

## **LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL ALERT**

### ***FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS FOLKS, IT'S GOING TO BE A BUMPY (ELECTION) NIGHT***

**W**ith just one week to go before voters go to their polling places to vote for president, a new Los Angeles Times poll shows that the country is as polarized as it was in the 2000 presidential race. The race is virtually in a dead heat. The election has energized both the Democrats and Republicans to register unprecedented amounts of new voters, although it remains to be seen if these voters will come out to vote or even change the outcome of the race. Most people's minds are made up about who they will vote for, but there is around 6% of voters deemed likely to vote who say they might change their mind or are just not sure who they will vote for on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The candidates furious campaigning this past week, especially in swing states such as Ohio and Florida, is warranted given the closeness of the race. Many of the polls are showing that the candidates are close in these and other battleground states and their jaunts to these states are necessary to energize their base plus motivate the undecideds to their column.

It is not that the country is more enamored of the president and wants to continue with his policies, it is that Kerry is not closing the deal. He is not persuading the electorate that he is the best candidate to finish the war successfully in Iraq or win the war on terrorism. Some voters need a reason to vote for someone other than Bush and so far, Kerry has not provided it. This is shown by the majority of voters who don't think the country is better off with the policies of Bush and want the country steered in another direction; it is shown with majorities of voters saying the country is seriously off on the wrong track and it is shown by half of the voters believing that the situation in Iraq was not worth going to war over. But it has been difficult for Kerry to show that he is the man for the job. The Democratic challenger has been continually attacked by Vice President Dick Cheney, the Bush surrogates and by Bush himself that he is not up to the task. These attacks have resonated with many voters and it is not surprising then that the poll shows that voters are not confident in John Kerry's ability to get us out of the quagmire in Iraq or whether he would be tough enough on terrorism. On the other hand, Kerry and his surrogates have had a harder time cracking the president's aura of perceived strength, resolve and focus in keeping the country safe from terrorism and that the war in Iraq was necessary to promote freedom and democracy.

In terms of the Iraq war – voters don't believe the president has deliberately misled the American people about Saddam Hussein stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. Voters are split as to whether Bush made the right decision in going to war with Iraq despite a new CIA report that found that Hussein did not possess weapons of mass destruction. Still, slightly more voters don't think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over.

But on domestic issues, Kerry is the candidate chosen by voters over Bush for best handling the creation of jobs, handling the health care situation and social issues such as abortion and gay marriage. Taxes, which are a big part of the president's campaign because of the tax cuts he put in place and which should be a winning issue for Bush, Kerry has neutralized.

## President's Job Performance

Another way the poll shows the divisiveness of the electorate is on the question of whether Bush deserves to be reelected. Voters are split on this issue. Surprisingly, women voters believe the president should be reelected compared to almost the same share of male voters who think the opposite. Roughly one in eight Democrats believe the president should be reelected, compared to 94% of Republicans who want this to happen as well. More than half of independents say the president should not be reelected (44% think he should).

*Overall Job Performance:* Bush's overall job rating has declined slightly from his ratings taken in a nationwide Times poll conducted in late September. In September, 52% approved of the way the president was handling his job as president, while 47% disapproved. In the latest poll, 49% of voters each say they approve or disapprove of the president's job performance. On the outer ends of the scale, 34% strongly approve, while 39% strongly disapprove. Both men and women split on the president's performance, but male voters are more disapproving (52% to 47% approving). However, 43% of men *strongly* disapprove, compared to 36% for women. Almost a fifth of moderate Democrats approve of the president's job performance, while 13% of moderate Republicans disapprove. The younger voters (18-44) split their opinion, while the elderly (65+) are very negative about the president's overall job performance. Almost three quarters of minorities give the president negative marks for his handling of his job, while nearly three fifths of white voters give the president positive ratings. Suburban voters are slightly more disapproving than approving of the president's overall job performance (52% to 47%) while city dwellers strongly disapprove (66%). Independents are more disapproving than approving of the president's performance – 51% to 47%.

