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A Compilation of Publicly-Available Survey Data

January 1st, 2005 - Present

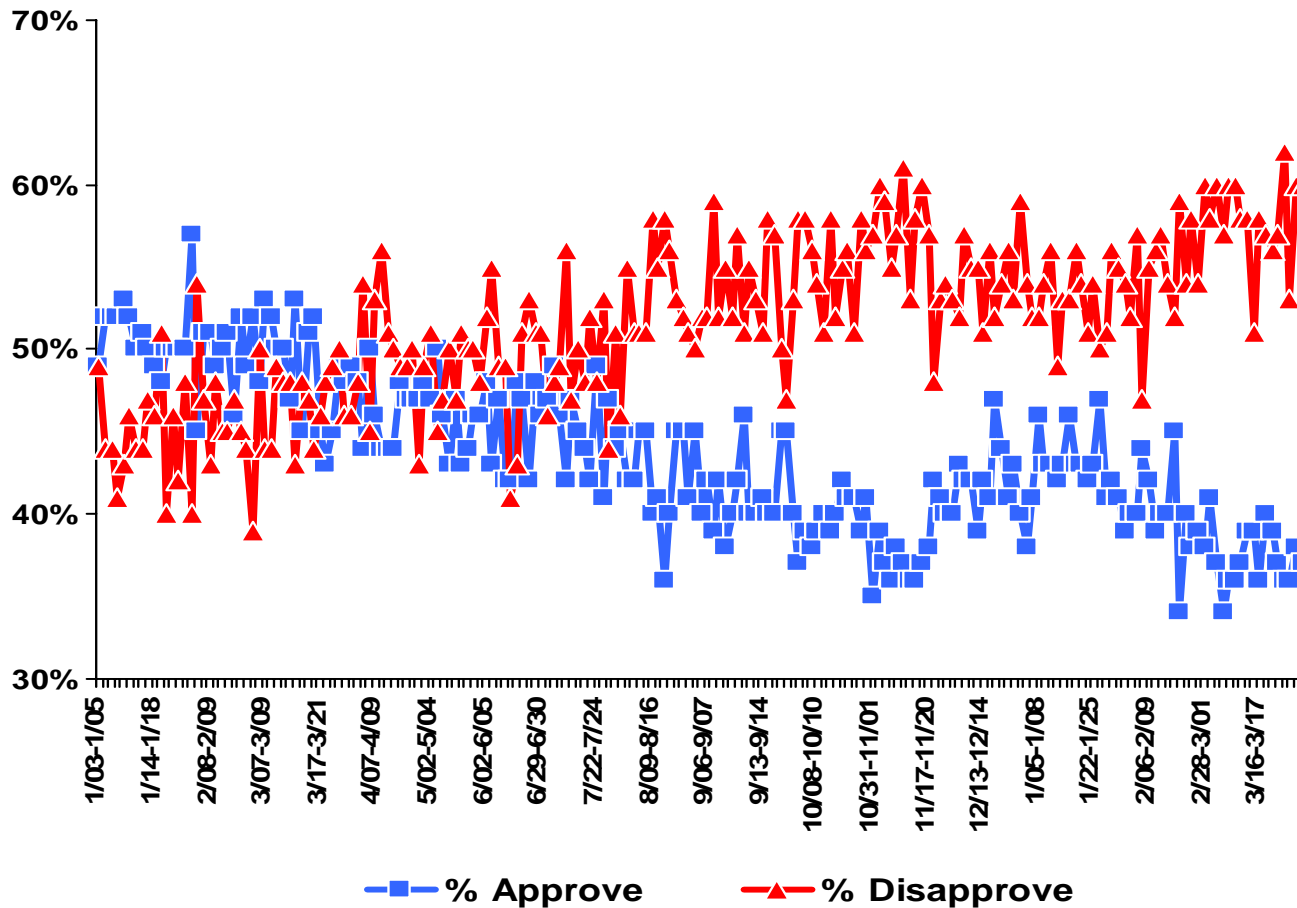
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Executive Summary

- **Low but Steady.** Contrary to the popular media meme, President Bush's overall numbers have remained relatively steady—in the low 40s and high 30s—for the past several months. As it stands currently, the President's approval rating is at 37%.
- **Iraq Issues.** The situation in Iraq continues to be the most difficult problem for President Bush. Currently, 37% approve of the job he is doing there, while 62% disapprove. 58% of Americans believe that the war was “not worth fighting,” with 48% of that number saying they believed “strongly” that it was not worth fighting.
- **Immigration.** The public's opinion on this issue distinguishes between keeping illegal immigrants from entering the U.S. and dealing with them once they are here. Majorities of Americans believe that illegally entering this country should remain a crime and that there should be punishment for citizens who willingly help and aid illegal immigrants. However, nearly two-thirds (63%) support a program to allow illegal immigrants to become citizens over time. Only 18% of Americans surveyed believed that building a wall on our border with Mexico would be a “very effective” way to reduce illegal immigration.
- **Party Preference?** Recent polling data show that a slim majority (51%) of Americans trust the Democratic party over the Republican party to do a better job of coping with the problems the nation is likely to face in the future. Additionally, the public prefers Democrats over Republicans on every surveyed issue...including the campaign against terrorism (46% to 45%).
- **Generic Congressional Ballot.** Democrats have enjoyed a sizable lead in the Generic Congressional Ballot for quite some time. Dems maintain a 15-point lead over GOP candidates in a recently released ABC News/Washington Post poll. Currently, 48% of Americans believe that it is time to give someone new a chance to represent them in Congress, compared to 41% who believe their member deserves to be reelected.

