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**PRESIDENT BUSH, THE PORTS, AND IRAQ**  
**February 22-26, 2006**

The Bush Administration faces a public overwhelmingly opposed to the agreement to give a Dubai-owned firm operational control over six American ports, and more pessimistic about the situation in Iraq than ever before. This, along with reminders of the massive impact of Hurricane Katrina and negative assessments of how the government and the President have handled it for six months, has brought the President's approval ratings down to new lows.

George W. Bush now receives the lowest marks of his Presidency, even on fighting terrorism, a measure that has long been his strongest suit. Half of Americans now disapprove of how he is handling that effort, while 43% approve.

**BUSH'S HANDLING OF WAR ON TERROR**

|            | Now | 1/2006 | 10/2005 | 2/2005 |
|------------|-----|--------|---------|--------|
| Approve    | 43% | 52%    | 47%     | 61%    |
| Disapprove | 50  | 43     | 46      | 33     |

A large majority of Republicans still approves of the President's handling of terrorism, although their approval, like that of all adults, has dropped nine points in the last month, to 78% now. Most Democrats and Independents disapprove.

Bush's overall job rating has tumbled, too, to an all-time low in this poll. It is now 34%, down from 42% last month. 59% disapprove. The previous low of 35% came last October, one month after Hurricane Katrina, shortly after the withdrawal of Harriet Miers from a Supreme Court nomination and just after U.S. deaths in Iraq reached the 2,000 mark. Not since November 2004 has a majority approved of the President's overall performance.

**PRES. BUSH JOB APPROVALS**

|                | Now        | 1/2006     | 10/2005    | 11/2004    |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Overall</b> | <b>34%</b> | <b>42%</b> | <b>35%</b> | <b>51%</b> |
| Iraq           | 30%        | 37%        | 32%        | 40%        |
| Economy        | 32%        | 39%        | 34%        | 42%        |
| Energy         | 27%        | --         | --         | --         |

Ratings for the President's handling of the Iraq war have also plummeted, to their all-time low of 30%. And approval of his handling of the economy is also down. So are evaluations of the

national economy. Half say it is in good shape today; last month 57% described it that way.

#### **THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IS...**

|      | Now | 1/2006 |
|------|-----|--------|
| Good | 50% | 57%    |
| Bad  | 48  | 42     |

Just 27% of Americans approve of how President Bush is handling the overall energy situation. 60% disapprove. Those evaluations are lower than those recorded near the start of his Administration. And on the assessment of his handling of the response to Hurricane Katrina, only 32% approve.

#### **THE PORTS DEAL**

Just 21% say that the U.S. should let a United Arab Emirates country operate six American ports - 70% say this should not be allowed.

#### **SHOULD U.A.E. COMPANY OPERATE U.S. PORTS?**

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 21% |
| No  | 70  |

The opposition to the ports deal crosses party lines - 58% of Republicans oppose it, as do more than seven in ten Democrats and Independents. The question text included Bush administration positions - that the U.S. would continue to control security at the ports, that a foreign company from Britain now runs the ports, and that the U.A.E. is an ally of the U.S.

#### **THE IRAQ WAR**

Americans' perceptions of the U.S. effort in Iraq are at an all-time low. By two to one, Americans think U.S. efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq are going badly - the worst assessment they have made of progress in Iraq.

Now, just 36% say things are going well for the U.S. in Iraq. The only other times fewer than 40% were positive were in spring 2004, right after the photographs of abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison were published. In January, after the Iraqi election, 45% of Americans said things were going well.

#### **HOW ARE THINGS GOING IN IRAQ?**

|       | Now | 1/2006 | 5/2004 | 5/2003 |
|-------|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| Well  | 36% | 45%    | 37%    | 72%    |
| Badly | 62  | 54     | 60     | 24     |

Republicans are still positive about what's happening in Iraq. Two-thirds of Republicans say the rebuilding effort is going well there. But that, too, has slipped a bit since January, when three-quarters thought so.

This negative assessment of how things are going has affected evaluations of the war overall. Now, just 29%, the lowest since the spring of 2004, say the results of the war in Iraq have been worth the cost. However, more, 41%, say that removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the costs.

