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## A Year Before '08 Election, Public's Theme is Discontent

Decade-high discontent marks the political landscape a year before the 2008 election, with economic worries compounding the public's war weariness, deep dissatisfaction with the sitting president - and growing disapproval of the Democratic-led Congress.

Seventy-four percent of Americans in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll say the country's headed in the wrong direction, the most since the government shut down in a contentious budget battle in early 1996. And while George W. Bush remains at his career low in job approval, he now has company: A year after they won control of the House and Senate, approval of the Democrats in Congress has fallen to its lowest since 1995.

At play are two of the most powerful forces in politics: an unpopular war and economic anxiety. On Iraq, 63 percent of Americans continue to say the war was not worth fighting. And at home, nearly two-thirds rate the economy negatively, with nearly seven in 10 seeing some likelihood of a recession in the year ahead.


CHANGE - A clear demand is for change; 75 percent want to see the next president lead the nation in a direction different from Bush's. That compares to just 47 percent who held that view at this point in Bill Clinton's presidency, 55 percent in Ronald Reagan's. Even among Republicans, a bare majority wants a change in direction from Bush's.


Indeed, while 67 percent of Republicans still approve of Bush's job performance, that's a career low within his own party. (Among all Americans, just 33 percent approve.) And a majority of Republicans, 53 percent, say the country's off on the wrong track; that soars to 74 percent of independents and a nearly unanimous 91 percent of Democrats.

While the Democrats retain the upper hand on most issues, they've failed to retain their grasp on the sentiment that brought them to power in Congress: Approval of the Democrats in Congress has dropped by a remarkable 18 points since spring. And in the presidential race, Hillary Clinton, while highly popular within her party, remains a divisive figure more broadly. Nearly half the public views her unfavorably, and more view her "strongly" unfavorably than any other leading candidate in either party.

Challenges to the Republicans are deeper still. While Giuliani retains the advantage for the nomination, he's still comparatively weak in the Republican base. And his own personal favorability rating - the basic measure of a public figure's popularity - has dropped sharply, from 67 percent in December to 50 percent now, on par with Clinton's.

Just 39 percent of Americans view the Republican Party favorably, the fewest since 1998 and down a remarkable 24 points from its post- $9 / 11$ high in early 2002. Substantially
more hold a favorable view of the Democratic Party - 51 percent - although this, too, is far below its best, 64 percent in late 2000.


Fifty-four percent of Americans want the Democrats to retain control of Congress after the next election. But given their declining ratings, the Democrats' current advantage is hardly a lock. And the discouraged, disgruntled nature of public opinion may make the election of 2008 a particularly unpredictable one.

ISSUES/INTEREST - Three issues look primed to dominate: Iraq, the economy and health care. Asked the first and second most important issues in the election, 45 percent cite Iraq, 29 percent the economy and 27 percent health care, with other mentions in the single digits.

There are some partisan differences: Republicans are more apt than Democrats to cite terrorism or immigration, while Democrats are more emphatic on health care and Iraq.

|  | Top two election issues |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All | Leaned Democrats | Leaned Republicans |
| Iraq | $45 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Economy | 29 | 30 | 30 |
| Health care | 27 | 33 | 19 |
| Terrorism | 9 | 3 | 17 |
| Immigration | 8 | 4 | 13 |
| (Totals more than $100 \%$ | because two answers accepted) |  |  |

Interest in the election remains substantial - 67 percent of Americans say they're following it somewhat or very closely (mainly "somewhat"), steady all year. And Democrats are more apt to like what they see: Eighty-one percent are satisfied with their choice of candidates, far more than said so at this time in 2003 (68 percent). Notably fewer Republicans, 69 percent, are satisfied with the choices for their nomination.

DEM STANDINGS - The Democrats' interest is focused in large part on Clinton, who retains a sizable lead for the nomination. She's supported by 49 percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, compared with 26 percent for Barack Obama and 12 percent for John Edwards, with all others in single digits. The figures are virtually identical among registered voters and likely voters.

Clinton's support has ranged from 41 to 53 percent in seven ABC/Post polls this year, highest in the last two. She continues to lead across population groups within the party. The only meaningful change in this poll compared to the last, completed Sept. 30, is a slight six-point improvement for Obama, putting him back at his level earlier this year.

Within her party, Clinton's riding the two-horse team of strength and electability. Sixtytwo percent of Democrats pick her as the candidate most likely to win in November, a new high and up 19 points since June. Fifty-nine percent also pick her as the strongest leader, her next largest advantage.


Her reputation for overall leadership also lends Clinton a more-than 2-1 advantage among Democrats in trust to handle Iraq and Iran alike, the latter despite a recent dust-up over her support for designating Iran's Republican Guards as a terrorist group.

Clinton has been, and remains, most vulnerable on honesty and trustworthiness, an attribute on which a comparatively low 34 percent now choose her, vs. 29 percent for Obama. But that is better than it was as recently as June, when Obama had a six-point edge on this quality.

REP STANDINGS - In the Republican race, Giuliani retains almost a 2-1 lead over his closest opponents, with 33 percent support from Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, compared with 19 percent for John McCain, 16 percent for Fred Thompson, 11 percent for Mitt Romney and 9 percent for Mike Huckabee. The only real change from a month ago is a seven-point advance for McCain, back to his level earlier this year.

There are many more fault lines in the Republican contest than on the Democratic side. Evangelical white Protestants, a core Republican group with objections to Giuliani’s support for legal abortion and gay civil unions, divide evenly among Giuliani, McCain and Thompson. Similarly, Giuliani’s support is 10 points lower among conservatives than among moderates (conservatives provide nearly all of Huckabee’s support). And Giuliani holds a substantially larger lead among Republican-leaning independents than among mainline Republicans.


Nonetheless, preferences in this contest, as in the Democratic race, are consistent across registered and likely voter groups.

In terms of personal attributes, Giuliani, like Clinton in her race, holds broad advantages on electability and strength. But more fault lines appear on others: He runs only evenly with McCain, with Thompson and Romney close behind, as the candidate who "best reflects the core values of the Republican Party." Giuliani and McCain likewise are even in trust to handle the situation in Iraq. They're about even on honesty and trustworthiness, and - another Giuliani vulnerability - in being "closest to you on the issues."

YEAR OUT - Americans favor the Democrats over the Republicans in trust to handle five of six individual issues tested in this poll, including the top election issues - health care, by a wide 54 to 29 percent margin; the situation in Iraq, by 50-34 percent; and the economy, by 50-35 percent.

The Democrats have smaller leads on taxes and immigration, and run evenly with the Republicans in trust to handle terrorism, Bush's cornerstone issue.

|  | Trust | to handle: |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Democrats | Republicans |

Still, while those results bode well for the Democrats a year out, presidential elections ultimately come down to a comparative contest between the two nominees. There, preferences can differ - particularly given the motivation of strong sentiment.

In Clinton's case, while 50 percent of Americans view her favorably overall, 46 percent view her unfavorably - including 35 percent "strongly" unfavorably. Giuliani’s strongly unfavorable rating, the next highest of any candidate, is a dozen points lower.

Expressed another way, Clinton’s most favorable groups are strong Democrats (59 percent rate her strongly favorably) and African-Americans (52 percent). But antipathy toward her jumps higher in her most strongly unfavorable groups - conservative Republicans (77 percent strongly unfavorable), strong Republicans (73 percent) and Republican men (71 percent).

The result is that, despite the Democratic advantage on issues, a trial heat between Clinton and Giuliani is very close: Fifty percent of Americans prefer Clinton, 46 percent Giuliani. (That compares with 51-43 percent a month ago; in this poll slightly more, 29 percent, identify themselves as Republicans, vs. a 2007 average of 25 percent.) Pitting

Clinton against McCain produces a 52-43 percent contest, while her lead grows against either Thompson (56-40 percent) or Romney (57-39 percent).

What advantage Clinton holds is chiefly among women, who are more likely than men to be Democrats; against Giuliani, for example, she's supported by 56 percent of women, while he's preferred by 51 percent of men.

Generally the key swing group in presidential politics is independents - a group whose allegiance is most easily moved, and one that's big enough to affect the outcome. And currently 47 percent of independents support Clinton, 46 percent for Giuliani essentially a tie, and as such, perhaps, an indication of the political drama to come.

METHODOLOGY - This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2007, among a random national sample of 1,131 adults, including an oversample of African Americans for a total of 203 black respondents (weighted back to their correct share of the national population). The results have a three-point error margin for the full sample, four points for the sample of 598 Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents and 4.5 points for the sample of 436 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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Full results follow ( $*=$ less than 0.5 percent).