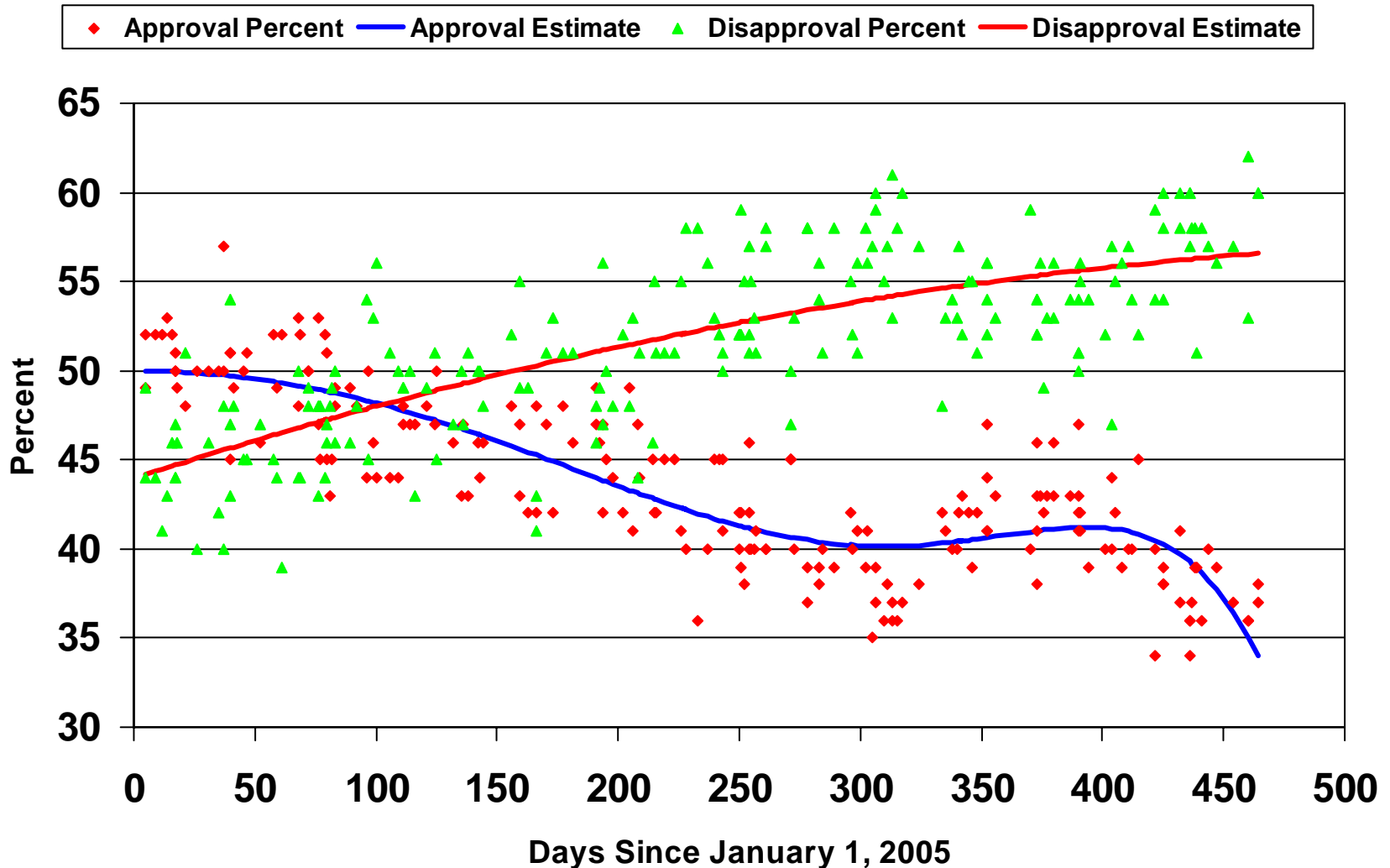
George W. Bush Job Approval Rating

Based on 198 national surveys conducted between January 2005-present



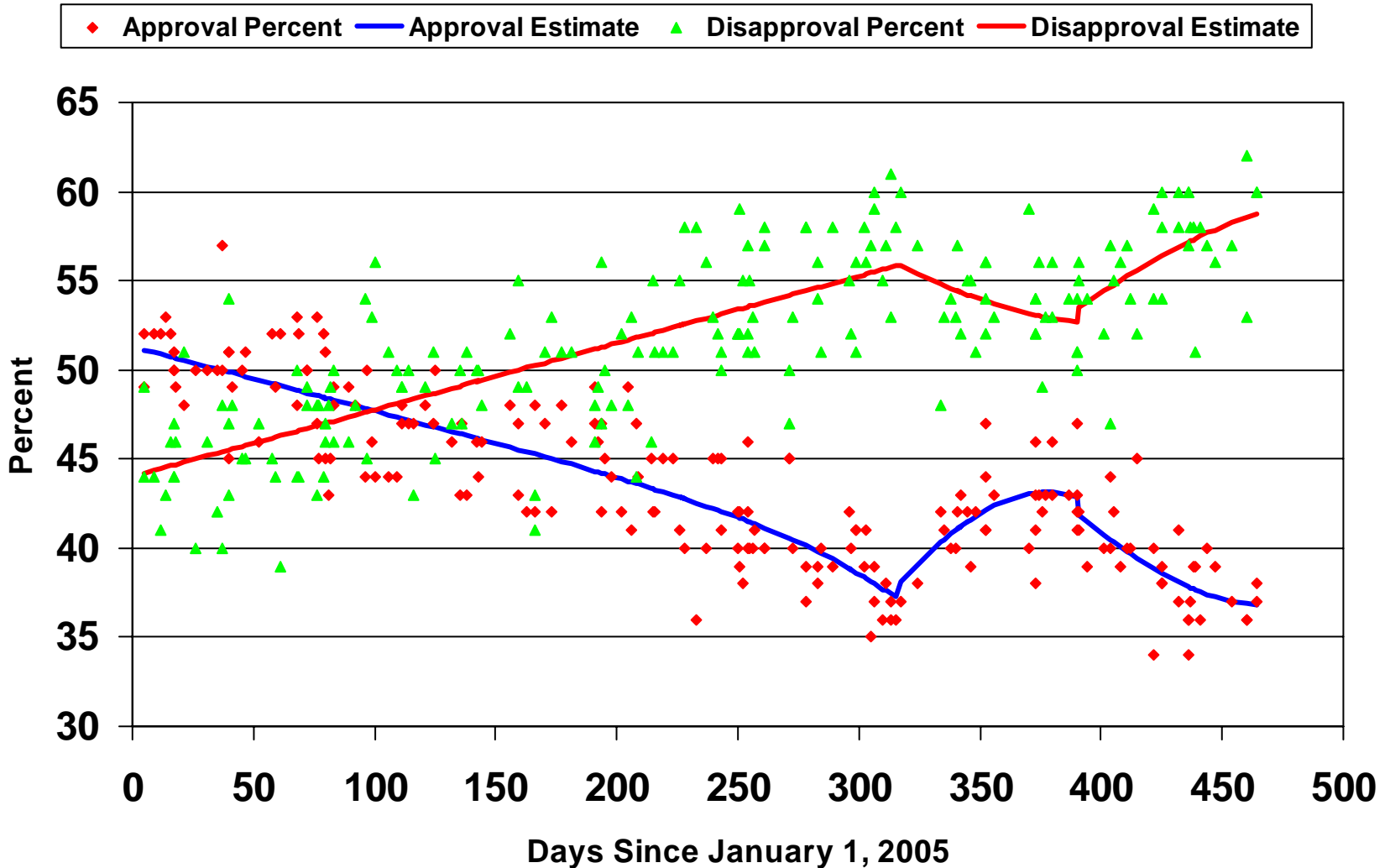
Trend to Bush Job Performance

January, 2005-Present

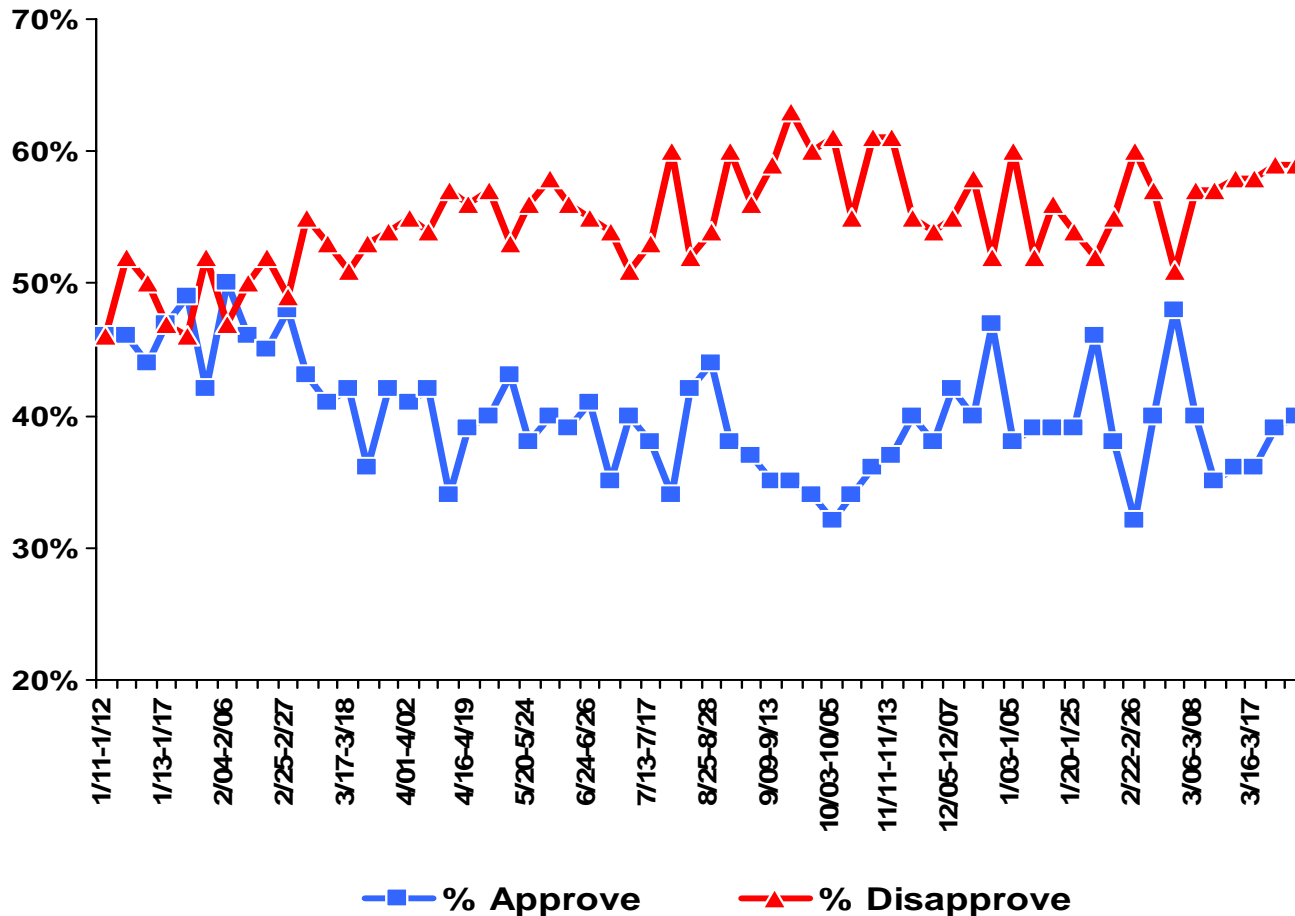


Trend to Bush Job Performance: By Period

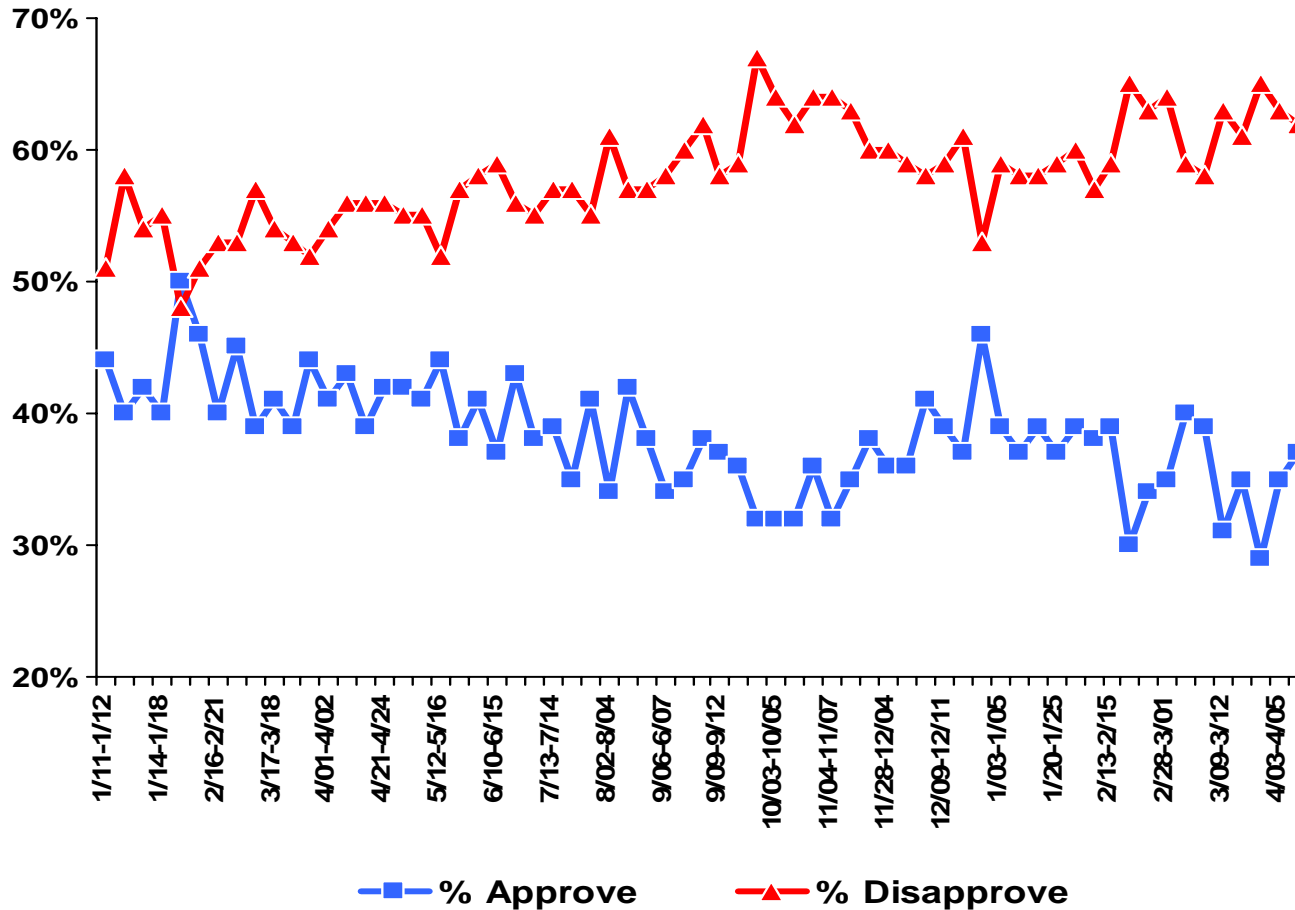
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The Economy: George W. Bush Job Approval Rating

