

**CBS NEWS POLL**  
**STATE OF THE UNION**  
**January 20, 2004**

rq1 Did you watch or listen to President Bush's State of the Union speech tonight?

	Total
	%
Yes	51
No	49
DK/NA	0

rq2 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the proposals the President made in his speech tonight?

	Speech Watchers
	%
Approve	60
Disapprove	21
Some of them (vol.)	12
DK/NA	7

rq3 Thinking now about the proposals the President made in his speech tonight, which ONE of those proposals did you personally like the best?

Medicare	8
Tax cuts	8
Education	8
Marriage between men and women	6
Kids drug testing	5
Faith-based initiatives	5
Terrorism	4
Health care	3
Jobs/the economy	2
Prescription drugs	2
Social Security reforms	2
All of them	2
None of them	5
Other	8
DK/NA	32

rq4 Do you think the government will or will not be able to afford all the proposals Bush mentioned in his speech tonight?

Government will be able to	29
Government will not be able to	62
DK/NA	9

rq6 Do you think George W. Bush has the same priorities for the country as you have, or not?

	Total	Speech Watchers	Jan04a
	%	%	%
Has same priorities	48	60	41
Does not have	48	37	54
DK/NA	4	3	5

rq7 The tax cuts passed in 2001 were temporary, with some expiring next year. Should those tax cuts be made permanent or should they be allowed to expire?

Make permanent	50	58
Expire	41	34
DK/NA	9	8

rq8 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?

Worth it	41	51	43
Not worth it	52	40	51
DK/NA	7	9	6

rq9 Do you think the policies of the Bush administration have made the United States more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or have the policies of the Bush Administration not affected the U.S. safety from terrorism?

Safer	60	68	68
Less safe	15	12	15
No effect	22	17	14
DK/NA	3	3	3

rq10 Do you have confidence in George W. Bush's ability to make the right decisions about the nation's economy, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confidence	47	54	39
Uneasy	51	45	57
DK/NA	2	1	4

rq11 Do you have confidence in George W. Bush's ability to make the right decisions about reforming the nation's health care system, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confidence	42	50
Uneasy	50	43
DK/NA	8	7

rq12 Should immigrants who have entered the U.S. illegally be allowed to apply for work permits which would allow them to stay and work in the United States for three years, or shouldn't they be allowed to do that?

Should be allowed	40	42	32
Should not be allowed	54	48	65
DK/NA	6	10	3

rq13 Do you think the reductions in federal taxes enacted since 2001 have been good for the economy, bad for the economy, or haven't they made much difference?

	Total %	Speech Watchers %	Jan04a %
Good	39	44	27
Bad	12	10	17
Not much difference	47	42	51
DK/NA	2	4	5

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	390	
Total Speech Watchers	219	198
Total Non-Watchers	171	192