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Polling was conducted by telephone August 8-9, 2006, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ±3 percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

*** Bush Job Ratings Summary ***

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Most recent (8-9 Aug 06)	36%	56	8
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (18-19 Apr 06)	33%	57	10
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Dis approve (DK)		Approve	Dis approve (DK)	
8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8	25-26 Apr 05	47%	43 10
Democrats	10%	86	4	29-30 Mar 05	49%	46 5
Republicans	76%	17	7	1-2 Mar 05	52%	39 9
Independents	27%	60	14	8-9 Feb 05	51%	43 7
RECENT TREND				25-26 Jan 05	50%	40 10
11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41 7
27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45 7
13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40 7
16-18 May 06	35%	56	8	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46 7
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46 6
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45 8
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46 6
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47 6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47 6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47 5
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46 5
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44 7
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43 4
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45 5
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44 7
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43 6
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48 8
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45 8
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44 7
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45 7
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9			
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6			
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9			

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Condoleezza Rice is doing as secretary of state?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	51%	32	17
Democrats	30%	52	18
Republicans	84%	7	10
Independents	41%	35	24
13-14 Jun 06	58%	26	16
18-19 Apr 06	60%	22	18
13-14 Dec 05	59%	26	15
11-12 Oct 05	50%	26	23
25-26 Apr 05	59%	22	19
1-2 Mar 05	51%	18	32

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
Democrats	14%	70	16
Republicans	42%	43	15
Independents	19%	61	20
RECENT TREND			
11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24
21-22 Apr 04	38%	42	20
20-21 May 03	33%	47	20

4. - 9. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and groups. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)
SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

*****SUMMARY CHART*****

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Tony Blair	56%	17	19	8
Mel Gibson	48%	28	21	3
Democratic Party	47%	37	15	-
George W. Bush	39%	56	4	-
Republican Party	38%	51	11	1
Fidel Castro	5%	78	15	2

Trend

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Tony Blair				
8-9 Aug 06	56%	17	19	8
Democrats	44%	24	24	8
Republicans	78%	7	9	7
Independents	49%	23	20	8
18-19 Nov 03	62%	11	18	9
11-12 Mar 03	64%	7	12	17

George W. Bush

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard		Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
8-9 Aug 06	39%	56	4	-	14-15 Dec 04	50%	43	7	-
Democrats	9%	88	3	-	30-31 Oct 04	48%	47	5	-
Republicans	83%	14	3	-	30-31 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5	-
Independents	32%	61	7	-	29-30 Oct 04	47%	46	7	-
Recent Trend					29-30 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-
16-18 May 06	40%	55	5	-	28-29 Oct 04	47%	45	8	-
7-8 Feb 06	46%	47	7	-	28-29 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7	-
13-14 Dec 05	45%	50	5	-	27-28 Oct 04	49%	45	6	-
25-26 Oct 05	45%	49	7	-	27-28 Oct 04 LV	50%	44	6	-
30-31 Aug 05	47%	45	8	1	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-
12-13 Jul 05	48%	45	7	-	3-4 Oct 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
14-15 Jun 05	52%	42	5	-	21-22 Sep 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
25-26 Apr 05	52%	43	5	-	7-8 Sep 04 LV	51%	43	6	-
29-30 Mar 05	49%	43	7	1	24-25 Aug 04 LV	50%	44	6	-
1-2 Mar 05	54%	41	4	-	3-4 Aug 04	47%	45	8	-
11-12 Jan 05	53%	41	6	-					

Favorable Unfavorable Can't say Never heard

Democratic Party

8-9 Aug 06	47%	37	15	-
Democrats	78%	13	9	-
Republicans	14%	72	14	-
Independents	45%	28	26	1
13-14 Dec 05	45%	39	15	1
25-26 Oct 05	46%	37	16	1
29-30 Mar 05	46%	38	16	-
21-22 Jan 04	51%	33	16	-

