

THE BUSH PRESIDENCY AND THE STATE OF THE UNION
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For the first time in his presidency, George W. Bush will give a State of the Union message to a nation where more Americans disapprove than approve of the way he is handling his job as president. Americans are divided over the war in Iraq and the president's authorization of government eavesdropping without warrants, worried about health care, and not convinced the economy is getting better. And the President's party trails the Democrats in voter support in this year's Congressional election.

Just over half of Americans approve of Bush's authorization of wiretaps without warrants to fight terrorism, and nearly as many disapprove. While a majority thinks the purpose of the wiretaps was to fight terrorism, not expand the powers of the president, about half thinks in general the Administration has attempted to make the presidency more powerful at the expense of Congress and the Courts.

THE STATE OF THE PRESIDENCY

42% of Americans approve of the way the President is handling his job, while 51% disapprove. These numbers have not changed much over the last two months.

PRES. BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL

Approve	42%
Disapprove	51

One year ago, 49% of all Americans approved of the way Bush was handling his job as President, and his job approval rating never reached 50% during all of 2005, hovering in the forties for most of the year, and dipping as low as 35% in October.

PRES. BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL

	Now	1/9/2006	12/7/2005	10/2005	1/2005
Approve	42%	41%	40%	35%	49%
Disapprove	51	52	53	57	46

Bush's job approval rating is significantly lower than four of his five modern two-term predecessors at this point in their second terms. In January 1986, President Reagan had a 65% approval rating, and Bill

Clinton's job approval in January 1998 was 58%. Among modern two-term presidents, Bush's current approval rating is higher only than Richard Nixon's was at the same point in his administration, but it is much higher: only 26% approved of Nixon's performance in January 1974.

**BUSH VS. OTHER PRESIDENTS:
APPROVAL RATINGS DURING SECOND TERMS**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Bush	Now	42%	51
Clinton	1/1998	58%	30
Reagan	1/1986	65%	24
Gallup Polls:			
Nixon	1/1974	26%	64
Eisenhower	1/1958	58%	27

Bush's approval ratings on terrorism, the war in Iraq, the economy, and foreign policy have remained about the same over the last two months, and are similar or even slightly lower to what they were a year ago.

PRES. BUSH JOB APPROVALS

	Now	1/9/2005	12/7/2005	1/2005
Terrorism	52%	51%	48%	56%
Economy	39%	39%	38%	42%
Foreign policy	39%	--	36%	42%
Iraq	37%	37%	36%	40%

Not surprisingly, approval of Bush's job as president divides sharply by party. 83% of Republicans approve of the way Bush is handling his job, while an almost equal number of Democrats (81%) disapprove. Among Independents, 34% approve while 54% disapprove.

More Americans have an unfavorable opinion (48%) of George W. Bush than view him favorably (37%). And views of the President's leadership -- once a strong suit for him -- have yet to recover from the impact of Hurricane Katrina. In early September just after the hurricane, only 48% saw Bush as a strong leader, in comparison to 62% of voters who held that view a year earlier and 83% of Americans just after the 9/11 attacks. Although more than half of all Americans now believe that he has strong qualities of leadership, the President has yet to regain the ground he lost on this measure last fall.

DOES BUSH HAVE STRONG QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP?

	Now	12/2005	9/2005	10/2004	9/2001
Yes	53%	49%	48%	62%	83%
No	45	48	49	37	14

Few Americans (25%) believe the Bush Administration has a clear plan for assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. This number is up slightly from last month, but 67% of Americans continue to believe

that the Administration does not have a clear plan for finding housing and jobs for the people left homeless by the Hurricane.

DOES BUSH ADMIN. HAVE CLEAR PLAN TO FIND HOMES & JOBS FOR VICTIMS?

	Now	12/2005	9/2005
Yes	25%	20%	21%
No	67	66	68

Although fewer are optimistic now than were one year ago, half of Americans still have a positive outlook when looking ahead to President Bush's remaining years in office. 52% of Americans are optimistic about the next three years under President Bush, while 45% are pessimistic.

