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48 Male 52 Female <b>[109]</b>
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**The margin of error for 1,005 interviews is  $\pm 3.1\%$**

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction.	35	34	42	40	41	39	72	14	<b>[138]</b>
Off on the wrong track.....	52	51	48	47	46	48	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	12	8	10	11	10	11	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	3	2	3	6	6	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		39	36	36	36	33	41	47	
		49	50	48	48	50	49	43	
		10	12	14	14	14	5	6	
		2	2	2	2	3	5	4	
	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>		
	56	41	43	38	42	49	62		
	30	48	47	50	44	38	22		
	9	8	6	8	9	8	13		
	5	3	3	4	4	5	3		
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>		
	36	43	44	42	40	52	53		
	47	42	42	43	42	31	28		
	14	13	14	12	14	14	15		
	3	2	-	3	4	3	4		
	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>5/96+</u>			
	62	70	72	43	45	28			
	20	15	11	39	36	52			
	14	12	11	14	15	15			
	4	3	6	4	4	8			

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3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>6/04+</u>	
Approve .....	47	48	50	50	49	88	45	<b>[143]</b>
Disapprove .....	47	46	45	44	44	7	49	
Not sure .....	6	6	5	6	7	5	6	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	
	49	47	47	48	45	47	50	
	47	48	48	46	49	46	46	
	4	5	5	6	6	7	5	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	
	54	58	52	51	49	56	62	
	41	34	41	44	45	38	31	
	6	9	7	5	6	6	7	
	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
	71	66	67	62	61	54	62	
	23	29	28	33	31	40	33	
	6	5	5	5	8	6	5	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	63	64	67	69	75	74	57	
	31	30	27	23	18	20	22	
	6	6	6	8	7	6	21	

<sup>1</sup>Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
Approve .....	43	41	46	47	44	45	45	<b>[144]</b>
Disapprove .....	51	53	50	47	51	52	51	
Not sure .....	6	6	4	6	5	3	4	
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	43	45	41	45	49	48	50	
	52	49	53	51	45	46	44	
	5	6	6	4	6	6	5	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	43	45	47	49	44	47	48	
	52	48	45	42	49	45	44	
	6	7	8	9	7	8	8	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	48	49	57	61	63	63	52	
	43	43	34	30	27	25	27	
	9	8	9	9	10	12	21	

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>5/05*</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
Approve .....	42	42	44	46	45	48	44	<b>[145]</b>
Disapprove .....	52	50	50	49	51	46	51	
Not sure .....	6	8	6	5	4	6	5	
		<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	
		44	44	43	47	54	56	
		52	52	51	48	41	37	
		4	4	6	5	5	7	
		<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	
		48	48	47	55	63	70	
		47	48	46	39	31	24	
		5	4	7	6	6	6	
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
		51	57	58	55	62	64	
		42	36	35	34	28	28	
		7	7	7	11	10	8	
		<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>			
		68	81	82	53			
		26	13	12	20			
		6	6	6	27			

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
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3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq? \*\*

Approve .....	44	<b>[146]</b>
Disapprove .....	52	
Not sure .....	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve .....	33	39	41	40	39	46	39	61	22	<b>[147]</b>
Disapprove .....	51	46	40	42	43	41	47	28	69	
Not sure .....	16	15	19	18	18	13	14	11	9	
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
	43	39	42	43	42	44	44	40	34	
	45	45	45	43	39	39	40	44	48	
	11	16	13	14	19	17	16	16	18	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	
	43	54	57	47	43	45	48	55	49	
	41	29	29	34	33	32	35	30	35	
	16	17	14	19	24	23	17	15	16	
	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	

46	46	43	42	43	48	45	42	40
41	42	46	44	40	36	42	45	49
13	12	11	14	17	16	13	13	11
<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>5/94</u>
43	40	49	41	50	44	48	43	32
41	42	38	45	40	42	39	43	56
16	18	13	14	10	14	13	14	12

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6a. In the next 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?

	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Deserves to be reelected .....	42	49	42	41	50	49	49	42	[156]
Give new person a chance.....	45	34	39	42	35	38	39	47	
Not sure .....	13	17	19	17	15	13	12	11	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	
		48	41	39	30	34	35	34	
		37	45	49	53	50	47	52	
		15	14	12	17	16	18	14	
		<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	
		37	30	31	31	27	33	37	
		47	55	56	56	62	57	52	
		16	15	13	13	11	10	11	
		<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>			
		42	35	40	39	41			
		48	52	48	48	36			
		10	13	12	13	23			

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6b. What is your preference for the outcome of the 2006 congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>5/05+<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>10/29-31/04+</u>	<u>10/16-18/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	40	43	44	42	42	41	42	42	42	[157]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	47	44	44	46	44	44	45	43	42	
Not sure <sup>3</sup> .....	13	13	12	12	14	15	13	15	16	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
		43	42	43	42	44	42	40	39	
		42	42	41	41	40	40	44	41	
		15	16	16	17	16	18	16	20	
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	
	39	42	41	37	41	40	41	39	37	
	43	41	40	43	43	39	40	40	41	
	18	17	19	20	16	21	19	21	22	
	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94<sup>2</sup></u>	

41	40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44
37	42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38
22	18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18

<sup>1</sup> Prior to May 2005 the question was phrased, "What is your preference for the outcome of the upcoming congressional elections . . ."

