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47 Male  
53 Female  
**[109]**

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

**The margin of error for 1,006 interviews is  $\pm 3.1\%$**

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

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

		10/28- 30/06+	10/13- 16/06+	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8- 11/06+	High 11/01	Low 4/06	
Approve.....	12/06 34	39	38	39	42	88	36	[143]
Disapprove.....	61	57	57	56	53	7	57	
Not sure .....	5	4	5	5	5	5	7	
	7/06 39	6/06 37	4/06 36	3/06 37	1/06 39	12/05 39	11/05 38	
	56	58	57	58	54	55	57	
	5	5	7	5	7	6	5	
	10/05 39	9/05 40	7/05 46	5/05 47	4/05 48	2/05 50	1/05 50	
	54	55	49	47	46	45	44	
	7	5	5	6	6	5	6	
	12/04 49	10/04+ 49	9/04+ 47	8/04+ 47	7/04+ 48	6/04+ 45	5/04+ 47	
	44	47	48	48	46	49	46	
	7	4	5	5	6	6	7	
	3/04 50	1/04 54	12/14/03 58	12/13/03 52	11/03 51	9/03 49	7/03 56	
	46	41	34	41	44	45	38	
	5	6	9	7	5	6	6	
	5/03+ 62	4/03 71	3/29- 30/03 66	3/23/03 67	3/17/03 62	2/03 <sup>1</sup> 61	1/03 54	
	31	23	29	28	33	31	40	
	7	6	5	5	5	8	6	
	10/02+ 63	9/02 64	7/02 67	6/02 69	5/02 75	4/02 74	4/01 57	

31	30	27	23	18	20	22
6	6	6	8	7	6	21

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

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

	<u>12/06**</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
Approve .....	23	34	33	38	34	35	33	35	[146]
Disapprove .....	71	63	63	57	61	61	62	61	
Not sure.....	6	3	4	5	5	4	5	4	
		<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>		
		39	36	32	37	39	44		
		56	60	64	58	55	52		
		5	4	4	5	6	4		

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

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C. Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country—George W. Bush or the Congress?

	<u>12/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>3/99<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
George W. Bush.....	21	25	44	35	38	28	35	[179]
Congress.....	59	49	32	47	43	49	43	
Shared/equal role (VOL).....	13	16	22	10	12	17	14	
Neither (VOL).....	4	7	1	5	5	4	4	
Not sure.....	3	3	1	3	2	2	4	
	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/94+</u>	
	35	38	34	38	33	31	30	
	45	44	43	44	54	55	55	
	12	12	18	14	6	8	11	
	5	3	2	2	3	2	1	
	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 2002, this question was phrased, "Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--President Clinton or the Congress?"

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**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.13a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.13b.)**

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

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Hillary Clinton.....	37	[223-224]
Barack Obama.....	18	
John Edwards.....	14	
John Kerry.....	11	
Joe Biden.....	4	
Evan Bayh.....	3	
Bill Richardson.....	2	
Tom Vilsack.....	-	
Other (VOL).....	3	
None (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	5	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.13a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.13b.)**

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

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Rudy Giuliani .....	34	<b>[227-228]</b>
John McCain .....	29	
Newt Gingrich .....	10	
Mitt Romney.....	8	
Sam Brownback.....	2	
Mike Huckabee .....	2	
George Pataki .....	1	
Tommy Thompson .....	1	
Other (VOL) .....	2	
None (VOL).....	3	
Not sure .....	8	

F. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain was the Republican candidate and John Edwards was the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? \*\* +

John McCain.....	41	<b>[238]</b>
John Edwards .....	43	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Neither/other (VOL) .....	7	
Not sure .....	7	

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

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**Turning to the war in Iraq . . .**

G. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
More confident.....	19	27	32	32	38	33	32	<b>[262]</b>
Less confident .....	69	61	57	58	53	57	57	
Depends/some of both (VOL)....	7	6	6	4	5	5	6	
Not sure.....	5	6	5	6	4	5	5	
		<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	
		39	32	35	36	40	44	
		50	58	56	55	50	45	
		6	6	4	5	6	6	
		5	4	5	4	4	5	
		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>		
		47	41	41	46	37		
		43	48	48	41	53		
		5	6	6	8	5		
		5	5	5	5	5		

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H. Do you think the United States has an obligation to American soldiers who have been killed or wounded in Iraq to remain in Iraq until the mission there is completed, or not?

United States has an obligation to killed/wounded American soldiers .....	39	<b>[268]</b>
United States does NOT have an obligation to killed/wounded American soldiers .....	53	
Not sure .....	8	

I. Much of the violence in Iraq right now is among Iraqis from different ethnic and religious groups. Do you think the United States is able to do more to reduce this violence, or do you think the United States is already doing everything it can to reduce this violence? \*\*

United States is able to do more .....	25	<b>[270]</b>
United States is already doing everything it can...	65	
Not sure .....	10	

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

J. Getting near the end of the survey, I have a question for you about the holidays. Are you envious of the kinds of toys and presents for children that are available today, or do you think the toys and presents you received as a child were better? \*

Envious of children's toys and presents today .....	30	<b>[271]</b>
Toys and presents received as a child were better .....	55	
Not sure .....	15	

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