OUTLOOK ON THE REMAINDER OF BUSH'S PRESIDENCY

	Now	1/2005
Optimistic	52%	58%
Pessimistic	45	36

Predictably, Republicans are more optimistic than Democrats and Independents. 88% of Republicans are optimistic, as opposed to 28% of Democrats. Independents are split: 45% are optimistic and 49% are pessimistic.

WIRETAPPING AND THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENCY

The public is divided over the President's authorization of wiretaps, but most think this action is being taken only to fight terrorism and is not an attempt to expand the power of the Presidency. Six in 10 say this is the case. 29% are suspicious.

PRES. BUSH AUTHORIZED WIRETAPS TO ...

Expand the powers of the Presidency	29%
Fight terrorism	61

53% approve of President George W. Bush authorizing the monitoring of U.S. phone calls in order to fight terrorism without first getting court warrants, but 46% do not. The results are similar to those seen nearly three weeks ago, soon after news reports about the wiretaps appeared.

APPROVE OF BUSH AUTHORIZING WIRETAPS TO FIGHT TERRORISM?

	Now	1/9/2006
Approve	53%	49%
Disapprove	46	48

Republicans approve of the President's actions and overwhelmingly believe they were done only to fight terrorism; Democrats disapprove and are skeptical about their motives. Nearly seven in 10 are closely following news about this. One in five is following this news very closely.

When the specific reason for the wiretapping -- to reduce the threat of terrorism -- is omitted from the question, the number of Americans who approve of this action drops by 7 points.

APPROVE OF BUSH AUTHORIZING WIRETAPS?

Approve	46%
Disapprove	50

While most Americans don't see this particular action as an attempt by the President to expand his power, they are divided as to whether the Bush Administration is generally trying to increase the power of the presidency at the expense of Congress and the Courts -- 47% think that is the case, while 42% think it is not.

IS BUSH ADMIN. TRYING TO INCREASE PRESIDENTIAL POWERS?

Yes	47%
No	42

Most Americans don't think presidential powers will increase, however. Just 21% of Americans believe the presidency will be more powerful when Bush leaves office, and an equal number of Americans believes it will be less powerful. 55% do not think there will be any change.

BY THE END OF BUSH'S TERM, THE PRESIDENCY WILL BE ...?

More powerful	21%
Less powerful	22
Same	55

PROTECTING CIVIL LIBERTIES

Even in the immediate wake of the attacks of September 11th, 2001, Americans were not willing to allow the government to monitor phone calls and emails of ordinary Americans. That is still the case. However, they do support the idea of monitoring the communications of those the government is suspicious of.

WILLING TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR PHONE CALLS OF...

	Yes	No
Ordinary Americans	28%	70
Americans the gov't suspects	68%	29

The public has some confidence that the government can correctly tell the difference between whose phone calls ought to be monitored and whose should not. Few, however, express a great deal of confidence. These views have changed little from earlier this month.

CONFIDENCE GOVERNMENT CAN CORRECTLY TELL WHOSE CALLS SHOULD BE MONITORED?

	Now	1/9/2006
Great deal	10%	10%
Fair amount	48	45
Not much/none	41	43

Loss of civil liberties remains a concern. 64% of Americans are at least somewhat concerned about losing some of their civil liberties as a result of the Bush Administration's measures to fight terrorism, including a third who are very concerned. Groups most likely to be very concerned are Democrats, liberals, and African-Americans. Republicans, conservatives, and white Americans are less likely to feel that way.

**CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING CIVIL LIBERTIES BECAUSE OF
BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-TERROR MEASURES?**

	Now	1/9/2006
Very	34%	29%
Somewhat	30	33
Not very/not at all	35	38

There is a continuing division on how the government should balance the search for terrorists with the protection of civil liberties. 48% of Americans say they're more concerned that the government will go too far in restricting civil liberties, but 40% are more concerned the government will fail to enact strong anti-terrorism laws.

ANTI-TERROR LAWS: CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL...