#### IS IRAQ WORTH THE COST?

|                         | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| The results of the war  | 29% | 63 |
| Removing Saddam Hussein | 41% | 53 |

There has also been a decline on the question of overall U.S. involvement in Iraq. Only 41% now say that the U.S. did the right thing taking military action against Iraq. Last month, after the Iraqi election, 47% agreed. This matches the low levels of support found last October, at the time of the previous lowest overall approval rating for the President. The last time a majority approved of military action in Iraq was just before the 2004 election.

#### U.S. MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

|                        | Now | 1/2006 | 10/2005 | 10/2004 |
|------------------------|-----|--------|---------|---------|
| Right thing            | 41% | 47%    | 41%     | 53%     |
| Should have stayed out | 54  | 50     | 55      | 42      |

#### ASSESSING THE PRESIDENT

For the first time in this poll, most Americans - 51% - say George W. Bush does not care much about people like themselves. Last fall, 47% thought he did not care. Today just 17% say Bush cares a lot about people like them, and another 30% think he cares some.

#### DOES BUSH CARE ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU?

|               | Now | 10/2005 | 1/2002 |
|---------------|-----|---------|--------|
| A lot         | 17% | 24%     | 34%    |
| Some          | 30  | 28      | 42     |
| Not much/none | 51  | 47      | 23     |

And even aside from his low job performance rating, few Americans today - just 29% - offer a positive view of George W. Bush. 53% have an unfavorable view of him, his highest unfavorable rating among all Americans since he took office.

#### VIEWS OF GEORGE W. BUSH

|                                    | Now | 10/2005 | 2/2004 | 11/2002 | 3/2001 |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Favorable                          | 29% | 33%     | 44%    | 55%     | 42%    |
| Unfavorable                        | 53  | 51      | 36     | 25      | 19     |
| Can't say/<br>Haven't heard enough | 17  | 15      | 19     | 20      | 38     |

## FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS

When Americans are asked about the most important problems facing the country today, four in ten mention a foreign concern – the war, terrorism, defense, or another international issue. And in the last few weeks, international issues in the news included more than the ports controversy and the war in Iraq.

Most Americans believe that the nuclear threat from Iran can still be contained with diplomacy. One in five Americans now thinks the threat from Iran requires military action now.

### THREAT FROM IRAN...

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Requires military action now    | 20% |
| Can be contained with diplomacy | 55  |
| Not a threat at this time       | 19  |

But Americans are divided about U.S. intervention, generally, in countries that are unfriendly to the U.S. They divide evenly on whether the U.S. government should work secretly inside unfriendly countries to try and overthrow those governments. In the year after 9/11, 70% thought the C.I.A. should be taking such actions.

### SHOULD U.S. SECRETLY TRY TO OVERTHROW UNFRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS?

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 44% |
| No  | 44  |

Americans reject violent Muslim reaction to the publication of cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad in a Danish newspaper – which included protests around the world. Only 9% say that is justified. However, Americans are divided on whether or not the Danish newspaper should have published those cartoons in the first place. On both questions, more than a third said they didn't know enough to judge.

### DANISH CARTOON CONTROVERSY

|                         | Justified | Not justified | Don't Know |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Publishing cartoons     | 32%       | 27            | 41         |
| Violent Muslim reaction | 9%        | 56            | 35         |

Favorable assessments of Islam, the religion, are slightly lower now than they were in the months after the attacks of September 11, 2001. The public is also less certain than it was then that Islam is no more violent a religion than others are.

### OPINION OF ISLAM

|               | Now | 2/2002 |
|---------------|-----|--------|
| Favorable     | 23% | 30%    |
| Not Favorable | 36  | 33     |

**COMPARED WITH OTHER RELIGIONS, ISLAM ENCOURAGES VIOLENCE...**

|      | Now | 3/2002 (GALLUP) |
|------|-----|-----------------|
| More | 39% | 35%             |
| Same | 35  | 49              |
| Less | 8   | 12              |

**THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE HUNTING ACCIDENT**

One surprising bright spot for the Administration is that Americans appear ready to move on after the hunting accident involving Vice-President Dick Cheney: most say it was understandable that the accident could have occurred.

An overwhelming majority - 76% - says the accident was understandable. Hunters (those who have gone hunting in the last year) feel much the same. One in five Americans says there was no excuse for the accident.

