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THE PRESIDENT, THE STATE OF THE UNION AND THE TROOP INCREASE January 18-21, 2007

President George W. Bush will make his 2007 State of the Union message to a Democratic Congress, a nation still opposed to his plan for increasing troops in Iraq - though more might back it if they thought it would assure U.S. success - and a very skeptical public. The President's approval rating has continued to drop, and by a large margin Americans think he does not share their priorities.

This State of the Union address may not reach many of those whose minds the President would like to change. Less than half of the public say they are very likely to watch the State of the Union message - and those who already support him are more likely to watch than those who don't.

But the public is now asking more from Congress, too. Most think Congressional Democrats should put forward a clear Iraq plan of their own - something most still say they haven't done. Half of Americans want Congress to cut off money for the so-called surge of U.S. troops to Iraq, although they are divided on whether Congress should offer a non-binding resolution against the troop increase.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR IRAQ

Support for the more than 20,000-troop increase has not changed in the days following the President's January 10th announcement of the plan. Today two-thirds are against the increase. Immediately after the speech, Americans' views were about the same.

SHOULD U.S. SEND 20,000 MORE TROOPS TO IRAQ?

	Now	1/10/07
Favor	29%	31%
Oppose	66	63

However, there is evidence in this poll that Americans might be convinced to back the plan -- **if** they were sure it would pay dividends. When those who oppose the increase are asked whether they would favor it if it meant the U.S.' chances for overall success in

Iraq would rise, many change their minds, causing majority support for the plan.

SHOULD U.S. SEND 20,000 MORE TROOPS TO IRAQ...?

		...if it increased US' chances for success?
Favor	29%	53%
Oppose	66	38

Americans aren't convinced the U.S. needs a troop increase to achieve its goals in Iraq. Just 26% think that's needed. About the same number, 24%, think it can be done without sending any more troops. But 41% think the U.S. can't achieve its goals regardless of troop levels.

THE U.S. CAN ACHIEVE ITS GOALS IN IRAQ..

<u>Only</u> by sending more troops	26%
<u>Without</u> sending more troops	24
Cannot achieve goals, regardless of troop levels	41

Opinions about overall troop levels in Iraq have not changed much in recent days. About half of Americans continue to say troop levels should be either decreased (26%) or withdrawn altogether (27%). One-quarter backs a general increase.

Americans are not confident the Iraqi government and military can step up and take more of a role in bringing order to Iraq, also part of the President's new plan. Fewer than half see those Iraqi institutions as either willing or able to stop the violence.

IN TRYING TO STOP VIOLENCE, ARE IRAQI GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY...

	Yes	No
<u>Willing</u> to do more	39%	51
<u>Able</u> to do more	42%	49

And only one in ten Americans thinks the U.S. has made a lot of progress training the Iraqi military; most think the U.S. has made only some (46%) or not much progress (33%).

THE STATE OF THE PRESIDENCY

Only 28% of Americans approve of the way the President is handling his job, while more than twice as many, 64%, disapprove. This is the lowest approval rating the President has ever received, but it is not much different from earlier this month, when 30% approved.

PRES. BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL

	Now	1/1-3/2007
Approve	28%	30%
Disapprove	64	63

Interviewing for this poll was conducted Thursday through Sunday. Saturday was the third deadliest day of the fighting in Iraq for U.S. troops.

There is more bad news for President Bush. By a two to one margin, Americans think he does not share their priorities. Just 28% think he does, while 69% think he does not.

DOES BUSH SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

Yes 28%
No 69

More than two thirds of Americans think the country has pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track - just 26% think it is headed in the right direction. And the war in Iraq remains the country's biggest concern.

The President's approval rating is much lower than it was one year ago, when 42% of Americans approved. It is far lower than the ratings he received in polls conducted prior to State of the Union addresses earlier in his presidency.

PRES. BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL

	Now	1/2006	1/2005	1/2004	1/2003	1/2002
Approve	28%	42%	49%	50%	59%	82%
Disapprove	64	51	46	45	35	12

His job approval is also significantly lower than those of other modern two-term presidents at this point in their second terms.

