

**CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL**  
**The November Elections**  
**October 3-5, 2002**

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

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				Sep02c
	Total	***** Party ID *****			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	63	92	45	59	66
Disapprove	29	5	48	27	27
DK/NA	8	3	7	14	7

q2 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?

					Sep02a
Right direction	42	64	22	46	43
Wrong track	48	26	69	41	49
DK/NA	10	10	9	13	8

q3 What do you think is the single most important problem for the government - that is, the President and Congress - to address in the coming year?

					Jul02b
Terrorism/War/Security	30	39	23	28	22
Economy/Jobs/Stock market	26	22	32	23	17
Iraq	7	10	5	8	1
Medicare/Soc. Security/Rx	6	1	4	9	3
Education	3	1	6	1	5
Poverty / Homelessness	2	1	1	3	2
Health care	2	3	2	2	3
Budget deficit /National debt	2	1	3	1	2
Business ethics/Corporate	2	1	3	0	6
Other	9	9	12	14	25
DK/NA	11	12	9	11	14

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign policy?

					Sep02c
Approve	57	86	40	52	58
Disapprove	33	11	48	34	34
DK/NA	10	3	12	14	8

q5 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	41	63	25	41	49
Disapprove	46	21	68	43	41
DK/NA	13	16	7	16	10

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

\*\*\* REGISTERED VOTERS \*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep02c
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	41	39	48	33	48
Disapprove	47	50	42	52	38
DK/NA	12	11	10	15	14

q7 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*

Very good	4	2	2	6	3
Fairly good	39	49	32	38	48
Fairly bad	42	39	49	35	37
Very bad	14	8	15	17	10
DK/NA	1	2	2	4	2

q8 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

					Aug02a
Getting better	13	20	5	15	17
Getting worse	39	25	52	36	35
Staying about same	46	55	41	45	45
DK/NA	2	0	2	4	2

q9 Do you think most members of Congress have done a good enough job to deserve re-election, or do you think its time to give new people a chance?

\*\*\* REGISTERED VOTERS \*\*\*

					Oct98f
Deserves re-election	15	17	19	9	23
Time for new people	70	69	65	76	62
It depends (Vol.)	8	8	8	9	8
DK/NA	7	8	8	6	7

q11 How much attention have you been able to pay to election campaigns in your state this year -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

					Oct98g
A lot	30	31	28	32	35
Some	46	49	48	42	45
Not much	20	16	21	21	15
No attention	4	3	4	4	5
DK/NA	0	1	0	1	0

q12 If the 2002 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

	LIKELY VOTERS	Sep02c*
Republican	43	40
Democratic	46	40
Other (vol.)	0	1
Won't Vote (vol.)	0	1
Depends (vol.)	5	8
DK/NA	6	10

\*Trend is among registered voters.

q14 Do you think your representative in Congress has performed his or her job well enough to deserve re-election, or do you think it's time to give a new person a chance?

*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***					
	***** Party ID *****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul02b
	%	%	%	%	%
Deserves re-election	50	55	50	47	50
Time for new people	38	31	41	41	36
Depends on candidates (vol.)	2	0	2	3	1
DK/NA	10	14	7	9	13

q15 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, a vote against George W. Bush, or don't you think of your vote this fall as being about George W. Bush's presidency?

Vote for Bush	32	54	21	26	26
Vote against Bush	20	5	31	21	16
Bush not a factor	40	36	40	44	51
Won't vote (Vol.)	1	0	1	1	1
DK/NA	7	5	7	8	6

q16 Would you be more likely to vote for a Congressional candidate because of their positions on the economy, or because of their positions on foreign policy?

	Sept 1982				
Positions on the economy	57	49	65	55	78
Positions on foreign policy	25	27	22	28	12
Both (vol.)	11	14	9	11	3
Neither (vol.)	1	2	1	1	0
DK/NA	6	8	3	5	7

q17 Regardless of how you intend to vote in November, which would you like to hear the candidates talk more about, the possibility of war with Iraq or how to improve the U.S. economy?

*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***				
	***** HALF SAMPLE A *****			
War with Iraq	17	22	10	22
Economy	70	56	83	64
Both (Vol.)	13	22	7	12
DK/NA	0	0	0	2

q18 Which of these should be the higher priority for the nation right now -- the economy and jobs, or terrorism and national security?

REGISTERED VOTERS					
	***** HALF SAMPLE B *****				
Economy	35	26	37	40	Sep02c 32
Terrorism	50	62	46	43	57
Both (Vol.)	13	11	14	13	9
Neither (Vol.)	0	1	0	0	0
DK/NA	2	0	3	4	2

q19 Do you think it is better for the country to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and the Congress controlled by another?

	*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***				
	***** Party ID *****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul96a
	%	%	%	%	%
Better when same party	38	56	29	33	43
Better when different party	44	27	54	45	34
DK/NA	18	17	17	22	23

q20 During 2001 and 2002, do you think Congress has accomplished more or less than it usually does in a typical two-year period?

