



**Interviews with 1,029 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 6-8, 2007. 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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*(NOTE: QUESTION 1 RELEASED AT 10 AM ON THURSDAY.)*

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

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007</u>	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Apr. 10-12 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>
Approve	36%	32%	38%	36%	37%	34%
Disapprove	61%	66%	61%	62%	56%	63%
No opinion	3%	3%	1%	1%	7%	3%

	Jan. 11 <u>2006</u>	Dec. 15-17 <u>2006</u>	Dec. 5-7 <u>2006</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006</u>	Nov. 3-5 <u>2006</u>	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>
Approve	35%	36%	37%	38%	35%	37%
Disapprove	62%	62%	57%	59%	61%	58%
No opinion	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%

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	Oct. 20-22 <u>2006</u>	Oct. 13-15 <u>2006</u>	Oct. 6-8 <u>2006</u>	Sep 29-Oct 2 <u>2006</u>	Sep 22-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug 30-Sep <u>2006</u>
Approve	39%	36%	39%	39%	42%	41%
Disapprove	58%	61%	56%	59%	55%	55%
No opinion	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%

	Aug. 18-20 <u>2006</u>	Aug. 2-3 <u>2006</u>	June 14-15 <u>2006</u>	May 16-17 <u>2006</u>	May 5-7 <u>2006</u>	Apr. 21-23 <u>2006</u>
Approve	42%	40%	37%	36%	34%	32%
Disapprove	57%	59%	53%	57%	58%	60%
No opinion	1%	2%	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%
<u>2005</u>			Feb 16-17	51%	46%	Jul 29-31	71%	23%
Dec 16-18	41%	56%	Jan 29-Feb 1	49%	48%	Jul 26-28	69%	26%
Dec 9-11	42%	55%	Jan 9-11	59%	38%	Jul 5-8	76%	18%
Nov 11-13	37%	60%	Jan 2-5	60%	35%	Jun 28-30	76%	19%
Oct 28-30	41%	56%				Jun 21-23	73%	21%
Oct 21-23	42%	55%	<u>2003</u>			Jun 7-8	74%	18%
Sep 16-18	40%	58%	Dec 15-16	63%	34%	May 28-29	77%	17%
Sep 8-11	46%	51%	Dec 5-7	55%	43%	Apr 29-May 1	77%	20%
Aug 28-30	45%	52%	Nov 14-16	50%	47%	Apr 5-7	76%	19%
Aug 5-7	45%	51%	Oct 24-26	53%	42%	Mar 22-24	79%	17%
Jul 22-24	49%	48%	Oct 10-12	56%	40%	Mar 8-9	80%	14%
Jun 24-26	45%	53%	Sep 19-21	50%	47%	Mar 1-3	81%	14%
Jun 16-19	47%	51%	Aug 25-26	59%	37%	Feb 8-10	82%	14%
May 20-22	46%	50%	Jul 25-27	58%	38%	Jan 25-27	84%	13%
Apr 29-May 1	48%	49%	Jun 27-29	61%	36%	Jan 11-14	83%	15%
Apr 1-2	48%	48%	Jun 9-10	62%	34%			
Mar 18-20	52%	44%	May 30-Jun 1	64%	32%	<u>2001</u>		
Feb 25-27	52%	45%	Apr 22-23	70%	26%	Dec 14-16	86%	11%
Jan 14-16	51%	46%	Apr 5-6	70%	27%	Nov 26-27	87%	8%
Jan 7-9	52%	44%	Mar 29-30	71%	26%	Nov 2-4	87%	9%
			Mar 22-23	71%	25%	Oct 19-21	88%	9%
<u>2004</u>			Mar 14-15	58%	38%	Oct 5-6	87%	10%
Dec 17-19	49%	46%	Feb 24-26	57%	37%	Sep 21-22	90%	6%
Nov 19-21	55%	42%	Feb 7-9	61%	34%	Sep 14-15	86%	10%
Oct 29-31	48%	47%	Jan 31-Feb 2	61%	35%	Sep 7-10	51%	39%
Oct 22-24	51%	46%	Jan 23-25	60%	36%	Aug 24-26	55%	36%
Oct 14-16	51%	47%	Jan 10-12	58%	37%	Aug 10-12	57%	35%
Oct 9-10	47%	49%	Jan 3-5	63%	32%	Aug 3-5	55%	35%
Oct 1-3	50%	48%				Jul 10-11	57%	35%
Sep 24-26	54%	44%	<u>2002</u>			Jun 8-10	55%	35%
Sep 3-5	52%	46%	Dec 16-17	63%	33%	May 18-20	56%	36%
Aug 23-25	49%	47%	Dec 9-10	63%	32%	Apr 20-22	62%	29%
Jul 30-Aug 1	48%	49%	Nov 22-24	65%	28%	Mar 9-11	58%	29%
			Nov 8-10	68%	27%	Feb 9-11	57%	25%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dick Cheney is handling his job as Vice President?