In January 1999, after his impeachment by the House of Representatives, President Bill Clinton's job approval rating was 65%. In January 1987, President Ronald Reagan's was 52%. President Lyndon Johnson received a 47% approval rating in early 1967, even as debate about the Vietnam War raged (and in this poll, most Americans say comparing Iraq to Vietnam is a fair comparison). Johnson's lowest approval rating was 35%, reached in August 1968.

**BUSH VS. OTHER PRESIDENTS:
APPROVAL RATINGS AT START OF SEVENTH YEAR**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Bush	Now	28%	64
Clinton	1/1999	65%	30
Reagan	1/1987	52%	38
Gallup Polls:			
Johnson	1/1967	47%	37
Eisenhower	1/1959	57%	27

Bush's approval ratings on terrorism, the war in Iraq, the economy, and foreign policy have remained about the same over the last few

months, and are mostly lower than what they were a year ago. Just 24% now approve of the job he is doing handling the war in Iraq.

PRES. BUSH JOB APPROVALS

	Now	1/2006
Terrorism	42%	52%
Economy	37%	39%
Foreign policy	26%	39%
Iraq	24%	37%

Views of the President's leadership -- a strong suit for him after the attacks of 9/11 -- have also fallen. In early September 2005, just after Hurricane Katrina, only 48% saw Bush as a strong leader, in comparison to 64% who held that view in January 2004 and 83% after the 9/11 attacks. Now, that number is even lower; just 42% believe he has strong qualities of leadership, while 55% think he does not.

DOES BUSH HAVE STRONG QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP?

	Now	1/2006	9/2005	1/2004	9/2001
Yes	42%	53%	48%	64%	83%
No	55	45	49	33	14

THE CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE

The public is asking more of Congress on Iraq. Most think Congressional Democrats should put forward a clear Iraq plan of their own - which most still say they haven't done.

Americans are divided on whether Congress should offer a non-binding resolution against the troop increase: 42% say yes and 42% say no. Yet when it comes to funding, more than half of Americans - including most Democrats - want Congress to actually cut off the money for the so-called surge, some even for the entire war.

50% of Americans want Congress to cut off funding specifically for the troop increase. 6% favor cutting off funding for the entire war. About four in ten, many of them Republicans, say Congress should fund the entire war including the troop surge.

Two-thirds of Democrats want funding for the troop increase blocked (though only 9% want Congress to cut off all war funding.) Half of Independents would also like to see the increase's funding blocked.

CONGRESS SHOULD...?

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
Allow all Iraq war funding	38%	19%	68%	36%
Block funding only for the surge	50	26	49	
Block ALL Iraq war funding	6	9	2	6

A majority of Democrats, whose party controls Congress, are in favor of the non-binding resolution. One-quarter of them oppose the idea.

Two-thirds of Republicans don't want a non-binding measure, but one-quarter of them do.

SHOULD CONGRESS PASS NON-BINDING RESOLUTION AGAINST TROOP INCREASE?

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
Yes	42%	58%	24%	39
No	42	26	64	42
Not sure	16	16	12	19

Seven in ten Americans say the President should seek Congressional approval for a troop increase. This feeling is unchanged from just after the January 10th speech.

SHOULD BUSH GET CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL BEFORE SENDING MORE TROOPS?

	Now	1/10/07
Yes, get approval	72%	75%
No, decide himself	26	22

The State of the Union also offers the President another chance to persuade Americans that he has an overall plan for the war. Despite his prime-time address to the nation on the subject, perception that President Bush has a clear plan for Iraq has risen only slightly, up to 24% today from 20%.

DOES PRES. BUSH HAVE CLEAR PLAN FOR IRAQ?

	Now	1/1-3/07	7/2005
Yes	24%	20%	28%
No	73	76	62

Congressional Democrats don't fare much better on this measure. Only 16% of Americans think the Congressional Democrats have developed a plan for dealing with Iraq. This is, however, double the 8% that thought so in early January.

But today 73% of Americans think the Democrats have a responsibility to develop a plan of their own, and not just react to plans proposed by the President.

CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS AND IRAQ PLANS:

	Yes	No
<u>Do</u> Democrats have a plan for Iraq?	16%	76
<u>Should</u> Democrats develop a plan for Iraq?	73%	17

THE STATE OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

Even after the President's announcement earlier this month of a change in strategy, public perception on how the war in Iraq is going has continued to slip. Only one out of 4 Americans think the war in Iraq is going even somewhat well. 75% of Americans think the war is going badly - the highest number since the war began and 20 points higher than the number recorded one

year ago. A majority of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents all agree that the war is going badly. Of course, the President himself admitted as much in his January 10th speech.

HOW IS THE WAR GOING?			
	Now	1/1-3 /07	1/2006
Well	23%	28%	45%
Badly	75	71	54

Only one in 10 Americans thinks the situation in Iraq is getting better.

46% of Americans think the U.S. is at least somewhat likely to succeed in Iraq - showing little change from before the President's Iraq speech - but only one in 10 Americans think this outcome is very likely. 50% of Americans think success in Iraq is not very likely, including one in 5 who think success is not likely at all, up from one in 10 a year ago.

WILL THE U.S. SUCCEED IN IRAQ?			
	Now	1/1-3/07	1/2006
Very likely	10%	10%	21%
Somewhat likely	36	37	42
Not very likely	30	27	24
Not at all likely	20	22	11

Looking back, 56% of Americans think the U.S. should have stayed out of Iraq in the first place, a number which has changed little over the past year.

THE FUTURE OF IRAQ

Americans are pessimistic about Iraq's future - most do not think Iraq will ever be peaceful. When asked if there will ever come a time when the different religious and ethnic groups in Iraq will be able to settle their differences and live peacefully, nearly two out of three Americans say no. Even a slight majority of those who think U.S. success in Iraq is at least somewhat likely does not think peace in Iraq is possible.

WILL THERE EVER BE PEACE IN IRAQ?	
Yes	30%
No	62

Americans don't expect much change in the next two years. 80% say they think there will still be a significant number of American troops in Iraq in two years, at the end of the President's second term.

WILL THERE STILL BE U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ BY 2009?		
	Now	1/2005
Yes	80%	75%
No	14	20

Nevertheless, Americans continue to see a stable Iraq as important to the security interests of the United States. 83% of Americans believe a stable

democracy in Iraq is at least somewhat important and 44% say it is very important.

**HOW IMPORTANT IS A STABLE IRAQ
TO U.S. SECURITY?**

	Now	3/2006
Very important	44%	35%
Somewhat important	39	40
Not very/at all important	14	24

61% of Americans also feel they have a clear idea as to what the U.S. is fighting for in Iraq, including most Republicans and Independents, and half of all Democrats.

DO YOU HAVE A CLEAR IDEA WHAT U.S. IS FIGHTING FOR?

Yes	61%
No	38

Americans are more likely to say they have a clear idea of what the U.S. is fighting for today in Iraq than they did assessing the Vietnam War in 1967. According to a Gallup Poll conducted that year, less than half had a clear idea what the Vietnam War was all about.

Still, comparing the current war in Iraq and the Vietnam War does not seem like a stretch to most Americans. 64% of the American public thinks comparing Iraq to Vietnam, in which a small commitment leads to years of conflict, is fair.

IS IRAQ WAR COMPARABLE TO VIETNAM?

Yes	64%
No	32

Most Americans also disagree with the argument that one cannot support U.S. troops while opposing the war in Iraq. Nearly eight in 10 Americans think one can oppose the war and still support U.S. troops, including a majority of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

CAN ONE OPPOSE THE WAR AND STILL SUPPORT THE TROOPS?

Yes	78%
No	18

The war in Iraq has taken a toll on evaluations of the President. Americans who think the President does not share their priorities are more likely than those who do to say the war is the most important problem facing the country. They are also more likely to think going to war in Iraq was the wrong thing to do, that the situation in Iraq is getting worse, and to oppose the troop increase proposed by the President.

THE STATE OF THE HOME FRONT

In the upcoming State of the Union, the President is expected to talk mostly about domestic concerns. And that is what most Americans - 55% - want to hear. Just one in four wants to hear mostly about foreign policy and Iraq.

