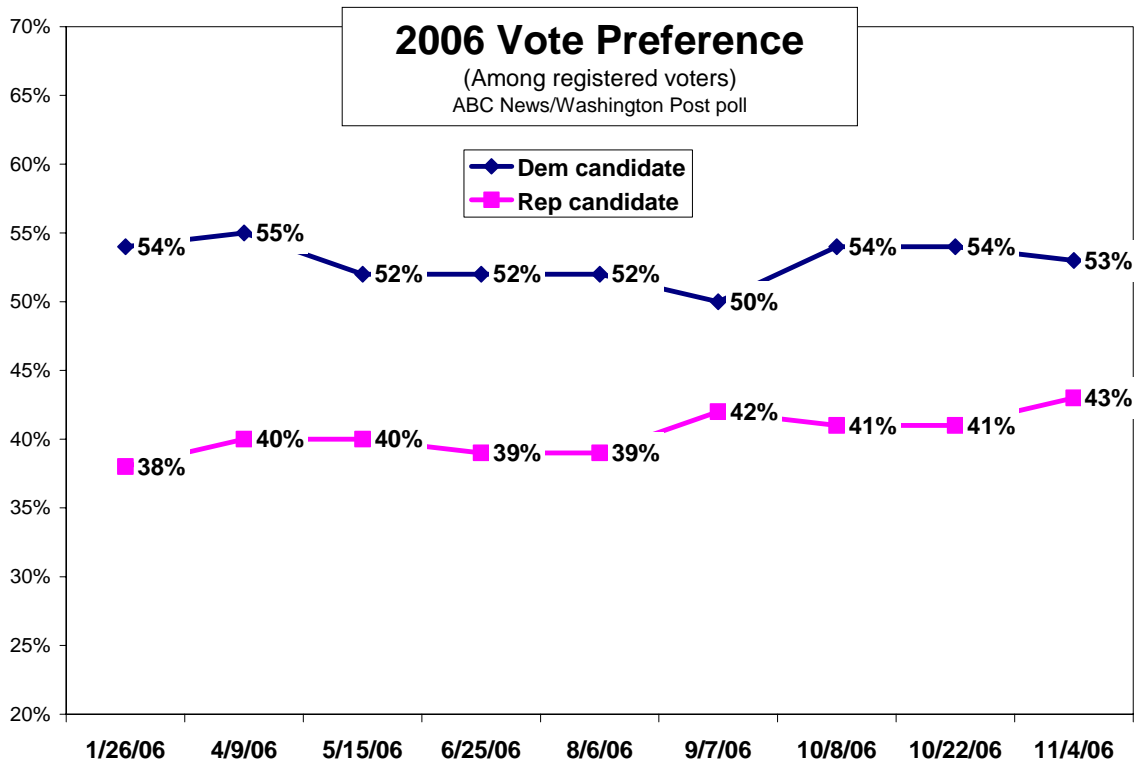


## Democrats Hold the Lead, Slightly More Narrowly

Democrats head to Election Day with a continued advantage in voter preference, fueled by discontent with the war in Iraq and broad unhappiness with George W. Bush and the Republican-led Congress alike.

The president's party may have gained back some ground: The Democrats' lead among likely voters in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll is perhaps a bit narrower than its recent level, unseen in congressional elections since post-Watergate 1974 and 1976.

Still, discontent remains impressive. Just 40 percent of Americans approve of George W. Bush's job performance, the lowest for a president heading into a midterm election since Harry Truman in 1950, when his party lost 29 seats in Congress. Ronald Reagan's rating in 1982 was 42 percent, similar to Bush's now; that year the Republicans lost 26 seats.