Republican Party

8-9 Aug 06	38%	51	11	1
Democrats	8%	84	7	-
Republicans	82%	12	6	-
Independents	27%	49	22	2
13-14 Dec 05	43%	47	10	1
25-26 Oct 05	42%	43	14	1
29-30 Mar 05	48%	38	13	-
21-22 Jan 04	49%	35	16	-

Fidel Castro

8-9 Aug 06	5%	78	15	2
Democrats	5%	74	18	2
Republicans	3%	90	7	1
Independents	11%	67	19	3
14-15 May 02	8%	74	14	4
12-13 Jan 00	7%	79	11	3

Mel Gibson

8-9 Aug 06	48%	28	21	3
Democrats	40%	34	24	2
Republicans	57%	24	17	3
Independents	52%	24	19	5

10. Regardless of how you voted in the presidential election, would you say you want President Bush to succeed or not?

SCALE: 1. Yes, want him to succeed 2. No, do not want him to succeed
3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	63%	32	5
Democrats	40%	51	9
Republicans	90%	7	2
Independents	63%	34	3

11. This fall there will be elections for Congress and other offices. Right now, how interested are you in this year's elections?

SCALE: 1. Extremely interested 2. Very interested 3. Somewhat interested
4. Only slightly interested 5. Not at all interested 6. (Don't know)

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	23%	37	25	9	6	1
Democrats	24%	36	24	10	5	1
Republicans	21%	40	25	9	3	-
Independents	22%	33	29	5	9	1
11-12 Jul 06	19%	38	23	11	7	2
Democrats	23%	37	19	11	8	2
Republicans	17%	38	27	10	6	2
Independents	17%	37	27	11	7	1
13-14 Jun 06	24%	38	25	8	4	1
2-3 May 06	28%	36	24	7	5	1

12. Thinking ahead to this November's elections, if the congressional election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/ Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	
8-9 Aug 06	48%	44	4	30	27	3	22
Democrats	89%	85	4	2	2	-	9
Republicans	7%	6	1	79	72	7	14
Independents	38%	31	7	14	9	5	47
11-12 Jul 06	42%	38	4	34	31	3	25
13-14 Jun 06	46%	43	3	33	29	4	20
2-3 May 06	41%	37	4	38	32	6	21
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	48%	44	4	34	28	6	18
23-24 Sep 03	41%	35	6	36	32	4	23
22-23 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	41	36	5	19
8-9 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	42	36	6	18
24-25 Sep 02	45%	43	2	42	32	10	13
6-7 Aug 02	36%	31	5	39	33	6	25
26-27 Feb 02	32%	30	2	40	34	6	28
12-13 Dec 01	29%	21	8	40	33	7	31
28-29 Mar 01	36%	33	3	38	32	6	26
10-11 Jan 01	38%	32	6	33	26	7	29
6-7 Sep 00 LV	41%	34	7	40	32	8	19
24-25 May 00	39%	33	6	42	36	6	19
12-13 Jan 00	36%	32	4	42	35	7	22
6-7 Dec 99	38%	32	6	39	33	6	23
17-18 Nov 99	36%	34	2	42	37	5	22
20-21 Oct 99	40%	35	5	41	34	7	19
22-23 Sep 99	37%	31	6	38	30	8	25
8-9 Sep 99	36%	29	7	40	33	7	24
25-26 Aug 99	39%	34	5	36	29	7	25

13. If you had to put the main reason for your vote for Congress on a bumper sticker, which one of the following would you choose? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
Throw all the bums out	23%	26%	16%	29%
My vote shows opposition to President Bush	20	36	3	17
My vote shows support for President Bush	17	3	38	12
I support my representative's political party	13	14	14	10
I like my representative	10	9	10	10
(Issues)	1	1	-	-
(Other)	5	4	4	8
(Don't know)	12	7	13	14

14. - 17. How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year?

