

CBS News Poll
The Valerie Plame Leak, Iraq & the Economy
July 29 - August 2 2005

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	Jul05A
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	45	87	17	36	45
Disapprove	46	8	77	50	50
DK/NA	9	5	6	14	5

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?

					Jun05A
Right direction	37	74	13	28	33
Wrong track	57	18	84	64	61
DK/NA	6	8	3	8	6

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

					Jul05A
War in Iraq	19	12	28	17	22
Economy/jobs	14	11	18	12	13
Terrorism (general)	12	19	5	12	15
Moral Values/Family Values	3	6	2	2	3
Health Care	3	4	3	4	3
Gas/Heating Oil Crisis	3	5	2	4	3
Education	3	3	5	2	5
Defense / Military	3	1	3	3	3
Poverty / Homelessness	3	1	4	3	2
Social Security	2	1	3	2	1
Immigration	2	2	1	1	2
Environment	2	1	1	3	1
Attn. to Domestic affairs	2	1	1	2	1
The President/G.W. Bush	2	2	4	1	3
Religious Values	2	2	1	3	1
Other	19	21	17	20	17
DK/NA	6	8	2	9	5

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

					Jun05A
Approve	42	78	17	34	39
Disapprove	48	14	76	52	51
DK/NA	10	8	7	14	10

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

					Jul05A
Approve	42	81	12	35	40
Disapprove	52	14	83	55	51
DK/NA	6	5	5	10	9

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	41	79	15	32	39
Disapprove	55	17	83	61	57
DK/NA	4	4	2	7	4

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

Approve	55	91	33	45	54
Disapprove	39	7	61	45	36
DK/NA	6	2	6	10	10

q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling Social Security?

					Jun05A
Approve	29	61	11	18	25
Disapprove	58	24	83	65	62
DK/NA	13	15	6	17	13

q9 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	7	16	1	4	4
Fairly good	50	66	34	50	50
Fairly bad	31	14	47	31	32
Very bad	11	3	18	13	13
DK/NA	1	1	0	2	1

q10 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Better	20	38	8	17	18
Worse	32	13	46	35	36
Same	47	48	45	47	45
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1

q35 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?

					Jul04c
Worth it	34	65	14	27	34
Not worth it	59	26	83	65	62
Don't know/No answer	7	9	3	8	4

q36 Do you think removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

					Mar04B
Worth it	45	75	24	40	47
Not worth it	47	17	71	50	43
Don't know/No answer	8	8	5	10	10

q43 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?

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	%	%	%	%	%
Right thing	48	82	25	42	48
Stay out	46	15	70	52	47
DK/NA	6	3	5	6	5

q44 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	7	16	1	4	5
Somewhat well	41	61	26	37	39
Somewhat badly	29	17	36	33	31
Very badly	21	5	35	22	23
DK/NA	2	1	2	4	2

q45 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?

Very likely	21	41	9	16	22
Somewhat likely	43	49	41	39	40
Not very likely	24	5	34	30	25
Not at all likely	11	4	16	13	10
Already succeeded (vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know/No answer	1	1	0	2	3

q46 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do -- should the U.S. increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, keep the same number of U.S. troops in Iraq as there are now, or decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq?

Increase	15	20	12	15	15
Keep the same	31	48	23	25	32
Decrease	46	25	59	52	45
DK/NA	8	7	6	8	8

q47 Do you think of the war in Iraq as part of the war on terrorism, or do you think of it as separate from the war on terrorism? IF PART, ASK: Is that a major part of the war on terrorism, or a minor part of the war on terrorism?

Major part	39	65	19	34	37
Minor part	12	12	10	13	9
No part	46	19	69	48	50
DK/NA	3	4	2	5	4

q48 As a result of U.S. military action against Iraq, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

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	%	%	%	%	%
Increased	45	27	60	47	44
Decreased	14	28	8	8	13
Stayed the same	39	43	32	43	42
Don't know/No answer	2	2	0	2	1

q49 Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

					Oct04D*
Yes	34	43	25	34	30
No	53	42	65	51	61
Don't know/No answer	13	15	10	15	9

*Trend is among registered voters.

q69 Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism -- the United States and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists?