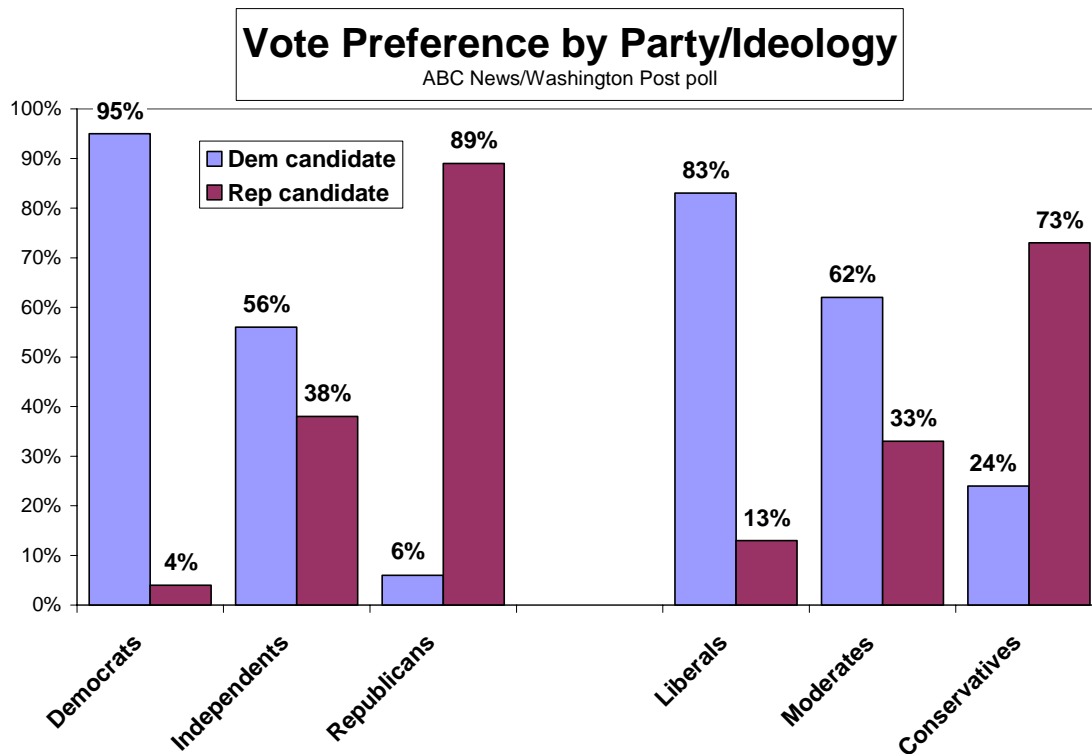
Among registered voters, 60 percent disapprove of the way the Republican-led Congress is handling its job, 59 percent say the country is headed in the wrong direction and 53

percent say the war in Iraq was not worth fighting. A majority hasn't backed the war in two years.

Fifty-three percent of registered voters in this poll support Democratic candidates for Congress, while 43 percent support Republicans. Among likely voters it's 51-45 percent, less broad than the Democrats' double-digit advantage in the last ABC/Post poll, but still sufficient for change: Republicans won the national House vote by seven points in 1994, the year they gained 52 seats and took control of Congress.

The Democrats' advantage is remarkable in what has been mostly a 50/50 nation. The national vote for House, in the last four elections has been, Dem. vs. Rep., 47-49 percent, 45-50 percent, 47-47 percent, and 47-48 percent.

Republican candidates are doing better in groups where some late improvement might be expected – for example, among married men, previously undecided independents and people who say their financial situation has improved in the last year. They also get some help from a sense, expressed by nearly half of registered voters, that the Democrats have not offered clear policy alternatives.



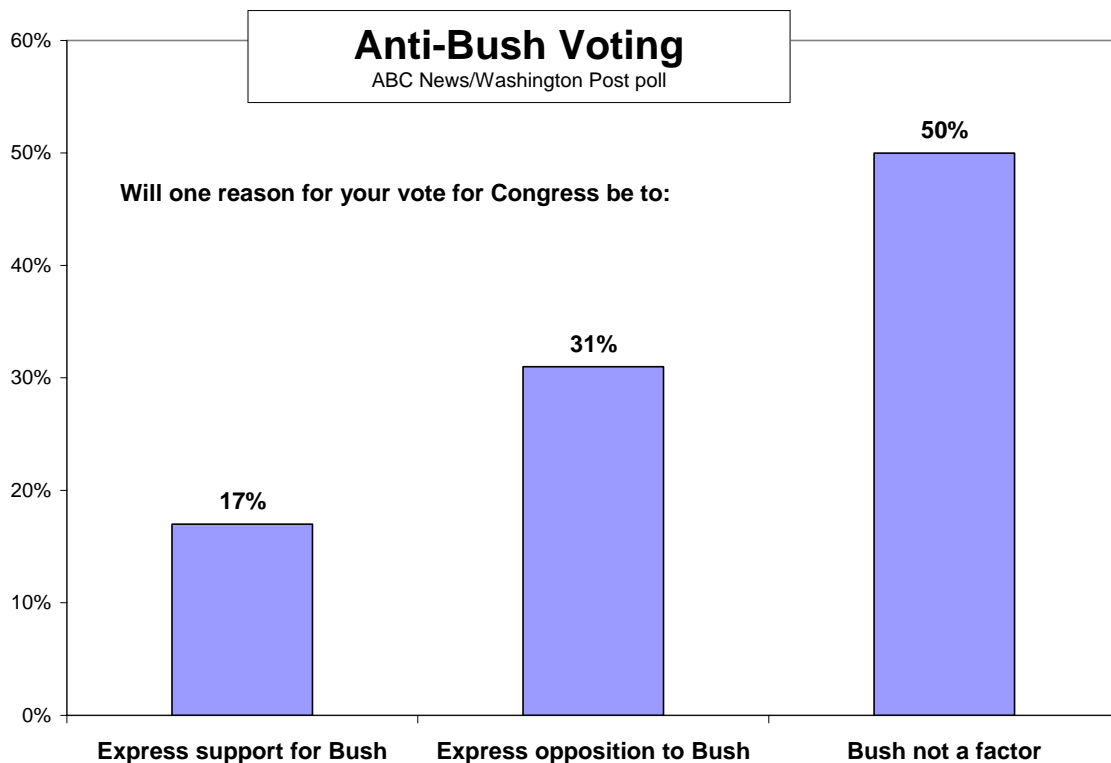
Married women, a changeable group that House Republicans won by nine points in 2004, split about evenly now. Democrats lead among independents, classic swing voters, by a still-hefty 56-38 percent; it was 59-31 percent among independents in the last ABC/Post poll Oct. 22.