**VIEWS OF CHENEY'S HUNTING ACCIDENT...**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Understandable it could happen | 76% |
| No excuse for it to happen     | 20  |

The coverage of the hunting accident may have made the public's generally negative view of Vice-President Cheney a bit more so. Today 46% hold a negative view of Mr. Cheney, and just 18% hold a favorable one, down from 23% in January.

**VIEWS OF DICK CHENEY**

|                                    | Now | 1/2006 | 1/2005 | 1/2002 |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| Favorable                          | 18% | 23%    | 28%    | 39     |
| Unfavorable                        | 46  | 41     | 33     | 11     |
| Can't say/<br>Haven't heard enough | 35  | 35     | 38     | 49     |

One-third of Americans believe Cheney has a stronger role as Vice-President in this White House than most other VPs have had in past Administrations. Democrats are just as likely as Republicans to feel this way. 42% of Americans say Cheney's influence is the same as that of his predecessors. This view is mostly unchanged from four years ago.

Almost half of Americans - including most Republicans - accept Cheney's explanation of why there was a delay in reporting the accident. But just as many - including most Democrats (who also hold negative overall views of the Vice President) aren't satisfied with that explanation.

#### **CHENEY'S EXPLANATION FOR DELAY IN REPORTING THE ACCIDENT WAS...**

|                | All | Reps | Dems | Inds |
|----------------|-----|------|------|------|
| Satisfactory   | 46% | 67%  | 30%  | 45%  |
| Unsatisfactory | 46  | 26   | 65   | 43   |

Back in October 1969, CBS News asked if Senator Ted Kennedy had given a satisfactory explanation for not reporting his car accident at Chappaquidick right away. Then, only 33% were satisfied.

Two-thirds of Americans clearly want to move on: they say the media has spent too much time covering the story now.

#### **MEDIA COVERAGE OF CHENEY HUNTING ACCIDENT**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Too much time        | 66% |
| Right amount of time | 22  |
| Too little time      | 9   |

#### **WIRETAPPING**

The public remains divided as to whether or not it approves of the President authorizing wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants in order to reduce the threat of terrorism. 51% now approve of the practice, similar to results last month.

#### **APPROVE OF BUSH AUTHORIZING WIRETAPS TO FIGHT TERRORISM?**

|            | Now | 1/2006 |
|------------|-----|--------|
| Approve    | 51% | 53%    |
| Disapprove | 47  | 46     |

83% of Republicans, as opposed to 33% of Democrats and 42% of Independents, approve of the President authorizing wiretaps to fight terrorism without a warrant.

When the specific reason for the wiretapping - to reduce the threat of terrorism - is omitted from the question, the number of Americans who approve of this action drops by 5 points.

#### **APPROVE OF BUSH AUTHORIZING WIRETAPS?**

|            | Now | 1/2006 |
|------------|-----|--------|
| Approve    | 46% | 46%    |
| Disapprove | 50  | 50     |

Americans are somewhat skeptical of the Bush Administration's claim that the president currently has the legal authority to conduct such wiretaps. Slightly more than half of all Americans believe the President does not have this legal authority, while 43% believe he does.

**DOES THE PRESIDENT HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE  
WIRETAPS WITHOUT A WARRANT TO FIGHT TERRORISM?**

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 43% |
| No  | 51  |

Whether or not someone believes the President has the legal authority to conduct wiretaps without court warrants seems to be related to whether or not they approve of the wiretapping generally. 68% of Americans who approve of the President authorizing wiretaps without a court warrant in order to fight terrorism also believe he has the legal authority to do so. Conversely, only 7% of those who disapprove of the practice think he has the authority to conduct such wiretaps.

63% of Republicans - as opposed to 28% of Democrats and 43% of Independents - believe that the President has this authority in order to fight terrorism.

Changing the law would have limited impact on those Americans who both do not think the President has this legal authority and do not approve of the practice. 60% of those say they would still oppose the President authorizing wiretaps without a court warrant even if the law were changed to allow him to do so.

Nearly half of all Americans - 47% - said they had not much or no confidence in the ability of government agencies to correctly tell whose phone calls and emails should be monitored and whose should not, up 6 points from last month. Half the public does have confidence.

