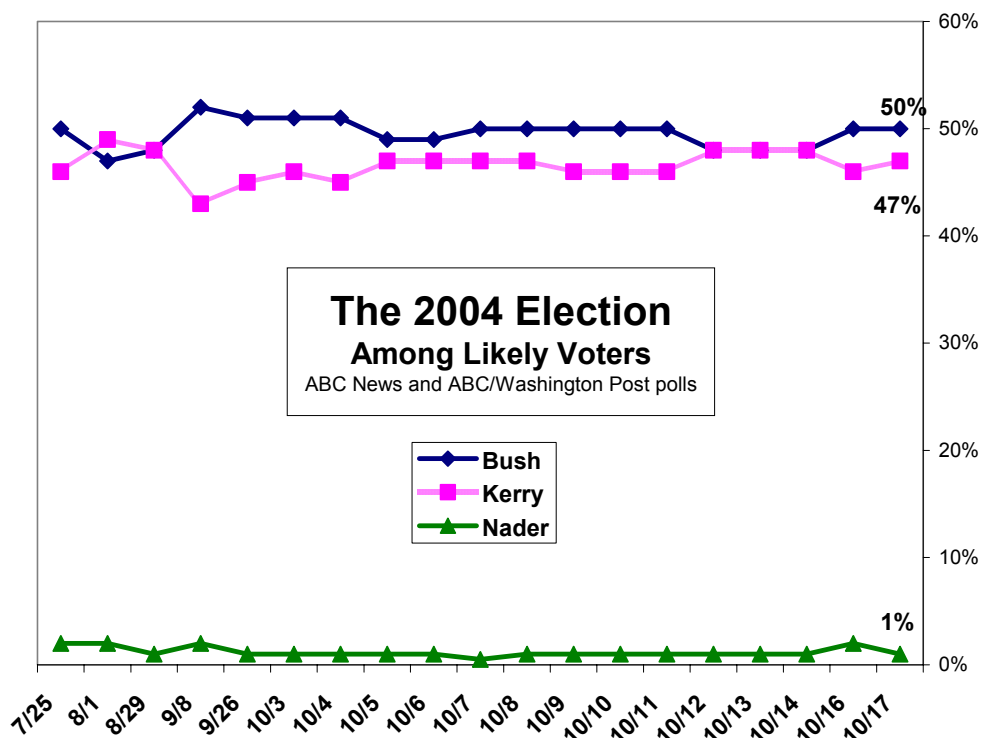


Underlying Views Help Bush, Yet the '04 Race Stays Close

The 2004 campaign moves into its last two weeks with a close race, but one in which George W. Bush holds the advantage in a range of underlying measurements.

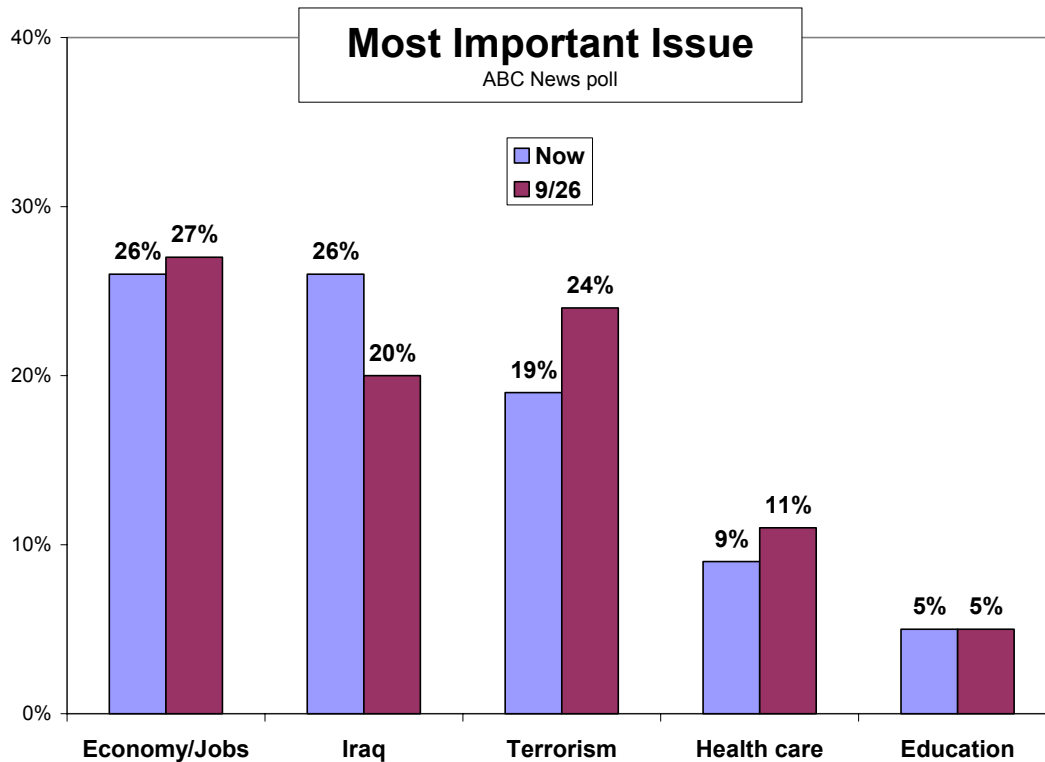
Most likely voters, 53 percent, approve of Bush's job performance overall. Most, 52 percent, have a favorable opinion of him personally. His supporters are more enthusiastic than John Kerry's. Bush easily leads in three of four personal attributes – leadership, clarity and honesty. He's stronger on terrorism, Iraq and – a recent gain – taxes. And, echoing Bush's latest line of attack, more likely voters see Kerry as too liberal than see Bush as too conservative.

