

**CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL**

**A LOOK AT THE 2004 DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

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Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

q6 How would you describe your support for John Kerry as the Democratic nominee? Would you say you are enthusiastically supporting him, supporting him but have reservations about him, or are you supporting him only because he is the likely party nominee?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %
Enthusiastic	88
With reservations	6
Party nominee	4
DK/NA	2

q7 How many years have you been active in Democratic party politics?

Average # of years: 22

q8 Have you ever attended a national convention as a delegate or as an alternate before?

Yes	43
No	57
DK/NA	0

q10 What do you think will be the most important campaign issue in your state?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %	2000 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %
Economy and jobs	51	34	15
War in Iraq	14	22	0
Health Care	8	3	19
Education	7	4	33
The President/G.W. Bush	3	0	0
Environment	1	1	3
Medicare, Medicaid	1	2	3
Foreign Policy	1	2	0
Defense / Military	1	0	0
Misc. Government Issues	1	0	1
Budget Deficit/Nat'l Debt	1	0	0
Taxes/IRS	1	3	1
Electoral system	1	1	0
Terrorism (general)	1	2	0
Security/Safety	1	0	0
Other	5	15	23
DK/NA	2	11	2

q11 Who would you like John Kerry to choose as his vice-president?

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TO THE SELECTION OF JOHN EDWARDS

	%
Evan Bayh	1
Wesley Clark	3
John Edwards	56
Dianne Feinstein	0
Howard Dean	2
Robert Rubin	0
Bill Richardson	6
Richard Durbin	0
Bob Graham	1
Richard (Dick) Gephardt	4
Tom Vilsack	1
John McCain	2
Hillary Clinton	1
Other	3
DK/NA	18

q12 Who would be your second choice for the vice-presidential nomination?

Evan Bayh	1
Wesley Clark	8
John Edwards	13
Dianne Feinstein	1
Howard Dean	1
Bill Richardson	6
Bob Graham	4
Richard (Dick) Gephardt	15
Tom Vilsack	2
John McCain	2
Joe Biden	1
Hillary Clinton	4
Other	7
DK/NA	35

q11a Which best describes your feelings about John Kerry's selection of John Edwards as his Vice-Presidential nomination -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

ASKED OF THOSE DELEGATES INTERVIEWED AFTER  
THE SELECTION OF JOHN EDWARDS

	%
Enthusiastic	89
Satisfied, not enthusiastic	8
Dissatisfied, not angry	0
Angry	0
DK/NA	3

q12a Do you think having John Edwards on the ticket as the Vice-Presidential nominee attracts voters who otherwise might not vote for the Democratic ticket, or doesn't John Edwards' presence on the ticket accomplish that?

ASKED OF THOSE DELEGATES INTERVIEWED AFTER  
THE SELECTION OF JOHN EDWARDS

	%
Yes	92
No	3
DK/NA	5

\*Asked only of those delegates interviewed after the selection of Edwards

q13 Do you think of John Kerry as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
Liberal	24	32
Moderate	69	43
Conservative	2	11
DK/NA	6	15

q14 Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Hillary Clinton yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	91	69
Not favorable	2	10
Undecided	5	14
Haven't heard enough	1	6
Refused	1	1

q15 Is your opinion of Al Gore favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Al Gore yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	83	60
Not favorable	7	15
Undecided	9	15
Haven't heard enough	0	8
Refused	1	2

q16 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	56	38
Not favorable	17	9
Undecided	20	22
Haven't heard enough	4	29
Refused	2	2

q17 Is your opinion of Ted Kennedy favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Ted Kennedy yet to have an opinion?

	2004 Democratic Delegates %	JUL04C Democratic Voters %
Favorable	88	54
Not favorable	3	15
Undecided	7	13
Haven't heard enough	1	18
Refused	0	0

q18 Is your opinion of Bill Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Bill Clinton yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	96	79
Not favorable	1	14
Undecided	3	7
Haven't heard enough	0	0
Refused	1	0

q19 Is your opinion of Terry McAuliffe favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Terry McAuliffe yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	51
Not favorable	9
Undecided	21
Haven't heard enough	18
Refused	1

q20 Is your opinion of Ralph Nader favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Ralph Nader yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	9	16
Not favorable	76	34
Undecided	12	24
Haven't heard enough	2	26
Refused	1	0

q21 Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to solve national problems; or Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals?

