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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,008 interviews is ± 3.1%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1a. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction.....	22	21	25	19	19	22	25	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track.....	63	67	63	67	68	66	58	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	13	9	9	11	11	12	14	11	9	
Not sure	2	3	3	3	2	-	3	6	6	
		<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>			
		28	28	29	26	29	31			
		57	58	56	61	58	54			
		13	11	13	11	11	12			
		2	3	2	2	2	3			
		<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>			
		27	27	24	26	31	30			
		60	61	67	62	57	59			
		11	10	7	9	10	8			
		2	2	2	3	2	3			
		<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>			
		26	28	32	34	35	34			
		63	59	57	52	52	51			
		8	10	8	12	10	12			
		3	3	3	2	3	3			
		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>			
		42	40	41	39	39	36			
		48	47	46	48	49	50			
		8	10	11	10	10	12			
		2	3	2	3	2	2			

<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>
36	36	33	41	47	56	41	43	38
48	48	50	49	43	30	48	47	50
14	14	14	5	6	9	8	6	8
2	2	3	5	4	5	3	3	4
<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
42	49	62	36	43	44	42	40	
44	38	22	47	42	42	43	42	
9	8	13	14	13	14	12	14	
4	5	3	3	2	-	3	4	
<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>	
52	53	62	70	72	43	45	48	
31	28	20	15	11	39	36	32	
14	15	14	12	11	14	15	18	
3	4	4	3	6	4	4	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

1b. Do you feel confident or not confident that life for our children's generation will be better than it has been for us?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>12/91+¹</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	
Feel confident	30	33	27	49	25	41	44	50	[139]
Do not feel confident	64	60	65	42	68	52	51	45	
Not sure	6	7	8	9	7	7	5	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In December 1991, question was phrased, "Do you feel very confident, fairly confident, or not at all confident that life for our children will be better than it has been for us?"

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1c. When it comes to the presidential election of 2008, which of the following three statements do you feel best represents your thinking?

America needs to keep a steady course and make small adjustments to deal with the issues and problems facing the country	24	[140]
America needs to turn the page and start a new chapter with moderate corrections in how to deal with the issues and problems facing the country	29	
America needs major reforms and a brand new and different approach in how to deal with the issues and problems facing the country	46	
Not sure	1	

2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	6	[141-142]
25-29	7	
30-34	13	
35-39	6	
40-44	9	
45-49	9	
50-54	9	
55-59	11	
60-64	9	
65-69	6	
70-74	5	
75 and over	8	
Not sure/refused	2	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	11	[143]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[144]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Hispanic (VOL).....	9	
Not sure/refused	2	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

								<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	
	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>		<u>11/01</u>	<u>6/07</u>	
Approve	34	31	33	31	29	35		88	29	[145]
Disapprove	60	63	61	63	66	60		7	66	
Not sure	6	6	6	6	5	5		5	5	
			<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/30-10/2/06+</u>		
			35	35	34	39	38	39		
			60	60	61	57	57	56		
			5	5	5	4	5	5		
		<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>		
			39	37	36	37	39	39		
			53	58	57	58	54	55		
			5	5	7	5	7	6		
	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>			
	39	40	46	47	48	50	50			
	54	55	49	47	46	45	44			
	7	5	5	6	6	5	6			
	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>			
	49	49	47	47	48	45	47			
	44	47	48	48	46	49	46			
	7	4	5	5	6	6	7			
	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>			
	50	54	58	52	51	49	56			
	46	41	34	41	44	45	38			
	5	6	9	7	5	6	6			
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>			
	62	71	66	67	62	61	54			
	31	23	29	28	33	31	40			
	7	6	5	5	5	8	6			
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>			
	63	64	67	69	75	74	57			
	31	30	27	23	18	20	22			
	6	6	6	8	7	6	21			

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>11/05</u>	
Approve.....	34	35	38	38	36	40	63	34	[146]
Disapprove.....	59	60	57	56	57	51	25	60	
Not sure.....	7	5	5	6	7	9	12	6	
	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	
	44	40	40	46	44	41	43	41	
	49	53	54	48	52	53	52	53	
	7	7	6	6	4	6	5	6	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
	38	35	36	39	39	38	40	39	
	56	60	58	54	55	57	55	54	
	6	5	6	7	6	5	5	7	
	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
	43	41	46	47	44	45	45	43	
	51	53	50	47	51	52	51	52	
	6	6	4	6	5	3	4	5	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
	45	41	45	49	48	50	43	45	
	49	53	51	45	46	44	52	48	
	6	6	4	6	6	5	6	7	
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
	47	49	44	47	48	48	49	57	
	45	42	49	45	44	43	43	34	
	8	9	7	8	8	9	8	9	
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>					
	61	63	63	52					
	30	27	25	27					
	9	10	12	21					

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>12/07**</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/07</u>	
Approve.....	32	27	27	30	37	34	82	27	[147]
Disapprove.....	63	66	68	64	57	60	12	66	
Not sure.....	5	7	5	6	6	6	6	7	
		<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
		35	32	38	35	36	45	42	
		61	61	57	59	56	51	52	
		4	7	5	6	8	4	6	
		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
		42	44	46	45	48	44	44	
		50	50	49	51	46	51	52	
		8	6	5	4	6	5	4	