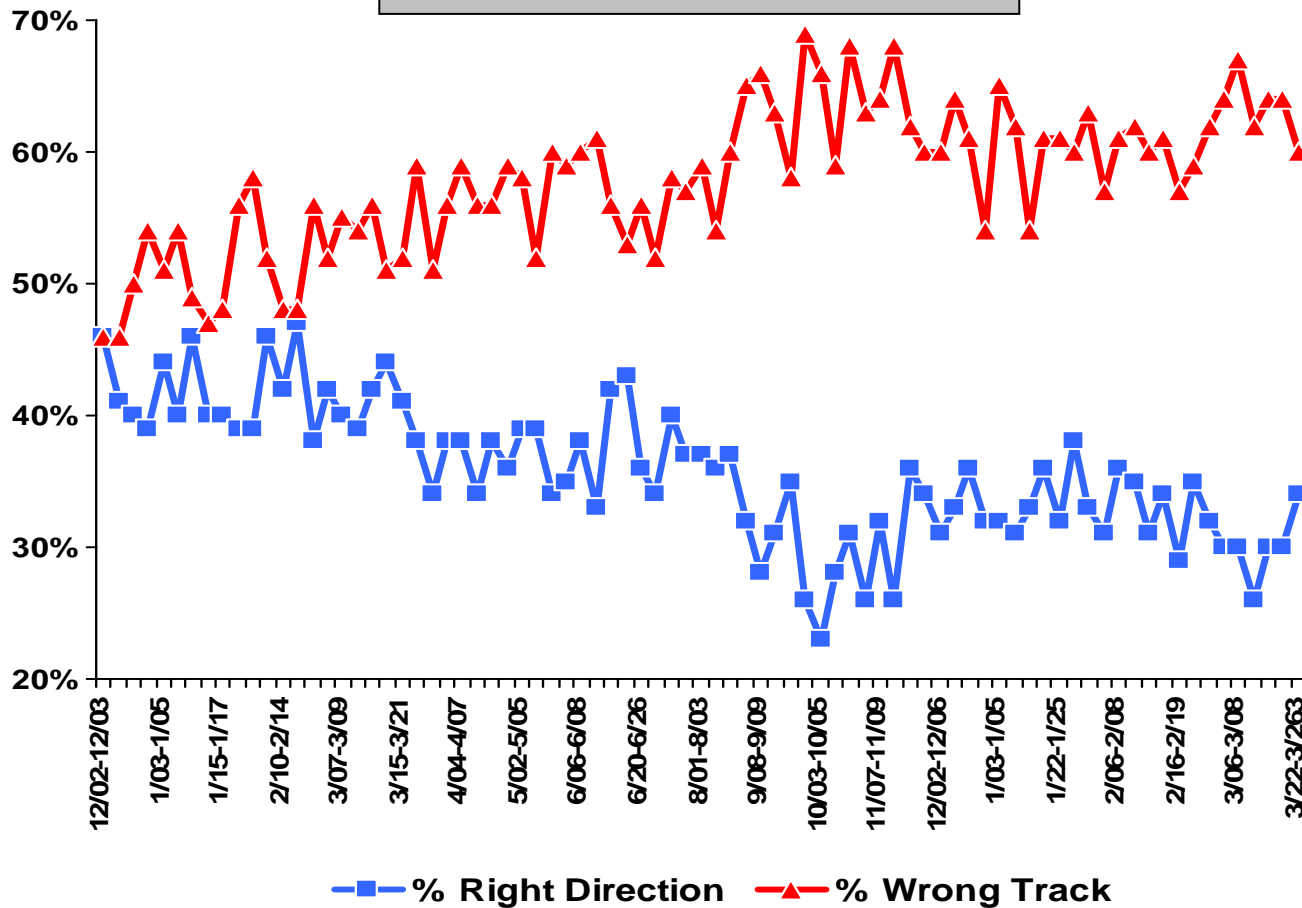


War in Iraq: George W. Bush Job Approval Rating



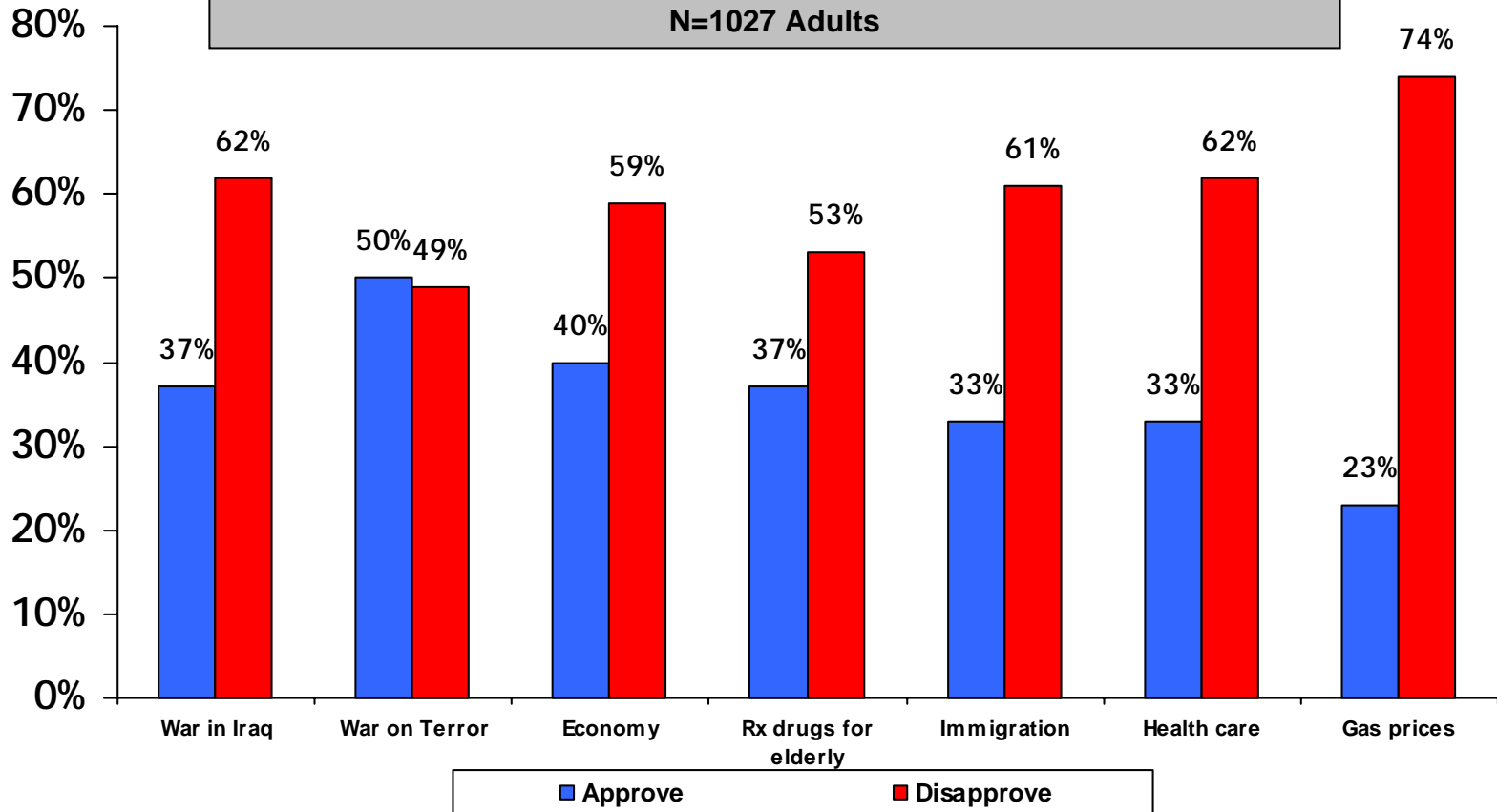
Direction of the Country

Is the country headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?



