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## HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,385 Americans nationwide by telephone Jan. 30–Feb. 2. 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 Jan. 30–Feb. 2, 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 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

### 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	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Right direction	39	20	32	75	23	35	55	46	33
Wrong track	50	66	54	19	67	53	35	42	57
Don't know	11	14	14	6	10	12	10	12	10

### Q1A: 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	34	73	30	4	54	38	20	34	35
Republicans	38	6	36	88	23	28	59	40	35
Both equally (Vol.)	5	2	8	2	3	7	4	5	5
Neither (Vol.)	11	13	16	2	14	12	8	11	12
Don't know	12	6	10	4	6	15	9	10	13

### Q2: What's the most important problem facing this country today? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FOUR RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Economy/Jobs	47	52	51	48	58	45	45	52	42
Iraq/Saddam Hussein	40	35	39	50	37	44	40	35	45
Terrorism/Al Qaeda	14	6	12	22	13	14	14	15	14
Health care	6	7	8	3	7	8	3	4	8

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

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	56	28	51	95	37	49	75	59	52
Disapprove	39	64	44	4	60	46	19	37	42
Don't know	5	8	5	1	3	5	6	4	6

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO APPROVE)

### Q4: Why do you approve of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP SIX RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Strong leader	30	19	27	39	27	34	30	27	33
Trustworthy	15	4	13	21	9	10	21	11	19
He's trying	10	7	22	6	9	10	10	10	10
War with Iraq	8	6	9	8	3	15	5	11	5
War on terrorism	8	9	5	8	5	7	7	9	7
Shares my values	8	3	7	13	4	7	9	8	7

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO DISAPPROVE)

**Q5: Why do you disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?** (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES)(TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	ALL	DEM	IND	*	LIB	MOD	*	MEN	WOM
War with Iraq	40	36	38		45	37		37	42
Economic stimulus package	12	17	5		16	9		19	5
War on terrorism	11	8	10		11	4		7	14
Foreign policy	10	11	6		11	7		11	9
Not bright/ Incompetent	8	5	6		9	8		6	9

\* Base for this question is too small to break out Republican and Conservative subgroups.

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)  
(NEXT EIGHT QUESTIONS ROTATED)

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

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	45	22	37	85	25	38	66	45	45
Disapprove	47	73	55	10	68	53	29	46	48
Don't know	8	5	8	5	7	9	5	9	7

**Q7: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Saddam Hussein in Iraq?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	58	36	54	92	34	55	75	65	50
Disapprove	38	59	41	7	63	40	23	32	45
Don't know	4	5	5	1	3	5	2	3	5

**Q8: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the threat of terrorism in the country?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	74	63	71	96	54	74	88	83	66
Disapprove	22	31	27	3	43	20	10	16	28
Don't know	4	6	2	1	3	6	2	1	6

**Q9: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's environmental issues?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	48	37	45	70	28	43	68	46	50
Disapprove	30	42	36	8	54	31	16	30	30
Don't know	22	21	19	22	18	26	16	24	20

**Q10: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the federal budget?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	42	24	33	76	22	38	58	42	41
Disapprove	43	65	50	12	63	48	31	42	45
Don't know	15	11	17	12	15	14	11	16	14

**Q11: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in North Korea?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	48	35	49	73	31	46	61	53	42
Disapprove	29	45	29	13	46	29	22	29	30
Don't know	23	20	22	14	23	25	17	18	28

**Q12: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the cost and availability of health care in the United States?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	40	22	40	66	21	29	60	39	41
Disapprove	45	69	45	16	67	52	26	43	46
Don't know	15	9	15	18	12	19	14	18	13

**Q13: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the energy situation in the United States?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	45	39	41	61	37	34	58	47	43
Disapprove	32	44	33	16	46	36	22	34	30
Don't know	23	17	26	23	17	30	20	19	27

For each of the following attributes, please tell me if you personally think that it applies to George W. Bush, or not.

(NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q14: Is George W. Bush a strong and decisive leader, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes	71	46	71	97	55	70	84	76	66
No	24	46	26	1	41	25	13	20	27
Don't know	5	8	3	2	4	5	3	4	7

**Q15: Does George W. Bush generally show good judgment in a crisis, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes	69	50	72	96	50	71	81	74	65
No	24	39	22	2	39	21	15	20	27
Don't know	7	11	6	2	11	8	4	6	8

**Q16: Does George W. Bush care about people like you, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes	54	31	49	92	39	44	74	57	51
No	38	61	42	7	54	46	22	38	39
Don't know	8	8	9	1	7	10	4	5	10

**Q17: Does George W. Bush share the values that you hold important, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes	58	31	55	95	34	53	79	61	56
No	37	61	41	4	59	42	18	36	37
Don't know	5	8	4	1	7	5	3	3	7

**Q18: Generally speaking, do you trust President Bush to make the right decision about whether we should go to war with Iraq, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Trust him	55	33	53	90	34	52	74	62	49
Don't trust him	39	59	43	8	62	42	23	35	43
Don't know	6	8	4	2	4	6	3	3	8

**Q19: 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"?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Like Bush (Net)	76	61	71	98	64	71	89	77	76
Like him & policies	51	21	44	93	28	41	74	53	49
Like him/Dislike policies	26	40	27	6	36	30	15	24	28
Dislike Bush (Net)	21	36	25	1	33	26	10	21	20
Dislike him/Like policies	4	6	6	1	3	7	2	6	2
Dislike him and policies	17	30	19	-	30	18	8	16	17
Don't know	3	3	4	1	3	3	1	2	4

**ALTERNATE BREAK:**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Like policies (Net)	55	27	49	93	31	49	76	59	51
Like him & policies	51	21	44	93	28	41	74	53	49
Dislike him/Like policies	4	6	6	1	3	7	2	6	2
Dislike policies (Net)	42	70	47	6	66	48	23	39	45
Like him/Dislike policies	26	40	27	6	36	30	15	24	28
Dislike him and policies	17	30	19	-	30	18	8	16	17
Don't know	3	3	4	1	3	3	1	2	4

**Q20: Do you think the conservative wing of the Republican Party has too much influence over President Bush, or too little influence, or just about the right amount of influence?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Too much	35	60	32	10	56	36	22	33	37
Too little	10	13	11	9	9	11	12	12	8
Right amount	39	15	39	71	22	37	54	40	37
Don't know	16	12	18	10	13	16	12	15	18

**Q21: Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing well or badly?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Well	35	20	30	48	24	28	45	32	38
Badly	64	79	68	50	76	71	53	67	60
Don't know	1	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	2

**Q22: Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, or getting worse, or staying about the same?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Better	13	4	10	26	7	11	20	17	11
Worse	44	61	41	24	55	51	29	40	47
Same	42	34	48	48	36	38	50	42	41
Don't know	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	1

**Q23: 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	65	54	66	82	60	62	71	69	61
Shaky	34	44	33	18	39	37	28	30	38
Don't know	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

**Q30: Did you get a chance to watch or listen to George W. Bush's State of the Union speech to Congress this past Tuesday night? (IF NOT) Have you heard, seen or read anything about his speech since then?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Watched/Listened or heard about (Net)	66	64	69	79	65	59	76	71	61
Watched/Listened	52	50	49	64	53	46	58	56	48
Heard about it	14	14	20	15	13	13	18	15	13
Not heard anything	33	36	30	21	35	40	23	29	38
Don't know	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1

(IF WATCHED, LISTENED OR HEARD ABOUT THE STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH)

**Q31: Do you think Bush will be able to accomplish many of the goals he outlined in his speech to Congress last Tuesday, or only some of them, or only a few of them?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
All (Vol.)	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
Many	13	9	9	25	8	6	20	14	12
Some	50	47	44	55	49	49	50	47	52
A few	28	36	33	12	31	34	23	27	28
None (Vol.)	3	5	3	-	7	2	2	4	2
Don't know	5	2	9	7	4	8	4	6	5

**Q32: Do you think the economic plan outlined by President Bush in his State of the Union address will be effective or not effective in helping improve the nation's economy?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Effective	60	37	52	88	35	59	76	61	60
Not effective	33	58	40	4	60	32	19	34	32
Don't know	7	5	8	8	5	9	5	5	8