Very few registered or likely voters – just two or three percent – are undecided in this survey. Undecideds are a product of polling technique; other polls in the past few days have had them as high as eight percent of likely voters.

The generic congressional horse race captures attitudes nationally, but doesn't predict how candidates will fare in individual state- and district-level races. The mood is not broadly anti-incumbent; 56 percent of registered voters approve of their own representative's job performance. Fewer, as low as 49 percent, approved of their own representative shortly before the 1994 election.

While 59 percent say the country's on the wrong track, this too was worse – 69 percent – just before Congress changed hands in 1994. It was worse still in 1992, when economic discontent pushed Bush's father out of office.

One continuing trend is in the level of anti-Bush voting this year: Registered voters by nearly a 2-1 margin, 31 to 17 percent, say they're casting their vote to show opposition to Bush rather than to show support for him. (The rest, 50 percent, say he isn't a factor.) 1998 is a stark contrast: Then, even in the height of the Lewinsky scandal, just nine percent said they were voting to show opposition to Bill Clinton.

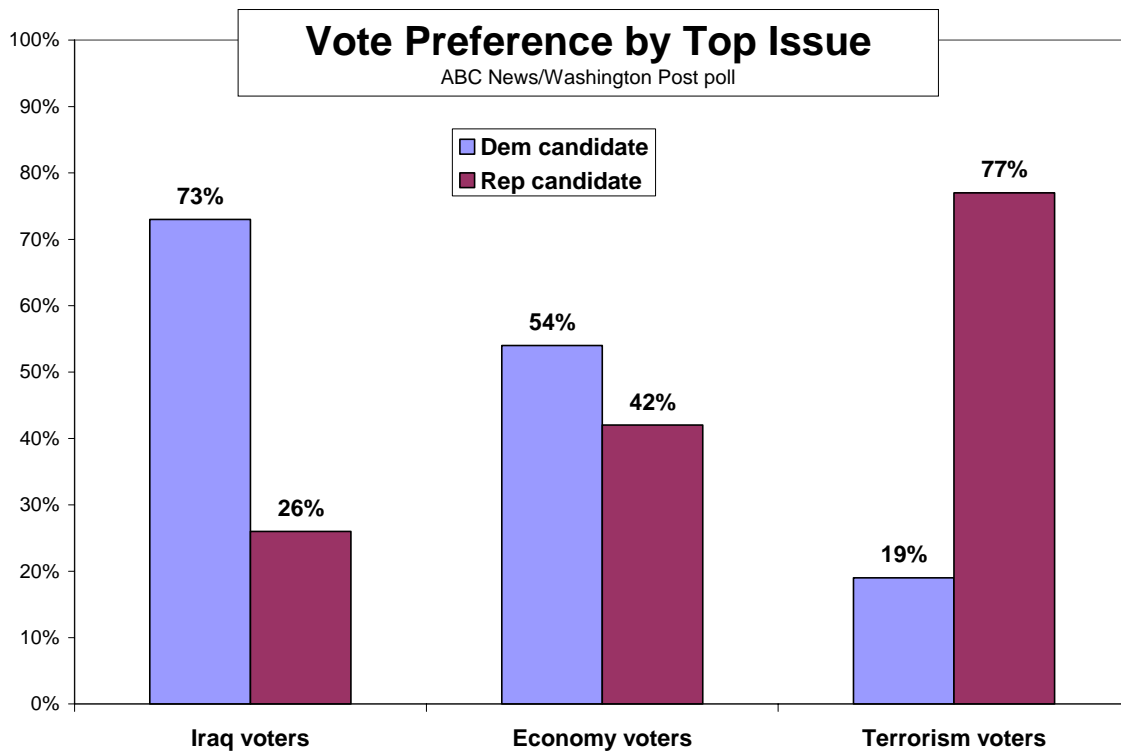


Anti-Bush sentiment extends to his party; registered voters are nine points more likely to say most Democrats deserve re-election than to say most Republicans do. Still, the number who say most Democrats deserve re-election has ebbed somewhat; campaign criticisms may have taken some toll.

WAR –The public’s most prominent complaint is the war in Iraq: Asked, open-ended, why they say the country’s going in the wrong direction, three in 10 registered voters cite the war, putting it far and away first. About half as many, 16 percent, raise economic concerns; 12 percent mention corruption or general distrust of politicians; 11 percent cite problems with Bush.