	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>
	44	43	45	47	54	56	48
	52	51	51	48	41	37	47
	4	6	4	5	5	7	5
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>
	48	47	55	63	70	51	57
	48	46	39	31	24	42	36
	4	7	6	6	6	7	7
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>
	58	55	62	64	68	81	53
	35	34	28	28	26	13	20
	7	11	10	8	6	6	27

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>12/07**</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	
Approve	33	27	30	22	26	27	27	28	[148]
Disapprove	63	68	66	72	68	66	67	67	
Not sure	4	5	4	6	6	7	6	5	
		<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	
		23	34	33	38	34	35	33	
		71	63	63	57	61	61	62	
		6	3	4	5	5	4	5	
		<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
		35	39	36	32	37	39	44	
		61	56	60	64	58	55	52	
		4	5	4	4	5	6	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/92+</u>	
Approve	18	19	23	23	31	31	16	61	15	[149]
Disapprove	70	68	65	64	52	53	75	28	78	
Not sure	12	13	12	13	17	16	9	11	7	
		<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
		20	25	23	22	33	29	25	28	
		65	60	64	65	53	56	60	57	
		15	15	13	13	14	15	15	15	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		29	28	33	39	41	40	39	46	
		53	55	51	46	40	42	43	41	
		18	17	16	15	19	18	18	13	
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
	39	43	39	43	42	44	44	40		
	47	45	45	43	39	39	40	44		
	14	11	16	14	19	17	16	16		

<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>
34	43	54	57	47	43	45	48
48	41	29	29	34	33	32	35
18	16	17	14	19	24	23	17
<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>
55	49	46	46	43	42	43	48
30	35	41	42	46	44	40	36
15	16	13	12	11	14	17	16
<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>
45	42	40	43	43	40	49	50
42	45	49	41	41	42	38	40
13	13	11	16	16	18	13	10
<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>				
44	48	24	23				
42	39	67	67				
14	13	9	10				

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY DISAPPROVE IN Q.4a.)

4b. Let me read you a number of criticisms people have mentioned when it comes to the performance of Congress this year. Please tell me which one or two concern you the most. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS

	All Adults	Disapprove Of Congress (Q.4a)	
Too much control by special interests	21	30	[150-151]
Too much partisan gridlock	21	30	>
Too much wasteful spending	18	26	
Spent too much time on the war and not enough on domestic issues	17	24	
Has not done enough to change course in Iraq and stand up to the President	17	24	
Failed to pass legislation on immigration	15	22	
Did not support the President's policies	6	9	
None (VOL)	-	-	
Other (VOL)	1	2	
Not sure	-	-	
Approve/not sure about Congress (Q.4a)	30	NA	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

5a. Please tell me how interested you are in next November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in next November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
10, very interested	62	59	74	71	63	[152-153]
9	9	9	8	7	10	
8	13	12	9	9	12	
7	5	7	3	5	6	
6	3	3	2	2	2	
5	4	5	2	4	4	
4	1	1	-	1	1	
3	1	1	1	-	-	
2	-	-	-	-	1	
1, not at all interested	2	3	1	1	1	
Cannot rate	-	-	-	-	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

5b. Using a ten-point scale, please tell me how likely you are to vote in next November's elections for president and Congress. If you are certain that you will vote, pick a number closer to "8," "9," or "10." If it is less likely that you will vote, use a number closer to "1," "2," or "3." You may choose any number from one to ten.

	12/07	11/07	7/04	6/04	5/04	3/04	10/00	10/96 ¹	5/96 ¹⁺	
10, certain to vote.....	84	80	83	80	80	73	75	81	78	[154-155]
9.....	5	5	8	8	10	9	12	8	8	
8.....	4	4	3	5	4	8	7	6	6	
7.....	1	1	1	2	2	1	2			
6.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
5.....	1	2	2	2	1	2	1			
4.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	} 5	} 7	
3.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	-			
2.....	-	1	-	-	-	1	1			
1, less likely to vote.....	2	4	1	1	1	4	1			
Cannot rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	

¹ In May and December 1996, the categories of "1" through "7" were collapsed and shown together.

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

6a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	26	[156]
Not very strong Democrat.....	7	Skip to Q.7
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	18	CONTINUE
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	6	Skip to Q.7
Strong Republican.....	18	
Other.....	5	CONTINUE
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.6a.)