<sup>2</sup> In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

<sup>3</sup> The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

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6c. How much confidence do you have in Congress--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all?

	A Great Deal Of Confidence	Quite A Bit Of Confidence	Some Confidence	Very Little Confidence	No Confidence At All	Not Sure	
<b>Congress</b>							<b>[158]</b>
May 2005 .....	6	12	53	23	5	1	
January 2002 .....	13	24	44	15	3	1	
December 2000 .....	10	16	48	18	6	2	
June 1998 <sup>1</sup> .....	10	18	48	20	2	2	
February 1997 <sup>5</sup> .....	7	14	46	32	NA	1	
January 1996 <sup>2</sup> .....	4	10	41	41	3	1	
December 1991 <sup>3</sup> .....	7	10	39	43	NA	1	
December 1988 <sup>4</sup> .....	8	20	41	26	NA	6	
October 1986 <sup>4</sup> .....	10	31	43	12	1	3	
November 1981 <sup>4</sup> .....	8	21	41	22	6	3	
January 1977 <sup>4</sup> .....	12	28	34	17	1	7	
June 1975 <sup>4</sup> .....	14	26	38	18	1	3	

**PLEASE NOTE: Comparative data shown does not necessarily reflect all of the existing data for an item. It is possible that an institution received higher or lower confidence ratings in a survey that is not shown.**

<sup>1</sup> Comparative data comes from Gallup/CNN/USA Today surveys.

<sup>2</sup> Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research for the Kaiser Foundation, Harvard University, and the *Washington Post*.

<sup>3</sup> Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by ABC News.

<sup>4</sup> Comparative data comes from surveys conducted by Gallup.

<sup>5</sup> Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Hart/Teeter for the Council for Excellence in Government.

7. Generally speaking do you feel that, **(READ ITEM)** has the same priorities for the country as you do, or do you think that **(READ ITEM)** has different priorities for the country than you do?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAS SAME PRIORITIES*

	Has Same Priorities	Has Different Priorities	Some Of Both/Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
President Bush.....	35	57	7	1	<b>[159/161]</b>
The Democrats in Congress ** .....	34	48	14	4	<b>[162]</b>
The Republicans in Congress ** .....	33	55	9	3	<b>[163]</b>
Congress * .....	17	65	14	4	<b>[160]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
 \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8. I'm going to list some issues, and for each one, please tell me whether you think that President Bush and his administration are placing too much emphasis on this issue, too little emphasis, or the right amount of emphasis. \*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOO MUCH EMPHASIS

	<u>Too Much Emphasis</u>	<u>Too Little Emphasis</u>	<u>Right Amount Of Emphasis</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Iraq.....	49	12	34	5	<b>[165]</b>
Issues related to moral values .....	30	27	39	4	<b>[172]</b>
Social Security.....	27	40	27	6	<b>[166]</b>
Afghanistan.....	26	24	41	9	<b>[169]</b>
Terrorism.....	19	25	52	4	<b>[174]</b>
Homeland security .....	17	28	52	3	<b>[173]</b>
Immigration.....	14	56	21	9	<b>[170]</b>
Gas prices.....	9	64	22	5	<b>[164]</b>
Education .....	8	57	31	4	<b>[168]</b>
Health care.....	3	75	20	2	<b>[171]</b>
Jobs and the economy.....	1	65	31	3	<b>[167]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

9. Do you think that Congress and the President are working together to end the gridlock in Washington, or do you think that things will stay pretty much as they are now because Congress and the President always have differences?

	<u>5/05</u>	
Congress and President will be able to work together.....	13	<b>[175]</b>
Things will be pretty much as they were before .....	80	
Not sure.....	7	

	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>
Now that the presidency and the Congress are both controlled by the same party, do you expect that Congress and the President will be able to work together to end the gridlock in Washington or do you think that things will stay pretty much as they are now because Congress and the President always have differences?		
Congress and President will be able to work together .....	41	48
Things will be pretty much as they were before.....	51	46
Not sure.....	8	6

11. When there are vacancies in the federal court system, should the Senate generally confirm the President's judicial nominees as long as they are honest and competent, or should the Senate make its own decision about the fitness of each nominee to serve?