	Now	1/9/2006	11/2002	12/2001
Not make laws strong enough	40%	38%	40%	43%
Restrict civil liberties	48	46	44	45

THE STATE OF THE NATION

The war in Iraq remains the country's most important problem, outranking the economy and jobs. 9% volunteer terrorism, up from 5% earlier this month, before the release of a new tape from Osama Bin Laden. 4% mention health care.

MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM

	Now	1/9/2006	12/2005
War in Iraq	22%	19%	13%
Economy and jobs	14	13	19
Terrorism	9	5	6
Health care	4	4	4
The President	4	3	1
Gas/heating oil	4	2	2

Since last April, only about a third of Americans have felt the country was headed in the right direction, while nearly twice as many have thought it has gotten off on the wrong track. That remains the case in this poll: 32% think the country is headed in the right direction, while 61% think it is on the wrong track.

THE STATE OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

After a slight uptick in early January, assessments of how the war in Iraq is going for the U.S. have returned to the more negative evaluations seen since early 2004. Now, 54% think the war is going badly for the U.S., while 45% think it is going well. In early January, opinion was evenly divided, but last fall more Americans held a negative opinion than a positive one.

HOW IS THE WAR IN IRAQ GOING FOR U.S.?

	Now	1/9/2006	12/2005	10/2005
Well	45%	49%	46%	40%
Badly	54	49	52	57

Americans remain divided as to whether taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do -- 47% say it was, while 50% say it was not. And they are also still divided as to whether the U.S. ought to stay the course in Iraq. 50% think the U.S. should stay in Iraq as long as it takes to build a stable democracy, while 45% think U.S. troops should leave as soon as possible.

Many Americans are skeptical of the President's description of the situation in Iraq. 58% think President Bush makes things in Iraq sound better than they are, while 31% think he describes things accurately. That hasn't changed much since last year.

PRESIDENT BUSH DESCRIBES THINGS IN IRAQ..

Better than they are	58%
Worse than they are	5
Accurately	31

Not surprisingly, there is a strong undercurrent of partisanship in responses to this question. 65% of Republicans think the President is describing things in Iraq accurately, while 81% of Democrats think he is making things sound better than they are.

But on a more positive note, the number of Americans who think progress is being made training Iraqi troops to take over from the U.S. has risen slightly since last month. 54% now think a lot or some progress is being made, up from 48% in December. One in four don't know enough to say.

PROGRESS TRAINING IRAQI TROOPS

	Now	12/2005
A lot	16%	14%
Some	38	34
Not much/none	20	24
Don't know	26	28

Although most Americans don't expect U.S. troops to leave Iraq anytime soon, a third of Americans now think U.S. troops will only have to remain in Iraq less than two years -- the most optimistic Americans

have been on this question since 2004. 34% expect U.S. troops to stay two years or less, up from 26% last December. 37% think they will have to remain there for two to five years, and 22% expect them to be there longer than five years (down from 28% last month).

HOW LONG WILL U.S. TROOPS STAY IN IRAQ?

	Now	12/2005	9/2005	4/2004
Less than 2 years	34%	26%	26%	35%
2 to 5 years	37	37	38	33
5+ years	22	28	28	25

THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Americans' views of the economy improved late last year, and that optimism continues. Now, 57% think the economy is in good shape, and 42% think it is in bad shape.

VIEWS OF THE ECONOMY

	Now	12/2005	10/2005
Good	57%	55%	47%
Bad	42	43	51

However, their expectations are less optimistic. 17% think the economy is getting better, but twice as many think it is getting worse. 44% think it is staying about the same. Those figures have changed little in the past couple of months.

ECONOMY IS GETTING...

Better	17%
Worse	38
Same	44

Americans do not expect much economic change during the remainder of Bush's term in office. When asked to predict the state the economy will be in when Bush's second term ends, only 22% of Americans believe the economy will be better than it is today - as opposed to 33% who felt that way a year ago. 28% think it will be worse, while almost half (49%) think it will be about the same.

And Americans are downright pessimistic about the increasing size of the federal budget deficit. 70% of Americans think the budget deficit will be larger in 2008 than it is today - up from 66% a year ago. The President has promised several times that the deficit will be cut in half within five years; Americans clearly don't expect it will.