*Situation in Iraq:* The president has helped himself on this issue since the question was asked in the same September Times poll. Then, 52% disapproved of the way the president was handling the situation in Iraq and 46% approved – a six point net negative difference. In the latest survey, 48% approve of Bush's performance in handling Iraq and 50% disapprove – a two point net negative difference. Independents give Bush a slightly more negative rating, 51% (to 48% positive rating). Again, women and men are divided over the president's job performance on this issue. Although there are not enough 18-29 year old likely voters to break out as a separate group, this group appears to have strong negative feelings about the president on this issue. Among registered voters in this group, 59% disapproved and 38% approved. Slightly more than half of voters in households with veterans approve of the president's handling of this situation.

*War on terrorism:* This is one of the president's strong suits in the campaign. More than half (53%) of voters approve of the way Bush is handling the war on terrorism (including 38% who strongly approve), compared to 44% who disapprove. (These figures have not changed since the Times poll last month.) Half of independents approve of his handling this issue, while 44% disapprove. Both men and women approve. Nearly three-fifths of the elderly give negative ratings to the president on his handling of the war on terrorism, while the young voters are split. Voters living on the East Coast are divided on their opinion of the president's performance, while the other parts of the country support the president.

*Economy:* As the war on terrorism has been a strong issue for the president, the nation's economy has been a weak one. More than half (51%) of voters disapprove of the way the president is handling the economy (including 40% who strongly disapprove), while 47% approve. Men disapprove of the president's performance on this issue, while women are divided. The elderly and the young voters disapprove, while the baby boomers approve. Independents and moderates disapprove of the president's

job performance on the economy. About one in eight moderate Republicans disapprove, while about the same share of moderate Democrats approve of the president's performance on this issue.

## **Bush vs. Kerry**

The interest in the presidential election is overwhelming. Almost seven in 10 likely voters say they are *very* interested in the campaign, compared to less than half who said that in 2000 at about the same time in the election season.

If the election were held today, among likely voters, Bush would receive 49% of the vote to Kerry's 48% in a two-way race; 3% are undecided. Among registered voters, 48% would support Kerry, 47% would support Bush; 5% are undecided. In a three-way race, Bush and Kerry would each receive 48% of likely voter support; 1% for Nader and 3% undecided. Among registered voters, it would be 47% for both Bush and Kerry, 1% for Nader and 5% undecided.

The race is tight for several reasons. More than half (55%) of likely voters think the country is *not* better off because of Bush's policies and should proceed in a new direction, while 43% think the country is better off because of the president's policies. Among voters who want a new direction, 85% are supporting the Democratic challenger, while 11% are supporting the president. This opinion about moving the country toward another direction has gotten a little more negative for the president since the Times' September poll. Then 51% thought the country needed to be steered in a different direction, while 46% wanted to continue with the president's policies.

Nearly three-fifths of likely voters (56%) think the country is seriously heading in the wrong direction and 40% believe it is going on the right track. In September, 53% thought the country was heading in the wrong direction, while 42% thought it was on the right track. Among the group that believes the country is off in the wrong direction, four out of five are supporting Kerry and roughly one in seven are supporting the president, but Bush's strength comes from the fact that virtually all who believe the country is on the right track are backing him.

Half of likely voters say the country is worse off because of Bush's economic policies than when he took office four years ago. Among this group, 86% are supporting Kerry. Among the 23% who say the country is the same since Bush put in place his economic policies, four out of five in this group are supporting the president. Another quarter say the country is better off because of Bush's economic policies and virtually all of this group is supporting the incumbent.

*Demographics:* Roughly nine in 10 Democrats are behind their candidate (10% are supporting Bush), while 96% of Republicans are supporting their candidate (just 2% are supporting Kerry). About one in seven conservatives are supporting Kerry, while just 8% of liberals are behind the president. Nearly three fifths of moderate voters are behind the challenger. Eighteen percent of moderate Democrats are supporting Bush, but virtually all Republicans of all political ideology are supporting their candidate. Independents are split – 49% for Bush and 47% for Kerry.