**Q33: Which of the following comes closest to your view about the U.S. taking military action against Iraq: "Before the speech I did not favor U.S. military action against Iraq, but the speech changed my mind and I favor it now," or "Before the speech I did not favor U.S. military action against Iraq, and the speech did not change my mind," or "Before the speech I favored U.S. military action against Iraq, and the speech did not change my mind," or "Before the speech I favored U.S. military action against Iraq, but the speech changed my mind and I do not favor it now"?**

	<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>
Changed mind (Net)	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
Didn't favor before, do now	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
Favored before, don't now	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
No change (Net)	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>79</u>
Didn't favor before, still don't	<u>36</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>43</u>
Favored before, still do	<u>48</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>37</u>
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

**ALTERNATE BREAK:**

	<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>
Favor action (Net)	<u>57</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>48</u>
Favored before, still do	<u>48</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>37</u>
Didn't favor before, do now	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
Don't favor (Net)	<u>38</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>44</u>
Didn't favor before, still don't	<u>36</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>43</u>
Favored before, don't now	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

I am now going to read you a summary of President Bush's tax plan and the alternative tax plan written by Democrats in the House of Representatives.

(DEMOCRATIC PLAN AND BUSH'S PLAN ROTATED)

**Q34: The Democratic tax plan includes an extension of unemployment benefits to 26 weeks, a tax rebate of 300 dollars for single individuals and 600 dollars for married couples, allows small businesses to double the current limit on tax deductions from 25,000 dollars to 50,000 dollars for expansion of new investments, reinstates the estate tax and would not tax the first 10,000 dollars of income for Social Security. In addition, it would also provide federal money to state and local governments to help with the costs of homeland security, highway projects and other programs. The Democratic tax plan would cost about 136 billion dollars over the next 10 years. From what you know, do you favor or oppose the Democrats' tax plan?**

	<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>
Favor	<u>54</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>55</u>
Oppose	<u>31</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>
Don't know	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>

**Q35: President Bush's tax plan includes a restructuring of the income tax rates. As it stands now, the federal income tax has five rates ranging from 15 percent to 38.6 percent. The new plan calls for four rates ranging from 10 percent to 35 percent. It would also raise the tax credit per child to 1,000 dollars, reduce income taxes for married couples, allow itemization of charitable donations even if the taxpayers do not itemize on their tax returns and eliminate federal income taxes on stock dividends. In addition, it would accelerate tax cuts that would have taken place in 2004 and 2006 to become effective back to January 1 of this year. The Bush tax plan would cost 670 billion dollars over the next 10 years. From what you know, do you favor or oppose Bush's tax plan?**

	<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>
Favor	<u>48</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>43</u>
Oppose	<u>41</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>43</u>
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>

**Q36: Now that you have heard about both the Democrats' tax plan and President Bush's tax plan, which do you think would do the better job of stimulating the nation's economy: the plan proposed by the Democrats, or the one proposed by President Bush?**

	<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>
Democrats' plan	<u>44</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>
Bush's plan	<u>36</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>31</u>
Don't know	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>

**Q37: 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	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Tax cuts	43	28	41	71	29	38	59	45	41
Infrastructure improvements	47	61	50	25	61	54	32	46	47
Don't know	10	11	9	4	10	8	9	9	12

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q38: Do you think President Bush's 670 billion dollar tax cut 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 tax cuts should not go through if that is the case? (IF THINK CUTS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT GO THROUGH) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Go through (Net)	14	6	12	28	10	9	23	18	11
Feel strongly	10	1	8	23	7	6	17	14	7
Feel not so strongly	4	5	4	5	3	3	6	4	4
Not go through (Net)	80	92	83	62	87	87	69	77	83
Feel not so strongly	16	9	14	16	14	16	17	14	17
Feel strongly	64	83	69	46	73	71	52	63	65
Don't know	6	2	5	10	3	4	8	5	6

