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IRAQ: THE BUILD-UP TO WAR: In an article in the August/September 1983 issue of *Public Opinion* magazine, the late polling authority Everett Carll Ladd argued that “there has been no instance prior to the actual commitment of troops where a majority of the populace favored such a step [the use of U.S. ground troops].” Americans are always reluctant to put American troops in harm’s way. All the major polls leading up to the ultimatum that President Bush gave Saddam Hussein on March 17, 2003 showed majority support for military action against Iraq.

In fall 2002 and early spring 2003, many pollsters followed up the basic question about going to war with Iraq by asking people whether they would support a war if our allies did not go along, if the United Nations did not support our action, and so on. Support for U.S. action dropped in most of these questions. But these “what if” questions were hypothetical and hypothetical questions are not always reliable guides to public opinion. Americans have always preferred to act with our allies when that is possible. They know it is not always possible.

In the buildup to the war, around 20 percent strongly opposed the decision to go to war. For this 20 percent – the peace party – it did not matter if we had UN support or the support of our allies. It also did not matter if Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. This group was simply strongly opposed to going to war.

Strong majorities of Americans wanted Congress involved in the decision to go to war. The polls were unanimous on this point.

- Would you favor or oppose having U.S. forces take military action against Iraq to force Saddam Hussein from power? (If favor) What if U.S. allies opposed such military action – in that case would you favor or oppose having U.S. forces take military action against Iraq?

		Favor	If allies oppose, still		Oppose
			Favor	Oppose	
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Pos	78			17
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	72			24
Jan. 24-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Pos	71			24
Feb. 21, 2002	ABC News/Wash Pos	67			30
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	72	77	21	24
Aug. 7-11, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	69	80	17	22
Aug. 29, 2002	ABC News	56	69	24	34
Sep. 12-14, 2002	ABC News	68	75	22	29
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	61	76	21	34
Nov. 13-17, 2002	ABC News	64			29
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	62			35
Jan. 16-20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57			41
Jan. 27, 2003	ABC News	61			36
Jan. 28, 2003	ABC News	63			32
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	66			31
Feb. 5, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	67			27
Feb. 6-9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	66			31
Feb. 19-23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	63			31
Mar. 5-9, 2003	ABC News	65			30

Do you support/oppose it strongly or only somewhat?

		Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
Feb. 21, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	46	21	18	12
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	41	20	15	20
Jan. 16-20, 2003	ABC News	40	17	16	25
Jan. 27, 2003	ABC News	40	21	15	21
Jan. 28, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	43	19	13	20
Jan. 30-					
Feb. 1, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	48	19	14	18
Feb. 5, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	45	22	11	17
Feb. 6-9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	46	21	14	17
Feb. 19-23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	42	21	13	18
Mar. 5-9, 2003	ABC News	47	18	10	20

• Would you favor or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 26-27, 2001*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	20
Jun. 17-19, 2002+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	31
Aug. 19-21, 2002+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	41
Sep. 2-4, 2002+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	36
Sep. 5-8, 2002+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	36
Sep. 13-16, 2002+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	39
Sep. 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	38
Oct. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	40
Oct. 14-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	37
Oct. 21-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	40
Nov. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	35
Nov. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	37
Dec. 9-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	39
Dec. 16-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	35
Dec. 19-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	38
Jan. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	39
Jan. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	38
Jan. 23-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	43
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	38
Feb. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	34
Feb. 17-19, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38
Feb. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	37
Mar. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	37
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	33

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?" +Question wording was, "Would you favor or oppose sending American ground troops to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?"

• Do you approve or disapprove of the United States taking military action against Iraq to try and remove Saddam Hussein from power?

		Approve	Disapprove
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	74	18
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	70	20
Jul. 8-9, 2002	CBS News	73	21
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	66	26

Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	68	24
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	68	26
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	67	27
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	64	25
Nov. 2-4, 2002*	CBS News	58	33
Nov. 20-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	70	23
Jan. 4-6, 2003	CBS News	64	30
Jan. 19-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	64	30
Feb. 5-6, 2003	CBS News	70	21
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	66	29
Feb. 24-25, 2003	CBS News	66	29
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News	69	26
Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	66	30
Mar. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	67	29

NOTE: *Asked of likely voters.

● Do you support or oppose U.S. military action to remove President Saddam Hussein?

		Support	Oppose
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	77	12
Jan. 30-31, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	74	15
Apr. 30-May 1, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	70	20
Jul. 9-10, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	72	18
Aug. 6-7, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	22
Sep. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	66	22
Sep. 24-25, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	27
Oct. 8-9, 2002*+	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	72	17
Oct. 22-23, 2002*+	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	62	27
Nov. 19-20, 2002*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	68	18
Dec. 17-18, 2002*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	65	23
Jan. 14-15, 2003*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	25
Jan. 29-30, 2003*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	21
Feb. 11-12, 2003*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	23
Feb. 25-26, 2003*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	71	24
Mar. 11-12, 2003*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	71	20

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you support or oppose U.S. military action to disarm Iraq and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein?" + Asked of likely voters.

● Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action to disarm Iraq and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein? Is that strongly support/oppose or only somewhat strongly/oppose?

		Support Strongly	Support, Not Strongly	Oppose, Not Strongly	Oppose Strongly
Feb. 11-12, 2003*	Fox News/Op Dyn	51	18	10	13
Feb. 25-26, 2003*	Fox News/Op Dyn	51	20	9	15
Mar. 11-12, 2003*	Fox News/Op Dyn	54	17	6	14
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Op Dyn	66	12	8	10
Apr. 8-9, 2003	Fox News/Op Dyn	68	13	6	10
Apr. 22-23, 2003+	Fox News/Op Dyn	61	15	9	11

NOTE: **Question wording was, Do you support or oppose U.S. military action to remove President Saddam Hussein?" +Question wording was, "...having taken military action?"

- In the fight against terrorism, the Bush administration has talked about using military force against Saddam Hussein and his military in Iraq. Would you support using military force against Iraq, or not?

		Support	Oppose
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	81	15
Dec. 13-14, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	78	15
Apr. 25-26, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	68	24
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	62	31
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	67	26
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	63	29
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	66	26
Oct. 24-25, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	64	29
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	63	31

- Would you favor or oppose taking military action in Iraq to end Saddam Hussein's rule?

		Favor	Oppose
Nov. 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	74	20
Jun. 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	34
Aug 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	64	21
Sep. 12-14, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	64	23
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	29
Oct. 2-6, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	27
Oct. 17-27, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	34
Dec. 4-8, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	25
Jan. 8-12, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	68	25
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	66	26
Mar. 13-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	30

NOTE: In Mar. 2003, when the 59 percent who favored military action were asked, "Should we attack Iraq only if our major allies agree to join us, or attack Iraq even if our allies do not want to join us?" 38 percent said only if our allies agreed and 16 percent said even if our allies wouldn't join. Five percent refused to answer or didn't know.

- Do you think the U.S. should or should not use military action to attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq as part of the war on terrorism?

		Should	Should Not
Oct. 12, 2001	Harris Interactive	71	19
Mar. 13-14, 2002	Harris Interactive	70	23

- Do you think that the U.S. should or should not use military action involving ground troops to attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq? Do you support/oppose it strongly or only somewhat?

		Should, Strongly	Should, Somewhat	Should Not, Somewhat	Should Not, Strongly
Oct. 23-24, 2002	Harris Interactive	40	15	9	25
Nov. 13-14, 2002	Harris Interactive	43	14	8	25
Dec. 17-18, 2002	Harris Interactive	40	15	14	23
Jan. 15-16, 2003	Harris Interactive	43	17	11	22
Feb. 6, 2003	Harris Interactive	45	14	10	24
Feb. 19-20, 2003	Harris Interactive	41	13	12	25

● Do you think the United States should take military action in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq, or not? Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

		Support Strongly	Support, Not Strongly	Oppose, Not Strongly	Oppose Strongly
Aug. 22-25, 2002	L.A. Times	47	12	9	20

● Please tell me if you would support or oppose U.S. military action against Iraq in each of the following circumstances. First, what if...?

			Support	Oppose
The United States joined together with its major allies to attack Iraq, with the full support of the United Nations Security Council				
Jan. 3-6, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		83	13
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		81	14
The United States and one or two of its major allies attacked Iraq, without the support of the United Nations				
Jan. 3-6, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		47	45
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		39	52
The United States acted alone in attacking Iraq without the support of the United Nations				
Jan. 3-6, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		34	59
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		31	63

● Please tell me whether or not you would support the following kinds of U.S. military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein. First, what about...Would you support this kind of military action or not?

			Support	Oppose
Using air strikes against Iraq without any troops on the ground				
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek		68	23
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		63	30
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		70	24
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		67	27
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		68	25
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		69	25
Sending in commandos or special forces to capture Saddam Hussein or work with local anti-Saddam forces				
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek		74	19
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		70	23
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		76	19
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		72	21
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek		70	21
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek		72	23

Organizing an international force to remove Saddam Hussein from power and take control of the country

		Support	Oppose
Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	65	28
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	69	25
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	75	20
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	69	23
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	72	21

Sending in large numbers of U.S. ground troops to ensure control of the country

Nov. 29-30, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	56	40
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	49	45
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	55	37
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	50	42
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	48	42
Jan. 16-17, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	51	41

- How important do you think it is that President Bush first get...before taking military action against Iraq? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important
The approval of Congress					
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	61	24	6	7
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	60	25	6	7
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	66	21	4	7
Support from most of our European allies					
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	58	28	7	5
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	57	30	5	6
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	58	28	6	6
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	60	29	5	4
Formal support from the United Nations					
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	55	26	8	9
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	55	28	6	9
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	59	25	4	10
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	57	28	6	7
Support from most of the Arab countries that are friendly to the United States					
Aug. 28-29, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	51	30	8	8
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	48	31	8	11
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	52	30	7	9
Oct. 10-11, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	47	33	8	9

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein?

		Approve	Disapprove
Aug. 29, 2002	ABC News	52	36
Sep. 12-14, 2002	ABC News	65	31
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	58	39
Oct. 24-27, 2002	ABC News	57	38
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	58	37
Jan. 16-20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	50	46
Jan. 27, 2003	ABC News	57	40
Jan. 28, 2003	ABC News	58	38
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	61	35
Feb. 5, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	61	32
Feb. 6-9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	61	37
Feb. 19-23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	55	39
Mar. 5-9, 2003	ABC News	55	38

- Do you think the President should have to get the approval of Congress before taking military action against Iraq, or should he be able to make that decision himself?

		Get Approval	His Decision
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	71	27
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	62	35
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	65	31
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	70	28

- Which statement do you agree with more: Iraq presents such a clear danger to American interests that the U.S. needs to act now, even without the support of its allies, or the U.S. needs to wait for its allies before taking any actions against Iraq?

		Act Now	Wait for Allies
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	22	72
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	24	68
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	27	67
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	31	61
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	29	65
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	28	63
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	32	63
Feb. 24-25, 2003	CBS News	37	59

- Would you support or oppose a war against Iraq if there were thousands of American casualties?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 25-27, 2002	Zogby International	39	50
Jan. 24-26, 2003	Zogby International	35	59
Feb. 6-8, 2003	Zogby International	40	52
Feb. 17-20, 2003	Zogby International	41	51
Mar. 5-7, 2003	Zogby International	44	50
Mar. 15-17, 2003	Zogby International	43	50

NOTE: Asked of likely voters.

- Would you support or oppose sending your son or daughter to war to remove Saddam Hussein?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 25-27, 2002	Zogby International	45	46
Jan. 24-26, 2003	Zogby International	45	47
Feb. 6-8, 2003	Zogby International	49	44
Feb. 17-20, 2003	Zogby International	50	43
Mar. 5-7, 2003	Zogby International	53	44
Mar. 15-17, 2003	Zogby International	50	43

NOTE: Asked of likely voters.

- How much have you yourself thought about whether the U.S. should use military force to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

		Great Deal	Some	Only A Little	Not At All
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	35	11	6
Sep. 12-14, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	27	9	6
Oct. 2-6, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	32	8	5
Dec. 4-8, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	58	29	8	4
Jan. 8-12, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	56	29	8	6
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	58	27	8	6
Mar. 13-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	64	24	7	4

- Do you favor or oppose the United States taking direct military action in Iraq?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	20

- Do you think that the U.S. should or should not use military action to attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq as part of the war against terrorism?

		Yes	No
Oct. 12, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	19

- It is widely acknowledged that Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction. Do you think the U.S. should take immediate action against Iraq or try to develop an international consensus before taking action against Iraq?

		Immediate Action	International Consensus
Dec. 12-13, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	54

- George W. Bush has named Iraq as one of the countries that are harboring terrorists and stockpiling chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons. Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against terrorist targets in Iraq?

		Support	Oppose
Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2002	L.A. Times	77	15

- Would you favor or oppose sending U.S. ground troops to invade Iraq?

		Favor	Oppose
Mar. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	50
Apr. 5-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	46

- Would you favor or oppose sending U.S. ground troops to invade Iraq in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

		Favor	Oppose
Apr. 5-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	36

- How confident are you that President Bush will make the right decision regarding the use of U.S. troops in Iraq?

		Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Very Confident	Not At All Confident
Oct. 22-23, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	27	15	14
Nov. 19-20, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	42	28	12	12

- Would you support or oppose the United States going to war with Iraq?

		Support	Oppose
Mar. 6-9, 2003	ABC News	59	35

- It is estimated that the war in Iraq will cost each U.S. taxpayer about 300 dollars. Do you think it is worth 300 dollars per taxpayer to disarm Iraq and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power?

		Yes	No
Mar. 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	23

- Who do you think poses a greater danger to the United States today: Al-Qaeda leader Usama bin Laden or Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein?

		Bin Laden	Hussein	Both Equal (Vol.)	Neither (Vol.)
Mar. 12-13, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	19	34	35	4
Jun. 18-19, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	21	36	34	3

THE INVASION BEGINS: *The polls taken immediately after President Bush's ultimatum to Saddam Hussein on March 17 showed strong support for U.S. action. Around 20 percent were strongly opposed. Strong majorities of Americans felt the United States had done what it could to gain international support.*

In early April 2003, 29 percent told ABC News/ Washington Post interviewers that they had close friends or family members currently serving in Iraq or elsewhere in the Middle East as part of U.S. forces there. In July 2003, half of those surveyed told Fox News/Opinion Dynamics interviewers that they personally knew someone in the Armed Forces or National Guard who had been called up for military action against Iraq.

- Do you think the United States has done all it can to solve the crisis with Iraq diplomatically, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 17, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	28

- Do you think the United States has done all it can to solve the crisis with Iraq diplomatically, or not?

		Yes	No
Oct. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	49
Dec. 9-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44
Feb. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	42

- Do you think the Bush administration has or has not done enough to try to win support from other countries for taking military action against Iraq?

		Yes	No
Mar. 17, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	72	25

- Whatever your feelings about the Iraq war now, do you think the United States should have begun military action against Iraq when it did, or do you think the United States should have waited longer to try to achieve its goals in Iraq diplomatically?

		Should Have Begun	Should Have Waited
Mar. 27-28, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	63	32
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	70	26

- Which concerns you more: that the Bush administration might move too quickly to take military action against Iraq, or the Bush administration might not move quickly enough?

		Too Quickly	Not Quickly Enough
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	52	40
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	54	40
Jan. 16-20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	55	39
Jan. 27, 2003	ABC News	54	36
Jan. 28, 2003	ABC News	51	39
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	49	44

- Do you think President Bush is moving too quickly toward a war with Iraq, or don't you think so?

		Too Quickly	Not Too Quickly
Aug. 28-29, 2002	Harris Interactive	40	53
Jan. 15-16, 2003	Harris Interactive	41	56
Feb. 6, 2003	Harris Interactive	46	52
Feb. 19-20, 2003	Harris Interactive	48	50

- Do you think George W. Bush should have waited for specific United Nations approval of military action before issuing tonight's ultimatum, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 17, 2003	CBS News	32	65

- In a speech tonight, Bush said the United States will go to war with Iraq unless Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders leave their country within 48 hours. If they don't leave, would you support or oppose the United States going to war with Iraq right after the 48-hour deadline?

		Support	Oppose
Mar. 17, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	72	24

- Do you approve or disapprove of Bush's decision to go to war if Saddam Hussein does not leave Iraq in the next 48 hours?

		Approve	Disapprove
Mar. 17, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30

NOTE: When the 66 percent who approved of Bush's decision were asked, "Which comes closer to your view: you support going to war because you think it is the best thing for the U.S. or you are not sure if going to war is the best thing to do, but you support Bush's decision because he is president," 44 percent said it was the right thing to do, 21 percent said they were supporting Bush because he is president, and 1 percent were unsure.

- Do you think it was right for the United States to attack Iraq now, should the United States have waited longer before attacking Iraq, or should the United States never have attacked Iraq?

		Right To Attack	Should Have Waited	Should Never Have
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	23	11

- Do you personally know anyone in the Armed Forces or National Guard who has been or is being sent to the Middle East for the military action in Iraq?

		Yes	No/Not Sure
Feb. 11-12, 2003*	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	50
Jul. 29-30, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	48

NOTE: *Question wording was, "potential military action against Iraq."

- Do you have any close personal friends or family members who are currently serving in Iraq or elsewhere in the Middle East as part of U.S. forces there?

		Yes	No
Apr. 2-6, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	29	70

NOTE: In August 2003, Stars and Stripes conducted a survey of service members in Iraq. The results can be found at <http://www.stripes.com/morale/dayonestats.html> In January and February 2004, The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard Unity conducted a survey of military families. The results can be found at http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/polls/vault/stories/poll_militaryfamilies.pdf In March 2004, the U.S. Army released findings from the first-ever soldier well-being study in a combat arena. The results can be found at http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=5802. In March and April 2004, CBS News conducted a survey of military families.

- Do you support or oppose the United States having gone to war with Iraq? Do you support/oppose it strongly or only somewhat?"

		Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
Mar. 17, 2003+	ABC News/Wash Post	54	16	8	19
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	53	19	8	18
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	55	17	10	16
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	16	8	16
Apr. 3, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	15	8	16
Apr. 6, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	20	7	10
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	63	17	6	12

NOTE: +Question wording was, "Would you support or oppose the United States going to war with Iraq?"

- Do you approve or disapprove of the United States taking military action against Iraq to try and remove Saddam Hussein from power?

		Approve	Disapprove
Mar. 17, 2003	CBS News	69	28
Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	74	23
Mar. 20-21, 2003	CBS News/NYT	76	20
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	76	22
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	80	17
Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	75	23
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	77	19
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	78	17
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	78	19
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	78	19

- Do you think that the U.S. should or should not use military action involving ground troops to attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

		Should, Strongly	Should, Somewhat	Should Not, Somewhat	Should Not, Strongly
Oct. 23-24, 2002	Harris Interactive	40	15	9	25
Nov. 13-14, 2002	Harris Interactive	43	14	8	25
Dec. 17-18, 2002	Harris Interactive	40	15	14	23
Jan. 15-16, 2003	Harris Interactive	43	17	11	22
Feb. 6, 2003	Harris Interactive	45	14	10	24
Feb. 19-20, 2003	Harris Interactive	41	13	12	25
Mar. 27, 2003*	Harris Interactive	53	17	8	18

NOTE: *Question wording was, "In general, do you approve or disapprove of current U.S. military actions in Iraq?"

- Do you support or oppose the Bush administration's decision to take military action against Iraq at this time? Do you support/oppose the decision strongly, or do you support/oppose it somewhat?

		Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
Aug. 22-25, 2002*	LA Times	47	12	9	20
Apr. 2-3, 2003	LA Times	58	19	6	15

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you think the United States should take military action in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq, or not?"

- Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war with Iraq?

		Favor	Oppose
Mar. 20, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	20
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	72	25
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	27
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	27
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	27
Apr. 7-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	28
Apr. 10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	72	22
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	26
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	43
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	46

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq?"

- Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq? Do you approve/disapprove strongly, or not strongly?

		Approve Strongly	Approve, Not Strongly	Disapprove, Not Strongly	Disapprove, Strongly
Mar. 20, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	16	5	15
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	13	8	17
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	14	8	19

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you approve or disapprove of the United States's decision to go to war with Iraq?"

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein?

		Approve	Disapprove
Mar. 17, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	64	29
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	65	29
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	71	26
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	69	26

PROPER USE OF FORCE IN IRAQ?: *In most polls taken in March 2003, majorities told pollsters that the United States has used the right amount of military force in the war against Iraq. Of the remainder, more said that we had not been aggressive enough than said we had been too aggressive. Once Americans make the decision to go to war, they aren't shy about using force.*

- In the military action against Iraq so far, do you think the U.S. military has used the right amount of force against Iraq, has used too much force, or should the U.S. military use even more force against Iraq?

		Too Much	Right Amount	Should Use More
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	10	58	20
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	5	53	33
Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	7	45	36
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	5	37	48
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	6	51	36

- Do you think U.S. military attacks on Iraq have been too aggressive, not aggressive enough, or about right?

		Too Aggressive	About Right	Not Aggressive Enough
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	6	58	29

- In carrying out the ground war, do you think the United States military is being too aggressive, not aggressive enough, or about right? (Asked of half sample)

		Too Aggressive	About Right	Not Aggressive Enough
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	5	62	30

- In carrying out the air war, do you think the United States military is being too aggressive, not aggressive enough, or about right? (Asked of half sample)

		Too Aggressive	About Right	Not Aggressive Enough
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	4	61	28

- Please tell me which one of the following two options you would choose for U.S. military action in the Iraq war, if it were up to you...more aggressive military action that would increase the risk of high Iraqi civilian casualties but might lead to a shorter war or more safeguards that reduce the risk of high Iraqi civilian casualties but might lead to a longer war?

		More Aggressive	More Safeguards
Mar. 27-28, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	40	50

● Which comes closer to your view about the U.S. military's approach to avoiding Iraqi civilian casualties...the U.S. military is taking too many precautions and as a result are putting U.S. troops at unnecessary risk, the U.S. military is taking too few precautions and are causing unnecessary Iraqi civilian deaths, or do you think the U.S. is taking about the right approach in avoiding civilian casualties?

		Too Few	About Right	Too Many
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	53	35

● What do you worry about more when the United States uses military force, that the U.S. doesn't do enough to avoid civilian casualties or that the U.S. doesn't go far enough to achieve military victory?

