

CBS News Poll
Americans' Concerns About Gas Prices & the War in Iraq
August 29-31, 2005

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

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jul05b
	Total	***** Party ID *****			
	%	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	%
Approve	41	80	16	34	45
Disapprove	51	15	80	53	45
DK/NA	8	5	4	13	9

q2 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
War in Iraq	24	17	34	20
Gas/Heating Oil Crisis	14	18	15	11
Economy/jobs	13	7	16	14
Terrorism (general)	7	15	3	6
Hurricane Katrina	5	4	5	4
Health Care	3	1	3	3
The President/G.W. Bush	3	1	4	4
Poverty / Homelessness	2	3	2	2
Illegal Immigration	2	4	0	2
Foreign Policy	2	2	2	3
Defense / Military	2	2	1	2
Attn. to domestic affairs	2	0	1	4
Moral Values/Family Values	2	4	0	3
Other	16	18	10	20
DK/NA	3	4	4	2

Q3 NOT RELEASED - SAMPLE TOO SMALL

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05b
Approve	37	72	11	33	42
Disapprove	56	20	86	55	52
DK/NA	7	8	3	12	6

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05b
Approve	38	74	13	34	41
Disapprove	57	22	84	59	55
DK/NA	5	4	3	7	4

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05b
Approve	54	82	32	52	55
Disapprove	40	14	64	37	39
DK/NA	6	4	4	11	6

q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush has handled the response to Hurricane Katrina?

	** REDUCED SAMPLE^ **			
	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Approve	54	71	42	53
Disapprove	12	4	25	8
DK/NA	34	25	33	39

^ The question was asked only on August 30th and 31st.

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q10 How much do higher prices for gasoline affect you personally -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Apr05a
A lot	62	53	69	64	63
Some	26	33	20	26	25
Not much	8	11	7	6	8
Not at all	4	3	4	4	4
DK/NA	0	0	0	0	0

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q12 Is the price of gasoline something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

Yes	63	48	78	60	61
No	27	43	11	28	31
DK/NA	10	9	11	12	8

q13 Are you doing anything differently as a result of the recent increase in gas prices, or not?

Yes	64	53	66	70
No	36	47	34	29
DK/NA	0	0	0	1

q14 What are you doing differently?

Cut back on driving	40
Not go on vacation/travel	7
Take train/bus/mass transit	4
Car pool	4
Stop driving SUV/	3
Walk/bike	2
Cut back on other spending	2
Buy less gas/buy less often	1
Got a second job/work more	1
Other	1
DK/NA	0
Not doing anything different	36

q15 Do you have a car, or don't you?

Yes	93	97	90	93
No	7	3	10	7

q16 Do you think of your car as getting good gas mileage, about average gas mileage, or poor gas mileage?

** AMONG THOSE WITH A CAR **
 ***** Party ID *****

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Good	38	37	39	37
Average	49	50	47	49
Poor	13	13	14	13
Don't know/No answer	0	0	0	1

q17 In an average week, how many times do you usually buy gas?

Less than once	19	16	24	18
Once	43	57	33	41
Two	24	19	28	24
Three	8	3	8	11
Four	3	1	3	4
Five or more	2	3	3	1
Never buy gas	1	1	1	0
DK/NA	0	0	0	1

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q19 These days, do you usually comparison shop between gas stations for the lowest price on gasoline, even if that means going out of your way, or do you usually buy gasoline from the stations that are most convenient to you, even if that means paying a bit more?

** AMONG THOSE WITH A CAR **
 ***** Party ID *****

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May04b*
	%	%	%	%	%
Comparison shop	42	41	42	42	45
Most convenient	52	55	50	51	50
Both (Vol.)	5	3	7	6	3
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2

*Note: Asked of ALL respondents

q20 As a result of the recent increase in gas prices, did you change your summer vacation plans?

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes	28	21	30	33
No	70	79	70	65
DK/NA	2	0	0	2

q21 As a result of the recent increase in gas prices, have you cut down on the amount of driving you do?

Yes	70	57	75	76
No	29	42	25	24
DK/NA	1	1	0	0

q22 As a result of the recent increase in gas prices, are you seriously considering buying a more fuel efficient car in the next six months?

Yes	22	24	24	19
No	76	75	74	79
Don't know/no answer	2	1	2	2

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q25 As a result of the recent increase in gas prices, have you cut back on household spending on other things?

Yes	47	34	55	49
No	53	66	45	51
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q26 What specifically have you cut back your spending on?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **	
Total	%
Food / groceries	15
Entertainment/movies	7
Eating out/restaurants	5
Luxury items /	4
Utility/phone bills	4
Clothing / apparel	3
Shop less (in general)	3
Vacations / outings	2
Postpone major purchases	1
Medical/health care expenses	1
Buy less gas	1
Everything	1
Other	1
DK/NA	1
Have not cut back on spending	53

q27 In the next few months, do you expect that the price of gas will go up, stay the same, or go down?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
***** Party ID *****				
Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
%	%	%	%	
Go up	78	71	81	80
Stay the same	6	8	6	6
Go down	12	18	9	11
DK/NA	4	3	4	3

q28 Do you expect that you WILL do anything differently as a result of an additional increase in gas prices, or not?

** THOSE WHO EXPECT GAS PRICES TO GO UP **				
Yes	56	56	52	58
No	39	40	43	36
DK/NA	5	4	5	6

q29 What do you expect you will do differently?