Similarly, 31 percent call the war in Iraq the most important issue in their vote; 21 percent say it’s the economy; 12 percent health care; and about as many, 11 percent, cite terrorism. That’s different than 2002, when the economy and terrorism shared top billing, and 2004, when it was terrorism, Iraq and the economy bunched together.

The change hurts the Republicans. Among people who call terrorism their No. 1 issue, Republican candidates lead by nearly 60 points, 77-19 percent. Among the many more who call Iraq their top issue, by contrast, Democratic candidates lead, 73-26 percent.



Although it doesn’t seem to hurt them among Iraq voters, Democrats have slipped a bit on another Iraq gauge: Registered voters break evenly on whom they trust more to handle the situation in Iraq, the Democrats or the Republicans, 42-42 percent. It was a 48-40 percent Democratic lead last month.

That may stem from the lack of consensus on whether the Democrats are offering the country a clear direction that’s different from the Republicans: Registered voters divide, 49-47 percent, on whether that’s the case. It matters: Leaving aside partisans, among

independent voters who see a clear Democratic direction, Democrats for House lead by 72-23 percent. By contrast, independents who don't see a new course from the Democrats divide, 44-50 percent, in their vote preference.

Another question is whether the Democrats were hurt by a comment last week by Sen. John Kerry that some took as disrespectful to veterans. In this poll military veterans split 42-51 percent (Dem.-Rep.) for House; in an early October ABC/Post poll, it was essentially the same, 40-51 percent.

If the Democrats don't show direct damage from the Kerry remark, neither do the Republicans show direct damage from recent scandals that have touched their party. In this poll registered voters divide by 48-44 percent on whether the Democrats or the Republicans better represent their personal values. That compares with 51-39 percent in an early October poll and 50-41 percent in a poll done a year ago.

Evangelical white Protestants, a core Republican group sometimes identified with the term "values," favor Republicans for House by 64-31 percent margin. That compares with a 74-25 percent vote for Republicans among this group in the 2004 exit poll.

**ECONOMY** – Despite recent positive economic trends, the Republicans show little if any improvement among economy voters; they break by 54-42 percent for Democratic candidates in this survey, compared with a similar 57-39 percent last week.

The GOP does much better, with 70 percent support, among the roughly one-quarter of Americans who say they're getting ahead financially. That is perhaps up, albeit within sampling error, from 64 percent last month.

It's not necessarily surprising that the economy isn't providing more of a boost to the president's party. Clearly a bad economy is political poison; but a good one, much less a great one, doesn't reliably accrue to the in-party's benefit. (Ask Al Gore.)

**GOTV/COUNT** – Another factor on Tuesday is the parties' get-out-the-vote efforts: Four in 10 registered voters say they've been contacted recently on a candidate's behalf, up from three in 10 two weeks ago. And it could be that the Republicans' vaunted machine is a bit better turned: Among those who've been contacted, three in 10 say they've been asked only to vote for a Republican, two in 10 only for a Democrat. The rest have been approached by both sides.

Registered voters, finally, do not express broad doubts about the vote count on Tuesday, but neither is their confidence supreme – perhaps not surprising, given news coverage of potential problems with new electronic voting systems. Eighty-four percent are confident their own votes will be counted accurately, but just 49 percent are "very confident" of that. Among likely voters more, 56 percent, are very confident in the vote count.

**METHODOLOGY** – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Nov. 1-4, 2006, among a random national sample of 1,205 adults, including 1,037 who

identified themselves as registered voters. The results have a three-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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

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

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
11/4/06	All	40	24	16	57	12	46	2
	RV	43	27	16	55	10	45	2
10/22/06	All	37	21	16	60	15	45	3
	RV	40	24	16	58	14	44	2
10/8/06		39	23	16	60	12	48	1
9/7/06		42	24	18	55	12	43	3
8/6/06		40	23	17	58	12	46	2
6/25/06		38	20	18	60	12	48	2
5/15/06		33	17	16	65	18	47	2
4/9/06		38	20	18	60	13	47	1
3/5/06		41	24	17	58	14	44	1
1/26/06		42	25	18	56	14	42	2
1/8/06		46	29	17	52	13	39	2
12/18/05		47	29	17	52	12	40	1
11/2/05		39	20	18	60	13	47	1
10/29/05		39	22	17	58	13	45	3
9/11/05		42	27	15	57	12	45	1
8/28/05		45	27	18	53	12	41	2
6/26/05		48	27	21	51	11	40	1
6/5/05		48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05		47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05		50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05		50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05		52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04		48	27	21	49	12	38	2
10/20/04		50	30	20	46	11	35	4
10/17/04	LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04	LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04	LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04	LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04		50	33	18	45	13	32	5
9/8/04		52	35	17	43	11	32	5
8/29/04		50	31	19	47	13	34	3
8/1/04		47	28	18	49	13	36	5
7/25/04		50	32	19	47	13	34	3
7/11/04		48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04		47	30	17	51	13	39	1
5/23/04		47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04		51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04		50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04		50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04		58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03		59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03		57	37	20	39	10	29	5