		Civilian Casualties	Military Victory
Mar. 13-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	47

THE PEACE: *Eighty-four percent of those surveyed told Gallup/CNN/USA Today interviewers on April 5-6, 2003 that rebuilding Iraq and establishing a government there would be more difficult for the United States than winning the war; just 13 percent said winning the war would be more difficult. Twenty-five percent told Pew Research Center interviewers on April 9 that it would be easy for the U.S. and its allies to install a stable government there; 73 percent said it would be difficult. Americans were under no illusions about this.*

● Which of the following do you think will be more difficult for the United States – winning the war and taking control of Iraq, or rebuilding Iraq and establishing a new government there once the war is over?

		-----More difficult----- Winning War	Rebuilding Iraq
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	84

● How easy do you think it will be for the U.S. and its allies to install a stable democratic government in Iraq? Will it be very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

		Very Easy	Somewhat Easy	Somewhat Difficult	Very Difficult
Apr. 9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	5	20	57	16
Apr. 10-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	2	16	58	21

● Do you think it will be very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult to create a stable democratic government in Iraq?

		Very Easy	Somewhat Easy	Somewhat Difficult	Very Difficult
Apr. 8, 2003	Harris	5	6	34	53

- Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do, would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in establishing a democratic government there?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News/NYT	14	44	27	13
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	10	40	31	15

- Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think that most of the challenges in the war remain ahead?

		Challenges Behind Us	Challenges Remain Ahead
Apr. 12-13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	22	71
May 17-19, 2003	NBC/WSJ	26	70
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	18	75
Dec. 14, 2003	NBC/WSJ	20	71
Jan. 10-12, 2004	NBC/WSJ	21	72

- Do you think that in Iraq the greatest challenges are behind us or do you think the greatest challenges remain ahead?

		Challenges Behind Us	Challenges Remain Ahead
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	16	80

- From what you've seen and read, how good a job is the new Iraqi government doing running the country? Is it doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

		Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	4	19	41	14
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	2	17	47	18

- Which of the these comes closer to your opinion: 1) The U.S. has already completed its main mission in Iraq; or 2) The U.S. has still not completed its main mission in Iraq?

		Already Complete	Not Complete
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	26	69
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	32	61

- Thinking about the current situation in Iraq, do you, personally, feel worried about what lies ahead in Iraq?

		Feel Worried	Do Not
Apr. 9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	44

- Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward establishing a democratic government in Iraq?

		Making Significant Progress	Not Making Significant Progress
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	38	57
Jun. 17-20, 2004*	ABC News/Wash Post	50	48

Dec. 16-19, 2004*	ABC News/Wash Post	48	44
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Note: *Asked of half sample.

- Which of these would you say is the United States' most important accomplishment in Iraq so far: 1) Liberating the Iraqi people, or 2) stopping Iraq from developing weapons of mass destruction, or 3) showing the world that the U.S. will take pre-emptive military action when it thinks it is necessary?

		Liberated People	Stopped Weapons	Pre-emptive Action
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	40	18	32

- Which do you think the Iraqi people are feeling right now - grateful to the United States for getting rid of Saddam Hussein or resentful of the United States for being in Iraq right now?

		Grateful	Resentful
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	53	26
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	46	31
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	34	37
Oct. 20-21, 2003*	CBS News	41	38
Dec. 21-22, 2003*	CBS News	48	30
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	38	48
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	40	43

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...most Iraqi people are feeling right now ?"

- At this point do you think the majority of the Iraqi people want the U.S. to stay for now or leave?

		Stay For Now	Leave
Jul. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	53	42
Sep. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	47	50
Nov. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	58	39
Mar. 2004	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	47	51

Achieving Stability in Iraq

- Do you think the United States will – or will not – be able to establish a stable democratic government in Iraq?

		Yes Will	No, Will Not
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	57
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	49

- Do you think that Iraq will or will not be able to establish and maintain a stable, democratic government?

		Will	Will Not	Not Sure
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	27	51	11
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	31	45	14
Jan. 13-17, 2005	NBC/WSJ	38	45	9

NOTE: asked of registered voters.

● How much responsibility do you think the U.S. should have for establishing a stable democratic government in Iraq? Do you think the U.S. should be completely responsible, mostly responsible, only a little responsible, or not responsible at all?

		Completely Responsible	Mostly Responsible	A Little Responsible	Not Responsible
Apr. 10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	46	28	11

● Do you think it will be very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult to create a stable democratic government in Iraq?

		Very Easy	Somewhat Easy	Somewhat Difficult	Very Difficult
Apr. 10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	12	51	31

● Looking ahead, which of these would you say should be the United States' most important priority in Iraq now: 1) making sure Iraq has stability, 2) finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; or 3) finding Saddam Hussein and other members of his family?

		Stability	Finding Weapons	Finding Hussein
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	59	15	16

● How confident are you that the United States will successfully establish a stable democratic form of government in Iraq over the long term? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

		Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Too Confident	Not At All Confident
May 1-2, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	21	42	19	14
Jul. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	15	39	24	16
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	21	40	23	13
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	18	37	21	19
Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	17	38	23	20
Oct. 9-10, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	17	35	24	19
Nov. 6-7, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	14	36	26	21
Dec. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	19	38	23	15
Jan. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	19	38	22	17
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	15	35	24	22

RESPONSIBILITIES: U.S., U.N., AND OUR ALLIES: *Americans are generally wary of foreign entanglements, and they worry about long-term commitments overseas. That may be why some, but not all, survey questions showed that Americans wanted the United Nations to take the lead role in post-war Iraq. The mixed verdict on the U.S. and U.N. roles in polls conducted in April and May 2003 probably arose because Americans had not thought much about the next phase in Iraq or about what a U.N. command might mean. They were pulled in one direction or another depending on how a question was worded.*

Many polls show that Americans, although aware of the global role we must play, are tired of bearing what many see as a disproportionate share of those burdens alone. It's not surprising that they hope for help.

- After the fighting stops, do you think the United States should stay in Iraq long enough to play the major role in establishing a new government there or leave Iraq as soon as possible and turn over the authority for establishing a new government to the United Nations or some other international organization?

		Stay Long Enough	Leave/Turn Over Authority to U.N.
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	56	39

- How important do you think it is to involve a broad coalition of different countries, in addition to the United States and Britain, in the rebuilding of Iraq...very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

		Involving a Broad Coalition			
		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Apr. 17-23, 2003	Harris Interactive	51	29	9	6
May 19-27, 2003	Harris Interactive	52	28	11	6

- Who do you think should take the leading role in rebuilding Iraq and helping its people set up a new government there after the war - the United States or the United Nations?

		Lead Role	
		U.S.	U.N.
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	31	61

- Who do you think should lead the reconstruction effort in Iraq – the United States, or the United Nations, or should it be some other country that takes the lead?

		U.S.	U.N.	Other Country
April 2-3, 2003	L.A. Times	29	50	7

- Would you favor or oppose the United Nations playing a significant role in establishing a stable government in Iraq after the war?

		Favor U.N. Playing Significant Role	Oppose
Apr. 8-9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	62	31
Apr. 10-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	64	31

Sep. 17-22, 2003* PSRA/Pew Research Center

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NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you favor or oppose the United Nations playing a significant role in establishing a stable government in Iraq?"

(Asked of those who favored U.N. role) Who should have the most say in establishing a stable government in Iraq...the United States and its military allies or the United Nations?

		U.S.	U.N.
Apr. 8-9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	18	38
Apr. 10-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	19	39
Sep. 17-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	44

- Who do you think would do a better job of setting up an interim government in Iraq...the U.S. and British coalition or the United Nations?

		U.S./British	U.N.
Apr. 8-9, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	36

- Who would you prefer to control Iraq until a new Iraqi government is created – the United States or the United Nations?

		U.S.	U.N.
Apr. 9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	45

(If U.N.) If President Bush decided that the United States should control Iraq until a new Iraqi government is created, would you support or oppose that decision?

		Support	Oppose
Apr. 9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	36

- Who would you prefer to take the lead in the rebuilding of Iraq, the United States or the United Nations?

		U.S.	U.N.
Apr. 17-23, 2003	Harris Interactive	38	49
May 19-27, 2003	Harris Interactive	37	50

- Until a new government is fully established in Iraq, who do you think should be in charge there - the United States or the United Nations?

		U.S.	U.N.
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	37	53

- For each item I name, please tell me who you think should be in charge of that - the United States or the United Nations?

		U.S.	U.N.
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post		
Maintaining civil order in Iraq until a new government is established		45	49
Awarding contracts to companies for rebuilding the infrastructure in Iraq		41	51
Helping establish a new government in Iraq		39	55

- Should the United States manage things in Iraq on its own for the time being, or should the United Nations be brought in to help the U.S. manage things in Iraq?

		Manage On Own	Bring In U.N.
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	34	61

(Asked of those who said "U.N.") Who should have the lead responsibility for setting up a new government in Iraq - the United Nations or the United States?

May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	U.S. 13	U.N. 45
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(Asked of those who said "U.N.") Who should have the lead responsibility for restoring order and basic services such as food and electricity in Iraq - the United Nations or the United States?

May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	U.S. 17	U.N. 43
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- Who should have the lead responsibility for setting up a new government in Iraq - the United Nations or the United States?

Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	U.S. 25	U.N. 69
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	26	64
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	26	68

- Do you think any interim government in Iraq set up by the United States after the war ends should be subject to the approval of the United Nations Security Council?

Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	Should 57	Should Not 35
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- Do you think the United States should invite countries that refused to support military action - such as France, Germany, and Russia - to play a role in rebuilding Iraq after the fighting stops, or not?

Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	Yes 45	No 50
Jul. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	50	42

\$87 BILLION FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN?: Americans are usually unenthusiastic about anything that resembles foreign aid. That is because they often think the money is not spent well abroad and could be spent better at home. Most of the polls below show more opposition than support for the administration's \$87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan, though the responses vary. Only a few of the questions mention that some of the money in this request would have been used for U.S. "troops" or U.S. "military operations."

- As you may know, President Bush requested that Congress authorize an additional \$87 billion in government spending for Iraq and the war on terrorism. Do you think Congress should or should not vote to authorize this?

		Should	Should Not
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
Oct. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	57

- President Bush is sending a request to Congress for \$87 billion for military operations and rebuilding in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you were a member of Congress, would you vote to approve the money or not?

		Yes	No
Sep. 9-10, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	44

- Earlier this year, Congress approved spending \$79 billion to help pay for the war in Iraq and the rebuilding effort there. Bush has now called for spending \$87 billion more. Do you support or oppose this additional spending for the war and rebuilding in Iraq?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	38	61
Sep. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Nightline	36	62
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	34	64

- President Bush has asked Congress for \$87 billion in additional funding for U.S. efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Do you favor or oppose this additional spending?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	42	51

- Do you think the additional \$87 billion in funding will make a big difference, only a small difference, or no difference at all in helping the United States achieve its goals in Iraq and Afghanistan?

		Big Difference	Small Difference	No Difference
Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	28	38	27

- Do you support or oppose the Bush administration's proposal for an additional \$87 billion mainly for the military operations and rebuilding in Iraq?

		Support	Oppose
Sep. 11-15, 2003	Quinnipiac	47	47

- President Bush has asked Congress for \$87 billion for the next year to rebuild Iraq. Do you think the U.S. should or should not spend this amount of money rebuilding Iraq?

		Should	Should Not
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	26	66
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	34	61
Oct. 20-21, 2003*	CBS News	37	59

NOTE: *Question wording was, "George W. Bush has asked Congress for an additional \$87 billion for the next year for military and reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Do you think the United States should or should not spend this amount of money?"

- As you may know, George W. Bush has requested an additional \$87 billion from Congress for military and rebuilding costs in Iraq and Afghanistan. Do you favor or oppose this additional spending? (Asked of half sample)

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 17-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	59

- As you may know, George W. Bush has requested a large amount from Congress for military and rebuilding costs in Iraq and Afghanistan. Do you favor or oppose this additional spending? (Asked of half sample)

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 17-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	55

- As you may know, President Bush has requested that Congress approve \$87 billion in federal spending in an effort to improve the effectiveness of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and to help establish stable, democratic governments there. The president's request for \$87 billion comes in addition to the \$79 billion that Congress approved in April for military operations in Iraq. Do you favor or oppose the president's request for additional spending?

		Favor	Oppose
Sep. 20-22, 2003	NBC/WSJ	41	51

- As you may know, President Bush asked for and Congress passed a bill giving an additional \$87 billion for the reconstruction of Iraq, Afghanistan and for U.S. military operations there. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

		Approve	Disapprove
Nov. 15-18, 2003	L.A. Times	42	53

PRISONER ABUSE SCANDAL: *When the story of prisoner abuse in Iraq broke in late April 2004, Americans said they were following it closely, and they didn't like what they had seen or read about it. Perhaps because the military is the most highly respected institution in American life, most Americans did not believe that these incidents were widespread. In most polls, they saw them as isolated incidents, and they wanted the wrongdoers punished. In a May 7-9, 2004 Gallup, CNN, USA Today poll, 65 percent blamed the soldiers who carried out the abuse "a great deal." Twenty-six percent blamed Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld a great deal, and 22 percent President Bush. Majorities in the polls at this time did not think Rumsfeld should resign.*

Awareness

- Do you feel that these incidents are not a big deal because this kind of thing happens in a war situation or do you think they are a big deal, because this kind of abuse is unacceptable no matter what the situation?

May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	Not A Big Deal 28	Big Deal 69
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- How serious a problem do you think the abuse of Iraqi prisoners is for U.S. progress in Iraq right now – very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, not at all serious?

		Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not Too Serious	Not At All
May 11, 2004	CBS News	60	23	10	4
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	55	27	11	5

- What's your personal reaction to the apparent abuse of Iraqi prisoners - would you say you're ...?

May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post		
		Not Concerned	7
		Concerned, but not upset	39
		Upset, but not angry	27
		Angry	24

- Would you say the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers bothers you – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not Much	Not All
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	25	11	9

- How closely have you been following news reports about the apparent abuse of some Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers in Iraq - very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

		Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not All
May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	36	39	16	8

● How closely have you been following news about the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers at a prison in Iraq?

		Very	Somewhat	Not Too	Not All
May 11, 2004	CBS News	42	37	16	4

● How much, if anything, have you heard about reports of mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. troops a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

		A Lot	A Little	Nothing At All
May 3-9, 2004	Pew Research Center	58	34	7

● Did you happen to see any of the pictures on which the reports of mistreatment or not?

		Yes	No
May 3-9, 2004	Pew Research Center	76	24

Isolated Incident?

● Thinking about the abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners by American military personnel at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, at which of the following levels do you think the decision was made to abuse and torture the Iraqi prisoners?

		Guards in	Decision Was Made By	
		Prison	Military	Military & Civilian
			Leadership	Leadership
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	36	20	35

● Recently, photographs were made public that appeared to show U.S. soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners. Do you think the soldiers that mistreated these prisoners on their own, or do you think they were following orders from their commanders?

		On Their Own	Following Orders
May 6-9, 2004	NAES	47	31
May 17-23, 2004	NAES	30	48

● Do you think the apparent abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers represents a few isolated incidents, or do you think it's more widespread than that?

		Isolated Incidents	Abuse Widespread
May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	62	31
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	60	38

● Do you think the U.S. soldiers involved in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners were acting on their own or were following orders from people they reported to?

		Acting On	Following Orders
		Their Own	From Superiors
May 11, 2004	CBS News	37	46

- Do you think the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers are isolated incidents, or do you think they are common occurrences?

		Isolated	Common
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	30

- Based on what you've heard or read, do you think this behavior is probably more widespread among the U.S. troops who guard Iraqi prisons, or is this behavior probably limited to a few soldiers in these incidents ?

		Limited To A Few Soldiers	Widespread Among U.S. Troops
May 11, 2004	CBS News	65	27
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	59	34

- From what you've seen, heard, or read, do you think the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison was a case of low ranking American soldiers acting on their own or do you think the abuse was authorized by higher-ups in the military chain of command?

		Low-Ranking Soldiers	Authorized By Higher-Ups
May 13-14	Newsweek	36	

What Should Be Done?

- Do you think the soldiers involved should or should not be charged with a crime?

		Should	Should Not
May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	66	25

- Do you think the United States should financially compensate the abused Iraqi prisoners?

		Yes	No
May 18-19, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	15	73

- Which comes closer to your opinion: 1. What happened to the Iraqi prisoners was justified because the U.S. is at war with Iraq and that is what can happen to prisoners of war or 2. What happened to the Iraqi prisoners was not justified because U.S. soldiers should be different from other armies?

		Justified	Not Justified
May 11, 2004	CBS News	13	77
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	12	81

Culpability

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the issue of apparent abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers?

		Approve	Disapprove	No Opinion
May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	35	17

● Do you think that President George W. Bush and his administration have taken the reports about Iraqi prisoners being abused (by the United States soldiers) as seriously as they should have they not taken the reports seriously enough?

May 11, 2004	CBS News	Taken Seriously 51	Not Seriously Enough 36
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● How satisfied are you with the Bush administration's response to reports of U.S. troops abusing Iraqi prisoners?

May 18-19, 2004	Fox News/OD	Very Satisfied 22	Somewhat Satisfied 27	Somewhat Dissatisfied 13	Very Dissatisfied 29
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● Do you think the Pentagon acted properly in dealing with this matter, or do you think it tried to cover up the abuse?

May 5-6, 2004	NAES	Acted Properly 32	Tried To Cover-Up 52
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● How much do you blame each of the following for the abuse of prisoners by U.S. soldiers – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today				
		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not Much	Not At All
	The soldiers who carried out the abuse at the prison	65	18	8	6
	Officers who directly supervised the soldiers	60	25	7	5
	The U.S. military intelligence officers that interrogated the prisoners	40	32	12	10
	Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld	26	22	21	28
	President Bush	22	20	17	39

● Should people higher up in the military chain of command be held responsible for the acts of the soldiers involved in the abuse even if they didn't know about it, or should only the soldiers involved be held responsible?

May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	People Higher Up 44	Only Soldiers 45
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● In their statements about the treatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, do you think members of the Bush Administration are telling the entire truth, are mostly telling the truth but are hiding something, or are mostly lying?

June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	Entire Truth 15	Hiding Something 52	Mostly Lying 27
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Should Rumsfeld Resign?

● Do you think Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, should resign because of the prisoner abuse issue, or should he keep his job?

May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	Resign 20	Keep Job 69
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● Do you think Donald Rumsfeld should resign as secretary of defense because of this matter, or not?

May 5-6, 2004	NAES	Resign 24	Keep Job 66
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● Do you think Donald Rumsfeld should resign or be removed from his job as Secretary of Defense as a result of these reports of prisoner abuse, or should he remain as Secretary of Defense?

May 11, 2004	CBS News	Resign 37	Not Resign 53
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● Do you think Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld should – or should not – resign as a result of these incidents?

May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Should 31	Should Not 64
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● Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Rumsfeld is handling his job as Secretary of Defense?

May 11, 2004	CBS News	Approve 43	Disapprove 45
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● Do you think Donald Rumsfeld should resign or be removed from his job as Secretary of Defense as a result of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal?

May 13-14, 2004	Newsweek	Be Removed 30	Remain 57
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● Do you approve or disapprove of the way Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is handling the U.S. military's response to prisoner abuse scandal?

May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	Approve 47	Disapprove 45
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Long-Term Consequences

● As you may recall, some U.S. soldiers were found to be abusing Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq last year. How much do you think this incident has damaged the United States' reputation around the world for being a country that protects civil liberties – a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or not at all?

		Damage to U.S. reputation around world			
		Great Deal	Moderate Amount	Not Much	Not At All
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	30	24	8

● As a result of this incident, do you think U.S. soldiers are now in greater danger of being tortured if they are captured, or are they in no more danger than they would have been before this incident took place?

Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Greater Danger 53	No More Danger 46
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JUNE 30th, 2004 TRANSFER OF POWER: Questions from May and early June 2004 showed that solid majorities of Americans wanted the transfer of power to take place. An April 2004 Gallup, CNN, USA Today question found that 61 percent favored keeping troops beyond the June 30th deadline to make sure the new government in Iraq succeeded. Two-thirds in a June 2004 CBS News/New York Times poll said the United States had a responsibility to make sure Iraq developed a stable government after the transfer; 27 percent said we did not have this responsibility.

- As you may know, on June 28th, in Iraq, the United States transferred power to a new Iraqi government. Do you think the official transfer of power in Baghdad means the new Iraq government will have more power than the United States in Iraq, the United States will have more power, or they will have about equal power?

		Iraqis More Power	U.S. More Power	Equal Power
June 28-July 8, 2004	NAES	20	31	39

- As you may know, President Bush has set a deadline of this June 30th to hand over governing power in Iraq to an Iraqi government. Do you think that the United States should or should not meet this deadline of handing governing power in Iraq to an Iraqi government by June 30th?

		Should	Should Not	Not Sure
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	66	22	12
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	74	18	8

NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

- The United States and its allies have now handed over sovereignty to the new Iraqi government. Do you feel that this will or will not...?

		Will	Will Not
July 12-16, 2004	Harris Interactive		
Lead to a reasonably free and democratic system of government in Iraq		29	34
Be a model which will help spread freedom and democracy in the Middle East		22	44
Enable most U.S. Troops to leave Iraq in the next year		20	58
Reduce the number of attacks against U.S. Troops		18	65

- Under the new Iraqi government, do you think things in Iraq are getting better or getting worse?

		Getting Better	Getting Worse
July 20-21, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	35

● Now that there has been an official transfer of power in Iraq, do you think the terrorist attacks against Americans and other foreigners will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

		Increase	Decrease	Stay Same
June 28-July 8, 2004	NAES	30	8	57

● Do you think the Bush Administration has developed a clear plan for the transfer of power in Iraq on June 30th or hasn't it developed one?

		Clear Plan	No Clear Plan
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	31	57
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	24	60
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	30	51

● As you may know, U.S. troops will remain in Iraq, but the U.S. intends to turn over authority to a civilian government composed of Iraqi citizens on June 30th. Do you favor or oppose this plan to turn over authority to a civilian government in Iraq?

		Favor	Oppose
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	75	22

● Do you think the transfer of government authority to the Iraqis will improve the situation in Iraq or will it make the situation worse?

		Improve	Make Worse
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	39

● Which of the following better describes your opinion about the June 30th transfer of power in Iraq – it is a sign that the U.S. policy is succeeding because the U.S. is turning over government power to the Iraqis as planned or it is a sign that the U.S. policy is failing because the U.S. is turning over government power to the Iraqis before it could bring stability to Iraq?

		Succeeding	Failing
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	32	60

● The United States plans to transfer political power to a temporary government in Iraq on June 30th. Do you think it should proceed with that plan or hold off on the transfer until a later date?

		Proceed With Plan	Hold Off
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	63	31

● As you may know, the United States is schedules to transfer power to an interim government in Iraq on June 30th. Do you support or oppose this transfer of power?

