

CBS NEWS POLL
Terrorism and the War in Iraq
July 13-14 2005

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

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jun05a
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	45	86	13	42	42
Disapprove	50	10	82	51	51
DK/NA	5	4	5	7	7

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun05a
War in Iraq	22	15	26	22	19
Terrorism (general)	15	20	9	18	6
Economy/Jobs	13	8	22	10	18
Education	5	8	4	5	3
The President/G.W. Bush	3	0	6	1	3
Gas/Heating/Oil Crisis	3	4	3	2	3
Defense / Military	3	5	3	2	2
Health Care	3	2	3	3	5
Moral Values/Family Values	3	7	1	2	4
Poverty / Homelessness	2	1	4	2	1
Immigration	2	3	0	2	2
Politicians/Government	2	4	0	2	1
Budget Deficit/Nat'l Debt	2	1	3	2	2
Drugs	2	1	1	4	0
Other	13	18	10	17	25
DK/NA	5	3	5	6	6

q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	40	74	14	38	39
Disapprove	51	17	79	52	56
DK/NA	9	9	7	10	5

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

Approve	39	74	10	37	37
Disapprove	57	22	86	58	59
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	4

q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	54	89	28	50	52
Disapprove	36	5	61	38	40
DK/NA	10	6	11	12	8

q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	33	41	33	26	33
Disapprove	50	41	52	55	53
Don't know/No answer	17	18	15	19	14

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q10 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	48	76	24	49	45
Stay out	47	19	70	47	51
DK/NA	5	5	6	4	4

q11 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	5	10	1	5	7
Somewhat well	39	62	21	39	33
Somewhat badly	31	24	38	28	34
Very badly	23	3	38	26	26
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	0

q12 So far, do you think George W. Bush has developed a clear plan for dealing with the situation in Iraq, or hasn't he developed one?

Has developed a clear plan	28	53	5	30	38
Has not developed one	63	37	88	61	58
DK/NA	9	10	7	9	4

*Trend is among registered voters.

q13 Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do, would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed in establishing a democratic government in Iraq, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in establishing a democratic government there?

	*** HALF SAMPLE A ***		
			Apr04d
Very likely	15		10
Somewhat likely	46		40
Not very likely	24		31
Not at all likely	13		15
Already succeeded (vol.)	0		4
DK/NA	2		

q14 Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do, would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed in Iraq, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in Iraq?

*** HALF SAMPLE B ***

Total	
%	
Very likely	22
Somewhat likely	40
Not very likely	25
Not at all likely	10
DK/NA	3

q15 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do -- should the U.S. increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, keep the same number of U.S. troops in Iraq as there are now, or decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep03b
	%	%	%	%	%
Increase	15	13	13	19	20
Keep the same	32	45	24	29	34
Decrease	45	32	59	43	39
DK/NA	8	10	4	9	7

q16 Do you think of the war in Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? (If Part, ask:) Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Nov04a
Major part	37	58	16	40	34
Minor part	9	10	10	6	9
Not part	50	28	69	49	51
DK/NA	4	4	5	5	6

q17 As a result of U.S. military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan05b
Increased	44	26	60	42	33
Decreased	13	27	2	13	19
Stayed the same	42	46	36	43	47
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	1

q18 Do you think the United States should or should not set a time-table for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq?

Yes, should	55	37	72	54
No, should not	40	60	22	42
DK/NA	5	3	6	4

q19 Over the last couple of years, do you think the Bush Administration has focused too much on the war in Iraq and not enough on terrorists elsewhere in the world, or focused too much on terrorists elsewhere in the world and not enough on the war in Iraq, or has the balance been about right?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Too much on Iraq	43	28	58	39
Too much on terrorists	6	2	9	6
Balance about right	44	62	26	46
DK/NA	7	8	7	9

q20 Right now, is the U.S. involvement in Iraq creating more terrorists who are planning to attack the U.S., or eliminating terrorists who were planning to attack the U.S., or is the U.S. involvement in Iraq not affecting the number of terrorists planning to attack the U.S.?

					Oct04a*
Creating more terrorists	52	28	67	56	45
Eliminating terrorists	17	35	5	15	27
Not effecting the number	22	26	20	20	19
DK/NA	9	11	8	9	9

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q33 Since Sept. 11, 2001, do you think the federal government has done all it could reasonably be expected to do to make the country safe from future terrorist attacks, or could the government have done more?

					Jan03c
Done all it could	41	56	28	43	52
Could have done more	54	40	68	53	45
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	3

q34 Do you think the federal government has done all it could reasonably be expected to do to improve airport security since September 11, 2001, or could it have done more?

Done all it could	54	64	54	47
Could have done more	42	32	45	48
DK/NA	4	4	1	5

q35 Do you think the federal government has done all it could reasonably be expected to do to improve security on trains and mass transit systems since September 11, 2001, or could it have done more?

Done all it could	26	35	21	23
Could have done more	61	47	69	65
DK/NA	13	18	10	12

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q37 How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack on the United States within the next few months -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep04c
	%	%	%	%	%
Very likely	19	12	24	20	18
Somewhat likely	46	44	49	45	48
Not very likely	25	32	19	25	23
Not at all likely	7	10	4	7	8
DK/NA	3	2	4	3	3

q38 Would you say you personally are very concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live, or not?

					May03b
Very concerned	21	15	29	19	21
Not very concerned	77	84	67	81	79
DK/NA	2	1	4	0	0

q39 Do you think there are terrorists living inside the U.S. today who are planning to launch future attacks, or aren't there?

Yes, there are	94	95	93	94
No, there are not	3	2	4	3
DK/NA	3	3	3	3

q42 Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

Every week	27	39	23	22
Almost every week	13	14	14	9
Once or twice a month	16	15	17	15
A few times a year	28	24	30	28
Never	16	7	15	23
DK/NA	0	1	1	3

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	632	
Total Republicans	184	190
Total Democrats	226	225
Total Independents	222	217
Half Sample A	312	315
Half Sample B	320	317