IN SOTU, WANT BUSH TO TALK MOSTLY ABOUT:

Iraq and foreign policy	26%
Domestic issues like taxes & economy	55
Both	15

This is despite the fact that the most important problem facing the country today remains the war in Iraq, cited by 33% of Americans and far outstripping the economy and jobs (8%) and health care (7%). Iraq has topped the list for the past year, reaching a record 35% last month.

	MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM	
	Now	12/2006
War in Iraq	33%	35%
Economy and jobs	8	9
Health care	7	2

On the domestic front, Americans think the economy is in good shape, but a majority says the Social Security System needs to be fixed now. 71% of Americans think Social Security's problems need to be addressed right now instead of in the future. Only 16% say the problems are serious but do not need to be fixed for another 10 to 15 years. Hardly any say they are not very serious. Democrats and Republicans agree that Social Security needs to be fixed now.

PROBLEMS WITH SOCIAL SECURITY ARE:

	Now	6/2005
	So serious need to be fixed now	71%
Serious, but can be fixed in 10-15 years	16	36
Not serious	7	4

On the issue of taxes, 39% want to make the tax cuts enacted in 2001 permanent, but just as many - 39% - would like to see them expire in a few years. 55% of Republicans say the tax cuts should be made permanent, while a similar number of Democrats think they should be allowed to expire.

THE 2001 TAX CUTS SHOULD BE...

Made permanent	39%
Allowed to expire	39

More than eight in 10 Americans view the issue of illegal immigration as serious, including 56% who describe it as "very serious." The public, however, is not convinced that the new Democratic Congress will pass immigration reform.

WILL CONGRESS PASS IMMIGRATION REFORM?

	Now	1/1-3/2007
Yes	41%	42%
No	38	42

65% of Americans now approve of medical research using embryonic stem cells; 25% disapprove. The number who approve is up slightly from last summer. 74% of Democrats approve of embryonic stem cell research, as do 54% of Republicans.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

	Now	7/2006	7/2005	8/2004
Approve	65%	59%	56%	50%
Disapprove	25	28	30	31

Despite Americans' overall approval of medical research using embryonic stem cells, half of all Americans do not believe that the level of federal spending for such research should be increased. However, few want it decreased.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH SHOULD BE ...?

Increased	43%
Decreased	14
Kept the same	36

Not surprisingly, a majority of those who approve of embryonic stem cell research want to increase federal funding for that purpose. Those who disapprove, as well as those who would permit abortion only to save the life of the mother or outlaw it entirely, think federal money for research using embryonic stem cells should be decreased.

Americans continue to view global warming as a serious problem. 70% say it is a problem that is having a serious impact right now. A quarter disagrees.

IS GLOBAL WARMING HAVING A SERIOUS IMPACT NOW?

	Now	8/2006
Yes	70%	67%
No	23	28

THE STATE OF THE CONGRESS

With the 110th Congress just over two weeks old, 33% of Americans now approve of the job Congress is doing. While this rating is far from stellar, it is somewhat higher than the 29% who approved of Congress in October right before the midterm elections, and higher than the approval rating for President Bush. 49% disapprove of the job Congress is doing.

Approval ratings of Congress were higher in 2005 at the start of the 109th Congress. Back then, 44% of Americans approved of the job Congress was doing. Today's rating is similar to what it was in 1995

when the Republicans took over both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL

	Now	10/2006	1/2005	1/1995
Approve	33%	29%	44%	35%
Disapprove	49	56	39	44
Don't know	18	15	17	21

Americans are somewhat optimistic about Congress - half think this Congress will accomplish more than Congress usually does in a typical two-year period. Just last Thursday, the House of Representatives completed their "100 hour" legislative package which included a bill to raise the federal minimum wage and one to expand embryonic stem cell research. Still, 33% think they will accomplish less than usual.

CONGRESS WILL ACCOMPLISH ... THAN USUAL?

	All	1/1999	1/1995
More	50%	38%	52%
Less	33	42	30
Same (vol.)	8	7	9

Previous Congresses have started their terms with both better and worse expectations. In early 1995, just after the 1994 elections that gave control of Congress to the Republicans, slightly more people had high expectations. Expectations were at their lowest in January 1999, in the midst of the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, as Republicans retained control.

