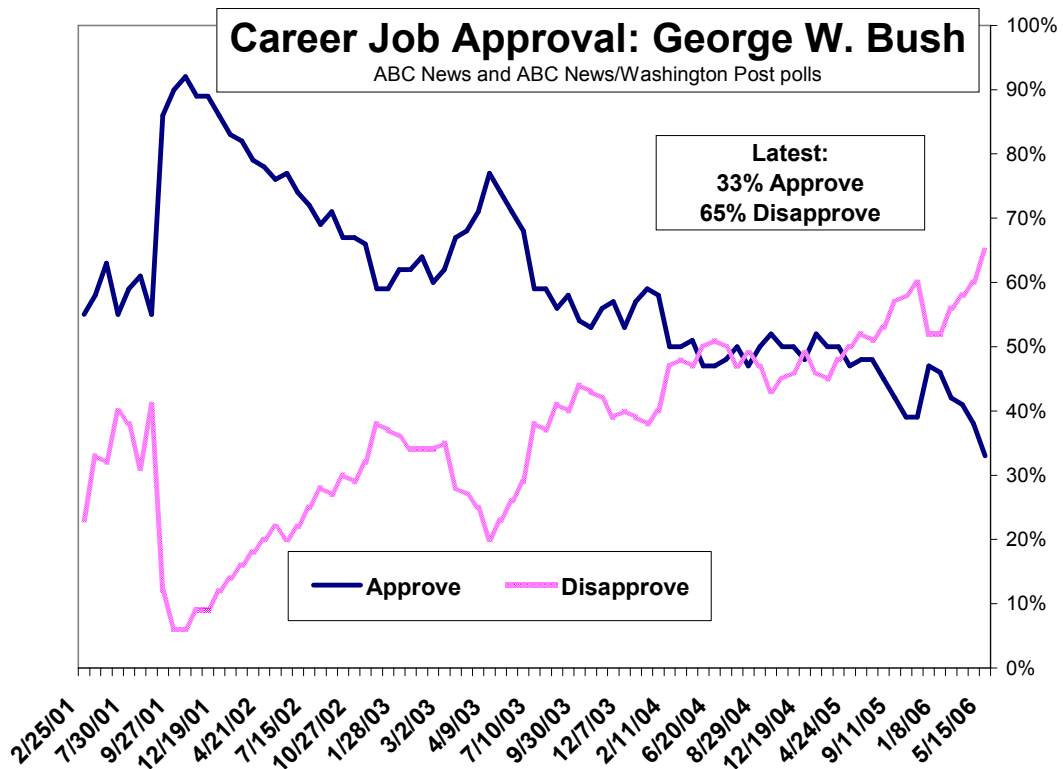


Bush Slumps to a New Low; It’s About Iraq

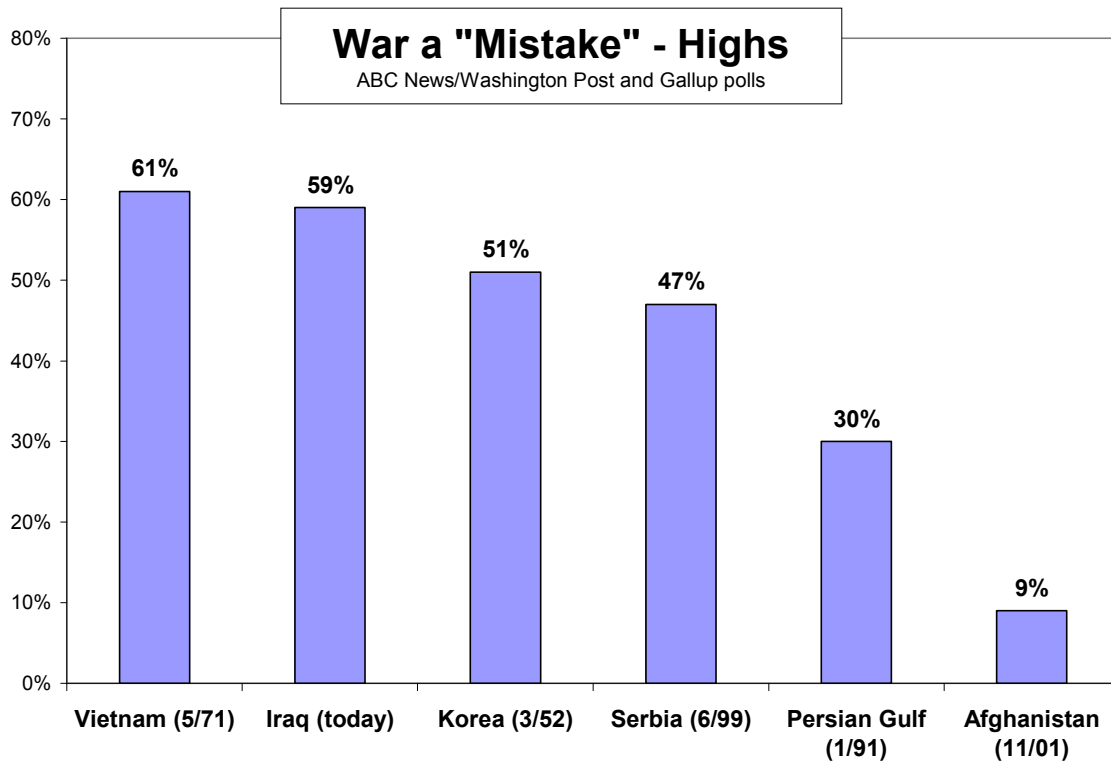
George W. Bush’s job approval rating has slumped to 33 percent, tying the all-time low for presidential approval in 25 years of ABC News/Washington Post polls. Sixty-five percent disapprove, a new high.

The reason – try as he might to change the subject – is the war in Iraq.

Americans who disapprove of Bush’s performance overwhelmingly cite Iraq as the main reason. His rating for handling the war is at a new low. Sixty-two percent say it was not worth fighting, a new high. And 59 percent call the war “a mistake” – about as many as said so about Vietnam in the early 1970s.



Unhappiness with the war has infected broader views of the administration, Congress and the country’s direction. Sixty-nine percent say the country is on the wrong track, the most since the mid-1990s. Pessimism about the policies Bush will pursue over the year ahead has jumped by 10 points since December, to 53 percent. Congress’ approval rating is as bad as Bush’s, and its worst since the mid-’90s.



But deep as it is at the national level, this unhappiness does not constitute broadly based malaise, which more often has economic roots. It dissipates locally: While just 29 percent say the nation is going in the right direction, more, 45 percent, say their state is headed the right way, and 58 percent say their local community is on the right track.

Indeed, in stark contrast to their national political views, more than eight in 10 Americans are satisfied with their own lives and optimistic about their personal future. Six in 10 are optimistic about their local economy, and nearly eight in 10 are optimistic about their own family's financial situation.

But that's of little help to Bush, whose unpopularity may imperil his party's fortunes in November. There's a strong correlation between presidential approval and losses for the president's party in midterm elections. And the Democratic Party leads the Republicans in trust to handle each of 10 specific issues tested in this poll – including, for the first time, terrorism, a serious inroad into the administration's core strength.

