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## 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. Democratic voters are defined as registered Democrats and, in some states, independents and other voters who are permitted to vote in the Democratic primary or caucus in their respective state. 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.

## 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 Nov. 15–18, 2003

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

## GUIDE TO COLUMN HEADINGS

ALL	All adults
LIB	Political liberals
MOD	Political moderates
CON	Political conservatives
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
MEN	Men
WOM	Women
RV	Registered voters
DPC	Democratic primary/caucus voters*

\* 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.

## Q1: Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Right direction	40	28	36	51	23	44	68	48	31
Wrong track	50	61	55	42	71	46	27	43	58
Don't know	10	11	9	7	6	10	5	9	11

## Q2: I am going to mention a few problems facing the country today and I would like you to tell me which one you think should get the highest priority from the Bush administration: the economy and jobs, rooting out terrorism, or continuing with the reconstruction of Iraq? (PROBLEMS ROTATED)

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Economy/Jobs	60	78	66	43	73	56	41	56	64
Terrorism	27	14	19	41	16	25	46	30	24
Iraq reconstruction	8	5	8	10	7	11	9	9	6
All (Vol.)	4	3	5	4	2	5	4	4	4
Don't know	1	–	2	2	2	3	–	1	2

## Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve	54	31	49	74	27	57	86	59	49
Disapprove	41	63	45	23	66	38	14	38	44
Don't know	5	6	6	3	7	5	–	3	7

## Q4: Which one of the following statements comes closest to the way you feel about President Bush: “I like George W. Bush as a person and I also like most of his policies,” or “I like George W. Bush as a person but I don't like most of his policies,” or “I don't like George W. Bush as a person but I do like most of his policies,” or “I don't like George W. Bush as a person and I also don't like most of his policies?” (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Like Bush (Net)	68	52	67	80	59	68	83	68	67
Like him and policies	40	19	35	59	18	38	71	43	36
Like him/Dislike policies	28	34	32	21	40	30	12	25	31
Dislike Bush (Net)	27	41	26	17	36	26	14	29	25
Dislike him/ Like policies	6	8	7	5	9	6	7	7	5
Dislike him and policies	20	33	19	12	28	20	7	21	20
Don't know	5	7	7	3	5	6	3	3	8

**Alternate Break**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Like policies (Net)	46	26	42	63	27	44	77	51	42
Like him and policies	40	19	35	59	18	38	71	43	36
Dislike him/Like policies	6	8	7	5	9	6	7	7	5
Dislike policies (Net)	48	67	51	33	68	50	20	46	50
Like him/Dislike policies	28	34	32	21	40	30	12	25	31
Dislike him and policies	20	33	19	12	28	20	7	21	20
Don't know	6	7	7	4	5	6	3	3	8

(NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q5: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve	45	29	38	61	25	47	77	50	39
Disapprove	51	67	56	37	71	50	22	47	56
Don't know	4	4	6	2	4	3	1	3	5

**Q6: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the war on terrorism?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve	59	42	56	74	42	63	84	64	55
Disapprove	35	53	35	24	50	31	15	33	37
Don't know	6	5	9	2	8	6	1	3	8

**Q7: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve	44	27	36	62	24	46	75	48	40
Disapprove	50	71	56	32	72	49	19	48	53
Don't know	6	2	8	6	4	5	6	4	7

**Q8: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the health care issue?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve	30	20	29	39	14	34	56	31	30
Disapprove	50	65	54	36	70	50	21	48	50
Don't know	20	15	17	25	16	16	23	21	20

(NEXT FIVE QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q9: Would you say that you have a good idea where George W. Bush wants to lead the country, or would you say his goals are not very clear?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
A good idea	45	32	36	61	25	45	76	49	40
Goals not very clear	49	61	54	36	69	48	19	47	51
Don't know	6	7	10	3	6	7	5	4	9