Government should do more	79	48
Government is doing too much	12	45
DK/NA	9	7

q22 Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to promote traditional values; or Government should not favor one set of values over another?

Do more	15	26
Should not favor	78	71
DK/NA	7	3

q23 How serious a problem do you think the budget deficit is for the country right now -- very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
Very serious	86	68
Somewhat serious	13	23
Not too serious	1	8
Not at all serious	0	0
DK/NA	1	1

q24 Which do you think is a better way to improve the national economy -- cutting taxes or reducing the federal budget deficit?

Cutting taxes	4	18
Reducing the federal budget	87	72
Neither (vol.)	5	3
DK/NA	4	6

q25 Which comes closest to your view about the tax cuts Congress has passed since 2000: 1. ALL of those tax cuts should be made permanent OR 2. MOST of those tax cuts should be made permanent; OR 3. MOST of those tax cuts should be repealed or allowed to expire; OR 4. ALL of those tax cuts should be repealed or allowed to expire.

All made permanent	1	10
Most made permanent	6	23
Most repealed or expire	71	40
All repealed or expire	18	19
DK/NA	4	7

q26 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?

Did the right thing	7	21
Should have stayed out	86	75
DK/NA	7	4

q27 Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

Present level	51	32
Increased	23	16
Decreased	14	48
DK/NA	12	4

q28 What is your personal feeling about abortion: 1. It should be permitted in all cases; 2. It should be permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than it is now; 3. It should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest and to save the woman's life; OR 4. It should ONLY be permitted to save the woman's life?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
Permitted in all cases	64	37
Permitted with restrictions	14	16
Only rape/incest/save life	10	31
Only to save life	2	12
Not permitted at all (vol.)	1	2
DK/NA	9	3

q29 Which of these comes closest to your view?...1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it. 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now. 3. Abortion should not be permitted?

Generally available	75	49
Available but stricter limits	17	36
Not permitted	2	13
DK/NA	6	2

q30 Which concerns you more right now -- that the government is failing to enact strong anti-terrorism laws, or that the government is enacting new anti-terrorism laws which excessively restrict the average person's civil liberties?

Fail to enact	13	35
Enact laws that are excessive	77	53
Neither (vol.)	5	3
DK/NA	5	9

q31 Should presidential candidates discuss the role of religion in their lives or is this something that should not be part of a presidential campaign?

Should discuss	33	32
Not part of campaign	62	65
DK/NA	5	3

q32 How important do you think it is for the United States to work through the United Nations to solve international problems -- is it extremely important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

Extremely important	79
Somewhat important	21
Not so important	0
DK/NA	0

q33 Should the United States try to change a dictatorship to a democracy where it can, or should the United States stay out of other countries' affairs?

Try to change	16	15
Stay out	56	76
Depends (vol.)	21	7
DK/NA	7	2

q34 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?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
Worth it	3	12
Not worth it	93	85
DK/NA	4	3

q35 Which comes closer to your opinion about what the United States policy should be after the war with Iraq? The United States should not attack another country unless the U.S. is attacked first OR The United States should be able to attack any country it thinks might attack the U.S.?

U.S. should not attack	68	72
U.S. should attack	17	22
DK/NA	15	6

q36 Which comes closest to your view? 1. Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, OR 2. Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, OR 3. There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Should be allowed to marry	44	36
Should form civil unions	43	28
No legal recognition	5	33
DK/NA	7	3

q37 What do you think should be the penalty for murder --- the death penalty or life in prison without any chance of parole?

Death penalty	19	39
Life in prison, no parole	66	48
Depends (vol.)	12	9
DK/NA	3	5

q38 Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: We must protect the environment even if it means jobs in your community are lost because of it.

Agree	62	62
Disagree	23	33
DK/NA	15	5

q39 When it comes to regulating the environmental and safety practices of business, do you think the federal government is doing enough, should it do more, or should it do less?

