

# **LOS ANGELES TIMES**

National Poll  
January 15-17, 2005  
**STAT SHEET**

## **Guide to Column Headings**

ALL All adults  
RV Registered voters  
DEM Self-described Democrats  
IND Self-described Independents  
REP Self-described Republicans  
LIB Self-described liberals  
MOD Self-described moderates  
CON Self-described conservatives

## ***Note***

-Trend results are among all adults (**ALL**) with the exception of those with ‘\*’ which are among registered voters (**RV**)

-‘\*\*’ indicates comparison questions

-(Vol.) indicates a voluntarily response

- ‘-’ indicates less than 0.5%

Q1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Right direction	40	41	20	32	68	11	42	55
On the wrong track	48	49	70	58	20	80	44	35
Don't know	12	10	10	10	12	9	14	10

**Trend for Q1**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
510/Q1	10/04	38	53	9
507/Q1	09/04	37	55	8
505/Q1	08/04	40	51	9
504/Q1	07/04	37	52	11
503/Q1	06/04	33	59	8
501/Q1	03/04	36	55	9
491/Q1	11/03	40	50	10
484/Q1	04/03	57	33	10
481/Q1	02/03	39	50	11
480/Q2	12/02	44	47	9
473/Q1	08/02	45	45	10
465/Q1	02/02	65	26	9
463/Q1	11/01	65	22	13
462/Q1	09/01	60	28	12
458/Q1	04/01	44	43	13
455/Q1	03/01	49	40	11
450/Q1	12/00	49	41	10
*445/Q21	09/00	53	38	9
*444/Q23	08/00	56	36	8
*443/Q13	07/00	49	42	9
442/Q1	06/00	42	46	12
441/Q1	05/00	44	46	10
425/Q5	03/99	43	48	9
423/Q5	02/99	45	42	13
422/Q5	02/99	49	42	9
421/Q5	01/99	53	37	10
417/Q5	09/98	56	38	6
414/Q5	08/98	53	39	8
406/Q5	01/98	53	38	9
405/Q5	01/98	45	44	11
398/Q6	09/97	42	47	11
391/Q8	02/97	41	51	8
387/Q6	10/96	37	54	9
384/Q6	10/96	35	57	8
382/Q6	09/96	42	48	10
380/Q6	08/96	31	59	10
375/Q8	04/96	29	61	10

**\*RV**

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**Trend for Q1 continued**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
369/Q6	10/95	27	66	7
366/Q8	09/95	25	68	7
360/Q8	06/95	31	58	11
357/Q5	04/95	33	56	11
356/Q9	03/95	30	60	10
353/Q7	01/95	37	51	12
352/Q6	01/95	35	55	10
347/Q5	10/94	26	66	8
345/Q7	09/94	30	62	8
341/Q8	07/94	27	64	9
334/Q6	04/94	28	64	8
328/Q9	01/94	36	54	10
327/Q6	12/93	37	52	11
322/Q8	09/93	35	54	11
317/Q6	06/93	24	68	8
308/Q5	02/93	45	45	10
305/Q6	01/93	36	53	11
302/Q5	10/92	22	70	8
299/Q6	10/92	17	75	8
296/Q6	08/92	23	68	9
294/Q6	08/92	16	77	7
291/Q5	07/92	19	74	7
290/Q5	07/92	17	75	8
275/Q6	03/92	20	72	8
268/Q6	02/92	23	70	7
263/Q6	11/91	23	67	10
259/Q9	09/91	40	49	11
253/Q6	06/91	38	52	10
250/Q8	04/91	48	43	9
246/Q9	03/91	55	34	11

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>50</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>71</u>
Approve strongly	<u>32</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>53</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>27</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>36</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>22</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

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**Trend for Q2**

Poll/Qno	Date	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
*510/c12	10/04	49	49	2
*507/c13	09/04	51	47	2
*505/c20	08/04	52	47	1
*504/c22	07/04	51	48	1
*503/c15	06/04	51	47	2
501/c3	03/04	51	44	5
491/c3	11/03	54	41	5
484/c2	04/03	68	28	4
481/c3	02/03	56	39	5
480/c1	12/02	63	33	4
473/c3	08/02	68	27	5
465/c2	02/02	80	15	5
463/c2	11/01	86	10	4
462/c4	09/01	77	17	6
458/c3	04/01	57	33	10
455/c7	03/01	62	18	20

\*(RV)

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	42	41	16	33	76	11	37	63
Approve strongly	28	28	7	18	60	4	19	51
Approve somewhat	13	13	9	15	16	7	17	12
Disapprove (Net)	54	55	80	60	22	87	57	33
Disapprove somewhat	11	11	12	12	7	17	13	6
Disapprove strongly	44	44	68	48	15	70	45	27
Don't know	4	4	4	7	2	2	6	4

**Trend for Q3**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
*510/C13	10/04	45	53	2
*507/C14	09/04	43	55	2
*505/C21	08/04	48	50	2
*504/C23	07/04	44	54	2
*503/C16	06/04	44	55	1
501/C4	03/04	49	46	5
491/C5	11/03	45	51	4

\*RV

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the war on terrorism? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>54</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>73</u>
Approve strongly	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>56</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>43</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>24</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>18</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

