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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,545 Americans nationwide by telephone Jan. 31–Feb. 3. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation. 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 entire sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by other factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.

NOTES

All answer frequencies are given in percentages. Totals may exceed 100% in questions where more than one response was accepted. Totals may be less than 100% where some answer categories are not shown. “–” indicates less than 0.5%. The wording of some questions has been abridged.

SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE TIMES POLL NATIONAL SURVEY January 31–February 3, 2002

(A full summary of results will be available at a later date through the Los Angeles Times Poll)

GUIDE TO COLUMN HEADINGS

ALL	All U.S. adults
RV	Registered voters
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
LIB	Liberals
MOD	Moderates
CON	Conservatives
CLOSE	Following Enron news closely
N/CLOSE	Not following Enron news closely
401K	Respondent and/or spouse has 401(k) account
N/401K	Neither respondent nor spouse has 401(k) account

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	65	65	58	61	81	58	69	73
Wrong track	26	26	33	29	12	35	24	18
Don't know	9	9	9	10	7	7	7	9

Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

	<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	80	80	66	81	97	71	79	89
Disapprove	15	16	24	16	3	25	14	8
Don't know	5	4	10	3	–	4	7	3

(Q3–Q6 ROTATED)

Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

	<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	66	65	46	62	93	50	58	85
Disapprove	28	28	46	31	4	46	32	12
Don't know	6	7	8	7	3	4	10	3

Q4: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the environment?

	<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	52	52	35	50	76	33	48	71
Disapprove	29	30	47	29	8	47	30	15
Don't know	19	18	18	21	16	20	22	14

Q5: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign affairs?

	<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	76	76	67	74	93	69	73	86
Disapprove	16	17	21	18	3	24	16	9
Don't know	8	7	12	8	4	7	11	5

Q6: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the war in Afghanistan and its aftermath?

	<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	83	83	77	81	94	76	86	87
Disapprove	13	13	16	16	4	19	10	11
Don't know	4	4	7	3	2	5	4	2

Q7: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Approve	59	57	57	58	68	59	60	62
Disapprove	32	35	32	33	26	34	32	31
Don't know	9	8	11	9	6	7	8	7

Q8: Do you think President Bush's policies will make the country's economy stronger, or will they make the economy weaker, or will the economy remain about where it is today?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Stronger	38	38	23	33	65	26	29	54
Weaker	16	16	31	15	2	31	16	5
Same/No effect	41	41	41	47	31	39	51	37
Don't know	5	5	5	5	2	4	4	4

Q9: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the major problems facing the country?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Democrats	30	30	68	21	4	50	32	15
Republicans	42	44	13	38	86	22	33	65
Both equally (Vol.)	8	8	6	13	3	7	10	7
Neither (Vol.)	9	9	6	13	2	11	13	4
Don't know	11	9	7	15	5	10	12	9

Q10: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job combating terrorism?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Democrats	16	15	33	11	4	23	16	11
Republicans	52	56	33	52	83	42	50	65
Both equally (Vol.)	14	13	18	15	8	12	16	12
Neither (Vol.)	6	6	3	8	2	8	6	3
Don't know	12	10	13	14	3	15	12	9

Q11: As president, what do you think George W. Bush's top priority should be? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Economy	47	50	49	44	53	46	55	45
Terrorism	26	28	19	23	38	23	26	30
Homeland security	19	22	20	21	20	19	19	22
War/Bin Laden/ Al Qaeda	16	15	15	13	18	13	20	14
Jobs	9	8	13	7	4	7	7	8

Q12: What do you think Congress' top priority should be? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Economy	39	41	40	37	44	37	47	37
Homeland security	12	13	12	13	14	11	13	13
Terrorism	10	10	11	9	14	11	13	9
Work with Bush	9	9	5	8	14	7	7	12
Jobs	8	7	11	10	2	9	6	5

Q13: Do you think the federal government should spend more money for domestic programs, or less, or do you think it should continue to spend about the same as it does now?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
More	41	39	55	38	27	56	45	27
About the same	40	40	31	45	45	36	39	46
Less	14	17	10	11	25	5	11	24
Don't know	5	4	4	6	3	3	5	3

When President Bush took office, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the government would run a surplus of more than \$1 trillion over his first term. Now the Bush administration says the government will likely run budget deficits for at least the next three years.