Doing enough	11	20
Should do more	85	71
Should do less	2	6
DK/NA	2	3

q40 Which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion -- 1. Trade restrictions are necessary to protect domestic industries, OR 2. Free trade must be allowed, even if domestic industries are hurt by foreign competition?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %	2000 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %
Restrictions necessary	67	68	50
Allow free trade	23	26	37
DK/NA	10	6	13

q41 This year new independent groups - often known as "527" organizations -are running TV advertisements to support policy goals. By law, these advertisements can NOT be coordinated or approved by political parties or campaigns. From what you have seen or heard, are advertisements from the "527" groups that are trying to support Democratic policy goals making it easier for Democratic candidates to win in November, making it harder, or are they not affecting the Democratic candidates' ability to win in November, or haven't you heard enough yet about 527 groups to say for sure?

Making it easier	33
Making it harder	3
No difference	11
Haven't heard enough about	48
Some help/some hurt (Vol.)	1
DK/NA	3

q42 Do you think the recent campaign finance law changes -- commonly known as McCain-Feingold -- are making it easier for the Democratic candidates to win national elections, are making it harder for Democratic candidates to win, or are the new laws not affecting Democratic candidates' ability to win national elections?

Made it easier	7
Made it harder	41
No effect	35
DK/NA	18

q43 Some people say that political conventions are outdated and no longer needed since the presidential nominees are now selected before the conventions. Other people say political conventions are needed to show the public who members of the parties are and what they stand for. Which do you think? Are political conventions still needed or not?

Still needed	91	70
Not needed	7	28
DK/NA	2	2

q44 What do you think the chances are that the Democrats will take back control of the Senate this November -- excellent, pretty good, fair, or poor?

Excellent	22
Pretty good	50
Fair	25
Poor	1
DK/NA	2



q45 Do you think it is better for the Democratic party if Bill Clinton actively campaigns for Democratic candidates in this election, or is it better if Bill Clinton has a less visible role?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %
Campaign actively	88
Less visible role	7
Neither (vol.)	1
DK/NA	3

q46 Do you think it is better for the Democratic party if Al Gore actively campaigns for Democratic candidates in this election, or is it better if Al Gore has a less visible role?

Campaign actively	68
Less visible role	27
Neither (vol.)	1
DK/NA	4

q47 How much confidence do you have that the votes in your state will be counted properly this November -- a lot, some, not much, or no confidence at all?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
A lot	63	62
Some	26	25
Not much	7	4
No confidence at all	3	7
DK/NA	1	1

q48 Have you ever been to Boston before?

Yes	71
No	29

q49 Do you think it was a good idea for the Democrats to hold their convention in Boston this year or should they have held it in another city?

Good idea	75
Bad idea	14
DK/NA	11

q50 Is there any particular place or thing you want to be sure to see while visiting Boston? IF YES, ASK: What is that?

	2004
	Democratic
	<u>Delegates</u>
	%
General historical sites	10
JFK Library	8
Fenway Park/Boston Red Sox	7
Harvard/Other college	4
Boston Harbor/Boston Tea P	3
Freedom Trail	3
General museums	2
Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall	2
Relative/Friend	2
Cape Cod/Nantucket	1
Everything	1
No, nothing	42
Other	11
DK/NA	4

q51 Compared to Democrats in your state, do you think Massachusetts Democrats are: more liberal, more conservative, or about the same?

	DELEGATES <u>NOT</u> FROM MASSACHUSETTS
More liberal	51
More conservative	4
About the same	39
DK/NA	6

q52 This year's convention cities have some great rivalries. When it comes to clam chowder, which do you prefer, Manhattan clam chowder or New England clam chowder?

	2004
	Democratic
	<u>Delegates</u>
	%
Manhattan clam chowder	13
New England chowder	66
Neither (vol.)	12
Both equally (vol.)	4
DK/NA	6

q53 In a game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, would you be more likely to root for the Red Sox or the Yankees?

