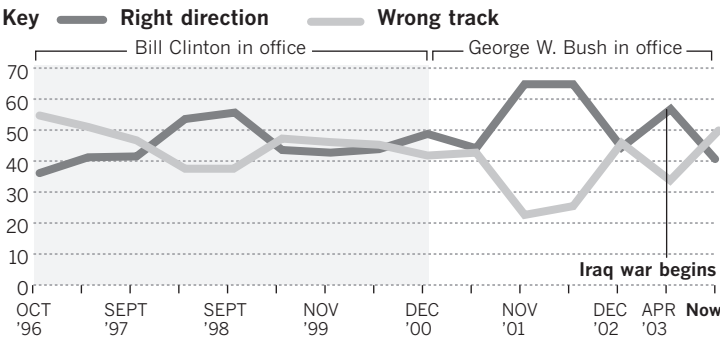


2004 presidential politics

Q: Are things in this country generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?



Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling...

	Approve	Disapprove
His job as president	54%	41
The war on terrorism	59%	35
The situation in Iraq	45%	51
The economy	44%	50
Health care	30%	50

Q: Do you have a good idea where Bush wants to lead the country, or are his goals not very clear?

A good idea	45%
Goals not very clear	49

Q: Would you say that Bush...

	Yes	No
Is a strong leader	61%	31
Is honest and trustworthy	56%	34
Understands the problems of people like you	42%	51

Q: Would you say that Bush cares more about...

Rich people	51%
Middle-income people	7
Poor people	-
All equally	37

Q: Which of the following problems should get the highest priority from the Bush administration?

Economy/Jobs	60%
Terrorism	27
Iraq reconstruction	8
All (Volunteered)	4

Q: Do you think the nation's economy is doing...

Well	50%
Badly	49

Q: Compared to when Bush became president three years ago...

	Better off	Not as well off	Same
I am financially	22%	27	50
The country is financially	18%	54	25

Q: Over the past three years, have Bush's economic policies made the country's economy...

Stronger	24%
Weaker	43
Had no effect	25

Q: If the Democratic presidential primary or caucus were being held in your state today, for which of the following candidates would you vote?

Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters*			
Howard Dean	12%	John Edwards	3
Wesley K. Clark	11	Al Sharpton	3
Joe Lieberman	11	Dennis A. Kucinich	1
Richard A. Gephardt	10	Someone else (Volunteered)	1
John F. Kerry	7	Don't know	37
Carol Moseley Braun	4		

* Includes registered Democrats and, in some states, independents and other voters who are permitted to vote in the Democratic primary or caucus in that state.
 Notes: Results shown are among all U.S. adults unless otherwise indicated. " - " indicates less than 0.5%. Numbers may not total 100% where don't know responses are not shown.
 Times Poll results are also available at www.latimes.com/timespoll.

How the poll was conducted: The Times Poll contacted 1,345 adults nationwide, including 1,144 registered voters and 662 Democratic primary and caucus voters, by telephone Nov. 15-18. 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 of adults was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age and education. The margin of sampling error for all adults and registered voters is 3 percentage points in either direction; among Democratic primary/caucus voters it is 4 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.