Q14: Who or what do you primarily blame for the return of the national budget deficit? Do you primarily blame President Bush and his economic policies, or the aftermath of the September 11th attacks, or the tax cut package approved by Congress last spring, or the recession, or is there something or someone else that you primarily blame for the return of the national budget deficit? (ORDER OF RESPONSES ROTATED) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
9/11 aftermath	42	42	37	40	53	42	41	45
Recession	15	15	9	14	20	11	15	19
Bush and his policies	13	13	22	14	3	23	12	7
Tax cut package	11	12	18	9	5	13	14	6
Bill Clinton (Vol.)	5	5	3	5	9	2	3	7

(Q15-Q19 AND RESPONSES WITHIN QUESTIONS ROTATED)

Q15: Whom do you most trust to revive the economy: President Bush, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
President Bush	33	35	18	30	54	25	30	45
Dems in Congress	29	29	59	27	4	41	38	14
Reps in Congress	19	19	7	20	32	14	13	27
No one (Vol.)	10	10	9	13	5	12	9	8
Don't know	9	7	7	10	5	8	10	6

Q16: Whom do you most trust to improve public school education in the United States: President Bush, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
President Bush	38	40	25	39	55	31	35	50
Dems in Congress	30	31	53	30	10	46	32	19
Reps in Congress	13	13	9	9	24	7	15	17
No one (Vol.)	10	10	8	13	5	10	9	9
Don't know	9	6	5	9	6	6	9	5

Q17: Whom do you most trust to protect Social Security funds: President Bush, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
President Bush	22	22	8	23	40	15	15	33
Dems in Congress	40	42	71	37	13	53	49	24
Reps in Congress	15	16	4	14	35	10	11	26
No one (Vol.)	14	13	8	18	6	12	16	11
Don't know	9	7	9	8	6	10	9	6

Q18: Whom do you most trust to protect the environment: President Bush, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
President Bush	19	19	10	16	31	14	14	27
Dems in Congress	48	50	70	48	32	58	58	36
Reps in Congress	12	11	5	14	19	8	10	18
No one (Vol.)	8	7	5	11	6	7	7	8
Don't know	13	13	10	11	12	13	11	11

Q19: Whom do you most trust to improve the health care situation in the United States: President Bush, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
President Bush	23	21	15	23	33	23	18	28
Dems in Congress	39	42	68	38	13	53	48	21
Reps in Congress	17	18	4	15	39	7	12	30
No one (Vol.)	12	12	8	14	8	9	16	11
Don't know	9	7	5	10	7	8	6	10

Q20: Do you think we are in an economic recession, or not?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
No recession	15	15	10	16	20	12	15	17
Recession (Net)	81	82	88	81	76	86	83	80
Mild recession	29	29	26	28	32	29	29	32
Moderate recession	34	35	39	35	34	38	36	32
Serious recession	18	18	23	18	10	19	18	16
Don't know	4	3	2	3	4	2	2	3

Q21: Six months from now, do you expect the nation's economy will be better than now, worse than now or about the same as now?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Better	47	51	36	48	62	44	43	54
Worse	13	12	18	13	8	17	14	8
About the same	36	33	41	35	28	38	38	34
Don't know	4	4	5	4	2	1	5	4

Q22: Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as secure or shaky?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Secure	77	79	70	76	88	75	78	79
Shaky	22	20	29	24	11	24	21	20
Don't know	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1

Q23: Specifically, has the slowing economy caused you to reduce, postpone or cancel spending on any of the following purchases: a house, or a car, or major appliances, or a vacation, or dining out and entertainment, or something else? I could repeat those, if you wish. (ACCEPTED UP TO SIX REPLIES)

