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Questionnaire

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Sample Size: 1217

Margin of Error: +/- 2.9% [full sample]
+/-3.4% [3/4 sample]
+/-4% [1/2 sample]

[FULL SAMPLE]

How well do you think President Bush is dealing with the following international problem? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well.

Q1: The situation with Iraq

	7/03	6/03
0..... 11%*	11	8
1..... 5	4	4
2..... 4	8	6
3..... 6	6	5
4..... 9	5	5
5..... 15	14	16
6..... 6	7	8
7..... 10	10	11
8..... 15	15	15
9..... 7	9	9
10..... 9	8	9
(No answer)..... 1	3	5
Poorly (0-4)..... 35	33	28
Neither poorly nor well (5)..... 15	14	16
Well (6-10)..... 48	49	52
(No answer)..... 1	3	5
Mean..... 5.4	5.39	5.68
Median..... 5	6	6

* Some columns may not add up to 100% because of rounding.

[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

Q2: Now that Saddam Hussein’s government is toppled, do you think the US does or does not have the responsibility to remain in Iraq as long as necessary until there is a stable government?

		7/03	6/03	4/03	2/03
Yes, does	74%	72	80	86	86
No, does not.....	24	25	15	12	10
(No answer)	2	3	5	2	4

[HALF SAMPLE C,D]

Q3: How do you think the process of rebuilding Iraq is going?

		7/03	6/03
Very well	4%	3	1
Somewhat well	30	35	39
Not very well	46	44	40
Not at all well	18	13	13
(No answer)	3	5	7

[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

Q4: There is some discussion about how many troops the US should have in Iraq now. Do you think the number of US troops in Iraq should be:

		7/03
Increased a lot.....	9%	6
Increased some	22	18
Maintained at the current level.....	33	37
Decreased some	13	17
Decreased a lot	7	8
Withdrawn completely	12	9
(No answer)	4	5

[HALF SAMPLE C,D]

Q5: The US has requested that other countries contribute troops to help deal with the situation in Iraq. If allies and other countries were only willing to contribute troops if the operation were under the UN with joint decision making, should the US be willing to do this or not?

		7/03
Should be willing.....	64%	70
Should not be willing	29	24
(No answer)	6	7

[HALF SAMPLE: A,B]

Q6: Do you think that going to war with Iraq was:

		7/03
Necessary	53%	53
Not necessary, though the results have been more positive than negative	16	17
Not necessary, and the results have been more negative than positive	27	27
(No answer)	4	3

[HALF SAMPLE C,D]

Q7: How do you think the majority of Iraqis feel about the fact that the US overthrew the government of Saddam Hussein?

		7/03
The majority is glad.....	72%	76
The majority resents it.....	22	18
(No answer)	5	6

Q8: At this point do you think the majority of the Iraqi people want the US to:

		7/03
Stay for now	47%	53
Leave	50	42
(No answer)	3	5

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

Q9: Do you think the US made the right decision or the wrong decision in going to war against Iraq?

		7/03	6/03	5/03
Right decision.....	62%	63	65	68
Wrong decision.....	33	32	29	22
(No answer)	5	5	6	10

[IF “right decision”]

Q9a: Which comes closer to your view *[order randomized]*:

		7/03	6/03	5/03
I support having gone to war, because I think it was the best				

thing for the US to do47% **	45	46	53
I am not sure if going to war was the best thing to do, but I support Bush’s decision, because he is the president .. 14	17	18	15
(No answer)	1	1	

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q10: How closely are you following the news about the situation in Iraq now?

	7/03	6/03
Very closely..... 17%	13	7
Somewhat closely..... 45	43	34
Not very closely..... 27	28	41
Not closely at all..... 11	16	17
(No answer)	1	1

[FULL SAMPLE]

STATEMENT: The next few questions ask for your impressions of some things that you may or may not know. Please just indicate your impression, whether or not you feel very confident that it is correct.

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q11: Is it your impression that Iraq did or did not use chemical or biological weapons in the war that just ended?

	5/03
Iraq did use chemical and biological Weapons 20%	22
Iraq did not use chemical and biological Weapons 75	69
(No answer)	9

[3/4 SAMPLE C,D,A]

Q12: Please select what you think is the best description of the relationship between the Iraqi government under Saddam Hussein and the terrorist group al-Qaeda. *[ORDER RANDOMIZED]*

** numbers represent percentage from the full sample

	7/03	6/03	2/03
There was no connection at all 7%	7	7	7
A few al-Qaeda individuals visited Iraq or had contact with Iraqi officials 31	35	26	29
Iraq gave substantial support to al-Qaeda, but was not involved in the September 11 th attacks 35	33	36	36
Iraq was directly involved in carrying out the September 11 th attacks 21	20	25	20
(No answer)	6	6	8

[3/4 SAMPLE D,A,B]

Q13: Since the war with Iraq ended, is it your impression that the US has or has not found Iraqi weapons of mass destruction?

	7/03	6/03	5/03
US has 24%	21	23	34
US has not 73	76	73	59
(No answer)	3	4	7

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

Q14: Is it your impression that the US has or has not found clear evidence in Iraq that Saddam Hussein was working closely with the Al Qaeda terrorist organization?

	7/03	6/03
US has 49%	45	52
US has not 45	49	43
(No answer)	6	5

[3/4 SAMPLE B,C,D]

Q15: Thinking about how all the people in the world feel about the US having gone to war with Iraq, do you think:

	7/03	6/03
The majority of people favor the US having gone to war 27%	24	25
The majority of people oppose the US having gone to war 38	42	41
Views are evenly balanced	30	32

(No answer) 2 4 2

[3/4 SAMPLE: C,D,A]

Q16: Thinking about how people in Europe feel about the US having gone to war with Iraq, do you think:

	6/03
The majority of people favor the US having gone to war1 18%	18
The majority of people oppose the US having gone to war49	48
Views are evenly balanced.....30	29
(No answer).....3	5

[HALF SAMPLE A,B]

Q17: How do you think the way that President Bush has dealt with the situation in Iraq will affect whether you vote for him? Please answer on a scale of with +5 meaning that it will greatly increase the likelihood you will vote for him, -5 meaning that it will greatly decrease the likelihood you will vote for him and 0 meaning that it will have no effect either way.

	7/03
-5..... 20%	16
-4..... 1	3
-3..... 3	3
-2..... 3	3
-1..... 4	3
0..... 31	30
1..... 5	7
2..... 5	6
3..... 7	8
4..... 2	5
5..... 16	11
(No answer) 3	4
Increase likelihood (1 to 5)..... 35	37
No effect either way (0)..... 31	30
Decrease likelihood (-5 to -1)..... 30	29
(No answer) 3	4

Mean.....	0.03	0.09
Median.....	0	0

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q18. If the upcoming election for president were held today and the candidates were Republican George W. Bush and the Democratic nominee for President -- for whom would you vote -- Republican George W. Bush or the Democratic nominee for President?

Vote for President George Bush ...	46%
Vote for Democratic nominee.....	43
(No answer).....	11

Demographics

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

Republican.....	30%
Democrat	31
Independent	27
Other.....	8
(No answer)	4

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

Yes.....	54%
No	41
(No answer)	5

D3. Gender

Male.....	48%
Female	52

D4. Age (calculated from birth date)

18-29.....	21%
30-44.....	31
45-59.....	26
60+.....	22

D5. Education level (categorical)

Less than High School.....	16%
High School Graduate	33
Some College	28
College Graduate.....	24

D7. Race/Ethnicity

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

D8. Region

Northeast	19
Midwest.....	23
South.....	36
West.....	23