6b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

Vote in the Democratic primary.....	18	[157]
Vote in the Republican primary.....	13	
Wait until the general election.....	57	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	10	

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/Not Sure	
George W. Bush							[158]
December 2007.....	16	20	11	13	40	-	
November 2007.....	17	17	10	14	41	1	
September 2007.....	18	18	11	13	40	-	
July 2007.....	13	20	11	15	41	-	

June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-
April 2007	17	19	13	14	37	-
March 2007	18	20	9	14	39	-
January 2007.....	17	18	12	17	35	1
December 2006.....	19	19	10	15	37	-
October 28-30, 2006+	23	17	10	14	36	-
October 13-16, 2006+	19	20	9	15	37	-
September 2006+	23	19	9	13	36	-
July 2006	21	18	10	15	36	-
June 2006.....	18	21	9	15	37	-
April 2006	19	20	9	15	37	-
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-
July 2005	27	20	10	15	28	-
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-
October 2002+	37	24	11	12	15	1
July 2002	40	26	11	11	12	-
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1

High

December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-
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Low

June 2007.....	12	20	11	15	42	-
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+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Barack Obama

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December 2007	17	29	22	14	12	6
November 2007	15	28	24	12	12	9
September 2007	15	27	23	13	12	10
July 2007	16	26	24	12	10	12
April 2007	19	26	25	8	6	16
March 2007	18	19	26	11	6	20
December 2006	17	18	18	7	6	34
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40

Hillary Clinton

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December 2007	22	20	13	12	32	1
November 2007	19	24	12	14	30	1
September 2007	20	24	13	13	29	1
July 2007	20	24	16	12	27	1
June 2007.....	18	24	15	16	26	1
March 2007	16	23	17	15	28	1
December 2006	21	22	17	12	26	2
April 2006	19	19	19	13	28	2
December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1
December 13, 2003	21	25	12	12	30	1

July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1
September 2000+	19	23	16	13	28	1
June 2000+	19	22	16	13	29	1
March 2000+	18	24	19	15	23	1
January 2000	21	23	18	13	24	1
December 1999	19	22	17	13	28	1
October 1999	21	24	13	16	25	1

High

January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1
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Low

March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1
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Mike Huckabee

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December 2007	9	18	25	15	8	25
November 2007	5	12	26	6	5	46
September 2007	4	12	22	7	5	50

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Michael Bloomberg

[162]

December 2007 *	3	11	30	13	10	33
July 2007	5	15	35	9	4	32
December 2006	5	16	30	7	3	39

John Edwards

[163]

December 2007 *	11	27	23	14	17	8
November 2007	9	28	25	16	15	7
September 2007	12	29	22	14	13	10
July 2007	12	25	26	14	13	10
June 2007	12	24	29	12	14	9
March 2007	8	25	32	12	11	12
December 2006	11	23	26	13	8	19
December 2004	16	24	24	16	13	7
October 2004+	18	24	21	13	20	4
September 2004+	20	21	21	14	17	7
August 2004+	19	22	25	15	13	6
July 2004+	18	26	26	12	8	10
June 2004+	10	22	29	11	4	24
March 2004	12	24	27	14	6	17
January 2004	4	12	24	8	6	45
December 13, 2003	3	14	21	8	5	49

Laura Bush

[170]

December 2007 **	31	23	26	8	7	5
January 2007	33	22	26	8	6	5
October, 2006+	35	21	28	7	5	4
January 2006+	36	19	27	8	5	5
December 2005	36	24	27	5	5	3
May 2005	40	25	24	6	3	2
February 2005	41	24	22	5	5	3
December 2004	40	22	21	7	6	4

August 2004+	38	19	24	8	6	5
December 2001	49	27	16	2	2	4
March 2001	28	24	33	3	2	10
January 2001	16	18	34	4	5	23
July 2000+	13	14	28	4	4	37

Oprah Winfrey

[171]

December 2007 **	23	21	29	12	13	2
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* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Fred Thompson

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December 2007 ¹	6	19	22	16	12	25
November 2007	6	17	27	13	10	27
September 2007	12	16	22	12	10	28
July 2007	6	15	23	9	5	42
June 2007	10	13	23	6	4	44
April 2007	8	14	19	3	1	55
September 1997	6	10	16	4	3	61
July 1997	6	12	16	4	3	59

John McCain

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December 2007 ¹	10	29	26	21	7	7
November 2007	8	27	31	19	7	8
September 2007	9	27	26	18	11	9
July 2007	7	28	25	20	9	11
April 2007	11	31	27	15	7	9
March 2007	12	31	25	15	9	8
December 2006	13	33	22	16	4	12
June 2006	11	29	29	11	5	15
April 2006	12	27	28	13	6	14
August 2004+	18	33	26	8	4	11
July 2004+	19	30	30	9	2	10
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11
July 2002	12	29	27	10	5	17
April 2002	18	29	25	9	3	16
June 2001	15	29	26	11	6	13
April 2001	17	30	25	9	3	16
January 2001	16	28	29	7	3	17
July 2000+	18	32	25	9	6	10
April 2000+	16	30	27	12	5	10
January 2000	14	20	27	8	3	28
December 1999	12	22	24	4	2	36

High

May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11
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Low

October 1999	9	20	22	5	2	42
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¹ Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (686 total respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Rudy Giuliani

[172/177]

December 2007 ²	10	27	19	17	20	7
November 2007	12	31	20	16	15	6
September 2007	15	28	20	15	15	7
March 2007	21	37	21	8	6	7
December 2006	19	36	22	9	5	9
August 2004+	29	29	20	7	4	11
September 2002	42	25	16	3	3	11
December 2001	61	23	9	1	1	5

Mitt Romney

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December 2007 ²	9	16	26	16	11	22
November 2007	4	18	27	17	12	22
September 2007	6	18	26	14	11	25
June 2007	5	16	23	13	7	36
March 2007	4	11	24	11	6	44
December 2006	3	8	22	7	4	56

² Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (682 total respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

8a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.8a.)