Yet for all these the race between them remains close: Bush has 50 percent support among likely voters, Kerry 47 percent and Ralph Nader one percent in the latest ABC News tracking poll, based on interviews Thursday through Sunday.



One reason Kerry remains competitive is that he's doing better than Bush among independents, a crucial swing voter group. Another is the fact that terrorism, Bush's keystone issue, has slipped on the priority list as the candidates have focused on domestic matters. Just before the first debate, 24 percent of likely voters said terrorism was the

most important issue in their vote; today it's 19 percent (and among independents, 17 percent).



It matters because concerns about terrorism so strongly fuel Bush's candidacy. Among people who say it's their top issue, nine in 10 support him. The more of them there are, the better he does. And the more who cite other top issues as most important in their vote – the economy, Iraq, health care or education – the better for Kerry.

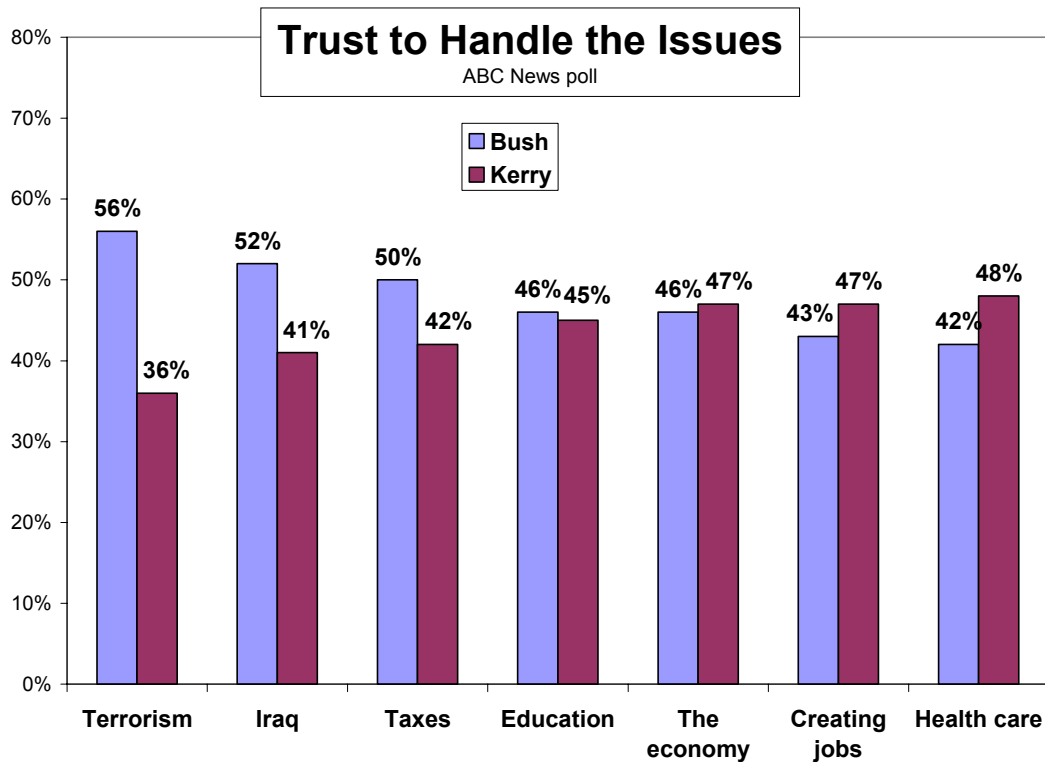
TRUST – Among all likely voters, Bush leads by 20 points in trust to handle terrorism, 56-36 percent, and by 11 points in trust to handle the situation in Iraq, 52-41 percent. That's essentially the same as a week ago, and in turn about the same as two weeks ago.