Opinion Monitor Perspective: The President on the Issues

Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling...?
 ABC News/Post Survey
 4/06-4/09
 N=1027 Adults



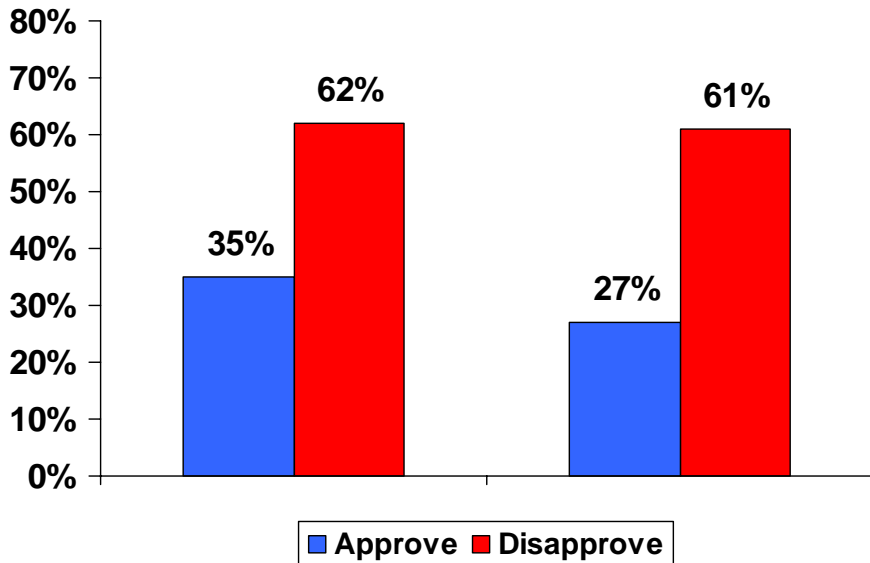
Opinion Monitor Perspective: Congressional Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

ABC News/Post and CBS News Surveys

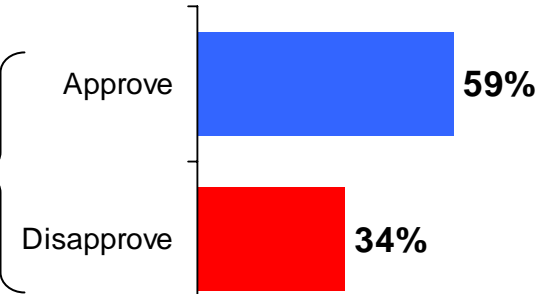
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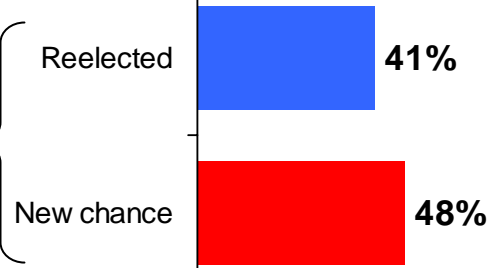
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Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job?



NBC/WSJ Survey
3/10-3/13
N=1005 Adults

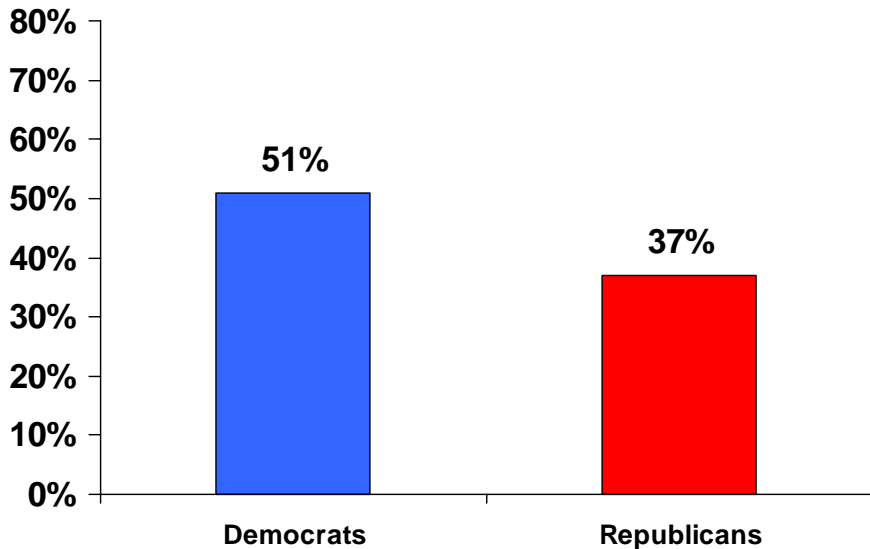
In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?



Opinion Monitor Perspective: Rating The Parties

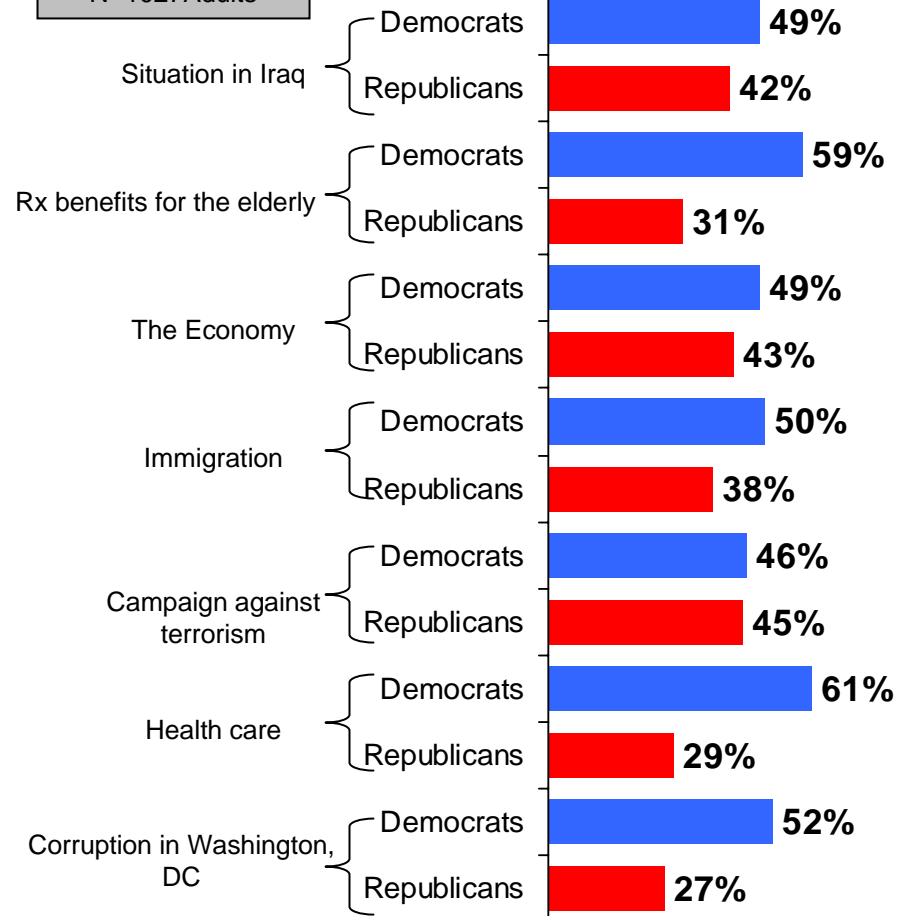
Overall, which party do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

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Which party do you trust to do a better job handling...?

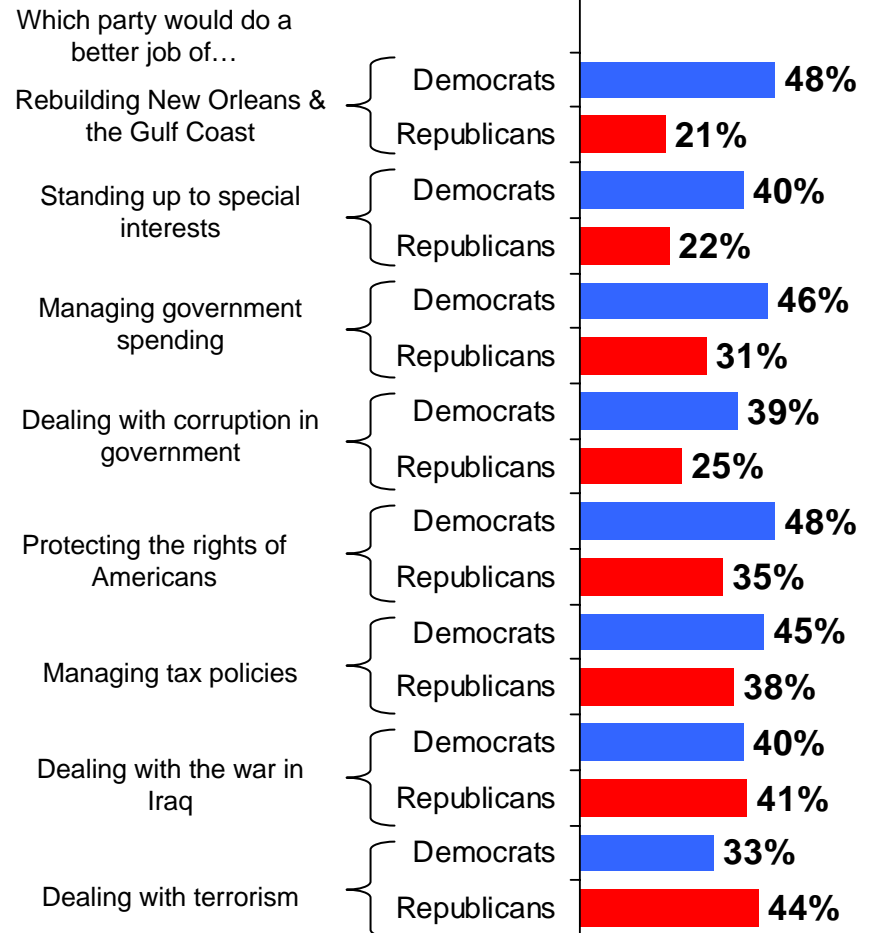
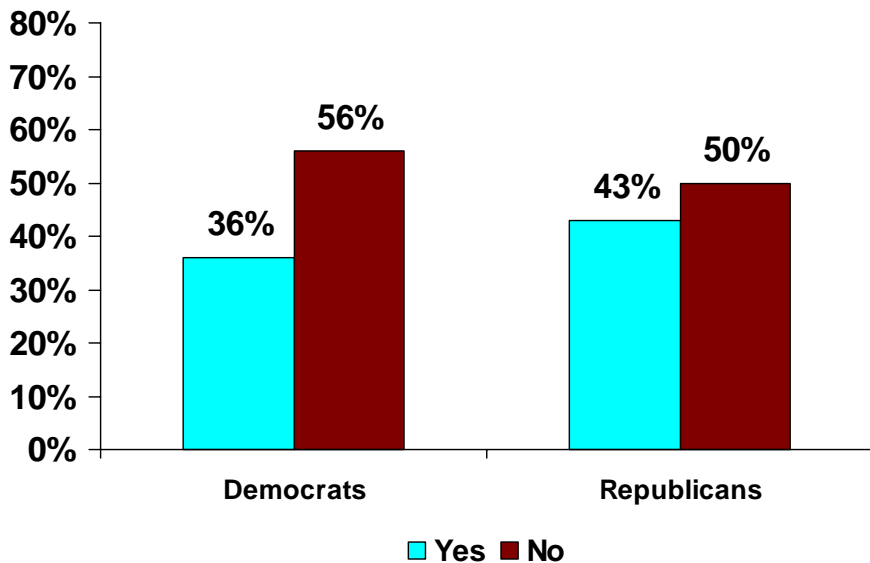


Opinion Monitor Perspective: Rating the Parties II

Do you think Democrats/Republicans have a clear set of policies for the country?