**Q39: Do you think President Bush's 670 billion dollar tax cut 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 should not go through if that is the case? (IF THINK CUTS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT GO THROUGH) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Go through (Net)	14	5	11	29	9	7	24	18	10
Feel strongly	10	2	9	23	7	5	19	13	8
Feel not so strongly	4	2	3	6	2	2	5	4	2
Not go through (Net)	80	94	83	60	86	91	67	77	83
Feel not so strongly	18	18	13	18	12	26	16	20	16
Feel strongly	62	77	69	42	74	65	51	57	67
Don't know	6	1	6	11	5	2	9	5	7

(NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED)

**Q40: Generally speaking, who do you think would be helped more by President Bush's tax plan: rich, middle-income or poor people?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Rich people	60	87	65	21	73	66	44	59	59
Middle-income	24	8	21	50	16	22	35	25	24
Poor people	4	2	4	9	5	2	6	4	5
All people (Vol.)	6	1	5	15	2	6	9	8	4
Don't know	6	2	5	5	4	4	6	4	8

**Q41: Generally speaking, who do you think would be helped more by the Democrats' tax plan: rich, middle-income or poor people?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Rich people	15	11	14	17	13	11	17	16	14
Middle-income	43	57	44	30	51	51	34	41	44
Poor people	24	21	24	32	21	22	31	25	24
All people (Vol.)	6	7	7	8	7	7	4	8	5
No one (Vol.)	2	-	2	4	1	-	4	2	2
Don't know	10	4	9	9	7	9	10	8	11

**Q42: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "We are winning the war on terrorism"?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Agree	43	34	40	61	33	38	53	48	38
Disagree	47	59	50	28	62	52	35	44	51
Don't know	10	7	10	11	5	10	12	8	11

**Q43: Which of the following two countries and its leader would you say is more of a threat to the United States and the international community—Iraq and Saddam Hussein or North Korea and Kim Jong Il?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Iraq/Hussein	56	46	55	73	43	51	71	55	56
N. Korea/Kim	26	38	29	13	44	26	17	30	23
Both (Vol.)	12	8	11	12	8	15	9	12	11
Neither (Vol.)	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	1
Don't know	5	7	4	2	3	7	3	2	9

**Q44: How closely have you been following the news that the United States is considering military action against Saddam Hussein and Iraq?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Closely	89	90	85	96	92	85	94	94	85
Not closely	10	9	14	4	8	15	6	5	15
Don't know	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

**Q45: Do you think that it is inevitable that the United States will take military action against Iraq, or do you think there is a possibility that will not happen, or do you think that the United States will definitely not take military action against Iraq?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Inevitable	73	75	69	73	75	74	75	69	76
Might not happen	22	19	27	23	21	23	21	28	17
Definitely not	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Don't know	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	5

**Q46: Suppose President George W. Bush decides to order U.S. troops into a ground attack against Iraqi forces. Would you support or oppose that decision?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	57	40	57	84	39	55	69	65	49
Oppose	38	52	38	14	55	40	27	31	45
Don't know	5	8	5	2	6	5	4	4	6

**Q47: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The United States should take military action against Iraq only if that military action has the support of the United Nations Security Council"?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Agree	65	79	69	44	80	71	51	61	68
Disagree	30	14	28	53	16	26	45	35	26
Don't know	5	7	3	3	4	3	4	4	6

**Q48: What if the United Nations Security Council does not approve military action against Iraq, but the U.S. has the support of some allies, such as Great Britain. In that situation, would you support or oppose taking military action against Iraq?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	51	32	51	79	33	49	67	61	42
Oppose	43	62	45	16	63	48	27	36	49
Don't know	6	6	4	5	4	3	6	3	9

**Q49: U.N. weapons inspectors have been searching for evidence that Iraq may not have disposed of its weapons of mass destruction. The U.N. inspectors recently issued a report saying that although the Iraqis have been cooperating, the inspectors have not been able to account for large amounts of poison gas and anthrax. Inspectors have not, however, uncovered any direct evidence of Iraqi violations. Do you think the weapons inspectors' report by itself is sufficient cause to take military action against Iraq, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Sufficient	31	23	30	46	24	34	37	38	26
Not sufficient	58	69	61	43	71	59	52	53	62
Don't know	11	8	9	11	5	7	11	9	12

