

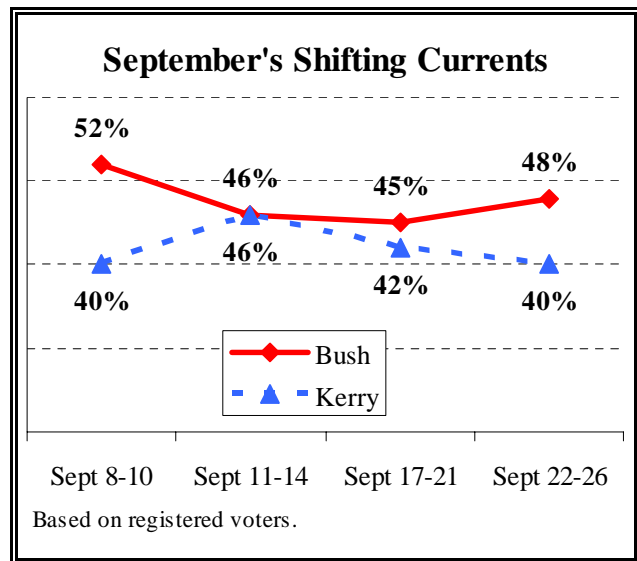


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BUSH MARGIN WIDENS AGAIN, DESPITE VULNERABILITIES

George W. Bush has reopened a significant lead over challenger John Kerry over the past week, even as voters express less confidence in the president on Iraq and he continues to trail Kerry on the economy. Two successive nationwide surveys of nearly 1,000 registered voters each show Bush's margin over Kerry growing steadily since mid-September (Sept. 11-14), when the two men were tied at 46%-46%. Bush's slight 45%-42% advantage in the Sept. 17-21 survey has grown to 48%-40% in the current poll (Sept. 22-26).



The poll finds that Bush's gains in support are being driven more by perceptions of Kerry's weakness – especially on leadership and other personal traits – than by improved opinions of Bush. Fewer voters favor Bush over Kerry on handling Iraq than did so earlier this month (46% now, 52% Sept. 11-13). But Kerry's rating in the head-to-head evaluation on Iraq is no higher (38% now, 40% then). The Democratic challenger continues to inspire more confidence than Bush with regard to improving the economy, which 60% of Americans believe is in only fair or poor shape. But even here, the percentage favoring Kerry has not increased since the Sept. 11-13 survey (46% now, 47% then).

Bush Losing Ground on Issues, but Kerry Not Gaining

<i>Who can best handle...</i>	Sept 8-10	Sept 11-13	Sept 22-26
<i>Economy</i>	%	%	%
Bush	43	40	39
Kerry	44	47	46
<i>Situation in Iraq</i>			
Bush	52	52	46
Kerry	37	40	38
<i>Terrorism</i>			
Bush	59	57	54
Kerry	30	31	30
<i>Health care</i>			
Bush	34	30	32
Kerry	49	53	48

Based on registered voters

Despite Bush's lukewarm evaluations on the

issues, he maintains a significant advantage on most personal traits. Kerry has slipped slightly on some key personal assessments, including honesty and empathy. Overall, 32% of voters say the phrase “honest and truthful” better describes Kerry than Bush, down from 36% a few weeks ago (Sept. 11-13). Bush’s rating in that period is unchanged at 41%.

A similar pattern is evident in comparative evaluations of the candidates’ empathy: 42% say the phrase “cares about people like me” better describes Kerry, compared with 46% earlier this month. Bush’s rating on this measure also has not changed (38%).

Kerry’s image weakness is most evident on questions of leadership and his willingness to take on unpopular positions. Just 28% say the phrase “strong leader” better fits Kerry, virtually unchanged from earlier this month, while 54% say it applies to Bush. And 23% believe Kerry takes on unpopular stances, compared with 63% who say that about Bush. In both cases, Bush’s ratings are down slightly from earlier this month, but Kerry has gained no ground.