BY THE END OF BUSH'S SECOND TERM...?

	Better	Worse	Same
The economy will be...	22%	28	49
	Bigger	Smaller	Same
The budget deficit will be...	70%	6	22

A significant segment of Americans express concerns about a key element of their own economic well-being -- job security. 22% say they are very concerned they or someone in their household will lose their job in the next year, and another 27% are somewhat concerned. Those numbers have remained consistent over the past year.

CONCERN ABOUT JOB LOSS

Very	22%
Somewhat	27
Not at all	51

About three in 10 of those with a high school education or less are very concerned about job loss in their household. Concern drops to fewer than two in 10 among college graduates.

These employment concerns influence American's views of the direction of the economy. More than half of those who are very concerned about a job loss in their household say the economy is getting worse, while those with less job anxiety are more apt to say the economy is getting better or staying the same.

THE STATE OF THE TERROR THREAT

The release of a new audiotape by Osama bin Laden last Friday threatening future attacks against the U.S. appears to have had no effect on Americans' perceptions of the terror threat. While more people cite terrorism as the country's most important problem than did so before the tape's release, there appears to have been little impact on the public's concern about a terrorist attack against the U.S. in the near future. 53% think a terrorist attack on the United States is likely in the next few months, similar to what it was last August, when the number was 52% -- the lowest ever in this poll.

LIKELIHOOD OF TERROR ATTACK IN U.S. IN NEXT FEW MONTHS

	Now	8/2005	9/2004	9/2001
Very likely	10%	9%	18%	36%
Somewhat likely	43	43	48	42
Not likely	44	42	31	20

Expectations of another terrorist attack have declined as time has passed since 9/11. In September 2001, three in four Americans expected another terrorist attack, and more than 60% continued to throughout most of 2004.

For some time, a plurality of Americans has felt that the war in Iraq has made no difference to the threat of terrorism against the U.S. This poll continues that trend -- 40% express that view. Still, another 39% think the war has made the U.S. safer, while only 19% think it has made the U.S. less safe.

THE STATE OF HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S.

President Bush has mentioned health care in every State of the Union speech he has delivered - often promising tax credits, a Patients' Bill of Rights, and prescription drug coverage. At the start of his sixth year in office, Americans continue to have serious concerns about the health care system - they think it needs fundamental changes and don't see it improving in the next few years.

Nine in ten Americans think the U.S. health care system needs fundamental changes or needs to be completely rebuilt. The percentage saying the country's health care system needs to be completely rebuilt is the highest since 1994.

U.S. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM NEEDS...

	Now	2/2005	1/2002	1/1994
Minor changes	8%	13%	13%	9%
Fundamental changes	56	59	57	52
To be completely rebuilt	34	27	30	38

Nearly all Americans - 87% - are concerned about their own health care costs, including six in 10 who express a lot of concern.

HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU ABOUT YOUR HEALTH CARE COSTS?

A lot	61%
Some	26
Not	13

Americans currently without health care coverage are more likely to say the U.S. healthcare system needs to be rebuilt and that the government needs to take on a larger role in providing health insurance for all.

Overall, Americans favor an expanded role for the government in health care. 62% think the federal government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans. 31% say this is not the responsibility of the government.

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL?

Yes	62%
No	31

An overwhelming majority of Democrats think the government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans, while Republicans are more divided on the issue.

Views are mixed as to the best strategy for keeping health care costs down. 34% say letting individuals shop around among doctors and hospitals would be more effective, 34% choose having the government regulate health care costs, and 23% say having employers contract with

insurance companies to cover their workers. The President favors the first option, as do Republicans in this poll.

But Americans do not expect much progress on the issue of health care in President Bush's second term. Only 9% think the health care system will be better in 2008 than it is today, while four in 10 thinks the system will be worse.

Despite the recent implementation of a new Medicare prescription drug program, 51% of Americans expect seniors will be paying more for their prescription drugs at the end of President Bush's second term. Just 11% think they will be paying less. Among those 65 and over, 46% think they will be paying more for prescription drugs three years from now than they do today.

BY THE END OF PRES. BUSH'S SECOND TERM...?