**Q10: Would you say that George W. Bush understands the problems of people like you, or not?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Yes	42	29	34	58	19	43	75	45	40
No	51	69	58	35	75	49	20	49	54
Don't know	7	2	8	7	6	8	5	6	6

**Q11: Would you say George W. Bush is a strong leader, or not?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Yes	61	42	62	74	39	63	89	63	59
No	31	49	30	20	50	30	10	32	32
Don't know	8	9	8	6	11	7	1	5	9

**Q12: Would you describe George W. Bush as "honest and trustworthy" or not?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Yes	56	31	52	76	36	59	85	58	54
No	34	56	34	19	54	30	9	32	35
Don't know	10	13	14	5	10	11	6	10	11

**Q13: Generally speaking, would you say that George W. Bush cares more about poor people, or cares more about middle-income people, or cares more about rich people—or would you say that Bush cares about all income groups equally?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Poor people	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Middle-income people	7	5	6	9	3	4	16	7	7
Rich people	51	75	57	31	76	52	18	50	52
All equally	37	17	32	53	16	40	64	40	34
Don't know	5	3	5	6	5	4	1	3	6

**Q14: Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the major problems facing the country?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Democrats	33	56	34	18	72	28	3	27	38
Republicans	37	12	28	62	8	33	84	45	30
Both equally (Vol.)	6	5	8	4	6	5	8	4	7
Neither (Vol.)	11	17	13	7	5	18	2	13	10
Don't know	13	10	17	9	9	16	3	11	15

**Q15: Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing well or badly?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Well	50	36	40	65	33	47	74	54	46
Badly	49	63	59	35	66	52	26	45	54
Don't know	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-

**Q16: 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	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Better	35	27	29	45	20	36	58	40	30
Worse	15	17	16	12	22	11	11	9	20
About the same	48	51	53	42	55	50	30	50	47
Don't know	2	5	2	1	3	3	1	1	3

**Q17: Would you say the country is better off financially than it was when George W. Bush became president three years ago, or not as well off, or in about the same financial shape as it was then?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Better off	18	12	10	27	11	15	34	18	17
Not as well off	54	69	64	37	77	50	25	52	57
About the same	25	17	24	32	11	33	36	27	23
Don't know	3	2	2	4	1	2	5	3	3

**Q18: Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when George W. Bush became president three years ago, or not as well off, or in about the same financial shape as you were then?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Better off	22	14	12	34	8	13	44	27	17
Not as well off	27	39	32	17	43	28	9	22	32
About the same	50	46	55	49	49	58	47	50	50
Don't know	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO ARE BETTER OFF)

**Q19: Would you say that you are better off financially as a direct result of George W. Bush's economic policies, or are you better off partly as a result of Bush's economic policies, or is there a reason other than Bush's economic policies that you are better off financially today than you were three years ago?**

	ALL	REP	MEN	WOM*
Direct result	17	23	15	20
Partly because	21	26	16	29
Other reason	56	43	64	44
Don't know	6	8	5	7

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

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT AS WELL OFF)

**Q20: Would you say that you are worse off financially as a direct result of George W. Bush's economic policies, or are you worse off partly as a result of Bush's economic policies, or is there a reason other than Bush's economic policies that you are worse off financially today than you were three years ago?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Direct result	34	45	27	31	42	19		24	41
Partly because	27	30	27	22	26	34		32	24
Other reason	30	17	37	41	22	40		34	28
Don't know	9	8	9	6	10	7		10	7

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(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q21: Thinking back over the past three years, do you think George W. Bush's economic policies have made the country's economy stronger over that period, or have they made the economy weaker, or have his economic policies not affected the economy one way or the other?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
No effect	25	22	30	24	16	29	34	27	22
Stronger	24	10	13	40	12	20	45	28	20
Weaker	43	62	48	27	67	41	14	39	47
Don't know	8	6	9	9	5	10	7	6	11