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
No change	57	58	48	58	67	57	53	59
Cut spending (Net)	41	40	49	39	33	42	45	40
Vacation	21	21	27	21	17	22	23	21
Entertainment	18	18	25	18	14	20	23	15
Car	17	16	22	15	16	19	17	18
House	14	12	17	13	9	17	12	12
Major appliances	13	11	15	11	10	13	14	12
Other	2	2	3	2	-	2	2	3
Don't know	2	2	3	3	-	1	2	1

Q24: Have any of the following things happened to you, or to any member of your household, within the last 12 months: Has anyone been fired or laid off work, or lost part-time work, or was temporarily laid off, or had to accept a lower-paying position at work, or had work hours cut back, or had overtime work cut back, or have none of these things happened to you or to any member of your household? (IF MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE, RECORDED MOST SERIOUS)

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
None	65	65	58	64	71	68	61	69
Lost work (Net)	30	29	36	32	25	30	34	27
Fired/Laid off	14	14	17	14	11	15	13	12
Lost part-time work	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
Temporary lay-off	3	2	4	2	2	4	2	3
Lower-pay position	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Hours cut back	7	6	7	9	5	6	9	7
Overtime cut back	4	4	6	4	3	3	6	3
No one in household works (Vol.)	4	5	5	2	4	2	5	2
Don't know	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	2

Q25: Do you think President Bush's tax cut of more than \$1 trillion over the next 10 years is a good thing for the nation's economy, or is it a bad thing for the nation's economy, or will it have no effect on the nation's economy?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Good	43	45	23	44	71	29	37	61
Bad	29	30	49	23	11	41	32	17
No effect	18	17	19	22	11	18	23	14
Don't know	10	8	9	11	7	12	8	8

Q26: The country has been in a recession that began last year. Some people say that last spring's rebate checks that were the first part of the president's \$1 trillion tax plan have already helped to keep the recession from becoming more serious, while others say that the tax cut package has made the recession worse. How about you? Do you think the recession would have been worse without the tax cuts, or do you think the tax cuts have made the recession worse, or do you think the tax cuts have had no impact on the recession at all?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Would have been worse	20	21	11	19	33	15	19	25
Tax cuts made it worse	17	18	25	16	8	24	20	10
No impact	55	56	58	56	57	53	56	59
Don't know	8	5	6	9	2	8	5	6

Q27: The president's \$1 trillion tax plan calls for two more rounds of tax cuts, scheduled for 2004 and 2006. Do you think those future cuts should still go through even if that means money will have to be taken out of the Social Security funds to pay for other government programs as a result, or do you think the 2004 and 2006 tax cuts should not go through if that is the case? (IF THINK CUTS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT GO THROUGH) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Cuts should go through (Net)	13	12	5	11	23	7	7	23
Feel strongly	9	9	2	6	19	3	4	17
Not so strongly	4	4	3	6	4	3	3	6
Cuts should not go through (Net)	81	83	92	85	69	90	88	71
Not so strongly	15	13	10	20	15	15	16	15
Feel strongly	66	69	82	64	54	75	72	56
Don't know	6	5	3	4	8	3	5	6

Q28: Do you think the tax cuts scheduled for 2004 and 2006 should still go through even if that means money will have to be taken out of the Social Security funds and the national debt will be increased to pay for other government programs as a result, or do you think the tax cuts scheduled for 2004 and 2006 should not go through if that is the case? (IF THINK CUTS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT GO THROUGH) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Cuts should go through (Net)	10	10	3	8	21	3	4	21
Feel strongly	7	8	2	6	17	2	4	15
Not so strongly	3	2	1	3	4	1	1	6
Cuts should not go through (Net)	84	85	94	87	70	94	91	73
Not so strongly	13	11	9	15	12	12	14	12
Feel strongly	71	74	86	71	58	82	76	61
Don't know	6	5	3	5	9	3	5	6