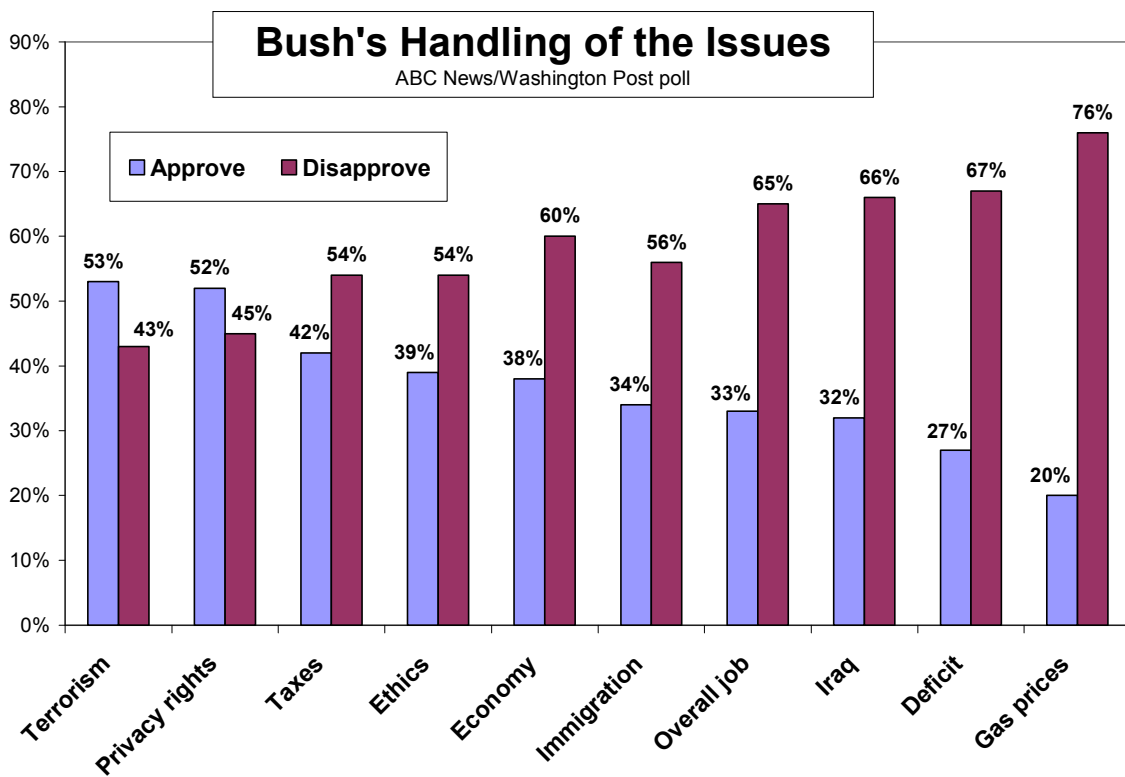
BUSH – The president's situation is fairly dire. His approval rating now matches his father's low in August 1992, the summer before he lost re-election. His disapproval rating is the highest in ABC/Post polls since 1981, and a single point from the highest in Gallup polls since 1938 (that record is Richard Nixon's).

Intensity, too, is against him by record margins: Nearly half of Americans, 47 percent, "strongly" disapprove of Bush's job performance, while just 17 percent strongly approve,

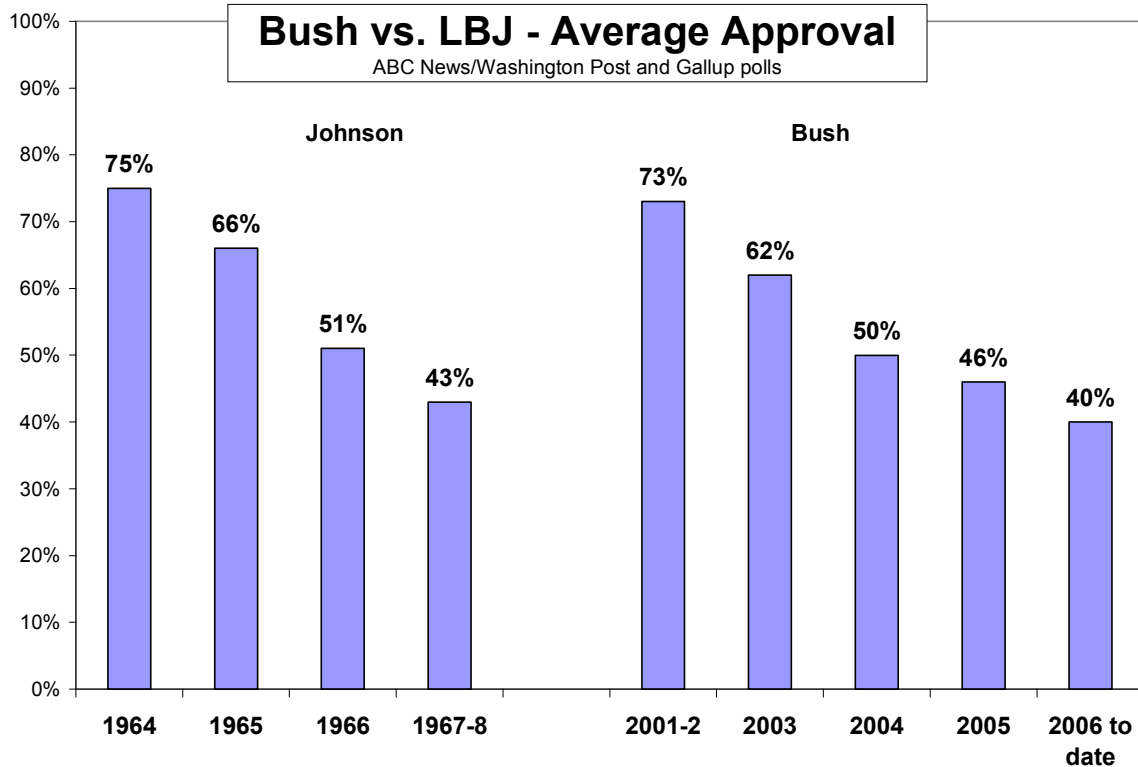
the fewest of his presidency. Viewed through a partisan lens, 73 percent of Democrats strongly disapprove of Bush, while far fewer Republicans, 41 percent, strongly approve.

While he's down across the board, Bush's biggest losses have been among moderate Republicans – 57 percent of them now approve of his job performance, compared with a career average 84 percent. His approval rating is just 40 percent even in the “red states” he won in 2004; in John Kerry's blue states, it's 25 percent.

Majorities overall disapprove of Bush's work on seven out of nine specific issues tested in this poll, soaring to a high of 76 percent disapproval for his handling of gasoline prices. His only positive ratings are for handling the U.S. response to terrorism (53 percent, long the almost single-note source of his support) and protecting privacy rights in terrorism investigations (52 percent).



Other presidents have fared worse than Bush's current level: Harry Truman saw 22 percent in 1952, Richard Nixon 23 percent in 1974 and Jimmy Carter 28 percent in 1979 in Gallup polls. But historically, as first noted last fall, Bush's approval rating across his career most closely resembles that of Lyndon B. Johnson as the country became enmeshed in Vietnam. Johnson's approval rating in Gallup polls fell from 75 percent on average in 1964 to 43 percent in 1967 and 1968. Bush, for his part, has gone from an average of 73 percent approval in 2001 and 2002 to an average 40 percent so far this year. The trend lines are strikingly similar.