Bush’s Personal Strengths			
<i>Trait better describes...</i>	Sept 8-10	Sept 11-13	Sept 22-26
	%	%	%
<i>Willing to take an unpopular stand</i>			
Bush	70	67	63
Kerry	22	23	23
<i>Strong leader</i>			
Bush	59	57	54
Kerry	29	30	28
<i>Good in a crisis</i>			
Bush	55	52	49
Kerry	34	33	36
<i>Honest & truthful</i>			
Bush	44	41	41
Kerry	35	36	32
<i>Cares about people</i>			
Bush	44	38	38
Kerry	41	46	42

Based on registered voters

Bush Improving Among Women, Young People

In the horse race, President Bush currently runs about even with Kerry among women (45%-42%), and leads among people with a high school education (50%-37%) and those under age 30 (48%-42%). Opinion in these groups has been unstable in recent weeks, but all three leaned toward Kerry in August, following the Democratic convention in Boston.

The shift among women, a group that Al Gore carried by 11 points in 2000, is particularly notable. In August, Kerry led among women by 10 points (52%-42%) while trailing among men by about the same margin (42%-50%). Bush has drawn virtually even with Kerry among women, while expanding his lead among men to 52%-37%.

The horse race among young people has seesawed dramatically since August, when Kerry held an 18-point lead (53%-35%). This month, Bush and Kerry each have held sizable leads among those younger than 30, underscoring the volatility of voters in this age group. In 2000, young voters backed Gore by a slight margin (48%-46%), according to VNS exit polls.

Kerry's support also has declined among people with less formal education. In August, Kerry led narrowly among those with no more than a high school education, and opinion has fluctuated since then. Bush's current advantage is 13 points (50%-37%). Gore won this group in 2000 by (50%-47%).

Bush also has a commanding lead (74% to 18%) among white evangelical Protestants, similar to his advantage throughout the campaign season. More ominously for Kerry, the president built an edge among white Catholics in early September that has held throughout the month (now 49%-39%). In 2000, Bush beat Gore among this important swing constituency – white Catholics constitute about one of every five voters – but only by seven points.

Kerry continues to hold a big lead among African-Americans and among secular individuals, but in both cases his advantage is narrower than it was last month. Among blacks, he leads the president by 73% to 12%, compared with 83%-6% in August and 83% to 5% last week.

Breakdown of Presidential Support

	Bush	Kerry	Nader	Other/DK
	%	%	%	%
All voters	48	40	2	10=100
Men	52	37	3	8=100
Women	45	42	2	11=100
White	54	35	2	9=100
Non-White	24	64	2	10=100
Black	12	73	2	13=100
White				
–Evang. Protest.	74	18	1	7=100
–Mainline Protest.	45	43	1	11=100
–Catholic	49	39	2	10=100
Secular	30	54	7	9=100
18-29	48	42	5	5=100
30-49	51	39	2	8=100
50-64	49	38	2	11=100
65+	44	43	0	13=100
College Grad	47	44	2	7=100
Some College	48	40	4	8=100
H.S. Grad or Less	50	37	1	12=100
\$75K+	50	43	1	6=100
\$50K - \$75K	63	28	3	6=100
\$30K - \$50K	50	42	1	7=100
\$20K - \$30K	41	45	3	11=100
<\$20K	36	43	6	15=100
Rep States	55	35	1	9=100
Dem States	39	50	2	9=100
Battleground	50	37	3	10=100
Conserv. Rep.	94	1	0	5=100
Mod./Lib. Rep.	85	6	1	8=100
Independents	46	38	5	11=100
Cons./Mod. Dem.	14	75	1	10=100
Liberal Dem.	4	92	0	4=100

Based on registered voters

PRESIDENTIAL VOTE CHOICE
(Based on Registered Voters, with leaners)

