

**Economist / YouGov Poll Week 12**

Fieldwork 20-22 September 2004

Sample size: Total: 2107  
 "Registered to vote": 1792  
 "Will definitely vote": 1660

MoE: +/- 2% Sample drawn from a recruited panel and weighted to be representative of the US over 18 population

**SUMMARY**

*Registered voters only*  
 For full questions and detailed results, see below  
 For full trackers, see poll results for 9th September 2004

**WEEKLY TRACKERS**

	How would you vote today?			How things are going in the US...		How Bush is handling his job as president...	
	Bush	Kerry	Nader	Satisfied /	Dissatisfied	Approve /	Disapprove
<b>20-22 September 04</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>
<i>13-15 September 04</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>6-8 September 04</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>31 August - 1 Sept 04</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>23-25 August 04</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>16-18 August 04</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>55</i>
<i>9-11 August 04</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>2-4 August 04</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>26-28 July 04</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>19-21 July 04</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>12-14 July 04</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>5-6 July 04</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>51</i>

## IRAQ TRACKERS

Overall, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the long-term prospects for democracy in Iraq?

	<b>Now</b>	<i>2-4 Aug</i>
Optimistic	<b>40%</b>	<i>44%</i>
Pessimistic	<b>48%</b>	<i>41%</i>
Don't know	<b>12%</b>	<i>15%</i>

conditions there?

	<b>Now</b>	<i>2-4 Aug</i>
Should withdraw troops	<b>41%</b>	<i>40%</i>
Should not withdraw	<b>49%</b>	<i>49%</i>
Don't know	<b>10%</b>	<i>11%</i>

Do you think that daily life for the citizens of Iraq is or is not better now than it was when Saddam Hussein ran that country?

	<b>Now</b>	<i>2-4 Aug</i>
Is better now	<b>51%</b>	<i>56%</i>
Is not better now	<b>31%</b>	<i>27%</i>
Don't know	<b>18%</b>	<i>17%</i>

Overall, do you think it was worth going to war in Iraq, or not?

	<b>Now</b>	<i>2-4 Aug</i>
Worth it	<b>44%</b>	<i>41%</i>
Not worth it	<b>47%</b>	<i>49%</i>
Don't know	<b>9%</b>	<i>10%</i>

Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq, or not?

	<b>Now</b>	<i>2-4 Aug</i>
Made a mistake	<b>46%</b>	<i>48%</i>
Did not make a mistake	<b>46%</b>	<i>42%</i>
Don't know	<b>8%</b>	<i>10%</i>

Looking forward, how do you think John Kerry's policy on Iraq would compare with George W Bush's?

	<b>Now</b>	<i>2-4 Aug</i>
Kerry's policy on Iraq would be better	<b>31%</b>	<i>n/a</i>
Kerry's policy on Iraq would be worse	<b>38%</b>	<i>n/a</i>
It wouldn't make much difference either way	<b>19%</b>	<i>n/a</i>
Don't know	<b>12%</b>	<i>n/a</i>

## FULL RESULTS

Suppose the election for President were being held TODAY. Who would you vote for? George W. Bush, the Republican; John F Kerry, the Democrat; Ralph Nader, an independent candidate, or someone else?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
George Bush	45%	45%	46%	50%	40%	33%	44%	47%	51%	9%	90%
John Kerry	46%	46%	47%	41%	50%	53%	47%	44%	40%	85%	7%
Ralph Nader	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Someone else	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%
Would not vote	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know	5%	4%	4%	3%	7%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	2%

As of now, what do you think you are most likely to end up doing on November 2?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Vote for George W Bush	46%	47%	48%	51%	41%	34%	45%	49%	52%	9%	92%
Vote for John F Kerry	47%	48%	48%	42%	52%	54%	48%	46%	43%	88%	7%
Vote for Ralph Nader	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Vote for someone else	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	0%
Not vote at all	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Satisfied	36%	38%	40%	42%	31%	29%	35%	35%	48%	7%	78%
Dissatisfied	58%	58%	57%	55%	62%	60%	60%	60%	51%	90%	18%
Don't know	5%	4%	3%	3%	7%	11%	6%	4%	1%	3%	4%