Q29: Some legislators have proposed that the scheduled tax cuts for 2004 and 2006 not be given to families earning \$130,000 or more a year. The money would be used instead to pay for government programs and reduce the national debt. Are you in favor of eliminating the future tax cuts for families earning more than \$130,000 a year, or are you opposed to it? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE) Are you strongly (in favor of/opposed to) this proposal or only somewhat (in favor of/opposed to) it?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Favor (Net)	54	56	65	54	51	62	58	51
Favor strongly	39	42	49	38	37	45	43	35
Favor somewhat	16	15	17	16	14	18	15	16
Oppose (Net)	36	36	26	37	43	29	33	44
Oppose somewhat	13	12	10	13	14	13	11	16
Oppose strongly	23	24	15	24	29	16	22	28
Don't know	10	8	9	9	6	9	9	5

Q30: What is your impression of George W. Bush?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Favorable	78	79	66	75	95	69	77	88
Unfavorable	16	16	26	17	3	28	18	5
Haven't heard enough	4	4	6	4	2	3	4	4
Don't know	2	1	2	4	-	-	1	3

Q31: What is your impression of Dick Cheney?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Favorable	46	50	30	42	74	35	37	64
Unfavorable	17	18	29	17	3	34	20	3
Haven't heard enough	34	29	36	39	22	29	39	31
Don't know	3	3	5	2	1	2	4	2

Q32: How much confidence do you have that the United States military can protect the country?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
A lot of confidence	66	68	65	62	75	71	66	68
Some confidence	26	26	27	32	22	20	29	27
Not too much	4	4	7	4	1	7	2	2
None at all	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2
Don't know	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	1

Q33: Do you think the United States has adequate military strength to deal with all potential international crises, or do we have more than enough military strength, or is our military strength inadequate for that purpose?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Adequate strength	46	47	42	43	54	47	51	45
More than enough	17	16	26	16	8	24	14	14
Inadequate	30	31	26	32	32	26	29	34
Don't know	7	6	6	9	6	3	6	7

Q34: Will you consider the war in Afghanistan and rooting out the Al Qaeda network a total success even if Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda leaders have not been captured or killed, or only a partial success, or not a success at all?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Total success	10	10	7	8	14	9	9	11
Partial success	66	67	68	69	71	64	65	68
Not a success	21	20	21	20	14	24	24	18
Don't know	3	3	4	3	1	3	2	3

Q35: George W. Bush has named Iraq as one of the countries that are harboring terrorists and stockpiling chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against terrorist targets in Iraq?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Support	77	77	67	81	86	72	78	82
Oppose	15	15	23	11	10	22	15	10
Don't know	8	8	10	8	4	6	7	8

Under the international Geneva Convention rules of war, the only information that a prisoner of war has to give is name, rank, serial number and date of birth.

Q36: The Bush administration has said that Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners being held at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, do not qualify as prisoners of war under the Geneva convention rules and may be questioned or tried. Critics say that the captured fighters are prisoners of war and should have all of the protections provided under the Geneva Convention rules. How about you? Do you think the Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners should be treated as prisoners of war and protected under the Geneva convention rules, or not?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Prisoners of war	33	31	43	32	20	43	34	26
Not prisoners of war	59	61	53	57	74	51	59	67
Don't know	8	8	4	11	6	6	7	7

Q37: By any chance, did you watch or listen to George W. Bush's State of the Union speech to Congress this past Tuesday night? (IF NOT) Have you heard, seen or read anything about his speech since then?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Watched/Listened/								
Heard about (Net)	56	61	52	56	69	59	55	57
Watched/Listened	43	48	37	42	56	45	40	46
Heard about it	13	13	15	14	13	14	15	11
Didn't watch/								
Haven't heard	44	39	48	43	31	41	44	43
Don't know	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO WATCHED, LISTENED OR HEARD ABOUT STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH)

Q38: Generally speaking, do you think George W. Bush will be able to accomplish many of the goals he outlined in his speech to Congress last Tuesday, or only some of them, or only a few of them?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
All (Vol.)	2	2	-	2	4	1	1	3
Many	16	15	7	13	27	13	11	23
Some	57	58	50	63	59	48	61	61
A few	19	19	33	16	8	29	23	9
None (Vol.)	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
Don't know	5	5	9	5	2	8	4	4

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q39: George W. Bush has proposed that the United States build a national missile defense shield system. This system would intercept and deter intercontinental nuclear missiles launched against the U.S. Do you approve or disapprove of building such a missile defense system?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Approve	67	67	60	62	81	55	68	76
Disapprove	23	24	31	25	12	33	22	16
Don't know	10	9	9	13	7	12	10	8

Q40: George W. Bush has also said that he would consider opening up part of the Alaskan Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration. Do you approve or disapprove of this proposal?