					Jan05B
The U.S. and its allies	40	72	23	29	39
Neither side	38	19	47	47	41
Terrorists	17	6	26	18	17
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	3

q70 How much confidence do you have in the ability of the U.S. government to protect its citizens from future terrorist attacks -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

					Apr04A
A great deal	20	37	9	14	19
A fair amount	49	54	45	49	56
Not very much	24	6	37	27	19
None at all	6	2	8	8	5
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1

q71 How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack on the United States within the next few months -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

					Jul05A
Very likely	17	13	18	19	19
Somewhat likely	44	43	47	42	46
Not very likely	28	33	24	28	25
Not at all likely	8	9	7	7	7
Already happened (Vol.)	0	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	3	2	4	4	3

q72 How do you think the war in Iraq affected the Al Qaeda terrorist network? Do you think the war in Iraq made it harder for Al Qaeda to launch new attacks, made it easier for Al Qaeda to launch new attacks, or did the war in Iraq not change Al Qaeda's ability to launch new attacks?

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	%	%	%	%	%
Made it harder	41	68	25	33	48
Made it easier	16	6	22	20	6
No impact	36	21	44	41	42
Don't know/No answer	7	5	9	6	4

q73 Is your opinion of Karl Rove favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Karl Rove yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	8	20	1	5
Not favorable	16	5	22	19
Undecided	17	21	13	17
Haven't heard enough yet	58	54	63	56
Refused	1	0	1	3

q74 How much have you heard or read about the special investigation into the possible leak of an undercover CIA officer's identity to reporters in 2003? Would you say you have heard or read a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

A lot	19	17	19	21
Some	35	39	35	30
Not much	22	25	20	22
Nothing	23	17	25	26
DK/NA	1	2	1	1

q75 There is currently a grand jury investigating whether a crime was committed when a CIA officer's identity was revealed to reporters. How important do you think the investigation is to the nation -- of great importance, some importance, or very little importance?

Great importance	41	31	52	41
Some importance	39	43	38	38
Very little importance	15	21	9	16
No importance (vol.)	1	2	0	1
DK/NA	4	3	1	4

q76 George W. Bush's Deputy Chief of Staff, Karl Rove, spoke with reporters about the CIA officer in 2003. Do you think Karl Rove personally did anything wrong in this matter? IF YES, ASK: Do you think Rove's activities were unethical or illegal?

Yes, unethical	20	15	22	21
Yes, illegal	7	3	11	7
Yes/but don't know if illegal	1	2	2	1
Yes/both illegal & unethical	11	3	14	15
No, nothing wrong	27	42	16	23
DK/NA	34	35	35	33

q77 In their statements about the possible leak of the CIA officer's identity, do you think members of the Bush Administration are telling the entire truth, are mostly telling the truth but are hiding something, or are mostly lying?

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Entire truth	12	28	3	7
Truth but hiding	55	50	57	57
Mostly lying	22	7	33	25
DK/NA	11	15	7	11

q79 Do you think someone in the Bush Administration was responsible for leaking the CIA officer's identity to reporters, or not?

Yes	52	29	64	60
No	21	37	13	15
DK/NA	27	34	23	25

q80 Do you think the leak of the CIA officer's identity was an isolated incident or mistake, OR do you think it was part of a wider effort to discredit critics of the Administration?

Isolated incident/mistake	18	16	18	19
Wider effort	29	11	40	34
Admin. didn't leak in q79	21	37	13	15
DK if Admin. leaked in q79	27	34	23	25
DK/NA in q80	5	2	6	7

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1222	
Total Republicans	391	373
Total Democrats	397	402
Total Independents	434	447