		Support	Oppose
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	82	16

● Do you think the handover of power to Iraq should or should not happen on June 30th?

		Should	Should Not
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	57	34

● As you may know, the United States intends to turn over authority to a civilian government in Iraq on June 30th. Which comes closer to your view, the U.S. will have fulfilled its obligation to Iraq on June 30th and should remove its troops shortly after that, or the U.S. should keep its troops in Iraq well beyond June 30th to make sure the new government succeeds?

Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Obligation Fulfilled 35	Keep Troops Beyond Deadline 61
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● Do you think the transfer on June 30th will be a real change of power in Iraq, or do you think it'll be a symbolic transfer with no real change of power?

Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	Real Change 34	Symbolic Transfer 58
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● As you may know, the Bush administration has said it will turn over power in Iraq on June 30th to a civilian government led by Iraqis. Do you think the U.S. should do that, or should the U.S. keep power beyond power in Iraq beyond June 30th?

Apr. 8, 2004	Harris	Turn Over Power 54	Keep Power Beyond June 30 38
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● Based on what you know, do you think the United States coalition should hand over power to a transitional government in Iraq on June 30 as scheduled or should the deadline be extended?

Apr. 21-22, 2004.	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Hand Over 50	Extend Deadline 38	Not Sure 12
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● And do you think that the Iraqi people will be ready to take over and run their government by June 30th?

May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	Yes 19	No 64	Not Sure 11
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NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

● All in all, do you think that Iraqi officials will be able to form an effective government after this transfer of power, or don't you think they will be able to do so?

Jun. 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	Effective Government 41	Unable to do so 45
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● Do you think the June 30th handover of power to Iraq probably will or probably will not happen on June 30th?

May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	Probably Will 29	Probably Will Not 63
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● Do you think the U.S. does or does not have the responsibility to make sure Iraq develops into a stable government after the June 30th handover of power?

June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	Does Have Responsibility 66	Does Not Have Responsibility 27
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JANUARY 30th, 2005 ELECTIONS IN IRAQ AND BEYOND: Most polls showed that Americans wanted the Iraqi elections to go ahead as planned even as they were doubtful about whether Iraq was ready or secure enough for them. People were not confident that elections would lead to less violence there. Fifty-seven percent in a mid-January 2005 ABC News/Washington Post poll said holding the election would move the U.S. closer to the day when U.S. forces could be withdrawn: 39 percent disagreed.

Americans saw the elections as an important step toward achieving our goals, but not one that would ensure we would achieve our goals there. Sixty-one percent told Gallup, CNN, USA Today interviewers that they went better than expected. In an early February Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll, people felt more optimistic about Iraq's prospects. Fifty-six percent said that in five years the country would have some form of democracy, 28 percent some form of dictatorship. In June 2004, those responses were 34 and 47 percent, respectively.

Responses to questions about when or if we should begin withdrawing troops vary depending on what is emphasized in the question. Americans would like to begin pulling back, but they don't see us doing that soon. (See section entitled "What About U.S. Troops?" for questions on troop levels.)

Held as Scheduled/Will Elections Happen?

- It has been estimated because of the violence in some part of the country, that about twenty percent of the population will not be able to go to the polls to vote. Do you think the election should go on as planned even though some people will not be able to vote, or should the election be postponed until all Iraqi people can vote?

		Go On As Planned	Should Be Postponed
Jan.15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	59	35

- Do you think the election in Iraq should be postponed for several months in order to make sure that most Iraqis will be able to participate, or should the elections not be postponed?

		Should Be Postponed	Should Not Be Postponed
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS/NYT	44	49

- If Iraq's elections are held on January 30th, do you think that the election results will be legitimate because the new Iraqi leaders will have been democratically elected, or do you think that the results will not be legitimate because violence and boycotts will keep voters away from the polls?

		Will Be Legitimate	Will Not Be Legitimate
Jan. 13-17, 2005	NBC/WSJ	39	50
Feb. 10-14, 2005	NBC/WSJ	51	38

NOTE: February question wording was “Do you think that the results of the election in Iraq will be legitimate because...”

- Do you think elections will be held on January 30, or don't you think so?

		-----Election Held on January 30?-----	
		Will	Will Not
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	62	27

- As you may know, elections for a new national government in Iraq are scheduled for later this month. Do you think the Iraqi elections should be held as scheduled or put off until a later date?

		Held as Scheduled	Put Off
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	60	34
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	73	23

- How likely do you think it is that elections in Iraq will successfully be held as scheduled in January 2005...very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

		Elections Will be Held Successfully?			
		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Oct. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	21	35	18	18
Jan. 11-12, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	21	33	21	16

- As you may know, Iraq is scheduled to hold elections for prime minister and parliament in January. Some people say that the elections should be held in January so that the Iraqi people can have a democratically elected government as soon as possible. Other people say that the elections should not be held in January because the situation in Iraq is too dangerous and chaotic to hold an election. right now.. Who do you agree with more — the people who say that the election should be held in January or the people who say that the election should not be held in January?

		People Who Say Election Should Be Held	People Who Say Election Should Not Be Held
Dec. 9-13, 2004	NBC/WSJ	55	35
Jan.13-17, 2005	NBC/WSJ	58	34

- Would there be elections in Iraq as scheduled on January 30, 2005 or should elections be postponed until the situation is more stable?

		-----Should there be elections in Iraq as scheduled-----	
		Yes	No
Dec. 7-12, 2004	Quinnipiac	53	36

- Just your best guess, do you think elections in Iraq will – or will not – be held on January 31, 2005 as scheduled?

		-----Elections be held on January 31, 2005-----	
		Yes, Will	No, Will Not
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	42
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	33

NOTE: After the poll was put into the field, the scheduled date was moved to January 30, 2005.

Is Iraq Ready?

- As you know, elections for a new national government in Iraq are scheduled for late January. Do you think Iraq is or is not ready for these elections to be held?

		Ready	Not Ready
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	34	58

- From what you know, do you think most of Iraq is secure enough for Iraqis to vote in their upcoming election or is most of Iraq not secure enough for Iraqis to vote?

		Secure Enough	Not Secure Enough
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS/NYT	28	67

- Would you favor or oppose sending additional U.S. troops to Iraq to help with the upcoming elections in Iraq?

		Favor	Oppose
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48

What Do Results Mean For Them?

- All in all, do you think the January elections in Iraq will lead to a more stable situation, a less stable situation, or will the situation in Iraq not change much?

		More Stable	Less Stable	Not Change Much
Jan. 5-9, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	14	49
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	7	40

- Do you think the election will be a turning point leading to a significant improvement in security and stability for Iraq, or will the election lead to more violence or will the election have not much effect on the security and stability of Iraq?

		Significant Improvement In Security	More Violence	Not Much Effect On Security
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	31	27	34

- After the election at the end of this month, do you think the Iraqis are ready to govern their country without help from the U.S. and its allies, or do you think the Iraqis are not ready to govern their country without help from the U.S. and its allies?

		-----Iraqis Govern Their Country Without Help from U.S. and Allies-----	
		Are Ready	Are Not Ready
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	23	70

● What effect do you think the elections in Iraq will have on the violence there – will there be more violence after the elections, less violence, or won't the elections have much affect on the violence?

		More Violence	Less Violence	Not Much Effect On Violence
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS/NYT	40	15	40

● How confident are you that these elections will produce a stable government that can rule Iraq effectively – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

		Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Too Confident	Not At All Confident
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	6	38	29	25
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	6	36	29	27
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	11	44	29	14

● After the elections in Iraq take place soon, do you think the situation in Iraq will be a lot better, somewhat better, a little worse or a lot worse?

		A lot Better	Somewhat Better	A Little Worse	A lot Worse
Jan. 11-16, 2005	Harris Interactive	5	29	10	15

● After there is an elected government in place in Iraq, do you think this will or will not....?

		Will	Will Not
Jan. 11-16, 2005	Harris Interactive		
	Lead to a reasonably free and democratic system of government in Iraq	28	41

● Do you think the election will show what the Iraqi people really want, or don't you think so?

		-----Election Will Show What Iraqis Want-----	
		Yes	No
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	41	49

● Do you think Iraqi insurgents will disrupt the elections so much that the results will not show what the Iraqi people want, or do you think that despite the terrorism, the election will show what Iraqi people want?

		Results Will Show What People Want	Results Will Not Show- What People Want
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	50	41

● Do you think the election in Iraq will produce a stable government, or don't you think so?

		Yes	No
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	29	60

- If the elections are held on January 30 as scheduled, do you think there will be more violence or less violence after the election?

		More Violence	Less Violence
Jan. 11-12, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	22

- Do you think these will be honest elections with a fair and accurate vote count, or not?

		Honest	Not Honest
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	36	54

- After the elections in Iraq are held next January, do you think most Iraqis will – or will not — accept the outcome as legitimate?

-----Most Iraqis accept outcome of election as legitimate-----			
		Yes, Will	No. Will Not
Nov. 19-21, 2004	CNN/USA Today/Gallup	42	52

What Do Results Mean For Us?

- Do you think the Iraqi elections will make a big difference, a small difference, or no difference in the United States involvement in Iraq?

		Big Difference	Small Difference	No Difference
Feb. 14-16, 2005	Marist	37	34	25

- Do you think the Iraqi elections on January 30th justify U.S. involvement in Iraq over the past two years or not?

-----Elections Justify U.S. Involvement-----			
		Yes	No
Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	44

- Now that elections have been held, how much longer do you think the United States should keep a significant number of troops there?

Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics
Less than a year	26
One to two years	16
Two to four years	8
As long as it takes	26
Bring all troops home now	17

- Do you think most Iraqi citizens want U.S. troops to stay until things are more stabilized or do Iraqis want U.S. troops to leave immediately?

-----Most Iraqi Citizens Want U.S. Troops To-----			
		Stay Until Stabilized	Leave Immediately
Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	35

- Which comes closest to your views about what the election in Iraq means for the United States – it is the key step that ensures the U.S. will achieve its goals there, it is an important step, but it does not ensure that the U.S. will achieve its goals there, or it is not an important step towards the U.S. achieving its goals there?

		-----What the Election in Iraq means for the United States-----		
		Key Step	Important Step	Not An Important Step
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	67	14

- Suppose the elections in Iraq are held as scheduled at the end of January. Do you think these elections will allow the U.S. to significantly reduce the number of troops it has in Iraq – in the next few months, in the next few years, or will they not allow the U.S. to significantly reduce the number of troops it has in Iraq for the foreseeable future?

		Next Few Months	Next Few Years	Not For The Foreseeable Future
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	43	38
Feb. 4-6, 2005#	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	51	29

NOTE: # question wording was, “Do you think this election will allow the U.S. to....”

- When the elections are over at the end of this month, should the U.S. increase its troops to improve security, withdraw some of its troops, withdraw all of its troops, or should the U.S. increase or decrease its troop level only at the request of the newly elected Iraqi government?

		Increase Troops	Withdraw Some Troops	Withdraw All Troops	Increase/Decrease at Request of Iraqi Govt.
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	4	18	19	52

- How long do you think the United States should maintain a significant number of troops in Iraq after the election: Should it be a few months, or about a year, or one to two years, or longer than two years, or as long as it takes to secure and stabilize the country?

		Out Now	One Year Or Less	One to Two Two Years	Two or More Years
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	7	40	10	39

NOTE: “Out now” was a volunteered response.

- After there is an elected government in place in Iraq, do you think this will or will not....?

		Will	Will Not
Jan. 11-16, 2005	Harris Interactive		
	Enable most U.S. troops to leave Iraq in the next year	18	59
	Reduce the number of attacks against U.S. troops	17	64

- If the election in Iraq produces a stable government, should the United States start pulling out troops in Iraq right after the election?

		Yes	No
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	68	29

- Suppose the election does not produce a stable government, which of the following do you think the United States should do?

Jan. 11-16, 2005 NAES

Start pulling out its troops anyway	31
Set a date for later this year when troop pullouts will start	25
Stay as long as it takes to provide stability	39

- Do you think holding these elections will or will not bring the United States closer to the day U.S. forces can be withdrawn from Iraq?

		Will	Will Not
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	57	39
Mar. 10-13, 2005^	ABC News/Wash Post	61	36

NOTE: ^ Question wording was “Do you think the elections held in Iraq this past January did or did not bring...”

- As you may know, elections will be held in Iraq early next year. Which comes closest to your view – the elections will not provide a stable democratic government in Iraq, the election will produce a stable democratic government in Iraq, but the U.S. will need to keep the same number of troops it has there for at least another year, or the elections will produce a stable democratic government in Iraq and the U.S. will be able to significantly reduce the number of troops it has there within the next year

		No Stable Government	Stable Government Troop Levels Same	Stable Government Reduce Number of Troops
Dec. 17-19, 2004	CNN/USA Today/Gallup	41	40	15

- If Iraq’s elections do take place in January as planned, do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in the country to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops soon after the Iraqi election?

		Maintain Current Troop Level	Reduce Number After Election
Dec. 9-13, 2004	NBC/WSJ	45	41
Jan. 13-17, 2005	NBC/WSJ	42	48

Advancing Democracy in the Region

- As a result of the war, do you think the chances that democracy will spread in the Middle East are better, worse, or unchanged?

		Better	Worse	Unchanged
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	44	9	45

- Now that Iraq has held its first democratic election, do you think other countries in the Middle East region are more likely to become democratic, or not?

		Yes, More Likely Become Democratic	No, Not More Likely Become Democratic	Don’t Know
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	52	12

● Next I am going to read a list of possible foreign policy goals that the United States might have. For each one please say whether you think it should be a very important foreign policy goal of the United States, a somewhat important goal, not too important a goal, or not an important goal at all....building democracy in other countries?

		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important
Feb. 1-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	32	46	16	5
Feb. 3-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29	46	17	5
Feb. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	39	19	8

● Do you think spreading democracy throughout the world is essential for U.S. security, or doesn't it make much difference to U.S. Security?

		Essential for Security	Doesn't Make Much Difference
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	46

● Do you think it is likely or unlikely that the upcoming elections in Iraq will help advance democracy in other countries in the Middle East?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	15	32	15	30

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● Do you think democracy can succeed if the Iraqi people elect Islamic religious leaders to positions of power, or not?

		Yes, Can	No, Can Not	Don't Know
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	40	23

● Two years from now, do you think it is very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that Iraq will be a stable democracy?

		Very Likely	Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Feb. 14-16, 2005	Marist	6	28	39	22

● If the Iraqi people choose to elect an Islamic fundamentalist government that might not cooperate with the United States, should the United States support that choice, or should the United States take action to prevent that kind of government in Iraq?

		Support Choice	Take Action To Prevent
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS/NYT	66	20

● Do you think the Iraqi government due to be elected soon will be....?

Jan. 11-16, 2005	Harris Interactive	
	A close ally of the United States	15
	Friendly but not a close ally	40
	Not friendly but not an enemy	25
	Unfriendly and an enemy	7

- Which do you believe is more important: an elected, democratic government or a government that is friendly towards the United States?

Jan. 11-16, 2005	Harris Interactive	
Elected government		71
Friendly government		29

- Five years from now, do you think it is more likely that Iraqi will have some form of democracy or some form of a dictatorship?

		Democracy	Dictatorship
Jun. 22-23, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	34	47
Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	28

NOTE: June 2004 wording was, "Iraq will have a freely elected government or that it will have some form of..."

Post-Mortems

- Did the Iraqi election go better than expected, about as you expected, or worse than you expected?

		Better Than Expected	About As Expected	Worse Than Expected
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	31	2

- Based on what is known about the January 30th Iraqi elections to date, do you think the elections were legitimate or not?

		Legitimate	Not Legit
Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	67	14

HOW WELL IS IT GOING? Elections in Iraq seemed to boost Americans' spirits about the situation there. In January 2005, before the elections, 40 percent told Gallup, CNN, USA Today interviewers that things were going very or moderately well for the United States there. In February, after the elections, 53 percent gave that response. In the January 2005 pre-election poll, 41 percent told CBS News/New York Times interviewers that efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq were going very or somewhat well. In February, 53 percent gave that response.

- How would you say the war with Iraq has gone for the U.S. so far - very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?

		Very Well	Moderately Well	Moderately Badly	Very Badly
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	37	5	3
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	51	9	3
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	52	11	3
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	40	5	2
Apr. 7-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	42	6	3
Apr. 9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	32	1	3
Apr. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	33	4	2

- In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now that the major fighting has ended - very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?

		Very Well	Moderately Well	Moderately Badly	Very Badly
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	64	12	2
May 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	30	56	10	3
May 30-Jun. 1, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	59	22	7
Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	51	29	13
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	48	30	15
Jul. 25-27, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	46	28	15
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	44	30	19
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	41	31	21
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	36	34	24
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	34	34	27
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	46	28	15
Apr. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	30	31	33
May 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	33	32	30
May 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	7	35	26	31
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	34	35	25
July 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	35	30	29
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	40	28	25
Sep. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	42	27	25
Dec. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	34	26	33
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	35	29	30
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	40	28	18

Note: Question wording changed slightly.

- What is your impression of how the war in Iraq is going for the United States right now - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Somewhat Badly	Very Badly
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	44	44	7	2
Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	32	52	11	2
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	34	51	9	3
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	41	48	6	2

- How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Somewhat Badly	Very Badly
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	11	61	19	5
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	6	54	25	11
Aug. 11-12, 2003	CBS News	6	47	28	13
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	5	46	31	16
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	5	44	29	18
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	5	49	31	12
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	5	42	28	22
Dec. 10-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	6	41	33	18
Dec. 14-15, 2003	CBS News/NYT	12	53	21	10
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	8	57	24	9
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	4	35	33	26
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	4	34	31	29

May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	3	34	38	22
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	2	38	31	26
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	4	39	28	28
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	5	41	32	19
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	4	42	26	25
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	5	37	25	31
Oct 9-11, 2004	CBS News/NYT	5	40	26	27
Oct 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	5	38	27	28
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	7	40	25	25
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004	CBS News	7	39	26	26
Nov. 18-21, 2004	CBS News/NYT	5	40	26	27
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	5	36	28	29
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	10	43	29	18

● How well do you think U.S. efforts to establish security and rebuild Iraq have gone since major combat ended on May 1...very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not At All Well
Jul. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	12	39	28	16
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	16	41	26	14
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	13	39	27	17
Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	13	40	26	16
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	15	37	26	18
Oct. 30-31, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	13	38	22	21
Nov. 6-7, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	10	35	30	21
Dec. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	12	46	24	12

● How would you say the war with Iraq is going for the United States and its allies - very well, fairly well, not too well, or not well at all?

		Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Too Well	Not At All Well
Mar. 20-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	25	2	1
Mar. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	41	6	2
Mar. 25-27, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	46	8	2
Mar. 28-					
Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	39	46	8	2
Apr. 2-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	37	3	2
Apr. 8, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	32	4	3
Apr. 9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	61	32	3	3
Apr. 10-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	61	32	3	1

● How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going...very well, fairly well, not too well, or not at all well?

		Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Too Well	Not At All Well
Jun. 19-Jul. 2, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	23	52	16	5
Jul. 14-Aug. 5, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	19	43	24	11
Sep. 17-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	15	47	26	9
Oct. 15-19, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	44	25	11
Dec. 15-17, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	28	47	16	6
Dec. 19, 2003-					
Jan. 4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	23	47	18	7
Feb. 11-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	46	23	11
Mar. 17-21, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	45	26	11
Apr. 1-4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	14	43	26	13

Apr. 21-25, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	12	43	26	15
May 3-9, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	10	36	32	19
Jun. 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	41	25	14
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	13	42	26	16
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	12	41	28	16
Sept. 8-14, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	12	40	26	18
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	13	38	26	17
Dec. 1-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	10	40	28	18
Jan. 5-9, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	9	39	29	20
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	14	40	25	17

● How do you think the process of rebuilding Iraq is going - very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not at all well?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Very Well	Not At All Well
Jun. 18-25, 2003	PIPA	1	39	40	13
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	3	35	44	13
Aug. 26-Sep. 3, 2003	PIPA	4	30	46	18
Nov. 21-30, 2003	PIPA	4	27	46	20

● How would you say the war with Iraq is going for the United States and its allies - very well, fairly well, not too well, or not well at all?

		Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Too Well	Not At All Well
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	35	50	10	6
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	34	49	9	5
Apr. 3, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	47	44	3	3
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/ Wash Post	66	30	3	*

● How well do you think the war with Iraq is going for the United States and coalition allies - very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not well at all?

		Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Very Well	Not At All Well
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	46	9	2
Apr. 8-9, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	64	28	3	1

● In your opinion, has the military campaign against Iraq been successful, unsuccessful, or somewhere in between?

		Successful	Unsuccessful	Somewhere in Between
Mar. 27, 2003	Harris Interactive	52	8	37
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	39	13	46
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	32	13	53
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Harris Interactive	25	20	53
Dec. 30, 2003-Jan. 1, 2004	Harris Interactive	43	11	44
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	26	24	49
Sep. 20-26, 2004	Harris Interactive	24	43	33

- Generally speaking, would you say the war in Iraq has gone better than you expected, worse than you expected, or about what you expected?

		Better Than Expected	About As Expected	Worse Than Expected
Mar. 29-30, 2003	NBC/WSJ	25	62	10

- Does it matter if Saddam Hussein is alive or dead?

		Yes	No
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	56	42
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	67	30
Aug. 11-12, 2003*	CBS News	72	26

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Does it matter whether the U.S. captures or kills Saddam Hussein or not?"

- When he talks about how things are going for the U.S. in Iraq today, do you think George W. Bush is telling the entire truth, is mostly telling the truth but is hiding something, or is mostly lying?

		Telling Entire Truth	Mostly Telling Truth But Hiding Something	Mostly Lying
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	20	51	24

- Generally speaking, would you say the war in Iraq has gone better than you expected, worse than you expected, or about what you expected?

		Better Than Expected	About As Expected	Worse Than Expected
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	16	53	29
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	8	49	41

- Do you support or oppose the current U.S. military presence in Iraq? Do you support/oppose it strongly or somewhat?

		Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	48	26	10	15
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	46	24	10	17
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	45	22	13	17
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	49	21	10	17

- In general, do you approve or disapprove of current military policy in Iraq?

		Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	29	26	16	21
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	32	22	13	25
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Harris Interactive	29	21	13	31
Dec. 30-31, 2003	Harris Interactive	37	22	11	25
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	30	18	12	33

- Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' current occupation of Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	52	42
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	57	38

- How good a job do you think the U.S. has done with the situation in Iraq now that the major fighting has ended?

		Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	19	53	20	5
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	20	51	17	9

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation in Iraq the past few months?

		Approve	Disapprove
Apr. 22-23, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	80	18
Oct. 24-26, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50
Nov. 14-16, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	55
Dec. 5-7, 2003#	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
Dec. 15-16, 2003#	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	34
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	38
Dec. 17-19, 2004^	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	58

NOTE: * question wording read "Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation in Iraq since the major fighting ended?" # question wording read "Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation with Iraq since the major fighting ended in April?" ^ question wording read "Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation in Iraq in the past few months?"

- Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq in March 2003?

		Approve	Disapprove
Dec. 5-7, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	39
Dec. 15-16, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	37
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	35
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	51

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq in March of this year?"

ARE WE SAFER? In early 2005, people were divided about whether the invasion of Iraq strengthened or weakened the war on terrorism (46 percent told Harris Interactive in February 2005 that it had strengthened the war on terrorism, 48 percent said it had weakened it). Slightly more in the ABC News/Washington Post polls say the war has contributed to the long-term security of the United States than say it has not (52 percent yes to 46 percent no in March 2005).

- Do you think the invasion of Iraq strengthened or weakened the war on terrorism?

		Strengthened	Weakened
June 2004	Harris Interactive	52	38
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	50	40
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	41
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	52	45
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	48	48
Feb. 2005	Harris Interactive	46	48

- As a result of the U.S. military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

		Increase	Same	Decrease
Sep. 22-23, 2002*	CBS News	44	34	18
Oct. 3-5, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	50	32	16
Oct. 27-31, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	59	26	12
Nov. 20-24, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	64	23	9
Jan. 19-22, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	62	28	8
Feb. 10-12, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	59	27	12
Feb. 24-25, 2003*	CBS News	58	31	8
Mar. 4-5, 2003*	CBS News	55	29	13
Mar. 7-9, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	55	30	12
Mar. 17, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	53	34	11
Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	59	32	8
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	49	39	10
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	34	45	19
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	34	49	15
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	32	48	19
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	25	55	17
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	26	51	21
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	41	39	18
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	47	38	13
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	43	40	16
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	41	39	18
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	40	36	22
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	33	47	19

NOTE: *Question wording was, "If the United States takes military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?"

- Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: “The overthrow of Saddam Hussein and installation of a new government in Iraq will encourage changes in the Middle East that will reduce the risk of terrorism against the United States” or “The invasion of Iraq has alienated many in the Muslim world, which will increase the risk of terrorism against the United States?”

		-----Overthrow of Saddam Hussein and Installation of a New Governemnt-----	
		Encourage Change/ Reduce Terrorism	Alienated Many Increase Risk of Terrorism
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	44	47

- Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

		Yes	No
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	35
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	34
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	38
Feb. 11-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	56	38
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	43
June 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	46
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	53	43
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	45
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Post	54	42
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	42
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	42
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	46
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46

- Do you think the invasion of Iraq has helped to protect the United States from another terrorist attack or not?

		Has Helped Protect	Has Not Helped Protect
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	52
June 2004	Harris Interactive	41	52
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	54
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	42	51
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	47	52
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	46	53

- Do you think the war in Iraq will help the war on terrorism, or will it hurt the war on terrorism?

		Help	Hurt
Oct. 2-6, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	34
Apr. 8-9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	22
Apr. 30-May 4, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	65	22
Sep. 17-22, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	31
Dec. 15-17, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	26
Feb. 11-16, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	32
Feb. 24-29, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	62	28
Mar. 17-21, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	37
July 8-18, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	43	45
August 5-10, 2004*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	44

Sep. 8-14, 2004 *	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	40
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	45	40

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...has helped the war on terrorism, or has it hurt the war on terrorism?"

- Do you think the United States actions in Iraq have made the world safer or more dangerous?

		Safer	More Dangerous
July 20-22, 2004	SRB/Time	37	55
Aug. 3-5, 2004	SRB/Time	38	52
Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2004	SRB/Time	45	45
Sept. 7-9, 2004	SRB/Time	44	46
Sept. 21-23, 2004	SRB/Time	39	51
Oct. 6-7, 2004	SRB/Time	39	49

- Since the United States has taken military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism in the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

		Increased	Same	Decreased
Dec. 7-9, 2002*	NBC/WSJ	55	35	9
Jan. 19-21, 2003*	NBC/WSJ	55	32	10
Mar. 17, 2003*	NBC/WSJ	52	29	16
Apr. 12-13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	32	52	14
May 17-19, 2003	NBC/WSJ	28	51	19
Nov. 8-10, 2003	NBC/WSJ	28	50	21
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	51	34	14

NOTE: *Question wording was, "If the United States took military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism in the United States would increase, decrease, or stay about the same?"

- Do you think the war with Iraq has made the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism?

		Safer	Less Safe
Apr. 10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	37
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	33
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	43
Nov. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	43
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	33
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	37
Jun 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	55

- In the long run, do you think having gone to war with Iraq will increase or decrease the risk of further terrorism in the United States?

		Increase	Decrease
Mar. 17, 2003*	ABC News/Wash Post	39	48
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	29	58
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	48	40

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...going to war."

- In the long run, do you think the U.S. military action against Iraq will do more to increase the risk or decrease the risk that large numbers of Americans will be killed or injured in a future terrorist attack, or that it won't make much difference either way?

		Increase	No Difference	Decrease
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	28	41	26
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	36	34	25

Sep. 25-26, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	27	36	30
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	35	30	27
Dec. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	28	34	30
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	36	27	30
Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	41	27	25
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	42	24	29

- If Iraq becomes a stable democracy, do you think that will make the United States more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or won't it make any difference?

		More Safe	No Difference	Less Safe
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	36	56	5
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	38	55	6
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	41	52	4
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	38	52	6

- As a result of the war, do you yourself feel more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't the war affected the way you feel?

		-----As A Result Of The War-----		
		More Safe	Not Affected	Less Safe
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	36	47	16

- Overall, do you think the war in Iraq has made the United States safer or less safe?

		Safer	Less Safe
Jun. 30-Jul. 1, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	35

- Do you think the U.S. military action in Iraq will ultimately make the United States safer or not?

		Safer	Not Safer
Jun. 8-9, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	46

- Overall, do you think the capture of Saddam Hussein has made the United States safer or not?

		Safer	Not Safer
Jan. 7-8, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	46

- How would you rate the job the Bush administration has done in preventing a terrorist attack in the United States since September 11, 2001 - excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

		Positive	Negative
Feb. 9-16, 2004	Harris Interactive	70	30

NOTE: Categories are combined.

WHAT ABOUT U.S. TROOPS?: For some time now, Americans have been divided about whether the war with Iraq was the right or wrong thing to do. Still, in early 2005, people aren't ready to pull our troops out. A four-part Gallup, CNN, USA Today question from February 2005 found that around 17 percent wanted our troops out now, while 10 percent said we should send more. Thirty-eight percent said we should keep the number of troops where it is, and 32 percent withdraw some troops. Late February 2005 questions from Pew and CBS that ask whether we should keep troops there until a stable government is established or bring troops home as soon as possible show similar results. Around 55 percent say stay; around 40 percent leave now.

- Now that Saddam Hussein's government is toppled, do you think the U.S. does or does not have the responsibility to remain in Iraq as long as necessary until there is a stable government?

		Does	Does Not
Feb. 2003	PIPA	86	10
Apr. 18-22, 2003	PIPA	86	12
Jun. 18-25, 2003	PIPA	80	15
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	72	25
Aug. 26-Sep. 3, 2003	PIPA	74	24
Oct. 29-Nov. 10, 2003	PIPA	77	21

- Do you think the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if it means continued U.S. military casualties; or do you think the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there?

		Keep Forces	Withdraw Forces
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	72	26
Aug. 20-24, 2003	ABC News	69	27
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	65	32
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	38
Nov. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	34
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	66	33
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	40
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	57	42
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	39

- When it comes to how long American troops should stay in Iraq, which comes closer to your view? Statement A: American troops should be withdrawn from Iraq now or as soon as possible. Statement B: American troops should be withdrawn from Iraq according to a specified timetable and leave within the next 18 months regardless of the situation at that time. Statement C: American troops should stay as long as necessary to complete the process, even if it takes as long as five years?

		Soon As Possible	Within 18 Months	Long As Necessary
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	17	23	58
Sep. 20-22, 2003	NBC/WSJ	21	26	50
Nov. 8-10, 2003	NBC/WSJ	20	28	51
Dec. 13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	21	23	55
Dec. 14, 2003	NBC/WSJ	20	23	55

Jan. 10-12, 2004	NBC/WSJ	19	24	56
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	24	26	48
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	25	30	44
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	24	31	43

● Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq - the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, the U.S. should keep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should withdraw some troops from Iraq, or the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq?

		Send More	Keep As Is Now	Withdraw Some	Withdraw All
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	36	32	14
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	27	39	18
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	32	29	19
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	22	33	25	17
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	14	40	27	15
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	11	40	29	16
Apr. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	20	29	18	28
Apr. 15-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	33	25	16	21
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	24	18	29
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	30	23	27
Sep. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	35	21	18
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	26	21	25
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	38	32	17

● Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

		Keep Troops In Iraq	Bring Troops Home
Sep. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	64	32
Oct. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	58	39
Jan. 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	32
Apr. 1-4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	44
Apr. 21-25, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	40
May 3-9, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	42
Jun. 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	51	44
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	43
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	42
Sep. 8-14, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	40
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	36
Dec. 1-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	56	40
Jan. 5-9, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	41
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	42

NOTE: Question wording in July and August of 2004 read “ ... keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized...”

● For how long after the fighting stops would you support keeping U.S. military personnel in Iraq to help establish security and rebuild the country...less than one year, one to two years, three to five years, six to ten years, or more than ten years?

		Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-10 Years	More Than 10 Years	No Longer (Vol.)
Jul. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	29	28	17	3	6	7
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	31	30	17	4	8	5
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	28	28	18	3	11	5
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	30	23	15	3	11	8
July 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	34	19	13	3	10	10
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	28	22	17	4	12	7

● Just your best guess, how much longer do you think the U.S. will have a significant number of troops in Iraq - less than a year, one to two years, three to five years, six to ten years, or longer than ten years?

		Less than a year	One-two years	Three-five years	Six-ten years	Longer than that
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	8	28	40	14	9
Feb. 25-27, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	4	29	42	13	9

● Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

		Keep Troops There	Bring Them Home
April 1-4, 2004	NAES	57	36
May 17-31, 2004	NAES	47	47
Jun. 8-21, 2004	NAES	52	43
Jul. 5-25, 2004	NAES	54	43
Jul. 30- Aug. 5, 2004	NAES	56	39
Aug. 9-Aug. 29, 2004	NAES	55	41
Sept. 3-12, 2004	NAES	57	38
Sept. 21-26, 2004	NAES	58	38
Oct. 1-6, 2004	NAES	67	28
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	46	50

● How much longer do you think the United States troops will have to remain in Iraq– less than one year, one to two years, two to five years or longer than five years?

		Less Than a Year	1-2 Years	2-5 Years	Longer Than 5 Years
July 8-9, 2004	CBS News	13	31	31	18
Dec. 14-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	15	34	31	12
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	8	22	35	26
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	8	27	33	25
June 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	33	26	16
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	17	31	27	17
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	11	27	32	22

- Should the United States troops stay in Iraq as long as it takes to make sure Iraq is a stable democracy, even if that takes a long time, or should U.S. troops leave Iraq as soon as possible, even if Iraq is not completely stable?

		Long As It Takes	Turn Over Control
May 11, 2004	CBS News	38	55
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	45	49
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	54	40
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	54	39
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	51	42
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	55	40

- Do you favor or oppose keeping a large number of U.S. troops in Iraq until there is a stable government there or bringing most of our troops home in the next year?

		Keep Large Number of Troops Until Stable Govt. Is There	Bring Most Troops Home Now
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	46	47
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	45	51
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	42	51
Jun. 2004	Harris Interactive	39	56
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	54
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	38	54
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	47	50
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	50	47
Feb. 2005	Harris Interactive	39	59

- Now that elections have been held in Iraq, how much longer do you think the United States should keep a significant number of troops there?

Feb. 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	
Less than a year		26
One to two years		16
Two to four years		8
As long as it takes		26
Bring all troops home now		17

- Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

		Increased	Decreased	Kept About The Same
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	15	44	37

- Do you think most Iraqi citizens want U.S. troops to stay until things are more stabilized or do Iraqis want U.S. troops to leave immediately?

		-----Most Iraqi Citizens Want U.S. Troops To----- Stay Until Stabilized	Leave Immediately
Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	35

● What do you think the United States should do about its number of troops in Iraq: send more, keep the same number, withdraw some, or withdraw all troops from Iraq?

		Send More	Keep Same Number	Withdraw Some	Withdraw All Troops
Feb. 14-16, 2005	Marist	12	24	23	33

● When the elections are over at the end of this month, should the U.S. increase its troops to improve security, withdraw some of its troops, withdraw all of its troops, or should the U.S. increase or decrease its troop level only at the request of the newly elected Iraqi government?

		Increase Troops	Withdraw Some Troops	Withdraw All Troops	Increase/Decrease Request of Iraqi Govt.
July 17-21, 2004#	L.A. Times	24	14	44	
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	4	18	19	52

#Question wording was “Now that there is an interim government in place Iraq...”

● How long do you think the United States should maintain a significant number of troops in Iraq after the election: Should it be a few months, or about a year, or one to two years, or longer than two years, or as long as it takes to secure and stabilize the country?

		Out Now	One Year Or Less	One to Two Two Years	Two or More Years
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	7	40	10	39

NOTE: Out now was a volunteered response.

● Do you think the United States will have to send more troops to Iraq in the coming months than are there now, fewer troops, or do you think the number of troops will remain about the same?

		More Troops	Fewer Troops	Remain About The Same
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS/NYT	44	7	47

● Would you favor or oppose sending additional U.S. troops to Iraq to help with the upcoming elections in Iraq?

		Favor	Oppose
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48

● If Iraq’s elections do take place in January as planned, do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in the country to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops soon after the Iraqi election?

		Maintain Current Troop Level	Reduce Troop Level
Dec. 9-13, 2004	NBC/WSJ	45	41

● As you may know, the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq will soon surpass 1,000. Which comes closer to your view about what this number of deaths means for the U.S. – it is a tragic loss of life, and it is a sign that the U.S. should intensify its efforts to withdraw troops from Iraq, or it is a tragic loss of life, but it does not mean the U.S. should change its policy toward Iraq?

		Intensify Efforts To Withdraw	Does Not Mean U.S. Should Change Policy Towards Iraq
Aug. 23-25, 2004	CNN/USA Today/Gallup	37	58

● Do you think U.S. troops should stay in Iraq for a specified length of time or should troops stay as long as it takes to establish a stable, free government in Iraq?

		Specified Length	As Long As It Takes	Not Sure
Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	55	6

● Would you support or oppose increasing the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq?

		Support	Oppose
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	44

● After hearing about and seeing pictures of kidnapped soldiers in Iraq, are you more likely to feel the U.S. should use more power and fight harder or more likely to feel the U.S. should pull out of Iraq?

		More Power/ Fight Harder	Pull Out
Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	59	25

● As far as the number of U.S. military personnel now in Iraq, do you think the United States should send more troops to Iraq, keep the same amount of troops, or reduce their number and begin bringing troops home?

		Send More	Keep As Is Now	Begin Withdrawal
Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	16	31	46
Sep. 25-26, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	14	29	49
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	12	23	56
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	10	27	55

● For how long after the fighting stops would you support keeping U.S. military personnel in Iraq to help maintain order and establish a new government there...no more than a week or so, several weeks, several months, one to two years, three to five years, or more than five years?

		Week Or So	Several Weeks	Several Months	1-2 Years	3-5 Years	5+ Years
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	6	6	25	33	11	11
May 1-2, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	12	6	24	26	6	14

- Thinking about how the U.S. should deal with the situation in Iraq in the future - which would you prefer - to continue to have a significant number of U.S. troops in Iraq for as long as needed regardless of how many U.S. military service people are killed, to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq if the number of military people who are killed becomes too high, or to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq now?

		Continue Regardless	Withdraw If Too High	Withdraw Now
Jul. 25-27, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	33	26

- Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose the U.S. devoting itself to create a stable democracy in Iraq even if it means we maintain a significant presence in Iraq for several years?

		Favor	Oppose
Jul. 7-12, 2003	TIPP/IBD/CSM	58	33

- Do you think U.S. troops should stay in Iraq only if most people there want them to stay or whether or not most people there want them to stay?

		Only If People Want Them	Even If People Don't Want Them
May 19-27, 2003	Harris Interactive	31	45

- And which of the following statements comes closer to your view of the recent attacks: a) They show that the U.S. is unlikely to achieve its goals in Iraq and should begin to reduce its military efforts in that country; or b) They show that the U.S. must intensify its military efforts in Iraq in order to achieve its goals.

		Unlikely to Achieve Goals	Must Intensify Efforts
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	36	57

- Should the U.S. send peacekeeping forces to Iraq after the war, or not?

		Should Send	Should Not Send
Apr. 2-3, 2003	L.A. Times	78	17

(If Should) Do you think U.S. peacekeepers should stay in Iraq as long as they are needed, or should the U.S. have a time limit on how long peacekeepers should stay?

		Long As Needed	Set Amount Of Time
Apr. 2-3, 2003	L.A. Times	43	35

- If President Bush decides to send more troops to Iraq, would you be upset, or not?

		Not Upset	Upset
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	38

- Which comes closer to your view about the recent attacks against U.S. soldiers and civilians in Iraq, they show that the U.S. policy in Iraq is not working and the U.S. should begin to reduce its military efforts in that country, or they show that the U.S. must intensify its military efforts in order to achieve its goals?

		Policy Not Working	Must Intensify Military Efforts
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	58

- Which of the following statements comes closer to your view of the recent attacks: a) You were surprised that these attacks could occur after U.S. troops have been in Iraq for more than a year; or b) You thought this level of violence was possible in Iraq even before those attacks occurred.

		Surprised By Attacks	Thought Violence Was Possible
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	22	75

WHO IS WINNING? In late February 2005, 43 percent told Gallup, CNN, USA Today interviewers that the U.S. and its allies were winning the war in Iraq, 48 percent said neither side was, and 7 percent the insurgents were.

- Do you think the U.S. and its allies have won the war with Iraq, or is it too early to tell?

		Have Won	Too Early To Tell
Apr. 4-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	74
Apr. 8, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	27	69
Apr. 9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	29	69
Apr. 10-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	41	57

- In your opinion, has the military campaign against Iraq been successful, unsuccessful, or somewhere in between?

		Successful	In Between	Unsuccessful
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	39	46	13
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	32	53	13
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Harris Interactive	25	53	20
Dec. 30-31, 2003	Harris Interactive	43	44	11

- Do you think the U.S. is winning the war in Iraq, or do you think the anti-U.S. insurgents in Iraq are winning the war, or is neither side winning the war in Iraq?

		U.S. Winning	Neither Side Winning	Insurgents Winning
Nov. 15-18, 2003	L.A. Times	37	52	4
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	29	58	10

- Who do you think is currently winning the war in Iraq – the U.S. and its allies, the insurgents in Iraq, or neither side?

		U.S. and Allies	Insurgents In Iraq	Neither Side
Oct. 22-24, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	10	53
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	7	46

GETTING BOGGED DOWN? THE VIETNAM ANALOGY: *Although Americans have clearly been worried about getting bogged down in Iraq, they seem to have rejected the Vietnam analogy when it is mentioned by name. In an April 2004 PSRA/Newsweek question, 40 percent were very worried and 24 percent somewhat worried that Iraq could become a situation like Vietnam in which the U.S. did not accomplish its goals despite many years of military involvement. A Gallup poll taken at roughly the same time that didn't mention "many years of military involvement" showed that 23 percent thought it was very likely and 28 percent somewhat likely that Iraq could turn into a situation like the United States faced in Vietnam.*

- Some people are now comparing Iraq to the war in Vietnam thirty years ago. Do you think Iraq will turn out to be another Vietnam, or do you think the U.S. will accomplish its goals in Iraq?

		Another Vietnam	Accomplish Goals
Apr. 21-25, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research	25	54
Jun. 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research	29	55
Sep. 8-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research	29	54

- How worried are you that U.S. troops will be involved in the Mideast for years to come, a great deal, a fair amount, or not much?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not Much
Mar. 20-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	33	34	29
Mar. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	34	27
Mar. 25-27, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	37	24
Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	42	37	19
Sep. 17-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	42	36	20

- How do you feel about the possibility that the United States will get bogged down in a long and costly peacekeeping mission in Iraq? Would you say you're very concerned about that, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not concerned at all?

		Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	24	39	24	11
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	31	42	19	7
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	34	39	19	9
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	32	41	16	10
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	43	37	11	8
Aug. 20-24, 2003	ABC News	41	35	13	9
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	53	32	9	5
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	53	34	9	4

● Thinking about the future of U.S. involvement in postwar Iraq, how concerned are you that the U.S. will be bogged down in Iraq for many years without making much progress in achieving its goals there? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, not at all concerned or not concerned at all?

		Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	40	29	15	13
Oct. 30-31, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	47	31	12	8
Nov. 6-7, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	45	30	15	9
Dec. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	34	35	19	8

● How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will get bogged down for a long time in Iraq and not be able to create a stable government there? Would you say that is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	42	32	14	7
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	39	30	22	5
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	37	36	16	7
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	45	29	13	8

● Thinking about the end of the war with Iraq, how worried are you that there will be an ongoing campaign of guerilla warfare against U.S. forces after the war comes to an end - a great deal, a fair amount, or not much?

		Great Deal	Fair Amount	Not Much
Apr. 8-9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	19	39	39

● How concerned are you that Iraq will become another Vietnam in which the U.S. does not accomplish its goals despite many years of military involvement? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, not at all concerned about Iraq becoming another Vietnam?

		Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned
April 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	40	24	14	20

● How likely do you think it is that the war in Iraq will turn into a situation like the United States faced in the Vietnam War— very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Too Likely	Not At All Likely
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	28	25	20

RIGHT DECISION/WORTH IT?: Some, but not all, polls conducted in early 2005 show that Americans do not believe the war in Iraq was worth fighting. The division of opinion on some questions is close. This is true even when questions include mention of removing Saddam Hussein from power. As the historical data at the end of this section show, Americans do not harbor doubts about the first Gulf War; they do about the Balkans. Other sections in this document show that despite sour attitudes about Iraq, Americans are not ready to pull our troops out now.

- Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in getting involved in a military conflict with Iraq or should the United States have stayed out?

