

# THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

### PIPA-Knowledge Networks Poll: Public Perceptions of the Foreign Policy Positions of the Presidential Candidates

#### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: Sep 8–12, 2004  
Sample Size: 959

Margin of Error: +/- 3.2 % [full sample]  
+/- 4.0 % [2/3 sample]

Q1-13. *To be released.*

[Statement]

Next are a series of questions, some of which ask for your impression of some things that you may or may not know. Please just indicate your impression, whether or not you are very confident that it is correct.

[2/3 Sample A,B]

Q14a-c: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Should the U.S. participate or not participate in the Kyoto agreement to reduce global warming?

	<b>Participate</b>	<b>Not participate</b>
President George W. Bush .....	40	46
Bush supporters.....	51	39
Kerry supporters.....	34	54
The uncommitted .....	45	37
 November 2002.....	 48	 42
 Senator John Kerry .....	 60	 25
Bush supporters.....	52	36
Kerry supporters.....	74	13
The uncommitted .....	54	26

Q15a-b: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Should the US participate or not participate in the treaty that bans all use of land mines?

	<b>Participate</b>	<b>Not participate</b>
President George W. Bush.....	56%	32
Bush supporters.....	72	20
Kerry supporters.....	46	44
The uncommitted .....	50	31
November 2002.....	64	29
Senator John Kerry .....	66	21
Bush supporters.....	61	28
Kerry supporters.....	79	12
The uncommitted .....	57	23

Q16a-b: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Should the US participate or not participate in the treaty that would prohibit nuclear weapon test explosions worldwide?

	<b>Participate</b>	<b>Not participate</b>
President George W. Bush .....	57%	32
Bush supporters.....	69	24
Kerry supporters.....	50	41
The uncommitted .....	51	31
November 2002.....	68	27
Senator John Kerry .....	66	21
Bush supporters.....	61	29
Kerry supporters.....	77	12
The uncommitted .....	60	21

[2/3 Sample B,C]

Q17a-c: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Should defense spending be expanded, cut back, or kept about the same?

	<b>Expanded</b>	<b>Cut back</b>	<b>Kept same</b>
President George W. Bush .....	54	17	23
Bush supporters.....	57	9	28
Kerry supporters.....	54	27	16
The uncommitted .....	41	20	29

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November 2002.....	79	4	15
Senator John Kerry .....	13	48	31
Bush supporters.....	9	64	19
Kerry supporters.....	18	35	43
The uncommitted .....	14	36	39

[2/3 Sample C,A]

Q18a-b: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Should countries that are part of international trade agreements be required or not be required to maintain minimum standards for working conditions and for protection of the environment?

	<b>Should be required</b>	<b>Should not</b>
President George W. Bush .....	70%	24
Bush supporters.....	84	11
Kerry supporters.....	56	39
The uncommitted .....	69	19
Senator John Kerry .....	76	17
Bush supporters.....	65	28
Kerry supporters.....	90	5
The uncommitted .....	75	12

Q19a-b: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Who should have the stronger role in helping the Iraqis to write a new constitution and build a new democratic government, the United States or the United Nations?

	<b>United States</b>	<b>United Nations</b>
President George W. Bush .....	62%	30
Bush supporters.....	70	25
Kerry supporters.....	60	33
The uncommitted .....	46	37
Senator John Kerry .....	10	80
Bush supporters.....	8	83
Kerry supporters.....	13	80
The uncommitted .....	10	71

[Full Sample]

Q20a-d: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

Should the US participate or not participate in the International Criminal Court that tries individuals for war crimes, genocide, or crimes against humanity if their own country won't try them?

	<b>Participate</b>	<b>Not Participate</b>
President George W. Bush .....	55	33
Bush supporters.....	66	24
Kerry supporters.....	49	42
The uncommitted .....	47	31
 November 2002.....	 68	 26
 Senator John Kerry .....	 50	 36
Bush supporters.....	45	43
Kerry supporters.....	59	31
The uncommitted .....	49	30

Q21a-d: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

In general, when the United States is asked to be part of a United Nations international peacekeeping force in a troubled part of the world, should the US take part, or should we leave this job to other countries?