12/7/03	53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03	57	34	23	39	11	28	4
10/29/03	56	30	26	42	13	29	2
10/13/03	53	33	20	43	13	29	4
9/30/03	54	34	20	44	15	29	2
9/13/03	58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03	56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03	59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03	59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03	68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03	71	50	22	26	17	9	3
4/16/03	74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03	77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03	71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03	68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03	67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5
3/2/03	62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03	64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03	62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03	62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03	59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03	59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02	66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02 LV	67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02 LV	67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02 LV	67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02	67	39	28	29	13	16	4
9/26/02	67	42	25	30	12	18	3
9/8/02	71	42	28	27	12	15	3
7/28/02	69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02	72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02	74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02	77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02	76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02	78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02	79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02	82	52	30	16	9	7	2
1/27/02	83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01	86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01	89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01	89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01	92	76	16	6	3	3	1
9/27/01	90	70	20	6	3	3	4
9/13/01	86	63	23	12	5	6	2
9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
8/12/01	61	28	33	31	14	17	8
7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
3/25/01	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
2/25/01	55	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	22

2. Thinking about next week's election for the U.S. House and some U.S. Senate and governor seats, are you following the election very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not closely at all?

		----- Closely -----			----- Not closely -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	op.
11/4/06	RV	80	38	42	20	13	7	*
10/22/06	RV	78	29	50	22	13	8	*
10/8/06	RV	75	26	49	25	17	8	0

9/7/06	RV	66	20	46	34	20	14	*
8/6/06	RV	66	21	45	34	23	11	*
5/15/06	All	57	18	38	43	24	19	*
	RV	60	20	40	39	23	16	*

3. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in next week's Congressional election: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than 50/50	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No opin.
11/4/06	RV	70	11	7	4	2	5	*
10/22/06	RV	75	14	7	3	*	1	2

3a. (IF CERTAIN TO VOTE) Have you already voted by absentee ballot or early voting, or not?

		Yes	No	No opinion
11/4/06	RV	10	90	*

4. (and 4a) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? (IF OTHER, NEITHER, DK, REF) Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Did you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district?

Net Leaned Vote:

		Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Will not vote (vol.)	No opin.
11/4/06	RV	53	43	1	1	*	3
	LV	51	45	1	1	*	2
10/22/06	RV	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	RV	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	RV	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	RV	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	RV	52	39	1	3	1	4
	All	52	38	1	2	2	5
5/15/06	RV	52	40	1	3	1	4
	All	53	38	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	RV	55	40	*	2	*	3
	All	54	40	*	2	1	4
1/26/06	RV	54	38	1	3	1	5
	All	55	36	1	3	1	4
12/18/05	RV	51	41	1	3	1	4
	All	50	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	RV	52	37	1	4	2	6
	All	53	36	1	3	2	5
11/4/02	LV	48	48	1	1	0	2
11/3/02	LV	48	48	*	1	0	2
11/2/02	LV	50	49	*	1	0	2
10/27/02	LV	47	49	1	1	0	3
9/26/02	LV	49	47	1	2	0	2
	RV	47	44	2	3	2	3
	All	46	42	2	2	5	3
7/15/02	RV	47	46	1	1	1	4
	All	47	45	1	1	1	4
1/27/02*	RV	43	50	NA	2	1	5