	Better	Worse	Same
Health care will be...	9%	40%	50%
	More	Less	Same
Prescription drugs will cost...	51%	11%	35%

Even though Americans are concerned about health care costs and the system in general, just 4% volunteer health care as the most important problem facing the country. It ranks behind the Iraq war, the economy, and terrorism. Throughout 2005 mentions of health care were consistently in the low single digits. Also, people with health insurance say they're content with the care they receive.

This poll was conducted among a nationwide random sample of 1,229 adults, interviewed by telephone January 20-25, 2006. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points.

CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL
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q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan06a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	42	83	14	34	41
Disapprove	51	14	81	54	52
DK/NA	7	3	5	12	7

q2 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	32	63	13	25	31
Wrong track	61	30	83	67	62
DK/NA	7	7	4	8	7

q3 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

War in Iraq	22	13	33	19	19
Economy / jobs	14	10	17	13	13
Terrorism (general)	9	14	3	9	5
Health Care	4	4	5	4	4
Gas/Heating Oil Crisis	4	5	3	3	2
The President/G.W. Bush	4	1	5	4	3
Defense / Military	3	3	2	4	2
Education	3	3	2	3	3
Poverty / Homelessness	3	4	3	3	4
Moral Values/Family Values	3	5	0	3	4
Religious Values	2	4	1	2	2
Foreign Policy	2	2	1	2	2
Politicians/Government	2	1	3	3	2
Immigration	2	3	1	4	3
Other	19	24	14	20	25
DK/NA	5	4	7	4	7

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign policy?

					Dec05a
Approve	39	76	15	32	36
Disapprove	54	18	80	60	50
DK/NA	7	6	5	8	14

q5 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

					Jan06a
Approve	39	75	14	33	39
Disapprove	54	19	79	60	52
DK/NA	7	6	7	7	9

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan06a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	37	76	11	30	37
Disapprove	59	21	86	64	58
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	5

q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	52	87	28	45	51
Disapprove	43	10	66	48	41
DK/NA	5	3	6	7	8

q10 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

Very good	6	13	2	5	6
Fairly good	51	65	41	49	48
Fairly bad	29	16	35	33	32
Very bad	13	5	20	13	13
DK/NA	1	1	2	0	1

q11 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Better	17	34	5	15	20
Worse	38	18	53	41	37
Same	44	48	42	43	43
DK/NA	1	0	0	1	0

q20 Is your opinion of George W. Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George W. Bush yet to have an opinion?

					Dec05a
Favorable	37	82	6	30	38
Not favorable	48	10	79	48	46
Undecided	13	8	13	19	11
Haven't heard enough	1	0	2	2	4
Refused	1	0	0	1	1

q21 Is your opinion of Dick Cheney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	23	51	4	18	20
Not favorable	41	11	65	42	41
Undecided	17	21	13	19	18
Haven't heard enough	18	17	18	20	20
Refused	1	0	0	1	1

q25 Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next three years with George W. Bush as president?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **					
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan05b
	%	%	%	%	%
Optimistic	52	88	28	45	58
Pessimistic	45	11	69	49	36
DK/NA	3	1	3	6	6

q26 Do you think George W. Bush has strong qualities of leadership, or not?

					Dec05a
Has	53	85	26	51	49
Does not have	45	13	72	46	48
DK/NA	2	2	2	3	3

q28 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you expect the economy to be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

					Jan05b
Better	22	39	9	21	33
Worse	28	10	43	28	27
About the same	49	49	47	50	38
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	2

q29 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think the health care system in this country will be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

Better	9	16	5	7
Worse	40	15	58	43
About the same	50	68	35	48
DK/NA	1	1	2	2

q30 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think seniors will pay more for their prescription drugs than they do today, will pay less, or about the same as they do today?

More	51	31	68	51	45
Less	11	20	3	11	15
About the same	35	44	26	35	36
DK/NA	3	5	3	3	4

q31 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think the federal budget deficit will be bigger than it is now, smaller than it is now, or about the same as it is now?