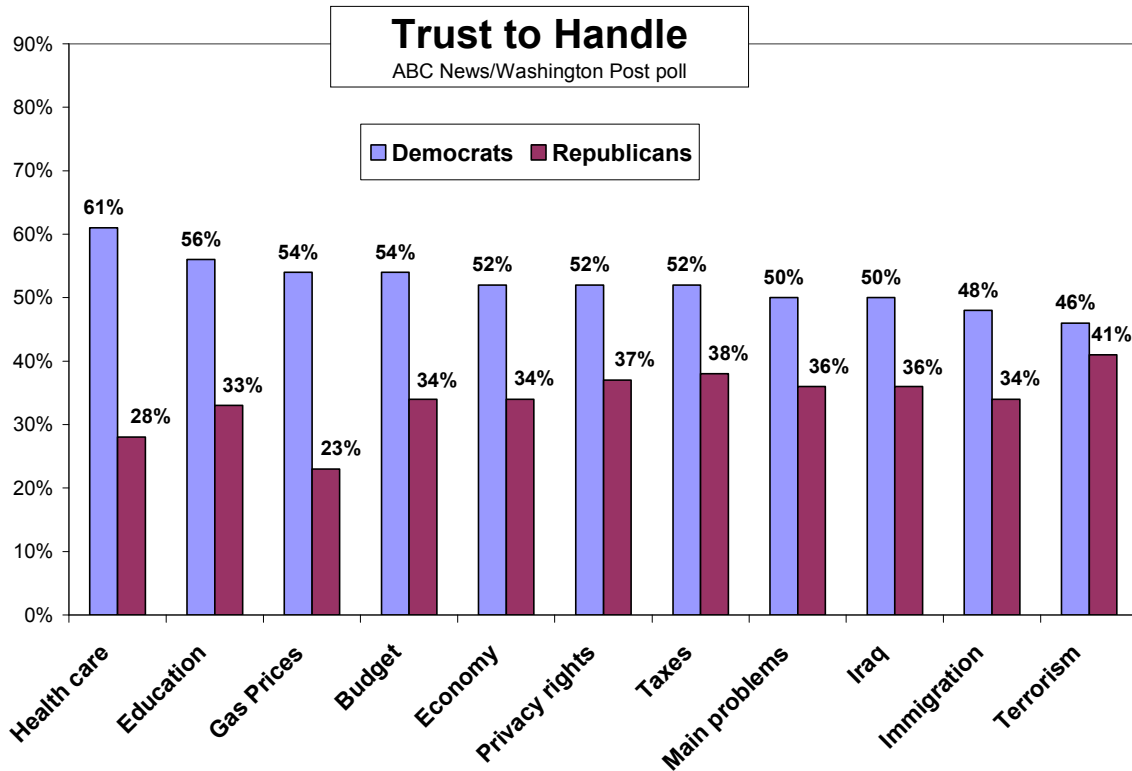


IRAQ – Further on Iraq, three-quarters call the level of U.S. casualties unacceptable. But the public’s discontent is not about casualties alone, but policy and credibility as well. Fewer than half say the war has contributed to long-term U.S. security, its most basic rationale. And 52 percent think the administration “intentionally misled the public” in making its case for the Iraq war.

Fifty-five percent are now pessimistic about the situation in Iraq in the year ahead, up a sharp 11 points since December.

NOVEMBER TEA LEAVES – The Democrats show strong possibilities for November if they can overcome the inertia of incumbency and produce a clear and compelling message. Registered voters by 52-40 percent prefer the Democrat over the Republican candidate in their congressional district; 56 percent of Americans would like to see the Democrats win control of Congress.

At the same time, the Democrats so far seem to be benefiting from dissatisfaction with Bush more than building their own appeal. Fifty-two percent say the Democrats are not offering the country a clear direction that’s different from the Republicans. And disapproval of the Democrats in Congress, at 58 percent, is nearly as high as disapproval of the Republicans, 64 percent.



A challenge for the Democrats is that while Congress gets broad disapproval, 62 percent approve of the way their own representative is handling his or her job. That suggests some breathing room for incumbents – as does that fact that, on average in midterm elections since 1946, 92 percent of incumbents have been re-elected to the House.

But another result gives pause: Fifty-five percent say they're inclined to look around for someone else to vote for, the highest "look around" number since October 1994, just before the transformational election in which Republicans won control of Congress.

Sentiment bears watching as the election draws nearer. By October 1994, 78 percent disapproved of Congress (it's 63 percent today), and most crucially, just 49 percent approved of their own representative (as noted, it's 62 percent now).

Depending on views in their individual districts, some Republicans running in November may seek to distance themselves from Bush, while a likely Democratic strategy will be to tie Republican candidates to the president. Thirty percent of Americans say they'll cast their vote in November to show opposition to Bush – double the number who said so in November 2002. And among those who favor a Democrat, more, 49 percent, say it's partly to show opposition to the president.

Among the available tea leaves in election politics, history is one of the weakest. But the president's party has lost House seats in 13 out of the last 15 midterm elections (1946-2002), averaging a 24-seat loss. Of the four presidents with a second midterm election,

only Bill Clinton gained seats, and the average loss in a second midterm has been 19 seats.

IMMIGRATION – Politicians in trouble usually try to change the subject, and immigration is a sensible choice for Bush. Three-quarters say the United States is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants out of the country – and, given that view, the public broadly supports sending National Guard troops to patrol the border with Mexico.

Support for the proposal peaks in Bush’s political and ideological corner – 85 percent of Republicans like the idea, as do 86 percent of conservatives. But it also wins support from about three-quarters of independents and moderates, and two-thirds of Democrats. It falls shorter among liberals, with 51 percent in favor, 47 percent opposed.

Overall, 74 percent support the idea, with 25 percent opposed. In another sign of its appeal, it’s supported by 76 percent in Bush’s red states, and by about as many, 71 percent, in the blue states.

Support for sending the Guard peaks in the East, the area of the country farthest from the border, and it’s lowest – but still 65 percent – in the West, dominated by California and its large immigrant population. It’s also more popular among whites (77 percent) than among nonwhites (60 percent).

	National Guard for border control	
	Support	Oppose
All	74%	25
Democrats	64	35
Independents	73	25
Republicans	85	14
Liberals	51	47
Moderates	74	24
Conservatives	86	13
East	83	15
West	65	32

Separately, 77 percent say the country is not currently doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into the United States, and 58 percent feel strongly about it – numbers that have been stable in polls since early last year.

Concern about border security is quite high across political groups, ranging from 73 percent of Democrats to 80 percent of Republicans; and it takes in about eight in 10 moderates and conservatives alike, falling to 59 percent of liberals.

Still, immigration may prove a tricky issue for Bush and the Republicans. Among all Americans, 11 percent call it the most important issue in their vote in November, but that nearly doubles among conservative Republicans to 21 percent – their top issue. The challenge is that Bush’s base is strongly with him on border patrol, but more equivocal on

the other aspect of his immigration policy, a guest-worker program with the chance of permanent status.

GAS – Bush seems less likely to hold a primetime speech on gasoline: As noted, his single worst rating is for handling gas prices – 20 percent approve, 76 percent disapprove. Fueling that view is a belief that the administration does have the power to do something about the price of gas; 62 percent say so.

All the same, many Americans are accommodating themselves to higher gasoline prices: The number who say the price of gas is causing them financial hardship has dropped by 13 points in the last month, to 57 percent. And more said they'd cut back on driving when prices spiked after Hurricane Katrina than plan to do so now.

The relatively strong economy thus seems to be shielding many Americans from the impact of higher gas prices. But it's doing far less to shield the president from the impact of an unpopular war.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone May 11-15, 2006, among a random national sample of 1,103 adults. The results have a three-point error margin. (The results on immigration were fielded May 12-14 among 508 adults; the error margin for that sample is 4.5 points.) Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

Analysis by Gary Langer.

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Full results follow (*= less than 0.5 percent).

