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Margins of Error for Subsample Questions

| Question Number | Subsample | Margin Of Error (+/-) |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Form A | 4.4 |
| 3 | Democratic primary voters (Q5/Q12) | 4.5 |
| 4 | Republican primary voters (Q5/Q12) | 5.2 |
| 5 | Democrats (Q5) | 4.7 |
| 6 | Republicans (Q5) | 5.5 |
| 5, 6 | Independents (Q5) | 6.4 |

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

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

| | <u>9/07</u> | <u>7/07</u> | <u>6/07</u> | <u>4/07</u> | <u>3/07</u> | <u>1/07</u> | <u>12/06</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Approve..... | 30 | 22 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 23 |
| Disapprove..... | 66 | 72 | 68 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 71 |
| Not sure | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| | <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> |
| | 34 | 33 | 38 | 34 | 35 | 33 | 35 |
| | 63 | 63 | 57 | 61 | 61 | 62 | 61 |
| | 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 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2. I'm going to read you two statements about the presidential race. Please tell me which comes closer to your point of view. *

Statement A: The presidential race beginning so early this time around has a POSITIVE effect, because it gives voters more of a chance to learn about the candidates and their positions on the issues.

Statement B: The presidential race beginning so early this time around has a NEGATIVE effect, because candidates will raise and spend too much money and voters will lose interest in the campaign.

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|-------------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Statement A /positive effect..... | 36 | [208] |
| Statement B /negative effect | 57 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

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

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

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

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

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

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN OR WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY.)

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

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

5. Assume for a moment that a Republican wins the 2008 general election, which of the following Republican candidates would you be most comfortable with as president?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF DEMOCRATS

| | <u>Democrats (Q.5)</u> | <u>Independents (Q.5)</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| John McCain | 26 | 20 |
| Rudy Giuliani..... | 26 | 28 |
| Fred Thompson..... | 16 | 24 |
| Mitt Romney | 9 | 8 |
| None of these (VOL) | 15 | 9 |
| Other (VOL)..... | 1 | 1 |
| Not sure..... | 7 | 10 |

6. Assume for a moment that a Democrat wins the 2008 general election, which of the following Democratic candidates would you be most comfortable with as president?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF REPUBLICANS

| | <u>Republicans (Q.5)</u> | <u>Independents (Q.5)</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Barack Obama..... | 26 | 25 |
| Bill Richardson..... | 23 | 11 |
| John Edwards | 20 | 22 |
| Hillary Clinton..... | 14 | 29 |
| None of these (VOL) | 10 | 3 |
| Other (VOL) | 1 | 1 |
| Not sure | 6 | 9 |

7. 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 cost of the war?

| | <u>9/07</u> | <u>1/07</u> | <u>10/28-30/06+</u> | <u>6/06</u> | <u>4/06</u> | <u>3/06</u> | <u>1/06</u> | <u>12/05</u> | <u>11/05</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Worth it..... | 35 | 33 | 37 | 40 | 40 | 39 | 42 | 41 | 40 |
| Not worth it..... | 56 | 57 | 54 | 52 | 52 | 51 | 48 | 49 | 52 |
| Depends (VOL) ... | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 |

| | <u>10/05</u> | <u>9/05</u> | <u>7/05</u> | <u>5/05</u> | <u>4/05</u> | <u>2/05</u> | <u>1/05</u> | <u>12/04</u> | <u>10/04+</u> |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 40 | 37 | 44 | 40 | 44 | 44 | 40 | 43 | 41 |
| | 51 | 51 | 49 | 51 | 48 | 49 | 52 | 48 | 50 |
| | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| | 5 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 |

| | <u>9/04+</u> | <u>8/04+</u> | <u>7/04+</u> | <u>6/04+</u> | <u>5/04+</u> | <u>3/04</u> | <u>1/04</u> | <u>12/14/03</u> | <u>12/13/03</u> | <u>11/03</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | 40 | 43 | 43 | 40 | 42 | 50 | 52 | 53 | 45 | 45 |
| | 52 | 49 | 47 | 51 | 47 | 45 | 40 | 37 | 42 | 46 |
| | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

8. I'm going to read you several possible outcomes to the war in Iraq. Please tell me which one of these would be the most acceptable outcome to you.

A) Maintain the number of troops there now, and U.S. troops leave only after Iraq becomes a stable democracy, however long this takes.

B) U.S. troops leave within the next year even if violence in Iraq continues, but some troops remain in the region to prevent the conflict from spreading.

C) U.S. troops begin the process of leaving now regardless of conditions in Iraq.

Or are none of these acceptable to do?

| | <u>9/07</u> | <u>1/07</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A) Troops leave only after Iraq becomes a stable democracy ¹ | 24 | 23 |
| B) Troops leave within next year but some remain in the region | 37 | 40 |
| C) Troops begin the process of leaving now | 26 | 25 |
| None of these..... | 11 | 10 |
| Not sure | 2 | 2 |

¹In January 2007, the item was phrased, "There is an increase in the number of troops now, and U.S. troops leave only after Iraq becomes a stable democracy, however long this takes."