**Trend for Q4**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
*510/C14	10/04	<u>53</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>2</u>
*507/C15	09/04	<u>52</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>3</u>
*505/C22	08/04	<u>57</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>4</u>
*504/C24	07/04	<u>54</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>3</u>
*503/C17	06/04	<u>54</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>4</u>
501/C5	03/04	<u>56</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>5</u>
491/C6	11/03	<u>59</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>6</u>
481/C8	02/03	<u>74</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>
480/C6	12/02	<u>73</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>4</u>
473/C6	08/02	<u>74</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>

**\*RV**

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>69</u>
Approve strongly	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>41</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>46</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>26</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>20</u>
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

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**Trend for Q5**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
*510/C15	10/04	45	52	3
*507/C16	09/04	43	54	3
*505/C23	08/04	46	51	3
*504/C25	07/04	45	52	3
*503/C18	06/04	43	54	3
501/C6	03/04	43	53	4
491/C7	11/03	44	50	6
484/C4	04/03	55	39	6
481/C6	02/03	45	47	8
480/C4	12/02	51	43	6
473/C4	08/02	56	38	6
465/C3	02/02	66	28	6
463/C3	11/01	66	25	9

**\*RV**

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the tsunami disaster in Asia? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>
Approve strongly	45	46	29	44	64	33	43	56
Approve somewhat	26	25	26	29	24	27	27	24
Disapprove (Net)	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>
Disapprove somewhat	7	8	12	8	2	14	6	3
Disapprove strongly	11	11	20	9	3	13	12	8
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

Q7. Do you think the president reacted too quickly in offering aid to tsunami stricken countries, or not quickly enough, or was his timing just about right?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Too quickly	7	8	8	14	4	7	6	7
Not quickly enough	21	21	33	25	6	37	22	11
Just about right	65	65	49	58	85	50	67	74
Don't know	7	6	10	3	5	6	5	8

Q9. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Well (Net)	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>75</u>
Very well	5	5	-	7	9	2	3	7
Fairly well	55	55	34	46	82	32	56	67
Badly (Net)	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>23</u>
Fairly badly	26	25	40	42	4	49	26	14
Very badly	13	13	25	3	4	17	14	10
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

### Trend for Q9

POLL/QNO	DATE	Well	Badly	Don't know
*505/C45	08/04	51	47	2
*504/C45	07/04	55	44	1
*503/C39	06/04	51	48	1
501/C7	03/04	49	49	2
491/C15	11/03	50	49	1
484/C7	04/03	50	47	3
481/C21	02/03	35	64	1
480/C9	12/02	45	55	-
473/C20	08/02	54	45	1
462/C3	09/01	71	25	4
455/C14	03/01	64	34	2
450/C3	12/00	82	17	1
*445/C22	09/00	87	12	1
*444/C24	08/00	89	9	2
*443/C16	07/00	88	9	3
441/C15	05/00	84	14	2
421/C15	01/99	89	8	3
417/C8	09/98	88	11	1
406/C9	01/98	86	12	2
398/C11	09/97	73	25	2

\*RV

Q10. Six months from now, do you expect the nation's economy will be better than it is now, worse than it is now or about the same as it is now?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Better	26	26	8	9	53	6	16	45
Worse	18	16	32	20	3	29	17	12
About the same	54	55	57	69	41	61	65	41
Don't know	2	3	3	2	3	4	2	2

**Trend for Q10**

Study/Q No.	491/Q16	480/Q12	473/Q23	465/Q21	463/Q20
Date	11/18/03	12/15/02	08/26/02	02/03/02	11/13/01
Better	35	39	38	47	38
Worse	15	15	15	13	16
About the same	48	43	43	36	42
Don't know	2	3	4	4	4

Q11. Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as very secure, fairly secure, fairly shaky or very shaky?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Secure (Net)	70	72	61	66	82	66	68	75
Very secure	16	16	10	11	26	7	15	22
Fairly secure	54	56	51	55	56	59	53	54
Shaky (Net)	29	28	38	33	18	34	31	24
Fairly shaky	15	14	16	15	13	15	18	12
Very shaky	15	14	22	18	5	19	14	12
Don't know	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1

**Trend for Q11**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Secure	Shaky	Don't know
482/C23	02/03	65	34	1
480/C13	12/02	66	33	1
473/C24	08/02	65	34	1
465/C22	02/02	77	22	1
463/C21	11/01	75	23	2
462/C43	09/01	76	22	2
455/C15	03/01	68	30	2
*445/C23	09/00	77	22	1
*444/C27	08/00	79	19	2
*443/C17	07/00	80	19	1

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**Trend for Q11 Continued**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Secure	Shaky	Don't know
441/C19	05/00	72	27	1
421/C16	01/99	74	24	2
398/C14	09/97	66	33	1
387/C58	10/96	68	30	2
382/C64	09/96	67	32	1
380/C50	08/96	67	32	1
375/C17	04/96	66	32	2
369/C22	10/95	66	33	1
356/C15	03/95	68	31	1
353/C12	01/95	67	32	1
347/C15	10/94	69	29	2
341/C28	07/94	63	35	2
334/C19	04/94	61	38	1
328/C33	01/94	60	39	1
327/C17	12/93	60	39	1
322/C18	09/93	63	36	1
317/C19	06/93	60	39	1
308/C12	02/93	62	37	1
305/C25	01/93	57	42	1
290/C57	07/92	63	35	2
275/C56	03/92	67	32	1
268/C21	02/92	62	37	1
263/C30	11/91	63	36	1
259/C20	09/91	65	33	2
253/C25	06/91	64	35	1
250/C26	04/91	68	31	1

