

**CBS NEWS POLL**

**Concern About Iraq; Continued Support For The President  
December 21-22, 2003**

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	Dec03b
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	60	90	29	64	58
Disapprove	33	7	63	26	33
DK/NA	7	3	8	10	9

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	51	83	23	51	49
Wrong track	43	13	68	43	43
DK/NA	6	4	9	6	8

q3 Which ONE issue would you most like to hear the candidates for president discuss during the 2004 presidential campaign?

	*REGISTERED VOTERS*	
Economy and jobs	25	25
Healthcare/Medicare	16	16
War in Iraq	10	8
Education	5	4
Defense / Military	3	2
Taxes/IRS	3	4
Terrorism (general)	3	1
Poverty / Homelessness	2	3
Foreign policy	2	2
Budget deficit /Nat'l debt	2	2
Other	10	19
DK/NA	16	14

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

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				
Approve	54	83	24	57	52
Disapprove	36	11	63	32	38
DK/NA	10	6	13	11	10

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

Approve	48	76	23	48	49
Disapprove	46	19	71	44	43
DK/NA	6	5	6	8	8

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	Dec03b
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	57	84	30	60	59
Disapprove	36	12	61	34	35
DK/NA	7	4	9	6	6

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

Approve	70	92	50	71	68
Disapprove	23	7	38	23	26
DK/NA	7	1	12	6	6

q8 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	3	5	1	3	5
Fairly good	56	77	37	55	50
Fairly bad	28	13	41	29	28
Very bad	12	4	21	10	13
DK/NA	1	1	0	3	4

q9 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2004 Presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

\*\* REGISTERED VOTERS \*\*

A lot	20	17	19	23	21
Some	42	55	35	36	40
Not much	29	22	39	26	29
No attention so far	9	5	7	14	10
DK/NA	0	1	0	1	0

q10 If the 2004 Presidential election were being held today, do you think you would probably vote for George W. Bush or probably vote for the Democratic candidate?

George W. Bush	49	88	11	51	44
Democratic candidate	40	6	79	31	40
Can't say until chosen (Vol.)	6	2	7	8	8
None, won't vote (Vol.)	1	0	0	1	1
DK/NA	4	4	3	9	7

q11 Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

VOTERS WHO MADE A  
CHOICE IN Q10

Mind made up	60	64
Too early to say for sure	40	35
DK/NA	0	1

q12 Next year, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic presidential Primary or caucus, or a Republican primary or caucus or aren't you likely to vote in a primary or caucus at all?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Democratic primary	37	5	78	24
Republican primary	29	68	3	18
Not likely to vote	23	21	13	36
DK/NA	11	6	6	22

q13 Who would you like to see the Democratic party nominate as its presidential candidate in 2004 -- Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Richard Gephardt, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Lieberman, Carol Moseley-Braun, Al Sharpton, or someone else?

** DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS **			Dec03b
Clark	10		10
Dean	16		23
Edwards	5		2
Gephardt	9		6
Kerry	4		4
Kucinich	2		1
Lieberman	6		10
Moseley-Braun	6		1
Sharpton	2		5
Other	16		10
DK/NA	24		28

q14 Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS WHO MADE A CHOICE IN Q13		
Mind made up	27	25
Too early to say for sure	71	74
DK/NA	2	1

q15 If the 2004 Presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were George W. Bush, the Republican, and Howard Dean, the Democrat, do you think you would vote for George W. Bush or Howard Dean?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
George W. Bush	55	91	20	57
Howard Dean	35	3	70	28
Other (Vol.)	0	0	0	1
Depends (Vol.)	3	2	2	3
None, won't vote (Vol.)	1	0	1	1
DK/NA	6	4	7	10

q16 Would you prefer the Democratic nominee for President be someone who supported the war in Iraq, someone who opposed the war in Iraq, or would this not matter to you?

	Reg. Voters %	Dem Primary Voters %	Dec03b Dem Prim Voters %
Supported	41	25	27
Opposed	22	39	31
Doesn't matter	33	33	37
DK/NA	4	3	5

q18 Do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

\*\* HALF SAMPLE A \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Dec03b %
Worth it	54	74	27	58	54
Not worth it	37	19	64	32	37
DK/NA	9	7	9	10	9

q19 Do you think the result of the war with Iraq was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

\*\* HALF SAMPLE B \*\*

Worth it	42	68	14	50	44
Not worth it	47	21	74	39	49
DK/NA	11	11	12	11	7

q20 Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' current occupation of Iraq?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				Oct03a
Approve	57	78	32	62	52
Disapprove	38	19	59	33	42
DK/NA	5	3	9	5	6

q21 Which of these comes closer to your opinion? The U.S. has already completed its main mission in Iraq, or the U.S. has still NOT completed its main mission in Iraq.

					Nov03a
Already completed mission	32	29	35	32	26
Still not completed	61	65	58	62	69
Completed only some (vol.)	2	3	1	3	1
DK/NA	5	3	6	3	4

q22 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?

					Dec03b
Very well	8	15	3	7	12
Somewhat well	57	71	44	58	53
Somewhat badly	24	11	33	26	21
Very badly	9	2	18	8	10
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	4

q23 Which do you think most Iraqi people are feeling right now - grateful to the United States for getting rid of Saddam Hussein or resentful of the United States for being in Iraq right now?

*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct03a
	%	%	%	%	%
Grateful	48	64	36	47	41
Resentful	30	21	41	28	38
Both (vol.)	13	8	16	13	14
DK/NA	9	7	7	12	7

q24 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?

	Dec03b				
Right thing	62	84	35	67	63
Stay out	34	11	60	29	31
Don't know/No answer	4	5	5	4	6

q25 Do you think the United States has won the war in Iraq, or not?

