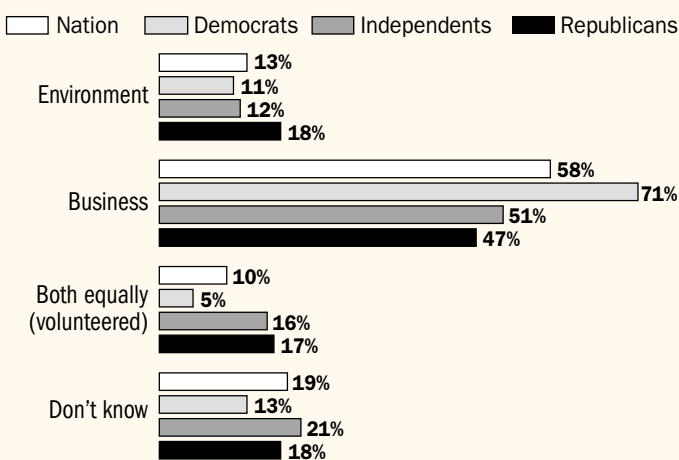


Rating the Administration

■ In terms of protecting the environment, the Bush administration is doing...

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Too much	1%	-	3%	2%	-	1%	1%	3%
Too little	41	56	36	31	42	50	35	19
The right amount	36	29	35	47	29	24	41	61
Don't know	22	15	26	20	29	25	23	17

■ Would you say Bush cares more about the needs of the environment or more about the needs of business?



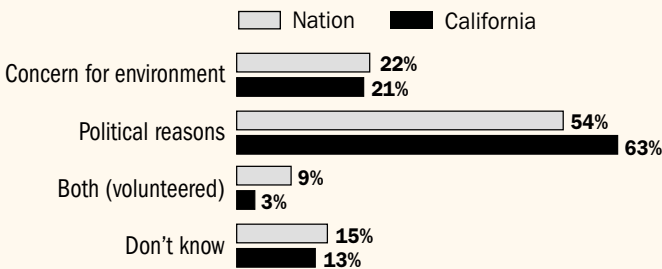
■ Are you concerned, or not concerned, that Bush will go too far in allowing development and exploration of natural resources in wilderness lands?

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Concerned	49%	65%	47%	44%	41%	61%	44%	26%
Not concerned	40	26	45	42	47	27	46	64
Don't know	11	9	8	14	12	12	10	10

■ Geologists estimate that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska could supply enough oil to fuel U.S. consumption for between six months and three years. Supporters of drilling say the country needs to do whatever it can to expand oil supplies. Opponents of drilling say it would damage the environment in an unspoiled part of the country. Do you approve or disapprove of drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

	Nation	East	Midwest	South	West	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Approve	34%	25%	32%	40%	37%	30%	32%	52%
Disapprove	55	63	62	46	52	61	51	41
Don't know	11	12	6	14	11	9	17	7

■ The Bush administration has upheld some of President Clinton's environmental regulations, including a rule that increases protection of wetlands and another that greatly expands the list of businesses that must tell the public details of their emissions of lead into the air, soil and water. Do you think the Bush administration upheld these rulings out of concern for the environment or for political reasons?



Notes: " - " indicates less than 0.5%.

How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 813 adults nationwide by telephone April 21-26. In addition, separate samples of 512 Californians and 322 Alaskans were contacted. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation, California and Alaska. Random-digit dialing techniques were used so that listed and unlisted numbers could be contacted. The entire sample was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education and region. The margin of sampling error for the national sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, for California it is 4 points and for Alaska it is 5.5 points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.