Should generally confirm president's nominees...	34	<b>[177]</b>
Should make its own decision .....	56	

Depends (VOL)..... 5  
Not sure..... 5

12. I am going to read you a series of actions that have recently been in the news. For each one, please tell me whether you generally support this action, generally oppose this action, feel neutral about this action, or whether you do not care about this action.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GENERALLY SUPPORT ACTION*

	Generally Support Action	Generally Oppose Action	Feel Neutral About This Action	Do Not Care About This Action	Not Sure	
Congress holding hearings on gas prices .....	66	13	14	5	2	<b>[180]</b>
Congress investigating Congressman Tom DeLay's travel and working relationship with lobbyists .....	52	12	15	16	5	<b>[178]</b>
Congress considering changing the Social Security system to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts .....	39	45	11	2	3	<b>[209]</b>
Congress considering putting an end to the Senate's filibuster procedure, which requires sixty senators rather than fifty-one to end debate and hold a confirmation vote for judicial nominees .....	31	32	19	13	5	<b>[179]</b>
Democrats in the Senate preventing President Bush's judicial nominations from coming up for a vote .....	30	38	21	7	4	<b>[208]</b>

16. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
Economy has gotten better.....	20	31	30	29	29	37	39	39	35	<b>[214]</b>
Economy has gotten worse.....	42	28	34	36	33	31	28	28	33	
Economy has stayed about the same....	37	40	35	34	37	30	31	31	31	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	
	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	
	35	43	45	38	27	23	18	6	7	
	34	23	27	29	41	42	44	65	57	
	29	34	27	31	30	34	36	28	35	
	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	
	17	6	2	3	6	8	9	11	8	
	44	73	78	74	67	57	64	54	64	
	38	20	19	22	26	33	26	35	27	
	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1	

<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>
3	3	6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18
73	72	57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23
23	24	35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57
1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

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17. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
Economy will get better.....	28	43	43	43	42	44	50	53	49	<b>[215]</b>
Economy will get worse.....	30	17	10	13	16	18	10	10	15	
Economy will stay about the same.....	36	36	33	33	34	35	37	33	33	
Not sure .....	6	4	14	11	8	3	3	3	3	
		<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
		44	45	49	35	40	41	39	41	
		19	16	17	25	20	20	18	20	
		33	34	31	37	35	34	39	37	
		4	4	3	3	5	5	4	2	
		<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	
		50	50	36	28	17	19	19	21	
		13	15	25	29	24	22	22	21	
		32	32	34	37	54	53	57	52	
		5	3	5	6	5	6	2	6	
		<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	
		20	24	31	31	28	28	27	29	
		21	23	17	24	24	17	21	16	
		54	50	46	40	44	52	49	52	
		5	3	6	5	4	3	3	3	
		<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
		44	43	21	23	20	23	33	39	
		16	19	27	24	29	27	21	15	
		36	34	50	51	48	47	44	43	
		4	4	2	2	3	3	2	3	
		<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>					
		50	53	32	31					
		9	10	20	24					
		39	35	45	40					
		2	2	3	5					

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**Now I'd like to ask you a couple of questions about Social Security . . .**

25a. In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?



	<u>5/05</u>		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Good idea.....	36	<b>CONTINUE</b>	35	40	40	38	<b>[237]</b>
Bad idea .....	56		55	51	50	50	
Not sure.....	8	<b>Skip to Q.26</b>	10	9	10	12	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY GOOD IDEA OR BAD IDEA IN Q.25a.)**

25b. When it comes to allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market, would you say that your position is completely firm and unlikely to change, or would you say that you are open to changing your mind on this issue?

	Good Idea (Q.25a)			Bad Idea (Q.25a)			
	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	
Position is firm/unlikely to change ....	37	32	31	62	53	60	<b>[238]</b>
Open to changing mind.....	62	65	68	36	45	39	
Not sure.....	1	3	1	2	2	1	

27. Which of the following do you think best describes the financial situation of Social Security today--it is in crisis, it is in serious trouble but not in crisis, it is in some trouble, or it is not really in trouble at all?

	<u>5/05**</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
In crisis .....	14	17	17	14	<b>[240]</b>
In serious trouble but not in crisis .....	39	37	35	38	
In some trouble.....	36	36	39	38	
Not really in trouble at all.....	8	7	7	7	
Depends (VOL) .....	1	1	-	1	
Not sure.....	2	2	2	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Turning to the war in Iraq . . .**

30. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
Worth it.....	40	44	44	40	43	41	<b>[243]</b>
Not worth it.....	51	48	49	52	48	50	
Depends (VOL).....	4	4	3	3	6	4	
Not sure .....	5	4	4	5	3	5	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		40	43	43	40	42	
		52	49	47	51	47	
		3	4	4	5	5	
		5	4	6	4	6	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		50	52	53	45	45	
		45	40	37	42	46	
		1	2	5	6	3	
		4	5	5	6	5	

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The Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll was based on nationwide telephone interviews of 1,005 American adults, conducted May 12-16 by the polling organizations of Peter Hart and Bill McInturff.

The sample was drawn in the following manner: 300 geographic points were randomly selected proportionate to the population of each region and, within each region, by size of place. Individuals were selected by a method that gave all telephone numbers, listed and unlisted, an equal chance of being included.

One adult, 18 years or older, was selected from each household by a procedure to provide a balance of respondents by sex. The data's margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Sample tolerances for subgroups are larger.