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

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/15/06	33	17	16	65	18	47	2
4/9/06	38	20	18	60	13	47	1
3/5/06	41	24	17	58	14	44	1
1/26/06	42	25	18	56	14	42	2
1/8/06	46	29	17	52	13	39	2
12/18/05	47	29	17	52	12	40	1
11/2/05	39	20	18	60	13	47	1
10/29/05	39	22	17	58	13	45	3
9/11/05	42	27	15	57	12	45	1
8/28/05	45	27	18	53	12	41	2
6/26/05	48	27	21	51	11	40	1
6/5/05	48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05	47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05	50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05	50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05	52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04	48	27	21	49	12	38	2

10/20/04		50	30	20	46	11	35	4
10/17/04	LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04	LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04	LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04	LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04		50	33	18	45	13	32	5
9/8/04		52	35	17	43	11	32	5
8/29/04		50	31	19	47	13	34	3
8/1/04		47	28	18	49	13	36	5
7/25/04		50	32	19	47	13	34	3
7/11/04		48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04		47	30	17	51	13	39	1
5/23/04		47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04		51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04		50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04		50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04		58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03		59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03		57	37	20	39	10	29	5
12/7/03		53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03		57	34	23	39	11	28	4
10/29/03		56	30	26	42	13	29	2
10/13/03		53	33	20	43	13	29	4
9/30/03		54	34	20	44	15	29	2
9/13/03		58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03		56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03		59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03		59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03		68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03		71	50	22	26	17	9	3
4/16/03		74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03		77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03		71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03		68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03		67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5
3/2/03		62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03		60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03		64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03		62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03		62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03		59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03		59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02		66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02	LV	67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02	LV	67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02	LV	67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02		67	39	28	29	13	16	4
9/26/02		67	42	25	30	12	18	3
9/8/02		71	42	28	27	12	15	3
7/28/02		69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02		72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02		74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02		77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02		76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02		78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02		79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02		82	52	30	16	9	7	2
1/27/02		83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01		86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01		89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01		89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01		92	76	16	6	3	3	1
9/27/01		90	70	20	6	3	3	4

9/13/01	86	63	23	12	5	6	2
9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
8/12/01	61	28	33	31	14	17	8
7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
3/25/01	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
2/25/01	55	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	22

2. (IF APPROVE) Why do you say so - what's the main reason?

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Doing a good job overall	33
Defending America/fighting terrorism	18
Strong leader	8
Honesty/character	7
Good economy	5
Agree with him on issues overall	5
Religion/Christian morals	3
Like him personally	1
Republican	1
Other	14
No opinion	4

3. (IF DISAPPROVE) Why do you say so - what's the main reason?

5/15/06

War in Iraq	46
Doing a bad job overall	12
Economy	9
Disagree with him on issues overall	7
Gasoline prices	5
Dishonest/not truthful	5
Doesn't care about average people	3
Don't like him personally	2
Immigration issues	2
Doing a bad job on terrorism/hasn't caught Osama bin Laden	1
Not protecting privacy/civil rights	*
Environmental issues	1
Favors the rich	1
Republican	*
Other	5
No opinion	1

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

5/15/06 - Summary Table*

	Approve	Disapprove	No op.
a. The situation in Iraq	32	66	1
b. Protecting Americans' privacy rights as the government investigates terrorism	52	45	3
c. The US campaign against terrorism	53	43	4
d. The economy	38	60	2
e. Ethics in government	39	54	7
f. Taxes	42	54	4
g. Immigration issues	34	56	10
h. The situation with gas prices	20	76	4

i. The federal budget deficit 27 67 6

*Item a-b asked of full sample. Items c-f asked of half sample, items g-i asked of other half sample.

Trend where available:

a. The situation in Iraq

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/15/06	32	19	13	66	13	53	1
4/9/06	37	21	16	62	11	51	1
3/5/06	40	23	17	59	12	47	*
1/26/06	39	24	15	60	10	50	1
12/18/05	46	31	15	53	10	43	1
11/2/05	36	20	15	64	13	51	1
9/11/05	38	NA	NA	62	NA	NA	1
8/28/05	42	28	14	57	11	46	1
6/26/05	43	25	18	56	12	44	1
6/5/05	41	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	1
4/24/05	42			56			2
3/13/05	39			57			4
1/16/05	40			58			2
12/19/04	42			57			1
9/26/04 RV	47			50			3
8/29/04 RV	47			51			2
7/25/04	45			53			2
6/20/04	44			55			2
5/23/04	40			58			2
4/18/04	45			54			1
3/7/04	46			53			1
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12/21/03	60			39			2
12/14/03	58			38			4
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7/10/03	58			41			2
6/22/03	67			30			2
4/30/03	75	"	"	22	"	"	2
3/27/03*	69			26			5
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3/17/03	64			29			7
3/9/03	55			38			8
2/23/03	55			39			6
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11/4/02 LV	56			40			4
11/3/02 LV	57			40			4
11/2/02 LV	56			41			3

10/27/02	57			38			5
9/26/02	58			39			3
9/14/02	65			31			4
8/29/02	52	"	"	36	"	"	12

*3/27/03 and previous: "The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein"

b. Protecting Americans' privacy rights as the government investigates terrorism

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	52	45	3
5/11/06	51	47	2

c. The US campaign against terrorism

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
5/15/06	53	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	4
4/9/06	50	32	18	49	15	34	1
3/5/06	52	NA	NA	46	NA	NA	2
1/26/06	52			45			2
1/8/06	53			45			2
12/18/05	56			44			1
11/2/05	48			51			1
9/11/05	50	"	"	47	"	"	3
8/28/05	56	34	21	43	14	29	2
6/5/05	50	NA	NA	49	NA	NA	1
4/24/05	56			41			3
3/13/05	59			38			3
1/16/05	61			38			2
12/19/04	53			43			3
9/26/04 RV	59			38			3
8/29/04 RV	60			37			3
7/25/04	57			40			4
6/20/04	50			48			2
5/23/04	58			39			4
4/18/04	63			35			2
3/7/04	63			34			3
2/11/04	64			34			2
1/18/04	66			33			2
12/21/03	70			28			2
10/29/03	63			35			2
10/13/03	66			30			4
9/13/03	70			27			3
9/7/03	67			28			5
4/30/03	79			19			2
2/9/03	74			23			4
2/1/03	75			21			3
1/27/03	72			26			2
1/20/03	71			25			4
12/15/02	79			20			1
11/4/02 LV	76			22			1
11/3/02 LV	77			22			3
11/2/02 LV	78			21			2
10/27/02	74			23			4
9/26/02	70			28			2
9/8/02	74			24			2
7/28/02	81			17			2
7/15/02	83	"	"	15	"	"	2
5/19/02	79	51	27	19	10	9	3
4/21/02	81	56	25	18	10	7	2
3/10/02	88	64	24	10	5	5	2
1/27/02	88	NA	NA	10	NA	NA	2

12/19/01	89	67	22	9	5	4	2
10/15/01	92	75	17	5	3	3	3

d. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
5/15/06	38	NA	NA	60	NA	NA	2
4/9/06	40	20	21	59	18	41	1
3/5/06	48	NA	NA	51	NA	NA	1
1/26/06	46			52			1
12/18/05	47			52			1
11/2/05	36			61			3
9/11/05	40			58			2
8/28/05	44			54			3
6/5/05	40			58			2
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3/13/05	43			55			2
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8/29/04 RV	45			52			3
7/25/04	47			50			3
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9/7/03	44			51			5
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12/15/02	50			46			4
11/4/02 LV	53			45			2
11/3/02 LV	52			46			2
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10/27/02	51			43			6
9/26/02	51			47			3
9/8/02	57			40			4
7/28/02	57			39			4
7/15/02	58			38			3
4/21/02	64			33			3
1/27/02	62			34			4
12/19/01	67			27			6
11/6/01	72			23			5
9/9/01	48			48			4
7/30/01	52			45			3
6/3/01	53			41			6
4/22/01	55			38			7
3/25/01	50	"	"	42	"	"	8

e. Ethics in government

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	39	54	7
3/5/06	40	54	6
1/26/06	42	56	2
1/8/06	45	52	3
12/18/05	48	49	3

f. Taxes

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	42	54	4
1/26/06	45	52	3
1/16/05	49	46	5
8/29/04 RV	49	48	3
7/25/04	49	46	5
6/20/04	42	54	4
4/18/04	48	49	3
3/7/04	50	47	3
1/18/04	45	51	4
10/29/03	41	53	6
9/13/03	48	48	4
8/11/03	49	46	5
4/30/03	50	46	4
2/1/03	51	43	7
1/20/03	50	45	5
12/15/02	51	44	5

g. Immigration issues

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	34	56	10
4/9/06	33	61	5
1/26/06	34	57	9
12/18/05	33	58	9
8/28/05	33	57	10
1/16/05	33	54	13
1/18/04	34	56	10

h. The situation with gasoline prices

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	20	76	4
4/9/06	23	74	3
11/2/05	26	68	5
9/11/05	25	72	3
8/28/05	22	73	6

i. The federal budget deficit

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	27	67	6
1/26/06	32	64	4
1/16/05	39	58	3
6/20/04	39	56	5
4/18/04	34	60	6
3/7/04	30	65	5
1/18/04	35	58	7
12/21/03	37	52	10
10/29/03	32	61	7

5. Thinking about next November's election for the U.S. House and some U.S. Senate and governor seats, are you following the election very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not closely at all?