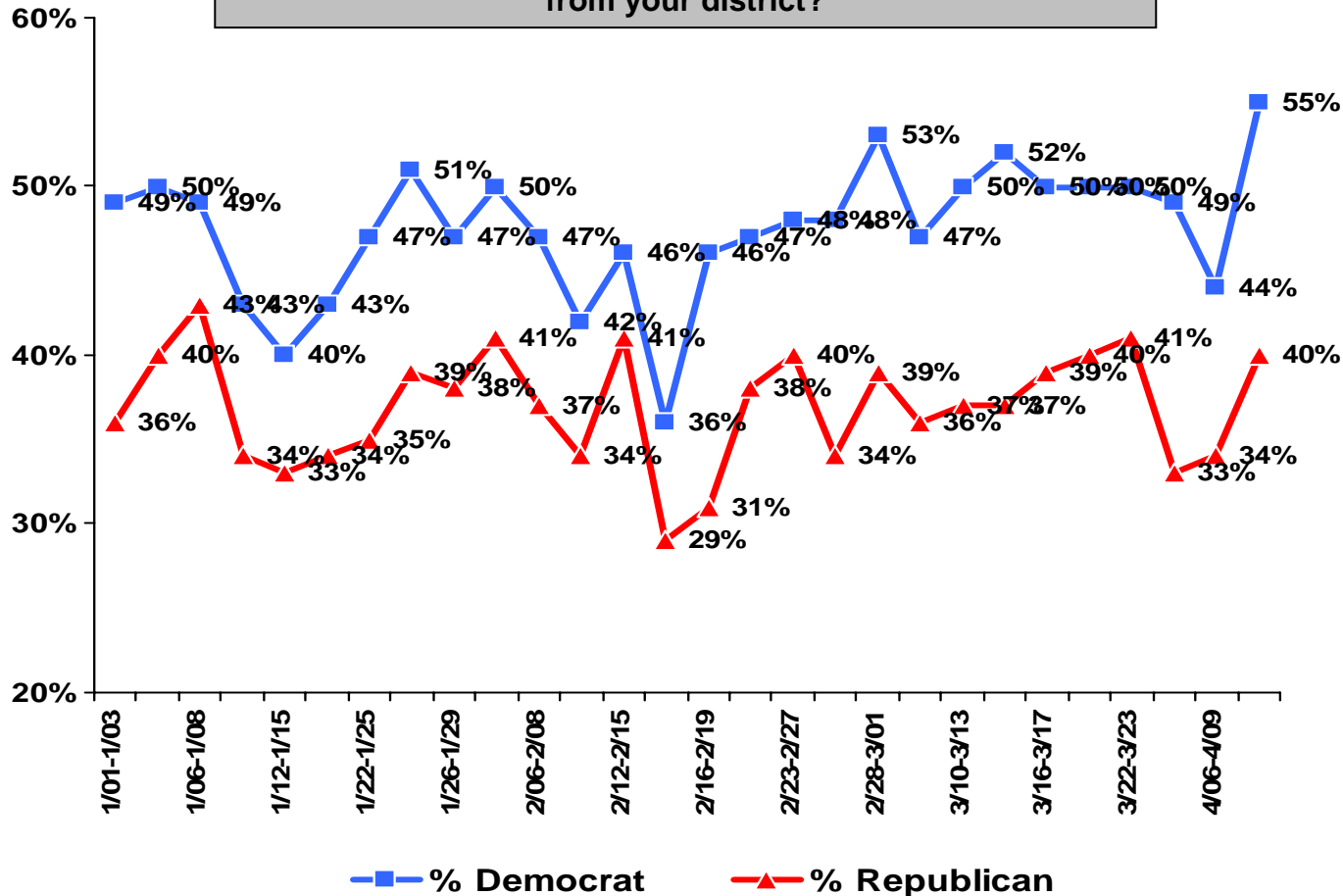
**Time Survey
3/22-3/23
N=1003 Adults**

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Opinion Monitor Perspective: Generic Congressional Ballot 2006

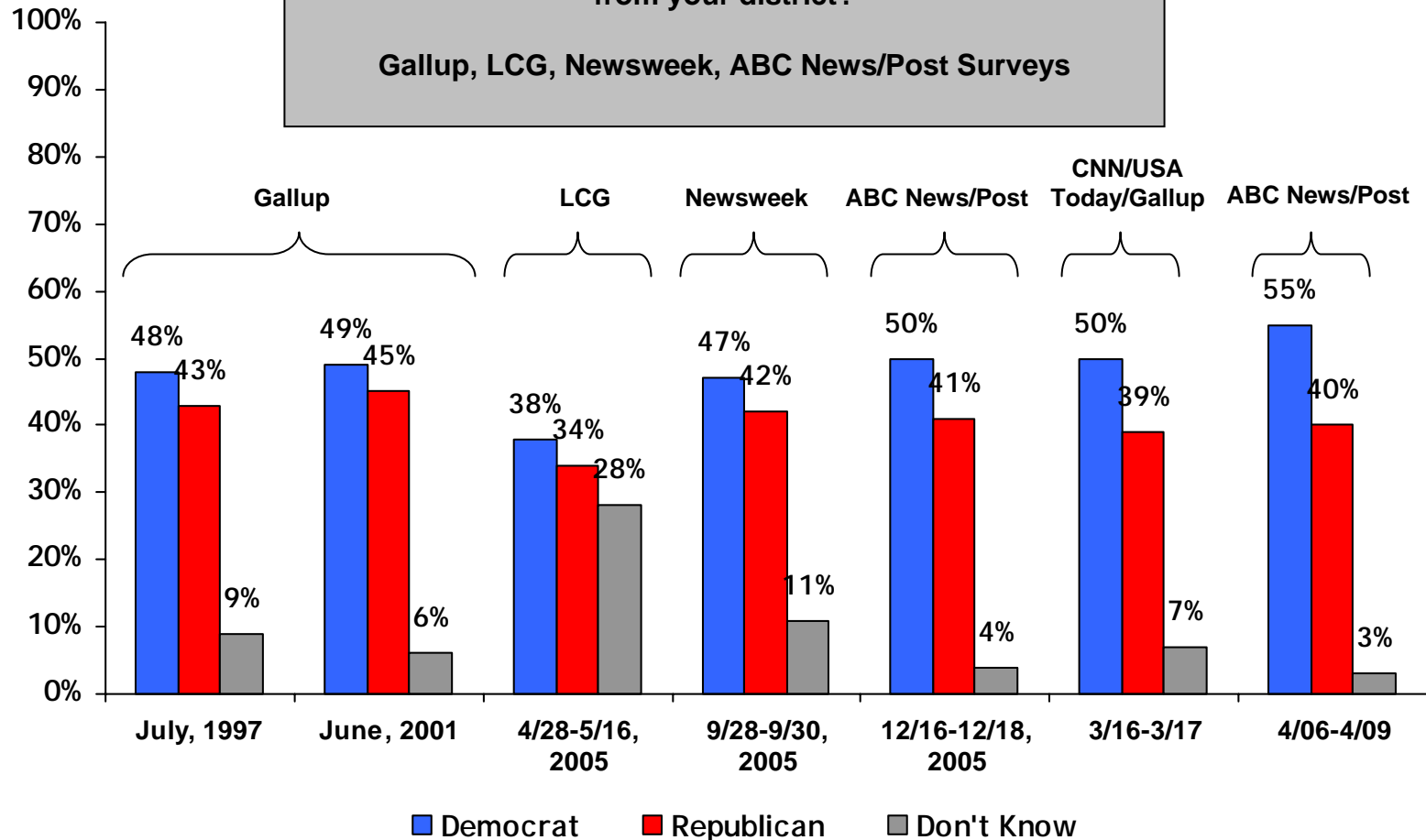
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Gallup, LCG, Newsweek, ABC News/Post Surveys