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Dec. 15-17 <u>2006</u>
Approve	36%	34%	39%
Disapprove	57%	54%	56%
No opinion	7%	11%	5%

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	40	52	9
2006 Jan 20-22	41	47	12
2005 Nov 11-13	36	54	10
2005 Jan 7-9	50	40	10
2004 Jan 9-11	56	36	8
2002 Jan 25-27	68	18	14
2001 May 18-20	60	26	14
2001 Apr 20-22	63	21	16

16. Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

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Should be valid 40%  
Should not be valid 57%  
No opinion 3%

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	Should be <u>valid</u>	Should not be <u>valid</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2005 Apr 29-May 1	39	56	5
2005 Mar 18-20*	28	68	4
2004 Jul 19-21*	32	62	6
2004 Mar 5-7	33	61	6
2004 Feb 16-17	32	64	4
2004 Feb 6-8*	36	59	5
2003 Dec 15-16	31	65	4
2003 Oct 24-26	35	61	4
2003 Jun 27-29	39	55	6
2000 Jan 13-16	34	62	4

\*Asked of a half sample.

17. Do you favor or oppose the plan in which the U.S. military does not ask new recruits whether they are homosexual, but would still prohibit homosexuals from serving if they reveal their sexual orientation?

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Favor 38%  
Oppose 57%  
No opinion 6%

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“Would you favor or oppose a plan in which the military would no longer ask new recruits whether they are homosexual, but would still prohibit homosexuals from serving if they revealed their sexual orientation?”

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
1993 May 12-13	44	48	8

18. Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?

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Yes	45%
No	55%
No opinion	*

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
1998 Oct. 14-15	41	57	2
1994 June 15-16	32	66	2

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

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 3-5 <u>2006</u>
Very good	11%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Somewhat good	45%	43%	42%	48%	41%
Somewhat poor	26%	25%	31%	23%	32%
Very poor	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

  

	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug.30-Sep. 2 <u>2006</u>	Jun. 14-15 <u>2006</u>	May 7-9 <u>2006</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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	Very <u>good</u>	Some- what <u>good</u>	Some- what <u>poor</u>	Very <u>poor</u>	No <u>opinion</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>good</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>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.

20. 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?

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>	Sep. 22-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug. 30-Sep. 2 <u>2006</u>
Very good	12%	10%	13%	12%	11%
Somewhat good	48%	43%	48%	50%	45%
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	26%	26%	25%
Very poor	13%	14%	10%	9%	17%
No opinion	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%

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	Very <u>good</u>	Some- what <u>good</u>	Some- what <u>poor</u>	Very <u>poor</u>	No <u>opinion</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>good</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>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.



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

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
August 6-8, 2007	33%	64%	3%
June 22-24, 2007	30%	67%	3%
May 4-6, 2007	34%	65%	1%
April 10-12, 2007	32%	66%	2%
March 9-11, 2007	32%	63%	4%
January 11, 2007	31%	67%	2%
December 15-17, 2006	31%	67%	2%
November 17-19, 2006	33%	63%	4%
November 3-5, 2006	33%	61%	6%
October 27-29, 2006	38%	59%	3%
October 20-22, 2006	34%	64%	3%
October 13-15, 2006	34%	64%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	32%	62%	7%
Sept. 29-October 2, 2006	38%	61%	1%
September 22-24, 2006	40%	59%	1%
August 30-Sept. 2, 2006	39%	58%	2%
August 18-20, 2006	35%	61%	3%
August 2-3, 2006	36%	60%	3%
June 14-15, 2006	38%	54%	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

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*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>		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Mar 14-15*	64	33	3	2002 Dec. 19-22*	53	38	9
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4	2002 Dec 16-17*	58	35	7
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4	2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3	2002 Nov 22-24	58	37	5
2003 Feb 7-9	63	34	3	2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4	2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6
2003 Jan 23-24	52	43	5	2002 Oct 14-17*	56	37	7
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6	2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7
2003 Jan 3-5*	56	39	5	2002 Sept 20-22*	57	38	5