Bush also leads Kerry by eight points, 50-42 percent, in trust to handle taxes, an issue on which Bush has been on the attack. It may be having an effect: Preferences on this issue ran a slightly closer 48-46 percent between Bush and Kerry the week before last.

Kerry, for his part, leads by six points, 48-42 percent, in trust to handle health care; that's backed off very slightly from a 51-38 percent Kerry lead last week. The two are closer on creating jobs, and in trust to handle education and the economy.

These preferences cross-pollinate with vote preference. As noted, likely voters who cite terrorism as their top issue favor Bush by a huge margin. Those who cite the economy as their top issue, by contrast, favor Kerry by 37 points; Iraq, Kerry +23; health care, Kerry

+23; and education, Kerry +15. Bush leads, by 39 points, among the 13 percent who cite some other issue.



ATTRIBUTES – Personal views of the candidates also inform vote choices, and these show substantial stability. Bush leads Kerry by 22 points as the stronger leader, by 18 points as having taken clearer stands on the issues and by nine points as more honest and trustworthy – the most important attribute of the lot. They remain about even in another, empathy.

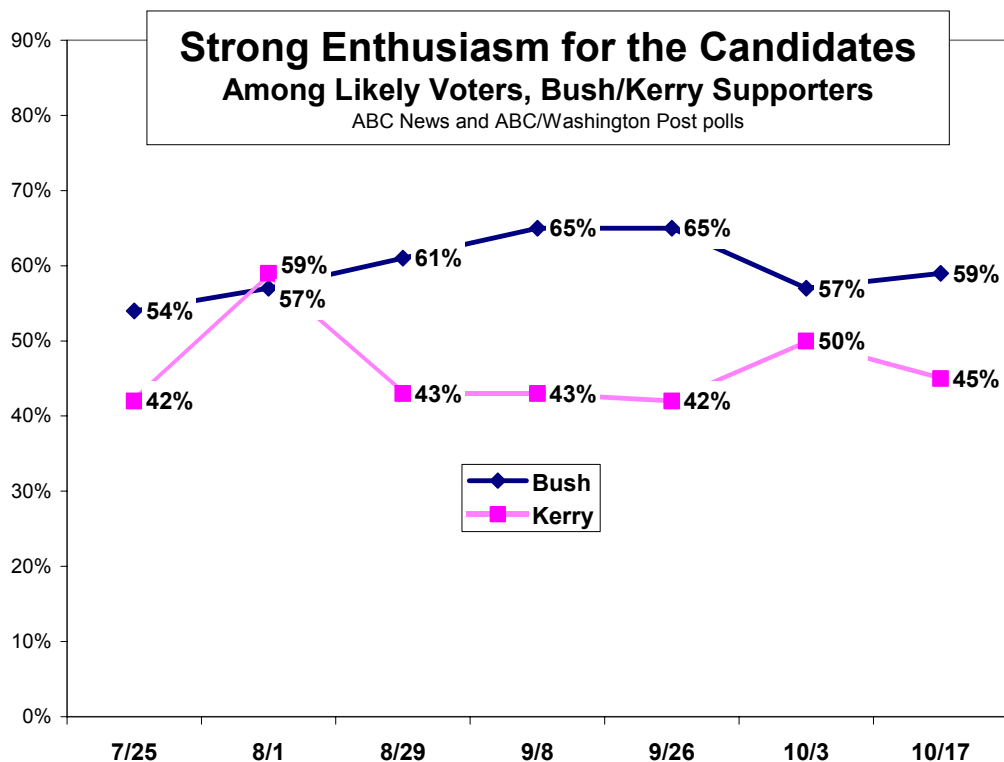
One of these does show considerable progress for Kerry: Before the first debate he trailed by 33 points on taking clear stands on the issues, 60-27 percent. He stills trails by a wide margin, but has narrowed the gap.

Bush-Kerry (among likely voters)		
Strong leader	57-35%	Bush +22
Clear stands	54-36	Bush +18
More honest	48-39	Bush +9
Understands your problems	45-46	Kerry +1

ENTHUSIASM – As noted in Sunday's tracking poll analysis, 56 percent of likely voters expect Bush to win, despite a dead heat in the horse race most of last week. Today's poll

finds that Bush also commands greater enthusiasm: Fifty-nine percent of his supporters are “very enthusiastic” about his candidacy, compared with 45 percent of Kerry’s.