A majority of white voters (55%) are backing the Republican incumbent, while a large majority of minorities (73%) back the Democrat. Voters with less than a college degree are supporting Bush (51% to 46%), while the more educated voter supports Kerry (53% to 44%). This poll shows no gender gap – both men and women are splitting their vote. Majorities of married voters support the president, while a larger share of unmarried voters back Kerry. So it stands to reason that married men and women support the

president, while single men and women support Kerry. Voters who live in households with a veteran support the president by 51% to 45% for Kerry.

Almost two thirds of voters living in a big city back the Democrat, while those voters who live in a small town or rural area support the president. Suburban voters are split in their allegiance. A majority of voters living on the East coast back Kerry, while southerners and voters on the West coast stand behind Bush. Midwestern voters are splitting their vote.

A voter who is religious, that is, worships every week or more is very pro-Bush, while a majority of voters who are not as religious are pro-Kerry.

Voters who own guns support the president, while those who don't own guns are behind Kerry.

*Attributes/Issues:* A small plurality of voters say how a candidate stands on the issues is more important to them than character or strength of leadership when deciding their vote for president, while a third say that character or strength of leadership is the deciding factor. Voters who say issues is the more important factor are solidly behind the Democratic challenger, while the reverse is true of those who mention character.

Some issues and/or attributes that have dogged Kerry since the campaign started are strength of leadership, able to keep country safe from terrorism, has honesty and integrity to serve as president, shares my moral values, can achieve success in Iraq and can be more of an effective commander-in-chief. These issues are still troubling for the Democratic challenger.

	BUSH	KERRY
Keep country safe from terrorism	53%	37%
Strong leader for the country	51%	44%
More effective commander-in-chief	50%	45%
Shares my moral values	49%	43%
Honesty and integrity	47%	44%
Plan to achieve success in Iraq	47%	40%
Has more detailed plan for next 4 years	44%	38%

But Kerry is still the candidate who cares about people like me, will strengthen the nation's economy and will build respect for the United States around the world. Also, there is more confidence in Kerry's ability to be a good commander-in-chief than in September. Last month, 51% had confidence and 49% didn't. Now, 55% of voters are confident in Kerry's ability to be a good commander-in-chief, while 45% are not as confident.

	KERRY	BUSH
Build respect around the world	50%	42%
Strengthen the nation's economy	49%	42%
Cares about people like me	47%	41%

As was mentioned earlier, Kerry does better on the domestic issues than the president. For instance, 51% of voters believe Kerry would do the best job of creating jobs in the U.S., while 40% think Bush is the candidate to do this. Half of the voters think Kerry would do the best job of handling health

care in the country, while not quite two in five believe that about Bush. Nearly half of voters (48%) also think Kerry is the candidate to handle social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage, while 45% believe Bush would be best. But who would do the best job handling taxes – on this issue 47% thought Kerry would be best, and 45% thought Bush would.

## **Gay Marriage**

The gay marriage issue is an emotional one that is also helping to divide the nation. About a third of voters don't think same sex couples should be allowed to either marry nor form civil unions. Yet, 42% believe that same sex couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry, and 21% think same sex couples should be allowed to marry. Bush overwhelmingly captures the voters who believe same sex couples should not marry nor form civil unions, while Kerry receives the support of the other two groups (especially among the group that believes that gay couples should marry). Interestingly, on the issue of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, the voters are somewhat divided – 49% in favor of the ban and 46% against it. In a July 2004 Times poll, voters were more in favor of banning gay marriage (51% to 44% who opposed it). Not surprising, among the voters who support a ban, 70% are supporting the president and just over two thirds of voters who oppose the ban stand solidly behind Kerry.