8b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	Q.8a Top Priority		Q.8a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities	
The war in Iraq	18		36	[208-209]
Health care	18		35	
Job creation and economic growth	14		31	
Illegal immigration	12		26	
Terrorism	9		20	
Energy and the cost of gas.....	8	CONTINUE	20	
The environment and global warming.....	7		16	
Foreign policy and Iran	5		13	
Other (VOL).....	-		1	
All equally (VOL)	8		-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	Skip to Q.9	-	
Not sure	1		-	

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	COMBINED Top Priority Top/Second Priorities
The war in Iraq	46
Health care	34
Job creation and economic growth	27
Illegal immigration	24

Terrorism	13	23
Energy and the cost of gas	6	17
The environment and global warming	8	17
Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage	3	8
Other (VOL)	1	1
All equally (VOL)	2	1
None of these (VOL)	-	-
Not sure	-	-

9. What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/30-10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	[210]
Republican-controlled Congress	34	37	35	37	37	39	39	38	
Democrat-controlled Congress	48	46	47	52	52	48	48	48	
Not sure	18	17	18	11	11	13	13	14	
		<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	
		38	39	37	38	38	37	39	
		49	45	50	47	46	48	48	
		13	16	13	15	16	15	13	
		<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
		40	40	43	42	42	41	42	
		45	47	44	46	44	44	45	
		15	13	13	12	14	15	13	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		
	42	42	43	42	43	42	44		
	43	42	42	42	41	41	40		
	15	16	15	16	16	17	16		
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>		
	42	40	39	39	42	41	37		
	40	44	41	43	41	40	43		
	18	16	20	18	17	19	20		
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>		
	41	40	39	41	40	41	41		
	43	39	40	37	42	37	39		
	16	21	21	22	18	22	20		
	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>				
	45	44	41	42	44				
	39	38	38	41	38				
	16	18	21	17	18				

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

10. Putting aside for a moment the question of who each party's nominee might be, what is your preference for the outcome of the 2008 presidential election—that a Democrat be elected president, that a Republican be elected president, or that an independent candidate be elected president? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) And do you strongly prefer a (Democrat/Republican), or is your preference not that strong?

Democrat—strongly	39	[211]
Democrat—not strongly	8	Skip to Q.12
Republican—not strongly	8	
Republican—strongly	25	
Independent candidate	10	CONTINUE

Other (VOL)	1	Skip to Q.12
Not sure.....	9	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE IN Q.10a.)

11. And, supposing there were no independent candidate on the ballot, what would your preference be for the outcome of the 2008 election that a Democrat be elected president or that a Republican be elected president?

Democratic candidate be elected president.....	4	[212]
Republican candidate be elected president.....	3	
Other (VOL)	1	
Not sure.....	2	
Democrat/Republican/Other/Not sure (Q.10).....	90	

Q.10/11 COMBINED RESULTS WITH TREND				
	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>
Democrat—strongly	39	42	41	39
Democrat—not strongly/independent, lean Democrat	12	8	8	10
Republican—not strongly/independent, lean Republican ...	12	7	8	6
Republican—strongly	25	28	28	25
Other (VOL).....	1	3	4	6
Not sure	11	12	11	14

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)

12. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2008. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
Hillary Clinton	45	47	44	43	39	36	40	37	[213-214]
Barack Obama	23	25	23	22	25	31	28	18	
John Edwards	13	11	16	13	15	20	15	14	
Joe Biden	4	3	2	5	4	3	2	4	
Dennis Kucinich	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	NA	
Bill Richardson	2	4	4	6	4	2	5	2	
Chris Dodd	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	NA	
Mike Gravel	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	-	3	1	1	2	1	1	17	
None (VOL).....	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	
Not sure.....	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)

13. If (READ ITEM) were selected as the Democratic nominee, would you vote for this person with enthusiasm, with some reservations, only based on who the opponent was, or not vote for that person?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VOTE WITH ENTHUSIASM

	<u>Vote With Enthusiasm</u>	<u>Vote With Some Reservations</u>	<u>Vote Only Based On Opponent</u>	<u>Not Vote For That Person</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	50	28	12	9	1	[216]
Barack Obama.....	44	29	10	13	4	[215]
John Edwards.....	36	33	14	12	5	[217]

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)

14. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. If the next Republican primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/28-30/07</u>	<u>9/7-10/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	20	33	30	32	33	29	33	38	34	[218-219]
Mitt Romney.....	20	11	10	11	11	14	12	8	8	
Mike Huckabee.....	17	8	4	4	1	3	2	2	2	
John McCain.....	14	16	15	14	17	14	22	24	29	
Fred Thompson.....	11	15	23	26	20	20	17	NA	NA	
Ron Paul.....	4	4	2	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	
Duncan Hunter.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	NA	
Tom Tancredo.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	3	5	
None (VOL).....	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	
Not sure.....	9	7	10	6	7	10	9	9	8	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)

15. If **(READ ITEM)** were selected as the Republican nominee, would you vote for this person with enthusiasm, with some reservations, only based on who the opponent was, or not vote for that person?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VOTE WITH ENTHUSIASM

	<u>Vote With Enthusiasm</u>	<u>Vote With Some Reservations</u>	<u>Vote Only Based On Opponent</u>	<u>Not Vote For That Person</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Mitt Romney.....	35	25	19	12	9	[223]
Rudy Giuliani.....	33	38	15	11	3	[220]
John McCain.....	32	38	17	9	4	[222]
Mike Huckabee.....	30	28	17	14	11	[221]
Fred Thompson.....	29	32	19	11	9	[224]

(Q.16a-Q.16f ARE ROTATED.)

16a. If the next election for president were held today, and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	43	45	42	41	43	47	[225/229]
Hillary Clinton.....	46	46	49	47	48	42	
Depends (VOL).....	2	-	-	1	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	5	7	5	4	
Not sure.....	4	4	4	4	3	4	

16b. If the next election for president were held today, and Mitt Romney were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>12/06+</u>	
Mitt Romney.....	41	39	38	37	[226/230]
Hillary Clinton.....	48	50	51	47	
Depends (VOL).....	2	1	-	2	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	6	5	
Not sure.....	4	5	5	9	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16c. If the next election for president were held today, and Mike Huckabee were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? *

Mike Huckabee	44	[227]
Hillary Clinton	46	
Depends (VOL)	1	
Neither/other (VOL)	5	
Not sure	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16d. If the next election for president were held today, and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	40	42	40	45	[228]
Barack Obama	49	44	45	39	
Depends (VOL)	3	1	2	3	
Neither/other (VOL)	4	6	7	4	
Not sure.....	4	7	6	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16e. If the next election for president were held today, and Mike Huckabee were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? **

Mike Huckabee	36	[231]
Barack Obama	48	
Depends (VOL)	3	
Neither/other (VOL)	6	
Not sure	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16f. If the next election for president were held today, and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican candidate, Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, and Ron Paul were an independent candidate, for whom would you vote? **

Rudy Giuliani.....	36	[232]
Hillary Clinton	45	
Ron Paul.....	9	
Depends (VOL)	2	
None/other (VOL)	3	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16g. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement.

No matter who wins the presidential election next November, America will have a good president.

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
Strongly agree	10	8	[233]
Somewhat agree	27	22	
Somewhat disagree	23	20	
Strongly disagree	33	45	
Not sure	7	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among likely voters ONLY.

17a. Which of the following types of issues are the most important to you in choosing between the presidential candidates? **

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Economic issues, such as jobs and economic growth	26	[234]
National defense issues, such as Iraq and the war on terror.....	24	
Domestic issues, such as health and education.....	22	
Foreign policy issues, such as Iran and the Middle East	11	
Domestic issues, such as immigration	8	
Social issues, such as gun control and gay rights.....	5	
Other (VOL)	2	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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	<u>3/04</u>
Economic issues, such as jobs and economic growth	36
Domestic issues, such as health and education	27
National defense issues, such as Iraq and the war on terror	18
Social issues, such as gun control and gay rights.....	9
Foreign policy issues, such as Iran and the Middle East and Haiti	7
Not sure	4

17b. Which of the following qualities are the most important to you in choosing between the presidential candidates?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Strong leader and decisive.....	30	[235]
Good values and character	25	
Knowledgeable and experienced.....	21	
Smart and intelligent.....	11	
Forward-looking and inspirational	8	
Personable and likable	2	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure	2	

18a. How would you rate Rudy Giuliani on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Being easygoing and likable							[241]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *	20	26	25	10	14	5	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	27	37	23	8	3	2	
Being a good commander-in-chief							[242]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *	20	24	27	9	15	5	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	32	32	25	6	3	2	

Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency [237]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	18	25	27	11	14	5
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	30	32	26	7	3	2
June 2007	31	27	26	7	4	5

Being honest and straightforward [239]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	13	21	30	13	17	6
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	20	30	30	13	5	2

Shares your positions on the issues [238]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	8	19	34	16	16	7
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	12	33	34	13	5	3
June 2007	12	24	36	8	13	7

Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country [240]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	8	16	32	17	21	6
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	10	25	33	18	12	2

* Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (686 total respondents).