	August 2004		Sept. 8-10 2004 (1st)		Sept. 11-14 2004 (2nd)		Sept. 17-21 2004		Sept. 22-26 2004	
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	45	47	52	40	46	46	45	42	48	40
Sex										
Male	50	42	56	37	49	43	47	40	52	37
Female	42	52	48	42	43	48	42	44	45	42
Race										
White	52	42	58	34	52	40	51	37	54	35
Non-white	15	75	23	69	18	70	14	71	24	64
Black	6	83	13	78	13	76	5	83	12	73
Race and Sex										
White Men	56	38	62	32	56	37	54	34	56	32
White Women	49	45	54	36	49	43	48	39	51	37
Age										
Under 30	35	53	55	35	41	55	35	53	48	42
30-49	50	44	54	39	49	41	48	39	51	39
50-64	45	50	47	44	50	45	42	46	49	38
65+	43	48	53	37	37	50	50	37	44	43
Sex and Age										
Men under 50	52	38	59	34	50	40	46	39	53	37
Women under 50	41	53	50	41	43	49	42	47	47	43
Men 50+	47	47	53	40	47	46	49	42	50	38
Women 50+	43	51	47	43	42	48	42	43	44	42
Education										
College Grad.	46	50	49	44	48	44	48	43	47	44
Some College	49	43	53	35	52	38	43	44	48	40
High School Grad. or Less	43	48	54	39	40	52	43	42	50	37
Family Income										
\$75,000+	54	43	58	36	57	37	53	42	50	43
\$50,000-\$74,999	52	42	57	37	56	38	49	41	63	28
\$30,000-\$49,999	50	45	54	36	40	54	42	44	50	42
\$20,000-\$29,999	37	56	39	57	37	52	42	48	41	45
<\$20,000	26	60	52	42	39	52	26	57	36	43

Question: If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Democratic ticket of John Kerry and John Edwards, or for the ticket of Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo? As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to.....

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	August 2004		Sept. 8-10 2004 (1st)		Sept. 11-14 2004 (2nd)		Sept. 17-21 2004		Sept. 22-26 2004	
	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Kerry</u> %	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Kerry</u> %	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Kerry</u> %	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Kerry</u> %	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Kerry</u> %
Total	45	47	52	40	46	46	45	42	48	40
Region										
East	44	50	46	45	35	52	40	46	43	45
Midwest	42	52	49	40	48	43	45	38	53	37
South	45	47	57	36	52	40	48	42	49	38
West	52	41	52	40	43	51	41	46	47	42
Religious Affiliation										
Total White Protestant	61	32	64	30	63	31	59	31	61	29
- Evangelical	71	23	70	25	74	21	68	23	74	18
- Non-Evangelical	49	43	57	36	52	40	49	39	45	43
White Catholic	47	50	56	35	49	42	47	38	49	39
Secular	23	67	36	50	23	67	22	56	30	54
Party ID										
Republican	93	4	94	5	92	4	91	4	90	3
Democrat	5	91	10	82	10	86	8	85	10	81
Independent	40	48	50	39	41	44	40	41	46	38
Party and Ideology										
Conservative Republican	98	1	96	3	97	2	95	3	94	1
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	85	11	90	9	83	9	85	8	85	6
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	6	91	13	79	12	82	9	84	14	75
Liberal Democrat	2	93	4	89	3	97	7	90	4	92
Battleground States										
Republican States	51	42	59	32	50	41	50	38	55	35
Democratic States	44	48	45	44	36	53	36	48	39	50
Battleground States	41	52	52	42	49	44	46	42	50	37

ABOUT THE SURVEYS

Results for the mid-September and late September 2004 surveys are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International among two separate nationwide samples. The first survey, conducted September 17-21, interviewed 1,200 adults 18 years of age or older, and included 989 registered voters. The second survey, conducted September 22-26, interviewed 1,200 adults, and included 948 registered voters.