Q12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>45</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>55</u>
Approve strongly	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>36</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>42</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>43</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>36</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>
Don't know	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>

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**Trend for Q12**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
480/C8	12/02	49	39	12
473/C9	08/02	53	36	11
465/C7	02/02	59	32	9
463/C7	11/01	69	20	11
421/C11	01/99	46	46	8
406/C7	01/98	53	37	10
398/C9	09/97	46	44	10
391/C10	02/97	46	46	8
387/C8	10/96	37	55	8
382/C12	09/96	39	52	9
380/C15	08/96	35	56	9

Q13. Over the next four years, how much progress do you think the government in Washington will make in solving the major problems facing this country: a great deal, quite a lot, only some or not much at all?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
A lot (Net)	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>30</u>
Great deal	7	7	1	8	13	1	6	10
Quite a lot	11	11	5	6	22	2	7	20
Some/Not much (Net)	<u>77</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>63</u>
Only some	45	46	47	37	47	48	49	41
Not much at all	32	32	44	44	13	45	35	22
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

**Trend for Q13**

Study/Question No.	391/Q28
Date	02/06/97
A lot (Net)	<u>14</u>
Great deal	5
Quite a lot	9
Some/Not much (Net)	<u>85</u>
Only some	65
Not much at all	20
Don't know	<u>1</u>

Q14. Would you say you favor smaller government with fewer services, or larger government with many services? Do you feel strongly about that or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Smaller government	52	55	41	49	65	32	49	66
Larger government	36	34	43	38	29	52	39	26
Don't know	12	11	16	13	6	16	12	8

**Trend for Q14**

Study/Question No.	463/C18	455/C6	375/Q15	369/CC18
Date	11/13/01	03/05/01	04/16/96	10/30/95
Smaller government	48	59	62	68
Larger government	41	29	28	23
Don't know	11	12	10	9

Study/Question No.	366/Q51	352/Q27	317/Q58
Date	09/18/95	01/22/95	06/14/93
Smaller government	62	63	60
Larger government	27	27	29
Don't know	11	10	11

Q15. Generally speaking, how much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time, or hardly ever?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Always/Mostly (Net)	30	30	16	28	48	13	29	40
Always	3	2	1	1	6	1	-	5
Most of the time	27	28	15	27	43	12	29	35
Sometimes/Hardly (Net)	69	68	83	71	51	86	70	58
Some of the time	48	47	51	45	43	52	53	41
Hardly ever	21	21	32	26	8	34	17	17
Don't know	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2

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**Trend for Q15**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Always/Mostly	Sometimes/Hardly	Don't know
473/C16	08/02	39	61	—
463/C8	11/01	49	50	1
455/C4	03/01	29	69	2
369/C14	10/95	15	85	—
352/C15	01/95	18	81	1
334/C11	04/94	15	85	—
327/C13	12/93	18	81	1
317/C13	06/93	13	85	2
305/C10	01/93	19	78	3
299/C71	10/92	20	78	2
275/C11	03/92	20	78	2
240/C58	01/91	27	71	2
222/C11	05/90	29	64	7

Q16. What is your impression of George W. Bush? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Favorable (Net)	55	54	26	58	88	26	53	73
Very favorable	28	28	4	18	62	5	19	49
Somewhat favorable	27	26	21	41	26	21	34	24
Unfavorable (Net)	42	43	70	39	11	71	44	24
Somewhat unfavorable	16	17	20	20	9	21	23	9
Very unfavorable	26	26	50	19	2	50	21	15
Haven't heard enough	1	1	2	2	—	1	2	1
Don't know	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2

**Trend for Q16**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Favorable	Unfavorable	Haven't heard	Don't know
*510/C10	10/04	51	49	—	—
*507/C11	09/04	52	46	1	1
*505/C11	08/04	53	46	—	1
*504/C17	07/04	52	47	—	1
*503/C8	06/04	50	49	1	—
501/C12	03/04	50	47	2	1
455/C19	03/01	68	22	6	4
450/C9	12/00	57	38	4	1
*445/C7	09/00	58	36	5	1
*444/C16	08/00	59	33	5	3
421/C36	01/99	57	10	30	3

**\*RV**

Q17. Would you say the country is better off because of George W. Bush's economic policies than when he became president four years ago, or worse off, or is the country about the same as it was then? (IF BETTER OR WORSE) Is the country much (better/worse) off or only somewhat (better/worse) off?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Better (Net)	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>39</u>
Much better	12	13	1	5	28	2	8	21
Somewhat better	14	12	4	23	19	3	15	18
Worse (Net)	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>22</u>
Somewhat worse	18	18	27	19	10	30	22	10
Much worse	25	27	45	25	1	48	23	12
About the same	<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

**Trend for Q17**

Study/Question No.	*510/C32**	*507/C43**
Date	10/24/04	09/28/04
Better	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
Worse	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>
About the same	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**\*RV**

\* **\*The wording of this question is different in earlier poll/s. Wording in earlier poll/s:**

Would you say the country is better off because of George W. Bush's economic policies than when he became president almost four years ago, or worse off, or is the country about the same as it was then? (IF BETTER OR WORSE) Is the country much (better/worse) off or only somewhat (better/worse) off?