	----- Closely -----			----- Not closely -----			No op. *
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/15/06	57	18	38	43	24	19	

6. Would you say you'll definitely vote in the congressional election this November, probably vote, or might you skip this one?

	Definite vote	Probably vote	Might skip this one	Will not vote (vol.)	No opin.
5/15/06	64	21	10	4	1

7 (and 8). If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2006 were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? (IF OTHER, NEITHER, DK, REF) Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

Net Leaned Vote:

		Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Will not vote (vol.)	No opin.
5/15/06	RV	52	40	1	3	1	4
	All	53	38	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	RV	55	40	*	2	*	3
	All	54	40	*	2	1	4
1/26/06	RV	54	38	1	3	1	5
	All	55	36	1	3	1	4
12/18/05	RV	51	41	1	3	1	4
	All	50	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	RV	52	37	1	4	2	6
	All	53	36	1	3	2	5
11/4/02	LV	48	48	1	1	0	2
11/3/02	LV	48	48	*	1	0	2
11/2/02	LV	50	49	*	1	0	2
10/27/02	LV	47	49	1	1	0	3
9/26/02	LV	49	47	1	2	0	2
	RV	47	44	2	3	2	3
	All	46	42	2	2	5	3
7/15/02	RV	47	46	1	1	1	4
	All	47	45	1	1	1	4
1/27/02*	RV	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	RV	49	42		2	1	6
7/23/00	RV	46	45		3	1	5
2/27/00	RV	45	46		2	1	5
10/31/99	RV	50	43		3	1	3
9/2/99	RV	48	44		3	*	5
3/14/99	RV	50	41		2	1	6
2/14/99	RV	48	41		3	1	7
1/30/99	RV	49	39		8	1	3
11/1/98	RV	51	43		4	*	2
10/25/98	RV	48	43		3	1	4
10/18/98	RV	49	44		3	1	4
9/28/98	RV	49	44		2	*	4
8/21/98	RV	48	45		3	1	3
7/12/98	RV	47	45		2	*	6
1/31/98	RV	49	40		2	1	8
1/19/98	RV	47	44		3	1	5

10/8/96	RV	51	41	2	1	5
9/29/96	RV	48	41	3	1	7
9/22/96	RV	50	43	2	1	4
9/15/96	RV	49	45	1	1	4
9/4/96	RV	48	44	3	*	5
8/29/96	RV	53	39	3	1	5
8/28/96	RV	51	40	3	1	5
8/27/96	RV	51	41	3	0	5
8/26/96	RV	51	41	3	0	5
8/25/96	RV	48	43	3	1	6
8/24/96	RV	47	43	2	1	6
8/19/96	RV	49	42	3	0	6
8/18/96	RV	45	46	3	0	6
8/15/96	RV	46	43	4	1	5
8/14/96	RV	48	42	3	1	6
8/13/96	RV	49	43	3	0	5
8/12/96	RV	49	42	3	1	5
8/11/96	RV	49	40	4	1	6
8/10/96	RV	49	41	4	1	5
8/4/96	RV	48	45	2	1	4
6/30/96	RV	49	44	3	*	3
5/22/96	RV	52	41	3	1	3
3/10/96	RV	51	43	2	*	4
1/21/96	RV	52	43	3	1	1
10/1/95	RV	49	44	3	*	3
11/6/94	RV	47	42	5	2	5
10/31/94	RV	48	44	4	1	3
10/23/94	RV	50	45	2	1	2
10/9/94	RV	46	47	3	2	2
9/11/94	RV	50	45	1	1	4
8/7/94	RV	49	42	4	1	4
2/27/94	RV	50	40	8	1	2
10/21/91	RV	51	41	4	*	4
7/28/91	RV	49	41	6	*	3
6/2/91	RV	48	42	4	1	5
11/4/90	RV	51	41	5	*	3
10/14/90	RV	50	41	5	*	3
9/9/90	RV	47	46	3	*	3
7/24/90	RV	51	41	4	1	4
5/21/90	RV	47	45	5	1	2
9/21-10/10/88	RV	52	41	2	1	4
9/19/88	RV	51	39	3	1	6
6/22/85	RV	48	44	5	*	3
10/16/84	RV	52	44	2	NA	5
9/11/84	RV	53	45	2	NA	1
7/8/84	RV	58	40	2	NA	1
10/27/82	RV	58	39	NA	NA	3
10/11/82	RV	55	36	NA	NA	9
9/13/82	RV	58	36	NA	NA	6
11/22/81	RV	53	41	"	NA	7
*1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded						

9. What will be the single most important issue in your vote for U.S. House this year?

	5/15/06
Economy	17
Iraq	11
Immigration	11
Gas prices	7
War on terrorism	6
Health care	5

Education	3
Taxes	3
Ethics/corruption	2
Social Security	2
Abortion	2
Party affiliation	2
Local issues	1
Medicare	1
National security	1
Privacy issues	1
Federal deficit	1
Energy	1
Environment	1
Prescription drug benefits	*
Same-sex marriage	*
None	*
Other	6
No opinion	16

10. Will one reason for your vote for Congress be to express (support for Bush), to express (opposition to Bush), or is Bush not a factor in your choice?

	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
5/15/06	12	30	58	1
11/4/02 LV	29	15	55	1
11/3/02 LV	29	17	52	1
11/2/02 LV	30	15	54	1
10/27/02 LV	33	18	49	1

Compare to: Is one of the reasons you support this candidate to express support for Bill Clinton, to express opposition to Clinton, or would you say that Clinton is not a factor?

	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/1/98	13	9	77	1
11/1/98 LV	10	13	77	*
10/25/98	14	10	72	4
10/25/98 LV	15	15	70	1
10/18/98	13	9	75	3
10/18/98 LV	12	12	76	1
9/28/98	14	13	71	2
9/28/98 LV	14	18	67	1

11. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opin.
5/15/06	29	69	2
11/2/05	30	68	2
10/24/04 LV	41	55	4
4/18/04	42	57	1
4/30/03	52	46	2
9/26/02	43	53	4
2/21/02	54	42	4
2/14/99	55	41	4
11/1/98	55	43	2
11/1/98 LV	55	44	1
8/21/98	57	40	4
7/12/98	50	45	6

