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## HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,305 Americans nationwide by telephone Dec. 12–15. 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 December 12–15, 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
- DEM Self-described Democrats
- IND Self-described independents
- REP Self-described Republicans
- LIB Political liberals
- MOD Political moderates
- CON Political conservatives
- MEN Men
- WOM Women
- RV Registered voters

(FIRST TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q1: 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (Net)	63	37	63	97	36	62	85	67	59
Approve strongly	38	10	32	84	17	28	63	42	35
Approve somewhat	25	27	31	14	19	34	22	25	24
Disapprove (Net)	33	57	34	2	61	33	13	30	36
Disapprove somewhat	13	21	14	1	24	15	3	13	13
Disapprove strongly	20	36	20	1	37	18	10	17	23
Don't know	4	6	3	1	3	5	2	3	5

**Q2: Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Right direction	44	27	39	70	30	41	59	49	40
Wrong track	47	66	52	20	62	51	31	42	50
Don't know	9	7	9	10	8	8	10	9	10

**Q3: What one issue do you think President Bush and Congress should make their top priority and address in the coming year?** (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Economy	37	41	37	36	40	38	34	43	30
War on terrorism	19	15	19	23	13	19	24	20	18
Homeland security	13	7	10	25	13	9	17	16	10
Iraq	11	8	12	20	10	9	14	14	9
Education	10	12	6	9	12	10	9	8	11

(NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q4: 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (Net)	51	26	48	82	27	46	76	54	49
Approve strongly	19	7	14	42	6	11	36	21	17
Approve somewhat	32	19	34	40	21	35	40	33	32
Disapprove (Net)	43	67	46	13	66	49	19	42	43
Disapprove somewhat	17	23	19	7	25	22	6	20	13
Disapprove strongly	26	44	27	6	41	28	13	22	29
Don't know	6	7	6	5	7	5	5	4	8

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

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (Net)	59	33	60	92	36	57	77	66	51
Approve strongly	32	9	28	69	16	22	52	40	25
Approve somewhat	26	24	32	23	19	35	24	26	27
Disapprove (Net)	35	58	37	5	57	36	19	31	40
Disapprove somewhat	14	20	17	2	18	17	9	15	13
Disapprove strongly	22	38	20	3	39	19	11	16	27
Don't know	6	9	3	3	7	7	4	3	9

**Q6: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the threat of terrorism in the country? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (Net)	73	55	74	98	57	74	85	78	69
Approve strongly	45	24	42	81	28	41	63	50	41
Approve somewhat	28	31	31	17	29	34	22	28	28
Disapprove (Net)	23	39	24	1	39	22	13	20	26
Disapprove somewhat	9	14	13	1	19	8	4	9	10
Disapprove strongly	14	25	12	-	20	13	9	11	16
Don't know	4	6	2	1	4	4	2	2	5

**Q7: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's environmental issues? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (Net)	48	30	43	75	27	42	67	48	47
Approve strongly	21	7	17	41	8	11	37	23	18
Approve somewhat	27	23	26	34	19	31	30	26	28
Disapprove (Net)	34	48	40	11	58	35	18	35	34
Disapprove somewhat	14	15	16	9	19	15	11	16	12
Disapprove strongly	20	33	24	2	39	20	7	18	22
Don't know	18	22	17	14	15	23	15	17	19

**Q8: 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 do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve (Net)	49	35	44	70	43	45	58	52	45
Approve strongly	11	6	10	18	11	9	12	13	9
Approve somewhat	38	30	34	52	32	36	45	39	37
Disapprove (Net)	39	48	46	25	43	41	34	39	40
Disapprove somewhat	21	21	26	17	21	23	20	20	22
Disapprove strongly	18	26	20	8	22	18	15	19	17
Don't know	12	17	10	5	14	14	8	9	15

**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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Well (Net)	45	28	46	64	34	34	64	48	43
Very well	2	2	4	3	1	1	4	2	3
Fairly well	43	26	42	61	32	33	60	46	40
Badly (Net)	55	72	54	36	66	65	36	52	57
Fairly badly	36	43	35	26	42	46	24	34	37
Very badly	19	29	19	10	25	19	12	18	20
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID ECONOMY IS DOING BADLY)