SCALE: 1. Very important 2. Somewhat important 3. Not very important
4. Not at all important 5. (Don't know)

	--- Important ---			-- Not important --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
The situation in Iraq	95%	81	14	5	3	2	1
Democrats	96%	83	13	4	2	2	-
Republicans	95%	77	18	5	3	2	-
Independents	92%	84	8	5	3	2	2
The economy	96%	78	18	3	2	1	1
Democrats	98%	85	13	1	1	-	-
Republicans	94%	67	27	6	4	2	1
Independents	97%	83	14	2	1	1	1
Gas prices	94%	76	18	5	3	2	-
Democrats	95%	80	15	5	4	1	1
Republicans	92%	68	24	7	4	3	-
Independents	96%	84	12	4	1	3	-
Immigration	91%	65	26	7	5	2	1
Democrats	90%	63	27	10	7	3	-
Republicans	95%	70	25	4	3	1	1
Independents	89%	64	25	7	5	2	3

18. Imagine for a moment that you were running for elected office as a Republican this year. Would you want President Bush to campaign for you or not?

SCALE: 1. Yes, would want him to campaign 2. No, would not want him to campaign
3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	37%	60	3
Democrats	14%	85	1
Republicans	71%	25	3
Independents	27%	68	5

19. If you were voting in an election and all that you knew about the candidates for congress, was that one was the incumbent -- that is someone who currently holds that position -- and the other was the challenger, who would you be more inclined to vote for -- the incumbent or the challenger? (ROTATE)

	Incumbent	Challenger	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	21%	46	33
Democrats	11%	63	26
Republicans	40%	22	37
Independents	12%	51	37

20. Who would you prefer to be speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
(ROTATE)

	Nancy Pelosi	Dennis Hastert	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't Care)	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	20%	19	1	14	6	40
Democrats	28%	9	1	16	5	41
Republicans	10%	36	1	11	6	36
Independents	26%	12	2	15	5	41

21. - 26. I'm going to read a list of topics that have been in the news recently. For each topic, please tell me if you have been following the news about that item very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Very closely 2. Somewhat closely 3. Not very closely
4. Not at all closely 5. (Don't know)

	--- Closely ---			-- Not closely --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
The situation in Iraq	94%	63	31	6	4	2	-
Democrats	93%	63	30	6	4	2	-
Republicans	94%	60	34	5	4	1	-
Independents	96%	66	30	5	3	2	-
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	87%	46	41	13	7	6	-
1-2 Mar 05	92%	59	33	7	5	2	-
21-22 Jan 04	86%	47	39	13	8	5	1
25-26 Mar 03*	92%	64	28	8	6	2	-
*"...war in Iraq"							
The fighting between							
Israel and Hezbollah	88%	56	32	12	6	6	1
Democrats	88%	54	34	12	5	7	-
Republicans	93%	59	34	7	4	3	-
Independents	85%	58	27	13	7	6	1
The heat wave							
Democrats	76%	43	33	23	15	8	1
Republicans	81%	48	33	19	13	6	-
Independents	66%	35	31	34	21	13	1
The upcoming midterm							
elections	76%	43	33	23	15	8	1
Democrats	63%	23	40	36	23	13	1
Republicans	67%	26	41	33	22	11	1
Independents	64%	20	44	36	23	13	1
The health of Cuban							
dictator Fidel Castro	60%	25	35	41	22	19	-
Democrats	52%	14	38	46	26	20	1
Republicans	51%	15	36	48	28	20	1
Independents	55%	14	41	45	26	19	1
Mel Gibson's arrest							
for drunk driving	52%	15	37	46	26	20	1
Democrats	42%	12	30	57	28	29	1
Republicans	40%	12	28	59	27	32	1
Independents	44%	13	31	55	30	25	2
	43%	9	34	57	27	30	-

27. Which one of the following best describes how you view Cuba?

SCALE: 1. Dangerous enemy 2. Harmless opponent 3. Friend

4. (Neutral/Not enemy, not friend) 5. (Don't know)

	Dangerous	Harmless	Friend	(Neutral)	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	28%	41	5	16	10
Democrats	26%	41	6	17	10
Republicans	35%	41	4	13	7
Independents	23%	44	5	20	9

28. For the first time in 47 years, Cuban dictator Fidel Castro recently transferred power to his brother Raul while he under went a surgical operation. When Fidel Castro dies or transfers his power permanently, do you think it is more likely that Cuba will replace him with another dictator or with a democracy?