Q18. Thinking back over the past four years, do you think George W. Bush's policies on terrorism and national security have made the country more secure, or less secure, or has it not made a difference one way or the other? (IF MORE OR LESS) Have Bush's policies on terrorism and national security made the country much (more/less) secure or only somewhat (more/less) secure?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
More Secure (Net)	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>75</u>
Much more secure	28	30	12	19	51	8	24	42
Somewhat more secure	28	26	19	33	34	18	29	33
Less secure (Net)	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
Somewhat less secure	7	7	10	4	5	11	10	3
Much less secure	14	14	25	16	1	33	8	7
No difference	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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**Trend for Q18**

Study/Question No.	*501/C21**	491/C51**
Date	03/30/04	11/18/03
More secure	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>
Less secure	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>
No difference	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**\*RV**

**\*\* The wording of this question is different in earlier poll/s. Wording in earlier poll/s:**

Thinking back over the past three years, do you think George W. Bush's policies on terrorism and national security have made the country more secure, or less secure, or has it not made a difference one way or the other? (IF MORE OR LESS) Have Bush's policies on terrorism and national security made the country much (more/less) secure or only somewhat (more/less) secure?

Q19. As you may remember when George W. Bush made his acceptance speech after winning the election he said that he was a president for all Americans -- not just the ones that voted for him -- and that he would work in a non- partisan way with both Democrats and Republicans. Would you say that George W. Bush has been less partisan than past presidents have been, or more partisan, or would you say that he has been just about as partisan as past presidents have been?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Less partisan	22	21	20	21	26	22	15	29
More partisan	25	28	38	22	13	34	35	11
About the same	47	46	37	53	55	37	43	56
Don't know	6	5	5	4	6	7	7	4

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q20. Generally speaking, would you say that George W. Bush cares more about poor people, or cares more about middle income people, or cares more about rich people -- or would you say that Bush cares about all income groups equally?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Poor	3	3	2	2	3	4	2	3
Middle income	7	6	6	8	6	8	8	6
Rich	51	51	80	55	19	76	58	32
All equally	35	37	9	28	70	9	28	56
Don't know	4	3	3	7	2	3	4	3

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**Trend for Q20**

Study/Question No.	491/Q13	455/Q24
Date	11/18/03	03/05/01
Poor	-	1
Middle-income	7	8
Rich	51	39
All equally	37	43
Don't know	5	9

Q21. Generally speaking, would you say that George W. Bush cares more about protecting the interests of ordinary working people, or protecting the interests of large business corporations?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Ordinary people	26	25	8	20	51	5	19	42
Large corporations	62	63	91	61	29	90	70	40
Both (Vol.)	7	7	-	7	13	-	6	11
Don't know	5	5	1	12	7	5	5	7

**Trend for Q21**

Study/Question No.	501/Q29	473/Q18
Date	03/30/04	08/26/02
Ordinary people	21	25
Large corporations	63	55
Both (Vol.)	8	11
Don't know	8	9

Q22. As you may know, George W. Bush won 51 percent of the vote in November, while John Kerry won 48 percent of the vote. Based on this, do you think President Bush has the mandate from the American people to push through his agenda or should he work to compromise with Democrats on many of the issues in his agenda?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Push through	25	24	5	22	48	8	15	42
Compromise	71	71	91	72	48	88	80	55
Don't know	4	5	4	6	4	4	5	3

Q23. How important is it to you, personally, to maintain the principle of separation of church and state in the United States: Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Important (Net)	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>
Very important	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>
Somewhat important	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>
Not important (Net)	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
Not too important	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
Not important at all	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

Q24. Do you think the Bush administration's policies fully support the principle of separation of church and state, or do you think the administration's policies sometimes blur the lines by mixing religion with government, or do you think the Bush administration's policies do not support the separation of church and state at all?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Support	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>
Blur	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>
Do not support	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS POLICIES BLUR THE LINES OR DO NOT SUPPORT SEPARATION)

Q25. You mentioned that the Bush Administration's policies do not fully support the separation of church and state. Are you pleased about that, or upset about that, or doesn't it matter to you one way or the other? (IF PLEASED/UPSET) Are you very (pleased/upset) with those policies, or only somewhat (pleased/upset)?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Pleased (Net)	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>
Very pleased	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>
Somewhat pleased	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>
Upset (Net)	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>31</b>
Somewhat upset	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>
Very upset	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>
Doesn't matter	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>44</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>



(ISSUES ARE ROTATED)

Q26. Which of the following issues, if any, should George W. Bush place at the top of his agenda: Should it be to make his income tax rate cuts permanent, or to privatize Social Security, or to reform medical liability laws, or to pursue socially conservative issues such as a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, or to simplify the tax code, or to keep dealing with Iraq as he is now, or to keep fighting the war on terrorism as he is now, or is there some other issue you think he should place at the top of his agenda? Is there another one of these issues he should place at the top of his agenda? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Fighting the war on terrorism	21	20	15	12	35	11	22	25
Dealing with Iraq	17	18	13	11	25	15	9	25
Simplifying the tax code	11	13	11	11	10	13	13	10
Pursuing socially conservative agenda	10	11	13	3	10	8	13	8
Privitizing Social Security	10	9	8	15	11	8	10	11
Reforming medical liability laws	9	9	11	11	8	10	10	9
Income tax cuts permanent	6	5	6	4	7	9	7	3
All of the above	5	4	1	10	7	2	6	6
Health issues/Medicare	4	4	6	3	2	9	5	1
Social Security Issues (other than privatization)	3	3	3	6	2	3	3	4
Economy	2	2	4	-	-	3	3	1
Education	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-
Unemployment	1	2	2	3	-	3	1	1
Budget deficiency	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
Nothing in particular	4	5	4	9	2	11	4	1
Other	9	8	12	6	4	10	10	7
Don't know	5	5	6	7	4	4	5	5

