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q27 In its dealings with foreign countries and its handling of international problems, do you think the Bush Administration tries hard enough to reach diplomatic solutions, or is it too quick to get American military forces involved?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS			
	Total	***** Party ID *****		
	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%
Tries hard enough to reach	40	69	22	38
Too quick	50	20	72	49
DK/NA	10	11	6	13

q28 When it comes to the campaign against terrorism, do you think the Bush Administration has a clear plan for its policy, or do you think the Bush Administration is just reacting to events as they occur?

					Sep02a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Has a clear plan	41	69	22	40	39
Reacting to events	54	25	75	54	52
DK/NA	5	7	3	5	9

q32 Do you think George W. Bush has tried to compromise with the Democrats in Congress in order to get things done, or not?

Has really tried	53	73	40	52
Has not really tried	36	18	52	31
DK/NA	11	9	8	17

q33 Do you think the Democrats in Congress have really tried to work with George W. Bush in order to get things done, or not?

Have really tried	50	34	65	45
Have not really tried	41	60	27	42
DK/NA	9	6	8	13

q36 Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. The United States should not attack another country unless that country has attacked the United States first, or 2. The United States should be able to attack any country it thinks might attack the United States?

	**** Half Sample A ****				Sep02c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
U.S. should not attack	44	31	59	38	44
U.S. should attack	43	55	37	40	43
It depends (Vol.)	5	3	3	8	5
DK/NA	8	10	1	13	8

q37 Which comes closer to your opinion? 1. One country should NOT be able to attack another country unless it is attacked first, or 2. One country should be able to attack any other country it thinks will attack first?

	**** Half Sample B ****			
	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Should not be able to attack	56	32	68	59
Should be able to attack	33	49	25	31
It depends (Vol.)	5	7	1	7
DK/NA	6	11	6	2

q38 These days, if someone disagrees with the president's decisions on military issues, do you think it's okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on military issues?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Sep02c
Okay to criticize	64	62	59	71	60
Not okay	32	34	38	25	37
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	3

q39 These days, if someone disagrees with the president's proposals on economic or other domestic issues, do you think it's okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on economic or domestic issues?

Okay to criticize	72	76	66	75	70
Not okay	26	22	32	23	26
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	4

q40 How much have you heard or read about the possibility of the United States taking new military action against Iraq -- a lot, some, or not much so far?

A lot	58	57	56	62	56
Some	33	39	32	29	30
Not much so far	9	4	12	8	14
None (Vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	0	0	0	0	0

q41 When it comes to taking military action against Iraq, do you think the Bush Administration has a clear plan or do you think the Bush Administration is just reacting to events as they occur?

Has a clear plan	52	77	35	50
Reacting to events	42	18	57	43
DK/NA	7	5	7	7

q42 Do you approve or disapprove of the United States taking military action against Iraq to try to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

Approve	67	85	57	65	68
Disapprove	27	10	38	29	26
DK/NA	5	5	5	6	6

q43 Should the United States take military action against Iraq fairly soon, or should the U.S. wait and give the United Nations more time to get weapons inspectors back into Iraq?

TOTAL RESPONDENTS

	Total %	***** Party ID *****			Sep02c %
		Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	
Take military action soon	30	39	20	34	36
Give U.N. more time	63	54	74	59	57
Both (Vol.)	1	1	0	0	0
DK/NA	6	5	5	7	7

q44 Do you think the President should have to get the approval of Congress before taking military action against Iraq, or should he be able to make that decision himself?

Get approval	70	59	79	69	65
His decision	28	38	19	29	31
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	4

q45 Which statement do you agree with more? Iraq presents such a clear danger to American interests that the United States needs to act now, even without the support of its allies, OR the U.S. needs to wait for its allies before taking any action against Iraq?

U.S. needs to act now	29	39	22	30	31
U.S. needs to wait	65	54	74	62	61
U.S. shouldn't act (Vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	6	7	4	8	8

q46 Do you expect the United States military to end up fighting against Iraq, or do you think the situation will be resolved without fighting?

End up fighting	70	78	66	69	78
Resolve without fighting	24	16	26	26	17
DK/NA	6	6	8	5	5

q47 Do you think removing Saddam Hussein from power is worth the potential loss of American life and the other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

Worth it	53	71	39	54	57
Not worth it	37	18	52	36	33
DK/NA	9	11	9	10	10

q48 Suppose U.S. military action in Iraq would result in substantial U.S. military casualties, then would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iraq?