9/6/00	RV	49	42	2	1	6
7/23/00	RV	46	45	3	1	5
2/27/00	RV	45	46	2	1	5
10/31/99	RV	50	43	3	1	3
9/2/99	RV	48	44	3	*	5
3/14/99	RV	50	41	2	1	6
2/14/99	RV	48	41	3	1	7
1/30/99	RV	49	39	8	1	3
11/1/98	RV	51	43	4	*	2
10/25/98	RV	48	43	3	1	4
10/18/98	RV	49	44	3	1	4
9/28/98	RV	49	44	2	*	4
8/21/98	RV	48	45	3	1	3
7/12/98	RV	47	45	2	*	6
1/31/98	RV	49	40	2	1	8
1/19/98	RV	47	44	3	1	5
10/8/96	RV	51	41	2	1	5
9/29/96	RV	48	41	3	1	7
9/22/96	RV	50	43	2	1	4
9/15/96	RV	49	45	1	1	4
9/4/96	RV	48	44	3	*	5
8/29/96	RV	53	39	3	1	5
8/28/96	RV	51	40	3	1	5
8/27/96	RV	51	41	3	0	5
8/26/96	RV	51	41	3	0	5
8/25/96	RV	48	43	3	1	6
8/24/96	RV	47	43	2	1	6
8/19/96	RV	49	42	3	0	6
8/18/96	RV	45	46	3	0	6
8/15/96	RV	46	43	4	1	5
8/14/96	RV	48	42	3	1	6
8/13/96	RV	49	43	3	0	5
8/12/96	RV	49	42	3	1	5
8/11/96	RV	49	40	4	1	6
8/10/96	RV	49	41	4	1	5
8/4/96	RV	48	45	2	1	4
6/30/96	RV	49	44	3	*	3
5/22/96	RV	52	41	3	1	3
3/10/96	RV	51	43	2	*	4
1/21/96	RV	52	43	3	1	1
10/1/95	RV	49	44	3	*	3
11/6/94	RV	47	42	5	2	5
10/31/94	RV	48	44	4	1	3
10/23/94	RV	50	45	2	1	2
10/9/94	RV	46	47	3	2	2
9/11/94	RV	50	45	1	1	4
8/7/94	RV	49	42	4	1	4
2/27/94	RV	50	40	8	1	2
10/21/91	RV	51	41	4	*	4
7/28/91	RV	49	41	6	*	3
6/2/91	RV	48	42	4	1	5
11/4/90	RV	51	41	5	*	3
10/14/90	RV	50	41	5	*	3
9/9/90	RV	47	46	3	*	3
7/24/90	RV	51	41	4	1	4
5/21/90	RV	47	45	5	1	2
9/21-10/10/88	RV	52	41	2	1	4
9/19/88	RV	51	39	3	1	6
6/22/85	RV	48	44	5	*	3
10/16/84	RV	52	44	2	NA	5
9/11/84	RV	53	45	2	NA	1
7/8/84	RV	58	40	2	NA	1
10/27/82	RV	58	39	NA	NA	3

10/11/82	RV	55	36		NA	NA	9
9/13/82	RV	58	36		NA	NA	6
11/22/81	RV	53	41	"	NA	NA	7

\*1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded

5. (IF ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN TO VOTE OR ALREADY VOTED) As you know, this is a mid-term election, with no presidential contest. Is voting in mid-term elections something you do always, nearly always, usually, or just sometimes?

		Always	Nearly always	Usually	Just sometimes	Never (vol.)	First chance to vote (vol.)	No op.
11/4/06	RV	71	17	7	4	1	1	0

6. Which of the following (will be/was) the SINGLE MOST important issue in your vote for Congress this year: (the U.S campaign against terrorism), (the war in Iraq), (the economy), (immigration), (ethics in government), (health care) or something else?

		Iraq	Econ.	Health care	Immi-gration	Terror-ism	Ethics in govt.	Other	No op.
11/4/06	RV	31	21	12	9	11	6	7	2
10/22/06	RV	27	19	13	10	14	8	7	3
10/8/06	RV	26	23	13	9	14	10	3	2

Compare to:

		Iraq	Econ.	Health care	Immi-gration	Terror-ism	Gas Prices	Other	No op.
9/7/06	RV	21	22	13	11	16	5	9	3
8/6/06	RV	21	21	14	10	11	15	7	1
6/25/06	RV	23	24	15	13	9	8	6	2
	All	24	23	14	13	8	9	6	2

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

		Right direction	Wrong track	No opin.
11/4/06	RV	39	59	2
10/22/06	All	30	68	2
	RV	32	66	2
10/8/06		32	66	2
5/15/06		29	69	2
11/2/05		30	68	2
10/24/04	LV	41	55	4
4/18/04		42	57	1
4/30/03		52	46	2
9/26/02		43	53	4
2/21/02		54	42	4
2/14/99		55	41	4
11/1/98		55	43	2
11/1/98	LV	55	44	1
8/21/98		57	40	4
7/12/98		50	45	6
4/4/98		55	41	4
1/31/98		61	34	5
1/30/98		61	34	5
1/19/98		44	50	6
8/27/97		39	57	4
6/8/97		37	60	3

3/9/97	34	62	4
10/17/96 RV	40	55	5
10/16/96 RV	42	53	5
10/15/96 RV	43	52	5
10/14/96 RV	44	51	5
10/13/96 RV	44	51	5
9/04/96 RV	40	54	6
8/21/96	28	67	5
6/30/96	26	70	5
3/17/96	27	70	3
1/21/96	27	66	6
1/3/96	21	77	3
4/5/95	23	73	3
1/4/95	27	68	6
10/31/94	27	69	4
7/20/94	26	70	4
3/27/94	28	69	3
1/23/94	31	60	10
11/14/93	25	69	6
8/8/93	26	71	3
6/20/93	26	71	3
4/26/93	27	71	2
3/11/93	36	57	7
2/28/93	37	59	4
1/17/93	31	63	6
12/14/92	35	60	5
10/27/92 RV	22	76	2
10/4/92 RV	18	78	4
6/7/92	14	83	3
4/9/92	16	81	3
3/11/92	18	79	4
1/15/92	19	78	3
11/10/91	24	72	4
10/29/91	26	71	3
8/27/91	31	60	9
7/28/91	30	67	3
6/2/91	39	57	4
4/9/91	42	51	7
2/26/91	58	39	3
1/27/91	49	48	4
10/14/90	19	79	2
9/9/90	36	60	4
8/20/90	35	60	5
7/24/90	37	60	2
5/21/90	39	60	2
3/26/90	44	53	2
2/4/90	49	48	3
1/16/90	48	49	3
5/23/89	42	55	3
3/16/89	46	52	2
1/16/89 LV	51	46	3
10/25/88 RV	49	46	6
9/27/88	48	44	8
7/11/88	40	56	4
5/25/88	35	59	6
3/21/88	40	56	4
1/23/88	39	59	2
12/13/87	49	47	4
12/2/87	35	61	4
9/23/87	43	54	4
6/29/87	35	62	3
4/13/87	37	60	3
3/9/87	38	58	4