Despite this optimism, few think George W. Bush and the Democrats will be able to work together in the coming year. Only three in 10 think they will, while 62% think they will not. Views on cooperation between the two are more pessimistic now than they were earlier this month.

WILL PRES. BUSH AND DEMOCRATS BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER?

	Now	1/1-3/2007
Yes	32%	41%
No	62	51

In addition, a majority thinks that by the end of Bush's term in office the federal deficit will be larger than it is today. When it comes to safety from terrorism, most think the country will be about the same as it is now.

Speaker Pelosi:

Two-thirds are undecided or haven't heard enough about Nancy Pelosi, the new Speaker of the House, and there has been little change in the last few weeks. Those who do know her are divided in their opinions: 15% of Americans view her favorably, while 15% view her unfavorably. As expected, Democrats are more likely than Republicans to view Pelosi favorably.

VIEWS OF NANCY PELOSI

	Now	1/1-3/2007
Favorable	15%	14%
Not Favorable	15	12
Undecided/haven't heard enough	69	74

In January 1995, when the Republicans took control of both houses of Congress, Americans were more familiar with the new Congressional leadership than they are today. Newt Gingrich, the new Speaker of the House, had been very visible in the 1994 campaign. Then, Gingrich was viewed favorably by 10% of Americans, but more - 23% - viewed him unfavorably.

VIEWS OF HOUSE SPEAKERS

	<u>Pelosi</u>	<u>Gingrich</u>
	Now	1/1995
Favorable	15%	10%
Not Favorable	15	23
Undecided/haven't heard enough	69	65

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1168 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone January 18-21, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher. An oversample of African Americans was also conducted for this poll, for a total of 221 interviews among this group. The results were then weighted in proportion to the racial composition of the adult population in the U.S. Census. The margin of error for African Americans is plus or minus seven points.

CBS NEWS POLL

**The President, the State of the Union and the Troop Increase
January 18-21, 2007**

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

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jan07a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	28	63	7	24	30
Disapprove	64	29	90	64	63
DK/NA	8	8	3	12	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?

Right direction	26	52	11	24	27
Wrong track	69	43	86	71	68
DK/NA	5	5	3	5	5

q3 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

					Dec06a
War in Iraq	33	25	43	31	35
Economy / Jobs	8	7	9	7	9
Health Care	7	3	8	9	2
Terrorism (general)	5	10	2	4	4
Education	4	4	3	4	2
Immigration	4	4	4	6	4
Moral Values/Family Values	3	3	0	3	3
Miscellaneous Social Issues	3	3	2	4	0
Poverty / Homelessness	3	4	2	4	3
The President/G.W. Bush	3	1	2	4	3
Politicians/Government	3	5	2	3	2
Foreign Policy	2	1	1	3	2
Defense / Military	2	2	1	3	2
Other	15	24	13	11	23
DK/NA	5	4	8	4	6

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

					Oct06d
Approve	26	54	9	25	31
Disapprove	64	34	85	64	58
DK/NA	10	12	6	11	11

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

					Jan07a
Approve	37	69	16	35	41
Disapprove	55	25	76	56	51
DK/NA	8	6	8	9	8

q6 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	Jan07a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	24	53	5	23	23
Disapprove	72	42	94	73	72
DK/NA	4	5	1	4	5

q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	42	77	18	42	43
Disapprove	53	20	77	53	51
DK/NA	5	3	5	5	6

q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

					Oct06d
Approve	33	28	41	29	29
Disapprove	49	57	42	51	56
DK/NA	18	15	17	20	15

q9 Over the coming year, do you think President George W. Bush and the Democrats in Congress will or will not be able to work together?

					Jan07a
Will be able	32	31	34	31	41
Will not be able to	62	65	61	62	51
DK/NA	6	4	5	7	8

q10 Do you think that in the next two years the new Congress will accomplish more or less than Congress usually does in a typical two-year period?

More	50	26	73	43	49
Less	33	57	13	35	32
Same (vol.)	8	9	7	9	10
DK/NA	9	8	7	13	9

q11 So far, do you think the Democrats in Congress have developed a clear plan for dealing with the situation in Iraq, or haven't they developed one?