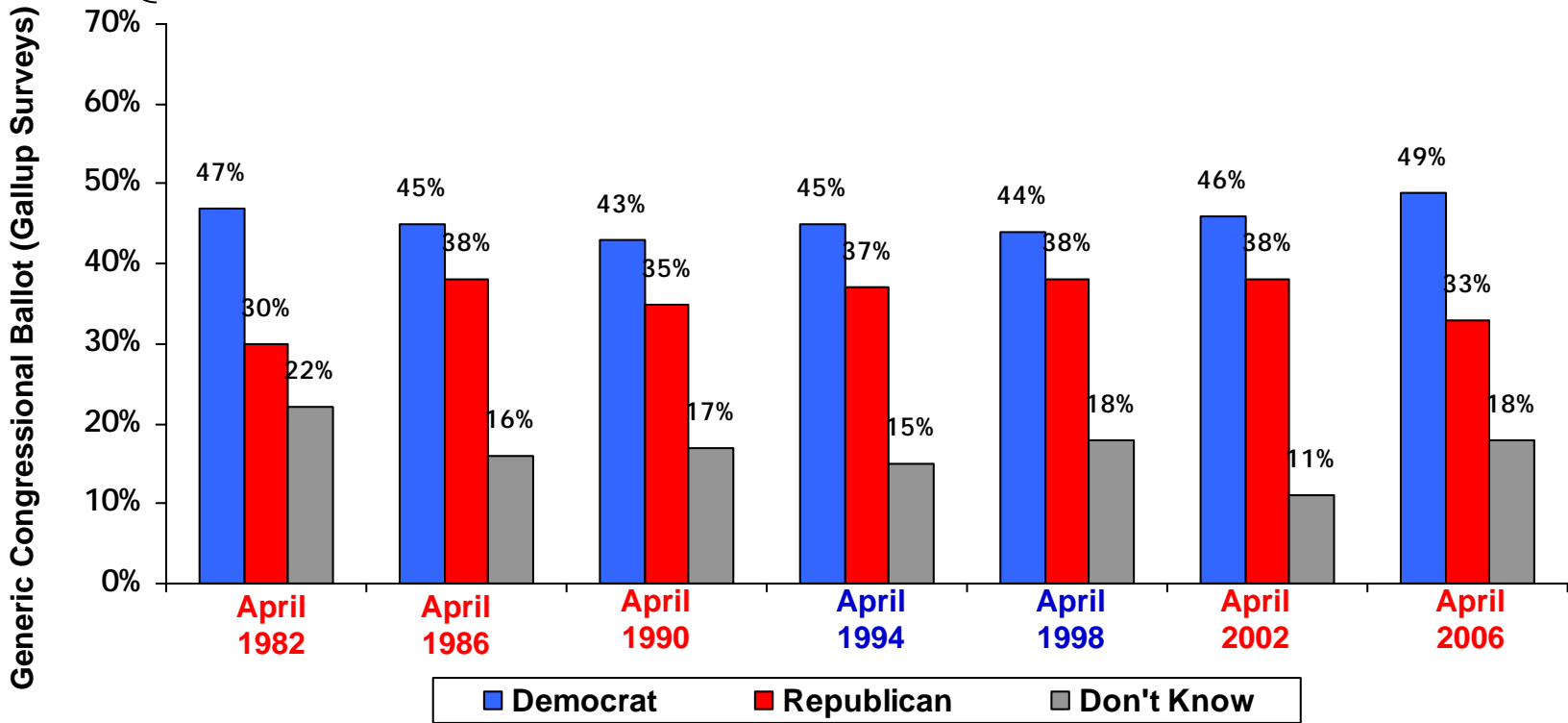


Opinion Monitor Perspective: GCB and Midterm Elections

Net: **-25** **-13** **-9** **-60** **+5** **+10**

Congressional seats gained/lost by president's party

Senate: +1	Senate: -8	Senate: -1	Senate: -8	Senate: 0	Senate: +2	???
House: -26	House: -5	House: -8	House: -54	House: +5	House: +8	



Opinion Monitor Perspective: House Seats and Midterm Elections

Year	Party controlling House	Party of President	Congress Approval	Presidential Approval	GCB	Deserves reelect vs. someone new	Your members job approval	House seat gain/loss president's party
April 2006	Rep	Rep	35% (ABC) 27%(CBS)	37%	+15 Dem (55/40)	41/48%	59%	???
2002	Rep	Rep	50%	63%	+6 Dem (46/40)	42/39%	64%	+8
1998	Rep	Dem	44%	66%	+7 Dem (42/35)	48/37%	64%	+5
1994	Dem	Dem	23%	46%	+2 Dem (43/41)	36/50%	56%	-54
1990	Dem	Rep	24%	54%	+7 Dem (45/38)	44/40%	55%	-8
1986	Dem	Rep	42%	63%	+9 Dem (44/35)	N/A	N/A	-5
1982	Dem	Rep	29%	42%	+18 Dem (54/36)	N/A	N/A	-26
1978	Dem	Dem	29%	49%	+22 Dem (54/32)	N/A	N/A	-11
1974	Dem	Rep	35%	54% (Ford) 24% (Nixon)	+28 Dem (57/29)	N/A	N/A	-43

All data (except 2006) from most recent date prior to that year's election

Opinion Monitor Perspective: Party Identification

Average Party ID Gallup Surveys			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican
2006 Quarter I	33%	34%	32%
2005 Quarter IV	33%	34%	32%
2005 Quarter III	34%	34%	31%
2005 Quarter II	33%	32%	33%
2005 Quarter I	33%	31%	35%

Opinion Monitor Perspective: Party Identification (w/leaners)

Average Party ID (including leaners) Gallup Surveys			
	Democrat and Lean Democrat	Independent (no leanings)	Republican and Lean Republican
2006 Quarter I	49%	9%	42%
2005 Quarter IV	49%	9%	42%
2005 Quarter III	49%	9%	42%
2005 Quarter II	47%	10%	43%
2005 Quarter I	46%	8%	46%

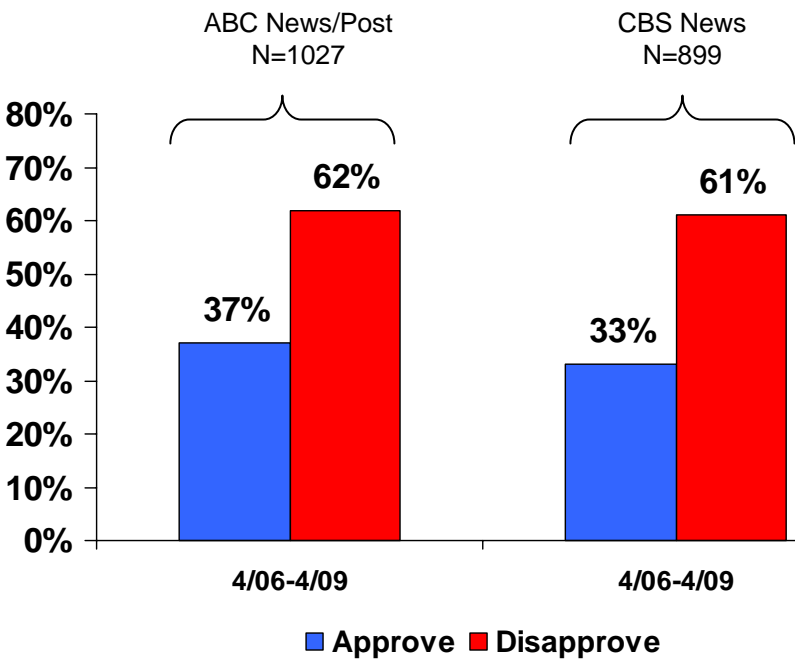
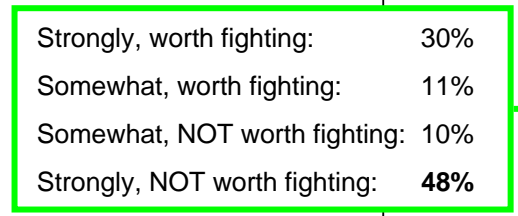
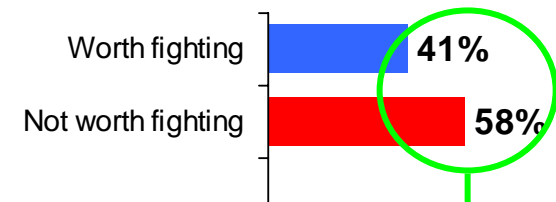
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Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq?

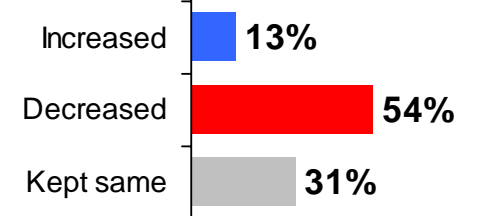
**ABC News/Post & CBS News Surveys
4/06-4/09**

**ABC News/Post Survey
4/06-4/09
N=1027 Adults**

Was the war in Iraq worth fighting or not?



Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?



Would you describe Iraq as currently in a civil war, not in a civil war but close to one, or is the situation less severe than that?



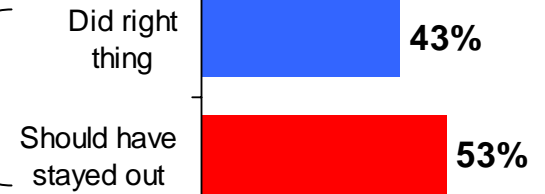
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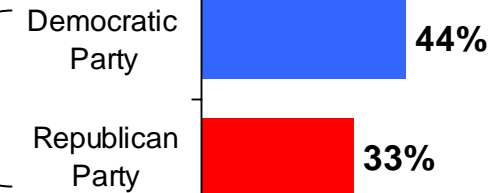
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**CBS News Survey
4/06-4/09
N=899 Adults**

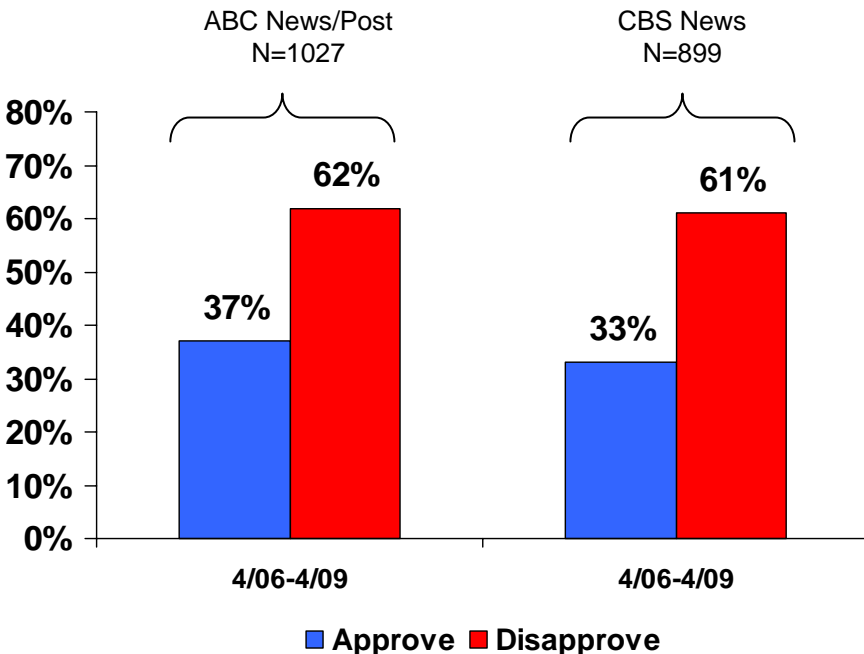
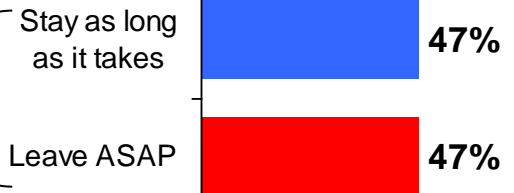
Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the U.S. have stayed out?