Q27. When you retire, do you think there will be enough money in the Social Security system for you to receive all of your retirement benefits, or will there be enough money in the system for you to receive only some of your retirement benefits, or do you think that there won't be any money in the retirement system by the time you are ready to retire?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Will receive all	22	22	16	24	29	22	17	27
Will receive some	32	30	27	31	37	31	37	28
No money in retirement system	24	24	29	23	19	25	25	23
Doesn't apply/Retired (Vol.)	17	19	23	15	12	19	14	18
Don't know	5	5	5	7	3	3	7	4

**Trend for Q27**

Study/Question No.	406/Q23
Date	01/31/98
Already retired	14
Will receive all	21
Will receive some	36
No money in retire	26
Don't contribute	1
Don't know	2

Q28. As you may have heard, there has been some talk about allowing younger workers to divert payroll tax money from Social Security into private investment accounts which they can then manage themselves. Some people say this is a good thing because it is possible to earn a higher rate of return in the stock market. Others say the stock market is too unpredictable to trust it with Social Security funds. What do you think? Do you approve or disapprove of allowing younger workers to divert their payroll tax money from Social Security into private investment accounts? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>54</u>
Approve strongly	22	23	11	15	36	14	15	32
Approve somewhat	20	19	13	18	31	14	23	23
Disapprove (Net)	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>41</u>
Disapprove somewhat	11	10	11	14	7	14	12	7
Disapprove strongly	42	44	58	50	21	50	46	33
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

**Trend for Q28**

Study/Question No.	480/C38
Date	2/15/02
Approve (Net)	<u>38</u>
Approve strongly	22
Approve somewhat	16
Disapprove (Net)	<u>55</u>
Disapprove somewhat	16
Disapprove strongly	39
Don't know	<u>7</u>

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF PRIVATIZING SOCIAL SECURITY)

Q29. Would you still support this proposal if it meant a reduction in the guaranteed benefit retirees receive through the Social Security system, or would you be opposed to it? (IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE) Would you (support/oppose) this proposal a lot or would you (support/oppose) it a little?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Support (Net)	<u>55</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>60</u>
Support a lot	30	33	25	26	33	14	27	36
Support a little	25	26	23	21	26	17	29	25
Oppose (Net)	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>36</u>
Oppose a little	19	16	19	21	20	27	18	19
Oppose a lot	20	18	32	25	16	33	20	17
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

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**COMBINED RESPONSES FOR QUESTIONS 28 &29**

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve/Still support	23	25	12	16	40	9	21	33
Approve/Now oppose	17	14	12	15	24	16	15	19
Approve/Don't know	2	3	-	2	3	2	2	2
Disapprove	52	54	69	64	28	64	58	41
Don't know	6	4	7	3	5	9	4	5

**Trend for Q29**

Study/Question No.	480/Q39
Date	12/15/02
Support (Net)	<u>56</u>
Support a lot	35
Support a little	21
Oppose (Net)	<u>39</u>
Oppose a little	16
Oppose a lot	23
Don't know	<u>5</u>

**COMBINED RESPONSES FOR QUESTIONS \*38 &39**

	<u>ALL</u>
Approve of private investment accounts	
even if benefits reduced	21
But not if benefits reduced	15
If benefits reduced, don't know	2
Disapprove of private accounts	55
Don't know	7

\* In these earlier polls, the question was asked of those who said that they approved of "George W. Bush's proposal" in response to the following question (\*Q38): "Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush's proposal to allow individuals to divert part of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts which they could personally invest in the stock market for their retirement?..."

Q30. If the Social Security system were changed to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private retirement investment stock and bond accounts, what are the chances that you would personally invest your Social Security taxes in this way? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely to invest some of your Social Security taxes in private retirement stock and bond accounts?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Likely (Net)	<u>45</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>51</u>
Very likely	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>
Somewhat likely	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>29</u>
Not likely (Net)	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>36</u>
Not very likely	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
Not likely at all	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>27</u>
Don't contribute to Social Security/already retired (Vol.)	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Q31. As you may know, President Bush has passed income tax cuts totaling more than one trillion dollars over the last four years. These tax cuts will expire unless extended by Congress. Do you think Congress should make the tax cuts permanent, or should Congress allow the tax cuts to expire?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Make them permanent	<u>54</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>75</u>
Allow them to expire	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>17</u>
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

(ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO WANT TAX CUTS TO BE PERMANENT)

Q32. Would you still support making the tax cuts permanent if it meant the federal budget would remain in deficit, or would you not support making the tax cuts permanent if it meant that the federal budget would remain in deficit?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Still support	<u>64</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>67</u>
Not support	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>

#### COMBINED TABLES OF QUESTIONS 31 & 32

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Permanent/Still support	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>50</u>
Permanent/Don't support	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>
Permanent/Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Allow to expire	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>17</u>
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