Bigger	70	50	85	72	66
Smaller	6	10	2	6	8
About the same	22	37	12	18	24
DK/NA	2	3	1	4	2

q33 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think the office of the presidency will be more powerful than it was at the start of his first term, less powerful or about the same?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
More powerful	21	15	24	22
Less powerful	22	11	31	23
About the same	55	72	43	51
DK/NA	2	2	2	4

q34 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think most abortions in the United States will be legal or will most abortions be against the law?

					Jan05b
Legal	47	47	42	52	47
Against the law	41	41	46	36	43
DK/NA	12	12	12	12	10

q35 Do you think the Bush Administration is trying to increase the powers of the presidency and decrease the powers of Congress and the Courts, or don't you think it is trying to do that?

Trying to increase power	47	21	68	48
Not trying to increase power	42	70	21	37
DK/NA	11	9	11	15

q38 Do you think members of the Bush Administration have a clear plan for finding housing and jobs for people left homeless by Hurricane Katrina or don't they have a plan yet?

					Dec05a
Have a clear plan	25	46	7	25	20
Doesn't have a plan	67	41	90	68	66
DK/NA	8	13	3	7	14

q41 Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the health care system in the United States? 1. On the whole, the health care system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better, or 2. There are some good things in our health care system, but fundamental changes are needed, or 3. Our health care system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it.

					Feb05b
Minor changes	8	15	3	7	13
Fundamental changes	56	61	48	58	59
Completely rebuild	34	21	47	33	27
Don't know/No answer	2	3	2	2	1

q42 Do you think the federal government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans, or isn't this the responsibility of the federal government?

					Jul00a
Guarantee insurance	62	42	81	62	62
Not responsibility	31	51	13	32	29
DK/NA	7	7	6	6	9

q43 How concerned are you about the health care costs you are facing now or will face in the future -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	61	50	74	58
Some	26	29	18	32
Not much	8	13	5	6
Not at all	5	8	3	4
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q44 Which do you think would do a better job of keeping health care costs down? 1) letting individuals decide what care they really need and shop around among doctors and hospitals; OR 2) having employers contract with insurance companies to cover their workers, OR 3) having the government regulate health care costs?

Individuals	34	40	29	34
Employers	23	27	22	21
Government regulation	34	25	44	34
Individuals & employ. (Vol.)	0	1	0	0
Individuals & gov't (Vol.)	1	2	0	1
Employers & gov't (Vol.)	1	0	0	1
All 3 (Vol.)	1	1	0	2
DK/NA	6	4	5	7

q56 How concerned are you about losing some of your civil liberties as a result of the measures enacted by the Bush Administration to fight terrorism -- are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

					Jan06a
Very concerned	34	11	57	33	29
Somewhat concerned	30	31	26	33	33
Not very concerned	17	25	10	18	22
Not at all concerned	18	32	8	15	16
DK/NA	1	1	0	1	0

q57 If a person is suspected of a serious crime, do you think the police should be allowed to hold him in jail until they can get enough evidence to officially charge him?

					Dec01a
Yes	43	48	40	42	49
No	48	41	55	46	42
Sometimes (Vol.)	5	6	1	7	5
DK/NA	4	5	4	5	4

q58 Which concerns you more right now -- that the government will fail to enact strong anti-terrorism laws, or that the government will enact new anti-terrorism laws which excessively restrict the average person's civil liberties?

					Jan06a
Fail to enact laws	40	56	30	36	38
Restrict civil liberties	48	31	61	50	46
Both (Vol.)	2	2	1	2	3
Neither (Vol.)	2	5	0	3	1
DK/NA	8	6	8	9	12

q59 In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, would you be willing or not willing to allow government agencies to monitor the telephone calls and e-mails of ordinary Americans on a regular basis?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan06a
	%	%	%	%	%
Willing	28	40	20	27	28
Not willing	70	57	77	72	68
DK/NA	2	3	3	1	4

q60 In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, would you be willing or not willing to allow government agencies to monitor the telephone calls and e-mails of Americans that the government is suspicious of?