**CONFIDENCE GOVERNMENT CAN CORRECTLY TELL  
WHOSE CALLS SHOULD BE MONITORED?**

|               |     |        |
|---------------|-----|--------|
|               | Now | 1/2006 |
| Great deal    | 11% | 10%    |
| Fair amount   | 40  | 48     |
| Not much/none | 47  | 41     |

Fewer Americans are personally concerned that their own phone calls and emails will be monitored. 7 in 10 are not very or not at all concerned.

**CONCERNED THE GOV'T MIGHT MONITOR YOUR OWN CALLS OR EMAILS?**

|                     |     |        |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
|                     | Now | 1/2006 |
| Very                | 14% | 22%    |
| Somewhat            | 17  | 13     |
| Not very/not at all | 70  | 64     |

Blacks are considerably more concerned than whites in this regard. 47% of blacks, compared to 27% of whites, say they are at least somewhat concerned.

But while most are not worried specifically about their own telephone calls and emails being monitored, many Americans

continue to voice more broad concerns about losing some of their civil liberties. A third of all Americans say they are very concerned - and another third say they are at least somewhat concerned - that they might lose some of their civil liberties as a result of the measures enacted by the Bush Administration to fight terrorism. These numbers are virtually unchanged since last month.

**CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING CIVIL LIBERTIES BECAUSE OF  
BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-TERROR MEASURES?**

|                     | Now | 1/2006 |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
| Very                | 33% | 34%    |
| Somewhat            | 31  | 30     |
| Not very/not at all | 34  | 35     |

Republicans are less likely to be concerned than Democrats or Independents.

**ASSESSING THE ADMINISTRATION**

In general, while most - 67% - think that people in the Bush Administration generally do not take responsibility when things go wrong, the Bush Administration fares much better than most politicians do on this measure. A separate sample of respondents was asked if "most people in government," generally, took responsibility, and only 8% said yes.

**DO...TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN THINGS GO WRONG?**

|                               | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|
| People in Bush Administration | 27% | 67 |
| People in government          | 8%  | 86 |

However, amid the recent controversies -- whether the Cheney hunting accident was reported in a timely fashion, the announcement of the ports deal, and the recent debate over wiretapping, most Americans believe the Administration is generally too secretive about information that the public needs to know.

**IS THE ADMINISTRATION TOO SECRETIVE?**

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 58% |
| No  | 36  |

**ASSESSING CONGRESS**

The public continues to hold a dim view of Congress, with just 28% approving and 61% disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job.

**JOB APPROVAL OF CONGRESS**

|            | Now | 1/2006 | 2/2005 |
|------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Approve    | 28% | 29%    | 41%    |
| Disapprove | 61  | 61     | 44     |



One year ago the public was more evenly split, with 41% approving and 44% disapproving. While Congressional approval hovered in the low to mid 30s for most of last year, it dropped to 29% last month, and is currently the lowest job approval rating for Congress in almost a decade.

In both February 2002 (a few months after 9/11) and 1998 (at the start of President Clinton's Lewinsky scandal), 50% of Americans approved of how Congress was handling its job. Today's job approval numbers are closer to those seen at the beginning of 1994, when in January 30% of Americans approved and 58% disapproved of how Congress was handling its job. That year, the Democrats lost their majority in the House of Representatives.

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This poll was conducted among a nationwide random sample of 1018 adults, interviewed by telephone February 22-26, 2006. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. An oversample of African Americans was also conducted for this poll, for a total of 207 interviews among this group. The margin of error for African Americans is plus or minus seven points.

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q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

|            | ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |     |     |     |        |
|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
|            | *** Party ID ***        |     |     |     |        |
|            | Total                   | Rep | Dem | Ind | Jan06b |
|            | %                       | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| Approve    | 34                      | 72  | 9   | 29  | 42     |
| Disapprove | 59                      | 22  | 86  | 61  | 51     |
| DK/NA      | 7                       | 6   | 5   | 10  | 7      |

