

CBS NEWS POLL
THE 9/11 HEARINGS, THE WAR ON TERROR AND THE 2004 CAMPAIGN
March 30 - April 1, 2004

q1 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 ***				Mar04a
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
A lot	43	44	44	40	40
Some	39	40	39	40	39
Not much	13	11	12	15	17
No attention so far	5	5	4	6	5
DK/NA	0	1	0	0	0

q2 Is your opinion of John Kerry favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John Kerry yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	31	5	53	32	28
Not favorable	29	63	7	19	29
Undecided	26	21	28	29	23
Not heard enough	13	10	12	18	18
Refused	1	1	0	2	2

q3 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?

Favorable	39	82	6	29	43
Not favorable	42	6	75	44	39
Undecided	16	11	16	22	15
Not heard enough	2	1	1	4	2
Refused	1	0	2	1	1

q4 How likely is it that you will vote in the 2004 election for President this November -- would you say you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote in the election for President?

Definitely vote	85	88	85	81
Probably vote	12	10	14	12
Probably not vote	2	1	1	4
Definitely not vote	1	0	1	2
DK/NA	0	1	0	1

q5 If the 2004 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were John Kerry, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the Republican, would you vote for John Kerry or George W. Bush? [CANDIDATES' NAMES WILL ROTATE]

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mar04a
	%	%	%	%	%
John Kerry	48	6	85	49	43
George W. Bush	43	89	9	33	46
Other (Vol.)	1	0	0	1	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	1	1	0	3	1
Depends (Vol.)	2	1	2	4	2
DK/NA	5	3	4	10	7

q6 Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

	AMONG THOSE WHO CHOSE A CANDIDATE			
	Total	Kerry Voters	Bush Voters	
Mind made up	74	75	74	71
Too early to say for sure	25	25	26	29
DK/NA	1	0	0	0

q10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
Approve	49	84	19	47	51
Disapprove	44	11	75	44	42
DK/NA	7	5	6	9	7

q11 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?

Going in the right direction	36	69	13	29	38
On the wrong track	57	25	81	61	54
DK/NA	7	6	6	10	8

q13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign policy?

Approve	42	77	17	36	45
Disapprove	49	14	76	52	45
DK/NA	9	9	7	12	10

q14 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	37	71	13	30	38
Disapprove	56	21	85	59	54
DK/NA	7	8	2	11	8

q15 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	Mar04a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	44	78	20	37	49
Disapprove	49	17	74	52	43
DK/NA	7	5	6	11	8

q16 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	58	89	34	53	64
Disapprove	34	7	57	35	28
DK/NA	8	4	9	12	8

q17 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	7	0	3	2
Fairly good	47	73	27	43	47
Fairly bad	31	16	42	35	34
Very bad	17	3	30	16	15
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	2

q19 Do you think George W. Bush says what he really believes most of the time, or does he say what he thinks people want to hear?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
Says what he believes	52	81	32	45	51
Says what people want to hear	43	16	63	49	45
DK/NA	5	3	5	6	4

q20 If George W. Bush is re-elected President in November do you think the economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Get better	25	51	6	20	30
Get worse	27	4	50	25	23
Stay about the same	44	42	41	49	43
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	4

q21 If George W. Bush is re-elected President in November do you think he is likely or not likely to protect the country from terrorist attack?

Likely	72	90	57	71	78
Not likely	20	4	34	21	19
DK/NA	8	6	9	8	3

q23 Do you think John Kerry says what he really believes most of the time, or does he say what he thinks people want to hear?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

	Total	*** Party ID ***			Mar04a
		Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Says what he believes	29	10	52	24	33
Says what people want to hear	54	76	33	56	57
DK/NA	17	14	15	20	10

q24 If John Kerry is elected President in November do you think the economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Get better	34	12	58	29	36
Get worse	16	32	3	12	11
Stay about the same	39	44	31	43	42
DK/NA	11	12	8	16	11

q25 If John Kerry is elected President in November do you think he is likely or not likely to protect the country from terrorist attack?

Likely	60	39	80	58	61
Not likely	27	50	9	25	27
DK/NA	13	11	11	17	12

q26 (John Kerry and George W. Bush have begun their campaigns for the November election.) What do you think George W. Bush has been spending more time doing in his campaign - explaining what he would do as president or attacking John Kerry?

Explaining	41	62	28	36
Attacking	43	26	57	46
Don't/No answer	16	12	15	18

q27 What do you think John Kerry has been spending more time doing in his campaign - explaining what he would do as president or attacking George W. Bush?

Explaining	31	10	51	31
Attacking	53	78	34	49
Don't/No answer	16	12	15	20

q28 Do you think either of these candidates for President -- John Kerry or George W. Bush -- has attacked the other unfairly? IF YES, ASK: Who attacked unfairly?

Kerry	21	40	6	17
Bush	12	1	20	14
Both equal (vol.)	21	21	18	24
No, neither	31	26	38	28
Don't know/No answer	15	12	18	17

q29 Have you seen or heard any John Kerry or George W. Bush presidential campaign commercials on television or radio in the last month?