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

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Approve	42%	43%	45%	47%	37%	31%	40%	43%	51%	8%	87%
Disapprove	53%	53%	53%	49%	56%	57%	54%	52%	47%	88%	11%
Don't know	5%	4%	3%	4%	7%	12%	5%	4%	2%	4%	2%

## CANDIDATE AND PARTY IDEOLOGY

Thinking of your ideas about 'liberal' and 'conservative', please place yourself on the following scale:

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Very Liberal	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	9%	7%	6%	3%	10%	1%
Liberal	17%	17%	17%	15%	19%	30%	16%	15%	13%	32%	5%
Moderate	38%	39%	39%	39%	38%	20%	40%	43%	41%	41%	27%
Conservative	21%	22%	23%	26%	15%	13%	17%	24%	30%	7%	45%
Very Conservative	8%	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	11%	2%	19%
Don't Know	10%	8%	6%	6%	13%	20%	13%	6%	1%	8%	4%

Now could you place George Bush on the same scale?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Very Liberal	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%
Liberal	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%
Moderate	14%	14%	14%	15%	13%	9%	14%	16%	15%	7%	18%
Conservative	33%	35%	35%	37%	28%	27%	30%	32%	44%	20%	54%
Very Conservative	28%	29%	30%	30%	27%	36%	27%	29%	25%	43%	16%
Don't Know	17%	15%	13%	9%	25%	21%	22%	15%	9%	21%	6%

Now could you place John Kerry on the same scale?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Very Liberal	26%	28%	30%	33%	19%	16%	21%	26%	43%	4%	56%
Liberal	25%	27%	27%	27%	24%	35%	24%	24%	24%	33%	22%
Moderate	24%	24%	25%	25%	23%	23%	24%	26%	23%	39%	8%
Conservative	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	5%	3%	6%	2%
Very Conservative	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Don't Know	18%	14%	13%	10%	27%	21%	24%	17%	5%	16%	10%

**Now could you place the Republican party on the same scale?**

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Very Liberal	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	5%	1%
Liberal	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%
Moderate	15%	16%	16%	17%	14%	9%	14%	17%	21%	6%	20%
Conservative	35%	37%	37%	40%	30%	34%	33%	36%	39%	25%	56%
Very Conservative	25%	27%	28%	27%	24%	25%	24%	25%	29%	42%	12%
Don't Know	17%	13%	12%	8%	26%	23%	23%	15%	3%	17%	6%

**Now could you place the Democratic party on the same scale?**

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Very Liberal	23%	25%	26%	29%	17%	14%	19%	20%	41%	4%	49%
Liberal	30%	32%	32%	32%	28%	32%	29%	31%	29%	36%	30%
Moderate	23%	24%	24%	25%	22%	24%	23%	25%	22%	37%	8%
Conservative	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	4%
Very Conservative	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Don't Know	17%	13%	11%	8%	26%	23%	23%	15%	3%	14%	9%

**Leaving aside your own preferences, what do you PREDICT will be the outcome of the Presidential election? (Please answer in terms of percentage of the total national vote)**