	<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	48	49	28	50	68	34	41	66
Disapprove	43	43	64	43	26	59	51	27
Don't know	9	8	8	7	6	7	8	7

Q41: George W. Bush has asked Congress to approve spending \$38 billion on homeland security next year. The proposal includes \$3.5 billion in federal aid to states and local governments for strengthening local police, fire and rescue services, stockpiling medicines and modernizing the nation's public health care system. Do you approve or disapprove of this proposal?

	<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	84	85	82	84	92	84	87	85
Disapprove	10	9	12	8	5	10	6	11
Don't know	6	6	6	8	3	6	7	4

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF INCREASED SPENDING ON HOMELAND SECURITY)

Q42: What if spending \$38 billion on homeland security means that other domestic programs will have to be cut? Do you approve or disapprove of the spending increase in that case?

	<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	61	63	43	66	83	54	61	70
Disapprove	29	27	48	26	11	36	29	22
Don't know	10	10	9	8	6	10	10	8

COMBINED RESULTS FROM Q41 AND Q42:

	<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 of the proposal...								
...even if other programs must be cut	51	54	35	55	76	45	53	60
...but not if other programs must be cut	24	23	40	22	10	31	25	19
...but if other programs must be cut, not sure	9	8	7	7	6	8	9	6
Disapprove of the proposal	10	9	12	8	5	10	6	11
Don't know	6	6	6	8	3	6	7	4

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q43: George W. Bush also said he will ask Congress for a \$48 billion increase in military defense spending next year. The proposed increase includes funds earmarked for the war on terrorism, development of a missile defense system and a pay raise for military personnel. Do you approve or disapprove of this proposal?

	<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	76	77	69	75	93	65	80	81
Disapprove	19	19	27	20	5	31	15	15
Don't know	5	4	4	5	2	4	5	4

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF INCREASING SPENDING ON MILITARY DEFENSE)

Q44: What if spending \$48 billion on increased military defense spending means that domestic programs will have to be cut? Do you approve or disapprove of the spending increase in that case?

	<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	70	72	53	70	86	64	62	82
Disapprove	22	20	41	20	10	28	29	13
Don't know	8	8	6	10	4	8	9	5

COMBINED RESULTS FROM Q43 AND Q44:

	<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 of the proposal...								
...even if other programs must be cut	53	56	36	53	80	41	50	66
...but not if other programs must be cut	17	16	28	15	9	19	23	11
...but if other programs must be cut, not sure	6	6	4	7	4	5	7	4
Disapprove of the proposal	19	18	28	20	5	31	15	15
Don't know	5	4	4	5	2	4	5	4

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q45: Last year a bill that would ban soft money was passed by the Senate but not by the House of Representatives. By soft money I mean the unlimited donations made by individuals, labor unions and corporations to political parties. It also banned corporate and union spending on ads within the final 60 days of a federal campaign and raised the yearly limit on individual contributions in federal elections to \$30,000 a year from \$25,000.

In late January, the bill was revived in the House and they will vote on it this year. President Bush said he will not veto it if it passes.

Based on what you know, would you be in favor of, or opposed to the passage of this campaign finance reform bill through the House of Representatives?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
In favor	57	60	54	59	64	60	61	56
Opposed	26	26	30	27	19	26	25	26
Don't know	17	14	16	14	17	14	14	18
	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>		<u>N/401K</u>			
In favor	63	46	65		48			
Opposed	26	26	22		30			
Don't know	11	28	13		22			

Q46: How much confidence do you have in big business to do what is right for their employees?