	Dictator	Democracy	(Neither)	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	57%	24	3	16
Democrats	56%	27	1	16
Republicans	62%	21	3	14
Independents	52%	25	6	17

29. Do you think Fidel Castro is already dead and the Cuban government is keeping it a secret or do you think he is still alive?

	Dead	Alive	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	11%	69	20
Democrats	8%	74	19
Republicans	13%	67	20
Independents	14%	66	21

30. Do you think there will ever be peace in the Middle East?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	18%	78	4
Democrats	17%	79	4
Republicans	21%	76	3
Independents	11%	84	4
11-12 Jan 05	31%	61	8
3-4 Jun 03	23%	69	8
12-13 Mar 02	17%	76	7
17-18 Sep 97	22%	72	6

31. Do you think the current violence in the Middle East is a continuation of the cycle of violence between Israel and its neighbors or is it part of the global war on terrorism?

SCALE: 1. Continuation of same fighting 2. Global war on terrorism 3. (Both)

4. (Don't know)

	Continuation	Global war	(Both)	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	58%	21	13	7
Democrats	62%	21	11	6
Republicans	57%	22	14	6
Independents	53%	20	19	9

32. Do you think Israel has done the right thing in fighting Hezbollah?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	54%	26	20
Democrats	44%	32	24
Republicans	72%	14	14
Independents	47%	34	20

33. Do you think the United States has done the right thing in the Israel - Hezbollah conflict?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	47%	36	18
Democrats	35%	47	18
Republicans	72%	12	16
Independents	37%	46	18

34. Do you think Israel's military action against Hezbollah has been too aggressive or not aggressive enough?

	Too Aggressive	Not aggressive enough	(About right)	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	37%	31	16	16
Democrats	46%	24	13	17
Republicans	23%	43	20	14
Independents	42%	25	18	15

35. In the current conflict, which side do you think the United States should support -- Israel or Hezbollah and Lebanon? (ROTATE)

	Israel	Hezbollah and Lebanon	(Both sides evenly)	(Neither side)	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	52%	4	7	24	14
Democrats	45%	4	8	29	13
Republicans	70%	3	4	11	12
Independents	39%	4	9	31	16

36. Do you think the United States should take a more active or less active role in the Middle East negotiations?

SCALE: 1. More active 2. Less active 3. (About the same) 4. (Don't know)

	More	Less	(Same)	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	35%	46	12	7
Democrats	35%	50	8	7
Republicans	38%	37	18	7
Independents	36%	44	13	7

37. Do you think the United States should try to broker a cease-fire or let Israel do whatever it thinks it needs to do?

SCALE: 1. Try to broker a cease-fire 2. Let Israel do what it thinks it needs to do 3. (Don't know)

	Cease-fire	Let Israel act	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	44%	47	9
Democrats	49%	39	12
Republicans	35%	59	7
Independents	49%	46	5

38. If a peace treaty were signed, would you favor or oppose the United States sending troops to the Middle East to help keep the peace?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	30%	63	7
Democrats	26%	69	5
Republicans	40%	52	9
Independents	22%	71	7

For reference: Would you favor or oppose sending U.S. troops to the Middle East later, to keep the peace after a treaty has been signed?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
16-17 Apr 02	48%	42	10

39. Do you consider Hezbollah to be a terrorist group or not, or don't you know enough to say?

SCALE: 1. Yes, consider Hezbollah a terrorist group

2. No, do not consider Hezbollah to be a terrorist group 3. Don't know enough

	Yes	No	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	53%	10	38
Democrats	45%	10	45
Republicans	67%	7	26
Independents	51%	13	36

40. How much do you believe the violence in the Middle East affects the United States and day-to-day life in this country?