**Q10: In general, who or what do you think should get the blame for the country's economic problems? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP SIX RESPONSES SHOWN)**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Bush & his policies	22	34	21	2	31	18	16	18	27
Corporate fraud/greed	21	14	23	34	29	17	16	20	21
9/11 attacks	13	11	13	16	9	15	16	15	11
Both parties in Congress	10	12	11	12	8	12	13	11	11
American public	8	4	9	11	7	8	10	11	5
Government as a whole	8	9	10	3	9	11	3	5	11

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q11: Do you think we are in an economic recession, or not? (IF YES) Do you think we are in a mild recession, or a moderate recession, or a serious recession?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No recession	35	24	34	51	24	34	44	35	34
Recession (Net)	61	73	61	45	72	63	51	62	59
Mild recession	24	20	25	27	25	22	25	29	18
Moderate recession	24	29	23	15	29	28	16	22	26
Serious recession	13	24	13	3	17	13	10	12	15
Don't know	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	3	7

**Q12: 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Better	39	24	40	56	25	40	51	49	30
Worse	15	22	14	6	17	16	11	9	20
About the same	43	50	43	37	54	42	35	39	46
Don't know	3	4	3	1	4	2	3	3	4

**Q13: Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as secure or shaky?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Secure	66	51	66	82	55	70	72	69	63
Shaky	33	47	33	18	44	30	26	30	35
Don't know	1	2	1	-	1	-	2	1	2

**Q14: Compared to last year, would you say that this holiday season you will spend more, less or about the same on presents for friends and family?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
More	15	15	12	16	15	15	15	16	13
Less	40	45	41	27	45	44	31	39	40
Same	44	38	46	56	38	39	53	44	45
Don't celebrate/ give presents (Vol.)	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2

**Q15: President Bush recently replaced his two top economic advisors—the Treasury secretary and National Economic Council director. How confident are you now that the change in the economic leadership will be able to stimulate the economy and improve the nation's sluggish growth?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Confident	51	34	45	80	35	50	67	51	52
Not confident	37	56	41	11	56	39	22	39	35
Don't know	12	10	14	9	9	11	11	10	13

(ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER)

**Q17: Will you definitely vote to reelect George W. Bush as president in 2004, probably vote for him, probably not vote for him or would you definitely not vote to reelect George W. Bush as president in 2004?**

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS								
	RV	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Vote for him (Net)	52	16	49	93	23	41	78	56	48
Definitely	28	6	20	63	11	17	48	32	24
Probably	24	10	29	30	12	24	30	23	25
Not vote for him (Net)	38	73	37	1	65	44	15	34	41
Probably not	10	16	15	1	15	16	3	10	10
Definitely not	28	57	23	1	50	28	12	25	30
Don't know	10	11	14	6	12	15	7	10	11

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q18: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the major problems facing the country?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	36	72	35	4	57	38	19	30	41
Republicans	39	7	33	86	16	30	67	48	31
Both equally (Vol.)	6	6	6	4	9	7	4	6	7
Neither (Vol.)	8	7	11	4	10	11	4	9	7
Don't know	11	8	15	2	8	14	6	7	14

(NEXT SIX QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q19: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling Social Security?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	42	76	39	8	67	44	23	38	45
Republicans	35	9	30	77	16	27	59	41	31
Both equally (Vol.)	5	3	6	5	3	9	4	6	5
Neither (Vol.)	8	6	10	4	5	10	7	7	8
Don't know	10	6	15	6	9	10	7	8	11

**Q20: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the nation's economy?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	40	76	39	7	64	43	21	35	46
Republicans	39	11	32	82	19	28	66	46	33
Both equally (Vol.)	5	4	7	4	6	6	4	5	5
Neither (Vol.)	6	4	9	2	3	10	5	7	5
Don't know	10	5	13	5	8	13	4	7	11

**Q21: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the budget deficit?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	38	70	36	7	60	42	21	34	42
Republicans	39	12	36	81	20	31	63	46	33
Both equally (Vol.)	5	3	5	5	6	4	4	4	5
Neither (Vol.)	7	7	9	3	6	10	5	7	7
Don't know	11	8	14	4	8	13	7	9	13

**Q22: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling national security and the war on terrorism?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	24	43	23	4	33	25	17	20	28
Republicans	52	28	49	85	41	44	70	62	43
Both equally (Vol.)	8	10	8	7	10	10	5	7	9
Neither (Vol.)	5	6	7	1	7	7	3	5	6
Don't know	11	13	13	3	9	14	5	6	14