18b. How would you rate Mitt Romney on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country							[246]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *	20	19	18	11	10	22	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	34	26	19	3	2	16	

Being easygoing and likable [247]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	13	24	24	9	8	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	22	33	20	5	2	18

Being honest and straightforward [245]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	16	19	22	10	11	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	28	29	19	4	3	17

Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency [243]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	9	17	28	12	12	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	15	30	28	7	3	17
June 2007	11	19	27	10	5	28

Shares your positions on the issues

[244]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	8	16	23	12	18	23
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	15	30	27	5	4	19
June 2007	11	18	29	9	6	27

Being a good commander-in-chief

[248]

ALL ADULTS

December 2007 *	10	13	27	11	15	24
Republican primary voters						
December 2007	18	23	30	5	4	20

* Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (686 total respondents).

18c. How would you rate John McCain on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency							[249]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 **	24	28	24	9	7	8	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	38	32	18	4	3	5	
June 2007	30	32	21	6	6	5	
Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country							[252]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 **	24	27	26	6	7	10	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	34	31	21	4	3	7	
Being honest and straightforward							[251]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 **	24	25	24	8	9	10	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	32	32	21	5	4	6	
Being a good commander-in-chief							[254]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 **	20	25	26	12	7	10	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007	32	30	21	8	3	6	
Being easygoing and likable							[253]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 **	15	24	33	12	5	11	

Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	18	25	36	10	4	7
Shares your positions on the issues						
[250]						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 **.....	10	17	34	16	12	11
Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	16	27	35	9	5	8
June 2007.....	8	23	35	15	11	8

** Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (682 total respondents).

18d. How would you rate Mike Huckabee on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating? ²

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Being easygoing and likable							[259]
ALL ADULTS.....	14	22	26	6	6	26	
Republican primary voters.....	22	27	22	4	2	23	
Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country							[258]
ALL ADULTS.....	16	19	23	8	8	26	
Republican primary voters.....	30	23	17	4	3	23	
Being honest and straightforward							[257]
ALL ADULTS.....	14	18	23	9	8	28	
Republican primary voters.....	24	24	22	4	3	23	
Shares your positions on the issues							[256]
ALL ADULTS.....	7	15	25	12	13	28	
Republican primary voters.....	14	23	26	8	5	24	
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency							[255]
ALL ADULTS.....	7	13	29	14	11	26	
Republican primary voters.....	11	19	34	9	5	22	
Being a good commander-in-chief							[260]
ALL ADULTS.....	7	12	28	13	10	30	
Republican primary voters.....	13	17	30	9	5	26	

** Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (682 total respondents).

19a. Let me mention several things you might learn about a candidate running for president. For each one, please tell me whether this should or should not disqualify someone from becoming president of the United States.

(FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING, ASK:) If someone **(READ ITEM)**, do you think this should or should not disqualify this person from becoming president of the United States?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SHOULD DISQUALIFY SOMEONE

Should Disqualify Someone	Should Not Disqualify Someone	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure
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Has tax problems with the IRS					[265]
December 2007 **	53	34	12	1	
February-March 1992	50	37	11	2	
October 1991	63	28	7	2	
Has used cocaine in the past					[262]
December 2007 **	36	51	10	3	
February-March 1992	50	37	11	2	
Had an extramarital affair					[263]
December 2007 **	30	63	5	2	
February-March 1992	23	70	5	2	
October 1991	35	55	7	3	
Smoked marijuana while in college					[261]
December 2007 **	9	87	3	1	
February-March 1992	14	82	3	1	
October 1991	14	80	5	1	
Had cancer in the past					[264]
December 2007 **	2	96	2	-	
February-March 1992	5	90	4	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

19b. Which of the following statements is closest to your own view of the two-party system today, in terms of how well it defines issues and provides choices for voters?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/95</u>	
The two-party system works fairly well.....	20	15	15	[266]
The two-party system has real problems, but with some improvements it can still work well.....	47	55	54	
The two-party system is seriously broken, and the country needs a third party.....	29	27	28	
Not sure.....	4	3	3	

Switching subjects . . .

20a. When it comes to the role of religion in the presidential election, would you say that religion is talked about too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too much	45	[267]
Too little	22	
About the right amount	30	
Not sure.....	3	

20b. Do you know what Mitt Romney's religion is? (IF "YES," ASK:) What religion is he? (DO NOT READ RESPONSES) *

Protestant (includes United Church of Christ, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	1	[268]
Catholic	-	
Jewish	-	
Muslim.....	-	
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	59	
Other	-	
None.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	39	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

20c. Do you know what Barack Obama's religion is? (IF "YES," ASK:) What religion is he? (DO NOT READ RESPONSES) **

Protestant (includes United Church of Christ, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	17	[269]
Catholic	2	
Jewish	-	
Muslim.....	8	
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	1	
Other	1	
None.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	70	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20d. Last week, Mitt Romney explained his views on religion and his Mormon faith. Based on what you have heard, would you say that you feel comfortable with Mitt Romney and his religious beliefs, you do not feel comfortable with Mitt Romney and his religious beliefs, or don't you know enough to say either way? *

Feel comfortable.....	43	[270]
Do not feel comfortable.....	18	
Don't know enough to say either way	36	
Not sure	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

20e. Last week, Mitt Romney explained his views on religion and his Mormon faith. Based on what you have heard, would you say that you feel comfortable with Mitt Romney and that his religious beliefs will not interfere with his decisions as president, you do not feel comfortable with Mitt Romney and worry his religious beliefs will interfere with his decisions as president, or don't you know enough to say either way? **

Feel comfortable.....	39	[271]
Do not feel comfortable.....	26	
Don't know enough to say either way	33	
Not sure	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Changing topics . . .