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

2002 Sept 13-16	57	39	4	2002 Aug 19-21	53	41	6
2002 Sept 5-8*	58	36	6	2002 June 17-19*	61	31	8
2002 Sept 2-4	58	36	6				

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

2001 Nov 26-27	74	20	6	1993 June 29-30	70	27	3
2001 Feb 19-21	52	42	6	1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	55	40	5

25. Do you think the United States is winning or not winning the war in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007*</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006*</u>
Is winning	32%	29%	34%
Is not winning	63%	61%	61%
No opinion	5%	9%	5%

\*Asked of half of the sample

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	<u>Is winning</u>	<u>Is not winning</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	41%	46%	13%

26. Do you think the United States can win or cannot win the war in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007*</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006*</u>
Can win	54%	46%	54%
Cannot win	43%	46%	43%
No opinion	3%	8%	3%

\*Asked of half of the sample

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	<u>Can win</u>	<u>Cannot win</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	60%	31%	9%

27. And do you think the United States will win or will not win the war in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007*</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006*</u>
Will win	42%	37%	40%
Will not win	55%	54%	56%
No opinion	3%	10%	5%

\*Asked of half of the sample

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	<u>Will win</u>	<u>Will not win</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	52%	37%	11%

NOTE: "Will not win" includes respondents who said the U.S. cannot win the war in Question 26.

30. Do you think the war with Iraq has made the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 3-5 <u>2006</u>	Oct. 6-8 <u>2006</u>	Aug. 18-20 <u>2006</u>	May 5-7 <u>2006</u>
Safer	42%	35%	36%	37%	33%
Less safe	49%	56%	53%	55%	53%
No change (vol.)	6%	7%	7%	7%	10%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%

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	Safer	Less safe	No change (vol.)	No opinion
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.

31. Do you think the chances of a terrorist attack in the U.S. would be higher if the U.S. withdraws its troops from Iraq as soon as possible or would be higher if the U.S. keeps its troops in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

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Higher if U.S. withdraws troops from Iraq as soon as possible	45%
Higher if U.S. keeps troops in Iraq	44%
No opinion	12%

36. Do you think the U.S. should or should not take military action in Pakistan if there is a chance to capture or kill high-ranking members of the terrorist group known as al Qaeda, if the government of Pakistan does not give the U.S. permission to do so?

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Should take military action in Pakistan	42%
Should not take military action in Pakistan	52%
No opinion	5%

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DM1. 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. Delaware Senator Joe Biden, New York Senator Hillary Clinton, Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, former Vice President Al Gore, Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, or Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel? (RANDOM ORDER)

	IF GORE WERE NOT IN THE RACE					
	Aug. <u>6-8</u>	June <u>22-24</u>	May <u>4-6</u>	April <u>10-12</u>	March <u>9-11</u>	Jan. <u>19-21</u>
Clinton	44%	43%	41%	36%	44%	37%
Obama	24%	25%	27%	28%	23%	18%
Edwards	16%	17%	14%	15%	14%	16%
Richardson	5%	5%	6%	3%	4%	2%
Biden	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%
Kucinich	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Dodd	*	*	2%	1%	*	1%
Gravel	*	*	*	N/A	NA	N/A
No opinion	6%	5%	6%	8%	10%	6%

BASED ON 458 REGISTERED DEMOCRATS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

	IF GORE WERE IN THE RACE					
	Aug.	June	May	April	Mar.	Jan.
	6-8 <u>2007</u>	22-24 <u>2007</u>	4-6 <u>2007</u>	10-12 <u>2007</u>	9-11 <u>2007</u>	19-21 <u>2007</u>
Clinton	40%	35%	38%	30%	37%	34%
Obama	21%	23%	24%	26%	22%	18%
Edwards	13%	13%	12%	12%	12%	15%
Gore	11%	16%	12%	15%	14%	10%
Richardson	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%
Biden	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Kucinich	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Dodd	*	*	2%	1%	*	1%
Gravel	*	*	*	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	6%	5%	6%	7%	9%	7%

  

	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Aug 30
	5-7	17-19	27-29	Sep. 2
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
Clinton	37%	33%	28%	38%
Obama	15%	15%	17%	N/A
Edwards	9%	14%	13%	12%
Gore	14%	14%	13%	19%
Richardson	2%	3%	2%	3%
Biden	2%	3%	2%	3%
Kucinich	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dodd	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gravel	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	10%	4%	8%	8%