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|  | ------- Approve |  |  | Disapprove |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 11/1/07 | 33 | 17 | 16 | 64 | 13 | 50 | 3 |
| 9/30/07 | 33 | 15 | 18 | 64 | 14 | 49 | 3 |
| 9/7/07 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 64 | 15 | 49 | 3 |
| 7/21/07 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 65 | 13 | 52 | 2 |
| 6/1/07 | 35 | 17 | 18 | 62 | 16 | 46 | 3 |
| 4/15/07 | 35 | 17 | 18 | 62 | 14 | 49 | 2 |
| 2/25/07 | 36 | 19 | 17 | 62 | 12 | 49 | 2 |
| 1/19/07 | 33 | 17 | 16 | 65 | 14 | 51 | 2 |
| 12/11/06 | 36 | 18 | 18 | 62 | 13 | 49 | 2 |
| 11/4/06 | 40 | 24 | 16 | 57 | 12 | 46 | 2 |
| 10/22/06 | 37 | 21 | 16 | 60 | 15 | 45 | 3 |
| 10/8/06 | 39 | 23 | 16 | 60 | 12 | 48 | 1 |
| 9/7/06 | 42 | 24 | 18 | 55 | 12 | 43 | 3 |
| 8/6/06 | 40 | 23 | 17 | 58 | 12 | 46 | 2 |
| 6/25/06 | 38 | 20 | 18 | 60 | 12 | 48 | 2 |
| 5/15/06 | 33 | 17 | 16 | 65 | 18 | 47 | 2 |
| 4/9/06 | 38 | 20 | 18 | 60 | 13 | 47 | 1 |
| 3/5/06 | 41 | 24 | 17 | 58 | 14 | 44 | 1 |
| 1/26/06 | 42 | 25 | 18 | 56 | 14 | 42 | 2 |
| 1/8/06 | 46 | 29 | 17 | 52 | 13 | 39 | 2 |


| 12/18/05 |  | 47 | 29 | 17 | 52 | 12 | 40 | 1 |
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| 11/2/05 |  | 39 | 20 | 18 | 60 | 13 | 47 | 1 |
| 10/29/05 |  | 39 | 22 | 17 | 58 | 13 | 45 | 3 |
| 9/11/05 |  | 42 | 27 | 15 | 57 | 12 | 45 | 1 |
| 8/28/05 |  | 45 | 27 | 18 | 53 | 12 | 41 | 2 |
| 6/26/05 |  | 48 | 27 | 21 | 51 | 11 | 40 | 1 |
| 6/5/05 |  | 48 | 27 | 21 | 52 | 14 | 38 | 1 |
| 4/24/05 |  | 47 | 25 | 22 | 50 | 13 | 38 | 3 |
| 3/13/05 |  | 50 | 31 | 19 | 48 | 11 | 37 | 3 |
| 1/31/05 |  | 50 | 34 | 15 | 45 | 11 | 34 | 5 |
| 1/16/05 |  | 52 | 33 | 19 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 2 |
| 12/19/04 |  | 48 | 27 | 21 | 49 | 12 | 38 | 2 |
| 10/20/04 |  | 50 | 30 | 20 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 4 |
| 10/17/04 | LV | 54 | 35 | 19 | 45 | 9 | 36 | 2 |
| 10/16/04 | LV | 54 | 35 | 19 | 44 | 10 | 34 | 2 |
| 10/15/04 | LV | 54 | 35 | 19 | 44 | 10 | 34 | 2 |
| 10/3/04 | LV | 53 | 36 | 17 | 46 | 11 | 34 | 1 |
| 9/26/04 |  | 50 | 33 | 18 | 45 | 13 | 32 | 5 |
| 9/8/04 |  | 52 | 35 | 17 | 43 | 11 | 32 | 5 |
| 8/29/04 |  | 50 | 31 | 19 | 47 | 13 | 34 | 3 |
| 8/1/04 |  | 47 | 28 | 18 | 49 | 13 | 36 | 5 |
| 7/25/04 |  | 50 | 32 | 19 | 47 | 13 | 34 | 3 |
| 7/11/04 |  | 48 | 31 | 17 | 50 | 11 | 39 | 2 |
| 6/20/04 |  | 47 | 30 | 17 | 51 | 13 | 39 | 1 |
| 5/23/04 |  | 47 | 31 | 17 | 50 | 14 | 36 | 3 |
| 4/18/04 |  | 51 | 33 | 18 | 47 | 13 | 34 | 1 |
| 3/7/04 |  | 50 | 32 | 18 | 48 | 12 | 36 | 2 |
| 2/11/04 |  | 50 | 30 | 21 | 47 | 14 | 34 | 2 |
| 1/18/04 |  | 58 | 35 | 24 | 40 | 9 | 30 | 2 |
| 12/21/03 |  | 59 | 39 | 21 | 38 | 15 | 23 | 3 |
| 12/14/03 |  | 57 | 37 | 20 | 39 | 10 | 29 | 5 |
| 12/7/03 |  | 53 | 32 | 21 | 40 | 13 | 27 | 7 |
| 11/16/03 |  | 57 | 34 | 23 | 39 | 11 | 28 | 4 |
| 10/29/03 |  | 56 | 30 | 26 | 42 | 13 | 29 | 2 |
| 10/13/03 |  | 53 | 33 | 20 | 43 | 13 | 29 | 4 |
| 9/30/03 |  | 54 | 34 | 20 | 44 | 15 | 29 | 2 |
| 9/13/03 |  | 58 | 35 | 23 | 40 | 14 | 27 | 2 |
| 9/7/03 |  | 56 | 34 | 22 | 41 | 13 | 28 | 4 |
| 8/11/03 |  | 59 | 37 | 22 | 37 | 14 | 23 | 4 |
| 7/10/03 |  | 59 | 35 | 24 | 38 | 13 | 25 | 3 |
| 6/22/03 |  | 68 | 45 | 23 | 29 | 11 | 18 | 4 |
| 4/30/03 |  | 71 | 50 | 22 | 26 | 17 | 9 | 3 |
| 4/16/03 |  | 74 | 52 | 22 | 23 | 9 | 14 | 3 |
| 4/9/03 |  | 77 | 58 | 19 | 20 | 6 | 14 | 4 |
| 4/3/03 |  | 71 | 54 | 16 | 25 | 7 | 19 | 4 |
| 3/23/03 |  | 68 | NA | NA | 27 | NA | NA | 4 |
| 3/20/03 |  | 67 | NA | NA | 28 | NA | NA | 5 |
| 3/2/03 |  | 62 | 38 | 23 | 35 | 13 | 22 | 4 |
| 2/23/03 |  | 60 | NA | NA | 34 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 2/9/03 |  | 64 | 42 | 21 | 34 | 14 | 20 | 3 |
| 2/1/03 |  | 62 | 41 | 21 | 34 | 13 | 22 | 4 |
| 1/28/03 |  | 62 | 43 | 19 | 36 | 13 | 23 | 2 |
| 1/27/03 |  | 59 | 39 | 21 | 37 | 15 | 22 | 4 |
| 1/20/03 |  | 59 | 36 | 23 | 38 | 16 | 22 | 2 |
| 12/15/02 |  | 66 | 37 | 28 | 32 | 12 | 20 | 2 |
| 11/4/02 | LV | 67 | 45 | 23 | 31 | 12 | 20 | 1 |
| 11/3/02 | LV | 67 | 45 | 22 | 32 | 12 | 20 | 1 |
| 11/2/02 | LV | 67 | 47 | 20 | 32 | 9 | 23 | 1 |
| 10/27/02 |  | 67 | 39 | 28 | 29 | 13 | 16 | 4 |
| 9/26/02 |  | 67 | 42 | 25 | 30 | 12 | 18 | 3 |
| 9/8/02 |  | 71 | 42 | 28 | 27 | 12 | 15 | 3 |
| 7/28/02 |  | 69 | 39 | 31 | 28 | 14 | 14 | 3 |
| 7/15/02 |  | 72 | 42 | 31 | 25 | 12 | 13 | 2 |


| $6 / 17 / 02$ | 74 | 42 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 13 | 4 |
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| $6 / 9 / 02$ | 77 | 41 | 36 | 20 | 9 | 11 | 3 |
| $5 / 19 / 02$ | 76 | 48 | 28 | 22 | 8 | 13 | 3 |
| $4 / 21 / 02$ | 78 | 47 | 31 | 20 | 9 | 10 | 2 |
| $3 / 28 / 02$ | 79 | 49 | 30 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 3 |
| $3 / 10 / 02$ | 82 | 52 | 30 | 16 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| $1 / 27 / 02$ | 83 | 56 | 27 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| $12 / 19 / 01$ | 86 | 64 | 22 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| $11 / 27 / 01$ | 89 | 69 | 21 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| $11 / 6 / 01$ | 89 | 65 | 24 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| $10 / 9 / 01$ | 92 | 76 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| $9 / 27 / 01$ | 90 | 70 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| $9 / 13 / 01$ | 86 | 63 | 23 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| $9 / 9 / 01$ | 55 | 26 | 29 | 41 | 20 | 22 | 3 |
| $8 / 12 / 01$ | 61 | 28 | 33 | 31 | 14 | 17 | 8 |
| $7 / 30 / 01$ | 59 | 28 | 30 | 38 | 17 | 22 | 3 |
| $6 / 3 / 01$ | 55 | 27 | 28 | 40 | 18 | 22 | 6 |
| $4 / 22 / 01$ | 63 | 33 | 30 | 32 | 16 | 16 | 5 |
| $3 / 25 / 01$ | 58 | $N A$ | $N A$ | 33 | $N A$ | $N A$ | 8 |
| $2 / 25 / 01$ | 55 | $N A$ | $N A$ | 23 | $N A$ | $N A$ | 22 |

2. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

|  |  | Right direction | Wrong track | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { opinion } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 |  | 24 | 74 | 2 |
| 6/1/07 |  | 25 | 73 | 2 |
| 1/19/07 |  | 26 | 71 | 3 |
| 11/4/06 | RV | 39 | 59 | 2 |
| 10/22/06 |  | 30 | 68 | 2 |
| 10/8/06 |  | 32 | 66 | 2 |
| 5/15/06 |  | 29 | 69 | 2 |
| 11/2/05 |  | 30 | 68 | 2 |
| 10/24/04 | LV | 41 | 55 | 4 |
| 4/18/04 |  | 42 | 57 | 1 |
| 4/30/03 |  | 52 | 46 | 2 |
| 9/26/02 |  | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| 2/21/02 |  | 54 | 42 | 4 |
| 2/14/99 |  | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| 11/1/98 |  | 55 | 43 | 2 |
| 11/1/98 | LV | 55 | 44 | 1 |
| 8/21/98 |  | 57 | 40 | 4 |
| 7/12/98 |  | 50 | 45 | 6 |
| 4/4/98 |  | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| 1/31/98 |  | 61 | 34 | 5 |
| 1/30/98 |  | 61 | 34 | 5 |
| 1/19/98 |  | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| 8/27/97 |  | 39 | 57 | 4 |
| 6/8/97 |  | 37 | 60 | 3 |
| 3/9/97 |  | 34 | 62 | 4 |
| 10/17/96 | RV | 40 | 55 | 5 |
| 10/16/96 | RV | 42 | 53 | 5 |
| 10/15/96 | RV | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| 10/14/96 | RV | 44 | 51 | 5 |
| 10/13/96 | RV | 44 | 51 | 5 |
| 9/04/96 | RV | 40 | 54 | 6 |
| 8/21/96 |  | 28 | 67 | 5 |
| 6/30/96 |  | 26 | 70 | 5 |
| 3/17/96 |  | 27 | 70 | 3 |
| 1/21/96 |  | 27 | 66 | 6 |
| 1/3/96 |  | 21 | 77 | 3 |


| 4/5/95 |  | 23 | 73 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/4/95 |  | 27 | 68 | 6 |
| 10/31/94 |  | 27 | 69 | 4 |
| 7/20/94 |  | 26 | 70 | 4 |
| 3/27/94 |  | 28 | 69 | 3 |
| 1/23/94 |  | 31 | 60 | 10 |
| 11/14/93 |  | 25 | 69 | 6 |
| 8/8/93 |  | 26 | 71 | 3 |
| 6/20/93 |  | 26 | 71 | 3 |
| 4/26/93 |  | 27 | 71 | 2 |
| 3/11/93 |  | 36 | 57 | 7 |
| 2/28/93 |  | 37 | 59 | 4 |
| 1/17/93 |  | 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 12/14/92 |  | 35 | 60 | 5 |
| 10/27/92 | RV | 22 | 76 | 2 |
| 10/4/92 | RV | 18 | 78 | 4 |
| 6/7/92 |  | 14 | 83 | 3 |
| 4/9/92 |  | 16 | 81 | 3 |
| 3/11/92 |  | 18 | 79 | 4 |
| 1/15/92 |  | 19 | 78 | 3 |
| 11/10/91 |  | 24 | 72 | 4 |
| 10/29/91 |  | 26 | 71 | 3 |
| 8/27/91 |  | 31 | 60 | 9 |
| 7/28/91 |  | 30 | 67 | 3 |
| 6/2/91 |  | 39 | 57 | 4 |
| 4/9/91 |  | 42 | 51 | 7 |
| 2/26/91 |  | 58 | 39 | 3 |
| 1/27/91 |  | 49 | 48 | 4 |
| 10/14/90 |  | 19 | 79 | 2 |
| 9/9/90 |  | 36 | 60 | 4 |
| 8/20/90 |  | 35 | 60 | 5 |
| 7/24/90 |  | 37 | 60 | 2 |
| 5/21/90 |  | 39 | 60 | 2 |
| 3/26/90 |  | 44 | 53 | 2 |
| 2/4/90 |  | 49 | 48 | 3 |
| 1/16/90 |  | 48 | 49 | 3 |
| 5/23/89 |  | 42 | 55 | 3 |
| 3/16/89 |  | 46 | 52 | 2 |
| 1/16/89 | LV | 51 | 46 | 3 |
| 10/25/88 | RV | 49 | 46 | 6 |
| 9/27/88 |  | 48 | 44 | 8 |
| 7/11/88 |  | 40 | 56 | 4 |
| 5/25/88 |  | 35 | 59 | 6 |
| 3/21/88 |  | 40 | 56 | 4 |
| 1/23/88 |  | 39 | 59 | 2 |
| 12/13/87 |  | 49 | 47 | 4 |
| 12/2/87 |  | 35 | 61 | 4 |
| 9/23/87 |  | 43 | 54 | 4 |
| 6/29/87 |  | 35 | 62 | 3 |
| 4/13/87 |  | 37 | 60 | 3 |
| 3/9/87 |  | 38 | 58 | 4 |
| 1/18/87 |  | 39 | 56 | 5 |
| 9/8/86 |  | 50 | 48 | 2 |
| 1/26/86 |  | 45 | 47 | 8 |
| 7/29/85 |  | 52 | 43 | 6 |
| 1/16/85 |  | 59 | 36 | 4 |
| 5/22/84 |  | 47 | 48 | 5 |
| 12/13/83 |  | 43 | 51 | 6 |
| 11/7/83 |  | 51 | 44 | 5 |
| 4/12/83 |  | 41 | 54 | 4 |
| 3/2/83 |  | 43 | 53 | 3 |
| 1/25/83 |  | 58 | 39 | 3 |
| 1/25/83 |  | 43 | 52 | 4 |


| $10 / 11 / 82$ | 35 | 57 | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $1 / 30 / 82$ | 39 | 56 | 5 |
| $2 / 80^{*}$ | 20 | 70 | 10 |
| $2 / 78$ | 34 | 53 | 13 |
| $2 / 77$ | 41 | 44 | 14 |
| $10 / 75$ | 19 | 71 | 9 |
| $10 / 74$ | 15 | 75 | 11 |
| $10 / 73$ | 16 | 74 | 10 |
| *2/80 and previous: Roper |  |  |  |

3. Thinking ahead to the November 2008 presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for president?

|  | 11/1/07 | 9/7/07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iraq/War in Iraq | 29 | 35 |
| Terrorism/National security | 5 | 6 |
| Economy/Jobs | 14 | 11 |
| Education | 2 | 1 |
| Environment | 2 | 1 |
| Health care | 13 | 13 |
| Ethics/Honesty/ Corruption in government | 4 | 6 |
| Immigration/Illegal immigration | 5 | 5 |
| Abortion | 1 | 1 |
| Morals/Family values | 3 | 2 |
| Federal budget deficit | 1 | 1 |
| Housing/Mortgages | * | * |
| Global warming | * | * |
| Social Security | 2 | 1 |
| Foreign policy | 2 | 1 |
| ```Iran/Situation in Iran``` | * | 0 |
| Taxes | 1 | 1 |
| None/Nothing | * | * |
| Other | 9 | 7 |
| No opinion | 8 | 9 |

4. (IF MENTIONED MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE) Is there one other issue that's nearly as important?

|  | 11/1/07 | 9/7/07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iraq/War in Iraq | 19 | 20 |
| Terrorism/National security | 4 | 3 |
| Economy/Jobs | 18 | 17 |
| Education | 5 | 6 |
| Environment | 2 | 1 |
| Health care | 15 | 15 |
| Ethics/Honesty/ Corruption in government | 2 | 1 |
| Immigration/Illegal immigration | 3 | 5 |
| Abortion | 2 | 1 |
| Morals/Family values | * | 2 |


| Federal budget |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| deficit | $*$ | 3 |
| Housing/Mortgages | 1 | $*$ |
| Global warming | $*$ | 1 |
| Social Security | 2 | 2 |
| Foreign policy | 1 | 1 |
| Iran/Situation | $*$ | $*$ |
| in Iran | 2 | 2 |
| Taxes | 7 | 4 |
| None/Nothing | 7 | 5 |
| Other | 9 | 10 |