## **Situation in Iraq**

Voters are somewhat more inclined to say that the war in Iraq was not worth it (50% to 46% who say it was worth it). Both men and women say the situation in Iraq was not worth going to war over (although within the poll's margin of error). Four out of five Democrats say the war in Iraq was not worth it, while the same share of Republicans say the Iraq war was worth it. Independents are divided over this.

Nearly half of voters (48%) believe Bush made the right decision to invade Iraq even though a new CIA report found that the Iraq leader did not possess weapons of mass destruction or have any active programs underway to produce them when the U.S. invaded Iraq last year. The report also stated that Hussein intended someday to reconstitute at least some weapons of mass destruction if United Nations sanctions were eased and he had the opportunity. Half the voters believe the president made the wrong decision. Good news for the president: about three out of five voters believe Bush, in good faith, told the public what he believed to be true about Iraq stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. Less than two out of five voters believe that Bush deliberately misled the American public about Iraq having these weapons.

Half the voters think U.S. military action against Iraq will *not* make the world a safer place, while 45% believe it will.

Yet, voters choose Bush over Kerry as the candidate who has the policies that would give Iraq a better chance of becoming a stable and secure nation. A large plurality (46%) choose Bush to 36% who think that of Kerry. But voters are divided as to which candidate to trust to make the right decision to increase or decrease troops in Iraq. And voters think it is unrealistic (50%) to significantly reduce the number of troops in Iraq by recruiting and training more Iraqi troops and increasing the number of military sent from other countries as Kerry has suggested and 44% believe it is a realistic plan. In September, 53% said it was unrealistic and 39% thought that suggestion to be realistic.

Almost nine in 10 voters are concerned (57% very concerned) about the possibility that the U.S. will become bogged down in a long and costly effort in Iraq. Among the voters who are very concerned, they are overwhelmingly in Kerry's column (72%).

Voters are also divided in their opinions about whether the war with Iraq is part of the war against terrorism or as separate from the war on terrorism – 49% say the war with Iraq is part of the war on terrorism, while 48% think it is separate from the war on terrorism.

## **Debates**

Fifty-six percent of voters say they watched or listened to all three debates, while another 19% say they saw or heard two of the three debates and 10% just heard or saw one (for a combined 86% who watched at least one debate). Another 7% heard about the debates. Voters who watched or listened to at least one debate, 50% say they will vote for Bush and 46% will vote for Kerry. But among the voters who watched all three debates – Kerry beat Bush by 51% to 47%.

Although a majority of voters say that the president's performance in the debate will not change how they might vote, a third say it will make them less likely to vote for Bush, 14% more likely. Of course, voters who say less likely are more partisan – 50% of Democrats say the debate will make them less likely to vote for the president. A third of independents say it will make them less likely to vote for the incumbent. The president helped himself with moderate Republicans. About a third of this group say it will make them more likely to vote for the Republican president.

About two in five voters say that Kerry's performance will not effect their vote one way or the other, 40% say it will make them more likely to vote for the Democrat, 20% less likely. The same partisan view holds for Kerry's performance. Nearly two out of five Republicans say the debate performance will make them less likely to vote for the Democrat. Independents were more likely to vote for Kerry. Kerry also helped himself with moderate Democrats – two thirds of this groups say the challenger's performance in the debates will make them more likely to vote for him.

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# Results from the Times Poll National Poll

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 Men Male likely voters  
 Wom Female likely voters

*For the horserace questions only:*

RV All registered voters nationwide

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>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Right direction	40	9	37	81	7	30	70	42	38
Wrong track	56	91	55	15	92	64	27	55	56
Don't know	4	-	8	4	1	6	3	3	6

