration					
2006 Jan 6-8	26	35	29	9	1

Taxes					
2006 Jan 6-8	33	38	24	4	1
2005 Oct 21-23	35	38	23	3	1
2002 Sept. 20-22	27	33	32	7	1

11. How would you rate economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor or very poor?

	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>	<u>May 5-7</u>
Very good	13%	12%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat good	49%	47%	35%	42%	42%
Somewhat poor	24%	26%	34%	31%	26%
Very poor	13%	15%	22%	16%	21%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

*Asked of a half sample.

12. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>
Very good	13%	12%	11%
Somewhat good	48%	50%	45%
Somewhat poor	26%	26%	25%
Very poor	10%	9%	17%
No opinion	4%	3%	2%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 Jul 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

* Asked of a half sample.

21. (REPUBLICANS ONLY:) Please tell me which of the following people you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in the year 2008. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Arizona Senator John McCain, Tennessee Senator Bill Frist, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Virginia Senator George Allen, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, New York Governor George Pataki? (RANDOMIZED)

Registered Republicans

	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>
Giuliani	29%	32%
McCain	27%	21%
Gingrich	12%	12%
Romney	7%	6%
Frist	6%	4%
Pataki	5%	3%
Allen	2%	7%
Brownback	1%	1%
No opinion	13%	3%

22. (DEMOCRATS ONLY:) Please tell me which of the following people you would be most likely to support for the Democratic nomination for President in the year 2008. New York Senator Hillary Clinton, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, former Vice President Al Gore, Indiana Senator Evan Bayh, Delaware Senator Joe Biden, Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson or Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold? (RANDOMIZED)

Registered Democrats

	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>
Clinton	28%	38%
Obama*	17%	N/A
Gore	13%	19%
Edwards	13%	12%
Kerry	12%	9%
Bayh	2%	2%
Biden	2%	3%
Feingold	2%	3%
Richardson	2%	3%
Vilsack	1%	*
No opinion	8%	8%

*Obama not included in list on the August 30-September 2 poll.