	<b>Take Part</b>	<b>Leave Job to Others</b>
President George W. Bush .....	65	25
Bush supporters.....	78	14
Kerry supporters.....	58	35
The uncommitted .....	60	22
 November 2002.....	 83	 13
 Senator John Kerry .....	 54	 34
Bush supporters.....	41	48
Kerry supporters.....	73	19
The uncommitted .....	51	31

Q22a-d-Q24a-b: *To be released.*

Q25a-d: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

In the Middle East conflict, should the United States take Israel's side, take the Palestinians' side, or not take either side?

	<b>Take Israel's side</b>	<b>Take the Palestinians'</b>	<b>Not take either side</b>
President George W. Bush .....	42	2	43
Bush supporters.....	41	1	45
Kerry supporters.....	46	4	41
The uncommitted .....	30	1	47
Senator John Kerry .....	17	5	62
Bush supporters.....	15	10	58
Kerry supporters.....	20	1	68
The uncommitted .....	16	2	58

Q26a-d: *What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question:*

With regard to missile defense, should the US:

- Build a missile defense system right away
- Do more research until such a system is proven to be effective
- Not build a missile defense system at all

	<b>Build a missile defense system right away</b>	<b>Do more research until proven effective</b>	<b>Not build at all</b>
President George W. Bush .....	46	33	7
Bush supporters.....	44	41	4
Kerry supporters.....	52	28	11
The uncommitted .....	35	36	7
November 2002.....	63	26	5
Senator John Kerry .....	8	46	32
Bush supporters.....	9	26	51
Kerry supporters.....	6	68	16
The uncommitted .....	8	46	23

[Full Sample]

Q38. If the upcoming election for president were held today for whom would you vote:

George W. Bush.....	45%
John F. Kerry .....	44
(No answer).....	11

[If Answer “Bush Or “Kerry”]

Q38a. How sure are you that you will vote this way?

Very sure Bush.....	37%
Somewhat sure Bush.....	6
Not very sure Bush.....	3
Very sure Kerry.....	35%
Somewhat sure Kerry.....	7
Not very sure Kerry .....	3
(No answer).....	11

Demographic Data:

D1. In politics today, do you think of yourself as:

Republican .....	28%
Independent.....	28
Democrat.....	34
Other .....	7

D2. Did you vote for a candidate for the House of Representatives or the Senate in the election in November 2002?

Yes .....	55%
No.....	42

D3. What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself:

Christian.....	69%
Jewish.....	1
Muslim .....	1
Buddhist .....	1
Hindu.....	1
Other religion .....	7
No religious preference.....	14

Agnostic .....	3
Atheist .....	2
(No answer).....	3

[If “Christian”]

D3a. Would you describe yourself as

Protestant.....	40%*
Catholic .....	20
Mormon.....	1
Orthodox .....	2
(No answer).....	7

[If “Christian”]

D3b. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical?

Yes .....	21%*
No.....	32
No opinion .....	15
(No answer).....	*

[If Answer “Christian,” “Jewish,” “Muslim,” “Buddhist,” “Hindu,” Or “Other Religion” In D3]

D4. How often do you attend church or attend religious services--at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, seldom, or never?

Once a week.....	25%*
Almost every week .....	10
About once a month .....	7
Seldom .....	28
Never.....	8
(No answer).....	1

D5. Age

18-29 .....	22%
30-44 .....	31
45-59 .....	26
60+ .....	22

D6. Education level (categorical)

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\*Percent of total sample

Less than High School .....	16%
High School Graduate.....	32
Some College .....	27
College Graduate .....	24

D7. Race/Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic .....	73%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	12
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	5
Hispanic .....	11

D8. Gender

Male .....	48%
Female.....	52

D9. Region

Northeast.....	19%
Midwest.....	23
South .....	37
West .....	23