**Q22: When George W. Bush became president three years ago, there was more than a \$200 billion federal budget surplus. Now there is about a \$375 billion deficit. 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 packages approved by Congress, or the war in Iraq, or the recession, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress, or former President Bill Clinton, or is there something or someone else that you primarily blame for the return of the national budget deficit? Is there someone or something else to blame? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (RESPONSES ROTATED)**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
9/11 aftermath	36	26	35	43	25	35	52	36	35
War in Iraq	26	24	25	25	24	24	26	25	27
Bush and his policies	22	35	25	13	40	22	5	20	25
Bill Clinton	9	5	5	15	2	10	19	10	8
Tax cuts	6	11	5	3	9	7	1	6	5
Recession	6	6	8	5	4	9	7	7	6
Democrats in Congress	3	2	1	6	1	3	7	5	2
Republicans in Congress	3	6	3	1	5	3	1	2	4
Other	3	2	2	3	1	2	2	5	1
All of the above (Vol.)	7	6	9	7	3	9	5	7	7
No one/Nothing (Vol.)	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	4	5	2	4	7	2	3	2	5

**Q23: 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? (STATEMENTS ROTATED)**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Tax cuts	37	28	31	49	24	39	53	40	34
Reduce deficit/debt	50	63	58	36	63	49	40	51	49
Don't know	13	9	11	15	13	12	7	9	17

**Q24: 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?** (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Tax cuts	34	23	33	42	29	30	49	34	34
Infrastructure imp.	58	74	58	48	66	63	40	57	59
Don't know	8	3	9	10	5	7	11	9	7

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

**Q28: Do you think George W. Bush deserves to be elected for a second term of office, or not?**

	—Among Registered Voters—								
	RV	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Deserves	42	23	30	63	17	35	84	46	38
Not deserve	46	69	55	25	74	48	11	41	51
Don't know	12	8	15	12	9	17	5	13	11

(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO THINK BUSH DESERVES TO BE REELECTED)

**Q29: What is the main reason why you think George W. Bush deserves to be elected for a second term? Is there another reason that you feel is almost as good?** (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	—Among Registered Voters—								
	RV	*	MOD	CON	*	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Been a good president	25		24	24		26	20	22	28
Give him a chance to finish what he started	22		24	17		23	15	22	21
Strong leader	17		11	22		23	18	17	17
To continue fight against terrorism	9		8	9		5	9	10	7
Honest/Trustworthy	8		8	9		12	9	5	10

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

(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO THINK BUSH DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE REELECTED)

**Q30: What is the main reason why you think George W. Bush does not deserve to be elected for a second term? Is there another reason that you feel is almost as good?** (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	—Among Registered Voters—								
	RV	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Iraq war	23	21	23	29	24	21		19	26
Disagree with domestic policies	15	19	13	11	15	17		16	13
Not a good president	15	16	13	15	17	13		14	16
The economy	15	11	14	22	11	19		17	13
Disagree with his foreign policies	11	13	7	15	9	7		8	13

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(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

**Q31: How closely have you been following the news about the upcoming presidential election in 2004 and more specifically about the Democratic candidates who are running for president?**

	—Among Registered Voters—								
	RV	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Closely	48	49	46	48	60	44	49	53	43
Not closely	52	50	54	52	39	56	51	47	56
Don't know	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO ARE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS AND VOTERS WHO DO NOT REGISTER BY PARTY AND WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE BUT WILL VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY/CAUCUS)

**Q32: If the presidential primary or caucus were being held in your state today, and the candidates were retired general Wesley Clark, former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Missouri Congressman Dick Gephardt, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman, former Illinois Senator Carol Moseley Braun and the Reverend Al Sharpton, for whom would you vote?** (CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED)