Have developed a clear plan	16	8	24	13	8
Have not developed one	76	88	66	77	82
Don't know/No answer	8	4	10	10	10

q12 Do you think the Democrats in Congress have a responsibility to develop their own plan for Iraq, or is it only necessary for them to react to the President's plan?

Develop own plan	73	68	82	67
React to President's plan	17	23	12	17
DK/NA	10	9	6	16

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q15 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 **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan07a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very good	7	19	1	6	8
Fairly good	51	66	42	48	50
Fairly bad	31	10	42	33	26
Very bad	10	4	13	12	14
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	2

q16 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?

					Oct06a
Favorable	27	62	4	25	34
Not favorable	56	19	83	55	52
Undecided	14	16	9	17	11
Haven't heard enough	2	2	3	3	3
Refused	1	1	1	0	0

q17 Is your opinion of Dick Cheney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	16	41	3	11	20
Not favorable	48	20	69	48	48
Undecided	21	21	17	24	16
Haven't heard enough	15	18	11	16	16
Refused	0	0	0	1	0

q18 Is your opinion of Nancy Pelosi favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Nancy Pelosi yet to have an opinion?

					Jan07a
Favorable	15	7	24	12	14
Not favorable	15	32	3	15	12
Undecided	22	21	23	22	15
Haven't heard enough	47	40	50	50	59
Refused	1	0	0	1	0

q19-20 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q21 Do you think George W. Bush has strong qualities of leadership, or not?

					May06a
Has	42	72	17	44	42
Does not have	55	26	79	52	55
DK/NA	3	2	4	4	3

q22 Do you think George W. Bush has the same priorities for the country as you have, or not?

					May06b
Has	28	60	7	27	36
Does not have	69	34	91	71	61
DK/NA	3	6	2	2	3

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q25 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think the federal budget deficit will be bigger than it is now, smaller than it is now, or about the same as it is now?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jan06b
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Bigger	62	45	78	60	70
Smaller	7	8	5	7	6
About the same	28	43	15	30	22
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	2

q26 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you expect the U.S. to be safer from terrorism than it is today, less safe from terrorism, or about as safe from terrorism as it is today?

					Jan05b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Safer	17	32	8	16	29
Less safe	21	8	31	21	17
About the same	60	57	60	61	52
DK/NA	2	3	1	2	2

q27 By the end of George W. Bush's second term in office, do you think there will still be a significant number of American troops in Iraq, or not?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Still a significant number	80	84	78	80	75
Not sure	14	14	16	13	20
Don't know/No answer	6	2	6	7	5

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q31 What is your personal feeling about abortion? 1. It should be permitted in all cases OR 2. It should be permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than it is now OR 3. It should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest and to save the woman's life OR 4. It should only be permitted to save the woman's life.

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr06a
Permitted in all cases	31	21	36	32	29
Greater restrictions	16	15	19	15	17
Rape/Incest/Save woman's l	30	35	25	31	33
Only to save woman's lifel	12	17	11	10	14
Not permitted at all (Vol.	5	6	4	5	4
Don't know/No answer	6	6	5	7	3

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q34-q39 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q40 From what you know, are the problems with the Social Security system: so serious they must be fixed right now, serious, but they do not need to be fixed for another ten or fifteen years, or not very serious at all?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun05a
Fixed now	71	74	65	75	57
Fixed in 10-15 years	16	15	20	14	36
Not serious	7	4	12	3	4
DK/NA	6	7	3	8	3

q41 Many of the tax cuts passed in 2001 were temporary and are set to expire in a few years. Should those tax cuts be made permanent or should they be allowed to expire?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Made permanent	39	55	30	37
Allowed to expire	39	22	53	36
Depends (Vol.)	7	5	6	8
DK/NA	15	18	11	19

q42-55 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q56 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the US have stayed out?

					Jan07a
Right thing	39	73	21	35	38
Stayed out	56	24	76	58	58
Don't know/No answer	5	3	3	7	4

q57 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	1	4	0	0	3
Somewhat well	22	37	11	23	25
Somewhat badly	34	39	26	38	33
Very badly	41	17	61	37	38
Don't know/No answer	2	3	2	2	1

q58 Would you say the situation in Iraq is getting better, getting worse, or is it staying about the same?