		Right Thing	Stayed Out
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	69	25
Dec. 10-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	64	28
Dec. 14-15, 2003	CBS News/NYT	63	31
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	62	34
Feb. 12-15, 2004	CBS News	58	37
Feb. 24-27, 2004	CBS News	54	39
Mar. 10-14, 2004	CBS News/NYT	58	37
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS	50	46
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	47	46
May 11, 2004	CBS News	49	45
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	49	46
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	48	46
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	45	51
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	45	47
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	49	44
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	52	41
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News	54	39
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	51	44
October 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	49	47
October 9-11, 2004	CBS News	49	46
October 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	50	46
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	52	44
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004	CBS News/NYT	53	42
Nov. 18-21, 2004	CBS News/NYT	46	48
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	45	49
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	46	50

- Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

		Right Decision	Wrong Decision
Mar. 20-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	71	22
Mar. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	74	21
Mar. 25-27, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	74	21
Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	69	25
Apr. 2-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	72	20
Apr. 8, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	70	22
Apr. 9, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	76	18
Apr. 10-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	74	19
Jun. 20-Jul. 2, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	67	24
Jul. 14-Aug. 5, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	30
Sep. 17-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	63	31

Oct. 15-19, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	60	33
Dec. 15-17, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	67	26
Dec. 18, 2003-Jan. 4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	62	28
Feb. 11-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	56	39
Feb. 24-29, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	60	32
Mar. 17-21, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	39
Apr. 1-4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	35
Apr. 21-25, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	54	37
May 3-9, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	51	42
Jun. 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	55	38
July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	43
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	41
Sep. 8-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	39
Oct. 1-3, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	39
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	42
Oct. 27-30, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	41
Dec. 1-16, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	44
Jan. 5-9, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	51	44
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	47

- All in all, do you think the war in Iraq is worth it or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Feb. 14-16, 2005	Marist	43	53

- All in all, do you think the current situation in Iraq is worth going to war over, or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	29
Apr. 7-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	30
Apr. 9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19
Apr. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	23
Jun. 27-29, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	42
Jul. 18-20, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	35
Jul. 25-27, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	34
Aug. 25-26, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	35
Sep. 8-10, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	40
Sep. 19-21, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48
Oct. 6-8, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	44
Oct. 24-26, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	44
Nov. 3-5, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	44
Nov. 14-16, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	42
Dec. 5-7, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	39
Dec. 14, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	33
Dec. 15-16, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	35
Jan. 9-11, 2004+	Gallup/CNN?USA Today	59	38
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49
Mar. 5-7, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	43
Mar. 26-28, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	41
Apr. 5-8, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
Apr. 16-18, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	46
May 2-4, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
May 7-9, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	54
May 21-23, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	52
Jun. 3-6, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	52
Jun. 21-23, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
July 8-11, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50
Aug. 9-11, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48

Aug. 23-25, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Sept. 3-5, 2004+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	54
Jan. 3-5, 2005+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	52
Feb. 7-10, 2005+	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	50

- Do you think going to war with Iraq was the right thing for the United States to do or the wrong thing? Do you feel that strongly or only somewhat?

		Right Strongly	Right Somewhat	Wrong Somewhat	Wrong Strongly
Jun. 30-Jul. 1, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	22	9	18
Jul. 29-30, 2000	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	42	23	10	17
Sep. 9-10, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	19	12	21
Oct. 14-15, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	39	19	12	23
Dec. 3-4, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	38	17	13	25
Apr. 6-7, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	37	13	10	34
May 4-5, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	14	10	33
June 22-23, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	34	16	11	31
Feb. 8-9, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	33	13	10	39

- When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial costs of the war?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Nov. 12-16, 2003	NBC/WSJ	45	46
Dec. 13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	45	42
Dec. 14, 2003	NBC/WSJ	53	37
Jan. 10-12, 2004	NBC/WSJ	52	40
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	50	45
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	42	47
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	40	51
July 19-21, 2004	NBC/WSJ	43	47
Aug. 23-25, 2004	NBC/WSJ	43	49
Sept. 17-19, 2004	NBC/WSJ	40	52
Oct. 16-18, 2004	NBC/WSJ	41	50
Oct. 29-31, 2004	NBC/WSJ	44	48
Dec. 9-13, 2004	NBC/WSJ	43	48
Jan. 13-17, 2005	NBC/WSJ	40	52

- All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Nov. 15-18, 2003	L.A. Times	48	43
Mar. 27-30, 2004	L.A. Times	48	45
Jun. 5-8, 2004	L.A. Times	43	53
July 17-21, 2004	L.A. Times	44	51
Aug. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	46	49
Sept. 25-28, 2004	L.A. Times	45	51
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2004	L.A. Times	43	54
Oct. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	46	50
Jan. 15-17, 2005	L.A. Times	39	56

● 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?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	70	27
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	64	33
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	40
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	61	35
Aug. 20-24, 2003	ABC News	57	37
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	54	42
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	61	37
Oct. 9-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	54	44
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	54	44
Nov. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	52	44
Dec. 14, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	53	42
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	39
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	56	41
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	50
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	44
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	47
May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	49	47
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	50
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	52
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	45	53
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	49	48
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Post	48	50
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	45
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	46	51
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	49	48
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	42	56
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	44	55
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	45	53

● Do you think the United States was right or wrong in going to war with Iraq?

		Right	Wrong
July 20-22, 2004	SRB/Time	46	49
Aug. 3-5, 2004	SRB/Time	47	47
Aug. 24-26, 2004	SRB/Time	50	43
Aug. 31-Sept.2, 2004	SRB/Time	52	41
Sept. 7-9, 2004	SRB/Time	53	43
Sept. 21-23, 2004	SRB/Time	48	46
Oct. 6-7, 2004	SRB/Time	45	49
Jan. 12-13, 2005	SRB/Time	42	51

● Thinking about everything that has happened, do you think that taking military action against Iraq was the right or wrong thing to do?

		Right	Wrong
Sept. 2003	Harris Interactive	55	32
Nov. 2003	Harris Interactive	49	37
Jan. 2004	Harris Interactive	55	31
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	52	34
Mar. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	33
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	49	37
May 2004	Harris Interactive	47	38

June 2004	Harris Interactive	44	42
July 2004	Harris Interactive	43	42
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	43
Dec. 2004	Harris Interactive	43	43
Jan. 2005	Harris Interactive	39	46

- From what you know now, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq last March, or not?

		Yes	No
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	68	28
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	61	33
Sep. 11-12, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	64	31
Oct. 9-10, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	56	37
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	59	34
Nov. 6-7, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	55	38
Dec. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	62	32
Jan. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	60	33
Jan. 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	39
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	57	37
Mar. 25-26, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	41
Apr. 8-9, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	57	39
May 13-14, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	51	43
Sep. 2-3, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	38
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	51	45

- Do you think the United States should or should not have taken military action to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

		Should	Should Not
Apr. 12-13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	76	17
May 17-19, 2003	NBC/WSJ	71	24
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	69	27
Sep. 20-22, 2003	NBC/WSJ	64	33
Nov. 8-10, 2003	NBC/WSJ	63	34
Dec. 13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	66	30
Dec. 14, 2003	NBC/WSJ	69	26
Jan. 10-12, 2004	NBC/WSJ	66	29
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	64	32
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	60	35
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	56	39
Sept. 17-19, 2004	NBC/WSJ	55	40
Oct. 16-18, 2004	NBC/WSJ	58	38

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...was worth?" +Question wording was, "...it was worth going to war in Iraq, or not?"

- Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in going to war against Iraq?

		Right Decision	Wrong Decision
May 14-18, 2003	PIPA	68	22
Jun. 18-25, 2003	PIPA	65	29
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	63	32
Aug. 26-Sep. 3, 2003	PIPA	62	33
Oct. 29-Nov. 10, 2003	PIPA	57	38
Nov. 21-30, 2003*	PIPA	55	41

NOTE: *Of those who said it was the right decision, 42 percent said, "I support having gone to war, because I think it was the best thing for the U.S. to do." Thirteen percent said, "I am not sure if going to war was the best thing to do, but I support Bush's decision because he is president."

- Considering everything, how confident are you that the United States and its allies did the right thing in attacking Iraq?

		Confident	Not Confident
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	76	23
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	76	22

- Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in going to war against Iraq?

		Right Decision	Wrong Decision
Jun. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	65	29
Jul. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	63	32
Sep. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	62	33
Nov. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	57	38
Dec. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	55	41
Mar. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	55	44

- Considering everything, do you think the United States did the right thing in going to war with Iraq or do you think it was a mistake?

		Right Thing	Mistake
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	69	26
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	81	16
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	48	51

- Do you think the United States was right or wrong in going to war with Iraq?

		Right	Wrong
Mar. 27, 2003	Harris Interactive	65	28
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	61	35
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	63	32
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Harris Interactive	55	39
Dec. 30-31, 2003	Harris Interactive	56	37
Feb. 5-6, 2004	Harris Interactive	55	38
Apr. 8, 2004	Harris Interactive	53	41

- Do you think the result of the war with Iraq was worth the loss of American life and the other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Jul. 8-9, 2003*	CBS News	45	45
Aug. 11-12, 2003*	CBS News	46	45
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	46	46
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	43	47
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	41	53
Oct. 20-21, 2003*	CBS News	42	52
Nov. 10-12, 2003*	CBS News	40	51
Dec. 10-13, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	39	54
Dec. 14-15, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	44	49
Dec. 21-22, 2003*	CBS News	42	47
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	43	51
Jan. 20, 2004	CBS News/NYT	41	52
Feb. 12-15, 2004	CBS News	41	50
Feb. 27-24, 2004	CBS News	42	52
Mar. 10-14, 2004	CBS News/NYT	42	51
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	34	57
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	33	58

May 11, 2004	CBS News	29	64
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	33	60
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	32	60
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	34	62

NOTE: *Asked of half sample.

- Do you think removing Saddam Hussein from power is worth the potential loss of American life and the other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	46	43
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	54	35
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	57	33
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	53	37
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	49	38
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	51	40
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News	52	38
Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	50	43
Mar. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	54	40
Mar. 17, 2003	CBS News	60	34
Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	61	30
Mar. 20-21, 2003	CBS News/NYT	62	30
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	66	27
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	66	28
Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	63	29
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	62	28
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	68	22
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	64	29
Apr. 26-27, 2003*	CBS News	62	31
May 27-28, 2003*	CBS News	65	28
Jun. 12-13, 2003*	CBS News	62	31
Jul. 8-9, 2003*+	CBS News	54	37
Jul. 13-27, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	54	39
Aug. 11-12, 2003*+	CBS News	55	34
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003*+	CBS News/NYT	51	41
Oct. 20-21, 2003*+	CBS News	52	39
Nov. 10-12, 2003*+	CBS News	50	43
Dec. 10-13, 2003*+	CBS News/NYT	47	43
Dec. 14-15, 2003*+	CBS News/NYT	54	37
Dec. 21-22, 2003*+	CBS News	54	37
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004*	CBS News	47	43

NOTE: + question wording was “was worth the loss of American life...” *Asked of half-sample

- All things considered, do you think the United States going to war with Iraq has been worth it or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	64	25
Jun. 17-18, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	53	31
Sep. 23-24, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	41

- Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right...The war in Iraq was worth the cost of U.S. lives and dollars or the war in Iraq was not worth the cost of U.S. lives and dollars?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Jun. 17-23, 2003	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	55	41
Jul. 15-20, 2003	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	52	42
Aug. 24-28, 2003	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	51	42
Sep. 9-14, 2003	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	49	45
Oct. 14-19, 2003	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	48	46
Jan. 13-18, 2004*	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	48	48
Feb. 10-15, 2004*	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	46	49

NOTE: *Question asked of likely voters

- Thinking about the goals versus the costs of this war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

		Acceptable	Unacceptable
Mar. 27, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	34
Apr. 3, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	32
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	66	28
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	51	44
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	44	52
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	42	53
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	38	57
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	43	55
Oct. 9-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	38	59
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	35	62
Nov. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	33	64
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	37	60
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	34	62
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	33	65
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	29	71
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	27	70
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	27	70

- In your view, is the war in Iraq worth the toll it has taken in American lives and other kinds of costs, or isn't the war worth these costs?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Mar. 27, 2003	Harris Interactive	59	33
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	49	45
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	49	43
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Harris Interactive	44	50

- Thinking about the U.S. presence in Iraq since major fighting ended, do you think it is worth having U.S. troops there now, or not?

		Worth It	Not Worth It
Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	30

● Which comes closer to your view about the number of U.S. military deaths since April - the number is unacceptably high given that major fighting ended over two months ago, or the number is to be expected because we knew Iraq would be a dangerous place even after the major fighting ended?

Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	To Be Expected 74	Unacceptably High 24
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● Do you support or oppose the United States having taken military action to disarm Iraq and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein? Is that strongly support/oppose or only somewhat strongly/oppose?

		Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
Sep. 23-24, 2003	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	47	17	12	18
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	50	16	10	20
Jan. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	48	18	11	17
Mar. 23-24, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	45	16	12	20
Apr. 21-22, 2004.	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	49	16	7	24
Jun. 8-9, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	45	15	9	25
July 20-21, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	40	18	11	26
Sept. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	47	16	10	22

● Do you think the United States made a mistake getting involved in the current war against Iraq, or not?

		Not Mistake	Mistake
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	70	24
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	70	24
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS/NYT	46	48
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	46	50

● Which comes closer to your opinion? Iraq was a threat to the United States that required immediate military action or Iraq was a threat that could have been contained or Iraq was not a threat to the United States at all.

		Required Military Action	Could Have Been Contained	Not a Threat
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS	42	45	12
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS/NYT	32	48	17

HISTORICAL TRENDS

Iraq

- In view of developments since we first sent our troops to Iraq, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq, or not?

		Yes Made Mistake	No
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	75
Jul. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	72
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	59
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	60
Jan. 12-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	56
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	57
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	54
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	58
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	44
July 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	45
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	50
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51
Aug. 23-25, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	50
Sept. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	38	57
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	55
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	51
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	53
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	52
Oct. 22-24, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51
Oct. 29-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	52
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	47
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	55
Feb. 25-27, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51

Afghanistan

- Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending military forces to Afghanistan, or not?

		Yes	No
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	9	89
Jan. 7-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	6	93
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	72

Yugoslavia

- In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Yugoslavia, do you think the United States made a mistake sending military forces to fight in Yugoslavia?

		Yes	No
Apr. 21, 1999	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	51
Jun. 4-5, 1999	Gallup /CNN/USA Today	43	53

- Thinking about the current situation in Kosovo, do you think the U.S. involvement in the military conflict was or was not worth it?

		Yes	No
Jun. 16-19, 1999	NBC/WSJ	58	33
Jul. 24-26, 1999	NBC/WSJ	53	38

- Do you think peace in Yugoslavia is worth the loss of American life and the other costs of attacking Yugoslavia, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 24, 1999	CBS News	34	52
Apr. 1, 1999	CBS News	31	52
Apr. 5-6, 1999*	CBS News/NYT	44	45
Apr. 13-14, 1999	CBS News	32	52
Jun. 5-6, 1999*	CBS News	36	46

NOTE: Asked of half sample.

- Do you think protecting ethnic Albanians is worth the loss of American life and the other costs of attacking Yugoslavia, or not?

		Yes	No
Apr. 5-6, 1999	CBS News/NYT	41	47
Jun. 5-6, 1999	CBS News	45	41

NOTE: Asked of half sample.

- All in all, do you think the situation in Kosovo was worth going to war over, or not?

		Yes	No
Jun. 10, 1999	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	47
Jun. 25-27, 1999	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45

- Given the possible loss of American lives and other costs of involved, do you think sending U.S. troops to Bosnia is worth the cost, or not?

		Yes	No
Nov. 27, 1995	CBS News	28	63

NOTE: Asked of respondents first interviewed on Nov. 19, 1995.

Kuwait

- In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Saudi Arabia, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Saudi Arabia, or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 16-19, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	17	75
Aug. 23-26, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	76
Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	76
Sep. 10-11, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	19	76
Sep. 14-16, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	73
Sep. 27-30, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	20	73
Oct. 3-4, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	71
Oct. 11-14, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	68
Oct. 18-21, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	26	67
Oct. 25-28, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	71
Nov. 2-4, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	25	67
Nov. 8-11, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	68
Nov. 15-18, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	27	65
Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29	66
Dec. 6-9, 1990	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	28	66
Jan. 3-6, 1991	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	30	61
Jan. 11-13, 1991	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29	65
Jan. 17-20, 1991	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	16	80

Jan. 23-26, 1991	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	77
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 1991	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	18	80
Feb. 7-10, 1991	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	76
Feb. 28-Mar. 3, 1991*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	10	87
Jul. 18-21, 1991*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	15	82

NOTE: *Question wording was, "In view of the developments since we first sent out troops to the Persian Gulf region, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to the Persian Gulf region, or not?"

- All in all, do you think the situation in the Persian Gulf region was worth going to war over or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 23-26, 1990*	Gallup	49	41
Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 1990*	Gallup	45	44
Sep. 27-30, 1990*	Gallup	49	41
Nov. 15-18, 1990*	Gallup	46	45
Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 1990*	Gallup	51	41
Dec. 6-9, 1990*	Gallup	47	45
Dec. 13-16, 1990*	Gallup	49	44
Jan. 3-6, 1991*	Gallup	47	44
Jan. 11-13, 1991*	Gallup	46	44
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 1991*	Gallup	71	24
Feb. 28-Mar. 3, 1991+	Gallup	80	15
Apr. 4-6, 1991+	Gallup	72	22
Apr. 25-28, 1991+	Gallup	70	24
May 23-26, 1991*	Gallup	72	23
Jul. 11-14, 1991*	Gallup	66	28
Jan. 6-9, 1992	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38
Feb. 6-9, 1992	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	32
Feb. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	31

NOTE: *Question wording was, "the current situation in the Mideast?" +Question wording was, "the situation in the Mideast involving Iraq and Kuwait?"

- Given the loss of life and the other costs of the war in the Persian Gulf, do you think the war to defeat Iraq was worth the cost, or not?

		Yes	No
Jan. 17, 1991*	CBS News/NYT	63	23
Jan. 18, 1991*	CBS News/NYT	58	25
Jan. 19, 1991*	CBS News/NYT	55	27
Jan. 20, 1991*	CBS News/NYT	61	23
Jan. 27-28, 1991*	CBS News	59	29
Feb. 12-13, 1991*	CBS News/NYT	60	26
Feb. 24, 1991*	CBS News/NYT	65	24
Feb. 25, 1991*	CBS News	65	22
Feb. 28, 1991*	NYT	72	17
Jun. 3-6, 1991	CBS News/NYT	66	30
Oct. 5-7, 1991	CBS News/NYT	61	33
Jan. 22-25, 1992	CBS News/NYT	59	36
Dec. 7-9, 1992	CBS News/NYT	58	37
Jan. 12-14, 1993	CBS News/NYT	60	34
Feb. 10-12, 2001	CBS News	51	39

NOTE: *Question wording was, "is likely to be worth?"

- All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the Persian Gulf War was worth fighting, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 1-4, 1991*	ABC News/Wash Post	86	13
May 30-Jun. 2, 1991	ABC News/Wash Post	70	26
Jul. 25-28, 1991	ABC News	67	30
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 1992	ABC News/Wash Post	66	32

NOTE: *Question wording was, "this war?"

Vietnam

- In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Vietnam, do you think the U.S. made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?

		Yes	No
Aug. 27-Sep. 1, 1965	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	60
Mar. 3-8, 1966	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	26	59
May 5-10, 1966	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	49
Sep. 8-13, 1966	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	35	48
Nov. 10-15, 1966	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	52
Jan. 26-31, 1967	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	32	52
Apr. 19-24, 1967	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	50
Jul. 13-18, 1967	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	48
Oct. 6-11, 1967	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	44
Dec. 7-12, 1967	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	46
Feb. 1-6, 1968	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	42
Feb. 22-27, 1968	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	42
Apr. 4-9, 1968	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	40
Aug. 7-12, 1968	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	35
Sep. 26-Oct. 1, 1968	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	37
Jan. 23-28, 1969	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	39
Sep. 17-22, 1969	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	32
Jan. 15-20, 1970	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	32
Apr. 2-7, 1970	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	34
May 21-26, 1970	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	36
Jan. 8-11, 1971	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	31
May 14-17, 1971	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	28
Jan. 12-15, 1973	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	29
Mar. 15-18, 1990*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	22
Apr. 21-24, 1995*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	23
Nov. 13-15, 2000*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	24

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Looking back, do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?"

Korea

- Do you think the United States made a mistake in going to war in Korea, or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 20-25, 1950*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	20	65
Jan. 1-5, 1951*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	38
Feb. 4-9, 1951	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	41
Mar. 26-31, 1951	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	43
Apr. 16-21, 1951	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	45
Jun. 16-21, 1951	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	40

Aug. 3-8, 1951	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	48
Feb. 28-Mar. 5, 1952	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	35
Oct. 9-14, 1952	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	37
Oct. 17-22, 1952	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	50
Jan. 11-16, 1953	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	36	50
Jun. 6-7, 2000^	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	34	47

NOTE: *Question wording was, "In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Korea, do you think the United States made a mistake in deciding to defend Korea, or not?" +Question wording was, "Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the United States made a mistake in going into the war in Korea, or not?"

- As things stand now, do you feel the war in Korea has been worth fighting, or not?

		Yes	No
Oct. 1952	NORC	31	56
Nov. 1952	NORC	34	58
Dec. 1952	NORC	39	52
Jun. 1953	NORC	32	59
Aug. 1953	NORC	27	62
Nov. 1953*	NORC	38	51
Nov. 1954*	NORC	39	51
Sep. 1956*	NORC	46	41

NOTE: *Question wording was, "was worth fighting?"

World War II

- World War II was fought fifty years ago. Looking back, given the loss of American life, and the other costs involved, do you think that U.S. involvement in World War II was worth the cost, or not?