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Howard Dean	12	17	9	12	12	16		13	12
Wesley Clark	11	12	10	10	10	11		14	9
Joe Lieberman	11	11	12	9	11	14		14	9
Dick Gephardt	10	7	14	8	8	14		4	14
John Kerry	7	5	8	9	6	8		10	5
Carol Moseley Braun	4	5	3	2	4	2		2	5
John Edwards	3	3	2	5	3	4		2	4
Al Sharpton	3	5	1	3	5	1		4	2
Dennis Kucinich	1	2	1	-	1	2		1	1
Someone else (Vol.)	1	-	-	3	1	-		1	-
Don't know	37	33	40	39	39	28		35	39

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(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO NAMED A CANDIDATE IN Q32)

**Q33: Who would be your second choice?** (CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED) (OMITTED FIRST CHOICE)

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Wesley Clark	18	10	30	12	15	22		16	20
Howard Dean	18	22	15	19	19	17		16	20
John Kerry	14	15	13	13	16	15		15	13
Dick Gephardt	13	12	13	13	13	13		12	13
Joe Lieberman	12	14	10	14	14	10		11	13
John Edwards	5	5	3	6	6	3		6	4
Dennis Kucinich	3	3	2	4	3	2		5	2
Carol Moseley Braun	3	4	4	1	3	4		1	5
Al Sharpton	3	3	1	5	3	3		3	2
Someone else (Vol.)	3	6	-	1	2	1		5	1
Don't know	8	6	9	12	6	10		10	7

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(ASKED OF VOTERS WHO ARE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS AND VOTERS WHO DO NOT REGISTER BY PARTY AND WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE BUT WILL VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY/CAUCUS)

**Q34: Which is more important to you in deciding which candidate for president you would vote for: Would you vote for a candidate who you think has the best chance of beating George W. Bush in November 2004, or would you vote for a candidate who agrees with you on most of the issues you care about?** (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Beat Bush	26	32	27	15	36	15		29	22
Agrees with me	68	62	70	73	55	82		69	67
Don't know	6	6	3	12	9	3		2	11

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Candidates for president can apply for federal matching funds if they agree to limit their total spending in the primaries and caucuses to 45 million dollars. By declining matching funds candidates may spend as much money as they can collect, while still obeying limits by individual contributors.

**Q35: Howard Dean has declined federal matching funds because he argues that he needs to remain competitive against President Bush who was the first to say that he would not accept federal matching funds. Does knowing that Howard Dean opted out of federal matching funds make you more likely or less likely to vote for him in your state's primary or caucus or does that not make a difference in your vote one way or the other?**

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
More likely	16	17	20	11	18	17		19	14
No difference	71	69	67	77	67	71		68	72
Less likely	9	10	10	8	10	11		12	7
Don't know	4	4	3	4	5	1		1	7

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**Q36: John Kerry has also declined matching funds because he said that Howard Dean changed the rules of the race and anybody with a real shot at the nomination is going to have to play by those rules. Does knowing that John Kerry opted out of federal matching funds make you more likely or less likely to vote for him in your state's primary or caucus or does that not make a difference in your vote one way or the other?**

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
More likely	12	11	16	8	14	12		13	12
No difference	72	71	75	70	65	81		75	70
Less likely	11	17	6	10	13	5		11	10
Don't know	5	1	3	12	8	2		1	8

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**Q37: There are some Democratic candidates for president who opposed the U.S. war with Iraq because they did not believe Iraq posed an imminent threat to the United States. There are some Democratic candidates for president who supported the war with Iraq because they felt that Saddam Hussein was an imminent threat to the U.S. and that he had been stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. On balance, would you prefer a Democratic nominee who favored war with Iraq or one who opposed it?** (STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Favored war	39	19	49	48	26	54		49	29
Opposed war	46	64	35	39	59	34		36	55
Don't know	15	17	16	13	15	12		15	16

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**Q38: When voting in your state's primary or caucus, would you still vote for a candidate who agreed with you on most issues, but disagreed with your position on the war in Iraq, or would you not vote for a candidate who disagreed with your position on the war in Iraq even if they agreed with you on most issues, or would their position on the war not make a difference in your vote one way or the other?**