					Sep00d*
More	25	33	25	19	20
Less	53	49	51	58	53
Same (vol.)	7	6	7	8	11
DK/NA	15	12	17	15	16

\*Varied wording: "During 1999 and 2000, do you think Congress has accomplished..."

q21 How much attention do you think the government in Washington is paying to improving the nation's economy ---- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***			
A lot	12	24	9	7
Some	50	56	46	51
Not much	30	18	34	35
Not all	7	3	10	7
DK/NA	1	0	1	0

q22 How much attention do you think the government in Washington is paying to protecting the environment ---- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

A lot	13	18	9	12
Some	41	52	32	41
Not much	30	23	37	27
Not all	13	4	17	15
DK/NA	3	3	4	5

q23 How much attention do you think the government in Washington is paying to preserving Social Security and Medicare for future generations -- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

A lot	9	12	9	6
Some	36	46	27	39
Not much	36	30	46	30
Not all	13	7	15	15
DK/NA	6	5	3	9

q24 How much does reducing the cost of prescription drugs for the elderly matter to you personally ---- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				Jul02b
	Total	***** Party ID *****			
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
	%	%	%	%	
A lot	67	63	73	65	70
Some	18	22	15	19	22
Not much	10	11	10	10	5
Not all	3	4	2	4	4
DK/NA	2	0	0	2	1

q25 Compared to two years ago, is America today respected more in the world than it was then, respected less than it was then, or respected about as much?

Respected more	19	31	17	13
Respected less	42	32	50	42
Respected about as much	36	36	32	40
DK/NA	3	1	1	5

q26 Compared to two years ago, are relations today between the United States and its European allies better, worse, or about the same?

Better	18	22	19	14
Worse	30	23	32	34
About the same	49	52	48	48
DK/NA	3	3	1	4

q29 In deciding how to spend their time, Presidents have to weigh the importance of foreign policy problems and problems here at home. Given the importance of each, do you think George W. Bush has been spending too much time on foreign policy problems, OR too much time on problems here at home, OR has he been spending his time about right?

Too much on foreign	41	20	61	35
Too much on problems at home	2	0	2	3
About right	52	77	31	55
DK/NA	5	3	6	7

q31 Do you think George W. Bush is paying as much attention as he can to the U.S. economy during this time of war in Afghanistan, or should he be paying more attention to the economy?

	**** HALF SAMPLE D ****				Aug02a
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
Paying as much attention	31	53	17	28	41
Should be paying more	64	42	79	67	50
Too much attention (Vol.)	1	1	0	1	0
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	9

q34 Do you think George W. Bush is more interested in protecting the interests of ordinary Americans or more interested in protecting the interests of large corporations?

## \*\*\*\* HALF SAMPLE E \*\*\*\*

	***** Party ID *****				Aug02a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Ordinary Americans	42	69	26	39	43
Large corporations	51	22	67	55	44
Both equal (vol.)	2	5	0	2	5
DK/NA	5	4	7	4	8

q35 Do you think members of the Bush Administration are more interested in protecting the interests of ordinary Americans or more interested in protecting the interests of large corporations?

## \*\*\*\* HALF SAMPLE F\*\*\*\*

	***** Party ID *****				Aug02a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Ordinary Americans	30	50	18	29	32
Large corporations	60	34	75	64	58
Both equal (vol.)	1	3	1	1	3
DK/NA	9	13	6	6	7

q59 In deciding who to vote for in the upcoming Congressional elections, will your representative's vote on taking military action against Iraq be very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

## \*\*\* REGISTERED VOTERS \*\*\*

Very important	49	52	51	45
Somewhat important	38	38	38	40
Not very important	6	6	5	8
Not at all important	4	2	5	4
DK/NA	3	2	1	3

q61 Do you think members of the Bush Administration are trying to use the situation with Iraq to their own political advantage in the upcoming election, or aren't they trying to do this?

## \*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*

Trying to use the situation	51	38	61	50
Not trying to use Iraq	40	58	29	39
Some are, some aren't (vol.)	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	8	3	9	10

q62 Do you think members of Congress are trying to use the situation with Iraq to their own political advantage in the upcoming election, or aren't they trying to do this?

Trying to use the situation	57	66	53	54
Not trying to use Iraq	32	27	38	30
Some are, some aren't (vol.)	2	4	1	3
Only Democrats are (vol.)	0	1	0	0
DK/NA	9	2	8	13

q68 In general, is your opinion of the Republican party favorable or not favorable?

					Jul02b
Favorable	53	90	28	52	53
Not favorable	39	8	66	33	38
DK/NA	8	2	6	15	9

q69 In general, is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable or not favorable?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul02b
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	53	27	82	43	53
Not favorable	39	70	15	41	36
DK/NA	8	3	3	16	11

q70 Do you think the Republican party is more interested in protecting the interests of ordinary Americans or are they more interested in protecting the interests of large corporations?