Willing	68	82	58	67	69
Not willing	29	18	40	29	26
DK/NA	3	0	2	4	5

q61 As you may know, President Bush has recently said that he authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants. How closely would you say you have been following news about this -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

Very closely	22	18	27	21
Somewhat closely	45	42	46	47
Not too closely	20	28	17	17
Not at all	12	11	9	14
DK/NA	1	1	1	1

q62 After 9/11, President Bush authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants, saying this was necessary in order to reduce the threat of terrorism. Do you approve or disapprove of the President doing this?

** HALF SAMPLE X **

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan06a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	53	83	37	45	49
Disapprove	46	16	62	53	48
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	3

q63 After 9/11, George W. Bush authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants. Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush doing this?

** HALF SAMPLE Y **

Approve	46	67	29	44
Disapprove	50	28	70	53
DK/NA	4	5	1	3

q64 From what you have heard or read, what do you think is the main reason this is being done -- is it being done as part of a plan to expand the power of the Presidency, or is it being done ONLY to fight terrorism?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
Expand presidency	29	8	49	29
Fight terrorism	61	87	38	60
Both (Vol.)	5	4	6	6
DK/NA	5	1	7	5

q66 In general, how much confidence do you have that government agencies are able to correctly tell whose phone calls and emails should be monitored and whose should not -- do you have a great deal of confidence, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

					Jan06a %
A great deal	10	18	3	9	10
Fair amount	48	63	37	46	45
Not much	28	13	39	30	30
None at all	13	4	20	13	13
DK/NA	1	2	1	2	2

q68 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S. have stayed out?

Right thing	47	83	17	44	47
Stayed out	50	15	79	50	49
DK/NA	3	2	4	6	4

q69 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	8	20	2	6	8
Somewhat well	37	56	18	39	41
Somewhat badly	30	15	42	30	28
Very badly	24	7	38	24	21
DK/NA	1	2	0	1	2

q70 Should the United States troops stay in Iraq as long as it takes to make sure Iraq is a stable democracy, even if it takes a long time, or should U.S. troops leave Iraq as soon as possible, even if Iraq is not completely stable?

Stay as long as it takes	50	75	27	50	49
Leave as soon as possible	45	21	67	43	44
DK/NA	5	4	6	7	7

q71 When George W. Bush talks about how things are going for the United States in Iraq today, do you think he is making things in Iraq sound better than they really are, making things sound worse than they really are, or is he describing the situation in Iraq accurately?

Sound better	58	30	81	60	58
Sound worse	5	1	6	8	4
Describing accurately	31	65	9	25	33
Don't know/No answer	6	4	4	7	5

q72 As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the United States is more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't it made any difference?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan06a
	%	%	%	%	%
More safe	39	67	20	34	36
Less safe	19	6	27	22	19
No difference	40	24	51	41	41
DK/NA	2	3	2	3	4

q73 How much longer do you think the United States troops will have to remain in Iraq -- for less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, or will U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dec05a
Less than a year	8	4	11	8	6
One to two years	26	35	21	24	20
Two to five years	37	38	33	40	37
Longer than five years	22	16	29	21	28
Don't know/No answer	7	7	6	7	9

q75 From what you have heard or read, how much progress has the United States made in training Iraqi troops to take over from the U.S. -- a lot, some, not much, none at all, or don't you know enough about it yet to say?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
A lot	16	30	6	13	14
Some	38	39	37	39	34
Not much	16	6	23	17	19
None at all	4	2	6	3	5
Don't know enough	26	22	27	27	28
DK/NA	0	1	1	1	0

q76 How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack in the United States within the next few months --very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug05b
Very likely	10	9	12	9	9
Somewhat likely	43	37	42	48	43
Not very likely	33	43	31	28	35
Not at all likely	11	8	12	12	7
Don't know/No answer	3	3	3	3	6

q79 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work or looking for a job -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dec05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very concerned	22	9	33	23	21
Somewhat concerned	27	22	26	31	25
Not at all concerned	51	69	40	46	53
DK/NA	0	0	1	0	1

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1229	
Total Republicans	372	360
Total Democrats	388	412
Total Independents	469	456
Half Sample X	610	600
Half Sample Y	619	629