	—Among Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters—								
	DPC	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	*	MEN	WOM
Vote for candidate who disagreed on war	24	35	16	22	28	25		25	22
Not vote for candidate who disagreed on war	20	15	26	17	22	22		20	21
Position on war makes no difference	47	45	47	48	42	45		50	44
Don't know	9	5	11	13	8	8		5	13

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(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

**Q39: If George W. Bush runs for reelection in 2004, are you more likely to vote for Bush or more likely to vote for the Democratic party's candidate for president?**

	—Among Registered Voters—								
	RV	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Bush	38	16	28	58	9	30	83	44	32
Democrat	42	73	45	21	77	41	8	36	48
Neither/Other party (Vol.)	2	1	4	1	1	2	-	1	3
Depends on the Democrat (Vol.)	6	2	9	6	6	7	3	4	7
Don't know	12	8	14	14	7	20	6	15	10

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q41: What is your personal view on gun control laws? Generally speaking, do you think they ought to be more strict than they are now, or less strict, or do you think the laws we have now are about right?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
More strict	48	67	50	37	63	49	30	39	58
Less strict	12	6	12	14	9	11	19	17	7
About right	35	25	35	43	25	36	47	39	31
Don't know	5	2	3	6	3	4	4	5	4

**Q42: Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush's proposal to allow individuals to divert part of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts which they could personally invest in the stock market for their retirement?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve	56	42	55	64	40	59	71	60	51
Disapprove	33	46	35	24	48	33	20	31	35
Don't know	11	12	10	12	12	8	9	9	14

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF BUSH'S PROPOSAL)

**Q43: Would you still support this idea if it meant a reduction in the guaranteed benefit retirees receive through the Social Security system, or would you be opposed to it?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Support	53	59	51	53	43	63	63	62	43
Oppose	38	37	44	34	53	27	25	31	47
Don't know	9	4	5	13	4	10	12	7	10

**Combined results of Q42 & Q43**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Approve of proposal...									
Even if benefits reduced	30	25	28	34	17	37	44	38	22
But not if benefits reduced	21	15	24	21	21	16	18	18	24
If benefits reduced, don't know	5	2	3	9	2	6	9	4	5
Disapprove of proposal	33	46	35	24	48	33	20	31	35
Don't know	11	12	10	12	12	8	9	9	14

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q44: Which comes closest to your view on abortion: Abortion should always be legal, or should be legal most of the time, or should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life, or abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Always legal	29	46	32	15	38	30	14	26	32
Legal most of the time	14	14	19	9	15	16	11	14	13
Illegal with exceptions	41	31	36	51	31	43	47	44	38
Illegal, no exceptions	13	6	10	21	11	10	25	13	13
Don't know	3	3	3	4	5	1	3	3	4

**Q45: Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to perform a specific abortion procedure conducted in the last six months of a woman's pregnancy known as a partial birth abortion, except in cases necessary to save the life of the mother?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Favor	54	47	55	58	50	57	58	57	50
Oppose	38	44	38	33	40	39	33	35	41
Don't know	8	9	7	9	10	4	9	8	9

**Q46: Would you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions that are not marriages, but would give similar legal protection in areas such as inheritance, taxes, health insurance and hospital visits, or haven't you heard enough about it yet to say?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Support	36	61	36	19	42	36	21	32	39
Oppose	40	21	32	59	36	37	64	44	37
Haven't heard enough/ Don't know	24	18	32	22	22	27	15	24	24

**Q47: Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to marry, or haven't you heard enough about it yet to say?**

	ALL	LIB	MOD	CON	DEM	IND	REP	MEN	WOM
Support	31	53	29	17	34	30	19	27	34
Oppose	55	40	49	72	54	54	72	60	52
Haven't heard enough/ Don't know	14	7	22	11	12	16	9	13	14

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