** THOSE WHO EXPECT GAS PRICES TO GO UP **	
Cut back on driving	36
Cut back on other spending	12
Take train/bus/mass transit	10
Stop driving SUV	10
Not go on vacation/travel	8
Car pool	6
Walk / bike	5
Got a second job/need to work	4
Buy less gas / buy less	2
Stop driving	1
Comparison shop for gas	1
Other	2
DK/NA	3

q30 We are interested in who you think should share the blame for the rise in gas and oil prices. Would you place a lot, some, not much, or none of the blame on ... American oil companies?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	41	37	46	39
Some	40	42	39	40
Not much	5	8	3	4
None	7	9	5	8
DK/NA	7	4	7	9

q31 Would you place a lot, some, not much, or none of the blame on ... the war in Iraq?

A lot	31	15	51	25
Some	43	51	32	46
Not much	11	16	8	11
None	13	17	8	14
DK/NA	2	1	1	4

q32 (Would you place a lot, some, not much, or none of the blame on ...) oil producing countries?

A lot	40	44	40	37
Some	44	44	46	42
Not much	6	7	5	7
None	6	4	6	7
Don't know/No answer	4	1	3	7

q33 (Would you place a lot, some, not much, or none of the blame on ...) The President?

A lot	31	10	53	28
Some	40	41	36	44
Not much	11	19	6	10
None	16	31	4	14
Don't know/No answer	2	0	1	4

q34 (Would you place a lot, some, not much, or none of the blame on ...) waste by consumers?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	29	25	27	33
Some	50	52	55	44
Not much	10	12	8	11
None	7	9	6	7
Don't know/No answer	4	2	4	5

q35 Do you think the effects of Hurricane Katrina, which just hit the U.S. Gulf Coast, will cause gas and oil prices to go up, go down, or will they have no effect on gas and oil prices?

Go up	86	83	87	88
Go down	0	0	1	0
No impact	9	14	6	8
DK/NA	5	3	6	4

q36 Is there anything or anyone else that you blame for the recent rise in gas and oil prices?

U.S. Oil companies/	5	6	3	5
President Bush/ Bush Admin.	4	1	8	2
Congress/ other politicians	4	4	4	3
U.S. cars/driving habits	4	3	3	6
OPEC	2	2	2	3
Environmental laws/	2	4	0	2
Increased demands from China	2	3	2	1
Iraq war	1	0	1	1
Turmoil/war (other than Iraq)	1	0	1	1
Too dependent on Mideast	1	2	1	0
Lack of refineries	1	1	1	1
Need to drill in the U.S.	1	2	0	0
Need other kinds of energy	1	1	0	1
Other	1	3	1	5
DK/NA	70	68	73	69

q38 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?

					Jul05b
Worth it	33	61	16	28	34
Not worth it	61	33	79	65	59
Don't know/No answer	6	6	5	7	7

Q39-Q46 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
Q48 & Q49 BLANK

q50 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?

Right thing	45	77	23	42	48
Stayed out	49	20	74	48	46
DK/NA	6	3	3	10	6

q51 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?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **					
***** Party ID *****					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul05b
	%	%	%	%	%
Very well	5	12	1	5	7
Somewhat well	35	54	19	35	41
Somewhat badly	29	24	37	26	29
Very badly	28	9	41	29	21
DK/NA	3	1	2	5	2

q52 From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do NOW -- 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, or remove all its troops from Iraq?

Increase	14	19	10	15
Keep the same	25	41	11	25
Decrease	26	21	27	28
Remove all	29	13	48	24
DK/NA	6	6	4	8

q53 When George W. Bush talks about how things are going for the United States in Iraq, 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?

					Jan05b
Sound better	57	30	75	61	55
Sound worse	5	2	9	5	6
Describing accurately	29	63	9	23	35
Don't know/No answer	9	5	7	11	4

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q55 Which of these do you think is most likely? 1.Iraq will become a stable democracy in the next year or two. 2.Iraq will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two. 3. Iraq will probably never become a stable democracy.

					Feb05b
Will in the next year or two	6	12	4	4	9
Will, but will take longer	43	59	30	42	55
Will never become democracy	48	27	64	49	34
DK/NA	3	2	2	5	2

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q58 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?

					Jul05b
Increased	40	23	52	42	45
Decreased	16	30	7	14	14
Stayed the same	42	46	39	41	39
Don't know/No answer	2	1	2	3	2

q59 If the U.S. withdrew its troops from Iraq now, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States would increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Increase	32	47	19	32
Decrease	11	5	17	9
Stay about the same	54	46	61	54
DK/NA	3	2	3	5

q60 If the U.S. withdrew its troops from Iraq now, do you think there would be more violence in Iraq than there is now, would there be less violence than there is now, or about the same amount of violence as there is now?

More violence	48	65	33	50
Less violence	11	6	20	6
About the same	37	28	44	38
DK/NA	4	1	3	6

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q62 How closely would you say you have been following news about Cindy Sheehan, the woman whose son died in Iraq and who has been camping outside George W. Bush's ranch in Texas, asking to meet with the President -- would you say you have been following it very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

Very closely	15	17	16	12
Somewhat closely	42	43	43	42
Not very closely	22	21	22	22
Not at all closely	20	19	19	23
DK/NA	1	0	0	1

q63 Is your opinion of Cindy Sheehan favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Cindy Sheehan yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	27	9	45	26
Not favorable	26	51	10	23
Undecided	14	12	15	14
Haven't heard enough yet	10	8	10	12
Refused	2	1	2	2
Not following Sheehan	21	19	19	24

q64 Do you think George W. Bush should meet personally with Cindy Sheehan at his ranch, or shouldn't he do that?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes, should	39	20	61	35
No, shouldn't	30	45	15	32
Already met (Vol.)	6	12	1	5
Don't know/No answer	4	4	4	4
Not following Sheehan	21	19	19	24

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	871	
Total Republicans	269	242
Total Democrats	266	289
Total Independents	336	340