**Q23: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job getting better prescription drug coverage for the elderly?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	47	75	44	23	70	48	32	46	48
Republicans	28	10	23	57	14	21	44	31	25
Both equally (Vol.)	6	4	5	8	4	7	6	6	6
Neither (Vol.)	7	6	9	4	3	9	9	9	7
Don't know	12	5	19	8	9	15	9	8	14

**Q24: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the environment?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Democrats	50	76	52	20	73	55	31	51	49
Republicans	27	10	20	59	14	18	48	31	24
Both equally (Vol.)	6	3	6	7	5	7	5	6	6
Neither (Vol.)	4	2	5	3	4	5	4	3	5
Don't know	13	9	17	11	4	15	12	9	16

**Q25: 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 conservative, moderate or liberal?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Conservative	59	58	53	70	71	44	68	63	55
Moderate	15	10	19	16	12	18	14	14	15
Liberal	12	15	14	5	10	15	11	9	15
Don't know	14	17	14	9	7	23	7	14	15

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID CONSERVATIVE, MODERATE OR LIBERAL)

**Q26: You said you thought George W. Bush's nominees to the United States Supreme Court will be (response to Q25). Does that please you, or does that upset you, or does that not make a difference one way or other?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Pleased	37	13	37	65	14	27	61	42	32
Upset	24	43	26	3	48	25	7	23	26
No difference	36	42	34	30	37	43	30	33	39
Don't know	3	2	3	2	1	5	2	2	3

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q27: The United States Supreme Court handed down a landmark decision in 1973, called *Roe versus Wade*, which legalized abortion. Generally speaking, are you in favor of the Supreme Court decision which permits a woman to get an abortion from a doctor at any time, or are you opposed to that, or are you indifferent on the subject—or haven't you heard enough about that yet to say?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Favor	46	52	55	32	68	49	32	46	46
Indifferent	11	10	11	11	8	12	11	13	9
Oppose	37	28	30	54	18	34	53	35	40
Haven't heard enough	3	7	1	2	4	3	1	3	3
Don't know	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	2

**Q28: 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Believe him	50	27	47	82	32	44	69	53	47
Do not believe him	41	61	46	14	63	42	24	39	42
Don't know	9	12	7	4	5	14	7	8	11

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q29: 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? (ORDER OF STATEMENTS ROTATED)**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Tax cuts	45	35	47	60	34	37	62	46	45
Reducing deficit & paying debt	44	54	44	35	57	52	30	46	43
Don't know	11	11	9	5	9	11	8	8	12

**Q30: 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? (ORDER OF STATEMENTS ROTATED)**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Tax cuts	39	29	35	53	23	33	57	43	35
Infrastructure improvements	53	63	60	40	71	57	38	51	55
Don't know	8	8	5	7	6	10	5	6	10

**Q31: 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 one way or the other?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Good	40	22	38	67	23	33	60	46	34
Bad	26	38	29	9	45	24	13	27	25
No effect	19	24	20	12	20	23	16	18	21
Don't know	15	16	13	12	12	20	11	9	20

**Q32: The \$1 trillion tax plan calls for two more rounds of tax cuts, scheduled for 2004 and 2006. Some Republicans in Congress have said that the income tax rate cuts should take effect in 2003, rather than waiting to phase them in through 2006. They believe this will help stimulate the economy sooner. How about you? Do you think moving up the income tax rate cuts would help or hurt the economy, or do you think it would have no effect on the economy one way or the other?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Help	48	37	41	68	33	45	64	53	43
Hurt	19	29	22	7	36	17	9	19	20
No effect	23	21	28	18	22	24	21	20	25
Don't know	10	13	9	7	9	14	6	8	12

**Q33: All of the phases of the income tax rate cuts are temporary and are due to expire at the end of 2010. Do you think it will be better for the economy if they do expire in 2010, or do you think it would be better for the economy if the tax cuts were made permanent and did not expire?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Expire	37	41	43	30	54	36	28	38	37
Permanent	44	43	39	52	34	42	54	47	41
Don't know	19	16	18	18	12	22	18	15	22

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q34: Do you think those future cuts should still go through even if that means money will have to be taken out of 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Should go through	15	6	14	28	9	8	28	22	8
Not go through	77	89	80	64	85	85	65	72	83
Don't know	8	5	6	8	6	7	7	6	9