q2 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

|                               |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| War in Iraq                   | 24 | 25 | 28 | 18 | 22 |
| Economy / Jobs                | 13 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 14 |
| Terrorism (general)           | 9  | 14 | 5  | 8  | 9  |
| Health Care                   | 5  | 4  | 6  | 4  | 4  |
| The President/G.W. Bush       | 5  | 2  | 8  | 4  | 4  |
| Defense / Military            | 4  | 3  | 4  | 4  | 3  |
| Poverty / Homelessness        | 3  | 1  | 3  | 3  | 3  |
| Foreign Policy                | 3  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 2  |
| Gas/Heating Oil Crisis        | 2  | 1  | 4  | 1  | 4  |
| Moral Values/Family Values    | 2  | 7  | 0  | 2  | 3  |
| Education                     | 2  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 3  |
| Misc. Foreign Affairs         | 2  | 0  | 1  | 3  | -  |
| Foreign aid/Attn. to Domestic | 2  | 0  | 2  | 4  | 1  |
| Politicians/Government        | 2  | 2  | 1  | 2  | 2  |
| Budget Deficit /Nat'l Debt    | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 1  |
| Other                         | 14 | 18 | 12 | 22 | 20 |
| DK/NA                         | 6  | 7  | 5  | 6  | 5  |

q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

|            |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Approve    | 32 | 68 | 11 | 26 | 39 |
| Disapprove | 60 | 25 | 84 | 62 | 54 |
| DK/NA      | 8  | 7  | 5  | 12 | 7  |

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

|            |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Approve    | 30 | 61 | 10 | 25 | 37 |
| Disapprove | 65 | 34 | 86 | 69 | 59 |
| DK/NA      | 5  | 5  | 4  | 6  | 4  |

q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

| ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |       |     |     |     |        |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| *** Party ID ***        |       |     |     |     |        |
|                         | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind | Jan06b |
|                         | %     | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| Approve                 | 43    | 78  | 20  | 39  | 52     |
| Disapprove              | 50    | 17  | 72  | 53  | 43     |
| DK/NA                   | 7     | 5   | 8   | 8   | 5      |

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the energy situation?

|            |    |    |    |    | Aug01c |
|------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Approve    | 27 | 53 | 14 | 20 | 43     |
| Disapprove | 60 | 33 | 75 | 66 | 42     |
| DK/NA      | 13 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 15     |

q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

|            |    |    |    |    | Jan06b |
|------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Approve    | 28 | 31 | 32 | 22 | 29     |
| Disapprove | 61 | 59 | 55 | 68 | 61     |
| DK/NA      | 11 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 10     |

q8 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

|             |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Very good   | 5  | 13 | 1  | 3  | 6  |
| Fairly good | 45 | 62 | 33 | 45 | 51 |
| Fairly bad  | 33 | 17 | 39 | 38 | 29 |
| Very bad    | 15 | 6  | 24 | 12 | 13 |
| DK/NA       | 2  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 1  |

q9 Which comes closer to your opinion -- Iran is a threat to the United States that requires military action now, Iran is a threat that can be contained with diplomacy now, or Iran is not a threat to the United States at this time?

|                              |    |    |    |    |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Threat requiring action now  | 20 | 30 | 13 | 20 |
| Threat that can be contained | 55 | 52 | 58 | 54 |
| Not a threat at this time    | 19 | 12 | 24 | 20 |
| DK/NA                        | 6  | 6  | 5  | 6  |

q10-q11 BLANK

q12 How much do you think George W. Bush cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|                      |    |    |    |    | Oct05a |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| A lot                | 17 | 40 | 5  | 12 | 24     |
| Some                 | 30 | 43 | 22 | 29 | 28     |
| Not much             | 25 | 9  | 30 | 33 | 28     |
| Not at all           | 26 | 7  | 42 | 25 | 19     |
| Don't know/No answer | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1      |

q13 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE

q14 BLANK

q15 Is your opinion of George W. Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George W. Bush yet to have an opinion?

| ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |       |     |     |     |        |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| *** Party ID ***        |       |     |     |     |        |
|                         | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind | Jan06b |
|                         | %     | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| Favorable               | 29    | 65  | 8   | 23  | 37     |
| Not favorable           | 53    | 16  | 79  | 55  | 48     |
| Undecided               | 14    | 16  | 10  | 18  | 13     |
| Haven't heard enough    | 3     | 2   | 2   | 4   | 1      |
| Refused                 | 1     | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1      |

q16 Is your opinion of Dick Cheney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney yet to have an opinion?

