

CBS NEWS POLL
LOOKING AHEAD TO SUPER TUESDAY AND THE FALL ELECTION
February 24-27, 2004

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	Feb04b
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	47	86	21	45	50
Disapprove	44	9	71	42	42
DK/NA	9	5	8	13	8

q2 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	20
War in Iraq/Foreign policy	13	12
Health Care/Medicare	13	10
Social Security	5	2
Education	4	6
Same-sex/gay marriage	4	--
Budget Deficit/National Debt	3	2
Taxes/IRS	3	2
Defense / Military	2	3
Terrorism (general)	2	2
Other	11	31
DK/NA	15	10

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

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				
Approve	44	83	20	39	46
Disapprove	45	10	68	48	45
DK/NA	11	7	12	13	9

q4 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	37	75	14	33	44
Disapprove	56	18	83	56	50
DK/NA	7	8	3	11	6

q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

Approve	46	80	23	45	49
Disapprove	47	14	70	47	45
DK/NA	7	6	7	8	6

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb04b
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	65	92	48	62	64
Disapprove	29	6	44	29	27
DK/NA	6	2	8	9	9

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	3	8	1	2	3
Fairly good	46	70	31	45	50
Fairly bad	31	15	39	34	30
Very bad	18	5	29	17	16
DK/NA	2	2	0	2	1

q8 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	40	84	14	36	44
Unfavorable	36	5	61	32	36
Undecided	18	7	19	24	14
Haven't heard enough	5	4	5	6	5
DK/NA	1	0	1	2	1

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	36	42	36	31	37
Some	42	40	42	44	41
Not much	18	15	18	19	17
No attention so far	4	3	4	5	5
DK/NA	0	0	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	43	88	9	41	42
Democratic candidate	48	6	85	43	47
Can't say until chosen (Vol.)	5	4	2	8	6
None, won't vote (Vol.)	2	1	2	3	0
DK/NA	2	1	2	5	5

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

AMONG THOSE WHO MADE A CHOICE IN Q10

Mind made up	70	76	72	60	70
Too early to say for sure	30	24	28	39	30
DK/NA	0	0	0	1	0

q12 I'm going to name some Presidential candidates and ask what you think of them. If you haven't heard much about someone I name, just tell me. Is your opinion of John Edwards favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John Edwards yet to have an opinion?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan04a
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	30	24	35	30	10
Unfavorable	11	20	5	10	11
Undecided	21	17	22	23	21
Haven't heard enough	38	39	38	38	57
Refused	0	0	0	0	1

q13 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	37	11	57	36	19
Unfavorable	28	55	6	29	15
Undecided	21	23	19	21	27
Haven't heard enough	14	9	18	14	38
Refused	0	2	0	0	1

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

Favorable	5	2	7	4	5
Unfavorable	17	21	14	17	12
Undecided	10	11	12	8	10
Haven't heard enough	68	66	66	70	72
Refused	0	0	1	1	1

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

Favorable	8	5	10	8	7
Unfavorable	44	53	34	46	37
Undecided	16	14	23	11	20
Haven't heard enough	31	27	33	33	35
Refused	1	1	0	2	1

q16 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? IF ALREADY VOTED, ASK: Did you vote in a Democratic or Republican primary or caucus?

Democratic primary	40	4	79	28
Republican primary	29	76	2	18
Not likely to vote in a pr	24	14	15	44
Already voted in Dem. primary	1	1	2	0
Already votes in Rep. primary	0	1	0	0
DK/NA	6	4	2	10

q17 Who would you like to see the Democratic party nominate as its presidential candidate in 2004 --- John Edwards, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich, Al Sharpton, or someone else?

	TOTAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	SUPER TUESDAY VOTERS	Feb04b
	%	%	%
Edwards	18	15	7
Kerry	57	61	53
Kucinich	1	3	1
Sharpton	4	0	4
Other	8	7	20
DK/NA	12	14	15

q18 Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

	AMONG THOSE WHO MADE A CHOICE IN Q17		
Mind made up	46	49	49
Too early to say for sure	54	50	50
DK/NA	0	1	1

q19 Which is more important in your candidate choice: You think he can defeat George W. Bush in November OR he agrees with you on the major issues?

	DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	
Can defeat Bush in November	38	14	40	38	34
He agrees with you on issues	53	65	52	57	55
DK/NA	9	21	8	5	11

q20 Thinking back over the past few months, was there ever a time that you supported Howard Dean for the Democratic nomination?

Yes	28	4	27	32	19
No	70	96	70	66	76
DK/NA	2	0	3	2	5

q21 No matter how you vote in the Democratic primaries, how would you feel if John Kerry wins the nomination -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied	45	31	46	43	36
Somewhat satisfied	39	60	38	38	45
Somewhat dissatisfied	9	8	8	12	8
Very dissatisfied	2	0	2	2	3
DK/NA	5	1	6	5	8

q22 No matter how you vote in the Democratic primaries, how would you feel if John Edwards wins the nomination -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied	23	14	24	21
Somewhat satisfied	52	51	53	50
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	16	9	20
Very dissatisfied	5	13	4	4
DK/NA	8	6	10	5

q23 Would you prefer the Democratic nominee for President be someone who supports fewer restrictions on trade between the U.S. and other nations, someone who supports more restrictions on trade between the U.S. and other nations, or would this not matter to you?

	DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				Feb04b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
More restrictions	51	67	51	46	46
Less restrictions	19	20	18	22	24
Doesn't matter	22	14	23	23	25
Depends (Vol.)	2	0	2	3	2
DK/NA	6	0	6	6	3

q24 Is your opinion of Ralph Nader favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Ralph Nader yet to have an opinion?

	*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***				Oct001
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Favorable	14	15	11	17	24
Unfavorable	42	44	43	39	23
Undecided	20	21	18	21	16
Haven't heard enough	24	19	28	23	36
Refused	0	1	0	0	1

q25 If the 2004 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were John Edwards, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the Republican, would you vote for John Edwards or George W. Bush?

					Feb04b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Edwards	45	6	82	40	41
Bush	45	88	13	43	50
Won't vote (Vol.)	2	0	1	4	1
Depends (Vol.)	3	3	1	6	3
DK/NA	5	3	3	7	5

q26 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?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Kerry	47	6	84	43	48
Bush	46	90	10	46	43
Won't vote (Vol.)	2	0	1	3	1
Depends (Vol.)	1	1	1	2	3
DK/NA	4	3	4	6	5

q27 If the 2004 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were John Kerry for President and John Edwards for Vice President, the Democrats, and George W. Bush for President and Dick Cheney for Vice President, the Republicans, would you vote for Kerry and Edwards or Bush and Cheney?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Kerry and Edwards	50	8	88	44	
Bush and Cheney	42	88	8	41	
Won't vote (Vol.)	1	1	0	3	
Depends (Vol.)	1	2	1	2	
DK/NA	6	1	3	10	

q28 Regardless of how you intend to vote for President in 2004, who do you expect to finally win the 2004 Presidential election --- the Democratic candidate or George W. Bush?

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 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan04a
	%	%	%	%	%
Democratic candidate	42	11	70	39	31
George W. Bush	49	79	22	52	55
Depends (Vol.)	2	5	2	2	4
DK/NA	7	5	6	7	10

q33 Do you have confidence in George W. Bush's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

					Feb04b*
Confidence	49	87	22	47	52
Uneasy	48	11	75	50	45
DK/NA	3	2	3	3	2

*Trend is among total respondents.

q34 Do you have confidence in John Edwards' ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confidence	22	11	35	19
Uneasy	43	60	31	42
DK/NA	35	29	34	39

q35 Do you have confidence in John Kerry's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confidence	41	14	62	40
Uneasy	43	71	22	41
DK/NA	16	15	16	19

q36 From what you know about George W. Bush, are many of his decisions influenced by special interests, or not?

Yes	55	34	71	55
No	32	53	17	30
DK/NA	13	13	12	15

q37 From what you know about John Edwards, are many of his decisions influenced by special interests, or not?

Yes	25	29	23	23
No	31	22	37	33
DK/NA	44	49	40	46

q38 From what you know about John Kerry, are many of his decisions influenced by special interests, or not?

Yes	38	46	31	38
No	31	21	38	32
DK/NA	31	33	31	30

q39 How much do you think George W. Bush cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself --- a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb04b*
	%	%	%	%	%
A lot	28	61	7	24	27
Some	29	29	25	34	35
Not much	20	5	29	23	20
None at all	21	4	39	18	18
DK/NA	2	1	0	1	0

*Trend is among total respondents.

q40 How much do you think John Edwards cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself --- a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	26	20	30	25
Some	42	37	47	40
Not much	10	14	6	11
None at all	4	7	2	3
DK/NA	18	22	15	21

q41 How much do you think John Kerry cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself --- a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	26	14	34	28
Some	41	36	48	37
Not much	12	20	7	10
None at all	7	13	1	9
DK/NA	14	17	10	16

q42 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 ***

Worth it	42	76	18	42	41
Not worth it	52	18	78	50	50
DK/NA	6	7	4	8	9

q43 Do you think the policies of the Bush Administration have increased the number of jobs in the United States, decreased the number of jobs, or have the policies of the Bush Administration not affected the number of jobs in the U.S.?

Increased	14	30	5	11	16
Decreased	53	23	75	53	45
No effect	23	35	14	22	28
DK/NA	10	12	6	14	11

q44 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	54	86	29	56	58
Stay out	39	10	63	36	37
Don't know/No answer	7	4	8	8	5

q45 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. Or 3. Iraq was not a threat to the United States at all.

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 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb04b
	%	%	%	%	%
Threat required action	40	72	16	41	39
Could have been contained	46	24	63	45	43
Not a threat	12	2	19	11	15
Don't know/No answer	2	2	2	3	3

q46 Do you think Iraq probably does or probably does not have weapons of mass destruction that the United States has not found yet?

Probably does	52	78	35	52	49
Probably does not	39	16	55	39	41
They have been found (Vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know/No answer	9	6	10	9	10

q47 Based on what you've heard or read, how do you think the Bush administration handled the intelligence they received about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq -- do you think they probably interpreted the intelligence accurately, or did they probably exaggerate the intelligence to build support for the war against Iraq?

Interpreted it accurately	32	64	11	31	35
Exaggerated to build support	59	26	82	60	57
DK/NA	9	10	7	9	8

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>	
Total Respondents	1545		
Total Republicans	426	401	
Total Democrats	547	554	
Total Independents	572	591	
Registered Voters	1294	1230	(Margin of error: +/-3pts)
Total Democratic Primary voters	546	510	(Margin of error: +/-4pts)
Super Tuesday Voters	321	163	(Margin of error: +/-6pts)