Enthusiasm for Kerry had advanced to 50 percent after his strong showing in the first debate – but it’s slipped back. Bush lost strong enthusiasm after the first debate, but his appears to have stabilized at a higher level than Kerry’s. Enthusiasm can be a factor in voter turnout, critical in a close race.

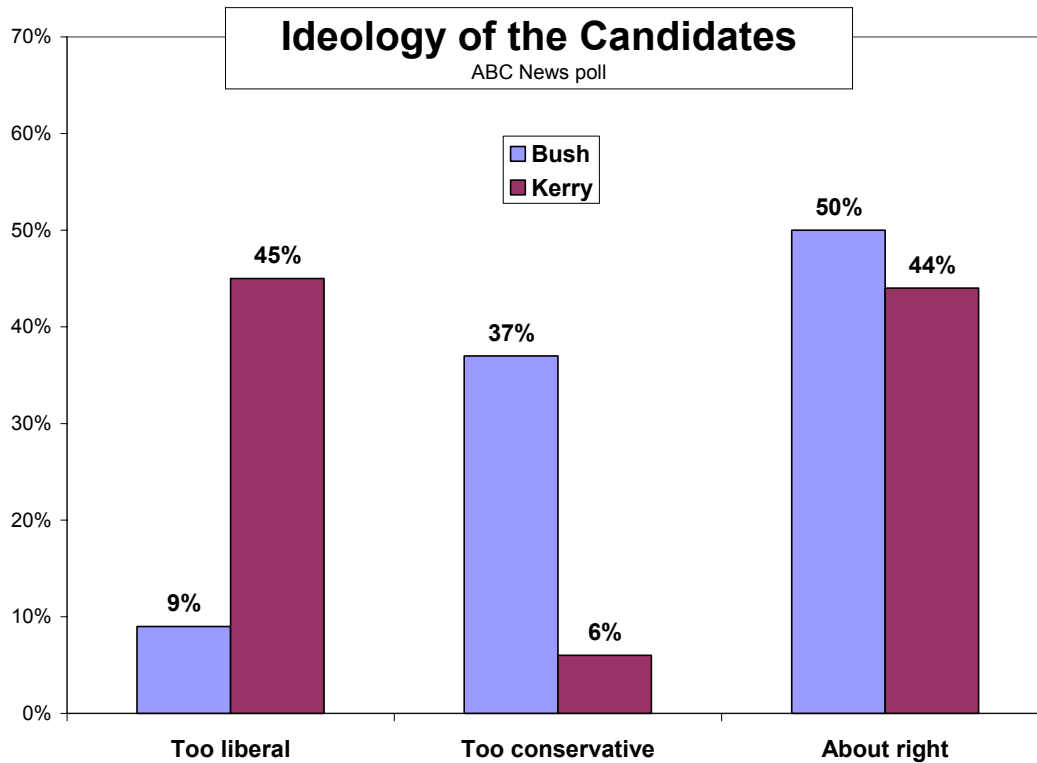


IDEOLOGY – At the same time, Bush’s criticisms of Kerry as too liberal show some continued traction. Forty-five percent of likely voters describe Kerry as too liberal, compared with 37 percent who see Bush as too conservative. The two ran about evenly on this question in July, but Bush opened an 11-point lead on it after his convention, and he’s held onto it.

	10/17	9/8	7/25
Bush too conservative	37%	34	41
Kerry too liberal	45	45	43

A key reason for the difference is that there are far more Republicans who call Kerry too liberal – 82 percent – than there are Democrats who call Bush too conservative, 57 percent. The reason is the ideological split within parties: Among likely voters, 60 percent of Republicans are conservatives, while just 27 percent of Democrats are liberals. Indeed across all likely voters, conservatives outnumber liberals by 2-1.

	Kerry too liberal	Bush too conservative
Democrats	12%	57
Independents	43	46
Republicans	82	10



FAVES – Bush’s personal favorability rating, the most basic measure of a public figure’s popularity, has moved back to 52-42 percent (favorable-unfavorable) after a slightly tighter reading last week. Kerry’s favorability score, 46 percent, hasn’t cracked the 50-percent line since just after his convention. Forty-three percent see him unfavorably.

	Bush Favorable-Unfavorable	Kerry Favorable-Unfavorable
10/17	52-42%	46-43%
10/13	49-46	48-43
10/3	53-41	47-42

GROUPS – As noted, Kerry is doing better among independent voters, who divide by 52-44 percent, Kerry-Bush, in this poll. But Kerry’s advantage is not assured: As with all likely voters more broadly, among independents who support Bush, 48 percent are very enthusiastic about him, while among those who support Kerry, enthusiasm is lower, 35 percent.

