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*Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.*

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

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/07</u>	
Approve .....	34	31	33	31	29	35	88	29	[145]
Disapprove .....	60	63	61	63	66	60	7	66	
Not sure .....	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	
			<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/30-10/2/06+</u>	
			35	35	34	39	38	39	
			60	60	61	57	57	56	
			5	5	5	4	5	5	
		<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
		42	39	37	36	37	39	39	
		53	56	58	57	58	54	55	
		5	5	5	7	5	7	6	
		<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
		39	40	46	47	48	50	50	
		54	55	49	47	46	45	44	
		7	5	5	6	6	5	6	
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		49	49	47	47	48	45	47	
		44	47	48	48	46	49	46	
		7	4	5	5	6	6	7	
		<u>3/04</u>	<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>	
		50	54	58	52	51	49	56	
		46	41	34	41	44	45	38	
		5	6	9	7	5	6	6	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<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>	
		62	71	66	67	62	61	54	
		31	23	29	28	33	31	40	
		7	6	5	5	5	8	6	
		<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	

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<sup>1</sup>Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

Q.7	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Barack Obama</b>							<b>[159/167]</b>
December 2007 .....	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007 .....	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007 .....	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007 .....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007 .....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007 .....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006 .....	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+ .....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							<b>[160/168]</b>
December 2007 .....	22	20	13	12	32	1	
November 2007 .....	19	24	12	14	30	1	
September 2007 .....	20	24	13	13	29	1	
July 2007 .....	20	24	16	12	27	1	
June 2007 .....	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007 .....	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006 .....	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006 .....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004 .....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003 .....	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003 .....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001 .....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001 .....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
October 2000+ .....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+ .....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+ .....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
March 2000+ .....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000 .....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999 .....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999 .....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999 .....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001 .....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
<b>Rudy Giuliani</b>							<b>[172/177]</b>
December 2007 <sup>2</sup> .....	10	27	19	17	20	7	
November 2007 .....	12	31	20	16	15	6	
September 2007 .....	15	28	20	15	15	7	

March 2007.....	21	37	21	8	6	7
December 2006.....	19	36	22	9	5	9
August 2004+ .....	29	29	20	7	4	11
September 2002.....	42	25	16	3	3	11
December 2001.....	3	8	22	7	4	56
<sup>2</sup> Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (682 total respondents). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.	3	8	22	7	4	56

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.8a.)**

8b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	Q.8a Top Priority		Q.8a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities	
The war in Iraq .....	18		36	<b>[208-209]</b>
Health care .....	18		35	
Job creation and economic growth .....	14		31	
Illegal immigration .....	12		26	
Terrorism .....	9		20	
Energy and the cost of gas.....	8	<b>CONTINUE</b>	20	
The environment and global warming.....	7		16	
Foreign policy and Iran .....	5		13	
Other (VOL).....	-		1	
All equally (VOL) .....	8		-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	<b>Skip to Q.9</b>	-	
Not sure .....	1		-	

<b>NOVEMBER 2007</b>			
		Top Priority	COMBINED Top/Second Priorities
The war in Iraq .....		26	46
Health care .....		16	34
Job creation and economic growth .....		14	27
Illegal immigration .....		11	24
Terrorism .....		13	23
Energy and the cost of gas.....		6	17
The environment and global warming.....		8	17
Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage.....		3	8
Other (VOL).....		1	1
All equally (VOL) .....		2	1
None of these (VOL).....		-	-
Not sure .....		-	-

12. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2008. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
Hillary Clinton .....	45	47	44	43	39	36	40	37	[213-214]
Barack Obama .....	23	25	23	22	25	31	28	18	
John Edwards .....	13	11	16	13	15	20	15	14	
Joe Biden .....	4	3	2	5	4	3	2	4	
Dennis Kucinich .....	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	NA	
Bill Richardson .....	2	4	4	6	4	2	5	2	
Chris Dodd .....	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	NA	
Mike Gravel .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	-	3	1	1	2	1	1	17	
None (VOL).....	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	
Not sure.....	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A REPUBLICAN IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)**

14. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. If the next Republican primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/28-30/07</u>	<u>9/7-10/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	20	33	30	32	33	29	33	38	34	[218-219]
Mitt Romney .....	20	11	10	11	11	14	12	8	8	
Mike Huckabee .....	17	8	4	4	1	3	2	2	2	
John McCain .....	14	16	15	14	17	14	22	24	29	
Fred Thompson.....	11	15	23	26	20	20	17	NA	NA	
Ron Paul.....	4	4	2	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	
Duncan Hunter.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	NA	
Tom Tancredo.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	3	5	
None (VOL).....	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	
Not sure.....	9	7	10	6	7	10	9	9	8	

16a. If the next election for president were held today, and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	43	45	42	41	43	47	[225/229]
Hillary Clinton.....	46	46	49	47	48	42	
Depends (VOL).....	2	-	-	1	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	5	7	5	4	
Not sure.....	4	4	4	4	3	4	

16c. If the next election for president were held today, and Mike Huckabee were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? \*

Mike Huckabee .....	44	[227]
Hillary Clinton .....	46	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Neither/other (VOL) .....	5	
Not sure.....	4	