1/18/87	39	56	5
9/8/86	50	48	2
1/26/86	45	47	8
7/29/85	52	43	6
1/16/85	59	36	4
5/22/84	47	48	5
12/13/83	43	51	6
11/7/83	51	44	5
4/12/83	41	54	4
3/2/83	43	53	3
1/25/83	58	39	3
1/25/83	43	52	4
10/11/82	35	57	8
1/30/82	39	56	5
2/80*	20	70	10
2/78	34	53	13
2/77	41	44	14
10/75	19	71	9
10/74	15	75	11
10/73	16	74	10

\*2/80 and previous: Roper

8. (IF WRONG TRACK) What's the main reason you feel that way?

	11/4/06 RV	11/2/05
Economy, jobs, gas prices, prices, low income, debt, finances	16	30
War in Iraq	31	21
Problems with Bush	11	15
Distrust of politicians, government, Washington, ethics in government/ corruption	12	7
Problems too big	3	6
Moral decline/lack of religious faith	4	6
Environmental problems/global warming	1	3
Problems with Republicans/conservatives (not specifically Bush)	3	2
Terrorism/threat of terrorism	2	1
Health care	2	1
Illegal immigrants	2	1
Problems/issues not being resolved	2	1
Ignoring domestic issues	1	1
Everything	1	1
Problems with Democrats/liberals	1	*
Foreign policy	*	*
Other	6	4
No opinion	3	*

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?  
Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
11/4/06	RV	36	7	29	60	25	35	4
10/22/06	All	31	5	25	65	27	38	4
	RV	31	5	26	65	26	39	4
10/8/06		32	5	27	66	29	37	2
9/7/06		40			55			5
8/6/06		36			60			4
5/15/06		33			63			4
4/9/06		35			62			3

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

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

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job?

		Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
11/4/06	RV	56	35	8
10/22/06	All	59	33	8
	RV	62	32	6
10/8/06		60	33	6
9/7/06		60	30	9
8/6/06		55	37	7
5/15/06		62	31	7
4/9/06		59	34	6
1/26/06		64	30	6
12/18/05		65	29	6
11/2/05		60	33	7
6/5/05		61	32	8
9/26/02		64	27	9
7/15/02		68	23	9
11/1/98		72	20	8
11/1/98	LV	73	23	5
10/18/98		68	20	11
10/18/98	LV	67	25	9
9/28/98		70	21	10
9/28/98	LV	71	23	6
7/12/98		70	18	12
1/19/98		74	19	7
4/5/95		65	25	9
10/31/94		51	38	11
10/23/94		49	43	8
9/11/94		53	35	12
6/26/94		59	31	10
3/27/94		62	26	12
1/17/93		60	29	11
4/9/92		47	39	13
3/18/92		49	40	11

2/2/92	56	32	12
12/15/91	60	28	12
10/21/91	64	27	9
6/2/91	61	26	14
10/14/90	64	29	7
5/23/89	71	18	11

11. Will/was one reason for your vote for Congress (be) to express (support for) Bush, to express (opposition to) Bush, or is/was Bush not a factor in your choice?

	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/4/06 RV	17	31	50	2
10/22/06 RV	17	31	50	2
10/8/06 RV	18	35	47	1
5/15/06	12	30	58	1
11/4/02 LV	29	15	55	1
11/3/02 LV	29	17	52	1
11/2/02 LV	30	15	54	1
10/27/02 LV	33	18	49	1

Compare to: Is one of the reasons you support this candidate to express support for Bill Clinton, to express opposition to Clinton, or would you say that Clinton is not a factor?