|                      |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Favorable            | 18 | 41 | 6  | 12 | 23 |
| Not favorable        | 46 | 15 | 67 | 48 | 41 |
| Undecided            | 20 | 25 | 17 | 19 | 17 |
| Haven't heard enough | 15 | 18 | 9  | 20 | 18 |
| Refused              | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |

q17-q18 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q19 Do you think the result of the war with Iraq was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

|              |    |    |    |    | Oct05d |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Worth it     | 29 | 58 | 9  | 27 | 31     |
| Not worth it | 63 | 33 | 82 | 69 | 64     |
| DK/NA        | 8  | 9  | 9  | 4  | 5      |

q20 Do you think removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

|              |    |    |    |    | Oct05a |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Worth it     | 41 | 67 | 25 | 35 | 34     |
| Not worth it | 53 | 25 | 70 | 56 | 57     |
| DK/NA        | 6  | 8  | 5  | 9  | 9      |

q21 Do you think most people in government are willing to take responsibility when something goes wrong, or do you think most people in government try to avoid taking responsibility for their actions?

| ** HALF SAMPLE A **  |                  |     |     |     |        |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
|                      | *** Party ID *** |     |     |     |        |
|                      | Total            | Rep | Dem | Ind | May94a |
|                      | %                | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| Take responsibility  | 8                | 12  | 7   | 5   | 17     |
| Avoid responsibility | 86               | 80  | 87  | 90  | 73     |
| Half & half (vol.)   | 3                | 4   | 1   | 3   | 5      |
| DK/NA                | 3                | 4   | 5   | 2   | 5      |

q22 Do you think most people in the Bush Administration are willing to take responsibility when something goes wrong, or do you think most people in the Bush Administration try to avoid taking responsibility for their actions?

| ** HALF SAMPLE B **  |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Take responsibility  | 27 | 62 | 8  | 19 |
| Avoid responsibility | 67 | 31 | 89 | 74 |
| Half & half (vol.)   | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  |
| DK/NA                | 5  | 5  | 2  | 6  |

q23 In general, do you think the U.S. government should or should not work secretly inside other countries to try to weaken or overthrow governments unfriendly to the United States?

| ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Should                  | 44 | 64 | 32 | 41 |
| Should not              | 44 | 26 | 54 | 47 |
| DK/NA                   | 12 | 10 | 14 | 12 |

q24 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE

q25 From what you have heard or read, do you think the Bush administration has been too secretive about things the public should know, or don't you think so?

|                    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Yes, too secretive | 58 | 28 | 79 | 60 |
| No, don't think so | 36 | 66 | 16 | 33 |
| Not sure           | 6  | 6  | 5  | 7  |

q26-q29 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q30 How does Dick Cheney's role as Vice President compare to those of previous Vice Presidents? Is Cheney's role in George W. Bush's Administration more important, less important, or about the same as other Vice Presidents?

|                |    |    |    |    | Jan02a |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| More important | 32 | 28 | 31 | 35 | 35     |
| Less important | 22 | 11 | 36 | 15 | 16     |
| About the same | 42 | 57 | 29 | 42 | 44     |
| DK/NA          | 4  | 4  | 4  | 8  | 5      |

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q32 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q33 As you may know, the Bush Administration has agreed to let a company from the United Arab Emirates run six shipping ports in the U.S., including ports in New York and New Orleans, that are now being run by a British company. Critics of the plan say that allowing a company from an Arab country to operate U.S. shipping ports is dangerous to national security. The Bush Administration says security will be protected by the U.S. and that the United Arab Emirates is a U.S. ally. Do you think the U.S. should or should not let a United Arab Emirates company operate U.S. shipping ports?

|            | ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |     |     |     |
|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|            | *** Party ID ***        |     |     |     |
|            | Total                   | Rep | Dem | Ind |
| Should     | 21                      | 31  | 13  | 21  |
| Should not | 70                      | 58  | 78  | 71  |
| DK/NA      | 9                       | 11  | 9   | 8   |

q34-q49 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE

q50 What is your impression of the religion called Islam? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, of haven't you heard enough about that to say?

|                      |    |    |    |    | Feb02a |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
|                      |    |    |    |    | %      |
| Very favorable       | 7  | 4  | 10 | 7  | 7      |
| Somewhat favorable   | 16 | 13 | 18 | 17 | 23     |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 17 | 15 | 14 | 22 | 17     |
| Very unfavorable     | 19 | 34 | 12 | 12 | 16     |
| Haven't heard enough | 32 | 26 | 36 | 33 | 31     |
| DK/NA                | 9  | 8  | 10 | 9  | 6      |

q51 Generally speaking, do you think the Islamic religion encourages violence more than other religions around the world, about the same amount, or less than other religions around the world?