Q33. Generally speaking, who do you think has been helped more by the tax cut: rich people, middle income people or poor people?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Rich people	58	59	81	62	31	81	69	36
Middle income people	25	24	13	17	45	11	19	37
Poor people	5	6	2	4	9	3	3	9
All (Vol.)	5	6	1	6	8	1	3	10
Don't know	7	5	3	11	7	4	6	8

**Trend for Q33**

Study/Question No.	455/Q38
Date	03/05/01
Rich people	53
Middle income people	19
Poor people	11
All (Vol.)	10
Don't know	7

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q34. Which do you think is more effective in stimulating the nation's economy: An economic agenda focused on returning money to taxpayers through tax cuts, or an economic agenda focused on reducing the federal deficit and paying down the national debt?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Tax cuts	46	45	32	55	57	30	43	56
Reducing deficit, paying debt	45	46	57	37	37	61	48	36
Don't know	9	9	11	8	6	9	9	8

**Trend for Q34**

Study/Question No.	491/Q23	480/Q29	473/Q19
Date	11/18/03	12/15/02	08/26/02
Tax cuts	37	45	39
Reducing deficit, paying debt	50	44	51
Don't know	13	11	10

Q35. Which do you think is more effective in stimulating the nation's economy: An economic agenda focused on returning money to taxpayers through tax cuts, or an economic agenda focused on spending for improvements to the country's infrastructure such as roads, bridges and schools?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Tax cuts	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>
Infrastructure improvements	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>52</b>
Don't know	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

**Trend for Q35**

Study/Question No.	491/Q24	481/Q37	480/Q30
Date	11/18/03	02/02/03	12/15/02
Tax cuts	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>
Infrastructure improvements	<b>58</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q36. As you may know, another issue that is on Bush's agenda is to reform medical liability awards. The president would like to put a \$250,000 cap on jury awards for pain and suffering. The Bush administration contends that excessive damage awards have become a burden for businesses and a drag on the nation's economy. They argue that the cost of frivolous lawsuits make it prohibitively expensive for small businesses to stay in business or for doctors to practice medicine. Opponents say the White House is exaggerating the extent of the problem of excessive damage awards, and say that caps on damages ultimately do not reduce premiums for doctors. They acknowledge the high cost of malpractice insurance, but blame it on lax regulations of the insurance industry. Do you approve or disapprove of capping damages awarded by juries to \$250,000 for pain and suffering? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Approve (Net)	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>
Approve strongly	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>46</b>
Approve somewhat	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>
Disapprove (Net)	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30</b>
Disapprove somewhat	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
Disapprove strongly	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>
Don't know	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

Q37. Would you say George W. Bush's economic policies will reduce the budget deficit, increase the budget deficit or keep the deficit just about where it is today? (IF INCREASE/DECREASE) Will the deficit (increase/decrease) a lot or only a little?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Increase (Net)	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>25</u>
Increase a lot	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>16</u>
Increase a little	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
Decrease (Net)	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>21</u>
Decrease a little	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>
Decrease a lot	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
About the same	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

Q38. As you may know, President Bush has said that reforming the tax code will be one of his top priorities during his second term. Do you think Bush should reform the tax code, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Yes, reform tax code	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>
No, do not reform tax code	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>
Don't know	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>

(DIFFERENT REFORMS ARE ROTATED)

Q39. Regardless of whether you think Bush should reform the tax code, which of the following should be Bush's top priority in reforming the tax code: Maintaining the principle that wealthier families should pay a higher percentage of their income on taxes than middle or lower income families, or Insuring that all taxpayers pay the same flat tax rate on their income, or Eliminating the income tax and using just a sales and consumption tax, or Eliminating loopholes to insure that businesses pay all taxes that they owe, or Cutting taxes on savings and investments, such as capital gains from stocks? Is there another tax reform that should be a top priority for Bush? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Wealthier families pay more	<u>33</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>
All tax payers pay the same flat tax rate	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>35</u>
Eliminating income tax with sales	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
Eliminating loopholes for businesses	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>23</u>
Cutting taxes on savings/investments	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
None (Vol.)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
All (Vol.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Q40. All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Worth it	39	38	14	35	71	11	35	58
Not worth it	56	56	81	62	25	86	62	34
Don't know	5	6	5	3	4	3	3	8

**Trend for Q40**

POLL/QNO	DATE	Worth it	Not worth	Don't know
*510/Q35	10/04	44	51	5
*507/Q45	09/04	44	52	4
*505/Q48	08/04	46	49	5
*504/Q48	07/04	44	51	5
*503/Q42	06/04	43	53	4
501/Q20	03/04	48	45	7
491/Q48	11/03	48	43	9

**\*RV**

Q41. Do you think the war in Iraq has stabilized the situation in the Middle East, or do you think it has destabilized that region, or do you think it has not had an affect on that region one way or the other?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Stabilized	24	23	9	18	46	3	26	35
Destabilized	45	44	61	53	23	74	49	27
No effect	25	26	25	26	25	17	23	30
Don't know	6	7	5	3	6	6	2	8



Q42. So far, do you think the U.S. is winning the war in Iraq, or do you think the anti-U.S. insurgents in Iraq are winning the war, or is neither side winning the war in Iraq?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
U.S. winning	29	28	13	18	53	7	24	44
Insurgents winning	10	12	17	3	5	18	15	3
Neither side	58	58	68	74	40	73	60	49
Don't know	3	2	2	5	2	2	1	4

**Trend for Q42**

Study/Question No.	*503/Q44**
Date	06/08/04
	<u>RV</u>
U.S. winning	52
Insurgents winning	24
Neither	16
Don't know	8

**\*RV**

**\*\*The wording of this question is different in earlier poll/s. Wording in earlier poll/s:**

So far, who do you think is winning the war in Iraq: the United States or the insurgents fighting in Iraq?