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
even between Bush and Kerry	9%	9%	10%	8%	10%	9%	8%	10%	10%	15%	3%
Bush will win by 1 or 2 percent	11%	11%	11%	10%	11%	10%	8%	10%	16%	6%	16%
Bush will win by 3 or 4 percent	13%	13%	13%	15%	11%	15%	11%	12%	16%	8%	20%
Bush will win by 5 or 6 percent	12%	12%	13%	14%	10%	9%	13%	11%	14%	6%	20%
Bush will win by 7 or 8 percent	6%	6%	6%	8%	4%	2%	6%	6%	8%	1%	11%
Bush will win by 9 or 10 percent	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	6%	6%	6%	2%	9%
Bush will win by more than 10 percent	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	5%	9%	11%	6%	4%	14%
Kerry will win by 1 or 2 percent	11%	11%	12%	12%	9%	7%	11%	11%	11%	20%	4%
Kerry will win by 3 or 4 percent	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	10%	7%	6%	5%	12%	1%
Kerry will win by 5 or 6 percent	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	7%	3%	3%	0%	6%	0%
Kerry will win by 7 or 8 percent	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Kerry will win by 9 or 10 percent	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Kerry will win by more than 10 percent	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	0%	3%	0%
Don't know	11%	9%	8%	6%	15%	16%	12%	10%	6%	11%	3%

Average result predicted by respondents: 2% lead for Bush

And who do you think will win the STATE in which you live?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Bush	<b>50%</b>	52%	52%	52%	49%	48%	47%	54%	53%	34%	70%
Kerry	<b>39%</b>	39%	40%	41%	37%	41%	41%	35%	38%	57%	22%
Don't know	<b>11%</b>	8%	7%	7%	15%	12%	12%	11%	9%	9%	8%

**IRAQ**

Overall, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the long-term prospects for democracy in Iraq?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Optimistic	<b>38%</b>	40%	41%	41%	35%	39%	37%	38%	41%	22%	68%
Pessimistic	<b>48%</b>	48%	48%	51%	44%	42%	45%	51%	53%	66%	22%
Don't know	<b>14%</b>	12%	11%	8%	20%	18%	18%	11%	6%	12%	11%

Do you think President Bush should or should not withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq within the next few months, regardless of conditions there?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Should withdraw troops	<b>42%</b>	41%	41%	34%	50%	43%	48%	42%	28%	58%	20%
Should not withdraw	<b>46%</b>	49%	50%	58%	35%	39%	40%	48%	65%	32%	71%
Don't know	<b>12%</b>	10%	9%	8%	15%	18%	13%	10%	7%	10%	9%

Do you think that daily life for the citizens of Iraq is or is not better now than it was when Saddam Hussein ran that country?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Is better now	<b>49%</b>	51%	53%	53%	46%	37%	48%	52%	56%	26%	83%
Is not better now	<b>32%</b>	31%	31%	33%	31%	34%	31%	32%	30%	49%	8%
Don't know	<b>19%</b>	18%	16%	14%	24%	29%	21%	16%	14%	25%	9%

Overall, do you think it was worth going to war in Iraq, or not?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Worth it	<b>41%</b>	44%	45%	47%	36%	30%	39%	44%	51%	14%	80%
Not worth it	<b>48%</b>	47%	48%	47%	49%	51%	48%	48%	45%	77%	12%
Don't know	<b>11%</b>	9%	8%	6%	15%	19%	13%	9%	4%	9%	8%

Do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq, or not?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Made a mistake	<b>46%</b>	46%	47%	45%	48%	51%	48%	46%	40%	76%	10%
Did not make a mistake	<b>44%</b>	46%	47%	49%	39%	33%	41%	46%	53%	16%	84%
Don't know	<b>10%</b>	8%	6%	6%	14%	16%	11%	8%	6%	8%	6%

Looking forward, how do you think John Kerry's policy on Iraq would compare with George W Bush's?

	Total	Reg to vote	Def to vote	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Democrats	Republicans
Kerry's policy on Iraq	<b>29%</b>	31%	32%	29%	28%	39%	27%	27%	26%	58%	4%
Kerry's policy on Iraq	<b>36%</b>	38%	39%	43%	30%	27%	32%	38%	49%	6%	78%
It wouldn't make much	<b>21%</b>	19%	18%	20%	21%	18%	22%	21%	18%	21%	11%
Don't know	<b>15%</b>	12%	11%	8%	21%	15%	18%	14%	7%	16%	7%