		Yes	No
Jan. 3-5, 1994	CBS News	71	19
May 4-6, 1995	CBS News	71	18

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION: *In May 1991, after the conclusion of the Gulf War, CBS News and the New York Times asked Americans whether we should have continued fighting Iraq until Saddam Hussein was removed from power or whether we should have brought our troops home. Sixty-three percent said we should have continued fighting. The surveyors asked that question nine times over the decade, and in each iteration of it, a large majority of Americans said we should have continued fighting to get rid of Hussein. Americans' long-held convictions about Saddam Hussein explain why solid majorities have told ABC News/Washington Post pollsters on five occasions between March 2003 and February 2004 that the war in Iraq could be justified without WMD. The results also explain why so many Americans were prepared to believe, and indeed still believed after the issuance of David Kay's report, that Iraq had or has WMD. A January 2005 CBS News/New York Times question finds 56 percent saying that Iraq had WMD that the U.S. did not find. It also helps to explain why the WMD controversy was less potent politically here than it was for Prime Minister Tony Blair in Great Britain, for whom the WMD issue was a more central part of the decision to go to war.*

Many pollsters spent a considerable amount of time in 2003 and 2004 on whether people believe the President or his administration lied about WMD or intentionally misled the country on the subject in order to make the case for war. Going to war is a serious matter, and the nation needs to be able to trust its president on so consequential a matter. Was President Bush hurt on this score? Take a CBS News question asked in mid-February 2004. Fifty percent told the pollsters that George W. Bush had more honesty and integrity than most people in public life. Only 14 percent said he had less. In some polls, perceptions of Bush's honesty have declined since he was first elected. In others, views about his honesty have remained high and stable. That's probably why most pollsters don't ask whether Bush himself lied about WMD, but instead ask about his administration. There is polling evidence that shows that more people in the summer 2004 believed the administration deliberately exaggerated or deliberately misled the public than felt that way in the spring. The PSRA/Newsweek questions from late July 2004 show that 56 percent (up from 36 percent in May 2003) felt the administration "misinterpreted or misanalyzed the intelligence reports they said indicated Iraq had banned weapons." Forty-four percent (up from 36 percent in May 2003) believed the administration "purposely misled the public."

- Should the United States have stopped fighting when Iraqi troops left Kuwait, or should the U.S. have continued fighting Iraq until Saddam Hussein was removed from power?

		Should Have Stopped	Should Have Removed Hussein
May 7-8, 1991	CBS News/NYT	31	63
Jun. 3-6, 1991	CBS News/NYT	25	69
Mar. 26-29, 1992	CBS News/NYT	21	74
Jun. 17-20, 1992	CBS News/NYT	21	72
Aug. 11-14, 1992	CBS News/NYT	20	75
Oct. 16-18, 1994*	CBS News	22	73
Sep. 16-18, 1996*	CBS News	21	71
Nov. 23-24, 1997+	CBS News	20	73

Feb. 19-21, 1998^	CBS News/NYT	21	74
Feb. 10-12, 2001*	CBS News	27	64

NOTE: *Question wording was, "What about the end of the Persian Gulf War? Do you think the United States should have stopped fighting when Iraqi troops left Kuwait, or should the U.S. have continued fighting Iraq until Saddam Hussein was removed from power?" +Question wording was, "In 1991, should the United States have stopped fighting...?" ^Question wording was, "Thinking back to the Persian Gulf War in 1991, should the United States have stopped fighting...?"

- Do you think the United States will be able to justify this war only if it finds weapons of mass destruction, such as chemical or biological weapons, in Iraq; or do you think the United States will be able to justify this war for other reasons, even if it does not find weapons of mass destruction?

		Justify Only With WMD	Justify Without WMD
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	35	53
Apr. 3, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	22	69
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	23	63
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	20	63
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	24	57

- Which comes closest to your view about the war with Iraq - it was justified only if the U.S. finds conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, it was justified even if the U.S. does not find conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or it was not justified even if the U.S. finds conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction?

		Justify Only With WMD	Justify Without WMD	Not Justified
Mar. 23, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	38	15
Apr. 5-6, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	58	15
May 30-Jun. 1, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	23	56	18

NOTE: *Question wording was, "Which comes closest to your view about the war with Iraq - it is justified only if the U.S. finds conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, it is justified even if the U.S. does not find conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or it is not justified even if the U.S. finds conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction?"

- If the U.S. military doesn't find any weapons of mass destruction, would you still support the Bush administration's decision to take military action in Iraq at this time or would you oppose military action? Would you support/oppose that strongly or not only somewhat? (Asked of those who supported the Bush administration's decision to take military action against Iraq)

		Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Apr. 2-3, 2003	LA Times	62	21	6	8

- What if the United States does not find chemical or biological weapons in Iraq - in that case would you support or oppose the war? (Asked of those who supported the war)

		Support	Oppose
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	90	8

- Do you believe the United States and coalition forces can declare victory even if weapons of mass destruction are never found?

		Yes	No
Apr. 8-9, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	62	25

- If the United States and its allies never find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, then do you think the United States will have won the war in Iraq, or not?

		Yes	No
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	60	29

- If the United States does not find conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, would you consider the war with Iraq to be justified or not?

		Justified	Not Justified
Apr. 30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	20
May 1, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	19

- Do you believe the United States going to war with Iraq was justified even if weapons of mass destruction are never found?

		Yes	No
Jun. 3-4, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	69	24

- Do you believe that what we were told by the government before the Iraq war about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and Iraq's links to Al Qaeda, the terrorist organization, was generally accurate or misleading?

		Generally Accurate	Misleading
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	55	36
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	47	45
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	44	50
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	45	47
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	53
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	51
Jun. 2004	Harris Interactive	44	51
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	37	60
Sep. 2004	Harris Interactive	36	55
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	39	59
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	39	59

- Do you think Iraq probably does or probably does not have weapons of mass destruction?

		Does	Does Not
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	80	11
Sep. 2-5, 2002*	CBS News/NYT	79	11
Sep. 22-23, 2002*	CBS News	77	14
Jan. 4-6, 2003*	CBS News	79	9
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	81	12
Apr. 26-27, 2003+	CBS News	77	15
Nov. 10-12, 2003+	CBS News	62	31
Feb. 12-15, 2004+	CBS News	49	41
Feb. 24-27, 2004+	CBS News	52	39
Apr. 23-27, 2004+	CBS News/NYT	52	41
Jan. 14-18, 2005#	CBS News/NYT	56	39

NOTE: *Question wording was, "To the best of your knowledge, do you think Iraq currently possesses weapons of mass destruction, or not?" +Question wording was, "...that the United States has not found yet?" #Question wording was "... did or not did not have weapons of mass destruction that the United States did not find?"

- Do you think that Iraq did or did not have weapons of mass destruction before the war began last March?

		Yes	No
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	70	21
Nov. 8-10, 2003	NBC/WSJ	63	30
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	57	35
Jan. 13-17, 2005	NBC/WSJ	54	40

- If the United States and its allies never find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, then do you think the war against Iraq will have been worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

		Yes	No
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	57	37
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	60	34
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	56	38
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	46	46
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	41	53

- Do you believe that the U.S. government deliberately exaggerated the reports of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in order to increase support for war, or do you think it tried to present the information accurately?

		Tried To Present Accurately	Deliberately Exaggerated
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	56	37
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	53	40
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	49	41
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	50	45
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	43
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	50	43
June 2004	Harris Interactive	50	44
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	44
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	46	45
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	53	46
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	49	48

- Before the Iraq War, the Bush administration said it had intelligence reports indicating that Iraq was hiding banned chemical or biological weapons from UN weapons inspectors. So far, however, no such banned weapons have been found in Iraq. Do you think the Bush administration...?

		Yes	No
Misinterpreted or misanalyzed the intelligence reports they said indicated Iraq had banned weapons			
May 29-30, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	36	54
Jul. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	45	41
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	41	49
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	44	47
Oct. 9-10, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	49	39
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	50	39
Jan. 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	54	36
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	35
July 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	56	36
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	51	41
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	50	43
Purposely misled the public about evidence that Iraq had banned weapons in order to build support for war			
May 29-30, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	36	57

Jul. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	38	53
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	39	56
Aug. 21-22, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	43	51
Oct. 9-10, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	45	45
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	42	49
Jan. 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	41	51
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	46	49
July 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	44	51
Sept. 30- Oct.2, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	45	50
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	43	54

- Based on what you know, which of the following statements comes close to your view: “George W. Bush deliberately misled public about Iraq stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and its ties with Al Qaeda terrorist attacks,” or “George W. Bush, in good faith, told the public what he believed to be true about Iraq stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and its ties with Al Qaeda terrorist attacks?”

		Deliberately Misled	Said What He Believed To Be True
July 17-21, 2004	L.A. Times	39	57
Oct. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	39	59

- Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or not?

		Yes, mislead	No
May 30-Jun. 1, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	67
Jun. 9-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	64
Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	61
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	58
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	54
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	52
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51

- Do you believe that what we were told by the government before the Iraq war about Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction and Iraq’s links to Al Qaeda, the terrorist organization, was generally accurate or misleading?

		Generally Accurate	Misleading
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	55	36
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	47	45
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	44	50
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	45	47
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	53
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	51
Jun. 2004	Harris Interactive	44	51
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	37	60
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	36	55

● The Senate Intelligence Committee has reported that intelligence the United States collected about Iraq and the capabilities of its weapons programs was flawed and exaggerated. Do you feel that President Bush did all he could to make certain the intelligence he received on Iraq was accurate, or should he have done more?

		Did All He Could	Should Have Done More
July 19-21, 2004	NBC/WSJ	40	56

● Do you think President Bush gave the country the most accurate information he had before going to war with Iraq, or do you think President Bush exaggerated information to make the case for war with Iraq?

		Accurate Information	Exaggerated Information
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	48	47
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	48	50
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	42	53

● Do you think President Bush gave the country the most accurate information he had before going to war with Iraq, or do you think President Bush deliberately misled people to make the case for war with Iraq?

		Accurate Information	Deliberately Misled
Mar. 6-8, 2004	NBC/WSJ	53	41
June 25-28, 2004	NBC/WSJ	44	47

● Do you believe that Iraq actually had weapons of mass destruction when the war began, or not?

		Yes	No
Jun. 10-15, 2003	Harris Interactive	69	21
Aug. 12-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	67	23
Oct. 14-19, 2003	Harris Interactive	60	29
Dec. 10-13, 2003	Harris Interactive	64	28
Dec. 14-16, 2003	Harris Interactive	61	32
Feb. 9-16, 2004	Harris Interactive	51	40

● Do you believe that intelligence given before the war to President Bush by the CIA and others about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction was completely accurate, somewhat accurate, somewhat misleading or very misleading?

		Completely Accurate	Somewhat Accurate	Somewhat Misleading	Very Misleading
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	6	44	29	16
Apr. 2004	Harris interactive	5	46	28	15

● Will you consider the U.S. invasion of Iraq a mistake if the U.S. does not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq or won't you consider it a mistake?

		Mistake	Not Mistake
Mar. 27, 2003	Harris Interactive	36	59

- Do you think the war with Iraq will have been worth it if weapons of mass destruction are never found or don't you think it will have been worth it?

		Yes	No
Sep. 3-4, 2003	Harris Interactive	52	43
Feb. 5-6, 2004	Harris Interactive	53	41

- Do you think the U.S. will or will not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?

		Will	Will Not
Mar. 27, 2003	Harris Interactive	77	17
May 17-19, 2003	NBC/WSJ	60	32
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	46	41
Sep. 20-22, 2003	NBC/WSJ	37	50
Nov. 8-10, 2003	NBC/WSJ	36	56

- How likely is it that the U.S. will find conclusive evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction or the facilities to develop them?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Too Likely	Not At All Likely
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	28	10	2
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	36	19	5

- How confident are you that the U.S. military forces will find weapons of mass destruction? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

		Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Too Confident	Not At All Confident
Mar. 29-30, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	32	10	5
Apr. 2-3, 2003	LA Times	47	28	16	5
Jun. 27-29, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	22	31	25	20
Jul. 25-27, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	31	26	20
Dec. 5-7, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	13	28	29	29
Dec. 14, 2003*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	24	30	25	19

NOTE: *Question wording was, "that the U.S. will find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?"

- Does the lack of evidence of weapons of mass destruction make you less supportive of the war in Iraq or does it make no difference? (Asked of the 64 percent who said the Iraq war was worth it)

		No Difference	Less Supportive
Jun. 17-23, 2003	Democracy Corps (Dem.)	89	9

- Is it your impression that when the US government presented the evidence to justify going to war with Iraq, it was being misleading or not being misleading?

		Misleading	Not Misleading
May 14-18, 2003	PIPA	40	55
Jun. 18-25, 2003	PIPA	42	53
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	42	52

- Is it your impression that when the U.S. government presented evidence of Iraq having weapons of mass destruction to justify going to war with Iraq, it was presenting evidence they knew were false, stretching the truth but not making false statements, or being fully truthful?

		Presented False Evidence	Stretched Truth	Fully Truthful
Jun. 18-25, 2003	PIPA	10	52	32
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	16	47	30
Oct. 29-Nov. 10, 2003	PIPA	21	51	25

- On the issue of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, how likely do you think it is that weapons have not been found for the following reasons. The first is....How likely do you think it is that weapons not been found because...?

Feb. 4-5, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Very/Somewhat Likely	Very/Somewhat Unlikely
The weapons were moved into another country before the war began		65	31
There were no weapons, and the United Nations and the U.S.-led coalition was misled		55	38
The weapons are well hidden and are still in Iraq		51	42
The weapons were destroyed before the war began		43	50
Iraqi scientists lied to Saddam about there being weapons when there really were no weapons		40	48

- On the issue of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, do you believe...?

Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	
There are still weapons of mass destruction in Iraq		22
There were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq before the war, but they were moved or destroyed		44
That Iraq has not had any weapons of mass destruction for at least several years		28

- As you may know, the White House has admitted that President Bush was incorrect when he said in his State of the Union address there was evidence that Iraq was trying to obtain nuclear materials from Africa. Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the public about Iraq having nuclear materials in order to gain support for the war, or don't you feel that way?

Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	Deliberately Mislead	Did Not Mislead
		41	54

- Do you agree or disagree that there should be public congressional hearings about the reasons used to justify a war in Iraq?

Jul. 16-17, 2003	Zogby International	Agree	Disagree
		45	52

- Do you think there should or should not be an independent government investigation into who was responsible for putting the incorrect statement about Iraq seeking nuclear materials into the State of the Union speech?

		Should	Should Not
Jul. 16-17, 2003	Harris Interactive	43	52

- Does it matter whether the U.S. finds weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, or not?

		Yes	No
Jun. 12-13, 2003	CBS News	58	40
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	47	50
Aug. 11-12, 2003	CBS News	48	48

- When President Bush made the case for going to war with Iraq he said that Iraq had tried to purchase material for making nuclear weapons from an African country. The evidence for this was challenged and the White House recently confirmed that this information was in fact false. Do you think that when the president originally presented this evidence he knew it was false or did not know it was false?

		Knew It Was False	Did Not Know
Jul. 11-20, 2003	PIPA	27	68

- Before the war began, do you think the Bush administration did or did not intentionally exaggerate its evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction?

		Did	Did Not
Jul 9-10, 2003*	ABC/WP	50	46
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC/WP	54	42
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC/WP	55	43

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...such as biological or chemical weapons?"

(Asked of those who said administration deliberately exaggerated evidence) Do you think the Bush administration lied about its evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, or exaggerated without lying?

		Lied	Exaggerated
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC/WP	39	57

- Regardless of whether or not it exaggerated the evidence, do you think the Bush administration honestly believed that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or not?

		Honestly Believed	Did Not Honestly Believe
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC/WP	68	27

- In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration told the American people what it believed to be true or intentionally misled the American people?

		Told What It Believed	Intentionally Misled
Jul. 21-25, 2005	ABC/WP	55	42
Aug. 26-29, 2005	ABC/WP	57	40
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC/WP	55	43

- Do you think Democratic charges that the Bush administration gave misleading claims about Iraq's weapons programs before the war are mostly legitimate criticism, or do you think the Democrats are mostly playing politics?

		Legitimate Criticism	Playing Politics
Jul. 26-28, 2003	NBC/WSJ	30	56

- Do you think the Democrats are trying to use the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq as a political issue?

		Yes	No
Feb. 4-5, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	76	18

(If Yes) Do you think it is fair or unfair for Democrats to use the failure of weapons of mass destruction on Iraq as a political issue?

		Fair	Unfair
Feb. 4-5, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	45	48

- As you may know, the governments of the United States and Great Britain now say there appears to be little or no evidence that former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. If no weapons of mass destruction are found, would you feel: The United States and Great Britain should not have gone to war in Iraq or there were other reasons besides weapons of mass destruction to justify going to war in Iraq?

		Should Not Have Gone to War	Other Reasons to Go to War
Feb. 13-21, 2004	Ipsos-Reid		
	US	32	66
	Mexico	32	60
	Canada	46	51
	France	31	62
	Germany	68	30
	Italy	29	58
	Spain	44	45
	UK	39	55

- Do you believe that clear evidence of weapons of mass destruction has been found in Iraq, or not?

		Clear Evidence Found	No Clear Evidence Found
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	35	55
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	27	63
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	30	63
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	18	75
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	19	74

- Do you believe Iraq actually had weapons of mass destruction when the war began or not?

		Believe Iraq Had WMD	Do Not Believe Iraq Had WMD
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	69	21
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	67	23
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	60	29
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	40
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	38

- Since the war with Iraq ended, is it your impression that the U.S. has or has not found Iraqi weapons of mass destruction?

		U.S. Has Found WMD	U.S. Has Not Found WMD
May 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	34	59
Jun. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	23	73
Jul. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	21	76
Sep. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	24	73
Nov. 2003	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	15	84
Mar. 2004	PIPA/Knowledge Networks	15	83

HUSSEIN'S TIES TO AL-QAEDA/TERRORISM: In March 2005, 61 percent told ABC News/Washington Post interviewers that Hussein provided support to Al-Qaeda.

- Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 19-21, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	34
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	51	33
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	42	42
Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	45	40
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	41
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	53	34
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	53	38
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	38
Sep. 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	50
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	43	42
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	42
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	36	47
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	51
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	41	46
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	39	50
October 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	33	56
October 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	30	61

- How likely is it that Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon? Would you say that it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

		Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Very Likely	Not At All Likely
Sep. 13, 2001	Harris Interactive	34	44	9	3
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2001	Fox News/Op Dyn	50	29	8	4
Nov. 28-29, 2001	Fox News/Op Dyn	47	32	8	4
Oct. 23-24, 2002	Harris Interactive	34	37	16	9
Feb. 6, 2003	Harris Interactive	34	38	16	9
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	32	37	15	12
June 22-23, 2004	Fox News/Op Dym	43	25	11	12

- Do you believe there was a partnership between Iraq and the terrorist group Al-Qaeda under Saddam Hussein's regime?

		Yes	No
June 22-23, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	28

- Before the war, do you think Iraq did or did not provide direct support to the Al Qaeda terrorist group?

		Provided Support	Did Not Provide Support
Jan. 15-18, 2003*	ABC News/Wash Post	68	17
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	62	33
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	61	30

- In your mind, is there enough of a link between Iraq and terrorism to justify a U.S. military campaign to topple the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein or does the U.S. need to offer more evidence?

		Enough Of A link	Need More Evidence
Dec. 5-9, 2001	TIPP/IBD-CSM	55	34
Sep. 3-8, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	48	45
Oct. 7-13, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	50	45
Nov. 6-11, 2002	TIPP/IBD-CSM	50	43

- Do you think Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq was directly involved in planning, financing, or carrying out the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001 or not?

		Yes	No
Sep. 18-19, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	47	37
Jan. 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	49	39

- Based on what you've heard or read, do you believe that Saddam Hussein helped the terrorists in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or don't you think he was involved?

		Helped Terrorists	Not Involved
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	57	27

- Do you believe that what we were told by the government before the Iraq war about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and Iraq's links to Al Qaeda, the terrorist organization, was generally accurate or misleading?

		Generally Accurate	Misleading
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	55	36
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	47	45
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	44	50
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	45	47
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	53
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	40	51
Jun. 2004	Harris Interactive	44	51
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	37	60
Sep. 2004	Harris Interactive	36	55
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	39	59
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	39	59

- Do you believe clear evidence that Iraq was supporting Al Qaeda has been found in Iraq or not?

		Clear Evidence	No Clear Evidence
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	48	33
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	50	35

Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	49	38
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	47	38
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	49	36

- How effective do you think each of the following steps would be against the war on terrorism: Attacking Iraq and removing Saddam Hussein - very effective, somewhat effective, or not at all effective?

		Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not At All Effective
Nov. 3, 2001	Zogby International	48	32	17
Nov. 4, 2001	Zogby International	48	32	17
Nov. 5, 2001	Zogby International	48	32	17
Nov. 6, 2001	Zogby International	46	32	18

- Do you agree or disagree with those who say that the case for going to war against Iraq was a fraud that was made up to give Republicans a political boost?

		Agree	Disagree
Sep. 23-24, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	31	60

PRESIDENT BUSH'S RATINGS (OVERALL/IRAQ): *Americans rallied around President Bush after 9/11, and his ratings moved into the public opinion stratosphere. President Roosevelt had an impressive 72 percent approval rating before Pearl Harbor. It climbed to 84 percent. George W. Bush had ratings in the low-to mid-fifties before 9/11. His rating climbed to around 90 percent. In its mid-July 2002 poll release, ABC News/Washington Post analysts described Bush's ratings this way: "...the longest, highest run of presidential job approval since modern polling began in the late 1930s." In a January 2003 release, the same polling team noted that while Bush's overall job approval rating was nearly back to its pre-9/11 level, his career average to date was 73 percent. In Gallup and ABC News/Washington Post polls at the start of the President's second term, his overall rating has been hovering below 50 percent.*

After Operation Iraqi Freedom began in mid-March 2003, President Bush's ratings rose and then began to decline. The President's Thanksgiving Day 2003 trip to Iraq and the capture of Saddam Hussein boosted his overall approval rating and his rating on handling the situation in Iraq. In early 2005 before the Iraq elections on January 30, majorities in all the major polls disapproved of the way the President is handling the situation there.