	A lot	Some	Not much	None at all	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	49%	32	14	3	2
Democrats	51%	31	13	4	2
Republicans	47%	34	14	3	2
Independents	49%	32	15	3	1

41. Overall, do you think most news coverage of the conflict in the Middle East has favored Hezbollah, favored Israel or has presented both sides?

	Hezbollah	Israel	Both	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	13%	26	43	19
Democrats	5%	32	45	18
Republicans	26%	18	39	18
Independents	8%	29	49	15

42. Held for release

43. Iran helped to found Hezbollah and in the past has supplied Hezbollah with money, training and weapons. Given the recent attacks by Hezbollah and the threat of Iran obtaining nuclear weapons, do you think it is time for the United States to take military action directly against Iran?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	19%	67	13
Democrats	15%	71	14
Republicans	26%	62	12
Independents	20%	68	12

44. Thinking about the situation in Iraq, do you think the United States should:

SCALE: 1. Pull out all troops by year-end 2. Pull out all troops gradually over the next year 3. Pull out after Iraqi troops are capable of taking over, even if it takes years 4. Send more troops 5. (Don't know)

	Year end	Next year	After Iraqis capable	Send more	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	27%	31	33	4	5
Democrats	38%	38	17	2	4
Republicans	11%	21	57	6	4
Independents	27%	33	29	4	7

45. Do you think the United States can prevent the violence in Iraq from becoming a civil war?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)	(Already in civil war)
8-9 Aug 06	18%	67	12	3
Democrats	10%	77	11	3
Republicans	29%	53	14	3
Independents	17%	70	8	4

46. If Donald Rumsfeld were to resign as secretary of defense, do you think it would help or hurt the situation in Iraq, or would it make no difference to the situation?

SCALE: 1. Help the situation in Iraq 2. Hurt the situation in Iraq
3. Make no difference 4. (Don't know)

	Help	Hurt	No difference	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	22%	14	54	10
Democrats	32%	6	55	8
Republicans	7%	28	53	12
Independents	27%	10	53	11

47. Do you approve or disapprove of stem cell research -- that is, medical research using tissue from human embryos?

	Approve	Disapprove (Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	63%	24
Democrats	73%	14
Republicans	48%	38
Independents	69%	19
15-16 Jul 03	46%	37

48. How important is the issue of stem cell research to you personally?

SCALE: 1. Very important 2. Somewhat important 3. Not very important
4. Not at all important 5. (Don't know)

	--- Important ---			-- Not important --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
8-9 Aug 06	64%	32	32	31	17	14	5
Democrats	63%	36	27	31	18	13	6
Republicans	61%	27	34	34	17	17	5
Independents	71%	32	39	25	16	9	5
25-26 Jul 01	63%	32	31	28	15	13	9

49. Given Mel Gibson's recent negative comments about Jewish people when he was stopped for drunk driving, would you say you definitely won't go to see his movies in the future, probably won't go, or will the incident not make a difference to your decision to see his movies?

SCALE: 1. Definitely won't go 2. Probably won't go 3. No difference
4. (More likely) 5. (Don't know)

	-----Won't go-----	No	(More	(Don't	
	Definitely	Probably	difference	likely)	know)
8-9 Aug 06	6%	10	80	1	3

50. Which do you think is worse about the Mel Gibson incident?

SCALE: 1. That he was driving while drunk
2. That he was argumentative with the police who stopped him
3. That he made negative comments about Jewish people
4. (All equally bad) 5. (None) 6. (Don't know)

	Drunk driving	Argued with police	Jewish comments	(All)	(None)	(DK)
8-9 Aug 06	50%	3	16	22	4	5

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	42%	34	18	3	3
11-12 Jul 06	40%	34	21	2	4
27-28 Jun 06	38%	36	19	3	4
13-14 Jun 06	42%	34	19	2	3
16-18 May 06	41%	32	21	2	3