21a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/02</u>	
Very satisfied	5	10	6	3	4	31	2	[272]
Somewhat satisfied	27	33	45	33	27	55	32	
Somewhat dissatisfied	28	32	30	38	37	10	41	
Very dissatisfied	40	25	18	25	31	3	24	
Not sure	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
		2	4	6	4	5	18	
		32	42	44	43	47	57	
		41	39	33	39	32	18	
		24	14	15	13	15	6	
		1	1	2	1	1	1	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
		29	23	26	27	31	18	
		52	53	54	55	55	52	
		12	17	13	12	10	20	

6	7	6	5	3	8
1	-	1	1	1	2
<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>
13	10	13	9	7	5
52	51	45	51	49	43
23	27	27	27	30	32
10	10	13	11	12	18
2	2	2	2	2	2
<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>
4	3	3	4	4	4
43	39	37	39	40	41
38	37	38	35	37	38
14	19	19	21	18	15
1	2	3	1	1	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21b. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/02+</u>	[273]
Very satisfied	21	19	17	18	16	19	21	26	18	
Somewhat satisfied	46	50	44	40	47	50	50	52	40	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	17	18	21	23	24	19	17	14	23	
Very dissatisfied	16	13	17	19	13	12	11	7	19	
Not sure	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	
	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>				
	25	21	22	25	26	20				
	51	53	50	51	52	51				
	13	14	18	13	14	16				
	10	11	10	10	7	12				
	1	1	-	1	1	1				
	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>					
	19	16	17	16	13					
	49	50	48	50	48					
	17	20	20	21	24					
	14	13	14	12	14					
	1	1	1	1	1					

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21c. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>12/07**</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	[274]
Will be an economic recession	56	39	43	26	30	31	23	30	
Will not be an economic recession	31	48	43	55	53	55	66	56	
Not sure.....	13	13	14	19	17	14	11	14	
	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/15-</u> <u>18/90</u>	
	22	15	19	23	32	73	66	51	
	68	77	70	67	53	19	24	35	
	10	8	11	10	15	8	10	14	
	<u>9/4-</u> <u>5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>		
	58	57	25	30	23	30	31		
	30	26	49	57	64	56	56		

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

22. Let me read you a number of aspects dealing with the economy, for each please tell me whether this is currently affecting you a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little. If this does not apply to you, just say so. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT

	<u>A Great Deal</u>	<u>Quite A Bit</u>	<u>Just Some</u>	<u>Very Little</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The price of gasoline and home heating oil.....	51	19	21	5	4	-	[275]
The cost of health care	43	17	19	11	10	-	[308]
Savings and pensions for retirement	28	11	25	11	24	1	[279]
Job security and layoffs	17	7	12	14	50	-	[278]
Your investments in the stock market.....	14	10	19	14	42	1	[277]
The cost and security of your mortgage	15	4	14	18	49	-	[276]
Overtime pay and bonuses at work	13	6	11	11	58	1	[280]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Switching subjects . . .

23. Do you think the fact that the American economy has become increasingly global is good because it has opened up new markets for American products and resulted in more jobs, or bad because it has subjected American companies and employees to unfair competition and cheap labor?

	<u>12/07**</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
Globalization has been good	28	42	[309]
Globalization has been bad	58	48	
About equally good and bad (VOL)	11	7	
Not sure	3	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

24a. President Bush recently announced that the mortgage industry has agreed to provide assistance for some homeowners with subprime mortgages. The voluntary agreement would freeze interest rates for some of those who are now making payments on time, but whose payments are scheduled to rise, with the goal of helping them avoid foreclosure. Based on what you have heard, do you feel this plan does enough to address the problem, does too much, or does not do enough? *

Does enough to address the problem	21	[310]
Does too much to address the problem	14	
Does not do enough to address the problem	52	
Not sure	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

24b. President Bush recently announced that the mortgage industry has agreed to provide assistance for some homeowners with subprime mortgages. The voluntary agreement would freeze interest rates for some of those who are now making payments on time, but whose payments are scheduled to rise, with the goal of helping them avoid foreclosure. Based on what you have heard, do you favor or oppose this plan? **

Favor.....	55	[311]
Oppose	33	
Not sure	12	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

On the issue of immigration . . .

25a. Would you say that immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, OR immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
Helps more than it hurts	39	46	45	44	45	37	[312]
Hurts more than it helps	52	44	42	45	45	53	
Not sure	9	10	13	11	10	10	

25b. Which of these statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Immigration is an economic benefit to the United States because immigrant workers fulfill jobs in America that citizens either do not want or cannot do.

Statement B: Immigration is an economic threat to the United States because immigrant workers take jobs that would otherwise be fulfilled by American citizens.