					Dec06a
Getting better	9	18	3	9	8
Getting worse	45	20	62	45	52
Staying the same	45	61	35	44	38
DK/NA	1	1	0	2	2

q59 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do now--should the US increase the number of US troops in Iraq, keep the same number of US troops in Iraq as there are now, decrease the number of US troops in Iraq, or remove all its troops from Iraq?

					Jan07b^
Increase	24	47	6	25	30
Keep the same number	16	19	13	18	15
Decrease	26	12	37	23	25
Remove all troops	27	15	38	26	21
DK/NA	7	7	6	8	9

^Callback poll after Pres. Bush's Iraq speech

q60 Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do -- would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed in Iraq, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in Iraq?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan07a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very likely	10	18	5	9	10
Somewhat likely	36	50	30	32	37
Not very likely	30	23	34	31	27
Not at all likely	20	6	29	21	22
Don't know/No answer	4	3	2	7	4

q61 So far, do you think George W. Bush has developed a clear plan for dealing with the situation in Iraq, or hasn't he developed one?

Has developed a clear plan	24	48	9	21	20
Has not developed one	73	48	90	73	76
Don't know/No answer	3	4	1	6	4

q62 Do you favor or oppose sending more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq in order to try and gain control of Baghdad and some other areas?

					Jan07b^
Favor	29	56	11	29	31
Oppose	66	38	87	64	63
DK/NA	5	6	2	7	6

^Call back after Iraq speech

q63 What if sending more troops to Iraq meant a significant increase in American casualties in Iraq? Then would you favor or oppose sending more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq?

*AMONG THOSE WHO SAID "FAVOR" IN Q62

Favor	70	76	44	71
Oppose	23	17	51	22
DK/NA	7	7	5	7

q64 What if sending more troops to Iraq increased the war's cost to American taxpayers by several billion dollars? Then would you favor or oppose sending more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq?

Favor	79	87	54	78
Oppose	16	9	37	18
DK/NA	5	4	9	4

q65 What if sending more troops to Iraq would increase the likelihood of U.S. success in Iraq? Then would you favor or oppose sending more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops to Iraq?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

Favor	24	19	24	26
Favor in q62	29	56	11	29
Oppose	38	17	59	32
DK/NA	4	2	4	6
DK/NA in q62	5	6	2	7

q68 Which of these comes closest to your opinion? 1. Congress should block all funding for the war in Iraq, OR 2. Congress should block funding for additional troops being sent to Iraq, but allow funding for troops currently there, OR 3. Congress should allow all funding for the war in Iraq?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Block all funding	6	2	9	6
Block funding for more troops	50	26	69	49
Should allow all funding	38	68	19	36
DK/NA	6	4	3	9

q69 Do you think Congress should or should not pass a symbolic or non-binding resolution against sending additional troops to Iraq?

Should pass resolution	42	24	58	39
Should not	42	64	26	42
DK/NA	16	12	16	19

q70 From what you have heard or read, how much progress has the United States made in training Iraqi troops to take over from the US--a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

					Oct06d
					%
A lot	9	18	2	9	16
Some	46	55	37	49	42
Not much	33	21	46	28	29
None at all	6	2	8	8	7
DK/NA	6	4	7	6	6

q71 Do you think the Iraqi government and Iraqi military are willing to take more of the lead in stopping the violence in Iraq, or not?

					Jan07b^
Willing	39	50	33	38	40
Not willing	51	42	58	50	49
DK/NA	10	8	9	12	11

^Callback poll after Pres. Bush's Iraq speech

q72 Do you think the Iraqi government and Iraqi military are able to take more of the lead in stopping the violence in Iraq, or not?

Will be able	42	57	34	40
Will not be able	49	37	57	50
DK/NA	9	6	9	10

q73 When George W. Bush talks about how things are going for the United States in Iraq today, do you think he is making things in Iraq sound better than they really are, making things sound worse than they really are, or is he describing the situation in Iraq accurately?