3/4 NET: Top two most important issues combined

|  | 11/1/07 | 9/7/07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iraq/War in Iraq | 45 | 53 |
| Terrorism/National security | 9 | 9 |
| Economy/Jobs | 29 | 25 |
| Education | 6 | 6 |
| Environment | 3 | 2 |
| Health care | 27 | 27 |
| Ethics/Honesty/ Corruption in government | 5 | 7 |
| Immigration/Illegal immigration | 8 | 9 |
| Abortion | 2 | 2 |
| ```Morals/Family values``` | 3 | 4 |
| Federal budget deficit | 1 | 3 |
| Housing/Mortgages | 1 | * |
| Global warming | 1 | 1 |
| Social Security | 4 | 3 |
| Foreign policy | 3 | 2 |
| ```Iran/Situation in Iran``` | * | * |
| Taxes | 3 | 3 |
| None/Nothing | 7 | 4 |
| Other | 15 | 12 |
| No opinion | 8 | 9 |

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

|  | Approve | Disapprove | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 37 | 60 | 4 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 39 | 53 | 8 |
| $4 / 15 / 07^{*}$ | 44 | 54 | 3 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| $1 / 19 / 07$ | 43 | 50 | 8 |
| $12 / 11 / 06$ | 37 | 57 | 6 |
| $11 / 4 / 06$ | RV | 36 | 60 |
| $10 / 22 / 06$ | 31 | 65 | 4 |
| $10 / 8 / 06$ | 32 | 66 | 4 |
| $9 / 7 / 06$ | 40 | 55 | 2 |
| $8 / 6 / 06$ | 36 | 60 | 5 |
| $5 / 15 / 06$ | 33 | 63 | 4 |
|  |  |  | 4 |


| 4/9/06 | 35 | 62 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3/5/06 | 36 | 62 | 3 |
| 1/26/06 | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| 1/8/06 | 41 | 55 | 5 |
| 12/18/05 | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| 11/2/05 | 37 | 59 | 4 |
| 8/28/05 | 37 | 59 | 4 |
| 6/5/05 | 41 | 54 | 4 |
| 10/29/03 | 40 | 52 | 9 |
| 4/30/03 | 57 | 37 | 6 |
| 9/26/02 | 51 | 43 | 6 |
| 7/15/02 | 57 | 36 | 7 |
| 2/21/02 | 57 | 39 | 4 |
| 1/27/02 | 58 | 35 | 7 |
| 12/19/01 | 59 | 34 | 7 |
| 9/9/01 | 45 | 48 | 7 |
| 7/30/01 | 48 | 48 | 4 |
| 4/22/01 | 58 | 33 | 8 |
| 10/31/99 | 42 | 53 | 6 |
| 9/2/99 | 46 | 47 | 7 |
| 6/6/99 | 48 | 46 | 6 |
| 3/14/99 | 44 | 49 | 7 |
| 2/14/99 | 46 | 50 | 4 |
| 12/20/98 | 44 | 51 | 5 |
| 12/19/98 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| 12/13/98 | 49 | 46 | 5 |
| 11/7/98 | 41 | 55 | 4 |
| 11/1/98 | 49 | 47 | 5 |
| 10/25/98 | 45 | 44 | 11 |
| 10/18/98 | 46 | 45 | 8 |
| 9/28/98 | 52 | 44 | 4 |
| 8/21/98 | 55 | 39 | 6 |
| 7/12/98 | 46 | 44 | 11 |
| 5/12/98 | 45 | 45 | 9 |
| 4/4/98 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| 1/31/98 | 55 | 35 | 10 |
| 1/30/98 | 55 | 35 | 10 |
| 1/25/98 | 56 | 37 | 8 |
| 1/24/98 | 55 | 38 | 7 |
| 1/19/98 | 47 | 49 | 5 |
| 10/13/97 | 36 | 57 | 7 |
| 8/27/97 | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| 7/8/97 | 40 | 53 | 6 |
| 4/24/97 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
| 3/9/97 | 35 | 60 | 5 |
| 8/5/96 | 42 | 52 | 7 |
| 6/30/96 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
| 5/22/96 | 35 | 60 | 5 |
| 3/10/96 | 30 | 64 | 6 |
| 1/7/96 | 31 | 65 | 5 |
| 11/19/95 | 27 | 68 | 5 |
| 10/1/95 | 32 | 65 | 3 |
| 7/17/95 | 34 | 63 | 3 |
| 3/19/95 | 39 | 56 | 5 |
| 1/29/95 | 42 | 52 | 6 |
| 10/31/94 | 21 | 72 | 8 |
| 10/23/94 | 18 | 78 | 4 |
| 9/11/94 | 24 | 70 | 5 |
| 6/26/94 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| 3/27/94 | 35 | 62 | 3 |
| 2/27/94 | 32 | 64 | 4 |
| 1/23/94 | 29 | 60 | 11 |
| 11/14/93 | 28 | 66 | 6 |


| $8 / 8 / 93$ | 33 | 64 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $4 / 26 / 93$ | 30 | 69 | 2 |
| $1 / 17 / 93$ | 29 | 66 | 6 |
| $4 / 9 / 92$ | 17 | 78 | 5 |
| $3 / 18 / 92$ | 19 | 76 | 5 |
| $3 / 8 / 92$ | 22 | 73 | 6 |
| $2 / 2 / 92$ | 32 | 64 | 4 |
| $12 / 15 / 91$ | 35 | 59 | 6 |
| $10 / 21 / 91$ | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| $6 / 2 / 91$ | 49 | 46 | 5 |
| $10 / 14 / 90$ | 34 | 63 | 3 |
| $2 / 4 / 90$ | 41 | 55 | 4 |
| $1 / 16 / 90$ | 39 | 55 | 6 |
| $8 / 21 / 89$ | 42 | 53 | 5 |
| $5 / 23 / 89$ | 54 | 44 | 2 |
| $2 / 14 / 89$ | 53 | 44 | 3 |
| $1 / 23 / 88^{* *}$ | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| $6 / 1 / 87$ | 56 | 40 | 4 |
| $6 / 22 / 85$ | 54 | 37 | 9 |
| $5 / 83$ | 33 | 43 | 24 |
| $6 / 81$ | 38 | 40 | 22 |
| $6 / 79$ | 19 | 61 | 20 |
| $9 / 78$ | 29 | 49 | 22 |
| $6 / 77$ | 34 | 42 | 24 |
| $6 / 75$ | 29 | 54 | 17 |
| $8 / 74$ | 48 | 35 | 17 |

* Strongly/somewhat follow asked 4/15/07 and others
**1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way (ITEM) are doing their job?

11/1/07 Summary Table

|  | Approve | Disapprove | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The Republicans in Congress | 32 | 63 | 6 |
| b. The Democrats in Congress | 36 | 58 | 6 |

Trend:
a. The Republicans in Congress

|  | Approve | Disapprove | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 32 | 63 | 6 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 29 | 67 | 4 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 34 | 64 | 2 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 36 | 58 | 6 |
| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 39 | 59 | 2 |
| $10 / 8 / 06$ | 35 | 63 | 2 |
| $5 / 15 / 06$ | 33 | 64 | 3 |
| $11 / 2 / 05$ | 35 | 61 | 4 |
| $6 / 5 / 05$ | 42 | 56 | 2 |
| $6 / 6 / 99$ | 41 | 52 | 7 |
| $3 / 14 / 99$ | 40 | 56 | 4 |
| $7 / 8 / 97$ | 40 | 54 | 6 |
| $9 / 15 / 96$ | RV | 46 | 48 |
| $6 / 30 / 96$ | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| $4 / 5 / 95$ | 45 | 50 | 6 |
| $10 / 31 / 94$ | 33 | 59 | 5 |
| $10 / 23 / 94$ | 31 | 64 | 7 |
| $9 / 11 / 94$ | 35 | 59 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 6 |

b. The Democrats in Congress

|  | Approve | Disapprove | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 36 | 58 | 6 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 38 | 57 | 5 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 46 | 51 | 2 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 44 | 49 | 6 |
| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 54 | 44 | 2 |
| $10 / 8 / 06$ | 48 | 50 | 3 |
| $5 / 15 / 06$ | 39 | 58 | 4 |
| $11 / 2 / 05$ | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| $6 / 5 / 05$ | 42 | 56 | 3 |
| $6 / 6 / 99$ | 51 | 42 | 7 |
| $3 / 14 / 99$ | 51 | 42 | 7 |
| $7 / 8 / 97$ | 45 | 49 | 6 |
| $4 / 5 / 95$ | 36 | 60 | 4 |
| $10 / 31 / 94$ | 39 | 53 | 8 |
| $10 / 23 / 94$ | 36 | 59 | 5 |
| $9 / 11 / 94$ | 41 | 53 | 6 |

7. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (NAME)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?
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11/1/07 - Summary Table
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|  | Favorable |  |  | ------ Unfavorable ----- |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| a. Hillary Clinton | 50 | 28 | 22 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 4 |
| b. John McCain | 43 | 10 | 34 | 42 | 23 | 19 | 14 |
| c. Barack Obama | 51 | 21 | 30 | 36 | 16 | 20 | 13 |
| d. Rudy Giuliani | 50 | 18 | 32 | 40 | 18 | 23 | 9 |
| e. Fred Thompson | 33 | 8 | 25 | 37 | 23 | 14 | 31 |
| f. John Edwards | 49 | 14 | 35 | 35 | 18 | 18 | 16 |
| g. Mitt Romney | 28 | 6 | 21 | 41 | 24 | 17 | 31 |
| h. Mike Huckabee | 21 | 6 | 15 | 30 | 20 | 11 | 49 |

Trend where available:
a. Hillary Clinton

|  |  | ------ Favorable ------- |  |  | ------ Unfavorable ------ |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 11/1/07 |  | 50 | 28 | 22 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 4 |
| 2/25/07 |  | 49 | 25 | 24 | 48 | 13 | 35 | 3 |
| 1/19/07 |  | 54 | 31 | 23 | 44 | 14 | 30 | 3 |
| 12/11/06 |  | 56 | 27 | 29 | 40 | 11 | 29 | 4 |
| 5/15/06 |  | 54 | 29 | 25 | 42 | 11 | 31 | 4 |
| 3/5/06 |  | 52 | 27 | 25 | 46 | 12 | 33 | 2 |
| 6/5/05 |  | 51 | NA | NA | 46 | NA | NA | 3 |
| 6/1/03 |  | 44 | 15 | 29 | 48 | 16 | 32 | 8 |
| 9/2/99 |  | 49 | NA | NA | 44 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 6/6/99 |  | 59 |  |  | 35 |  |  | 6 |
| 3/14/99 |  | 60 |  |  | 36 |  |  | 4 |
| 2/14/99 |  | 63 |  |  | 31 |  |  | 6 |
| 11/1/98 |  | 64 |  |  | 31 |  |  | 5 |
| 8/21/98 |  | 64 |  |  | 28 |  |  | 8 |
| 8/19/98 |  | 64 |  |  | 32 |  |  | 4 |
| 4/4/98 |  | 58 |  |  | 33 |  |  | 10 |
| 1/30/98 |  | 60 |  |  | 30 |  |  | 10 |
| 1/19/98 |  | 52 |  |  | 39 |  |  | 9 |
| 3/9/97 |  | 47 |  |  | 44 |  |  | 9 |
| 9/4/96 | RV | 47 |  |  | 42 |  |  | 12 |
| 6/30/96 |  | 44 |  |  | 47 |  |  | 9 |


| $1 / 21 / 96$ | 28 | 36 | 36 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $1 / 19 / 96$ | 32 | 34 | 34 |
| $10 / 31 / 94$ | 47 | 44 | 8 |
| $5 / 15 / 94$ | 54 | 41 | 5 |
| $3 / 27 / 94$ | 53 | 39 | 8 |
| $1 / 23 / 94$ | 55 | 34 | 11 |
| $11 / 14 / 93$ | 58 | 33 | 9 |
| $8 / 8 / 93$ | 59 | 33 | 8 |
| $4 / 26 / 93$ | 54 | 26 | 20 |
| $2 / 23 / 93$ | 59 | 24 | 18 |
| $1 / 17 / 93$ | 51 | 20 | 29 |
| $7 / 8 / 92$ | 30 | 26 | 43 |
| $3 / 28 / 92$ | 28 | 22 | 51 |

b. John McCain

|  | Favorable |  |  | ------ Unfavorable ----- |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 11/1/07 | 43 | 10 | 34 | 42 | 23 | 19 | 14 |
| 2/25/07 | 52 | 13 | 39 | 35 | 22 | 13 | 13 |
| 1/19/07 | 49 | NA | NA | 35 | NA | NA | 16 |
| 12/11/06 | 50 | 17 | 33 | 31 | 20 | 11 | 19 |
| 5/15/06 | 55 | 20 | 35 | 31 | 20 | 11 | 14 |
| 3/5/06 | 59 | 22 | 38 | 29 | 18 | 11 | 12 |
| 6/5/05 | 57 | NA | NA | 32 | NA | NA | 11 |
| 7/30/01 | 57 |  |  | 30 |  |  | 12 |
| 2/27/00 | 60 |  |  | 21 |  |  | 19 |
| 10/31/99 | 36 |  |  | 22 |  |  | 41 |
| 9/2/99 | 22 |  |  | 10 |  |  | 68 |
| 3/14/99 | 20 |  |  | 10 |  |  | 69 |


|  | ------ Favorable ------ |  |  | ------ Unfavorable ----- |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 11/1/07 | 51 | 21 | 30 | 36 | 16 | 20 | 13 |
| 2/25/07 | 53 | 21 | 33 | 30 | 16 | 14 | 16 |
| 1/19/07 | 45 | NA | NA | 29 | NA | NA | 25 |
| 12/11/06 | 44 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 17 | 6 | 33 |

d. Rudy Giuliani

|  | Favorable |  |  | Unfavorable |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 11/1/07 | 50 | 18 | 32 | 40 | 18 | 23 | 9 |
| 2/25/07 | 64 | 22 | 41 | 28 | 15 | 13 | 8 |
| 1/19/07 | 61 | NA | NA | 29 | NA | NA | 10 |
| 12/11/06 | 67 | 29 | 38 | 23 | 14 | 9 | 11 |

e. No trend.
f. John Edwards

|  |  | ------- Favorable ------- |  |  | Unfavorable |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 11/1/07 |  | 49 | 14 | 35 | 35 | 18 | 18 | 16 |
| 2/25/07 |  | 46 | 13 | 33 | 39 | 22 | 17 | 14 |
| 12/11/06 |  | 49 | 13 | 36 | 26 | 16 | 10 | 25 |
| 10/3/04* | LV | 45 | NA | NA | 30 | NA | NA | 25 |
| 9/8/04 | RV | 39 | NA | NA | 26 | NA | NA | 35 |
| 8/1/04 | RV | 49 | NA | NA | 18 | NA | NA | 33 |
| 7/25/04 | RV | 50 | NA | NA | 24 | NA | NA | 26 |

*10/3/04 and previous: "Regardless of how you might vote, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of John Edwards or perhaps you don't know enough to say."
g. Mitt Romney

h. No trend.
8. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (ITEM)?

11/1/07 - Summary Table

|  | Favorable | Unfavorable | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The Republican Party | 39 | 56 | 5 |
| b. The Democratic Party | 51 | 45 | 5 |

Trend:
a. The Republican Party

| 11/1/07 |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 39 | 56 | 5 |
| 3/5/06 |  | 51 | 46 | 3 |
| 6/5/05 |  | 49 | 49 | 2 |
| 12/15/02 |  | 56 | 38 | 5 |
| 1/27/02 |  | 63 | 30 | 7 |
| 7/30/01 |  | 51 | 46 | 3 |
| 12/15/00 |  | 54 | 35 | 11 |
| 1/16/00 |  | 53 | 37 | 10 |
| 1/10/00* |  | 53 | 41 | 6 |
| 1/10/00 | LV | 56 | 39 | 5 |
| 11/21/99 |  | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| 5/2/99 |  | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| 2/21/99 |  | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| 2/13/99 |  | 40 | 54 | 5 |
| 2/8/99 |  | 45 | 47 | 8 |
| 1/10/99 |  | 40 | 52 | 8 |
| 12/20/98 |  | 31 | 57 | 12 |
| 12/16/98 |  | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| 10/29/97 |  | 50 | 42 | 8 |
| 9/1/96 | RV | 50 | 45 | 5 |
| 8/18/96 | RV | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| 8/7/96 | RV | 51 | 44 | 5 |
| 4/10/96 |  | 52 | 41 | 7 |
| 4/19/95 |  | 52 | 42 | 6 |
| 7/8/92 | RV | 53 | 39 | 8 |
| *1/10/00 | and | previous: | lup |  |

b. The Democratic Party

|  | Favorable | Unfavorable | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 51 | 45 | 5 |
| $3 / 5 / 06$ | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| $6 / 5 / 05$ | 51 | 47 | 2 |
| $12 / 15 / 02$ | 56 | 37 | 6 |
| $1 / 27 / 02$ | 56 | 36 | 8 |


| 7/30/01 |  | 60 | 36 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12/15/00 |  | 64 | 25 | 11 |
| 1/16/00 |  | 56 | 35 | 9 |
| 1/10/00* |  | 61 | 33 | 6 |
| 1/10/00 | LV | 58 | 37 | 5 |
| 11/21/99 |  | 51 | 41 | 8 |
| 5/2/99 |  | 53 | 37 | 10 |
| 2/21/99 |  | 55 | 37 | 8 |
| 2/13/99 |  | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| 2/8/99 |  | 57 | 37 | 6 |
| 1/10/99 |  | 57 | 35 | 8 |
| 12/20/98 |  | 57 | 30 | 13 |
| 12/16/98 |  | 58 | 32 | 10 |
| 10/29/97 |  | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| 9/1/96 | RV | 60 | 36 | 4 |
| 8/18/96 | RV | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| 8/7/96 | RV | 57 | 38 | 5 |
| 4/10/96 |  | 55 | 38 | 7 |
| 4/19/95 |  | 51 | 43 | 6 |
| 7/8/92 | RV | 54 | 38 | 8 |
| *1/10/00 | and | iou |  |  |

9. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM)?