|             |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| More        | 39 | 53 | 33 | 34 |
| Same amount | 35 | 26 | 35 | 41 |
| Less        | 8  | 6  | 12 | 4  |
| No opinion  | 18 | 15 | 20 | 21 |

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q53 How concerned are you about losing some of your civil liberties as a result of the measures enacted by the Bush Administration to fight terrorism -- are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

|                      |    |    |    |    | Jan06b |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Very concerned       | 33 | 13 | 49 | 32 | 34     |
| Somewhat concerned   | 31 | 29 | 31 | 34 | 30     |
| Not very concerned   | 18 | 27 | 11 | 19 | 17     |
| Not at all concerned | 16 | 29 | 9  | 13 | 18     |
| DK/NA                | 2  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 1      |

q54 After 9/11, President Bush authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants, saying this was necessary in order to reduce the threat of terrorism. Do you approve or disapprove of the President doing this?

| ** HALF SAMPLE C ** |                  |     |     |     |        |
|---------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
|                     | *** Party ID *** |     |     |     |        |
|                     | Total            | Rep | Dem | Ind | Jan06b |
|                     | %                | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| Approve             | 51               | 83  | 33  | 42  | 53     |
| Disapprove          | 47               | 16  | 63  | 57  | 46     |
| DK/NA               | 2                | 1   | 4   | 1   | 1      |

q55 After 9/11, George W. Bush authorized government wiretaps on some phone calls in the U.S. without getting court warrants. Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush doing this?

| ** HALF SAMPLE D ** |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Approve             | 46 | 76 | 22 | 48 | 46 |
| Disapprove          | 50 | 17 | 77 | 47 | 50 |
| DK/NA               | 4  | 7  | 1  | 5  | 4  |

q56 Regardless of whether you approve of the President authorizing the wiretaps, do you think the President has the legal authority to authorize wiretaps without a court warrant, or doesn't he?

| ** HALF SAMPLE E ** |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Has the authority   | 41 | 70 | 24 | 35 |
| Does not            | 52 | 22 | 71 | 57 |
| DK/NA               | 7  | 8  | 5  | 8  |

q57 Regardless of whether you approve of the President authorizing the wiretaps, do you think the President has the legal authority to authorize wiretaps without a court warrant in order to fight terrorism, or doesn't he?

| ** HALF SAMPLE E ** |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Has the authority   | 43 | 63 | 28 | 43 |
| Does not            | 51 | 28 | 68 | 51 |
| DK/NA               | 6  | 9  | 4  | 6  |

q58 If the law was changed to specifically allow a president to authorize wiretaps without a court warrant, then would you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush authorizing those wiretaps?

| THOSE WHO DISAPPROVE/DK IN Q54 OR Q55 AND DO NOT THINK THE PRES. HAS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY/DK IN Q56 OR Q57 |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Approve                                                                                                   | 32 | 56 | 23 | 33 |
| Disapprove                                                                                                | 60 | 40 | 66 | 62 |
| It depends (vol.)                                                                                         | 2  | 0  | 3  | 1  |
| DK/NA                                                                                                     | 6  | 4  | 8  | 4  |

q59 In general, how much confidence do you have that government agencies are able to correctly tell whose phone calls and emails should be monitored and whose should not -- do you have a great deal of confidence, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

| ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |                  |     |     |     |        |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
|                         | *** Party ID *** |     |     |     |        |
|                         | Total            | Rep | Dem | Ind | Jan06b |
|                         | %                | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| A great deal            | 11               | 23  | 4   | 8   | 10     |
| Fair amount             | 40               | 53  | 28  | 41  | 48     |
| Not much                | 31               | 15  | 42  | 31  | 28     |
| None at all             | 16               | 6   | 25  | 17  | 13     |
| DK/NA                   | 2                | 3   | 1   | 3   | 1      |

q60 How concerned are you, personally, that the government might choose to monitor your own phone calls or emails -- are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

|                      |    |    |    |    | Jan06a |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Very concerned       | 14 | 7  | 21 | 13 | 22     |
| Somewhat concerned   | 17 | 9  | 21 | 18 | 13     |
| Not very concerned   | 22 | 17 | 24 | 23 | 22     |
| Not at all concerned | 48 | 67 | 34 | 46 | 42     |
| DK/NA                | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1      |