					Dec06a
Sound better	64	37	79	68	67
Sound worse	6	1	11	4	5
Describing accurately	26	58	7	23	22
Don't know/No answer	4	4	3	5	6

q74 Do you think there will or will not come a time when the different ethnic and religious groups in Iraq will be able to settle their differences and live in peace?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes	30	26	32	32
No	62	67	62	60
DK/NA	8	7	6	8

q75 Do you think the President should have to get the approval of Congress before increasing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, or should he be able to make that decision himself?

					Jan07b^
Get approval	72	49	86	73	75
President's decision	26	47	13	24	22
DK/NA	2	4	1	3	3

^Callback poll after Pres. Bush's Iraq speech

q76 Do you think that you have a clear idea of what the Iraq war is all about -- that is, what the U.S. is fighting for?

Yes	61	77	49	60
No	38	22	50	36
DK/NA	1	1	1	4

q77 How important is a stable democracy in Iraq to the security interests of the United States? Is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

					Jan07b^
Very important	44	60	31	45	31
Somewhat important	39	33	47	35	42
Not very important	10	5	14	9	13
Not important at all	4	1	5	6	11
Don't know/No answer	3	1	3	5	3

^Callback poll after Pres. Bush's Iraq speech

q78 Which comes closest to your view -- 1) the U.S. can only achieve its goals in Iraq if it increases the number of troops it has there, OR 2) the U.S. can achieve its goals in Iraq without sending more troops there OR 3) the U.S. cannot achieve its goals in Iraq regardless of how many troops it has there?

Achieve goals w/ more troops	26	49	11	24
Achieve goals w/o more troops	24	21	25	26
Can't achieve goals	41	21	57	38
DK/NA	9	9	7	12

q79 Do you think that getting involved with Iraq in the Middle East is a lot like getting involved in Viet Nam in the 1960's, in which a small commitment at first can lead to years of conflict without clear results, or is that not such a good comparison?

Lot like Viet Nam	64	47	76	64
Not good comparison	32	49	21	31
DK/NA	4	4	3	5

q80 Do you think it is possible to oppose the war in Iraq and still support U.S. troops, or not?

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Yes	78	65	86	79
No	18	32	9	18
DK/NA	4	3	5	3

q81 Do you approve or disapprove of medical research using embryonic stem cells?

					Jul06a
Approve	65	54	74	64	59
Disapprove	25	36	16	26	28
DK/NA	10	10	10	10	13

q82 Should federal spending on medical research using embryonic stem cells be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

Increased	43	33	54	39	39
Decreased	14	21	9	14	19
Same	36	39	30	39	31
DK/NA	7	7	7	8	11

q83 With Democrats in control of Congress, do you think the Congress will pass immigration reform, or not?

					Jan07a
Yes	41	32	51	38	42
No	38	47	29	40	42
DK/NA	21	21	20	22	16

q84 How serious a problem do you think the issue of ILLEGAL immigration is for the country right now --very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

					Oct06d
Very serious	56	62	51	56	54
Somewhat serious	29	28	33	25	29
Not too serious	12	8	12	15	12
Not at all serious	2	1	4	2	5
DK/NA	1	1	0	2	0

q85 Did you watch or listen to President Bush's speech earlier this month on the war in Iraq?

Yes	43	49	40	43
No	56	50	60	57
DK/NA	1	1	0	0

q86 Do you think global warming is an environmental problem that is causing a serious impact now, or do you think global warming isn't having a serious impact?

					Aug06b
Impact now	70	52	85	68	67
No serious impact	23	42	10	24	28
DK/NA	7	6	5	8	5

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q88-91 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q92 President Bush's State of the Union address is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 23rd. How likely is it you will watch the President's State of the Union address that night? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Very likely	42	55	36	40
Somewhat likely	26	26	27	25
Not very likely	12	10	14	12
Not at all likely	19	9	22	22
DK/NA	1	0	1	1

q93 In his State of the Union Address next Tuesday, which would you like George W. Bush to spend more time talking about: His proposals on foreign policy issues like the war in Iraq or his proposals on domestic policy issues like taxes, the economy and other social issues?

Foreign policy proposals	26	28	28	23
Domestic proposals	55	52	56	57
Both/Neither (vol.)	15	16	14	15
DK/NA	4	4	2	5

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Total Respondents	1168	
Total Republicans	292	297
Total Democrats	444	419
Total Independents	432	452