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>4/05</u>	
Statement A /immigration is an economic benefit....	40	46	[312]
Statement B /immigration is an economic threat.....	43	45	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	13	7	
Not sure	4	2	

Now thinking about Iraq . . .

26a. Do you think the U.S. goal of achieving victory in Iraq is still possible, or not?

	<u>12/07**</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Yes, victory in Iraq is still possible.....	37	40	37	32	36	[314]
No, victory in Iraq is not still possible	56	54	56	62	55	
Not sure	7	6	7	6	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

26b. Do you think the recent increase in troop levels in Iraq is helping the situation there, is hurting the situation there, or is not making a difference either way?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Helping the situation	37	33	29	24	[315]
Hurting the situation	14	15	18	22	
Not making a difference either way.....	44	48	49	48	
Not sure	5	4	4	6	

26c. When it comes to the war in Iraq, which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: The most responsible thing we can do is find a way to withdraw most of our troops from Iraq by the beginning of 2009.

Statement B: The most responsible thing we can do is to remain in Iraq until the situation in the country is stable.

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>11/07</u>	
Statement A /withdraw most troops by 2009	57	55	[316]
Statement B /remain until the situation is stable....	40	40	
Not sure.....	3	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

27. Thinking about the situation today in Iraq, do you think the violence in that country is BETTER described as Iraqis fighting against each other in a civil war OR Iraqis and foreign terrorists fighting against American soldiers?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	
Iraqis fighting against each other in a civil war	46	42	40	[317]
Iraqis and foreign terrorists fighting against American soldiers	24	30	31	
Some of both (VOL)	24	23	26	
Not sure	6	5	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

28a. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? (IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	
Should Initiate Military Action						
Feel strongly	38	33	38	37	33	[318]
Do not feel strongly	10	10	16	11	9	
Should NOT Initiate Military Action						
Do not feel strongly	8	12	12	11	13	
Feel strongly	34	35	27	29	33	
Depends (VOL)	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	
Not sure	10	10	7	12	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28b. As you may know, United States intelligence agencies recently announced that Iran stopped its nuclear weapons program in 2003. How much confidence do you have in the intelligence agencies regarding this report—a great deal of confidence, quite a bit, just some, or very little confidence? **

A great deal of confidence.....	6	[319]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	11	
Just some confidence.....	33	
Very little confidence.....	46	
Not sure	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	91	[321]
Not registered.....	7	
Not sure	2	

F2a. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted—George W. Bush	39	[322]
Voted—John Kerry	35	
Voted—someone else.....	6	
Voted—refused (VOL).....	2	
Did not vote	14	
Not sure	4	

F2b. Which of the following media do you turn to most frequently for information about the presidential campaign--newspapers, magazines, radio, cable television, broadcast television, Internet news Web sites, or blogs?

	12/07	10/96+ ¹	
Newspapers	15	27	[323-324]
Magazines	2	3	
Radio	8	6	
Television	54	56	
Cable television.....	38	NA	
Broadcast television.....	16	NA	
Internet	12	2	
Internet news Web sites	12	NA	
Blogs.....	-	NA	
All (VOL).....	6	4	
None (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	2	1	

¹ In October 1996, trend was just television and not cable and broadcast as separate punches and trend had only internet, not separate punches for blogs and internet news websites.

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F3. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager	23	[325]
White-collar worker	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	13	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker	7	
Retired	27	
Unemployed, looking for work	3	
Other	-	
Not sure	3	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	1	[333-334]
Some high school.....	7	
High school graduate	21	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	13	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	11	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F5. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single	17	[335]
Unmarried and living with a partner.....	3	
Married	60	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed	9	
Divorced	8	
Other (VOL)	-	
Not sure/refused	2	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? **(IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:)** Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	10	[336]
Somewhat liberal.....	14	
Moderate.....	32	
Somewhat conservative.....	19	
Very conservative.....	19	
Not sure	6	

F7a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	51	CONTINUE	[337]
Catholic	24		
Jewish	2	Skip to Q.F8	
Muslim.....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2		
Other	7		
None.....	10	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	4		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F7a.)

F7b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	20	[338]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	41	
Not sure.....	10	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F7a)	29	

F8. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never	16	[339]
Once a year	5	
A few times a year	19	
Once a month	5	
About twice a month	8	
Once a week or more often	42	
Not sure	5	

F9a. Are you a current or retired labor union member?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY NO OR NOT SURE IN Q.F9a.)

F9b. Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member	15	[341]
Labor union household	8	
Non-union household	73	
Not sure	4	

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	3	[342]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	6	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	7	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	14	
More than \$100,000	17	
Not sure/refused	16	

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The sample was drawn in the following manner: 523 geographic points were randomly selected proportionate to the population of each region and, within each region, by size of place. Individuals were selected by a method that gave all telephone numbers, listed and unlisted, an equal chance of being included.

One adult, 18 years or older, was selected from each household by a procedure to provide a balance of respondents by sex. The data's margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points; sample tolerances for subgroups are larger.