White Catholics, the other chief swing voter group, divide by 50-47 percent, Bush-Kerry. Bush is doing better among white Catholics than among independents in the ideology war: Thirty-four percent of white Catholics say Bush is too conservative, while more, 45 percent, say Kerry's too liberal.

Bush makes up for his shortfall among independents by again poaching more Democrats (15 percent) than Kerry wins Republicans (seven percent); Kerry had battled him to parity on this last week, but the disparity in Bush's favor has emerged again. Democrats account for 36 percent of likely voters in this poll, Republicans for 34 percent.

Among other groups, older voters – hotly contested because of their high turnout – divide absolutely evenly, 47-47 percent. Young voters, under 30, a subject of great speculation as to turnout, divide fairly similarly (given sampling tolerances), 50-46 percent, Kerry-Bush.

Bush leads by 11 points among men (the same as his margin four years ago); Kerry by five points among women (Al Gore won them by 11 points in 2000). There is a very sharp division between married women (+8 points for Bush, 53-45 percent) and single women; a core Democratic group, they favor Kerry by 60-36 percent.

METHODOLOGY – This poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 14-17, 2004 among a random national sample of 2,402 adults, including 2,130 registered voters and 1,544 likely voters. The results have a 2.5-point error margin for the likely voter sample. ABC News and The Washington Post are sharing data collection for this tracking poll, then independently applying their own models to arrive at likely voter estimates. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

Analysis by Gary Langer.

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

3. (and 3a) If the 2004 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for (George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, the Republicans), (John Kerry and John Edwards, the Democrats), or Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo, the independents? Which candidate are you leaning toward?

Net Leaned Vote, Likely Voters:

	Bush	Kerry	Nader	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote	No op.
10/17/04	50	47	1	*	*	*	2
10/16/04	50	46	2	*	*	*	2
10/14/04	48	48	1	*	1	*	1
10/13/04	48	48	1	*	1	0	2
10/12/04	48	48	1	*	1	0	2
10/11/04	50	46	1	*	1	0	2
10/10/04	50	46	1	*	1	0	2

10/9/04	50	46	1	*	1	0	2
10/8/04	50	47	1	*	1	0	2
10/7/04	50	47	*	*	1	0	1
10/6/04	49	47	1	1	1	0	1
10/5/04	49	47	1	1	1	0	1
10/4/04	51	45	1	*	1	0	1
10/3/04	51	46	1	*	1	*	1
9/26/04	51	45	1	*	1	0	2
9/8/04	52	43	2	*	1	0	2
8/29/04	48	48	1	*	1	0	2
8/1/04	47	49	2	*	1	0	1
7/25/04	50	46	2	*	1	*	1

Net Leaned Vote, Registered Voters:

	Bush	Kerry	Nader	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote	No op.
10/17/04	49	46	1	*	1	*	3
10/16/04	49	45	2	*	1	*	3
10/14/04	47	48	2	*	1	*	2
10/13/04	47	47	2	*	2	*	2
10/12/04	47	47	2	*	2	*	2
10/11/04	48	46	2	*	1	*	2
10/10/04	48	46	1	*	1	*	3
10/9/04	48	47	1	*	2	*	3
10/8/04	48	46	1	*	2	*	3
10/7/04	48	47	1	*	2	*	2
10/6/04	49	46	1	1	2	*	2
10/5/04	50	45	2	*	1	*	2
10/4/04	52	43	2	*	1	*	2
10/3/04	50	45	2	*	1	*	2
9/26/04	51	44	2	1	1	*	2
9/8/04	50	44	2	*	2	*	2
8/29/04	48	47	2	*	1	*	2
8/1/04	44	50	2	*	1	1	2
7/25/04	48	46	3	*	1	*	1
7/11/04	46	46	4	1	2	1	1
6/20/04	44	48	6	*	1	*	1
5/23/04	46	46	4	*	1	1	1
4/18/04	48	43	6	*	2	1	*
3/7/04	44	48	3	*	1	2	2

4. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Will you definitely vote for (CANDIDATE), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Is there a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	Definitely vote	NET	---Chance change mind--- Good	Unlikely	No opin.
Likely voters:					
10/17/04 All	89	10	4	6	1
Bush	92	7	3	5	1
Kerry	88	12	5	8	1
Call for full trend.					

5. 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.

10/17/04	LV	53	34	19	45	10	36	2
10/3/04	LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04	All	50	33	18	45	13	32	5
	LV	53	38	15	46	10	35	1
	RV	52	35	17	46	13	32	5
9/8/04	All	52	35	17	43	11	32	5
	RV	52	38	14	45	11	33	3
8/29/04	All	50	31	19	47	13	34	3
	RV	52	33	19	47	13	35	1
8/1/04	All	47	28	18	49	13	36	5
	RV	48	29	19	51	13	38	2
7/25/04	All	50	32	19	47	13	34	3
	RV	51	33	18	47	13	34	2
7/11/04		48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04	All	47	30	17	51	13	39	1
	RV	48	32	15	51	12	40	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

Call for full trend.