4/4/98	55	41	4
1/31/98	61	34	5
1/30/98	61	34	5
1/19/98	44	50	6
8/27/97	39	57	4
6/8/97	37	60	3
3/9/97	34	62	4
10/17/96 RV	40	55	5
10/16/96 RV	42	53	5
10/15/96 RV	43	52	5
10/14/96 RV	44	51	5
10/13/96 RV	44	51	5
9/04/96 RV	40	54	6
8/21/96	28	67	5
6/30/96	26	70	5
3/17/96	27	70	3
1/21/96	27	66	6
1/3/96	21	77	3
4/5/95	23	73	3
1/4/95	27	68	6
10/31/94	27	69	4
7/20/94	26	70	4
3/27/94	28	69	3
1/23/94	31	60	10
11/14/93	25	69	6
8/8/93	26	71	3
6/20/93	26	71	3
4/26/93	27	71	2
3/11/93	36	57	7
2/28/93	37	59	4
1/17/93	31	63	6
12/14/92	35	60	5
10/27/92 RV	22	76	2
10/4/92 RV	18	78	4
6/7/92	14	83	3
4/9/92	16	81	3
3/11/92	18	79	4
1/15/92	19	78	3
11/10/91	24	72	4
10/29/91	26	71	3
8/27/91	31	60	9
7/28/91	30	67	3
6/2/91	39	57	4
4/9/91	42	51	7
2/26/91	58	39	3
1/27/91	49	48	4
10/14/90	19	79	2
9/9/90	36	60	4
8/20/90	35	60	5
7/24/90	37	60	2
5/21/90	39	60	2
3/26/90	44	53	2
2/4/90	49	48	3
1/16/90	48	49	3
5/23/89	42	55	3
3/16/89	46	52	2
1/16/89 LV	51	46	3
10/25/88 RV	49	46	6
9/27/88	48	44	8
7/11/88	40	56	4
5/25/88	35	59	6
3/21/88	40	56	4
1/23/88	39	59	2

12/13/87	49	47	4
12/2/87	35	61	4
9/23/87	43	54	4
6/29/87	35	62	3
4/13/87	37	60	3
3/9/87	38	58	4
1/18/87	39	56	5
9/8/86	50	48	2
1/26/86	45	47	8
7/29/85	52	43	6
1/16/85	59	36	4
5/22/84	47	48	5
12/13/83	43	51	6
11/7/83	51	44	5
4/12/83	41	54	4
3/2/83	43	53	3
1/25/83	58	39	3
1/25/83	43	52	4
10/11/82	35	57	8
1/30/82	39	56	5
2/80*	20	70	10
2/78	34	53	13
2/77	41	44	14
10/75	19	71	9
10/74	15	75	11
10/73	16	74	10

*2/80 and previous: Roper

12. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think things in your state (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opin.
5/15/06	45	52	4

13. (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think things in your local community (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opin.
5/15/06	58	41	2

14. How do you personally feel about the Bush administration's policies - (enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry)?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No op.
	NET	Enthus.	Satis.	NET	Dissat.	Angry	
5/15/06	36	7	29	64	39	25	*
11/2/05	38	8	30	62	37	25	1
10/7/04 LV	51	17	34	47	26	22	1
4/18/04	51	13	39	48	30	18	1
3/7/04	49	14	35	51	28	22	*
1/18/04	54	12	42	45	31	15	1
12/21/03	57	16	41	42	29	12	1

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	33	63	4
4/9/06	35	62	3
3/5/06	36	62	3
1/26/06	43	53	4
1/8/06	41	55	5
12/18/05	43	53	4
11/2/05	37	59	4
8/28/05	37	59	4
6/5/05	41	54	4
10/29/03	40	52	9
4/30/03	57	37	6
9/26/02	51	43	6
7/15/02	57	36	7
2/21/02	57	39	4
1/27/02	58	35	7
12/19/01	59	34	7
9/9/01	45	48	7
7/30/01	48	48	4
4/22/01	58	33	8
10/31/99	42	53	6
9/2/99	46	47	7
6/6/99	48	46	6
3/14/99	44	49	7
2/14/99	46	50	4
12/20/98	44	51	5
12/19/98	45	50	5
12/13/98	49	46	5
11/7/98	41	55	4
11/1/98	49	47	5
10/25/98	45	44	11
10/18/98	46	45	8
9/28/98	52	44	4
8/21/98	55	39	6
7/12/98	46	44	11
5/12/98	45	45	9
4/4/98	47	45	8
1/31/98	55	35	10
1/30/98	55	35	10
1/25/98	56	37	8
1/24/98	55	38	7
1/19/98	47	49	5
10/13/97	36	57	7
8/27/97	39	54	7
7/8/97	40	53	6
4/24/97	40	53	7
3/9/97	35	60	5
8/5/96	42	52	7
6/30/96	35	58	7
5/22/96	35	60	5
3/10/96	30	64	6
1/7/96	31	65	5
11/19/95	27	68	5
10/1/95	32	65	3
7/17/95	34	63	3
3/19/95	39	56	5
1/29/95	42	52	6
10/31/94	21	72	8
10/23/94	18	78	4
9/11/94	24	70	5
6/26/94	34	61	5
3/27/94	35	62	3

2/27/94	32	64	4
1/23/94	29	60	11
11/14/93	28	66	6
8/8/93	33	64	3
4/26/93	30	69	2
1/17/93	29	66	6
4/9/92	17	78	5
3/18/92	19	76	5
3/8/92	22	73	6
2/2/92	32	64	4
12/15/91	35	59	6
10/21/91	45	50	5
6/2/91	49	46	5
10/14/90	34	63	3
2/4/90	41	55	4
1/16/90	39	55	6
8/21/89	42	53	5
5/23/89	54	44	2
2/14/89	53	44	3
1/23/88*	43	53	4
6/1/87	56	40	4
6/22/85	54	37	9
5/83	33	43	24
6/81	38	40	22
6/79	19	61	20
9/78	29	49	22
6/77	34	42	24
6/75	29	54	17
8/74	48	35	17

*1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way (ITEM) are doing their job?

5/15/06 - Summary Table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. the Republicans in Congress	33	64	3
b. the Democrats in Congress	39	58	4

Trend:

a. the Republicans in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	33	64	3
11/2/05	35	61	4
6/5/05	42	56	2
6/6/99	41	52	7
3/14/99	40	56	4
7/8/97	40	54	6
9/15/96 Reg.	46	48	6
6/30/96	38	56	6
4/5/95	45	50	5
10/31/94	33	59	7
10/23/94	31	64	5
9/11/94	35	59	6

b. the Democrats in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	39	58	4
11/2/05	41	54	5

6/5/05	42	56	3
6/6/99	51	42	7
3/14/99	51	42	7
7/8/97	45	49	6
4/5/95	36	60	4
10/31/94	39	53	8
10/23/94	36	59	5
9/11/94	41	53	6

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
5/15/06	62	31	7
4/9/06	59	34	6
1/26/06	64	30	6
12/18/05	65	29	6
11/2/05	60	33	7
6/5/05	61	32	8
9/26/02	64	27	9
7/15/02	68	23	9
11/1/98	72	20	8
11/1/98 LV	73	23	5
10/18/98	68	20	11
10/18/98 LV	67	25	9
9/28/98	70	21	10
9/28/98 LV	71	23	6
7/12/98	70	18	12
1/19/98	74	19	7
4/5/95	65	25	9
10/31/94	51	38	11
10/23/94	49	43	8
9/11/94	53	35	12
6/26/94	59	31	10
3/27/94	62	26	12
1/17/93	60	29	11
4/9/92	47	39	13
3/18/92	49	40	11
2/2/92	56	32	12
12/15/91	60	28	12
10/21/91	64	27	9
6/2/91	61	26	14
10/14/90	64	29	7
5/23/89	71	18	11

18. Regardless of your local contest, which party would you like to see in control of Congress after the congressional elections in November, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

	Democrats	Republicans	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
5/15/06	56	33	8	3
11/2/05	55	37	6	2

19. Right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress in the next election or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

	Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opin.
5/15/06	35	55	6	4
6/5/05	40	50	8	3

2/21/02		40	48	7	6
10/31/99		41	47	8	3
9/28/98		44	46	NA	10
9/28/98	LV	52	42	NA	6
7/12/98		42	44	5	10
1/19/98		47	41	7	4
8/27/97		34	52	9	5
11/6/94	RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94		35	56	2	7
10/23/94		32	58	4	6
9/11/94		36	53	4	7
6/26/94		35	54	6	5
3/27/94		32	56	6	7
1/23/94		32	46	10	12
11/14/93		38	52	5	5
7/8/92		34	54	3	9
6/7/92		36	53	4	7
4/9/92		33	56	3	8
3/11/92		36	54	3	7
2/2/92		38	51	4	7
10/21/91		31	55	7	6
6/2/91		37	49	5	9
11/4/90	LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90		36	57	NA	7
5/21/90		43	50	3	3
5/23/89		45	44	4	6

20. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/15/06	50	36	1	11	3
4/9/06	51	37	1	9	2
3/5/06	42	40	2	14	2
1/26/06	51	37	1	8	3
12/18/05	47	42	1	8	2
11/2/05	49	37	3	9	3
6/5/05	46	41	1	9	2
8/11/03	39	40	3	10	7
12/15/02	41	44	2	11	2
10/27/02	LV	39	51	2	5
9/26/02		39	46	3	8
9/26/02	LV	42	49	1	7
7/15/02		42	45	2	7
1/27/02		40	44	3	10
4/22/01		47	40	4	7
7/23/00		42	42	2	9
9/2/99		45	39	4	9
6/6/99		45	35	3	13
3/14/99		47	37	5	9
2/14/99		48	37	4	7
10/18/98		44	36	3	12
10/18/98	LV	43	42	3	10
9/28/98		49	38	2	8
9/28/98	LV	45	44	1	8
8/21/98		48	36	4	9
7/12/98		45	38	3	8
1/31/98		47	37	4	6
1/19/98		45	42	2	7
7/8/97		44	37	2	14

9/15/96	RV	45	38	3	11	3
8/5/96		43	38	3	11	3
6/30/96		46	37	3	12	3
5/22/96		47	38	3	10	3
11/6/94	RV	41	39	2	12	6
10/31/94		43	43	2	8	4
10/23/94		39	40	3	15	3
9/11/94		43	40	4	11	3
6/26/94		41	36	3	14	5
2/27/94		46	32	4	16	3
11/14/93		42	39	3	11	4
1/17/93		49	28	5	13	5
7/8/92		48	38	1	8	4
6/7/92		43	37	3	11	6
3/11/92		45	37	1	11	5
3/8/92		51	36	1	7	5
2/2/92		49	39	2	7	3
12/15/91		39	37	3	15	6
10/21/91		39	40	3	13	5

21. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM)?

5/15/06 - Summary Table*

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. The situation in Iraq	50	36	2	10	3
b. Protecting Americans' privacy rights as the government investigates terrorism	52	37	2	6	3
c. Gasoline prices	54	23	1	17	2
d. The economy	52	34	3	9	2
e. Immigration issues	48	34	1	14	4
f. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	46	41	2	8	3
g. Health care	61	28	1	7	2
h. Education	56	33	3	6	3
i. Taxes	52	38	1	5	2
j. The federal budget	54	34	1	8	3

*Items a-b asked of full sample. Items c-f asked of half sample, items g-j asked of other half sample.

Trend where available:

a. The situation in Iraq

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	50	36	2	10	3
4/9/06	49	42	1	6	2
3/5/06	42	42	2	11	2
1/26/06	47	40	1	9	2
12/18/05	47	44	2	6	2
11/2/05	48	37	2	11	2
12/15/02*	30	56	4	7	3
10/27/02 LV	31	58	3	4	4
9/26/02 LV	30	61	3	3	2
9/26/02	33	52	6	4	6

*12/15/02 and previous: "The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein"

b. No trend.

c. Gasoline prices

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	54	23	1	17	2
11/2/05	47	26	2	21	5

d. The economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	52	34	3	9	2
4/9/06	49	43	1	4	3
3/5/06	49	40	2	8	2
1/26/06	55	37	2	5	2
11/2/05	56	34	1	8	1
12/15/02	44	45	4	6	1
10/27/02* LV	43	48	3	3	2
9/26/02 LV	50	41	3	5	1
9/26/02	47	39	3	6	5

*10/27/02 and previous: "The economy and jobs"

e. Immigration issues

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	48	34	1	14	4
4/9/06	50	38	1	7	4

f. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	46	41	2	8	3
4/9/06	46	45	1	6	1
3/5/06	39	46	3	10	2
1/26/06	41	46	2	6	4
11/2/05	42	42	4	10	3
12/15/02	25	61	5	6	2
10/27/02* LV	26	61	4	5	4
9/26/02 LV	34	52	4	7	3
9/26/02	30	51	6	6	8

*10/27/02 and previous: "The war on terrorism"

g. Health care

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	61	28	1	7	2
4/9/06	61	29	*	6	3
11/2/05	54	29	2	12	3
12/15/02*	53	33	3	7	4
10/27/02 LV	50	39	3	5	3
9/26/02 LV	49	39	3	5	4
9/26/02	50	35	4	5	6

*12/15/02 and previous: "The cost, availability, and coverage of health insurance"

h. Education

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	56	33	3	6	3
11/2/05	55	32	4	7	2
12/15/02	49	40	4	5	2
10/27/02 LV	44	45	4	3	3
9/26/02 LV	47	43	3	5	1
9/26/02	46	39	4	5	6

i. Taxes

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	52	38	1	5	2
11/2/05	48	38	1	11	1
12/15/02	46	44	2	6	2
9/26/02	44	44	3	6	4

j. The federal budget

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	54	34	1	8	3
11/2/05	48	34	2	13	2

22. Whether or not you agree with them, do you think the Democrats are or are not offering the country a clear direction that's different from the Republicans?

	Yes, they are	No, they are not	No opin.
5/15/06	44	52	4
11/2/05	44	51	5

23. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Worth fighting ---			--- Not worth fighting ---			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/15/06	37	24	14	62	12	50	1
4/9/06	41	30	11	58	10	48	1
3/5/06	42	29	14	57	11	46	1
1/26/06	44	32	12	55	13	42	1
1/8/06	43	30	13	55	12	43	2
12/18/05	46	33	14	52	11	42	1
11/2/05	39	25	13	60	12	48	1
8/28/05	46	33	12	53	9	44	1
6/26/05	46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04 LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04 RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04 RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04 RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1

5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2
1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5
11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4
8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70	"	"	27	"	"	4
2/2/92*	66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1

*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"

24. Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	No opinion
5/15/06	22	76	2
11/2/05	25	73	2
8/28/05	30	68	3
6/26/05	29	69	2
6/5/05	25	73	2
3/13/05	27	70	3
12/19/04	27	70	3
6/20/04	29	71	1
4/18/04	33	65	2
1/18/04	34	62	4
12/21/03	37	60	4
11/16/03	33	64	3
10/29/03	35	62	3
10/13/03	37	60	3
9/13/03	43	55	2
9/7/03	38	57	5
8/11/03	42	53	5
7/10/03	44	52	3
6/22/03	51	44	5
4/9/03	66	28	6
4/3/03	62	32	5
3/27/03	58	34	9

25. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal, or somewhat?

	NET	----- Contributed ----- Great deal	Somewhat	Has not	No opin.
5/15/06	48	28	20	51	2
4/9/06	52	32	20	46	1
3/5/06	50	28	23	48	2
1/26/06	53	32	21	45	1

12/18/05	54	32	22	44	2
11/2/05	46	25	21	52	2
8/28/05	49	29	20	49	2
6/26/05	52	31	22	46	1
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3
6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3
4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4
7/10/03*	62	33	29	35	3

*"did or did not"

26. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	No opinion
5/15/06	15	54	27	4
4/9/06	13	54	31	2
3/5/06	11	52	34	3
12/18/05	9	52	36	3
11/2/05	15	47	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	35	4
6/26/05	16	38	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	36	4

27. (IF DECREASED, Q26) Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Withdrawn immediately	Decreased but not withdrawn immediately	No opinion
5/15/06	31	68	1
4/9/06	28	72	1
3/5/06	33	67	*
12/18/05	23	77	0
11/2/05	38	61	*
8/28/05	33	66	1
6/26/05	34	66	1
3/13/05	27	72	1

26/27 NET:

	Increased	NET	----- All/immed.	Decreased Not all/not immed.	----- DK	Kept about the same	No op.
5/15/06	15	54	17	37	*	27	4
4/9/06	13	54	15	39	1	31	2
3/5/06	11	52	17	35	*	34	3
12/18/05	9	52	12	40	*	36	3
11/2/05	15	47	18	29	*	36	3
8/28/05	21	41	13	27	*	35	4

6/26/05	16	38	13	25	*	44	2
3/13/05	15	44	12	31	1	37	4

28. Considering everything, do you think the United States did the right thing in going to war with Iraq or do you think it was a mistake?