	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/1/98	13	9	77	1
11/1/98 LV	10	13	77	*
10/25/98	14	10	72	4
10/25/98 LV	15	15	70	1
10/18/98	13	9	75	3
10/18/98 LV	12	12	76	1
9/28/98	14	13	71	2
9/28/98 LV	14	18	67	1

12. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling the situation in Iraq?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
11/4/06 RV	42	42	1	11	3
10/22/06 RV	48	40	1	8	3
10/8/06	51	38	3	7	2
9/7/06	43	44	2	10	2
8/6/06	43	40	*	11	5
6/25/06	47	41	1	9	2
5/15/06	50	36	2	10	3
4/9/06	49	42	1	6	2
3/5/06	42	42	2	11	2
1/26/06	47	40	1	9	2
12/18/05	47	44	2	6	2
11/2/05	48	37	2	11	2
12/15/02*	30	56	4	7	3
10/27/02 LV	31	58	3	4	4
9/26/02	33	52	6	4	6

\*12/15/02 and previous: "The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein"

13. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you think better represents your own personal values?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
11/4/06 RV	48	44	1	6	2
10/8/06	53	37	2	7	1
11/2/05	50	40	1	7	1
4/24/05	47	38	2	10	2
3/14/99	47	39	3	8	3

14. Whether or not you agree with them, do you think the Democrats are or are not offering the country a clear direction that's different from the Republicans?

	Yes, they are	No, they are not	No opin.
11/4/06 RV	49	47	4
10/8/06	52	44	4
8/6/06	48	47	5
5/15/06	44	52	4
11/2/05	44	51	5

15. Do you think most of the (INSERT) in Congress deserve to be re-elected, or not?

11/4/06 - Summary Table, Among Registered Voters

	Yes	No	No opin.
a. Democrats	48	41	10
b. Republicans	39	53	8

Trend:

a. Democrats

	Yes	No	No opin.
11/4/06 RV	48	41	10
10/8/06	55	38	7

b. Republicans

	Yes	No	No opin.
11/4/06 RV	39	53	8
10/8/06	39	56	5

16. Have you recently been contacted in person, by telephone, or by e-mail by any organization working in support of a candidate for Congress, asking for your vote?

	Yes	No	No opinion
11/4/06 RV	41	59	*
10/22/06 All	25	74	*
RV	29	70	1

17. (IF CONTACTED, Q16) Were you asked to vote for a (Republican) candidate or for a (Democratic) candidate?

Rep. cand.	Dem. cand.	Both (vol.)	Other (vol.)	No opin.
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11/4/06	RV	29	20	41	1	8
10/22/06	All	33	29	28	1	8
	RV	33	29	29	1	8

18. 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 fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
11/4/06	RV	44	33	12	53	10	44	2
10/22/06	All	40	28	12	57	11	47	2
	RV	40	30	11	57	10	47	2
10/8/06	All	35	25	10	63	13	50	2
9/7/06	All	42	29	13	56	11	45	2
8/6/06		39	29	10	59	12	47	1
6/25/06		40	25	15	58	13	45	2
5/15/06		37	24	14	62	12	50	1
4/9/06		41	30	11	58	10	48	1
3/5/06		42	29	14	57	11	46	1
1/26/06		44	32	12	55	13	42	1
1/8/06		43	30	13	55	12	43	2
12/18/05		46	33	14	52	11	42	1
11/2/05		39	25	13	60	12	48	1
8/28/05		46	33	12	53	9	44	1
6/26/05		46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05		41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05		44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05		45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05		44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04		42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04	LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04	RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04	RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04	RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04		49	36	13	48	11	37	3
6/20/04		47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04		48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04		49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04		51			47			2
3/7/04		52			44			3
2/11/04		48			50			2
1/18/04		56			41			3
12/21/03		59			39			2
12/14/03		53			42			5
11/16/03		52			44			4
10/29/03		54			44			2
10/13/03		54			44			2
9/13/03		61			37			2
9/7/03		54			42			4
8/24/03		57			37			5
8/11/03		61			35			4
7/10/03		57			40			3
6/22/03		64			33			3
4/30/03		70	"	"	27	"	"	4
2/2/92*		66	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	2
7/28/91		67			30			3
6/2/91		70			26			3
3/4/91		86	"	"	13	"	"	1

\*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"

19. In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration (told the American public what it believed to be true), or (intentionally misled the American public)?

	Told the American public what it believed to be true	Intentionally misled the American public	No opin.
11/4/06 RV	51	47	2
5/15/06	46	52	2
11/2/05	44	55	2
6/26/05	48	52	*
3/13/05	55	43	2
8/29/04 RV	57	40	3
7/25/04	55	42	3

20. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you (are getting ahead financially), have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or (are falling behind financially)?

	Getting ahead	Just enough to maintain	Falling behind	No opin.
11/4/06 RV	28	48	23	1
10/22/06 All	24	52	23	1
RV	25	53	21	1

21. How confident are you that your own vote in this election will be accurately counted this year: very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

	NET	Confident Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Confident Not at all	No op.
11/4/06 RV	84	49	34	15	9	6	2
LV	88	56	32	10	6	4	1
10/27/04 LV*	91	62	29	8	6	2	1

\*"Your own vote for president..."

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