6. Regardless of (how you might vote/who you voted for), please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (NAME) or perhaps you don't know enough to say.

10/17/04 - Summary Table - Likely Voters

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
a. George W. Bush	52	42	6
b. John Kerry	46	43	11

Trend:

a. George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion	
10/17/04 LV	52	42	6	
10/13/04 LV	49	46	5	
10/12/04 LV	49	46	5	
10/11/04 LV	52	44	4	
10/4/04 LV	53	42	5	
10/3/04 LV	53	41	5	
9/26/04 LV	53	40	7	
	RV	52	38	10
9/8/04 RV	51	39	11	
8/29/04 RV	50	40	9	
8/1/04 RV	47	45	8	
7/25/04 RV	54	43	3	
3/7/04	47	46	7	
9/6/00 RV	58	31	11	
6/11/00	50	28	22	
4/2/00	50	31	19	
2/27/00	49	39	11	
10/31/99	69	24	8	
9/2/99	61	23	16	
6/6/99	54	15	30	
3/14/99	54	14	32	
2/14/99	51	13	36	
1/19/98	34	13	53	

b. John Kerry

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
10/17/04 LV	46	43	11
10/13/04 LV	48	43	9
10/12/04 LV	48	44	8
10/11/04 LV	47	45	7
10/4/04 LV	46	42	13
10/3/04 LV	47	42	11
9/26/04 LV	39	45	17
RV	37	42	21
9/8/04 RV	36	42	23
8/29/04 RV	43	40	17
8/1/04 RV	51	32	16
7/25/04 RV	48	39	12
3/7/04	54	26	20

7. What (was/will be) the single most important issue in your vote for president this year: (The U.S. campaign against terrorism), (the war in Iraq), (the economy and jobs), (education), (health care), or something else?

	Terrorism	Iraq	Economy/ jobs	Educ- ation	Health care	Other	No op.
10/17/04 LV	19	26	26	5	9	13	3
10/14/04 LV	20	26	22	4	14	13	1
10/13/04 LV	22	24	23	5	13	13	1
10/12/04 LV	22	24	24	4	11	13	2
10/11/04 LV	23	23	24	4	12	13	2
10/10/04 LV	23	24	24	3	12	12	2
10/7/04 LV	23	23	23	4	10	15	2
10/3/04 LV	24	26	21	4	12	12	2
9/26/04 LV	24	20	27	5	11	10	3
RV	21	19	28	6	13	10	3
9/8/04 RV	25	18	27	6	13	8	2
8/29/04 RV	19	19	31	6	12	11	2
8/1/04 RV	20	23	25	7	11	12	2
7/25/04 RV	20	21	27	7	12	12	1

8. Who do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM), (Bush) or (Kerry)?

10/17/04 - Summary Table - Likely Voters

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. The situation in Iraq	52	41	1	3	4
b. The US campaign against terrorism	56	36	2	3	3
d. Taxes	50	42	1	4	4
f. The economy	46	47	1	4	3
g. Education	46	45	2	3	4
h. Health care	42	48	1	5	4
i. Creating jobs	43	47	1	5	4

Trend:

a. The situation in Iraq

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04 LV	52	41	1	3	4

10/14/04	LV	50	41	1	4	4
10/13/04	LV	49	42	1	4	4
10/12/04	LV	50	41	1	3	4
10/11/04	LV	52	40	1	3	3
10/10/04	LV	54	39	1	3	3
10/7/04	LV	53	43	*	2	2
10/3/04	LV	52	41	1	3	3
9/26/04	LV	53	41	*	3	4
	RV	53	40	*	3	4
9/8/04	RV	53	37	1	4	6
8/29/04	RV	52	44	*	2	2
8/1/04	RV	46	48	*	2	4
7/25/04	RV	52	40	1	3	3
7/11/04	RV	47	47	1	4	2
	All	47	47	1	3	2
6/20/04	RV	49	47	*	3	1
	All	50	45	*	4	1
5/23/04		48	42	*	6	3
4/18/04		52	41	*	4	2
3/7/04		47	48	1	3	2
2/11/04		48	41	1	6	5