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q63 From what you know about the hunting incident that involved Dick Cheney accidentally shooting a man, which statement comes closer to your opinion? 1. There is absolutely no excuse for the accident, or 2. It is understandable that this kind of an accident could have happened?

|                |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| No excuse      | 20 | 11 | 28 | 18 |
| Understandable | 76 | 87 | 69 | 76 |
| DK/NA          | 4  | 2  | 3  | 6  |

q64 Dick Cheney gave an explanation of the hunting accident and why he didn't report it immediately. Are you satisfied or not satisfied with his explanation?

|                      |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Satisfied            | 46 | 67 | 30 | 45 |
| Not satisfied        | 46 | 26 | 65 | 43 |
| Don't know/No answer | 8  | 7  | 5  | 12 |

q65 Do you think the media have spent too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time on the hunting incident involving Dick Cheney?

|                      |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Too much time        | 66 | 80 | 54 | 67 |
| Too little           | 9  | 6  | 11 | 9  |
| Right amount         | 22 | 12 | 32 | 19 |
| Don't know/No answer | 3  | 2  | 3  | 5  |

q66-q71 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE



q72 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?

| ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |       |     |     |     |        |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| *** Party ID ***        |       |     |     |     |        |
|                         | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind | Jan06b |
|                         | %     | %   | %   | %   | %      |
| Right thing             | 41    | 71  | 19  | 41  | 47     |
| Stayed out              | 54    | 25  | 76  | 55  | 50     |
| DK/NA                   | 5     | 4   | 5   | 4   | 3      |

q73 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

|                |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Very well      | 5  | 14 | 1  | 3  | 8  |
| Somewhat well  | 31 | 51 | 18 | 28 | 37 |
| Somewhat badly | 32 | 25 | 33 | 37 | 30 |
| Very badly     | 30 | 8  | 48 | 29 | 24 |
| DK/NA          | 2  | 2  | 0  | 3  | 1  |

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q75 Do you think Saddam Hussein was personally involved in the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

|       | Oct05a |    |    |    |    |
|-------|--------|----|----|----|----|
| Yes   | 29     | 36 | 22 | 29 | 33 |
| No    | 57     | 46 | 64 | 57 | 55 |
| DK/NA | 14     | 18 | 14 | 14 | 12 |

q76 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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q79 As you may know, a Danish newspaper published some cartoons depicting Muhammad, which offended Muslims around the world and led to violent protests by Muslims in many countries. Based on what you've seen or read, do you think the reaction by Muslims was justified, or not justified, or don't you know enough about it to say?

|               |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Justified     | 9  | 6  | 11 | 10 |
| Not justified | 56 | 59 | 52 | 58 |
| DK/NA         | 35 | 35 | 37 | 32 |

q80 As you may know, a Danish newspaper published some cartoons depicting Muhammad, which offended Muslims around the world and led to violent protests by Muslims in many countries. Based on what you've seen or read, do you think the Danish newspaper was justified in publishing the cartoons, or not justified, or don't you know enough about it to say?

|               |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| Justified     | 32 | 35 | 26 | 36 |
| Not justified | 27 | 23 | 35 | 21 |
| DK/NA         | 41 | 42 | 39 | 43 |

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q92 Within the past twelve months, have you, yourself gone hunting?

| ** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| *** Party ID ***        |     |     |     |    |
| Total                   | Rep | Dem | Ind |    |
| %                       | %   | %   | %   |    |
| Yes, have hunted        | 12  | 17  | 7   | 13 |
| No have not hunted      | 88  | 83  | 93  | 87 |

|                         | <u>UNWEIGHTED</u> | <u>WEIGHTED</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Total Respondents       | 1018              |                 |
| Total Republicans       | 272               | 289             |
| Total Democrats         | 409               | 381             |
| Total Independents      | 337               | 348             |
| Total African Americans | 207               | 118             |
| Half Sample A (q21)     | 517               | 504             |
| Half Sample B (q22)     | 501               | 514             |
| Half Sample C (q54)     | 517               | 504             |
| Half Sample D (q55)     | 501               | 514             |
| Half Sample E (q56)     | 515               | 533             |
| Half Sample F (q57)     | 503               | 485             |