Favor	54	67	43	54	57
Oppose	37	22	48	37	34
DK/NA	9	11	8	9	9

q49 Suppose U.S. military action in Iraq would result in substantial IRAQI civilian casualties, then would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iraq?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Sep02a
	Total	***** Party ID *****			
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
	%	%	%	%	
Favor	49	65	38	48	49
Oppose	39	22	48	41	10
DK/NA	13	13	14	11	11

q50 Suppose U.S. military action in Iraq meant that the U.S. would be involved in a war there for months or even years, then would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iraq?

					Sep02c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Favor	49	70	35	48	51
Oppose	44	23	60	43	39
DK/NA	7	8	5	9	10

q51 In your opinion, is George W. Bush moving too quickly toward a war with Iraq, is he not moving quickly enough, or is he moving at about the right speed?

Too quickly	35	14	51	35
Not quickly enough	10	6	8	15
About right	52	78	40	45
DK/NA	3	2	2	5

q52 How do you think a war with Iraq would affect the U.S. economy -- would it make the economy better, or would it make it worse, or would the economy be about the same as it is now?

Better	23	27	18	24
Worse	37	31	43	34
Same	31	35	29	30
DK/NA	10	7	9	12

q53 If the United States takes military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

					Sep02c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Increase	50	40	61	46	44
Decrease	16	24	7	19	18
About the same	32	33	31	32	34
DK/NA	2	3	1	3	4

q54 If the United States does get militarily involved in Iraq, which of the following would be the more likely: a fairly quick and successful effort, or a long and costly involvement?

Quick/successful effort	43	52	35	45	45
Long and costly involvement	51	41	62	48	49
Quick but unsuccessful (vol.)	0	1	0	0	0
DK/NA	5	6	3	7	6

q55 In deciding what to do about Iraq now, do you think George W. Bush is being influenced too much by his father's experience fighting Saddam Hussein, is he being influenced too little by that, or is the influence of his father's experience fighting Saddam Hussein about right?

TOTAL RESPONDENTS

	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Influenced too much	29	11	45	27
Influenced too little	4	1	4	7
Influence about right	51	72	39	48
No influence (Vol.)	6	10	4	5
DK/NA	10	7	8	13

q56 Compared to two years ago, is the threat Iraq poses to the United States greater today, less today, or is the threat Iraq poses to the United States about the same as it was two years ago?

Greater	56	70	45	57
Less	4	7	5	2
Same	36	23	48	33
DK/NA	4	0	2	8

q57 In your opinion, is George W. Bush more interested in removing weapons of mass destruction from Iraq, or more interested in removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

Remove weapons	29	39	22	29
Remove Hussein	53	37	67	51
Both (vol)	13	18	8	15
DK/NA	4	6	2	5

q58 Overall, is Congress asking too many questions about President Bush's policy toward Iraq, or isn't Congress asking enough questions?

					Sep02c
Too many questions	20	32	15	18	22
Not enough questions	51	30	63	54	44
About the right amount (vol.)	17	25	13	15	16
It depends (vol.)	1	0	1	2	1
DK/NA	11	13	9	11	17

q60 When it comes to dealing with Saddam Hussein, do you think George W. Bush wants the U.S. to work with the United Nations, or do you think Bush wants the U.S. to make decisions without really working with the United Nations?

Wants to work with U.N.	57	77	43	55	49
Doesn't want to	38	17	55	36	40
DK/NA	5	6	2	9	11

q66 In your opinion, do you think that a war between the United States and Iraq is likely to lead to a larger war between other countries in the Middle East, such as Arab nations and Israel?

**** Half Sample C ****				
***** Party ID *****				
Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
%	%	%	%	%
Yes, likely	60	50	68	57
No, not likely	33	43	28	30
DK/NA	7	6	4	13

q67 In your opinion, do you think that a war between the United States and Iraq is likely to lead to a larger war between other countries in the Middle East?

**** Half Sample D ****				
Yes, likely	60	42	72	61
No, not likely	36	54	23	35
DK/NA	4	4	5	4

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	668	
Total Republicans	201	180
Total Democrats	240	252
Total Independents	227	236
Half Sample A	353	359
Half Sample B	315	309
Half Sample C	337	336
Half Sample D	331	332