b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04	LV	56	36	2	3	3
10/14/04	LV	54	38	2	3	4
10/13/04	LV	52	39	2	3	4
10/12/04	LV	53	38	1	3	4
10/11/04	LV	55	37	1	3	3
10/10/04	LV	56	37	1	3	3
10/7/04	LV	55	40	1	2	3
10/3/04	LV	54	38	1	2	4
9/26/04	LV	53	38	1	3	5
	RV	54	37	1	3	5
9/8/04	RV	57	35	1	3	4
8/29/04	RV	56	38	1	2	3
8/1/04	RV	48	45	*	1	5
7/25/04	RV	55	37	2	3	3
7/11/04	RV	51	43	1	3	3
	All	51	42	1	3	3
6/20/04	RV	48	47	*	3	2
	All	47	48	1	3	1
5/23/04		52	39	1	4	4
4/18/04		58	37	1	3	1
3/7/04		57	36	2	2	3
2/11/04		53	37	1	4	5

d. Taxes

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04	LV	50	42	1	4	4
10/5/04	LV	48	46	*	4	2
9/8/04	RV	50	40	*	5	5

f. The economy

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04	LV	46	47	1	4	3
10/14/04	LV	44	49	1	4	2

10/13/04	LV	44	49	2	4	2
10/12/04	LV	45	48	2	3	3
10/11/04	LV	47	46	1	3	3
10/10/04	LV	47	45	1	3	3
10/7/04	LV	47	48	1	2	3
9/26/04	RV	48	43	*	4	5
9/8/04	RV	47	43	1	4	5
8/29/04	RV	48	47	1	2	2
8/1/04	RV	41	52	*	3	4
7/25/04	RV	47	46	1	3	4
7/11/04	RV	44	50	1	3	2
7/11/04		43	51	1	3	3
6/20/04	RV	45	50	1	2	1
6/20/04		45	50	1	3	1
5/23/04		43	48	*	5	3
4/18/04		47	47	1	4	1
3/7/04		41	53	*	4	2
2/11/04		41	49	1	4	5

g. Education

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04	LV	46	45	2	3	4
10/14/04	LV	42	48	2	4	5
10/13/04	LV	41	48	2	4	5
10/12/04	LV	43	46	2	4	6
10/11/04	LV	45	44	2	4	5
10/10/04	LV	47	43	1	4	5
10/7/04	LV	48	46	1	2	3
9/8/04	RV	46	42	1	5	6
8/29/04	RV	47	47	1	2	3
8/1/04	RV	39	52	1	3	5
7/25/04	RV	44	45	1	4	6
7/11/04	RV	40	50	1	4	4
7/11/04		40	50	1	4	5
6/20/04	RV	43	52	1	2	2
6/20/04		42	52	1	2	2
4/18/04		47	44	1	6	2
3/7/04		40	52	1	3	4
2/11/04		40	49	1	6	5

h. Health care

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04	LV	42	48	1	5	4
10/14/04	LV	39	51	1	5	4
10/13/04	LV	38	51	1	6	4
10/12/04	LV	38	50	1	6	5
10/11/04	LV	40	48	2	5	5
10/10/04	LV	41	48	1	5	5
10/7/04	LV	44	49	*	3	3
9/8/04	RV	42	45	1	5	8
8/29/04	RV	43	50	*	3	4
8/1/04	RV	36	55	*	3	5
7/25/04	RV	44	47	1	4	5
6/20/04	RV	38	56	*	3	2
6/20/04		37	58	*	4	2

Compare to: The cost, availability, and coverage of health insurance

4/18/04	42	48	1	6	3
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3/7/04	36	56	0	5	2
2/11/04	34	52	1	7	6

i. Creating jobs

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
10/17/04 LV	43	47	1	5	4
10/14/04 LV	42	49	1	5	3
10/13/04 LV	42	48	1	5	3
10/12/04 LV	42	47	1	6	4
10/11/04 LV	44	46	1	5	4
10/10/04 LV	45	46	1	4	4
10/7/04 LV	44	49	*	3	4
9/26/04 RV	44	46	1	5	5
9/8/04 RV	43	45	1	6	6
4/18/04	46	48	1	4	1
3/7/04	43	51	1	3	2
2/11/04	37	51	1	5	6

9. Please tell me whether the following statement applies more to (Bush) or more to (Kerry).

10/17/04 - Summary Table - Likely Voters

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. He is honest and trustworthy	48	39	3	8	3
b. He understands the problems of people like you	45	46	1	6	2
c. He is a strong leader	57	35	3	2	3
e. He has taken a clear stand on the issues	54	36	3	6	1