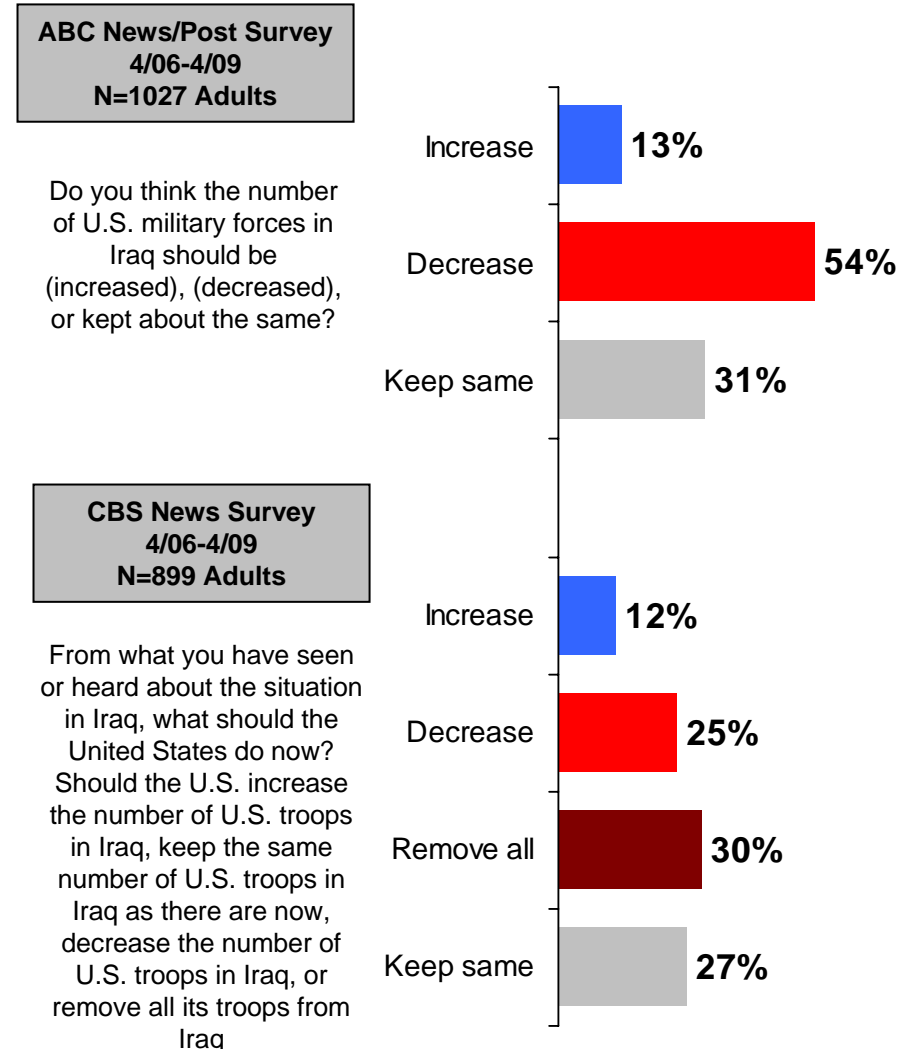
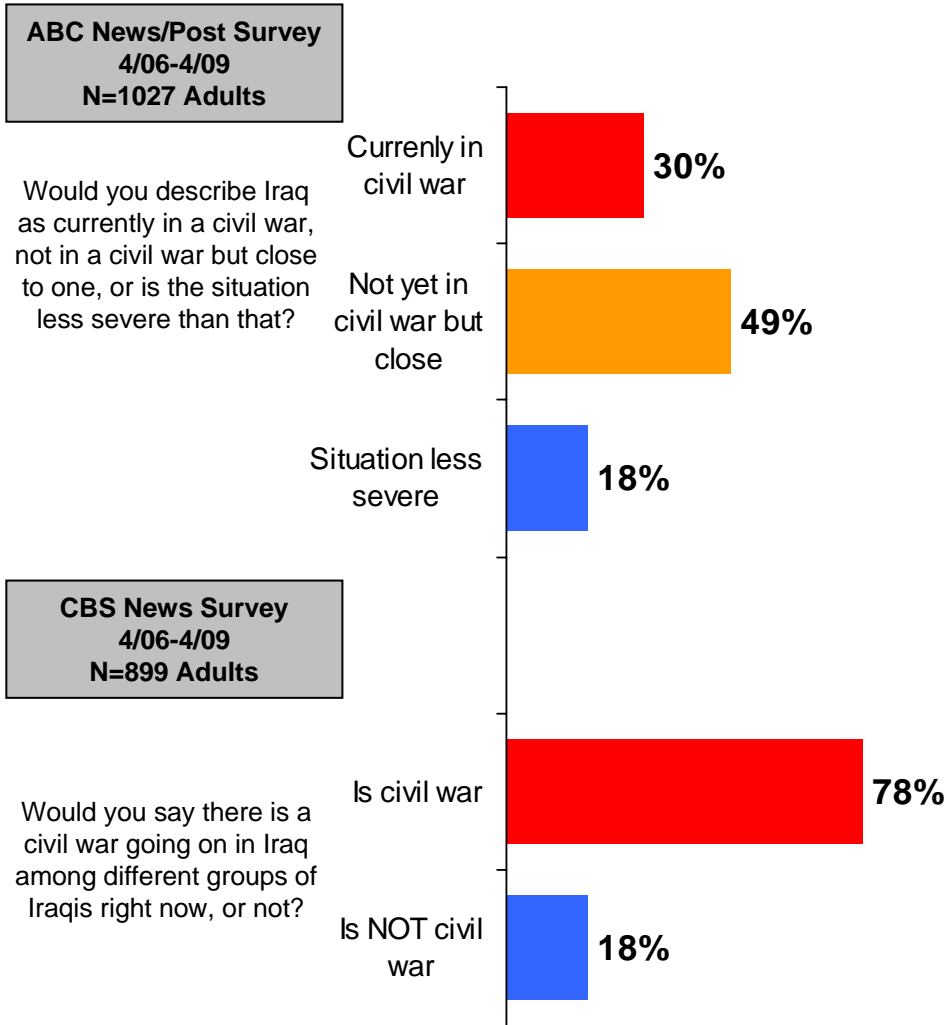
Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party is more likely to make the right decisions about the war in Iraq?



Should the United States troops stay in Iraq as long as it takes to make sure Iraq is a stable democracy, even if it takes a long time, or should U.S. troops leave Iraq as soon as possible, even if Iraq is not completely stable?



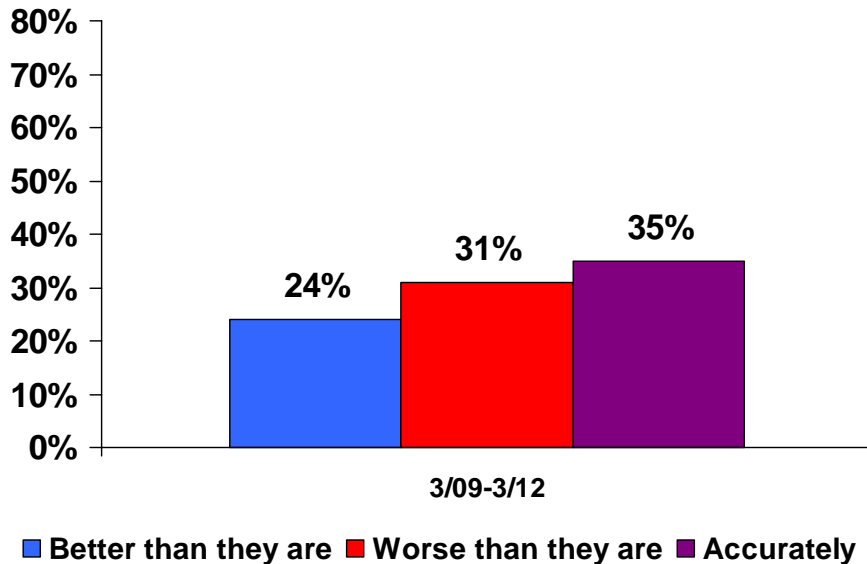
Opinion Monitor Perspective: The War in Iraq III



Opinion Monitor Perspective: The Media & Iraq

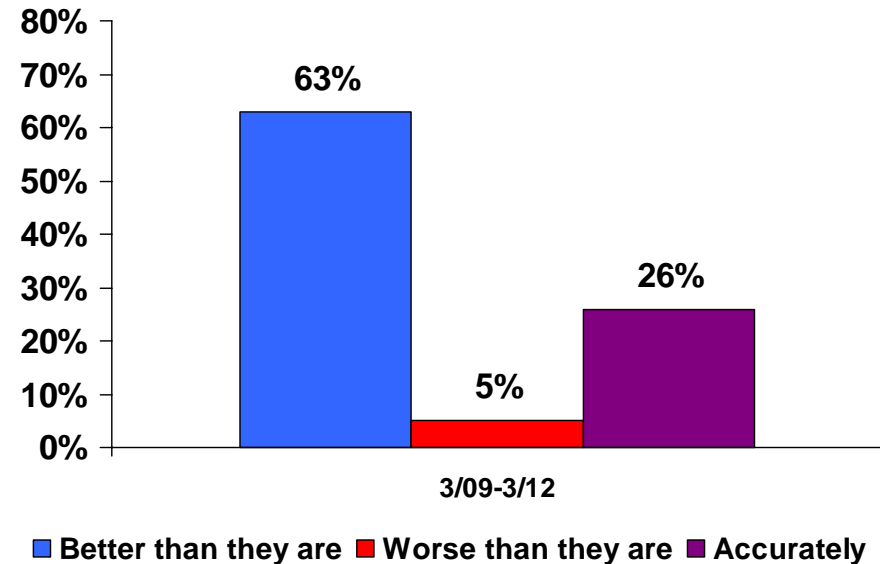
The media describes things in Iraq...