Ordinary Americans	33	65	13	31	29
Large corporations	59	25	85	57	58
Both equal (vol.)	2	6	0	1	4
DK/NA	5	4	2	10	

q71 Do you think the Democratic party is more interested in protecting the interests of ordinary Americans or are they more interested in protecting the interests of large corporations?

Ordinary Americans	60	46	84	45	52
Large corporations	28	39	12	37	31
Both equal (vol.)	1	2	1	1	3
DK/NA	11	13	3	17	14

q72 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make sure the country is prosperous?

Republican party	38	75	14	36	39
Democratic party	41	10	76	29	39
Both (vol.)	6	7	3	7	6
Neither (vol.)	2	2	2	3	3
DK/NA	13	6	5	25	13

q73 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to improve education?

Republican party	30	62	12	25	33
Democratic party	49	20	76	42	48
Both (vol.)	5	5	6	6	5
Neither (vol.)	3	2	1	6	3
DK/NA	13	11	5	21	11

q74 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make the right decisions about Social Security?

Republican party	27	59	8	24	30
Democratic party	51	18	80	45	49
Both (vol.)	3	4	2	4	4
Neither (vol.)	5	6	2	7	4
DK/NA	14	13	8	20	13

q75 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make sure the U.S. military defenses are strong?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*

	***** Party ID *****				Jul02b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Republican party	64	86	51	63	64
Democratic party	23	9	37	17	20
Both (vol.)	4	3	4	5	7
Neither (vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	9	2	8	15	9

q76 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make the right decisions when it comes to dealing with terrorism?

Republican party	47	81	27	42	49
Democratic party	28	4	46	27	22
Both (vol.)	10	7	10	13	14
Neither (vol.)	2	1	3	3	2
DK/NA	13	7	14	15	13

q77 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to improve the health care system?

Republican party	22	45	5	23	22
Democratic party	62	35	89	52	58
Both (vol.)	4	7	2	4	4
Neither (vol.)	4	5	1	6	4
DK/NA	8	8	3	15	12

q78 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to protect the environment?

Republican party	19	33	13	15	19
Democratic party	63	52	73	60	60
Both (vol.)	5	3	6	5	7
Neither (vol.)	3	1	1	6	4
DK/NA	10	11	7	14	10

q79 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make sure the tax system is fair?

					Jan02c
Republican party	34	71	8	34	36
Democratic party	47	14	81	35	49
Both (vol.)	3	2	2	4	4
Neither (vol.)	5	6	2	8	4
DK/NA	11	7	7	19	7

q80 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think big business has more influence on the Republican party or the Democratic party?

					Jul02b
Republican party	57	42	79	46	53
Democratic party	22	32	12	24	17
Both (vol.)	12	15	5	17	14
Neither (vol.)	1	3	0	0	1
DK/NA	8	8	4	13	15



q81 In general, do you think the policies of the Bush Administration favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor or do they treat all groups the same?

*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***					
	***** Party ID *****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul02b
	%	%	%	%	%
Favor the rich	55	23	73	59	53
Favor the middle class	14	24	6	14	18
Favor the poor	2	3	2	1	1
Treat all groups the same	25	42	15	23	24
DK/NA	4	8	4	3	4

q82 Compared to two years ago, do you think the nation's economy is better today, worse today, or about the same?

Better today	5	7	4	5	10
Worse today	70	59	76	70	58
About the same	24	33	19	23	31
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1

q83 Compared to two years ago, is your family's financial situation better today, worse today, or about the same?

	Aug02a				
Better today	23	36	16	20	29
Worse today	33	18	33	44	27
About the same	44	46	51	35	44
DK/NA	0	0	0	1	0

q84 Do you personally, or jointly with a spouse, have any money invested in the stock market right now -- either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund, or don't you?

Have investments	51	59	48	49
No investments	48	41	51	50
DK/NA	1	0	1	1

q85 Do you currently participate in an employer-sponsored 401k plan, or not?

	* Those Who Have Investments *			
Yes	57	60	55	56
No	43	40	44	44
DK/NA	0	0	1	0

q86 What has happened to the value of your 401K plan in the past year -- has it gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

	** Those Who Have 401K **			
Gone up	5	5	3	6
Gone down	74	81	75	65
Stayed about the same	18	13	16	25
DK/NA	3	1	6	4

q87 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

	*** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ***				Sep96a
	Total	***** Party ID *****			
	Rep	Dem	Ind		
%	%	%	%	%	
Very concerned	31	15	33	41	21
Somewhat concerned	20	19	25	16	26
Not concerned at all	48	66	40	42	51
DK/NA	1	0	2	1	2

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	668	
Total Republicans	201	180
Total Democrats	240	252
Total Independents	227	236
Registered Voters	564	534
Likely Voters	304	204
Half sample A	307	298
Half Sample B	257	236
Half Sample D	349	353
Half Sample E	337	336
Half Sample F	331	332
Investors	397	344
Have 401-K	220	195