Trend:

a. He is honest and trustworthy

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
10/17/04 LV	48	39	3	8	3
10/11/04 LV	47	40	3	8	2
10/3/04 LV	50	39	2	6	2
9/26/04 LV	47	37	3	9	3
RV	45	38	3	10	4
9/8/04 RV	48	35	3	11	4
8/29/04 RV	47	41	2	8	3
8/1/04 RV	41	47	4	5	2
7/25/04 RV	46	40	2	10	2
6/20/04 RV	40	52	1	6	1
Al	39	52	1	6	1

b. He understands the problems of people like you

	Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
10/17/04 LV	45	46	1	6	2
10/11/04 LV	44	46	1	7	1
10/3/04 LV	44	45	1	6	3
9/26/04 LV	45	41	1	12	2

	RV	43	42	1	12	2
9/8/04	RV	44	43	1	8	4
8/29/04	RV	42	48	1	8	2
8/1/04	RV	37	51	1	8	2
7/25/04	RV	42	46	1	9	2
6/20/04	RV	37	55	1	7	1
	All	36	56	1	6	2

c. He is a strong leader

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
10/17/04	LV	57	35	3	2	3
10/11/04	LV	56	36	2	4	2
10/3/04	LV	58	37	1	2	2
9/26/04	LV	57	34	2	4	4
	RV	58	32	2	4	4
9/8/04	RV	58	31	3	4	4
8/29/04	RV	54	39	2	2	3
8/1/04	RV	50	44	2	2	3
7/25/04	RV	55	36	2	5	2
6/20/04	RV	50	45	1	3	2
	All	51	43	2	3	2

e. He has taken a clear stand on the issues

		Bush	Kerry	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
10/17/04	LV	54	36	3	6	1
10/11/04	LV	57	34	2	5	2
9/26/04	LV	60	27	3	7	3
9/26/04	RV	59	28	3	7	3
9/8/04	RV	56	29	3	9	3

10. Thinking about his candidacy for president so far, how enthusiastic are you about (Bush/Kerry) - very enthusiastic, fairly enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

10/17/04 - Summary Table - Among Likely Voters, Leaned Bush/Kerry Supporters

		----Enthusiastic----			-----Not Enthusiastic-----			No op.
		NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
a. Bush		93	59	35	6	6	1	1
b. Kerry		94	45	49	6	5	1	*

Trend:

		----Enthusiastic----			-----Not Enthusiastic-----			No op.
		NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
Bush:								
10/17/04	LV	93	59	35	6	6	1	1
10/3/04	LV	94	57	37	6	4	1	*
9/26/04	LV	94	65	29	5	4	1	1
	RV	91	61	31	8	6	2	*
9/8/04	RV	95	63	32	5	4	*	*
8/29/04	RV	94	56	38	6	5	1	*
8/1/04	RV	90	53	37	10	8	2	*
7/25/04	RV	90	49	41	10	8	1	*
6/20/04	RV	90	50	40	9	7	2	*
	All	90	48	42	10	8	2	*

Kerry:

10/17/04	LV	94	45	49	6	5	1	*
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10/3/04	LV	91	50	42	8	8	*	1
9/26/04	LV	85	42	43	13	10	4	1
	RV	87	39	47	12	9	3	1
9/8/04	RV	85	39	46	14	10	4	1
8/29/04	RV	89	40	49	11	9	2	*
8/1/04	RV	92	56	36	7	6	1	1
7/25/04	RV	90	41	49	10	9	1	0
6/20/04	RV	85	34	51	15	12	3	0
	All	83	33	50	17	13	4	0

11. Do you think (NAME)'s views on most issues are too (liberal) for you, too (conservative) for you, or just about right?

10/17/04 - Summary Table - Likely Voters

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opin.
a. Bush	9	37	50	5
b. Kerry	45	6	44	5

Trend:

a. Bush

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opin.
10/17/04 LV	9	37	50	5
9/8/04 LV	9	34	51	7
	RV	32	49	7
7/25/04 LV	10	41	47	3
	RV	38	48	3
6/20/04 RV	14	38	46	2
6/20/04 All	14	38	46	2
3/7/04	14	33	49	4
12/21/03	14	29	52	5
6/3/01	15	32	50	4
4/22/01	10	31	55	3
9/6/00 RV	12	31	51	6
7/23/00 RV	12	29	52	7
7/23/00	12	28	52	8
3/11/00	12	28	52	8
2/27/00	10	33	51	5
2/24/00	12	33	43	12
2/6/00	12	30	49	8
9/2/99	10	20	58	13
3/14/99	7	20	53	20

b. Kerry

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opin.
10/17/04 LV	45	6	44	5
9/8/04 LV	45	5	42	7
	RV	5	43	10
7/25/04 LV	43	8	45	4
	RV	8	46	6
6/20/04 RV	36	9	51	4
6/20/04 All	34	10	51	5
3/7/04	33	6	52	8

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