**Q50: Suppose U.N. weapons inspectors do find evidence that Iraq has failed to dispose of its weapons of mass destruction. Would you support or oppose the United States taking military action against Iraq at that point?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	72	61	67	89	59	77	78	78	66
Oppose	22	34	26	5	38	20	15	18	26
Don't know	6	5	7	6	3	3	7	4	8

**Q51: Do you think that the United States should allow the inspection process in Iraq to continue before taking military action, or should we take military action now, or do you think the United States should not take military action at all? (IF CONTINUE) Well how long do you think inspections should continue before taking military action? Do you think the United States should allow the inspections to go on for up to a few more weeks?**

(IF A FEW MORE WEEKS) Do you think the United States should allow the inspections to go on for up to a few more months?

(IF A FEW MORE MONTHS) Do you think the United States should allow the inspections to go on for as long as needed?

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No action	12	17	12	4	20	8	11	8	16
Take action now	21	11	20	31	16	18	25	27	14
A few more weeks	26	29	23	33	21	29	29	26	27
A few more months	16	16	16	15	13	18	17	17	15
As long as needed	19	20	24	13	27	21	13	18	20
Don't know	6	7	5	4	3	6	5	4	8

**Q52: Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Saddam Hussein should be removed from power in Iraq, regardless of whether U.N. inspectors find evidence of weapons of mass destruction"?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Agree	78	69	77	91	61	81	86	81	75
Disagree	16	24	18	4	35	14	7	16	15
Don't know	6	7	5	5	4	5	7	3	10

**Q53: Would you support or oppose allowing Saddam Hussein to go into exile in exchange for the U.S. not taking military action against Iraq?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	61	58	65	67	63	60	63	68	54
Oppose	30	32	29	26	31	33	28	27	33
Don't know	9	10	6	7	6	7	9	5	13

**Q54: President Bush has claimed that there is a link between Saddam Hussein and the Al Qaeda terrorist organization. Has President Bush provided enough evidence to convince you of that link, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Enough evidence	34	24	31	56	21	34	45	34	34
Not provided enough	56	67	63	33	73	60	46	58	55
Don't know	10	9	6	11	6	6	9	8	11

**Q55: How closely have you been following the news about North Korea's possible resumption of its nuclear program and its withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Closely	57	55	61	64	68	52	61	66	50
Not closely	40	40	39	35	31	46	37	32	47
Don't know	3	5	-	1	1	2	2	2	3

**Q56: The U.S. is working on a diplomatic solution to convince North Korea to allow U.N. weapons inspectors back into the country and to abide by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which seeks to control the spread of nuclear weapons in the world. If diplomacy fails and North Korea does not agree to disband its nuclear facilities, do you think the U.S. should take military action against North Korea, or not?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Yes, military action	37	36	35	49	31	42	38	41	33
No military action	43	44	46	34	56	39	42	43	43
Don't know	20	20	19	17	13	19	20	16	24

**Q57: There have been anti-war demonstrations in the U.S. and around the world against the possibility of U.S. military action in Iraq. Have you or anyone you know participated in any anti-war demonstrations, or not? (IF YES) Did you participate in any anti-war demonstrations or was it someone you knew?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
No participation	90	86	89	94	80	91	96	93	87
I participated	3	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	3
Someone I know	7	11	7	1	14	6	1	4	9
Both (Vol.)	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Don't know	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

**Q58: Which comes closest to your view of people demonstrating against a possible U.S. military action in Iraq? "I agree with the demonstrators' views and I think it is okay for them to protest," or "I agree with the demonstrators' views, but I do not think they should be protesting," or "I disagree with the demonstrators' views, but I think it is okay for them to protest," or "I disagree with the demonstrators' views and I do not think they should be protesting"?**  
(STATEMENTS ROTATED)

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Agree w/views (Net)	40	47	45	19	59	46	27	38	43
OK to protest	28	34	36	11	44	32	17	24	32
Not OK to protest	12	14	9	9	16	14	10	14	10
Disagree (Net)	54	48	51	80	40	50	68	58	50
OK to protest	36	23	35	62	27	34	47	41	33
Not OK to protest	18	24	15	17	13	16	21	17	18
Don't know	6	5	4	1	1	4	5	4	7