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

		Approve	Disapprove
Sep. 7-10, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	39
Sep. 14-15, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	10
Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	90	6
Oct. 5-6, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	10
Oct. 11-14, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	89	8
Oct. 19-21, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	88	9
Nov. 2-4, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	9
Nov. 8-11, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	9
Nov. 26-27, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	87	8
Dec. 6-9, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	10

Dec. 14-16, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	86	11
Jan. 7-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	84	12
Jan. 11-14, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	83	13
Jan. 25-27, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	84	13
Feb. 4-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	82	14
Feb. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	82	14
Mar. 1-3, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	81	14
Mar. 4-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	18
Mar. 8-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	80	14
Mar. 18-20, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	16
Mar. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	79	17
Apr. 5-7, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19
Apr. 8-11, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	75	20
Apr. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	17
Apr. 29-May 1, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	20
May 6-9, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19
May 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	17
May 28-29, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	77	17
Jun. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	23
Jun. 7-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	18
Jun. 17-19, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	74	20
Jun. 21-23, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	21
Jun. 28-30, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	19
Jul. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	18
Jul. 9-11, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	73	21
Jul. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	24
Jul. 26-28, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	26
Jul. 29-31, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	23
Aug. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	26
Aug. 19-21, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	28
Sep. 2-4, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	29
Sep. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30
Sep. 13-16, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	26
Sep. 20-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30
Sep. 23-26, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	26
Oct. 3-6, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	28
Oct. 14-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	31
Oct. 21-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	67	28
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	29
Nov. 8-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	68	27
Nov. 11-14, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	26
Nov. 22-24, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	65	28
Dec. 5-8, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	29
Dec. 9-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	32
Dec. 16-17, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	33
Dec. 19-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	32
Jan. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	32
Jan. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	37
Jan. 13-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	34
Jan. 20-22, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	36
Jan. 23-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	36
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	35
Feb. 3-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	35
Feb. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	34
Feb. 17-19, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	37
Feb. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	37
Mar. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	37
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	38

Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	25
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	27
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	26
Apr. 5-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	27
Apr. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	26
Apr. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	24
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	70	26
May 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	69	28
May 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	66	30
May 30-Jun. 1, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	64	32
Jun. 9-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	34
Jun. 12-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	33
Jun. 27-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	36
Jul. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	62	34
Jul. 18-20, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38
Jul. 25-27, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	38
Aug. 4-6, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	36
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	37
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	43
Sep. 19-21, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	42
Oct. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	40
Oct. 24-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	42
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	43
Nov. 10-12, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	45
Nov. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	43
Dec. 11-14, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	41
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	34
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	35
Jan. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	59	38
Jan. 12-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48
Feb. 6-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44
Feb. 9-12, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Feb. 16-17, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup./CNN/USA Today	49	48
Mar. 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44
Apr. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	51
May 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49
Jun 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49
July 8-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
July 30-Aug.1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49
Aug. 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Aug. 23-25, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	47
Sept. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	46
Sept. 13-15, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	44
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
Oct. 11-14, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	47

Oct. 22-24, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Oct. 29-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	47
Nov. 7-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44
Nov. 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	42
Dec. 5-8, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44
Dec. 17-19, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	46
Jan. 3-5, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	40
Feb. 7-10, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	48
Feb. 21-24, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	45
Feb. 25-27, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	45
Aug. 28-31, 2001	CBS News/NYT	50	38
Sep. 11-12, 2001	CBS News	72	15
Sep. 13-14, 2001	CBS News/NYT	84	9
Sep. 20-23, 2001	CBS News/NYT	89	7
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	90	5
Oct. 9, 2001	CBS News	90	7
Oct. 25-28, 2001	CBS News/NYT	87	8
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	85	7
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	86	9
Jan. 5-6, 2002	CBS News/NYT	84	10
Jan. 15-17, 2002	CBS News	82	11
Jan. 21-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	82	12
Jan. 29, 2002	CBS News	86	11
Feb. 24-26, 2002	CBS News	78	14
Apr. 1-2, 2002	CBS News	77	17
Apr. 15-18, 2002	CBS News	76	15
Apr. 28-May 1, 2002	CBS News/NYT	73	18
May 13-14, 2002	CBS News	77	16
May 19-20, 2002	CBS News	71	18
Jun. 18-20, 2002	CBS News	70	20
Jul. 8-9, 2002	CBS News	74	19
Jul. 13-16, 2002	CBS News/NYT	70	20
Jul. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	65	27
Aug. 6-7, 2002	CBS News	66	25
Sep. 2-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	63	28
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	66	27
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	63	29
Oct. 27-31, 2002	CBS News/NYT	62	28
Nov. 2-4, 2002*	CBS News	61	30
Nov. 20-24, 2002	CBS News/NYT	65	27
Jan. 4-6, 2003	CBS News	64	28
Jan. 19-22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	59	35
Feb. 5-6, 2003	CBS News	63	28
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	54	38
Feb. 24-25, 2003	CBS News	56	35
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News	58	32
Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	56	37
Mar. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	58	35
Mar. 17, 2003	CBS News	64	31
Mar. 20, 2003	CBS News/NYT	67	31
Mar. 20-21, 2003	CBS News/NYT	67	26
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	68	26
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	71	23

Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	70	26
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	68	26
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	67	26
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	73	21
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	67	24
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	67	26
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	64	29
Jun. 12-13, 2003	CBS News	66	27
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	60	32
Jul. 13-27, 2003	CBS News/NYT	54	41
Aug. 11-12, 2003	CBS News	55	35
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	55	37
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	52	39
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	51	42
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	54	36
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	50	42
Dec. 10-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	52	40
Dec. 14-15, 2003	CBS News/NYT	58	33
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	60	33
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	50	45
Feb. 12-15, 2004	CBS News	50	42
Feb. 24-27, 2004	CBS News	47	44
Mar. 10-14, 2004	CBS News/NYT	51	42
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	49	44
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	46	47
May 11, 2004	CBS News	44	49
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	41	52
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	42	51
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	45	48
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	44	49
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	46	45
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	50	43
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	50	42
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	48	44
Oct 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	47	43
Oct. 9-11, 2004	CBS News	43	48
Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	44	48
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	49	44
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004	CBS News	49	44
Nov. 18-21, 2004	CBS News/NYT	51	44
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	49	46
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	49	46
Sep. 6-9, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	55	41
Sep. 13, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	86	12
Sep. 25-27, 2001	Wash Post	90	6
Oct. 8-9, 2001	ABC News	92	6
Nov. 5-6, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	89	9
Nov. 27, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	89	9
Dec. 18-19, 2001	ABC News/Wash Post	86	12
Jan. 24-27, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	83	14
Mar. 7-10, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	82	16
Mar. 28, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	79	18
Apr. 18-21, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	78	20
May 18-19, 2002	ABC News	76	22
Jun. 7-9, 2002	ABC News	77	20
Jun. 17, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	74	22
Jul. 11-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	72	25

Jul. 24-28, 2002	ABC News	69	28
Sep. 5-8, 2002	ABC News	71	27
Sep. 23-26, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	67	30
Oct. 24-27, 2002	ABC News	67	29
Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2002*	ABC News	67	32
Dec. 12-15, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	66	32
Jan. 16-20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38
Jan. 27, 2003	ABC News	59	37
Jan. 28, 2003	ABC News	62	36
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	34
Feb. 6-9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	64	34
Feb. 19-23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	60	34
Feb. 26-Mar. 2, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	62	35
Mar. 20, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	67	28
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	68	27
Apr. 3, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	71	25
Apr. 9, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	77	20
Apr. 16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	74	23
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	71	26
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	68	29
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	59	37
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	56	41
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	58	40
Sep. 30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	54	44
Oct. 9-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	53	42
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	56	42
Nov. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	39
Dec. 3-7, 2003	ABC News	53	40
Dec. 14, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	57	39
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	59	38
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	58	40
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	48
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	47
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	50
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	51
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	48	50
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	49
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
Sept. 5-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	43
Sept. 23-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	45
Oct. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	46
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	49
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	52	46
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	50	48

NOTE: *Asked of likely voters.

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Feb. 10-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	53	42
Feb. 24-25, 2003	CBS News	52	44
Mar. 4-5, 2003	CBS News	54	39

Mar. 7-9, 2003	CBS News/NYT	51	42
Mar. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	55	41
Mar. 17, 2003	CBS News	63	32
Mar. 20-21, 2003	CBS News/NYT	69	25
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	72	23
Mar. 23, 2003	CBS News/NYT	75	22
Mar. 24, 2003	CBS News/NYT	71	24
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	69	27
Apr. 2-3, 2003	CBS News	69	25
Apr. 11-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	79	17
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	75	19
May 9-12, 2003	CBS News/NYT	74	21
May 27-28, 2003	CBS News	72	20
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	58	32
Aug. 11-12, 2003	CBS News	57	33
Sep. 15-16, 2003	CBS News	46	47
Sep. 28-Oct. 1, 2003	CBS News/NYT	47	48
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	49	45
Nov. 10-12, 2003	CBS News	48	48
Dec. 10-13, 2003	CBS News/NYT	45	48
Dec. 14-15, 2003	CBS News/NYT	59	35
Dec. 21-22, 2003	CBS News	57	36
Jan. 12-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	48	46
Feb. 12-15, 2004	CBS News	49	45
Feb. 24-27, 2004	CBS News	46	47
Mar. 10-14, 2004	CBS News/NYT	49	43
Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2004	CBS News	44	49
38117	CBS News	39	58
May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	34	61
June 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	36	58
July 11-15, 2004	CBS News/NYT	37	58
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	CBS News	38	55
Aug. 15-18, 2004	CBS News	40	54
Sept. 6-8, 2004	CBS News	45	48
Sept. 12-16, 2004	CBS News/NYT	46	49
Sept. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	45	50
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	45	51
Oct. 9-11, 2004	CBS News	42	54
Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	42	54
Oct. 28-30, 2004	CBS News/NYT	45	50
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004	CBS News	45	50
Nov. 18-21, 2004	CBS News/NYT	40	55
Jan. 14-18, 2005	CBS News/NYT	40	55
Feb. 24-28, 2005	CBS News/NYT	45	50

- Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing handling the situation with Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Apr. 22-23, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	71	22
Jun. 30-Jul. 1, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	60	30
Jul. 15-16, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	35
Jul. 29-30, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	58	32
Sep. 9-10, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	54	38
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	46	48
Jan. 7-8, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	57	35
June 22-23, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	45	49
Oct. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	45	50
Jan. 11-12, 2005	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	44	51

● Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Oct. 21-22, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	40
Dec. 9-10, 2002	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	39
Jan. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	40
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	42
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	56	41
Mar. 24-25, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	26
Mar. 29-30, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	71	27
Apr. 14-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	76	21
Jun. 12-15, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	63	34
Jul. 7-9, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	58	39
Jul. 18-29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	39
Jul. 25-27, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	60	38
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	57	41
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	47
Oct. 6-8, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	50
Nov. 3-5, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	54
Dec. 5-7, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	47
Jan. 2-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	61	36
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	53
Mar. 26-28, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	47
Apr. 16-18, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49
May 2-4, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	55
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	58
Jun. 3-6, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	57
Jun 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	56
Aug 9-11, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	52
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	49
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	46	52
Nov. 7-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51
Jan. 7-9, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	56
Feb. 4-6, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48
Feb. 25-27, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	53

● Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the situation in Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Apr. 27-30, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	75	22
Jun. 18-22, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	67	30
Jul. 9-10, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	41
Aug. 7-11, 2003	Wash Post	56	41
Aug. 20-24, 2003	ABC News	56	37
Sep. 4-7, 2003	ABC News	49	47
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	52	46
Sep. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Nightline	50	47
Oct. 9-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	50	47
Oct. 26-29, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	47	51
Nov. 12-16, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	48	48
Dec. 14, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	58	38
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	60	39
Jan. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	55	42
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	52
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	46	53
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	45	54
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	40	58

Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	44	55
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	43	55
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	45	53
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Post	47	51
Dec. 16-19, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	42	57
Jan. 12-16, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	40	58
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	39	57

IRAQ: DOES BUSH HAVE A CLEAR PLAN? *In early 2005, people were divided about whether George W. Bush had a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq (Gallup). They were decidedly negative about whether he had a clear plan to bring the situation there “to a successful conclusion” (PSRA/Pew).*

In the 2004 campaign, people weren’t confident Kerry or Bush had a clear plan for Iraq.

- Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly what’s at stake as to why the U.S. might use military force to end the rule of Saddam Hussein, or do you think he has not explained the reasons clearly enough?

		Explained Clearly	Not Clearly
Aug. 14-25, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	52
Sep. 12-14, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	52	37
Oct. 17-27, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	45
Dec. 4-8, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	48	45
Jan. 8-12, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	42	53
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	53	40
Mar. 13-16, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	47

- Do you think George W. Bush has a clear policy on Iraq, or not?

		Yes	No
Aug. 7-12, 2002	ABC News/Wash Post	45	42
Aug. 29, 2002	ABC News	40	47
Sep. 12-14, 2002	ABC News	60	35

- Do you think the Bush administration has a well-thought-out plan for using military force against Iraq, or not?

		Yes	No
Apr. 25-26, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	47	33
Sep. 12-13, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	49	34
Sep. 26-27, 2002	PSRA/Newsweek	49	35

- Do you think George W. Bush has a clear plan for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or don’t you think so?

		Has Clear Plan	Doesn’t Have Clear Plan
Sep. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	58
Oct. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	35	54
Dec. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	45
Apr. 1-4, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	57
Apr. 21-25, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	54
June 3-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	37	55

July 8-18, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	59
August 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	58
Sep. 8-13, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	36	55
Oct. 1-3, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	35	55
Feb. 16-21, 2005	PSRA/.Pew Research Center	32	61

- Do you think the Bush administration does - or does not - have a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

		Yes	No
Aug. 25-26, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	44	54
Sep. 8-10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	40	59
Sep. 10-13, 2003	ABC News	42	55
Oct. 9-13, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	41	54
Dec. 15-16, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	45
Dec. 18-21, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	48	47
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	43	53
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	45	53
May 5-6, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	38	57
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	39	59
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	54
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	57
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	56
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49
Jan. 14-16, 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	50
Mar. 10-13, 2005	ABC News/Wash Post	42	57

- So far, do you think the Bush Administration has developed a clear plan for rebuilding Iraq, or hasn't it developed one?

		Clear Plan	No Clear Plan
Dec. 10-13, 2004	CBS News	34	53
Mar. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	32	58
Sep. 20-22, 2004	CBS News	33	53
Oct. 1-3, 2004	CBS News/NYT	39	56
Oct. 9-11, 2004	CBS News	41	53
Oct. 14-17, 2004	CBS News/NYT	38	58

- Do you think George W. Bush/John Kerry has a clear plan for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or don't you think so?

		-----Has a Clear Plan-----		-----No Clear Plan-----	
		Bush	Kerry	Bush	Kerry
July. 9-19, 2004	NAES	34	25	61	57
Aug. 9-29, 2004	NAES	36	29	58	56
Sep. 3-12, 2004	NAES	36	26	57	59
Sept..21-26, 2004	NAES	39	27	56	61
Oct. 1-6, 2004	NAES	40	35	53	55
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	32	—	62	--

- Do you think George W. Bush/John Kerry has a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

		-----Has a Clear Plan-----		-----No Clear Plan-----	
		Bush	Kerry	Bush	Kerry
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	38	44	56
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	42	48	52

- Do you think George W. Bush/John Kerry does – or does not – have a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

		-----Has a Clear Plan-----		-----No Clear Plan-----	
		Bush	Kerry	Bush	Kerry
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	33	54	56
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	38	57	52
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	38	56	52
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	30	44	63
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	41	49	53

- Do you think George W. Bush had a clear plan for handling Iraq?

Apr. 21-22, 2004		Fox News/Opinion Dynamics			
		All	Dem	Rep	Ind
Yes		41	20	72	28
No		50	73	20	60
Not Sure		9	7	8	12

- Do you think the Bush administration has a well-thought-out plan for using military force against Iraq, or not?

Mar. 27-28, 2003		PSRA/Newsweek	
		Yes	No
		74	19

- From what you have seen or heard, is the United States in control of events taking place in Iraq, or are the events in Iraq out of U.S. control?

		In Control	Out of Control
Apr. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	71	20
Jul. 8-9, 2003	CBS News	45	41
Aug. 11-12, 2003	CBS News	45	43
Aug. 26-28, 2003	CBS News	42	47
Oct. 20-21, 2003	CBS News	39	50
May 11, 2004	CBS News	31	57

BUSH VS. KERRY ON IRAQ: In spring and early summer 2004, in most polls, George W. Bush led John Kerry on the question of who would do a better job of handling the situation in Iraq. Most of the late July-early August polls showed a close division on the question. In mid-July 2004, three polling organizations asked whether the Democratic or Republican party would do a better job on Iraq. In the CBS News/New York Times poll, the Democrats led the Republicans 45 to 41 percent. In the PSRA/Pew poll, Democrats barely led, 40 to 38 percent. In the NBC News/Wall Street Journal question, the Republicans led, 39 to 31 percent.

- Who do you think would do a better job handling the situation in Iraq– John Kerry or George W. Bush?

		Bush	Kerry
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	44
Mar. 5-7, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	39
May 7-9, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	48	45
June 21-23, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	46
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	44
July 30-31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	48
Aug. 23-25, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	43
Sept. 3-5, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	54	41
Sept. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	55	41
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	44
Oct. 9-10, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	44
Oct. 14-16, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	45
Oct. 22-24, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	44
Oct. 29-31, 2004^	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	49

- Who do you trust to do a better job handling the situation in Iraq, George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Feb. 10-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	41
Mar. 4-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	47	48
Apr. 15-18, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	41
May 20-23, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	48	42
Jun. 17-20, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	45
July 8-11, 2004	Washington Post	47	47
July 22-25, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Post	52	40
July 30-Aug.1, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	46	48
Aug. 26-29, 2004	ABC News/ Wash Post	52	44
Sept. 6-8, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	37
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	40
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	41
Oct. 5-7, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	43
Oct. 7-9, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	40
Oct. 8-10, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	54	39
Oct. 9-11, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	40
Oct. 10-12, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	41
Oct. 11-13, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	49	42
Oct. 12-14, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	41
Oct. 13-15, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	39
Oct. 14-16, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	39
Oct. 15-17, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	52	41
Oct. 28-31, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	50	41

● Regardless of which presidential candidate your support, please tell me if you trust George W. Bush or John Kerry to do a better job handle each of the following issues. First, what about the situation in Iraq? Which do you trust to do a better job handling this issue...Bush or Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 18-19, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	53	38
July 29-30, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	46	46
Sept. 2-3, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	37
Sept. 9-10, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	54	39
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	49	44
Oct. 14-15, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	51	41
Oct. 21-22, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	51	40
Oct. 27-29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	52	42

● Which candidate do you think would do a better job on the following issues? The situation in Iraq

		Bush	Kerry
Apr. 6-7, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	47	34
May 4-5, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	48	35
Jun. 8-9, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43	39
Aug. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	41	40
Aug. 24-25, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	45	40
Sept. 21-22, 2004	Fpx News/Opinion Dynamics	49	39
Sept. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	48	37
Oct. 3-4, 2004	Fox News/ Opinion Dynamics	47	39
Oct. 17-18, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	49	40
Oct. 27-28, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	51	41

● “He is more likely to develop a plan for achieving success in Iraq”: Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
July 17-21, 2004	L.A. Times	46	37
Aug. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	46	40
Sept. 25-28, 2004	L.A. Times	47	41
Oct. 21-24, 2004	L.A. Times	47	40

● Which candidate, Bush or Kerry, do you trust more to handle the situation in Iraq?

		Bush	Kerry
July 20-22, 2004	SRB/Time	48	44
Aug. 3-5, 2004	SRB/Time	46	44
Aug. 24-26, 2004	SRB/Time	49	41
Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2004	SRB/Time	53	41
Sept. 7-9, 2004	SRB/Time	57	37
Sept. 21-23, 2004	SRB/Time	52	38
Oct. 6-7, 2004	SRB/Time	50	42
Oct. 14-15, 2004	SRB/Time	50	40
Oct. 19-21, 2004	SRB/Time	51	41

● Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for the next President to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue...the war in Iraq, President George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 28-30, 2004	Battleground	54	40
June 20-23, 2004	Battleground	51	42
Aug. 15-17, 2004	Battleground	53	41
Sept. 12-16, 2004	Battleground	55	37
Sept. 20-23, 2004	Battleground	54	39
Sept. 27-30, 2004	Battleground	54	38
Oct. 3-7, 2004	Battleground	53	41
Oct. 11-14, 2004	Battleground	54	40
Oct. 18-21, 2004	Battleground	52	41
Oct. 25-28, 2004	Battleground	55	39

● Now I'd like to compare George W. Bush and John Kerry on a few issues. For each one, please tell me whether you think that George W. Bush or John Kerry would be better on that issue. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular issue, just say so. The war in Iraq ...

		Bush	Kerry	Both
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	46	38	4
Sept. 12-16, 2004	NBC/WSJ	49	35	5
Oct. 16-18, 2004	NBC/WSJ	50	37	5

NOTE: asked of one-half the respondents. Asked among registered voters.

● Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates, George W. Bush or John Kerry, do you think would do the best job of making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 17-21, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	45
Mar. 22-28, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	49	37
May 3-9, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	41
Aug. 5-10, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	44	46
Sept. 8-14, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	51	39
Sept. 22-26, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	46	38
Oct. 1-3 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	40
Oct. 15-19, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	47	41

● Do you think George W. Bush/John Kerry has a clear plan for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or don't you think so?

		Has a Clear Plan		Does Not Have a Clear Plan	
		Bush	Kerry	Bush	Kerry
July 9-19, 2004	NAES	34	25	61	57
Aug. 9-29, 2004	NAES	36	29	58	56
Sept. 3-12, 2004	NAES	36	26	57	59
Sept. 21-26, 2004	NAES	39	27	56	61
Oct. 1-6, 2004	NAES	40	35	53	55
Jan. 11-16, 2005	NAES	32	—	62	—

- Do you think George Bush/John Kerry does or does not have a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

		Has a Clear Plan		Does Not Have a Clear Plan	
		Bush	Kerry	Bush	Kerry
Sept. 24-26, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	53	38	44	56
Oct. 1-3, 2004	ABC News/Wash Post	51	42	48	52

- Do you think George W. Bush/John Kerry does – or does not – have a clear plan for handling the situation in Iraq?

		Bush		Kerry	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
July 19-21, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	54	33	56
July 30-July 31, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	41	57	38	52
July 30-Aug. 1, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	42	56	38	52
Sep. 24-26, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	44	30	63
Oct. 1-3, 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	49	49	41	53

- Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on the situation in Iraq - George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Mar. 16-22, 2004	Quinnipiac	53	36
July 18-22, 2004	Quinnipiac	49	41

NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

- In the future, if the United States were to be faced with a foreign crisis such as Iraq, which candidate would you trust to do a better job handling the situation– George W. Bush or John Kerry?

		Bush	Kerry
Jan. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	49	37
Feb. 18-19, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	50	40

- Which candidate do you think would better resolve the Iraq situation, Kerry or Bush?

		Bush	Kerry
Jun. 2-4, 2004	Time	45	44

- How much confidence do you have in John Kerry’s ability to make the right decisions about the ongoing conflict in Iraq– a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

		A Lot	Some	Not Much	None
Apr. 23-27, 2004	CBS News/NYT	18	43	23	12

- How much confidence would you have in John Kerry as commander in chief– a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

		Great Deal	Quite A Bit Just	Some	Very Little	Not Sure
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	16	18	30	31	5

NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

- How much confidence do you have in George W. Bush as commander in chief – a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

		Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Just Some	Very Little	Not Sure
May 1-3, 2004	NBC/WSJ	30	17	17	35	1

NOTE: Asked of registered voters.