For results based on registered voters in either survey the sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. For results based on the total sample in either survey, the margin of error is also plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS
 SEPTEMBER 2004 OMNIBUS SURVEYS
 FINAL TOPLINE**

September 22-26, 2004 Total N=1200; RV N=948

September 17-21, 2004 Total N=1200; RV N=989

RESULTS ARE SHOWN FOR TWO DISTINCT SURVEYS: SEPTEMBER 17-21 IS FROM THE MID-SEPTEMBER OMNIBUS AND SEPTEMBER 22-26 IS FROM THE LATE SEPTEMBER OMNIBUS

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	Quite A lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a Little	(VOL.) None	DK/ Ref.	
September 22-26, 2004	68	4	23	4	1=100	(N=948)
September 17-21, 2004	66	4	25	4	1=100	(N=989)
Early September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1=100	
<i>September 11-14</i>	69	3	23	4	1=100	
<i>September 8-10</i>	73	3	21	2	1=100	
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1=100	
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1=100	
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1=100	
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1=100	
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1=100	
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*=100	
2000 Early November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1=100	
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*=100	
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1=100	
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1=100	
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1=100	
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*=100	
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*=100	
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1=100	
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*=100	
1996 November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*=100	
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1=100	
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1=100	
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1=100	
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*=100	
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1=100	
1992 October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1=100	
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1=100	
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*=100	
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1=100	
1988 Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0=100	
Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0=100	
Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0=100	
Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0=100	

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST ASK:

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

9/22-26 <u>2004</u>	9/17-21 <u>2004</u>	
79	81	Yes, registered
76	79	Absolutely certain
2	2	Chance registration has lapsed
1	0	Don't know/Refused
20	18	No, not registered
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	

Q.1 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote [INSERT, ROTATE **REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC TICKETS WITH NADER TICKET LAST**] for the Republican ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, for the Democratic ticket of John Kerry and John Edwards, or for the ticket of Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo?

IF OTHER OR DK (Q.1=4,9), ASK:

Q.1b As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.1]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	Bush/ <u>Lean Bush</u>	Kerry/ <u>Lean Kerry</u>	Nader/ <u>Lean Nader</u>	Other/ <u>Don't Know</u>	
September 22-26, 2004	48	40	2	10=100	(N=948)
September 17-21, 2004	45	42	3	10=100	(N=989)
Early September, 2004	49	43	1	7=100	
<i>September 11-14</i>	46	46	1	7=100	
<i>September 8-10</i>	52	40	1	7=100	
August, 2004	45	47	2	6=100	
July, 2004	44	46	3	7=100	
June, 2004	46	42	6	6=100	
May, 2004	43	46	6	5=100	
Late March, 2004	44	43	6	7=100	
Mid-March, 2004	42	49	4	5=100	

	<i>Bush/ <u>Lean Bush</u></i>	<i>Gore/ <u>Lean Gore</u></i>	<i>Nader/ <u>Lean Nader</u></i>	
September, 2000	41	47	2	10=100
July, 2000	42	41	6	11=100

	<i>Dole/ <u>Lean Dole</u></i>	<i>Clinton/ <u>Lean Clinton</u></i>	<i>Perot/ <u>Lean Perot</u></i>	
Late September, 1996	35	51	7	7=100
Early September, 1996	34	52	8	6=100
July, 1996	34	44	16	6=100

	<i>Bush, Sr./ <u>Lean Bush, Sr.</u></i>	<i>Clinton/ <u>Lean Clinton</u></i>	<i>Perot/ <u>Lean Perot</u></i>	
Early October, 1992	35	48	8	9=100
June, 1992	31	28	36	5=100

NO QUESTION 2

QUESTION 3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 ASKED ON SEPTEMBER 22-26 SURVEY 2004 ONLY:

Q.4 As I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes John Kerry or George W. Bush.
(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=948]:		(VOL.)				
	<u>George W. Bush</u>	<u>John Kerry¹</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>Both Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>	
a	Would use good judgment in a crisis					
	September 22-26, 2004	49	36	3	3 9=100	
	Early September, 2004	53	34	2	4 7=100	
	<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	52	33	3	4 8=100	
	<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	55	34	1	3 7=100	
	August, 2004	50	38	2	3 7=100	
	May, 2004	47	35	4	5 9=100	
	Late March, 2004	46	36	2	3 13=100	
	Mid-March, 2004	48	39	2	5 6=100	
	Late-October, 2000	43	42	2	5 8=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	40	42	5	8 5=100	
	Early October, 2000	36	43	4	10 7=100	
	September, 2000	38	44	3	8 7=100	
	June, 2000	44	37	5	6 8=100	
b.	Honest and truthful					
	September 22-26, 2004	41	32	15	3 9=100	
	Early September, 2004	43	35	12	4 6=100	
	<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	41	36	13	4 6=100	
	<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	44	35	12	3 6=100	
	August, 2004	42	38	12	2 6=100	
	May, 2004	34	36	17	4 9=100	
	Late March, 2004	37	38	12	3 10=100	
	Mid-March, 2004	35	39	16	5 5=100	
	Late-October, 2000	43	32	15	5 5=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	38	30	19	6 7=100	
	Early October, 2000	36	32	17	8 7=100	
	September, 2000	35	37	13	9 6=100	
	June, 2000	35	31	19	7 8=100	
c.	Cares about people like me					
	September 22-26, 2004	38	42	8	3 9=100	
	Early September, 2004	41	43	6	5 5=100	
	<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	38	46	6	4 6=100	
	<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	44	41	6	5 4=100	
	August, 2004	39	45	7	3 6=100	
	May, 2004	34	45	8	5 8=100	
	Late March, 2004	38	42	9	3 8=100	
	Mid-March, 2004	34	48	8	4 6=100	
	Late-October, 2000	40	43	8	5 4=100	
	Mid-October, 2000	40	42	7	7 4=100	

¹ In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.

QUESTION 4 CONTINUED...

	<u>George W. Bush</u>	<u>John Kerry²</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	<u>Both Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Early October, 2000	35	44	11	5	5=100
September, 2000	31	47	9	7	6=100
d. A strong leader					
September 22-26, 2004	54	28	5	3	10=100
Early September, 2004	58	30	4	3	5=100
<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	57	30	4	4	5=100
<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	59	29	3	3	6=100
August, 2004	57	34	2	3	4=100
May, 2004	50	31	8	4	7=100
Late March, 2004	51	33	4	2	10=100
Mid-March, 2004	52	34	4	4	6=100
Late-October, 2000	44	41	6	6	3=100
Mid-October, 2000	42	39	9	6	4=100
Early October, 2000	41	38	7	10	4=100
September, 2000	44	38	7	6	5=100
e. Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular					
September 22-26, 2004	63	23	3	3	8=100
Early September, 2004	69	23	1	3	4=100
<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	67	23	1	4	5=100
<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	70	22	1	3	4=100
August, 2004	62	29	1	5	3=100
May, 2004	65	23	3	4	5=100
Late March, 2004	59	28	3	3	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	63	27	1	5	4=100
Late-October, 2000	49	35	7	4	5=100
Mid-October, 2000	49	35	6	5	5=100
Early October, 2000	43	35	8	6	8=100
September, 2000	45	37	8	5	5=100
June, 2000	46	32	9	5	8=100

Q.5 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates — George W. Bush or John Kerry — do you think would do the best job of **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN BUSH OR KERRY PROBE ONCE: "IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUSH AND KERRY...")**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=948]:

	<u>George W. Bush</u>	<u>John Kerry³</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Improving economic conditions				
September 22-26, 2004	39	46	5	10=100
Early September, 2004	42	45	4	9=100
<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	40	47	4	9=100
<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	43	44	4	9=100
August, 2004	37	52	3	8=100
May, 2004	38	48	5	9=100
Late March, 2004	39	44	6	11=100

² In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.

³ In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.

QUESTION 5 CONTINUED...