**ALTERNATE BREAK:**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
OK to protest (Net)	64	57	71	73	70	66	64	64	65
Agree with views	28	34	36	11	44	32	17	24	32
Disagree	36	23	35	62	27	34	47	41	33
Not OK (Net)	30	38	25	26	29	30	31	32	28
Agree with views	12	14	9	9	16	14	10	14	10
Disagree	18	24	15	17	13	16	21	17	18
Don't know	6	5	4	1	1	4	5	4	7

**Q59: George W. Bush said that he would consider opening up part of the Alaskan Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration. Do you approve or disapprove of Bush's proposal?**

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	47	31	42	76	33	46	59	52	41
Disapprove	43	59	48	17	61	44	32	44	43
Don't know	10	10	10	7	6	10	9	4	16

**Q60: 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	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve	54	37	52	73	47	53	64	58	51
Disapprove	40	58	42	20	50	42	30	39	40
Don't know	6	5	6	7	3	5	6	3	9

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

**Q61: 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	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Support	49	33	52	56	46	43	55	56	42
Oppose	44	59	44	34	39	53	38	36	51
Don't know	7	8	4	10	15	4	7	8	7

*Combined results of two preceding questions:*

	ALL	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON	MEN	WOM
Approve of proposal...									
Even if benefits reduced	27	12	27	41	21	23	35	32	21
But not if benefits reduced	24	22	23	25	19	28	24	21	26
If benefits reduced, don't know	4	3	2	7	7	2	5	4	4
Disapprove of proposal	39	58	42	20	50	42	30	40	40
Don't know	6	5	6	7	3	5	6	3	9

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

**Q62: President Bush would like to redesign Medicare, the health care program for the elderly. Under one option, the government would help the elderly pay for prescription drugs only if they are willing to join a new version of Medicare which would rely on private health maintenance organizations, known as HMOs, and other managed care providers. Under this option, prescription drug benefits would not be included in the traditional fee-for-service Medicare that the elderly now have.**

**Supporters of the Republican plan say that government cannot support a prescription drug benefit for all senior citizens under Medicare because of the huge cost. They say coaxing seniors to enroll in private HMOs would give most of the elderly a prescription drug benefit while saving the government money.**

**Opponents of the plan would prefer to leave the traditional Medicare plan in place, but add a prescription drug benefit. They say the Republican plan could force senior citizens into private HMOs, causing some to give up their family doctors. Based on what you just heard, do you support or oppose this option of a new Medicare plan?**

	<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	29	23	26	45	28	27	35	36	24
Oppose	57	69	63	36	58	65	50	53	60
Don't know	14	8	11	19	14	8	15	11	16

**Q63: President Bush has earmarked federal funds to support social programs like day care and drug rehabilitation run by churches and other faith-based organizations. Do you approve or disapprove of using federal funds to support faith-based organizations?**

	<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>
Approve	58	46	49	73	49	56	64	58	58
Disapprove	36	46	44	24	46	40	29	38	34
Don't know	6	8	7	3	5	4	7	4	8

**Q64: 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?**

	<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>
Favor	57	53	56	65	48	58	63	59	56
Oppose	38	42	39	31	46	39	33	37	38
Don't know	5	5	5	4	6	3	4	4	6

**Q65: Which of these statements comes closest to your view on human cloning: "I support a complete ban on all research into human cloning without exception," or "I support a ban on human cloning that would still allow research on cloned embryos to learn more about diseases," or "I oppose any law that restricts research into human cloning"?**

	<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>
A complete ban	43	31	37	58	23	45	52	41	45
A partial ban	41	47	49	34	52	46	33	45	38
Oppose restrictions	11	17	12	6	15	8	12	11	11
Don't know	5	5	2	2	10	1	3	3	6

**Q72: 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?**

	<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>
Always legal	27	35	31	15	52	24	17	29	25
Legal most of time	17	17	20	13	15	24	9	18	15
Illegal w/exceptions	40	37	40	51	28	39	52	37	44
Illegal, no exceptions	14	9	8	20	3	12	20	15	13
Don't know	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	3

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