- Do you think George W. Bush had a clear plan for handling Iraq?

Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
	Yes	41	20	72	28
	No	50	73	20	60
	Not Sure	9	7	8	12

- Do you think John Kerry has a clear plan for handling Iraq?

Apr. 21-22, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
	Yes	22	36	7	19
	No	59	46	80	58
	Not Sure	19	18	13	23

- If John Kerry is elected President in November, do you think the situation in Iraq will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	Get Better	Get Worse	Stay Same
		32	24	35

- If George W. Bush is re-elected President in November, do you think the situation in Iraq will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

May 20-23, 2004	CBS News	Get Better	Get Worse	Stay Same
		27	33	37

- Which presidential candidate – Bush or Kerry – have you heard best explain how the U.S. - led coalition is going to win in Iraq?

May 18-19, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Bush	Kerry	Neither
		40	20	20

Republican vs. Democratic Party on Iraq

- When it comes to dealing with Iraq, which party do you think would do a better job – the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

		Democratic	Republican	Both Same	Neither
Oct. 1-3, 2002	NBC/WSJ	17	47	21	8
Dec. 13, 2003	NBC/WSJ	24	45	13	7
Jan. 10-12, 2004	NBC/WSJ	22	49	14	12
July 19-21, 2004	NBC/WSJ	31	39	16	10
Dec. 9-13, 2004	NBC/WSJ	27	42	17	10

- Next, please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas...making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq?

		Democratic	Republican
Oct. 2-6, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	30	46
Oct. 17-27, 2002	PSRA/Pew Research Center	33	42
July 19-21, 2004	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	38

- Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party is more likely to make the right decisions about the war in Iraq?

		Democratic	Republican
July 11-15, 2004	CBS/NYT	45	41

- Which political party – the Republicans or the Democrats – do you think would do a better job on each of the following issues... Iraq?

		Democrats	Republicans
Oct. 8-9, 2002	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	26	51
May 20-21, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	20	52
Feb. 18-19, 2004	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	34	48

MEDIA PERFORMANCE: Right after President Bush issued an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein in mid-March 2003, 80 percent gave the press high marks for its coverage of the war in Iraq in a Pew survey. Sixty-four percent gave that response in Pew's June-July 2003 poll. Americans want war coverage to be neutral, not pro-American.

- In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the war in Iraq...excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Mar. 20-22, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	42	38	11	4
Mar. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	42	14	5
Mar. 25-27, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	34	41	16	7
Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	40	16	9
Apr. 2-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	32	42	15	9
Jun. 19-Jul. 2, 2003*	PSRA/Pew Research Center	22	42	25	9

NOTE: *Question wording was, "...news about the current situation in Iraq?"

- In your opinion, which is better... that news coverage of a war be pro-American or that news coverage of a war be neutral?

		Pro-American	Neutral
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	30	64
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	16	78
Mar. 28-Apr. 1, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	25	68
Apr. 2-7, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	23	69

● Do you think the military should exert more control over how news organizations report about the war or do you think that most decisions about how to report about the war should be left to the news organizations themselves?

		Give Military More Control	News Organizations Should Decide
Oct. 12, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	59	28
Nov. 13-19, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	50	40
Feb. 12-18, 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	50

● Please tell me whether or not you think the following phrase applies to the U.S. news media's coverage of the Iraq war - "fair and reliable." Does this apply to the U.S. news media's coverage of the Iraq war, or not?

		Yes	No
Mar. 27-28, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	66	26
Apr. 10-11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	70	23

● In general, how would you rate the job the news organizations in this country have done in covering the situation in the Mideast concerning the war with Iraq? Would you say it has been excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	52	32	10	5

● If you had to pick, which of these would you say is more important - the right to a free press in this country or the government's ability to keep military secrets in wartime?

		Free Press	Military Secrets
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	34	60

● Specifically in a time of war, do you think the news media have more of an obligation to support how the government carries out the war or more of an obligation to question how the government carries out the war?

		Support	Question
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	56	36

● Again, specifically in time of war, do you think the government should or should not have the right to prohibit the news media from reporting sensitive military information?

		Should	Should Not
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	66	31

● In covering the possibility of war with Iraq, do you think the news media have been too supportive of the Bush administration, too critical of the Bush administration, or about right? (Half sample)

		Too Supportive	About Right	Too Critical
Jan. 8-12, 2003	ABC News	13	61	17

● Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way newspapers and television channels have been reporting on U.S. military operations in Iraq?

		Approve	Disapprove
Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	56	33
Apr. 8-9, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	52	39
Oct. 14-15, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	36	46

● Generally speaking, do you think news reports about U.S. military operations in Iraq have been more likely to focus on the negative things happening in Iraq and leave out the positive things or more likely to focus on the positive things happening in Iraq and leave out the negative things?

		More Likely to Focus on the Negative Things Happening in Iraq and Leave Out the Positive Things	More Likely to Focus on the Positive Things Happening in Iraq and Leave Out the Negative Things
Oct. 14-15, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	60	19

● Do you trust....a lot, some, only a little, or none at all for accurate information about the situation in Iraq?

Oct. 23-27, 2003		Quinnipiac			
		A Lot	Some	A Little	None
The White House		19	37	24	19
Television news		15	48	26	9
Newspapers		12	46	29	11
The Democratic candidates for President		10	42	25	17

CRITICISM OF ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS/ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS: *In a CBS News poll taken in October 2001, soon after 9/11, 54 percent said it was not okay to criticize the president on military issues, and 41 percent said it was okay to criticize him. That question has been asked a half dozen times since then, and in each iteration, a majority told CBS interviewers that criticism was okay.*

Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed by Zogby International in mid-March 2003 said they would never participate in an anti-war demonstration or peace rally. Fourteen percent said they had done so, and 18 percent said they had done so, but would not in the future. When asked by Gallup/CNN/USA Today interviewers on March 22-23, 2003 whether they had attended a protest or made some public display of opposition to the war with Iraq, 5 percent said they had. Twenty-one percent said they had attended a rally or made some display of support for the war. An ABC News/Washington Post poll from March 23, 2003 put the number that had attended an anti-war demonstration at 2 percent, while 1 percent said they had attended a pro-war one.

- These days, if someone disagrees with the president’s decisions on military issues, do you think it’s okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on military issues?

		Okay To Criticize	Not Okay To Criticize
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	41	54
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	55	40
Dec. 7-10, 2001	CBS News/NYT	58	39
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	60	37
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	64	32
Feb. 5-6, 2003	CBS News	62	34
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	54	41
Dec. 10-13, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	58	37
Dec. 14-15, 2003*	CBS News/NYT	64	30

NOTE: *Question wording was, “...issues relating to terrorism?”

- These days, if someone disagrees with the president’s proposals on economic or other domestic issues, do you think it’s okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on economic or domestic issues?

		Okay To Criticize	Not Okay To Criticize
Oct. 8, 2001	CBS News	58	38
Nov. 13-14, 2001	CBS News	67	28
Dec. 7-10, 2002	CBS News/NYT	73	22
Sep. 22-23, 2002	CBS News	70	26
Oct. 3-5, 2002	CBS News/NYT	72	26

● Do you think Americans who oppose taking military action should be allowed to carry out peaceful protest rallies or should they not be allowed to do this?

		Should Be Allowed	Should Not Be Allowed
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	71	24

● Do you think Americans who say U.S. policies were to blame for the terrorist attacks should or should not be allowed to express their views in the media?

		Should Be Allowed	Should Not Be Allowed
Oct. 1-3, 2001	PSRA/Pew Research Center	75	18

● Do you think the government should permit continued anti-war protests in this country under the free-speech guarantees of the Constitution, or that they should ban protests in order to support the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan?

		Should Not Be Banned	Should Be Banned
Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	71	23

● Do you think Americans who oppose the war should be able to hold protest marches and rallies or does that hurt the war effort?

		Should Be Able	Hurts War Effort
Mar. 20-21, 2003	CBS News/NYT	64	27
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	59	29
Mar. 26-27, 2003	CBS News	57	32

● Which better expresses your own opinion - people have the right to demonstrate peacefully against the war and it's a sign of a healthy democracy when they do so, or in wartime it's better for the country to appear united, so opponents of the war should not hold antiwar demonstrations?

		Right To Demonstrate	Should Not Demonstrate
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	60	37

(If Should Not Demonstrate) Do you think the antiwar demonstrations should or should not be permitted as long as the United States is at war with Iraq?

		Permit	Don't Permit
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	54	43

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

		I Participated	Someone I Know	No Participation
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2003	L.A. Times	3	7	90

● In the last few weeks, have you participated in any of the recent anti-war protests?

		Yes	No
Mar. 11-12, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	3	97

- Have you or would you ever participate in an anti-war demonstration or peace rally?

		Have Participated	Have, Never Would In Future	Would Never
Mar. 14-15, 2003	Zogby International	14	18	64

NOTE: When broken down by party, 21 percent of Independents, 17 percent of Democrats, and 5 percent of Republicans said they had participated in such rallies; 26 percent of Democrats, 16 percent of Independents, and 11 percent of Republicans said they had but would not in the future; and 52 percent of Democrats, 58 percent of Independents, and 83 percent of Republicans said they would never participate.

- As a result of the beginning of the war in the Persian Gulf, have you...attended a protest, or made some public display of opposition to the war?

		Yes	No
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	95

- As a result of the beginning of the war in the Persian Gulf, have you...attended a rally in support of the war, or made some public display of support for the war?

		Yes	No
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	21	78

NOTE: In an April 2003 Rocky Mountain Poll of Arizona adults, 31 percent of respondents said they had made a friend over the war in Iraq. Two percent said they had ended a friendship over the war.

- On another subject, have you yourself attended any anti-war demonstrations, or have you attended any pro-war demonstrations, since the war with Iraq began?

		Anti-War	Pro-War	None
Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	2	1	96

- There have been anti- and pro-war demonstrations in the U.S. and around the world about U.S. military action in Iraq. Have you participated in any demonstrations or expressed your opinions through e-mails, or sent letters to any congressional representatives, or have you done something else to show your support or opposition to U.S. military action in Iraq, or have you not done any of those things?

		Showed Opposition	Showed Support	Did None
Apr. 2-3, 2003	LA Times	6	11	82

- In recent days, some people protesting the war have tied up traffic in major cities. Does this type of protest make you...more sympathetic to the protestors' cause, less sympathetic to the protestors' cause, or does it not make any difference to you either way?

		More Sympathetic	Less Sympathetic	No Difference
Mar. 22-23, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	5	67	27

● Have the antiwar demonstrations in the United States and other countries made you more likely to oppose the war, more likely to support the war, or haven't they changed your opinion of the war one way or another?

Mar. 23, 2003	ABC News/Wash Post	Support 7	Oppose 20	No Change 71
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● Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of anti-war protestors?

Mar. 25-26, 2003	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Favorable 23	Unfavorable 63
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● Do you believe it is unpatriotic to protest any actions the U.S. may take in response to the terrorist attacks, or not?

Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Not Unpatriotic 50	Unpatriotic 47
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● Which comes closer to your view: people have the right to express their opinion in protests against military action, or people should rally around the country in times like this and not protest military action, regardless of their personal beliefs?

Sep. 21-22, 2001	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	Right To Protest 49	Should Not Protest 49
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● Do you think people in this country who feel the military action in Afghanistan is wrong should continue to protest, or that they should stop protests now that U.S. military forces are engaged in combat?

Oct. 11-12, 2001	PSRA/Newsweek	Continue Protests 43	Stop Protests 53
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● Do you think the Americans who are protesting against the war are acting unpatriotic during a time of national crisis, or acting appropriately by expressing their opinions?

Oct. 17-18, 2001	Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	Expressing Opinions 59	Acting Unpatriotic 33
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● Thinking about America's war in Afghanistan, which comes closer to your own point of view...it's wrong for Americans to publicly criticize the government's policy during a time of war or it's as important as ever that people speak their minds, even if they disagree with the government's policy.?

Jan. 2-23, 2002	Public Agenda	Speak Mind 72	Wrong To Criticize 24
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● Students and others have recently staged protests opposing a U.S. war against Iraq. Do you think that people who protest against war in Iraq are loyal Americans or not?

Dec. 12-15, 2002	L.A. Times	Loyal 70	Not Loyal 18
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- Do you think Democratic presidential candidates who oppose the war with Iraq should speak out at this time or does that hurt the war effort?

		Should Speak Out	Hurts War Effort
Mar. 22, 2003	CBS News/NYT	32	55

- Have you heard too much, too little, or the right amount about the views of Americans who oppose the war in Iraq?

		Too Much	Right Amount	Too Little
Feb. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	24	30	42
Mar. 2003	PSRA/Pew Research Center	40	36	17

Key Dates:

July 31, 2002: Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins hearings on U.S. policy toward Iraq.

September 12, 2002: In speech to U.N. General Assembly, President Bush calls for tough action against Iraq.

October 10, 2002: U.S. House votes 296-133 to give President Bush authorization to attack Iraq.

October 11, 2002: U.S. Senate joins House and votes 77-23 to give to give President Bush authorization to attack Iraq.

November 8, 2002: U.N. Security Council unanimously approves resolution demanding return of arms inspectors to Iraq.

November 27, 2002: U.N. weapons inspections resume in Iraq.

January 27, 2003: Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix issues broadly negative report on Iraq's cooperation with inspectors.

February 5, 2003: Secretary of State Powell offers U.N. Security Council "irrefutable" proof of Iraqi arms violations.

March 7, 2003: In new report, Hans Blix says Iraq has been more cooperative with U.N. weapons inspectors.

March 10, 2003: France and Russia say they will veto U.S.-sponsored resolution authorizing war.

March 17, 2003: In televised address, President Bush gives Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to leave Iraq within 48 hours.

March 20, 2003: In early morning, U.S. military begins Operation Iraqi Freedom with air strikes on selected targets in Baghdad.

March 22, 2003: Allies begin "Shock and Awe" phase of military campaign with heavy bombardment of Baghdad.

March 26, 2003: One thousand U.S. paratroopers land in Northern Iraq, opening second front.

April 4, 2003: U.S. forces capture Baghdad airport; face little resistance from Republican Guard units.

April 9, 2003: U.S. forces capture Baghdad; large statue of Hussein toppled; Iraqi Ambassador to U.N. says "game is over."

May 6, 2003: President Bush names Paul Bremer as his special envoy to Iraq, replacing Jay Garner.

June 4, 2003: Senior Pentagon officials deny that they lied about Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction.

July 7, 2003: White House admits that intelligence pertaining to Iraqi attempted purchase of African uranium was false.

July 13, 2003: Iraqi Governing Council declares itself first interim government of Iraq.

July 14, 2003: President Bush says U.S. will join peacekeeping mission in Liberia only if dictator leaves country.

July 16, 2003: Gen. John P. Abizaid says U.S. troops in Iraq are under attack from "a classical guerrilla-type campaign."

August 19, 2003: At least 24 killed in suicide bombing at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

August 29, 2003: At least 95 killed in car bomb outside Najaf mosque, including Iraq's most prominent Shiite cleric.

September 7, 2003: President Bush says that he will ask Congress to appropriate \$87 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan.

October 16, 2003: U.N. Security Council unanimously passes U.S.-drafted resolution to provide aid and stabilize Iraq.

November 3, 2003: Congress votes for final approval of \$87 billion for U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

December 14, 2003: Ambassador Bremer announces that Saddam Hussein has been captured.

March 8, 2004: Iraqi Governing Council signs interim constitution..

April 10, 2004: Sixty-four U.S. service members killed in deadliest week since end of major hostilities.

April 15, 2004: President Bush agrees to a UN plan replacing the Iraqi Governing Council with a caretaker government when the Iraqis regain sovereignty on June 30th.

April 30, 2004: Images of prisoner abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison are released to United States media.

May 6, 2004: On Arab television President Bush condemns the abuse at Abu Ghraib and apologizes to the Arab world.

May 8, 2004: Nicholas Berg, a civilian contractor in Iraq, is beheaded on videotape, ostensibly in retaliation for the prisoner abuse.

May 17, 2004: In an area of tight US control, a suicide bomber kills 7, including Izzedin Salim, head of the Iraqi governing council.

May 25, 2004: President Bush, at the US Army War College, outlined 5 steps to achieve American goals in Iraq: Transfer of power, stability, rebuilding of infrastructure, more international support, and a push towards elections.

May 27, 2004: US forces and Muktada al-Sadr's militia reach a truce in Najaf after 7 weeks of fighting.

June 1, 2004: Iraqi governing council disbands, as the Iraqi interim government, headed by Sunni president Ghazi al-Yawar, takes over the council's duties. Elsewhere in the country, a Kurdish political headquarters was bombed killing three.

June 28, 2004: The United States officially transfers sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government.

June 30, 2004: The interim government of Iraq takes legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 other high-profile former Baath Party officials.

July 7, 2004: Prime Minister Allawi signs a law permitting him to impose martial law.

July 9, 2004: The Senate Intelligence Committee releases a report criticizing the CIA and other intelligence agencies for the lack of pre-war intelligence.

July 14, 2004: The Butler report on pre-Iraq war British intelligence is released, and it echoes the American findings of the week before that pre-war intelligence exaggerated Saddam Hussein's threat.

July 22, 2004: A report on military prison abuse in Iraq identified 94 suspected or confirmed cases of abuse of prisoners, including the deaths of at least 20 prisoners.

July 28, 2004: In the deadliest attack since Iraq's interim government took power, at least 68 were killed in a car bombing in Baqouba.

August 24, 2004: A Pentagon sponsored document claims the Abu-Graib prison abuse was not just the work of select individuals, but a broader failure up the chain-of-command.

August 27, 2004: A bloody, three-week battle in Najaf between the U.S. forces and the militia of militant cleric al-Sadr ends in August when Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani negotiates a settlement.

Sep. 7, 2004: The American death toll in Iraq reaches 1,000; about 7,000 soldiers have been wounded. In August, attacks on American forces reached their highest level since the beginning of the war, an average of 87 per day.

Sep. 14, 2004: Insurgents launched two deadly assaults at Iraqi police targets –killing 47 people in a car bombing at a police recruit line in Baghdad and 12 police officers in a drive by shooting in Baquba.

Sep. 15, 2004: The Bush administration requests \$3.4 billion of the \$18.4 billions set aside for reconstruction be used for security operations.

September 23, 2004: Prime Minister Allawi visits the White House, says Americans made the right decision in invading Iraq.

September 28, 2004: Two Italian women, Simona Torretta and Simona Pari return to their home country of Italy after being captured by Iraqi insurgents.

October 3, 2004: A joint U.S.–Iraqi offensive recaptured the city of Samarra. The U.S. military estimates that 125 insurgents were killed and 88 captured in the Samarra raid.

October 5, 2004: Former Coalition Authority head Paul Bremer says the US never had enough troops to properly secure Iraq. ”

October 7, 2004: The Iraqi Survey Group releases the “Duelfer Report”.

October 9, 2004: The Iraqi government signs a peace agreement with al-Sadr followers, which entails his militiamen handing over their weapons in exchange for cash payments and immunity from prosecution.

October 11, 2004: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld met with Prime Minister Allawi and top US commanders in Baghdad today to review plans for pacifying insurgent-held areas of Iraq before January elections.

October 13, 2004: A conference of donor nations to Iraq opened in Tokyo.

October 21, 2004: The UK agrees to a US request to redeploy 850 troops to central Iraq.

October 25, 2004: The New York Times reports that 380 tons of powerful explosives missing from Iraqi military facility, reportedly under American control.

October 27, 2004: Pentagon officials ask the White House for an addition \$70B to help

November 1, 2004: Two senior Iraqi government officials are assassinated. At the same time, six people are kidnapped, including one American.

November 9, 2004: US and Iraqi forces begin the Battle for Falluja in an attempt to gain control of the city.

December 4, 2004: Two car bombs kill sixteen and wound 38 just outside of Iraq’s “Green Zone”.

December 10, 2004: US Marine who disappeared in Iraq and then turned up in Lebanon is charged with desertion.

December 19, 2004: Multiple car bombs in Karbala and Najaf kill an estimated 67 people.

December 22, 2004: A rocket attack kills more than 20 people and injures 57 at a US military base in Mosul.

January 4, 2005: Insurgents assassinate the governor of Baghdad, Ali Al-Haidri

January 13, 2005: Armed gunmen kill a top aid to Iraq’s senior Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani

January 20, 2005: President Bush sworn in for his second term.

January 25, 2005: President Bush asks Congress for a further \$80B to support the ongoing war.

January 27, 2005: Plane crash and string of insurgent attacks lead to the deadliest day in Iraq for American troops, with a total of 37 fatalities. Condoleezza Rice sworn in as Secretary of State.

January 30, 2005: Landmark elections are held throughout Iraq, with less hostility and higher voter turnout than expected.

January 31, 2005: A UK C-130 Transport plane crashes in Iraq, killing ten British servicemen.

January 31, 2005: US Forces open fire during a prison riot in southern Iraq, leaving six wounded and four dead.

February 2, 2005: Two soldiers charged in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal plead guilty before a military judge in Fort Hood, Texas.

February 4, 2005: Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz announces the possible departure of 15,000 troops from Iraq.

February 13, 2005: Official results of the January 30 elections are announced. The United Iraqi Alliance, a slate backed by Shiite Muslim clergy, receives 48 percent of the vote and is expected to take 140 seats; the Kurdistan Alliance, a coalition of the two main

Kurdish factions, earns 26 percent and will likely hold 75 seats; the Iraqi List, headed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, gains 14 percent of the vote and is expected to claim 40 seats. Voter turnout is reported at 58 percent.

February 22, 2005: Ibrahim al-Jaafari is chosen by the Shiite alliance as Iraq's new prime minister. NATO leaders announce in a joint statement that all 26 members of the alliance will help train Iraq's new security forces.

February 24, 2005: Mohammed Najem Ibrahim, a suspected terrorist leader with links to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, is captured.

February 27, 2005: Syria has captures a half-brother of Saddam Hussein, Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan al-Tikriti, and hands him over to Iraqi authoriries. who is accused of playing a leading role in organizing and financing the insurgency in Iraq.

February 28, 2005: In deadliest attack yet, suicide bomber blows up a car, killing 115 people seeking employment with the Iraqi police.

March 16, 2005: Newly elected Iraqi National Assembly meets for the first time.

Suggested Public Opinion Readings on the War on Terrorism/War with Iraq:

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