	<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	6	5	1	8	10	5	5	8
Some	38	39	35	36	48	35	34	46
Not too much	33	35	38	30	30	34	36	30
None	21	20	25	25	11	25	24	15
Don't know	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>		<u>N/401K</u>			
A lot	6	5	5		6			
Some	35	44	46		32			
Not too much	33	32	27		39			
None	25	16	21		21			
Don't know	1	3	1		2			

Q47: Do either you or your spouse or both of you have a 401(k) retirement account, 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>
Have 401(k)	49	54	42	49	57	48	50	53
No 401(k)	48	45	56	50	39	50	47	44
Don't know	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	3
	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>						
Have 401(k)	55	38						
No 401(k)	43	59						
Don't know	2	3						

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO HAVE 401(K)S AND/OR WHOSE SPOUSES HAVE 401(K)S)

Q48: Do you know if (your/your spouse's) 401(K) retirement account is entirely made up of shares of stock in the company (you/he/she) work(s) for, or is it mostly made up of (your/his/her) company's stock, or some, or a little, or are there no shares of (your/his/her) company's stock in your 401(k)?

	<u>ALL*</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
All	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	3
Most	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	4
Some	16	16	16	17	15	16	18	14
Little	11	12	14	8	11	9	16	9
None	52	53	47	58	54	56	47	55
Don't know	14	12	15	10	10	11	12	15
	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>						
All	3	7						
Most	3	3						
Some	19	10						
Little	11	14						
None	57	41						
Don't know	7	25						

* All respondents who have 401(k) accounts and/or whose spouses have 401(k) accounts.

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q49: How closely have you been following the news about Enron?

	<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	64	70	71	67	62	67	62	64
Not closely	34	28	28	31	35	33	35	34
Don't know	2	2	1	2	3	-	3	2
	<u>401K</u>	<u>N/401K</u>						
Closely	71	56						
Not closely	27	42						
Don't know	2	2						

Enron Corporation is one of the country's largest energy traders. Enron filed bankruptcy last December after its stock collapsed when it revealed that company earnings had been overstated by \$600 million dollars.

Q50: Some people have alleged that Enron's close contacts with Bush administration officials and its campaign contributions to lawmakers gave it too much influence on national energy policy. Others say that Enron had no more influence with the government than any other major corporation. How much influence, if any, do you think that Enron officials had on U.S. energy policy? Do you think the company had a lot of influence, some influence, not very much influence or no influence at all?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
A lot	27	27	45	25	6	36	34	16
Some	40	40	37	42	42	39	42	38
Not very much	16	16	8	18	26	11	11	24
None	4	5	1	3	8	3	2	7
Don't know	13	12	9	12	18	11	11	15

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
A lot	31	19	23	31
Some	42	35	43	36
Not very much	18	13	16	15
None	4	5	4	5
Don't know	5	28	14	13

Q51: Do you think Bush administration officials acted illegally when it came to their dealings with Enron, or do you think their dealings were legal but not ethical, or did administration officials do nothing wrong in their dealings with Enron?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Illegal	12	11	21	10	4	15	14	8
Legal but unethical	35	36	50	32	22	45	42	25
Nothing wrong	24	26	9	24	43	14	16	37
Too soon to tell (Vol.)	4	4	2	7	4	5	4	4
Don't know	25	23	18	27	27	21	24	26

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Illegal	13	11	10	13
Legal but unethical	37	32	34	36
Nothing wrong	28	16	27	21
Too soon to tell (Vol.)	5	2	4	4
Don't know	17	39	25	26

Q52: Do you think Enron executives acted illegally, or do you think their actions were legal but not ethical, or did Enron executives do nothing wrong?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Illegal	55	59	62	55	49	58	55	56
Legal but unethical	27	26	25	25	32	24	31	27
Nothing wrong	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	2
Too soon to tell (Vol.)	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Don't know	15	12	9	16	15	15	12	13

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Illegal	66	37	61	50
Legal but unethical	25	31	25	29
Nothing wrong	1	2	1	1
Too soon to tell (Vol.)	2	2	1	3
Don't know	6	28	12	17