Won	35	47	25	34	46
Not won	59	47	66	62	47
DK/NA	6	6	9	4	7

q26 Do you think of the war with Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF PART OF WAR ON TERRORISM, ASK: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

	Nov03a				
Major part of war on terror	46	66	22	53	46
Minor part of war on terror	15	18	14	14	14
Separate from war on terror	33	13	58	26	35
DK/NA	6	3	6	7	5

q28 Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. Iraq was a threat to the United States that required immediate military action; 2. Iraq was a threat that could have been contained; 3. Iraq was not a threat to the United States at all.

	***** HALF SAMPLE C *****				Dec03b
Threat required action	44	70	23	43	44
Could have been contained	39	24	54	37	37
Not a threat	14	5	20	16	15
Don't know/No answer	3	1	3	4	4

q29 Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. Saddam Hussein was a threat to the United States that required immediate military action; 2. Saddam Hussein was a threat that could have been contained; 3. Saddam Hussein was not a threat to the United States at all.

	***** HALF SAMPLE D *****			
Threat required action	45	62	22	52
Could have been contained	42	29	56	40
Not a threat	9	4	16	6
Don't know/No answer	4	5	6	2

q30 Now that Saddam Hussein has been captured, do you think the attacks against U.S. troops in Iraq will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dec03b*
	%	%	%	%	%
Increase	25	19	27	29	19
Decrease	20	26	16	19	24
Stay same	52	52	55	49	52
DK/NA	3	3	2	3	5

\*Asked with intro: "As you may know, the United States military has captured Saddam Hussein alive..."

q31 As a result of the capture of Saddam Hussein, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

					Dec03b
Increase	31	26	34	32	18
Decrease	15	22	13	11	19
About the same	51	48	50	55	60
Don't know/No answer	3	4	4	2	3

q32 Should Saddam Hussein be tried by a U.S. military court, tried by an Iraqi court, or tried by an international court?

U.S. Military court	11	10	9	14
Iraqi Criminal court	35	46	29	32
International court	50	39	59	50
DK/NA	4	5	3	4

q33 Which of these do you think is most likely: 1. Iraq will become a stable democracy in the next year or two, 2. Iraq will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two, or 3. Iraq will probably never become a stable democracy?

Will, in next year or two	7	9	4	7
Will, but will take longer	59	68	56	56
Will never become democracy	31	21	38	32
Don't know/No answer	3	2	2	5

q34 If Iraq becomes a stable democracy, do you think that will make the United States more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or won't it make any difference?

					Nov03a
More safe	41	56	28	40	38
Less safe	4	3	4	5	6
No difference	52	40	63	53	55
DK/NA	3	1	5	2	1

q35 Which comes closest to your opinion about U.S. priorities? 1. Right now, the U.S. should mainly focus its attention on finding Osama bin Laden and other members of Al Qaeda, or 2. Right now, the U.S. should mainly focus its attention on dealing with Saddam Hussein and Iraq?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep02c
	%	%	%	%	%
Focus on bin Laden/Al Qaeda	61	57	63	63	40
Focus on Saddam Hussein/Iraq	24	26	24	22	36
Both (vol.)	9	14	6	9	13
Neither (vol.)	2	1	3	2	2
Don't know/No answer	4	2	4	4	9

q43 Now that the Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has said he will give up his weapons of mass destruction programs, do you think that will make the United States more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or won't it make any difference?

More safe	40	58	28	37
Less safe	4	5	5	4
No difference	53	37	63	55
Don't know/No answer	3	0	4	4

q36 Do you think the U.S. government had information before September 11th 2001 that could have prevented the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or didn't they have that information?

Had information	51	44	63	46
Did not have information	37	43	28	39
Don't know/No answer	12	13	9	15

q37 Do you think if more attention had been paid to that information, the September 11th attacks could have been prevented, or not?

Could have been prevented	36	29	50	31
Could not have been prevented	11	10	8	13
Don't know/No answer	4	5	5	3
Didn't have info/DK in q36	49	56	37	53

q38 Do you personally use a computer either at home, work, or school to connect to the Internet or an online service like AOL?

Yes	70	81	66	65
No	30	19	34	35
Don't know/No answer	0	0	0	0

q39 Have you ever used the Internet to visit a campaign, candidate, party, or other political web site for information on the upcoming 2004 presidential election?

VOTERS WITH INTERNET ACCESS

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes	17	18	16	18
No	83	82	84	82
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q40 In general, do you think the Internet has changed the way politicians conduct political campaigns in this country, or do you think the Internet has had little effect on political campaigns? IF CHANGE, ASK: Do you think it has changed campaigns for the better, or for the worse?

Change for the better	37	33	43	36
Change for the worse	7	6	4	10
Little effect	38	37	40	39
Neither better or worse (vol.)	5	8	1	5
Don't know/No answer	13	16	12	10

q44 How important is religion in your daily life? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*

Extremely important	27	32	28	21
Very important	36	39	36	32
Somewhat important	30	24	28	36
Not at all important	7	5	8	9
DK/NA	0	0	0	2

q45 Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

Yes	26	33	23	23
No	73	66	76	76
DK/NA	1	1	1	1

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>Margin of error</u>
Total Respondents	799		4 pts.
Registered Voters	685	643	4 pts.
Democratic Primary Voters	244	236	6 pts.
Republicans	258	228	
Democrats	252	259	
Independents	289	312	
Voters with Internet Access	495	469	
Half Sample A	392	395	
Half Sample B	407	404	
Half Sample C	432	437	
Half Sample D	367	362	