**Q35: 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 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Should go through	16	6	14	31	8	11	29	23	10
Not go through	76	89	79	62	86	81	64	70	82
Don't know	8	5	7	7	6	8	7	7	8

**Q36: During the 2000 presidential campaign, George W. Bush said that previous presidents had played partisan politics while in office by not working with the other party to pass legislation the country needs. Bush promised that he would not participate in partisan politics while president. 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
More partisan	16	21	15	12	23	14	14	15	17
Less partisan	30	16	28	50	16	25	46	33	27
About the same	45	52	50	32	54	53	33	47	43
Don't know	9	11	7	6	7	8	7	5	13

**Q37: There is now a Republican president and Republicans are the majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Some people say having one party controlling both branches of government is a good thing, because it ends gridlock and will allow lawmakers to get a lot of work done. Others say it is a bad thing because having a single party in charge stifles debate about important issues. How about you? Do you think having one party in charge of both branches of government is a good thing or a bad thing for the country, or do you not think it makes a difference one way or the other?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No difference	18	12	17	19	14	19	20	18	18
Good thing	30	11	25	60	17	19	51	36	24
Bad thing	45	71	51	13	65	53	22	39	50
Don't know	7	6	7	8	4	9	7	7	8

**Q38: 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?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	38	25	33	55	35	29	49	46	29
Disapprove	55	66	59	42	60	62	46	49	62
Don't know	7	9	8	3	5	9	5	5	9

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS)

**Q39: 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?**

	ALL	*	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	56		49	67	39	48	70	67	39
Oppose	39		40	30	53	49	26	30	53
Don't know	5		11	3	8	3	4	3	8

\* Base for this question is too small to break out DEMS.

**Combined Results of Q38 and Q39:**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support private investment accounts... even if benefits reduced	21	12	16	37	14	14	34	30	12
but not if benefits reduced	15	13	13	17	18	14	13	14	16
if benefits reduced, don't know	2	-	4	1	3	1	2	2	2
Disapprove of private accounts	55	66	59	42	60	62	46	49	61
Don't know	7	9	8	3	5	9	5	5	9

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q40: Some lawmakers say that areas of the Western states which are now off limits to drilling for oil and natural gas should be developed as a way of reducing dependence on foreign oil reserves. Other lawmakers say that it is a mistake to open up these areas to development because it would have a negative impact on the environment. How about you? Do you think the West's oil and natural gas reserves should be developed, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes, develop	53	44	47	71	36	44	73	53	52
Do not develop	37	46	44	21	57	42	20	40	35
Don't know	10	10	9	8	7	14	7	7	13

**Q43: Do you think it is necessary to give up some civil liberties in order to make the country safe from terrorism, or do you think some of the government's proposals will go too far in restricting the public's civil liberties?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Necessary to give up some liberties	41	36	37	52	35	42	48	40	42
Government will go too far	46	50	47	40	57	45	40	50	42
Don't know	13	14	16	8	8	13	12	10	16

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q44: A court recently upheld the right of the FBI to wiretap phones and secretly search the homes and computers of Americans who are suspected of having links to foreign terrorists. This allows the government to use the same methods of investigating citizens suspected of terrorism that the CIA uses to investigate foreign agents. Some people say this is a good thing because it will allow criminal investigators and intelligence agencies to work together and share information in their hunt for terrorists. Others say it is a bad thing because it gives the government more power to spy on its citizens. How about you? Based on what you just heard, are you inclined to support this decision by the court, or inclined to oppose it, or haven't you heard enough about it to say?**

	<u>ALL</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>
Support	47	39	45	65	37	46	59	47	49
Oppose	30	35	35	15	42	31	19	34	25
Haven't heard enough	19	21	18	17	18	18	20	16	21
Don't know	4	5	2	3	3	5	2	3	5

**Q45: The Department of Defense is developing a program which could compile information from sources such as phone calls, e-mails, web searches, financial records, purchases, school records, medical records and travel histories to provide a database of information about individuals in the United States. Supporters of the system say that it will provide a powerful tool for hunting terrorists. Opponents say it is an invasion of individual privacy by the government. Based on what you just heard, are you inclined to support this program, or inclined to oppose it, or haven't you heard enough about it to say?**

	<u>ALL</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>
Support	31	18	30	50	21	31	39	29	33
Oppose	36	42	40	22	52	35	25	38	33
Haven't heard enough	28	34	26	25	21	28	32	28	28
Don't know	5	6	4	3	6	6	4	5	6

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