Q53: Enron executives met privately with members of the Bush administration to ask for the government's help to keep their company from going into bankruptcy. Do you think the Bush administration acted appropriately by not bailing out Enron, or do you think their lack of help for Enron was inappropriate and they should have acted to keep the company from bankruptcy?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Appropriate	65	69	65	63	76	65	63	71
Inappropriate	14	13	20	13	9	16	15	11
Don't know	21	18	15	24	15	19	22	18

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Appropriate	76	47	70	61
Inappropriate	12	17	11	17
Don't know	12	36	19	22

Q54: Do you think the Bush administration did the right thing in keeping the bailout meetings with Enron executives private, or do you think they did the wrong thing by not making the bailout meetings with Enron executives public?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Right thing	31	32	17	32	51	19	28	42
Wrong thing	51	53	72	48	29	67	56	38
Don't know	18	15	11	20	20	14	16	20

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Right thing	32	28	33	28
Wrong thing	56	44	51	53
Don't know	12	28	16	19

Q55: Enron contributed thousands of dollars to John Ashcroft when he was running for political office in his home state. Now that John Ashcroft is attorney general and head of the Justice Department investigating Enron, he said he would recuse himself from the investigation. Knowing this, do you think the Justice Department can carry out an impartial investigation, or do you think a special prosecutor should be appointed to oversee the investigation?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Justice Department impartial	24	27	14	24	40	16	19	37
Special prosecutor	61	61	76	61	43	71	69	49
Both (Vol.)	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2
Neither/Shouldn't be investigation (Vol.)	2	1	1	1	2	-	1	2
Don't know	11	8	6	12	13	10	9	10

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>	<u>N/401K</u>
Justice Department impartial	28	18	30	18
Special prosecutor	65	57	59	66
Both (Vol.)	2	2	2	3
Neither/Shouldn't be investigation (Vol.)	1	2	1	2
Don't know	4	21	8	11

Q56: It has been alleged that the accounting firm of Andersen did not expose Enron's questionable accounting practices because it profited greatly from other consulting services it provided to the company. Some legislators are proposing to bar firms from auditing a company's financial records while providing other services to the company at the same time. Do you support or oppose regulations which would bar accounting firms from providing both auditing and other types of services to the same company?

	<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	59	65	61	60	60	63	63	58
Oppose	22	20	23	18	26	18	22	26
Don't know	19	15	16	22	14	19	15	16

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>	<u>N/401K</u>
Support	68	45	69	51
Oppose	20	25	18	26
Don't know	12	30	13	23

Q57: In your opinion, did Andersen act illegally in regard to its dealings with Enron, or do you think its actions were legal but not ethical, or did Andersen do nothing wrong?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>
Illegal	35	39	36	36	33	39	32	37
Legal but unethical	36	36	43	31	40	34	42	35
Nothing wrong	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	5
Too soon to tell (Vol.)	3	3	2	4	3	1	3	3
Don't know	22	19	15	25	20	23	20	20

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>	<u>N/401K</u>
Illegal	44	19	41	29
Legal but unethical	38	32	38	34
Nothing wrong	3	5	3	4
Too soon to tell (Vol.)	4	1	2	3
Don't know	11	43	16	30

Q58: Enron executives met with Vice President Dick Cheney six times last year while he was drafting the nation's energy policy. Cheney has refused to reveal any details about the meetings with Enron, saying that the energy company was not given any special consideration and invoking executive privilege that allows the president and vice president to keep such consultations private. Do you support or oppose Cheney's refusal to reveal the details of meetings with Enron, or haven't you heard enough about it 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>
Support	24	26	12	20	45	16	19	36
Oppose	39	42	58	41	17	51	44	26
Haven't heard enough	28	25	24	30	30	25	30	30
Don't know	9	7	6	9	8	8	7	8

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>	<u>N/401K</u>
Support	27	17	29	19
Oppose	47	26	39	40
Haven't heard enough	22	42	25	30
Don't know	4	15	7	11

Also in the news lately have been allegations that Enron executives sold off some or all of their stock holdings in advance of their announcement that the company was in financial trouble. At the same time, Enron employee retirement accounts were frozen, and many of those accounts, which were heavily invested in Enron stock, subsequently lost most of their value when the company declared bankruptcy.