Yes	78	81	76	77
No	22	19	24	23
Don't know/No answer	0	0	0	0

q30 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?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mar04a
	%	%	%	%	%
Worth it	37	65	17	32	42
Not worth it	54	24	75	59	51
DK/NA	9	11	8	9	7

q31 Do you think removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

					Dec03c
Worth it	47	80	24	40	54
Not worth it	43	11	65	48	37
DK/NA	10	9	11	12	9

q32 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?

					Mar04a
Right thing	55	82	32	53	58
Stay out	39	14	63	39	37
Don't know/No answer	6	4	5	8	5

q33 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?

					Feb04b
More safe	36	59	24	29	42
Less safe	22	10	31	24	19
No difference	38	27	41	44	36
Don't know/No answer	4	4	4	3	3

q34 Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

					Sep03b
Yes	36	43	30	36	43
No	47	38	57	46	42
DK/NA	17	19	13	18	15

q35 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: Is it a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

					Feb04b
Major part of war on terror	34	54	26	25	44
Minor part of war on terror	16	17	10	20	12
Separate from war on terror	44	25	58	47	40
DK/NA	6	4	6	8	4

q36 Do you think the Bush Administration has clearly explained how long U.S. military forces will have to remain in Iraq, or haven't they done that yet?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep03b
	%	%	%	%	%
Clearly explained	15	29	3	15	17
Haven't done that yet	79	64	93	78	76
Don't know/No answer	6	7	4	7	7

q37 How long 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 the U.S. troops have to stay in Iraq for longer than five years?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dec03b
Less than a year	8	7	7	9	15
One to two years	22	31	19	17	34
Two to five years	35	35	37	33	31
More than five years	26	22	27	28	12
DK/NA	9	5	10	13	8

q38 What is your impression of how the war against terrorism is going for the United States right now -- very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct03a
Very well	11	23	2	8	10
Somewhat well	53	63	48	49	53
Somewhat badly	23	9	33	26	22
Very badly	11	3	16	13	9
DK/NA	2	2	1	4	6

q39 Do you think the policies of the Bush Administration have made the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or have the policies of the Bush Administration not affected the U.S.'s safety from terrorism?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mar04a
Safer	53	79	35	48	62
Less safe	20	8	30	21	17
Not affected	22	11	28	25	17
DK/NA	5	2	7	6	4

q40 Was the Bush Administration paying enough or not enough attention to terrorism before September 11, 2001?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May02b
Paying enough attention	17	28	8	16	22
Not Paying enough attention	72	57	85	72	67
Don't know/No answer	11	15	7	12	11

q41 Was the Clinton Administration paying enough or not enough attention to terrorism before they left office?

Paying enough attention	16	9	25	15
Not Paying enough attention	71	82	62	68
Don't know/No answer	13	9	13	17

q42 Do you think the Bush Administration did all it could to prevent the 9/11 terrorist attacks, or could they have done more?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Did all it could	23	39	11	20
Could have done more	67	50	80	68
Don't know/No answer	10	11	9	12

q43 Do you think the Clinton Administration did all it could before they left office to prevent the 9/11 terrorist attacks, or could they have done more?

Did all it could	17	12	21	18
Could have done more	71	79	67	67
Don't know/No answer	12	9	12	15

q44 Do you think the intelligence agencies -- the FBI and CIA -- did all they could to prevent the 9/11 terrorist attacks, or could they have done more?

Did all they could	13	17	9	13
Could have done more	79	74	87	77
DK/NA	8	9	4	10

q45 Do you think the Bush administration has focused too much on the Iraq war and not enough on the Al Qaeda terrorists, OR too much on the Al Qaeda terrorists and not enough on the Iraq war, OR has the balance been about right?

					Jan04a
					%
Too much on Iraq	41	20	55	46	40
Too much on Al Qaeda	3	3	4	3	2
Balance about right	48	73	32	43	50
Don't know/No answer	8	4	9	8	8

q46 How closely have you been following news about the hearings in Washington investigating the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001? Have you been following it very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

Very closely	16	16	15	16
Somewhat closely	42	42	45	41
Not too closely	31	33	30	30
Not at all	10	9	9	12
DK/NA	1	0	1	1

q47 Overall, do you think the White House is or is not cooperating with the hearings investigating the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States?

Is cooperating	56	79	42	50
Is not cooperating	29	10	47	29
Don't know/No answer	15	11	11	21

q48 When it comes to what they knew prior to September 11th, 2001 about possible terrorist attacks against the United States, do you think members of the Bush Administration are telling the truth, are mostly telling the truth but hiding something, or are they mostly lying?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				May02b
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
	%	%	%	%	
Entire truth	24	45	11	19	21
Hiding	59	49	66	60	65
Lying	11	1	19	14	8
DK/NA	6	5	4	7	6

q49 Does what the Bush Administration knew prior to September 11th, 2001 matter now, or not?

Yes, it matters	57	46	64	59
No, doesn't matter	41	53	33	38
DK/NA	2	1	4	3

q50 Is terrorism something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

Can do a lot about	52	52	57	47	45
Beyond president's control	40	44	34	43	46
Don't know/No answer	8	4	9	10	9

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1024	
Registered Voters	834	799
Total Republicans	312	305
Total Democrats	334	337
Total Independents	378	382