CBS News Survey
3/09-3/12
N=1136 Adults



President Bush describes things in Iraq...

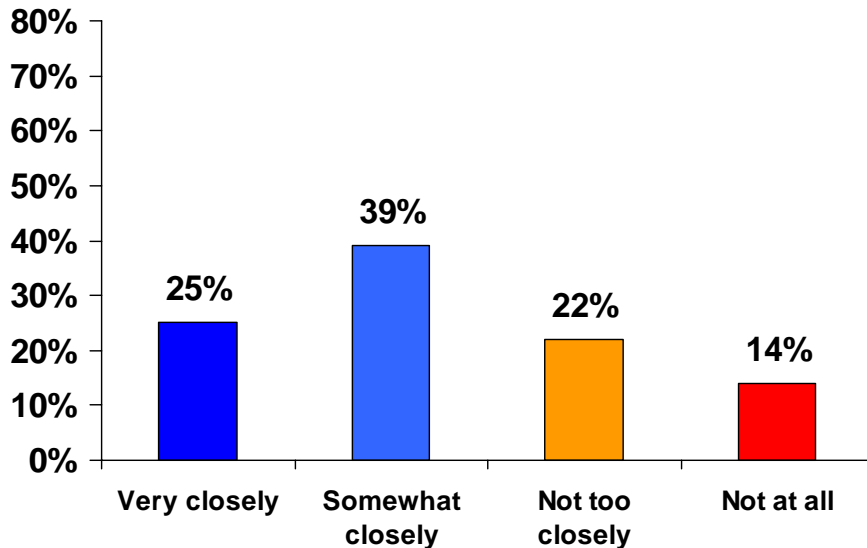
CBS News Survey
4/06-4/09
N=886 Adults



Opinion Monitor Perspective: The President & The “Leak Controversy”

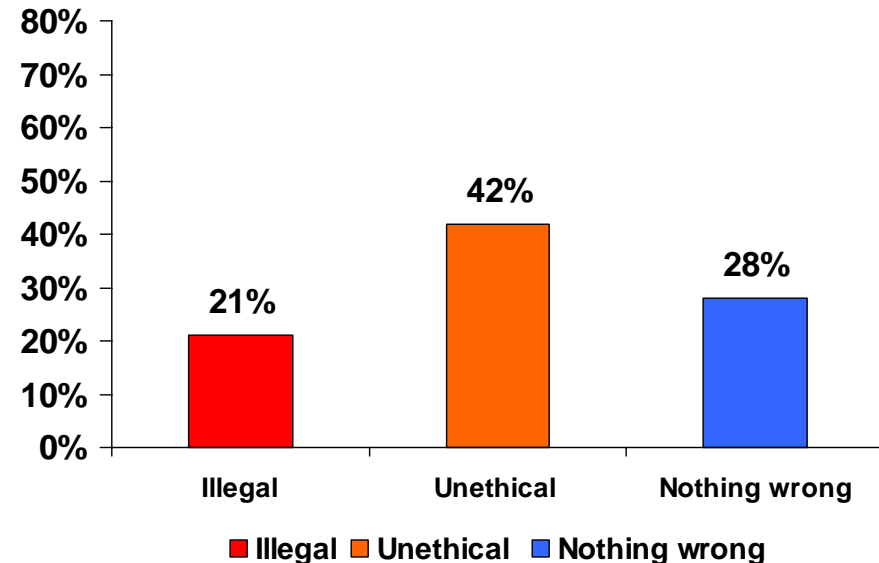
How closely have you been following the news about George W. Bush’s possible involvement with the leaking of certain intelligence information to reporters?

USA Today/Gallup Survey
4/07-4/09
N=1004 Adults



Which of the following statements best describes your view of George W. Bush in these matters – he did something illegal, he did not do anything illegal, but did something unethical, or he did not do anything seriously wrong?

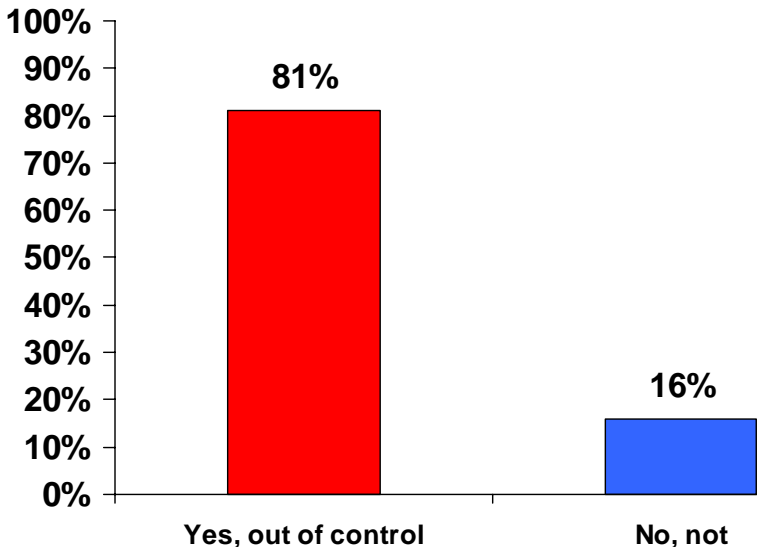
USA Today/Gallup Survey
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N=1004 Adults



Opinion Monitor Perspective: Illegal Immigration

Do you think that illegal immigration to the United States is out of control, or not?

**USA Today/Gallup Survey
4/07-4/09
N=1004 Adults**

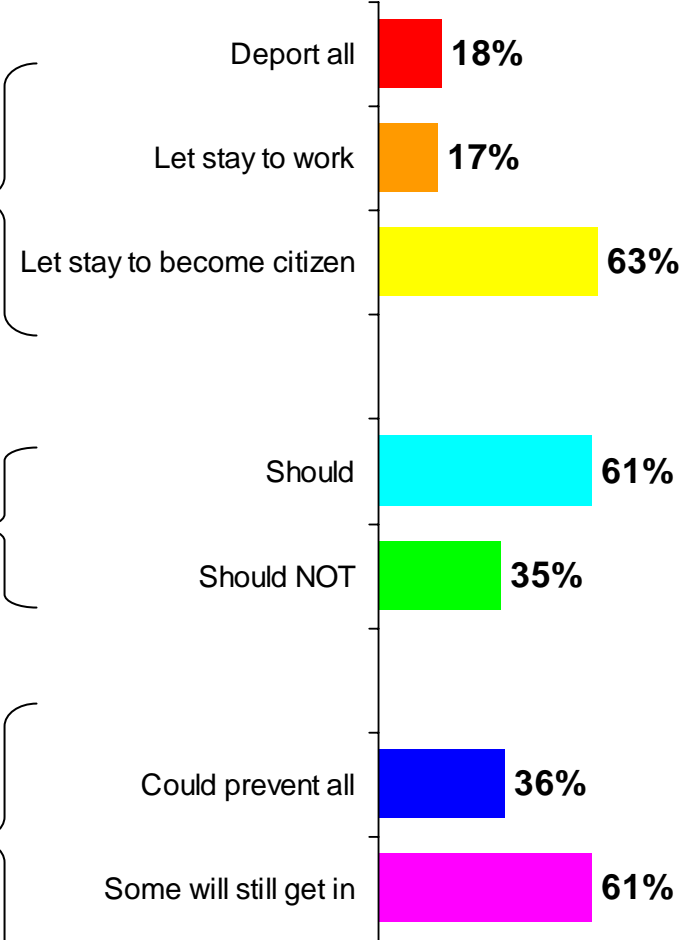


**USA Today/Gallup Survey
4/07-4/09
N=1004 Adults**

Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States?

Do you think the government should – or should not -- make it a crime for U.S. citizens to provide assistance to people they know are illegal immigrants?

Which comes closer to your view --if the U.S. government took the right steps, it could prevent almost all illegal immigration to the U.S., (or) no matter what the U.S. government does, a sizeable number of illegal immigrants will still be able to get into the U.S.?



Opinion Monitor Perspective: Illegal Immigration II

How effective do you think each of the following would be as a way to reduce illegal immigration to the United States?

USA Today/Gallup Survey
4/07-4/09
N=1004 Adults

	Very effective	Total effective	Total not effective
Instituting tough penalties for businesses that employ illegal immigrants	52%	84%	14%
Significantly increasing the number of officers patrolling U.S. borders	37%	81%	18%
Not allowing illegal immigrants to use American schools and hospitals	30%	60%	37%
Taking action to raise the standard of living in countries where large numbers of immigrants come from	28%	67%	31%
Building a wall along the border with Mexico	18%	48%	49%

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- CBS News
- CNN
- Fox News/Opinion Dynamics
- Gallup
- Annenberg Election Survey
- Newsweek
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- Time
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