Red Sox	49
Yankees	34
Neither (vol.)	12
DK/NA	5

q54 Is there a particular souvenir you'd like to bring home from Boston?  
 IF YES, ASK: What is that?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %
Campaign buttons/signs	9
Kerry's autograph/picture	4
Boston Red Sox cap/gear	4
Lobster	3
College sweatshirt/gear	2
Boston baked beans	2
Bill Clinton's autograph/pic	2
Chowder	1
Revere silver	1
Shot glass	1
Nothing	50
Other	14
DK/NA	7

q55 How worried are you about a possible terrorist attack in Boston during the convention  
 --- very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %
Very worried	3
Somewhat worried	24
Not too worried	39
Not at all worried	34
DK/NA	0

q56 Regardless of what you think of George W. Bush now, looking back to 2000, would you  
 say George W. Bush legitimately won the 2000 presidential election, or not?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u>	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u>
Legitimately won	7	18
Did not win legitimately	91	78
DK/NA	2	4

q65 Are you a member of a labor union?

	2004	15
Yes	25	15
No	74	85
DK/NA	0	0

q66 Have you yourself ever served in the U.S. armed forces or in the U.S. reserves?

	2004	18
Yes	14	18
No	86	82

q67 Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, or not?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
Yes	2	4
No	98	96

q68 Was there any time when you thought of yourself as a Republican?

Yes	14	18
No	86	81
DK/NA	0	1

pphl/q69 How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative? Are you very [LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE] or only somewhat [LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE]?

Liberal	41	34
(Very	22)	
(Somewhat	19)	
Moderate	52	45
Conservative	3	19
(Very	0)	
(Somewhat	3)	
DK/NA	4	2

q70 Are you the parent of guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

Yes	24	32
No	76	68
DK/NA	0	0

q71 Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

Yes	13	27
No	86	71
DK/NA	1	2

q72 How important is religion in your daily life? Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

Extremely important	21	20
Very important	36	41
Somewhat important	29	26
Not at all important	12	12
DK/NA	1	0

>reli What is your religious preference today?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %	JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
Protestant	43	55
Catholic	32	24
Jewish	8	3
Other (Specify)	6	5
None	9	12
Don't know/ No answer	2	1

>race Are you white, black, Asian, or something else?

	2004	JUL04C
White or Caucasian	68	61
Black or African-American	18	28
Asian	3	2
Something else	10	7
Refused	1	2

>hisp Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	2004
Hispanic	12
Not Hispanic	87
Don't know/ No answer	1

marr Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	2004	JUL04C
Married	60	56
Widowed	4	9
Divorced	13	13
Separated	2	4
Never been married	21	18
DK/NA	0	0

q78 Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or any other kind of firearm?

	2004	JUL04C
Yes, self	22	19
Yes, other	11	13
No	65	67
DK/NA	1	1

>age How old are you?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u> %		JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u> %
18-29	7	18-29	14
30-39	11	30-44	28
40-49	22	45-64	35
50-59	33	65 +	23
60-69	19		
Over 69	7		
DK/NA	1		

q79 What was the last grade you completed in school?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u>		JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u>
Not a High School grad	0	Not H.S. grad	8
High School	5	High School	36
Some college	18	Some college	27
College grad	24	College grad	15
Post grad, no degree	9	Post grad	13
Masters	22		
Law/ LLB/JD	15		
Medical MD/DDS	1		
PHD	6		

>inc Was your total family income in the year 2003 UNDER or OVER \$50,000?

	2004 Democratic <u>Delegates</u>		JUL04C Democratic <u>Voters</u>
Under \$25,000	0	Under \$15,000	12
\$25,000-\$50,000	11	\$15K-\$30K	23
\$50,000-\$75,000	21	\$30K-\$50K	21
\$75,000-\$100,000	19	\$50K-\$75K	19
\$100,000-\$200,000	28	\$75K-\$100K	22
Over \$200,000	14	Won't specify/Refused	3
Won't specify/Refused	4		

q81 Would you say that your total net worth is under \$500,000, between \$500,000 and \$1 million, or over \$1 million?

Under \$500,000	54
\$500,000-\$1 million	23
Over \$1 million	14
DK/NA	9

Total Democratic Delegates interviewed: 1, 085