11/1/07 - Summary Table

|  | Democrats | Republicans | Both <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Neither <br> $($ vol. $)$ | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. The situation in Iraq | 50 | 34 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| b. Health care | 54 | 29 | 2 | 10 | 5 |
| c. The U.S. campaign |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| against terrorism | 41 | 42 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| d. The economy | 50 | 35 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| e. Taxes | 46 | 40 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| f. Immigration issues | 42 | 35 | 4 | 13 |  |

Trend:
a. The situation in Iraq

|  |  | Democrats | Republicans | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Both } \\ & \text { (vol.) } \end{aligned}$ | Neither <br> (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 |  | 50 | 34 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| 9/30/07 |  | 49 | 34 | 3 | 11 | 3 |
| 9/7/07 |  | 42 | 31 | 3 | 19 | 5 |
| 11/4/06 | RV | 42 | 42 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| 10/22/06 | RV | 48 | 40 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| 10/8/06 |  | 51 | 38 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 9/7/06 |  | 43 | 44 | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| 8/6/06 |  | 43 | 40 | * | 11 | 5 |
| 6/25/06 |  | 47 | 41 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 5/15/06 |  | 50 | 36 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| 4/9/06 |  | 49 | 42 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| 3/5/06 |  | 42 | 42 | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| 1/26/06 |  | 47 | 40 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 12/18/05 |  | 47 | 44 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| 11/2/05 |  | 48 | 37 | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| 12/15/02* |  | 30 | 56 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| 10/27/02 | LV | 31 | 58 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 9/26/02 |  | 33 | 52 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| *12/15/02 | nd | revious: "T | situation | h Iraq | nd Saddam | Hussein" |

b. Health care

| Democrats | Republicans | Both <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> (vol. $)$ | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 54 | 29 | 2 | 10 | 5 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 56 | 26 | 2 | 12 | 5 |
| $10 / 8 / 06$ | 61 | 28 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| 5/15/06 | 61 | 28 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| $4 / 9 / 06$ | 61 | 29 | $*$ | 6 | 3 |
| $11 / 2 / 05$ | 54 | 29 | 2 | 12 | 3 |
| $12 / 15 / 02^{*}$ | 53 | 33 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| $10 / 27 / 02^{*}$ | LV | 50 | 39 | 3 | 5 |
| $9 / 26 / 02^{*}$ | 50 | 35 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| $7 / 15 / 02^{* *}$ | 47 | 37 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| $1 / 27 / 02^{* *}$ | 50 | 35 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| $1 / 19 / 98^{* * *}$ | 54 | 33 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| $10 / 23 / 94$ | 46 | 29 | 2 | 21 | 4 |
| $9 / 11 / 94$ | 51 | 29 | 3 | 12 | 2 |
| $2 / 27 / 94$ | 58 | 22 | 5 | 11 | 3 |
| $2 / 2 / 92$ | 60 | 25 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| $12 / 15 / 91$ | 57 | 23 | 3 | 11 | 5 |

*"The cost, availability, and coverage of health insurance"
**"improving the health care system"
***1/19/98 and previous: "Providing affordable health care"
c. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

|  |  | Democrats | Republicans | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Both } \\ & \text { (vol.) } \end{aligned}$ | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 |  | 41 | 42 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| 9/30/07 |  | 41 | 40 | 5 | 10 | 4 |
| 9/7/07 |  | 39 | 36 | 4 | 17 | 4 |
| 10/22/06 | RV | 44 | 43 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 10/8/06 |  | 47 | 41 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 9/7/06 |  | 40 | 47 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| 8/6/06 |  | 46 | 38 | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| 6/25/06 |  | 39 | 46 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| 5/15/06 |  | 46 | 41 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 4/9/06 |  | 46 | 45 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 3/5/06 |  | 39 | 46 | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| 1/26/06 |  | 41 | 46 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 11/2/05 |  | 42 | 42 | 4 | 10 | 3 |
| 12/15/02 |  | 25 | 61 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| 10/27/02* | LV | 26 | 61 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 9/26/02* |  | 30 | 51 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| 7/15/02 |  | 27 | 55 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 1/27/02 |  | 23 | 62 | 10 | 3 | 2 |

d. The economy

|  | Democrats | Republicans | Both <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 50 | 35 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 51 | 33 | 2 | 11 | 3 |
| $10 / 22 / 06$ | RV | 50 | 41 | 2 | 5 |
| $10 / 8 / 06$ | 54 | 37 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| $9 / 7 / 06$ | 50 | 39 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| $6 / 25 / 06$ | 52 | 39 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| $5 / 15 / 06$ | 52 | 34 | 3 | 9 | 2 |
| $4 / 9 / 06$ | 49 | 43 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| $3 / 5 / 06$ | 49 | 40 | 2 | 8 | 2 |



|  | Democrats | Republicans | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Both } \\ & \text { (vol.) } \end{aligned}$ | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 46 | 40 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 5/15/06 | 52 | 38 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 11/2/05 | 48 | 38 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| 12/15/02 | 46 | 44 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| 9/26/02 | 44 | 44 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| 4/22/01* | 38 | 52 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 9/2/99* | 40 | 49 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 3/14/99** | 43 | 41 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| 9/28/98** | 47 | 44 | NA | NA | 9 |
| 7/12/98** | 42 | 39 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| 1/19/98** | 45 | 44 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| 7/8/97** | 41 | 38 | 3 | 15 | 4 |
| 10/30/95* | 45 | 40 | 10 | 3 | 3 |
| 10/23/94** | 37 | 42 | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| 9/11/94** | 36 | 47 | 2 | 11 | 4 |
| 2/27/94** | 35 | 41 | 4 | 18 | 2 |
| 2/2/92** | 41 | 45 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| 12/15/91** | 40 | 38 | 3 | 14 | 5 |
| 3/4/91** | 35 | 44 | 5 | 13 | 3 |
| 1/16/90** | 37 | 47 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| *"Cutting taxes" |  |  |  |  |  |
| **"Holding | s down" |  |  |  |  |


|  | Democrats | Republicans | Both <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 42 | 35 | 4 | 13 | 6 |
| $10 / 8 / 06$ | 49 | 36 | 4 | 10 | 3 |
| $6 / 25 / 06$ | 45 | 40 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| $5 / 15 / 06$ | 48 | 34 | 1 | 14 | 4 |
| $4 / 9 / 06$ | 50 | 38 | 1 | 7 | 4 |

10. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"
11. Held for release.
12. Held for release.
13. Held for release.
14. How closely are you following the 2008 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

|  | ---- | Closely |  |  | Not clos | ----- | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Very | Smwt. | NET | Not too | At all | opinion |
| 11/1/07 | 67 | 21 | 46 | 33 | 22 | 12 | 0 |
| 9/30/07 | 69 | 21 | 48 | 30 | 21 | 10 | * |
| 7/21/07 | 70 | 22 | 48 | 30 | 20 | 10 | * |
| 6/1/07 | 66 | 18 | 48 | 34 | 22 | 13 | * |
| 4/15/07 | 66 | 20 | 45 | 34 | 20 | 14 | * |
| 2/25/07 | 65 | 20 | 44 | 35 | 25 | 10 | * |
| Early 2004: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/29/03 | 54 | 15 | 39 | 45 | 30 | 15 | 0 |
| 9/13/03 | 56 | 16 | 40 | 44 | 27 | 17 | * |
| Early 2000: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12/15/99 | 45 | 12 | 33 | 55 | 31 | 24 | * |
| 10/31/99 | 61 | 16 | 45 | 38 | 25 | 13 | * |

15. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the 2008 presidential primary or caucus in your state. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

|  |  |  | Less than | Will not | No primary/ | No |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Certain | Probable | $50-50$ | $50-50$ | vote (vol.) | caucus (vol.) | opin. |  |
| 11/1/07 | 69 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 3 |  |  |

16. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were: (Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, Joe Biden, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, or Mike Gravel), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE

|  | $11 / 1 / 07$ | $9 / 30 / 07$ | $9 / 7 / 07$ | $7 / 21 / 07$ | $6 / 1 / 07$ | $4 / 15 / 07$ | $2 / 25 / 07$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Hillary Clinton | 49 | 53 | 41 | 45 | 42 | 41 | 43 |
| Barack Obama | 26 | 20 | 27 | 30 | 27 | 25 | 27 |
| John Edwards | 12 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 17 | 14 |
| Bill Richardson | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Joe Biden | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Chris Dodd | 1 | $*$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ |
| Dennis Kucinich | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | $*$ |
| Mike Gravel | $*$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Other (vol.) | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | 1 | $*$ | 1 | $*$ |
| None (vol.) | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Wouldn't vote (vol.) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No opinion | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 |

*Asked Al Gore 7/21 and previous, Wesley Clark 4/15 and previous, Tom Vilsack 2/25 and
previous, John Kerry 1/19 and previous, Evan Bayh 12/11
17. (IF NAMED DEM CANDIDATE) Do you support (CANDIDATE) strongly, or somewhat?