	Right thing	Mistake	No opin.
5/15/06	40	59	1
6/26/05	48	51	1
3/13/05	48	51	1
4/18/04	52	46	1
4/9/03	81	16	3
3/27/03	69	26	5

Serbia:

6/10/99	55	41	4
6/6/99*	48	47	5
5/16/99	54	42	3
4/26/99	56	41	2
4/6/99	58	40	2

*Washington Post

Compare to: Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

	Not a mistake	Mistake	No opin.
1/9/02*	93	6	1
11/11/01*	89	9	2

Yugoslavia*

6/5/99	53	43	4
4/21/99	51	42	7

Persian Gulf*

7/21/91	82	15	3
3/3/91	87	10	3
2/10/91	76	21	3
2/2/91	80	18	2
1/26/91	77	18	5
1/20/91	80	16	4
1/13/91	65	29	6
1/6/91	61	30	9
12/9/90	66	28	6
12/2/90	66	29	5
11/18/90	65	27	8
11/11/90	68	27	5
11/4/90	67	25	8
10/28/90	71	24	5
10/21/90	67	26	7
10/14/90	68	27	5
10/4/90	71	21	8
9/30/90	73	20	7
9/16/90	73	18	10
9/11/90	76	19	5
9/2/90	76	16	8
8/26/90	76	18	6
8/19/90	75	17	8

Vietnam*

11/15/00	24	69	7
4/24/95	23	71	6
3/18/90	22	74	4

1/15/73	29	60	11
5/17/71	28	61	11
1/11/71	31	60	9
5/26/70	36	56	8
4/7/70	34	51	15
1/20/70	32	57	11
9/22/69	32	58	10
1/28/69	39	52	9
10/1/68	37	54	9
8/12/68	35	53	12
4/9/68	40	48	12
2/27/68	42	49	9
2/6/68	42	46	12
12/12/67	46	45	9
10/11/67	44	47	9
7/18/67	48	41	11
4/24/67	50	37	13
1/31/67	52	32	16
11/15/66	52	31	17
9/13/66	48	35	17
5/10/66	49	36	15
3/8/66	59	26	15
9/1/65	60	24	16

Korea*			
6/7/00	47	34	19
1/16/53	50	36	14
10/22/52	37	43	19
10/14/52	37	43	20
3/5/52	35	51	14
8/8/51	48	42	11
6/21/51	40	43	17
4/21/51	45	37	18
3/31/51	43	45	12
2/9/51	41	49	9
1/5/51	38	49	13
8/25/50	65	20	15

*Gallup; various wordings

29. In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration (told the American public what it believed to be true), or (intentionally misled the American public)?

	Told the American public what it believed to be true	Intentionally misled the American public	No opin.
5/15/06	46	52	2
11/2/05	44	55	2
6/26/05	48	52	*
3/13/05	55	43	2
8/29/04 RV	57	40	3
7/25/04	55	42	3

30. How satisfied would you say you are with your life overall at the present time - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

	----- Satisfied -----			---- Dissatisfied ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	op.
5/15/06	84	51	33	15	11	4	*

4/24/05	94	61	33	6	5	1	*
4/19/05	91	58	32	8	6	3	1
8/9/04	88	55	33	11	6	5	1

31. Would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic about your own personal future?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	89	10	2
9/8/02	86	13	1
5/6/96	89	8	3
12/18/83	82	13	5

32. Would you say that you are optimistic or pessimistic about the future of this country?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	65	34	1
9/8/02	79	18	3
5/6/96	70	27	3
12/18/83	73	21	5

33. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel (optimistic) or (pessimistic) about (ITEM)?

5/15/06 - Summary Table

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No op.
a. the way things are going in this country	48	50	2
b. the situation in Iraq	43	55	2
c. the state of the national economy	52	46	1
d. the state of your local economy	63	36	1
e. your own family's financial situation	79	20	1
f. the country's ability to defend itself against terrorist attacks	65	32	3
g. the policies Bush will pursue	43	53	4

Trend where available:

a. the way things are going in this country

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	48	50	2
12/18/05	57	42	2
12/19/04	57	41	2
7/25/04 RV	67	30	3
6/20/04	62	36	2
1/14/03	69	29	2

b. the situation in Iraq

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	43	55	2
12/18/05	54	44	2
12/19/04	46	51	2
6/20/04	52	45	3
5/23/04	55	43	2
1/18/04*	58	39	2

*"Thinking about the coming year"

c. the state of the national economy

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	52	46	1
12/18/05	55	44	1
12/19/04	58	40	2
6/20/04	64	34	2
1/14/03	63	35	2

d. The state of your local economy

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	63	36	1
1/18/04	62	35	2

e. your own family's financial situation

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	79	20	1
12/18/05	73	26	1
12/19/04	75	23	2

f. the country's ability to defend itself against terrorist attacks

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	65	32	3
12/18/05	65	34	1
12/19/04	66	30	4
6/20/04	66	31	3
1/14/03	75	23	3

g. the policies Bush will pursue

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	No opinion
5/15/06	43	53	4
12/18/05	53	43	4

34. Thinking about how much driving you do, would you say that in the weeks ahead you'll be driving more, less, or about the same amount as you usually do? IF LESS: Is that because of the price of gasoline, to conserve the country's gasoline supply or for some other reason?

	More	NET	Price	Less Conserve	Other	Same	Don't drive / no car (vol.)	No op.
5/15/06	11	30	23	3	4	56	4	*
9/2/05	3	50	38	9	2	44	3	1

35. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or others in your household, or not? IF YES: Has that been a serious hardship, or not serious?

	NET	Yes Serious	Not serious	No	No opin.
5/15/06	57	31	26	43	*
4/9/06	70	44	26	30	*
9/11/05	64	34	30	36	*
8/28/05	66	36	30	34	*
8/21/05	53	26	27	47	*
4/24/05	64	34	30	36	*
3/20/05	57	29	28	43	*
5/23/04	64	37	27	36	0

4/18/04	54	31	23	46	0
4/28/02	53	20	33	47	*
4/29/01	48	17	30	52	*
6/25/00*	44	NA	NA	56	*
5/24/00	36			64	*
4/2/00	39			61	*
3/12/00	41			59	*
2/15/00	40	"	"	60	*

*6/25 and previous by Gallup; slightly different wordings.

36. Do you think there's anything the Bush administration reasonably can do to reduce gasoline prices, or do you think gas prices have risen because of factors beyond the administration's control?

	Can do something	Beyond their control	No opinion
5/15/06	62	35	3
8/28/05	60	36	4

37-41 previously released.

42. On another subject, do you think the United States is or is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into this country? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Doing enough -----			-- Not doing enough ---			No opin.
	NET	Strg.	Smwt.	NET	Smwt.	Strg.	
5/14/06	20	9	11	77	19	58	4
4/9/06	21	7	14	75	19	56	4
12/18/05	20	8	12	79	20	59	2
8/28/05	19	11	9	80	18	62	1
1/16/05	20	9	11	77	18	58	4

43. Would you support or oppose using National Guard troops to patrol the U.S. border with Mexico?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
5/14/06	74	25	2

44-49 held for release.

END