	<u>George W. Bush</u>	<u>John Kerry⁴</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Mid-March, 2004	37	53	2	8=100
Late-October, 2000 ⁵	40	46	6	8=100
Mid-October, 2000	37	49	3	11=100
Early October, 2000	35	47	6	12=100
September, 2000	38	46	5	11=100
June, 2000	38	41	5	16=100
March, 2000	42	46	4	8=100
b. Improving the health care system				
September 22-26, 2004	32	48	7	13=100
Early September, 2004	32	50	8	10=100
<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	30	53	8	9=100
<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	34	49	7	10=100
August, 2004	29	55	5	11=100
May, 2004	29	51	7	13=100
Late March, 2004	33	46	6	15=100
Mid-March, 2004	29	57	4	10=100
Late-October, 2000	38	47	5	10=100
Mid-October, 2000	37	48	4	11=100
Early October, 2000	36	49	5	10=100
September, 2000	32	51	6	11=100
June, 2000	31	44	6	19=100
March, 2000	31	51	6	12=100
c. Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq				
September 22-26, 2004	46	38	5	11=100
Early September, 2004	51	39	3	7=100
<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	52	40	2	6=100
<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	52	37	4	7=100
August, 2004	44	46	3	7=100
May, 2004	44	41	4	11=100
Late March, 2004	49	37	4	10=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	45	2	6=100
g. Defending the country from future terrorist attacks				
September 22-26, 2004	54	30	4	12=100
Early September, 2004	58	31	3	8=100
<i>September 11-13, 2004</i>	57	31	4	8=100
<i>September 8-10, 2004</i>	59	30	3	8=100
August, 2004	49	39	4	8=100
May, 2004	52	33	5	10=100
Late March, 2004	53	29	4	14=100
Mid-March, 2004	57	32	4	7=100

NO QUESTIONS 6 THROUGH 8

⁴ In 2000 the question asked about Al Gore.

⁵ In 2000 the item was listed as "Keeping the economy strong."

QUESTIONS 9 THROUGH 13 ASKED ON SEPTEMBER 17 - 21 SURVEY 2004 ONLY:

ASK ALL:

Q.9 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

Sept 17-21 2004		Aug 2004	Late Late Mid-				June 2002	June 2001	U.S. News & – World Report –		
			April 2004	Feb 2004	Jan 2004	Oct 2003			Aug 1992	May 1992	Jan 1992
31	Plenty of jobs available	34	30	31	27	24	31	42	15	16	12
52	Jobs are difficult to find	55	57	59	60	66	59	44	76	77	79
6	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL)	4	4	5	6	5	4	8	6	4	6
<u>11</u>	Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

QUESTIONS 10-12 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Q.13 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only</u>		<u>Don't know/</u>
			<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Refused</u>
September 17-21, 2004	4	34	40	20	2=100
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1=100
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2=100
Late February, 2004	2	29	42	26	1=100
February 9-12, 2004 (Gallup)	2	31	46	21	0=100
January 12-15, 2004 (Gallup)	3	34	42	21	0=100
January 2-5, 2004 (Gallup)	3	40	41	16	*=100
December 11-14, 2003 (Gallup)	3	34	44	19	*=100
November 3-5, 2003 (Gallup)	2	28	49	21	*=100
October 24-26, 2003 (Gallup)	2	24	44	30	*=100
October 6-8, 2003 (Gallup)	2	20	50	27	1=100
September 8-10, 2003 (Gallup)	1	20	49	30	*=100
August 4-6, 2003 (Gallup)	1	24	52	23	*=100
August 5-8, 2002 (Gallup)	1	27	52	19	1=100
August 16-19, 2001 (Gallup)	2	34	49	14	1=100
August 18-19, 2000 (Gallup)	25	49	21	4	1=100
August 24-26, 1999 (Gallup)	14	50	28	7	1=100
September 1, 1998 (Gallup)	11	54	25	9	1=100
August 22-25, 1997 (Gallup)	8	41	38	13	*=100
October 26-29, 1996 (Gallup)	5	42	39	13	1=100
November 6-8, 1995 (Gallup)	2	28	47	22	1=100
July 15-17, 1994 (Gallup)	1	26	52	21	*=100
June 29-30, 1993 (Gallup)	1	14	52	32	1=100
Aug. 31-Sept., 1992 (Gallup) (RVs)	1	9	37	53	*=100