(ORDER OF TWO HORSERACE QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q3. If the November general election for president were being held today and the choices were George W. Bush and Dick Cheney on the Republican ticket, and John Kerry and John Edwards on the Democratic ticket, for whom would you vote: Bush/Cheney or Kerry/Edwards? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Bush/Cheney	47	49	10	49	96	8	43	81	47	51
Kerry/Edwards	48	48	89	47	2	87	55	16	49	46
Some other ticket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Don't know	5	3	1	4	2	5	2	2	3	3

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q4. If the November general election for president were being held today and the choices were George W. Bush and Dick Cheney on the Republican ticket, John Kerry and John Edwards on the Democratic ticket, and Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo running on an independent ticket, for whom would you vote: Bush/Cheney, Kerry/Edwards or Nader/Camejo? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>RV</u>	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Bush/Cheney	47	48	9	49	95	8	42	80	47	50
Kerry/Edwards	47	48	89	47	2	87	54	17	49	47
Nader/Camejo	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	-
Some other ticket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Don't know	5	3	1	4	2	5	2	2	2	3

(IF ANY PRESIDENTIAL TICKET IS MENTIONED IN Q4)

Q5. Are you certain you're going to vote for those candidates, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Certain	95	97	92	97	100	90	97	94	96
Might vote for someone else	5	3	8	3	-	10	3	6	4
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Q6. Lots of people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? So far this year, would you say you have been very interested in following the political campaign for president, or somewhat interested, or somewhat uninterested, or very uninterested in following the political campaign for president so far this year?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Interested (Net)	98	100	96	97	99	98	97	97	98
Very interested	69	74	69	69	76	62	71	68	70
Somewhat interested	29	26	26	29	23	36	25	29	28
Uninterested (Net)	2	-	4	3	1	2	3	3	2
Somewhat uninterested	1	-	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Very uninterested	1	-	4	-	-	1	2	2	1
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Q8. Generally speaking, what is more important to you when you decide whom you are going to vote for, for president: a candidate's character and strength of leadership or how a candidate stands on the issues?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Character/leadership	32	19	25	54	18	23	47	36	28
How he stands on issues	44	64	49	20	65	59	22	38	50
Both	23	17	21	26	17	14	31	23	22
Depends	1	-	5	-	-	4	-	3	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Q9. Do you think George W. Bush deserves to be reelected to a second term as president, or not?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Deserves reelection	48	13	44	94	7	39	84	44	53
Doesn't deserve reelection	49	85	53	3	91	57	14	53	45
Both	3	2	3	3	2	4	2	3	2
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q10. 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>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Favorable (Net)	<u>51</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>54</u>
Very favorable	31	4	25	72	3	16	62	27	36
Somewhat favorable	20	10	23	26	6	29	22	21	18
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>49</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>45</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	15	17	26	1	18	23	6	18	12
Very unfavorable	34	69	26	1	73	32	9	34	33
Haven't heard enough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>

Q11. What is your impression of John Kerry? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about him to say?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Favorable (Net)	<u>54</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>51</u>
Very favorable	27	60	12	2	58	25	8	23	31
Somewhat favorable	27	31	41	9	33	39	14	34	21
Unfavorable (Net)	<u>45</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>47</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	15	5	16	24	4	21	17	13	16
Very unfavorable	30	3	28	65	3	15	59	29	31
Haven't heard enough	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	-	<u>2</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Don't know	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	-

Q12. 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>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>49</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>51</u>
Approve strongly	<u>34</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>39</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>49</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>47</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>39</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>36</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

(ORDER OF NEXT THREE QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q13. 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>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>48</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>50</u>
Approve strongly	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>36</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>50</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>49</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>42</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

Q14. 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>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>53</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>52</u>
Approve strongly	<u>38</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>39</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Disapprove (Net)	<u>44</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>32</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

Q15. 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>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Approve (Net)	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>
Approve strongly	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
Approve somewhat	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>
Disapprove (Net)	<b>51</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>48</b>
Disapprove somewhat	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Disapprove strongly	<b>40</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