Q43. How closely have you been following the news about the upcoming election in Iraq: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not closely at all?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Closely (Net)	56	61	60	44	58	58	54	59
Very closely	22	25	28	14	20	29	17	23
Somewhat closely	34	36	32	30	38	29	37	36
Not closely (Net)	43	38	40	54	41	41	46	40
Not too closely	25	22	26	18	27	26	23	25
Not closely at all	18	16	14	36	14	15	23	15
Don't know	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	1

Q44. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that the upcoming election in Iraq will help advance democracy in other countries in the Middle East? (IF LIKELY/UNLIKELY) Do you think it is very (likely/unlikely) or somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Likely (Net)	47	46	29	47	70	22	49	59
Very likely	15	14	8	12	25	8	9	24
Somewhat likely	32	31	21	35	45	15	40	35
Not likely (Net)	45	46	63	45	24	71	45	32
Somewhat unlikely	15	14	16	21	10	20	16	13
Very unlikely	30	32	47	24	14	51	29	19
Don't know	8	8	8	8	6	7	6	9

Q45. It has been estimated because of the violence in some parts of the country, that about twenty percent of the population will not be able to go to the polls to vote. Do you think the election should go on as planned even though some people will not be able to vote, or should the election be postponed until all Iraqi people can vote?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Should go on as planned	59	61	47	51	73	48	55	70
Should be postponed	35	33	45	45	22	47	36	27
Don't know	6	6	8	4	5	5	9	3

Q46. Do you think the election will be a turning point leading to a significant improvement in security and stability for Iraq, or will the election lead to more violence or will the election have not much effect on the security and stability in Iraq?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Significant improvement	31	30	18	17	55	14	26	46
Lead to more violence	27	28	32	39	15	33	31	20
Not much difference	34	33	41	39	25	45	38	27
Don't know	8	9	9	5	5	8	5	7

Q47. After the election at the end of this month, do you think the Iraqis are ready to govern their country without help from the U.S. and its allies, or do you think the Iraqis are not ready to govern their country without help from the U.S. and its allies?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Are ready	23	21	18	26	25	21	20	27
Are not ready	70	71	73	66	72	70	77	66
Don't know	7	8	9	8	3	9	3	7

Q48. When the elections are over at the end of this month, should the U.S. increase its troops to improve security, withdraw some of its troops, withdraw all of its troops, or should the U.S. increase or decrease its troop level only at the request of the newly elected Iraqi government?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Increase troops	4	4	4	2	4	4	2	6
Withdraw some troops	18	19	17	22	17	19	17	17
Withdraw all troops	19	19	31	19	6	25	21	14
Increase/decrease/request of Iraqi government	52	52	43	46	66	48	51	58
Don't know	7	6	5	11	7	4	9	5

Q49. How long do you think the United States should maintain a significant number of troops in Iraq after the election: Should it be a few months, or about a year, or one to two years, or longer than two years, or as long as it takes to secure and stabilize the country?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Out now (Vol.)	7	7	9	12	2	11	7	4
One year or less	40	42	50	33	31	50	44	30
One to two years	10	9	10	10	11	4	12	13
Two or more years	39	38	25	42	53	29	34	49
Don't know	4	4	6	3	3	6	3	4

Q50. Do you think the image of the United States has been helped or hurt around the world by its involvement in Iraq, or has the United States' image not been affected one way or the other? (IF HELPED OR HURT) Has the United States' image been (helped/hurt) a lot or only somewhat?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Helped (Net)	10	11	6	10	16	3	9	15
Helped a lot	4	4	2	3	7	1	3	6
Helped somewhat	6	7	4	7	9	2	6	9
Hurt (Net)	65	64	80	68	48	86	63	56
Hurt somewhat	25	23	19	26	34	17	22	32
Hurt a lot	40	41	61	42	14	69	41	24
No effect	20	20	12	15	32	9	24	24
Don't know	5	5	2	7	4	2	4	5

(STATEMENTS ARE ROTATED)

Q51. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: "The overthrow of Saddam Hussein and installation of a new government in Iraq will encourage changes in the Middle East that will reduce the risk of terrorism against the United States," or "The invasion of Iraq has alienated many in the Muslim world, which will increase the risk of terrorism against the United States"?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Will encourage changes/Reduce risk of terrorism	44	43	28	37	68	21	42	62
Alienated many/Increase risk of terrorism	47	47	63	53	25	74	48	30
Don't know	9	10	9	10	7	5	10	8

Q52. As you may know, there is a possibility that one or two justices of the United States Supreme Court may retire during George W. Bush's term in office. Do you think Bush's nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court will be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal or will his nominee be very liberal?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Conservative	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>
Moderate	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Liberal	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
Don't know	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>

**Trend for Q52**

Study/Question No.	480/Q25	455/Q53
Date	12/15/02	03/05/01
Conservative (Net)	<b><u>59</u></b>	<b><u>63</u></b>
Very conservative	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Somewhat conservative	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>
Moderate (Net)	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>
Liberal (Net)	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
Somewhat liberal	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
Very liberal	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Don't know	<b><u>14</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>

(ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE, MODERATE AND SOMEWHAT/VERY LIBERAL)

Q53. You said you thought George W. Bush's nominees to the United States Supreme Court will be (include mention). Does that please you, or does that upset you, or does that not make a difference one way or other? (IF PLEASES OR UPSETS) Does that (please/upset) you a lot, or (please/upset) you a little?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Pleased (Net)	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59</b>
Pleased a lot	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>41</b>
Pleased a little	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>
Upset (Net)	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>
Upset a little	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
Upset a lot	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>
Makes no difference	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>
Don't know	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>-</b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b>-</b>

**Trend for Q53**

Study/Question No.	480/Q26	455/Q54
Date	12/15/02	03/05/01
Pleased (Net)	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>
Pleases a lot	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>
Pleases a little	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Upset (Net)	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>
Upsets a little	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Upsets a lot	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
No difference	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>
Don't know	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>

Q54. Do you think that any nominee to the Supreme Court should publicly state his or her position on abortion before being approved by the Senate, or do you think that nominees should not be required to state their position on that issue?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Required	46	45	50	43	42	51	49	43
Not required	48	48	45	52	53	44	45	53
Don't know	6	7	5	5	5	5	6	4

Q55. As you may know, President Bush said that he would not use a nominee's beliefs on abortion as the deciding factor for his selection of a United States Supreme Court justice. Do you believe Bush when he says he will not use an abortion test for his selection of a United States Supreme Court justice, or do you not believe that?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Believe him	45	45	20	38	77	14	41	68
Do not believe him	50	50	75	57	20	82	55	28
Don't know	5	5	5	5	3	4	4	4

**Trend for Q55**

Study/Question No.	480/Q28**	455/Q52**
Date	12/15/02	03/05/01
Believe him	50	44
Do not believe him	41	42
Don't know	9	14

**\*\*The wording of this question is different in earlier poll/s. Wording in earlier poll/s:**

As you may know, George W. Bush said that he would not use a nominee's beliefs on abortion as the deciding factor for his selection of a United States Supreme Court justice. Do you believe Bush when he says he will not use an abortion test for his selection of a United States Supreme Court justice, or do you not believe that?

(STATEMENTS ARE ROTATED)

Q56. As you may know, President Bush's inauguration is to take place on January 20th. The festivities for this celebration will cost around forty million dollars. Recent inaugurations have cost a similar amount. Some people say that the administration should scale back its festivities because of the cost of the war in Iraq and the tsunami disaster in Asia, while others say that the inauguration festivities should go ahead as planned, as it is an American tradition. How about you? Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: "The Bush administration should spend the forty million dollars on its inaugural celebrations as planned because that is how Americans celebrate a new presidential term," or "The Bush administration should scale back its inaugural celebrations because of the costs of the war in Iraq and the tsunami disaster in Asia"?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Spend	23	25	13	18	38	12	20	32
Scale back	75	73	85	80	61	85	78	67
Don't know	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1

bQ65. Which comes closest to your view on abortion: Abortion should always be legal, or should be legal most of the time, or should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life, or abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Legal (Net)	<u>43</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>26</u>
Always legal	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>
Most of the time legal	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>
Illegal (Net)	<u>53</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>72</u>
Illegal with exceptions	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>54</u>
Always illegal	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

**Trend for Q65**

Study/Question No.	*504/C54	*503/C60	*491/C44	*482/C72	*481/C72
Date	07/21/04	06/08/04	11/18/03	02/08/03	02/02/03
Legal (Net)	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>
Always legal	<u>30</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
Most of the time legal	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
Illegal (Net)	<u>51</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>
Illegal with exceptions	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>
Always illegal	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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## Methodology

This Los Angeles Times poll is the 514th in a series of opinion studies designed to measure public attitudes on a number of issues. This survey focuses on the eve of President George W. Bush's second inauguration.

The sampling frame for this survey is all telephone residences in the nation. One thousand thirty-three men and women 18 years of age or older were contacted by telephone January 15-17, 2005.

Results for each sample are adjusted to conform with census figures on characteristics such as sex, race, age and education. Telephone numbers were generated from a computer list that includes all possible telephone exchanges in the nation. Random-digit dialing techniques were used to ensure that both listed and unlisted residences had an opportunity to be contacted.

Readers are reminded that, since survey research normally questions only a small proportion of the population, one must allow a certain margin for error. The margin of sampling error for the entire sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain other subgroups, the error margin is somewhat higher.

Surveys of this kind are sometimes subject to different kinds of inaccuracies for which precise estimates cannot be calculated and which may, in some cases, be even larger than the effects associated with sampling procedures. For example, findings may be influenced by events, which take place while the survey is in the field and, of course, events occurring since the time the interviews were conducted could have changed the opinions reported here.

Undetected flaws in the way the sampling and interviewing procedure were carried out could have a significant effect on the findings. Changing the wording of questions and the sequence in which they are asked can produce different results. Sometimes questions are inadvertently biased or misleading. People who responded to the survey may not necessarily replicate the views of those who refused to be interviewed or who could not be found at home during the time the survey was conducted. Moreover, while every precaution has been taken to make these findings completely accurate, other errors may have resulted from the various practical difficulties associated with taking any survey of public opinion.

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