11/1/07 - Summary Table

|  | Strongly | Somewhat | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hillary Clinton | 57 | 42 | 1 |
| Barack Obama | 50 | 50 | 0 |

Trend where available:

| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11/1/07 | 57 | 42 | 1 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 61 | 39 | 0 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 68 | 32 | 0 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 53 | 47 | 0 |
| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 59 | 41 | 0 |
| $2 / 25 / 06$ | 56 | 44 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Barack 0bama | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| 11/1/07 | 52 | 48 | 0 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 56 | 43 | 1 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 43 | 56 | 1 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 51 | 49 | 0 |
| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 60 | 38 | 1 |

18. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Democratic nomination for president this year - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

|  | ---- | Satisfied ----- | --- | Dissatisfied | --- | No |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Very | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Very | opinion |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 81 | 30 | 51 | 18 | 14 | 4 | 1 |
| $9 / 7 / 07$ | 78 | 28 | 50 | 21 | 17 | 4 | 2 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 83 | 33 | 50 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 79 | 26 | 53 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 2 |
| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 80 | 29 | 51 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 2 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 86 | 29 | 57 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| $10 / 29 / 03$ | 68 | 9 | 58 | 28 | 21 | 8 | 4 |
| $9 / 13 / 03$ | 64 | 8 | 56 | 34 | 27 | 7 | 2 |
| $1 / 16 / 00$ | 69 | 14 | 56 | 28 | 21 | 7 | 2 |
| $* 10 / 29 / 03$ | and previous: "candidates in the Democratic primary" |  |  |  |  |  |  |

19. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you think (ITEM) - (Clinton) (Obama) or (Edwards)?

11/1/07 - Summary Table
All Any 2 None No
a. is the strongest leader
b. is the most honest and trustworthy

c. has the best chance of getting elected president
d. best reflects the core values of the Democratic party
e. is closest to you on the
issues
is best able to handle the

$\begin{array}{lllllll}44 & 25 & 21 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 5\end{array}$

| situation in Iraq | 50 | 23 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| g.is best able to handle the <br> situation involving Iran | 52 | 22 | 14 | 2 | $*$ | 4 | 7 |

Trend where available:
a. is the strongest leader

| Clinton | Obama | Edwards | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> (vol.) | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 59 | 24 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 61 | 20 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 50 | 26 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 52 | 23 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

b. is the most honest and trustworthy

| Clinton | Obama | Edwards | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> (vol.) | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 34 | 29 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 35 | 26 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 28 | 34 | 22 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 29 | 34 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 |

c. has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008

| Clinton | Obama | Edwards | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> (vol.) | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 62 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 57 | 16 | 20 | $*$ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 43 | 21 | 26 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 48 | 17 | 25 | $*$ | 2 | 1 | 6 |

d. best reflects the core values of the Democratic party

|  | Clinton | Obama | Edwards | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> $($ vol.) | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 44 | 25 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 50 | 18 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

e. is closest to you on the issues

|  | Clinton | Obama | Edwards | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> (vol.) | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 46 | 27 | 18 | $*$ | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 41 | 27 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 43 | 28 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |

f. is best able to handle the situation in Iraq

|  | Clinton | Obama | Edwards | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> (vol.) | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 50 | 23 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 9/30/07* | 52 | 22 | 17 | 1 | $*$ | 4 | 5 |
| * "The war in Iraq" |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| g. No trend. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

20. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) If the 2008 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were: (Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, Tom Tancredo, Ron Paul, or Fred Thompson), for whom would you vote?
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NET LEANED VOTE
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|  | $11 / 1 / 07$ | $9 / 30 / 07$ | $9 / 7 / 07$ | $7 / 21 / 07$ | $6 / 1 / 07$ | $4 / 15 / 07$ | $2 / 25 / 07$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rudy Giuliani | 33 | 34 | 28 | 37 | 34 | 35 | 53 |
| Fred Thompson | 16 | 17 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 10 | NA |
| John McCain | 19 | 12 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 22 | 23 |
| Mitt Romney | 11 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| Mike Huckabee | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Duncan Hunter | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | $*$ |
| Ron Paul | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Tom Tancredo | 1 | 1 | $*$ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other (vol.) | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |  |
| None (vol.) | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Wouldn't vote (vol.) | $*$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | $*$ | $*$ | 1 |
| No opinion | 3 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 5 |

*Asked Sam Brownback 9/30 and previous, Tommy Thompson 7/21 and previous, Jim Gilmore $6 / 1$ and previous, Chuck Hagel and George Pataki, $4 / 15$ and previous.
21. (IF NAMED REP CANDIDATE) Do you support (CANDIDATE) strongly, or somewhat?
Strongly Somewhat No opinion

Rudy Guiliani

| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 45 | 55 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 42 | 56 | 2 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 32 | 67 | $*$ |
| $6 / 1 / 07$ | 36 | 63 | 1 |
| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 45 | 55 | 0 |
| $2 / 25 / 07$ | 38 | 61 | $*$ |

22. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Republican nomination for President this year - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

|  | Satisfied |  |  | NET | Dissatisfied Somewhat | Very | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Very | Somewhat |  |  |  |  |
| 11/1/07 | 69 | 16 | 54 | 28 | 22 | 7 | 2 |
| 9/7/07 | 68 | 19 | 49 | 26 | 21 | 6 | 5 |
| 7/21/07 | 65 | 13 | 53 | 32 | 26 | 6 | 3 |
| 6/1/07 | 68 | 11 | 56 | 28 | 22 | 6 | 4 |
| 4/15/07 | 65 | 16 | 49 | 31 | 27 | 5 | 3 |
| 2/25/07 | 73 | 14 | 58 | 24 | 20 | 5 | 3 |

23. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you think (ITEM) - (Giuliani), (McCain), (Romney) or (Thompson)?

11/1/07 - Summary Table
All Any 2 None No
Giuliani McCain Romney Thompson (vol.) (vol.) (vol.) op.
a. is the strongest
b. is the most honest and trustworthy 49 28

| 24 | 7 | 11 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 24 | 13 | 16 |

* 

| $*$ | 2 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 8 | 9 |

c. has the best
chance of getting elected president $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { in November } 2008 & 46 & 18 & 9 & 12 & * & 2 & 5 & 8\end{array}$
d. best reflects the core values of the

| Republican Party <br> is closest to you <br> on the issues <br> is best able to <br> handle the <br> situation in Iraq | 25 | 24 | 17 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| f | 28 | 23 | 14 | 19 | $*$ | 1 | 4 | 11 |

Trend where available:
a. is the strongest leader

| Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | All <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Any 2 <br> $($ vol. $)$ | None <br> $($ vol. $)$ | No <br> opinion |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 49 | 24 | 7 | 11 | $*$ | 2 | 6 |  |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 47 | 20 | 8 | 12 | $*$ | 1 | 3 | 9 |

b. is the most honest and trustworthy

| Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | All <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Any 2 <br> $($ vol. $)$ | None <br> $($ vol.) | No <br> opinion |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 28 | 24 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 26 | 26 | 13 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 |

c. has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008

|  | Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { (vol.) } \end{gathered}$ | Any 2 (vol.) | None (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 46 | 18 | 9 | 12 | * | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 9/30/07 | 50 | 15 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 10 |

d. best reflects the core values of the Republican Party

| Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | All <br> (vol.) | Any 2 <br> $($ vol. $)$ | None <br> $($ vol. $)$ | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 25 | 24 | 17 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 23 | 26 | 13 | 21 | $*$ | 1 | 5 | 11 |

e. No trend.
f. is best able to handle the situation in Iraq

| Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | All <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Any 2 <br> $($ vol. $)$ | None <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 35 | 34 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 9/30/07* | 37 | 31 | 5 | 16 | 0 | $*$ | 3 | 8 |
| * "The war in Iraq" |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

24. Which of these is more important to you in a candidate for president: (strength and experience) or (a new direction and new ideas)?

|  | Strength and <br> experience | New direction <br> and new ideas | Both <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 49 | 41 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 52 | 40 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| $7 / 21 / 07$ | 50 | 41 | 6 | $*$ | 2 |

25. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Rudy Giuliani, the Republican) and (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE:

| Giuliani | Clinton | Other <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> (vol.) | Would not <br> vote (vol.) | No <br> opinion |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 46 | 50 | $*$ | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| $9 / 30 / 07$ | 43 | 51 | $*$ | 3 | 2 | $*$ |
| $1 / 19 / 07$ | 47 | 49 | 0 | 2 | $*$ | 1 |

26. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (John McCain, the Republican) and (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE:

|  | McCain | Clinton | Other <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Would not | vote (vol.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | opinion |
| :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ |

27. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Fred Thompson, the Republican) and (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE:

|  | Thompson | Clinton | Other <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Neither <br> (vol.) | Would not | vote (vol.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | opinion |
| :---: |

28. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Mitt Romney, the Republican) and (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE:

|  | Romney | Clinton | Other <br> (vol.) | Neither <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Would not | vote (vol.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | opinion |
| :---: |

29. Does the fact that Clinton would be the first woman president make you (more) likely to vote for her, (less) likely to vote for her, or doesn't it make a difference in your vote?

|  | More | Less | No difference | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 15 | 10 | 75 | $\underset{y}{l}$ |

30. Thinking ahead to November 2008, regardless of your local contest, which party would you like to see in control of Congress after the next congressional elections, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

|  | Democrats | Republicans | Neither <br> (vol.) | No <br> opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 / 1 / 07$ | 54 | 40 | 3 | 2 |

Compare to:
Regardless of your local contest, which party would you like to see in control of Congress after the congressional elections in November, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

|  | Democrats | Republicans | (vol.) | opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10/8/06 | 59 | 36 | 3 | 2 |
| $5 / 15 / 06$ | 56 | 33 | 8 | 3 |
| $11 / 2 / 05$ | 55 | 37 | 6 | 2 |

31. Thinking ahead to November 2008, which of these two statements comes closest to your own views: (After eight years of George W. Bush, we need to elect a president who can set the nation in a new direction) OR (We need to keep the country moving in the direction Bush has been taking us)?

|  | -- New direction - |  |  | -- | me di | ection | Somewhere in |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strngly | Smwht | NET | Smwht | Strngly | between (vol.) | (vol.) | opin |
| 11/1/07 | 75 | 60 | 14 | 23 | 10 | 13 |  | 1 | 1 |

Compare to:
Which of these two statements comes closest to your own views: A) After four years of George W. Bush, we need to elect a president who can set the nation in a new direction. B) We need to keep the country moving in the direction Bush has been taking us.

| 3/7/04 | $\begin{gathered} \text { New } \\ \text { direction } \\ 57 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Same } \\ \text { direction } \\ 41 \end{gathered}$ | Somewhere in between (vol.) 1 | Neither <br> (vol.) <br> 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { opinion } \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bill Clinton: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/6/00 | 48 | 44 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 7/23/00 | 46 | 49 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 2/27/00 | 48 | 49 | 1 | * | 1 |
| 1/26/00 | 44 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 10/31/99 | 47 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 9/2/99 | 47 | 49 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 3/14/98 | 39 | 56 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| George H.W. Bush: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/9/92 | 74 | 23 | * | * | 2 |
| 6/7/92 | 75 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3/11/92 | 66 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 12/15/91 | 63 | 31 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 10/21/91 | 51 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Reagan: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/19/88 RV | 51 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8/14/88 | 58 | 38 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 5/25/88 | 57 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 9/23/87 | 55 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 4/13/87 | 56 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

32. Held for release.
33. Held for release.
34. Held for release.
35. Held for release.
36. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?
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--- Excellent/Good --- --- Not so good/Poor --- No
NET Excellent Good NET Not so good Poor opinion
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| 11/1/07 |  | 35 | 3 | 32 | 64 | 39 | 26 | * |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4/15/07 |  | 42 | 5 | 37 | 57 | 37 | 20 | * |
| 12/11/06 |  | 50 | 7 | 42 | 50 | 36 | 14 | * |
| 10/22/06 |  | 55 | 10 | 45 | 45 | 28 | 17 | * |
| 10/8/06 |  | 47 | 7 | 40 | 53 | 37 | 16 | * |
| 3/5/06 |  | 43 | 5 | 38 | 57 | 37 | 19 | * |
| 1/26/06 |  | 40 | 5 | 35 | 60 | 37 | 23 | * |
| 12/18/05 |  | 45 | 5 | 39 | 55 | 38 | 17 | * |
| 11/2/05 |  | 35 | 3 | 32 | 65 | 36 | 29 | * |
| 9/11/05 |  | 40 | 3 | 37 | 59 | 37 | 22 | 1 |
| 6/5/05 |  | 44 | 3 | 40 | 56 | 38 | 19 | * |
| 4/24/05 |  | 37 | 2 | 35 | 63 | 44 | 20 | * |
| 9/26/04 | RV | 46 | 3 | 43 | 53 | 38 | 15 | 1 |
| 8/29/04 | RV | 45 | 3 | 41 | 55 | 37 | 18 | * |
| 7/25/04 |  | 46 | 4 | 42 | 53 | 39 | 14 | * |
| 6/20/04 |  | 45 | 4 | 41 | 55 | 38 | 17 | * |
| 4/18/04 |  | 43 | 4 | 39 | 57 | 39 | 18 | * |
| 3/7/04 |  | 39 | 2 | 37 | 60 | 38 | 22 | 1 |
| 1/18/04 |  | 42 | 3 | 39 | 58 | 42 | 16 | 0 |
| 12/21/03 |  | 42 | 4 | 39 | 57 | 41 | 16 | 1 |
| 10/29/03 |  | 33 | 1 | 32 | 67 | 45 | 23 | * |
| 9/13/03 |  | 30 | 2 | 27 | 70 | 45 | 25 | * |
| 8/11/03 |  | 32 | 2 | 30 | 68 | 43 | 25 | * |
| 4/30/03 |  | 35 | 1 | 34 | 64 | 46 | 19 | * |
| 2/9/03 |  | 28 | 1 | 27 | 72 | 49 | 23 | * |
| 1/20/03 |  | 25 | 1 | 25 | 74 | 48 | 26 | 1 |
| 12/15/02 |  | 35 | 1 | 33 | 65 | 44 | 21 | 1 |
| 11/4/02 | LV | 28 | 1 | 27 | 72 | 55 | 17 | 1 |
| 11/3/02 | LV | 27 | 1 | 26 | 72 | 56 | 17 | 1 |
| 11/2/02 | LV | 29 | 1 | 28 | 71 | 54 | 17 | * |
| 9/26/02 |  | 31 | 2 | 28 | 69 | 50 | 19 | * |
| 7/15/02 |  | 39 | 3 | 36 | 61 | 44 | 17 | 1 |
| 2/21/02 |  | 30 | 1 | 29 | 69 | 51 | 18 | * |
| 1/27/02 |  | 31 | 1 | 29 | 69 | 50 | 19 | * |
| 9/20/01 |  | 38 | 3 | 35 | 60 | 47 | 14 | 2 |
| 9/9/01 |  | 33 | 1 | 32 | 66 | 47 | 19 | * |
| 7/30/01 |  | 50 | 3 | 46 | 50 | 39 | 12 | * |
| 4/22/01 |  | 50 | 3 | 47 | 50 | 40 | 9 | * |
| 1/15/01 |  | 70 | 10 | 59 | 29 | 24 | 6 | 1 |
| 10/27/00 | LV | 86 | 24 | 61 | 14 | 11 | 3 | * |
| 10/26/00 | LV | 86 | 24 | 61 | 14 | 11 | 3 | * |
| 6/11/00 |  | 74 | 17 | 57 | 26 | 19 | 6 | * |
| 2/27/00 |  | 80 | 25 | 55 | 20 | 14 | 5 | * |
| 10/31/99 |  | 74 | 18 | 56 | 26 | 18 | 7 | 1 |
| 9/2/99 |  | 76 | 19 | 57 | 23 | 16 | 6 | 1 |
| 3/14/99 |  | 80 | 22 | 58 | 19 | 15 | 4 | 1 |
| 11/1/98 |  | 73 | 12 | 61 | 26 | 21 | 5 | 1 |
| 11/1/98 | LV | 78 | 13 | 65 | 22 | 19 | 3 | * |
| 10/13/97 |  | 61 | 12 | 49 | 39 | 27 | 11 | * |
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37. As you may know, periods of economic growth are followed by periods of recession. Do you think a recession over the next year is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

|  | ------- Likely ----- |  |  |  | Unlikely |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Very | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Very | opinion |
| 11/1/07 | 69 | 23 | 46 | 28 | 20 | 8 | 2 |
| 2/14/99 | 49 | 14 | 35 | 46 | 26 | 20 | 4 |

38. Do you consider yourself to be a feminist, or not?

|  | Yes | No |  | opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/07 | 26 | 69 |  | 5 |
| 9/30/07 | 22 | 75 |  | 3 |
| 4/30/06* | 24 | 69 |  | 7 |
| 5/24/05* | 19 | 75 |  | 6 |
| 6/17/01** | 23 | 73 |  | 4 |
| 12/16/99* | 17 | 77 |  | 6 |
| 9/20/97* | 19 | 75 |  | 6 |
| 10/11/91** | 30 | 60 |  | 10 |
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