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

16d. If the next election for president were held today, and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/07*</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	40	42	40	45	[228]
Barack Obama.....	49	44	45	39	
Depends (VOL).....	3	1	2	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	6	7	4	
Not sure.....	4	7	6	9	

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

16e. If the next election for president were held today, and Mike Huckabee were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? \*\*

Mike Huckabee.....	36	[231]
Barack Obama.....	48	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

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

18a. How would you rate Rudy Giuliani on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")*

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>							[241]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *.....	20	26	25	10	14	5	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007.....	27	37	23	8	3	2	
<b>Being a good commander-in-chief</b>							[242]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *.....	20	24	27	9	15	5	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007.....	32	32	25	6	3	2	
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>							[237]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *.....	18	25	27	11	14	5	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007.....	30	32	26	7	3	2	
June 2007.....	31	27	26	7	4	5	
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>							[239]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *.....	13	21	30	13	17	6	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007.....	20	30	30	13	5	2	
<b>Shares your positions on the issues</b>							[238]
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 *.....	8	19	34	16	16	7	

Republican primary voters						
December 2007 .....	12	33	34	13	5	3
June 2007.....	12	24	36	8	13	7

**Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country** [240]

ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	8	16	32	17	21	6
Republican primary voters						
December 2007 .....	10	25	33	18	12	2

\* Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (686 total respondents).

18b. How would you rate Mitt Romney on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")*

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<b>Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country</b>						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	20	19	18	11	10	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	34	26	19	3	2	16
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	13	24	24	9	8	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	22	33	20	5	2	18
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	16	19	22	10	11	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	28	29	19	4	3	17
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	9	17	28	12	12	22
Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	15	30	28	7	3	17
June 2007.....	11	19	27	10	5	28
<b>Shares your positions on the issues</b>						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	8	16	23	12	18	23
Republican primary voters						
December 2007.....	15	30	27	5	4	19
June 2007.....	11	18	29	9	6	27
<b>Being a good commander-in-chief</b>						
ALL ADULTS						
December 2007 * .....	10	13	27	11	15	24

Republican primary voters

December 2007 .....	18	23	30	5	4	20
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\* Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM A) of everyone else (686 total respondents).

18c. How would you rate John McCain on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ADULTS WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>							<b>[249]</b>
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 ** .....	24	28	24	9	7	8	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007 .....	38	32	18	4	3	5	
June 2007 .....	30	32	21	6	6	5	
<b>Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country</b>							<b>[252]</b>
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 ** .....	24	27	26	6	7	10	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007 .....	34	31	21	4	3	7	
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>							<b>[251]</b>
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 ** .....	24	25	24	8	9	10	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007 .....	32	32	21	5	4	6	
<b>Being a good commander-in-chief</b>							<b>[254]</b>
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 ** .....	20	25	26	12	7	10	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007 .....	32	30	21	8	3	6	
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>							<b>[253]</b>
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 ** .....	15	24	33	12	5	11	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007 .....	18	25	36	10	4	7	
<b>Shares your positions on the issues</b>							<b>[250]</b>
ALL ADULTS							
December 2007 ** .....	10	17	34	16	12	11	
Republican primary voters							
December 2007 .....	16	27	35	9	5	8	
June 2007 .....	8	23	35	15	11	8	

\*\* Asked only of respondents who say they are Republicans (Q.6a) or respondents who say they will vote in the Republican primary in (Q.6b) and half (FORM B) of everyone else (682 total respondents).

21c. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>12/07**</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
Will be an economic recession .....	56	39	43	26	30	31	23	30	<b>[274]</b>
Will not be an economic recession .....	31	48	43	55	53	55	66	56	

Not sure.....	13		13	14	19	17	14	11	14
	<u>7/97</u>		<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	9/15- <u>18/90</u>
	22		15	19	23	32	73	66	51
	68		77	70	67	53	19	24	35
	10		8	11	10	15	8	10	14
			9/4- <u>5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>
			58	57	25	30	23	30	31
			30	26	49	57	64	56	56
			12	17	26	13	13	14	13

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**Switching subjects . . .**

23. Do you think the fact that the American economy has become increasingly global is good because it has opened up new markets for American products and resulted in more jobs, or bad because it has subjected American companies and employees to unfair competition and cheap labor?

	<u>12/07**</u>		<u>6/97</u>	
Globalization has been good .....	28		42	<b>[309]</b>
Globalization has been bad .....	58		48	
About equally good and bad (VOL) .....	11		7	
Not sure .....	3		3	

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

**On the issue of immigration . . .**

25a. Would you say that immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, OR immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	<u>12/07</u>		<u>6/07</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
Helps more than it hurts .....	39		46	45	44	45	37	<b>[312]</b>
Hurts more than it helps .....	52		44	42	45	45	53	
Not sure .....	9		10	13	11	10	10	

*The Wall Street Journal / NBC News poll was based on nationwide telephone interviews of 1,008 American adults, conducted Dec. 14-17 by the polling organizations of Peter Hart and Bill McInturff.*

*The sample was drawn in the following manner: 523 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.*