Q16. Generally speaking, do you think the country is better off because of George W. Bush's policies and should proceed in the direction he set out, or do you think the country is not better off and needs to move in a new direction?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Continue policies of George W. Bush	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>
Needs new direction	<b>55</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

(ORDER OF NEXT 10 QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q17. "He cares about people like me": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>
John Kerry	<b>47</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>
Both equally	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
Neither	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
Don't know	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

Q18. "He will be a strong leader for the country": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>
John Kerry	<b>44</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>
Both equally	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
Neither	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Don't know	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

Q19. "He has the honesty and integrity to serve as president": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	47	10	44	92	5	40	80	44	50
John Kerry	44	83	41	3	85	44	16	47	41
Both equally	3	2	5	3	2	7	2	4	3
Neither	5	4	8	2	8	6	2	4	5
Don't know	1	1	2	-	-	3	-	1	1

Q20. "He would be best at keeping the country safe from terrorism": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	53	16	53	95	10	46	86	52	53
John Kerry	37	72	34	1	80	36	10	39	36
Both equally	3	5	3	-	4	5	2	3	3
Neither	6	5	8	4	5	9	1	5	7
Don't know	1	2	2	-	1	4	1	1	1

Q21. "He has better ideas for strengthening the nation's economy": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	42	7	41	85	4	37	72	40	45
John Kerry	49	87	49	5	84	56	19	49	48
Both equally	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	3	-
Neither	5	4	8	4	8	3	5	7	5
Don't know	2	-	1	4	1	2	3	1	2

Q22. "He will build respect for the United States around the world": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	42	11	38	83	7	34	73	38	47
John Kerry	50	86	54	5	91	56	18	54	47
Both equally	1	1	1	1	-	2	1	1	-
Neither	5	1	6	8	1	7	5	6	4
Don't know	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	2

Q23. "He shares my moral values": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	49	14	49	93	7	41	84	50	48
John Kerry	43	77	39	6	83	47	13	43	43
Both equally	2	2	1	-	2	3	-	1	2
Neither	5	4	10	1	7	6	2	5	5
Don't know	1	3	1	-	1	3	1	1	2

Q24. "He is more likely to develop a plan for achieving success in Iraq": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	47	13	43	91	8	38	81	46	48
John Kerry	40	72	41	2	74	45	14	41	39
Both equally	1	2	1	-	-	3	-	1	1
Neither	8	10	10	6	15	9	4	8	9
Don't know	4	3	5	1	3	5	1	4	3

Q25. "He would be more effective as Commander-in-Chief": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	50	14	48	94	7	42	85	50	50
John Kerry	45	82	45	3	89	48	14	47	43
Both equally	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1
Neither	3	2	5	-	2	6	1	1	4
Don't know	1	1	1	3	2	2	-	2	2

Q26. "He has provided a more detailed plan for the policies he would pursue in the next four years": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	44	11	45	83	6	34	77	42	47
John Kerry	38	76	28	3	72	38	13	42	34
Both equally	2	2	1	2	1	5	1	1	3
Neither	12	9	20	7	16	18	6	12	12
Don't know	4	2	6	5	5	5	3	3	4

Q27. How confident are you that John Kerry would be a good Commander-in-Chief? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not confident at all?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Confident (Net)	<b>55</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>
Very confident	<b>30</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>
Somewhat confident	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>
Not confident (Net)	<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>
Not very confident	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Not confident at all	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>
Don't know	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

(ORDER OF NEXT 4 QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q28. Who do you think would do the best job of handling the health care situation in the country: George W. Bush or John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>
John Kerry	<b>50</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>
Both equally	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-
Neither	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Q29. Who do you think would do the best job of creating jobs in the United States: George W. Bush or John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>
John Kerry	<b>51</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>
Both equally	<b>1</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Neither	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