Q59: Do you believe that the government should help the Enron employees whose 401(k) retirement accounts were entirely or mostly made up of now nearly worthless Enron shares, or do you think that it is not the government's job to bail out citizens whose retirement accounts have become worthless through the failure of private companies?

	<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 help	38	35	45	35	30	48	38	33
Shouldn't help	48	53	43	49	61	41	47	55
Don't know	14	12	12	16	9	11	15	12

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>N/CLOSE</u>	<u>401K</u>	<u>N/401K</u>
Should help	35	44	35	40
Shouldn't help	55	36	55	42
Don't know	10	20	10	18

Q60: Legislation has been proposed that would limit the amount of a single company's stock that can be held in an individual's 401(k) retirement account to no more than 20 percent. Supporters say this will help protect the value of the accounts in cases such as Enron's where the company fails. Opponents say that such regulation puts too big a financial burden on employers who would like to offer 401(k) retirement accounts to employees but who can only do so if they can match employee contributions with company stock. How about you? Do you support, or oppose legislation that would limit the amount of any one company's stock that can be held in an individual 401(k) retirement account?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Support	50	53	52	48	50	54	53	49
Oppose	32	31	31	34	36	27	31	36
Don't know	18	16	17	18	14	19	16	15

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Support	54	42	55	45
Oppose	32	32	33	31
Don't know	14	26	12	24

Q61: Many states have voted to deregulate their energy industries over the past few years and several more are poised to do so in the future. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of deregulation of the energy industries?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Approve	38	39	36	40	47	38	38	42
Disapprove	40	41	42	43	32	40	42	40
Don't know	22	20	22	17	21	22	20	18

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Approve	38	39	43	34
Disapprove	43	34	42	39
Don't know	19	27	15	27

Q62: Enron has strongly supported energy deregulation in this country and Enron company profits came mainly from trading energy on the open market. Do you think Enron's financial failure means that energy deregulation is also a failure, or does Enron's financial failure apply only to itself and deregulation was not to blame?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Deregulation a failure	18	18	20	14	14	20	18	16
Deregulation not to blame	59	61	60	63	64	58	59	64
Don't know	23	21	20	23	22	22	23	20

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
Deregulation a failure	19	16	20	16
Deregulation not to blame	63	52	64	55
Don't know	18	32	16	29

Q63: Has Enron's failure as a company made you more supportive of energy deregulation in your state, or less, or hasn't it made any difference to your support for energy deregulation one way or the other?

	ALL	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
More supportive	5	5	6	4	8	8	2	7
Less supportive	19	20	22	19	13	19	22	18
No difference	63	63	61	65	66	63	65	64
Don't know	13	12	11	12	13	10	11	11

	CLOSE	N/CLOSE	401K	N/401K
More supportive	6	3	6	5
Less supportive	21	15	18	19
No difference	63	63	67	59
Don't know	10	19	9	17

(ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY)

Q68: If the election for president were being held today and the candidates were George W. Bush and a Democratic nominee, for whom would you vote: Bush or the Democratic nominee?

	REGISTERED VOTERS						
	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Bush	48	19	45	89	24	43	73
The Democrat	30	65	25	2	47	32	14
Wouldn't vote (Vol.)	1	-	1	-	4	-	-
Don't know	21	16	29	9	25	25	13

Q69: If the election for Congress were being held today, which party would you like to see win in your congressional district: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

(INCLUDES LEANERS)

	REGISTERED VOTERS						
	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON
Democratic	47	88	45	7	70	57	23
Republican	41	6	39	86	17	32	66
Neither (Vol.)	2	2	4	1	2	2	2
Other party (Vol.)	1	-	1	1	3	1	-
Don't know	9	4	11	5	8	8	9

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