

CBS NEWS POLL
THE ECONOMY, JOBS, AND THE PRESIDENT
August 11-12, 2003

q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Jul03a
	Total	***** Party ID *****		Ind	
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	55	86	22	55	60
Disapprove	35	9	69	30	32
DK/NA	10	5	9	15	8

q2 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

Economy/Jobs	39	33	42	41	39
War in Iraq/Foreign policy	14	12	16	13	10
Terrorism (general)	10	12	6	10	9
Poverty/Homelessness	3	2	4	2	4
Education	3	4	3	2	3
Health care	2	1	1	2	4
Defense/Military	2	4	1	2	2
Family values	2	3	1	1	3
Crime	2	1	1	4	1
Other	19	22	19	20	19
DK/NA	4	6	6	3	6

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

Approve	36	69	12	30	41
Disapprove	52	23	79	54	46
DK/NA	12	8	9	16	13

q7 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	2	6	1	1	3
Fairly good	36	52	27	31	42
Fairly bad	40	31	41	46	36
Very bad	20	11	30	21	16
DK/NA	2	0	1	1	3

q13 How much of the economy's current condition has to do with the economic policies of George W. Bush's administration - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

A lot	37	26	51	35	36
A little	48	57	38	49	47
Nothing at all	8	12	7	6	8
DK/NA	7	5	4	10	9

q8 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Jul03a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Getting better	23	37	11	22	23
Getting worse	27	13	37	31	27
Staying about same	49	50	50	47	48
DK/NA	1	0	2	0	2

q9 Compared to two years ago, do you think the nation's economy is better today, worse today, or about the same as it was two years ago?

Better today	15	24	8	13	13
Worse today	55	36	67	60	55
About the same	28	37	22	25	30
DK/NA	2	3	3	2	2

q10 Compared to two years ago, do you think the nation's job market is better today, worse today, or about the same?

Better today	7	10	3	8
Worse today	66	50	80	67
About the same	24	36	15	23
DK/NA	3	4	2	2

q11 Compared to two years ago, is your family's financial situation better today, worse today, or about the same?

Better today	19	31	10	18	22
Worse today	34	19	42	38	27
About the same	46	50	46	44	51
DK/NA	1	0	2	0	0

q12 Do you think George W. Bush is paying enough attention to the economy, or should he be paying more attention to the economy?

					May03b
Paying enough attention	25	48	10	20	36
Should pay more attention	70	47	88	74	61
DK/NA	5	5	2	6	3

q14 How much of the economy's GETTING BETTER has to do with the economic policies of George W. Bush's administration - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	THOSE WHO THINK ECONOMY IS GETTING BETTER			
A lot	37	44	22	34
A little	50	48	59	50
Nothing at all	8	5	19	8
DK/NA	5	3	0	8

q15 How much of the economy's GETTING WORSE has to do with the economic policies of George W. Bush's administration - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

THOSE WHO THINK ECONOMY IS GETTING WORSE

	Total	***** Party ID *****		
		Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	56	31	67	55
A little	29	44	23	29
Nothing at all	6	8	8	3
DK/NA	9	17	2	13

q16 Do you think the Bush Administration has made a lot of progress, some progress, not much progress, or no progress at all in creating new jobs?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				May03a
A lot	5	11	2	4	2
Some	34	53	21	30	34
Not much	26	20	29	30	32
No progress at all	29	12	45	30	28
DK/NA	6	4	3	6	4

q17 From what you know, do you think the new tax cuts will be good for the stock market, bad for the stock market, or won't it have much effect on the stock market?

Good	22	34	13	19
Bad	9	4	15	7
No effect	49	40	52	52
DK/NA	20	22	20	22

q18 In your opinion, how likely is it that new tax cuts would create more jobs -- is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or is it not at all likely that a tax cut would create more jobs?

Very likely	9	15	5	8	11
Somewhat likely	29	40	21	26	35
Not very likely	34	30	41	33	29
Not at all likely	21	10	26	25	19
DK/NA	7	5	7	8	6

q33 How concerned are you that you or someone else in your household will lose their job in the next year? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned	27	13	35	32	25
Somewhat concerned	17	16	18	17	20
Not too concerned	21	25	19	18	24
Not concerned at all	34	45	25	32	32
DK/NA	1	1	3	1	0

q36 How would you rate the overall condition of the stock market these days -- excellent, very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				
	Total	***** Party ID *****			Apr03c
		Rep	Dem	Ind	
%	%	%	%	%	
Excellent	0	0	1	1	0
Very good	6	12	3	5	5
Fairly good	43	53	31	45	38
Fairly bad	28	19	38	27	33
Very bad	6	4	10	5	13
DK/NA	17	12	17	17	11

q37 In the next three months, do you expect the stock market will rise a lot, rise moderately, not change, decline moderately, or decline a lot?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug02a
Rise a lot	1	1	1	1	2
Rise moderately	41	48	32	43	47
No change	32	34	41	24	26
Decline moderately	11	3	10	16	15
Decline a lot	2	1	3	1	4
DK/NA	13	13	12	15	6

q38 How much impact does what happens in the stock market have on the condition of the national economy -- a major impact, a minor impact, or no impact at all?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May00b
Major impact	62	65	60	62	67
Minor impact	27	28	22	29	24
No impact at all	3	2	7	2	2
Don't know/No answer	8	5	11	7	7

q41 Do you personally, or jointly with a spouse, have any money invested in the stock market right now -- either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund, or don't you?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan03c
Yes	53	57	52	50	51
No	45	41	46	48	48
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	1

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	798	
Total Republicans	261	240
Total Democrats	243	232
Total Independents	294	326