Q30. Who do you think would do the best job of handling taxes: George W. Bush or John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>
John Kerry	<b>47</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>
Both equally	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-
Neither	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Q31. Who do you think would do the best job of handling social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage: George W. Bush or John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	45	12	44	85	5	42	74	43	46
John Kerry	48	82	48	11	89	49	21	49	47
Both equally	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—
Neither	3	3	4	1	3	3	3	4	4
Don't know	3	3	3	2	2	5	2	3	3

Q32. Would you say this 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 in about the same financial shape as you were then? (IF BETTER OR WORSE) Is the country much (better/worse) off or only somewhat (better/worse) off?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Better (Net)	26	4	23	56	6	15	48	28	24
Much better off	12	1	8	33	1	6	24	14	11
Somewhat better off	14	3	15	24	5	9	23	14	13
Worse (Net)	50	83	49	8	85	54	21	54	45
Somewhat worse off	14	14	18	6	18	20	7	18	10
Much worse off	35	69	31	2	67	35	15	36	35
About the same	23	13	25	34	9	28	30	17	29
Don't know	1	—	3	2	—	3	1	1	2

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q33. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? "Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry", or "Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry", or "Same-sex couples should not be allowed to either marry or form civil unions".

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Legally marry	21	30	24	8	46	22	6	22	21
Legally form civil unions but not marry	42	48	42	35	38	48	39	48	37
No marriage or civil union	32	19	28	54	12	26	51	27	37
Don't know	5	3	6	3	4	4	4	3	5

Q34. Do you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that legally defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman only, and would prevent states from legally recognizing same-sex marriages? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE) Do you (favor/oppose) that strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Favor (Net)	49	29	51	71	18	49	69	44	53
Strongly favor	38	23	35	59	13	32	57	32	43
Somewhat favor	11	7	16	11	5	17	12	12	10
Oppose (Net)	46	63	44	27	77	46	28	51	41
Somewhat oppose	10	13	9	8	14	12	8	11	10
Strongly oppose	36	50	35	19	63	34	20	40	31
Don't know	5	8	5	2	5	5	3	5	6

Q35. All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Yes, worth going to war	46	15	47	83	9	37	78	45	47
No, not worth going to war	50	80	49	14	90	59	16	50	50
Don't know	4	5	4	3	1	4	6	5	3

Q36. As you may know, a new CIA report has found that Saddam Hussein did not possess weapons of mass destruction, or have any active programs underway to produce them when the United States invaded Iraq last year. The report also states that Hussein intended to someday reconstitute at least some weapons of mass destruction if United Nations sanctions were eased and he had the opportunity. Based on what you heard about this new CIA report, do you think George W. Bush made the right decision to go to war with Iraq, or do you not think he made the right decision to go war with Iraq?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Made the right decision	48	10	47	90	9	38	81	45	50
Did not make the right decision	50	89	49	9	90	58	18	53	47
Don't know	2	1	4	1	1	4	1	2	3

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q37. Based on what you know, which of the following statements comes closer to your view: "George W. Bush deliberately misled the public about Iraq stockpiling weapons of mass destruction," or "George W. Bush, in good faith, told the public what he believed to be true about Iraq stockpiling weapons of mass destruction"?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Deliberately misled	39	68	36	9	74	37	17	40	37
Told the public what he believed	59	29	61	91	23	59	83	57	61
Don't know	2	3	3	-	3	4	-	3	2

Q38. Generally speaking, do you think that U.S. military action against Iraq will make the world a safer place, or not?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Safer	45	13	41	88	12	35	75	46	45
Not safer	50	84	50	10	83	57	21	51	48
Don't know	5	3	9	2	5	8	4	3	7

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IN THE NEXT 2 QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q39. Do you think Iraq has a better chance of becoming a stable and secure nation under the policies George W. Bush would pursue, or under the policies John Kerry would pursue?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	46	11	46	91	6	40	79	44	49
John Kerry	36	73	29	2	78	34	11	37	35
Both equally	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Neither	9	9	14	3	11	13	3	12	6
Don't know	9	7	10	4	5	12	7	7	10

Q40. Which candidate do you trust to make the right decision when it is necessary to increase or decrease American troops stationed in Iraq -- George W. Bush or John Kerry?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
George W. Bush	48	11	45	92	7	37	83	45	50
John Kerry	47	87	46	4	89	56	14	49	46
Both equally	1	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	-
Neither	2	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	3
Don't know	2	1	4	1	-	2	1	2	1

Q41. As you may know, John Kerry has said that he would significantly reduce the number of U.S. troops in Iraq by recruiting and training more Iraqi troops and increasing the number of military sent from other countries. What do you think? Is John Kerry's proposal to reduce the number of U.S. troops in Iraq realistic or unrealistic? (IF REALISTIC OR UNREALISTIC) Do you think it is very (realistic/unrealistic) or only somewhat (realistic/unrealistic)?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Realistic (Net)	44	70	37	22	74	46	22	48	40
Very realistic	21	36	9	15	32	18	16	21	21
Somewhat realistic	23	34	28	7	42	28	6	27	20
Unrealistic (Net)	50	23	57	73	19	47	74	47	53
Somewhat unrealistic	22	16	28	24	13	26	26	14	29
Very unrealistic	28	7	29	49	6	21	48	34	23
Don't know	6	7	6	5	7	7	4	5	7

Q42. How do you feel about the possibility that the United States will become bogged down in a long and costly effort in Iraq? Do you feel very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Concerned (Net)	85	98	86	69	98	93	72	81	89
Very concerned	57	80	62	26	88	68	29	59	56
Somewhat concerned	28	18	24	43	10	25	42	22	34
Not concerned (Net)	14	1	14	29	2	7	27	18	10
Not too concerned	10	-	9	22	2	6	19	13	7
Not concerned at all	4	1	5	7	-	1	9	6	2
Don't know	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	1

Q43. Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war against terrorism, or as separate from the war against terrorism?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Part of the war on terrorism	49	23	44	86	14	37	80	45	53
Separate from the war on terrorism	48	74	51	12	82	62	18	53	44
Don't know	3	3	5	2	4	1	2	2	3

Q44. Did you by any chance get an opportunity to watch or listen to any of the three presidential debates that took place over the last few weeks between George W. Bush and John Kerry, or not? (IF YES) How many of the debates did you watch or listen to? (IF NOT) Did you hear any discussion or commentary about the debates, or did you read about any of them, or not?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
Watched (Net)	86	87	83	86	87	86	84	86	85
One	10	10	8	12	10	6	12	9	11
Two	19	19	16	22	16	20	22	17	22
Three	56	58	60	52	61	61	50	60	52
None (Net)	8	6	9	8	8	6	10	7	8
Heard (Net)	6	7	7	6	5	8	6	7	7
Don't know	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q45. Did George W. Bush's performance in the debates make you more likely to vote for him in November, less likely to vote for him, or did Bush's performance not affect the way you might vote one way or the other?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
No effect	54	48	49	67	43	50	65	56	53
More likely	14	2	18	26	3	15	21	9	18
Less likely	32	50	32	7	54	35	14	35	29
Don't know	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Q46. Did John Kerry's performance in the debates make you more likely to vote for him in November, less likely to vote for him, or did Kerry's performance not affect the way you might vote one way or the other?

	<u>LV</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>
No effect	39	26	36	56	22	38	50	42	35
More likely	40	71	39	7	70	48	16	43	38
Less likely	20	3	22	37	6	14	34	15	25
Don't know	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	2

## How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1,885 adults nationwide by telephone October 21 through 24, 2004. Among that group 1,698 were registered voters, including 881 voters deemed likely to vote in the November election. Probable voters were determined by a screening process which included questions on intention to vote, certainty of vote, interest in the campaign, first time voter, and past voting history. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation, and random digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Adults were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census figures for sex, race, age and education. The margin of sampling error for both registered and likely voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points in either direction. For certain subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.