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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

GEORGE W. BUSH, THE WAR IN IRAQ AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Ratings of George W. Bush among the Wisconsin public have declined since January 2005. When asked to rate his job performance overall, only 5% said “excellent” and 22% said “good.” Nearly three-quarters of respondents rated George W. Bush’s job approval as fair or poor.

Previous Ratings of Bush's Performance from March 2002 to June 2006

Month/year	6/06	1/05	9/04	6/04	3/04	1/04	12/03	8/03	5/03	1/03	9/02	6/02	3/02
Excellent	5%	16%	18%	14%	16%	11%	17%	14%	27%	16%	19%	25%	28%
Good	22	33	32	33	30	37	35	38	35	38	45	44	40
Fair	27	26	22	27	24	28	26	28	24	29	23	22	22
Poor	45	25	26	25	30	22	19	19	13	14	12	8	7

There was a strong partisan cast to these assessments, with 4% of Democrats giving him an excellent or good rating, while over two-thirds of Republicans gave him positive ratings.

- While Democrats overwhelmingly gave him a rating of fair or poor, one-third of Republicans did so.
- Ratings of George W. Bush’s job performance do not vary by gender. However they do vary by age. Younger respondents give him more negative ratings while older respondents give him more positive ratings. This is true even though there aren’t many differences in party identification by age.

Rating of George W. Bush's Job Performance, by Age Group

	Age <30	Age 30-44	Age 45-60	Age 60+
EXCELLENT	--	2.9	6.3	11.1
GOOD	10.7	26.8	21.0	29.1
FAIR	28.6	27.5	29.4	21.4
POOR	60.7	42.0	42.0	37.6
Total	100	100	100	100

Party Identification, by Age Group

PARTY ID	Age <30	Age 30-44	Age 45-60	Age 60+
DEMOCRAT	32.1	31.3	29.3	29.3
REPUBLICAN	22.6	26.0	25.7	34.5
INDEPENDENT	27.4	19.8	30.0	24.1
OTHER	17.9	22.9	15.0	12.1
Total	100	100	100	100

Job ratings for George W. Bush are weakest in foreign policy, handling Iran, the situation in Iraq, the economy, and handling problems here at home. About one-quarter of the Wisconsin public gave him positive ratings (of excellent or good) in these issue areas, while about three-quarters gave him negative ratings (fair or poor) in these areas.

The one exception to this is handling terrorism. Wisconsinites gave him higher job approval ratings for dealing with terrorism than the other issue areas that were asked about on the poll. He also has more positive ratings in dealing with terrorism than his overall job rating among the Wisconsin public. Nearly 40% of people said he's doing an excellent or good job on terrorism, and 60% said he's doing a fair or poor job.

Rating George W. Bush's Job Performance on the Issues

	Foreign Policy	Handling Problems at Home	Economy	Terrorism	Iraq	Iran
Excellent	6.5	3.3	6.1	13.8	8.5	5.5
Good	19.3	19.8	17.1	25.7	19.3	17.8
Fair	24.6	26.9	26.4	26.3	21.3	28.4
Poor	48.8	49.4	49.6	33.2	49.8	44.0
Don't Know	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	3.9
Refused	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

US POLICY IN IRAQ

Iraq and Long-Term Security

Nearly half of Wisconsinites – 47% of them – believe that the war with Iraq has contributed to the long-term security of the United States. Of these people, 46% of them (or 22% of the total Wisconsin

public) believe the war with Iraq has contributed a great deal to the long-term security of the United States, while 54% of them (or 25% of the total Wisconsin public) believe it has only contributed somewhat.

- There is a strong split by party lines on this issue. Among Democrats, 15% said the war has contributed a great deal to the long-term security of the United States, 14% said it contributed somewhat, and about 70% said it has not contributed to long-term security.
- Among Republicans, 43% said the war has contributed a great deal to long-term security, 37% said it contributed somewhat, and less than 20% said it has not contributed to long-term security.

Iraq and Withdrawal of Troops

10% of Wisconsinites believe that the number of troops in Iraq should be increased, while almost half of the Wisconsin public believes the number of troops should be decreased. One-third believes the number of troops should stay the same.

- Interestingly, there are almost no differences by partisanship.

Of those that said the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be decreased, 19% (or 9% of the total Wisconsin public) said they should be withdrawn immediately, while 81% (or 39% of the total Wisconsin public) said they should be decreased but not all withdrawn immediately.

Respondents were also asked about Senator Feingold’s call for a flexible timetable for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq. When asked if they favor or oppose having such a timetable, 53% said they favor one, 43% said they oppose it, and 4% said they are not sure.

- There are significant differences by gender on this question. Among men, 44% said they favor having a timetable for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, while 66% of women said the same.
- There are also significant differences by partisanship. 76% of Democrats and 30% of Republicans favor having a timetable for withdrawal of troops.

Homeland Security

A majority of the Wisconsin public said they believe the United States government is doing too little to protect the rights of American citizens. There are notable differences by partisanship.

- Almost two-thirds of Democrats said the US government is doing too little to protect the rights of American citizens, while almost just as many Republicans said the US government is doing the right amount of protecting citizens’ rights.

How much is the United States government protecting the rights of American citizens?

	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TOO MUCH	6.7	5.3	5.2	11.9
TOO LITTLE	54.3	64.9	28.9	57.1
RIGHT AMOUNT	36.2	26.5	62.2	29.4
DON'T KNOW	2.2	2.6	3.7	0.8
REFUSED	0.6	0.7	--	0.8
Total	100	100	100	100

Respondents were also asked if they think Congress should censure or officially reprimand President Bush for authorizing wiretaps on telephone calls and emails of people suspected of involvement with terrorism without first getting court approval to do so. Respondents were reminded that Senator Feingold has called for Congress to censure the President, and were asked if they think Congress should or should not do so.

- Overall, the Wisconsin public is split on this issue. 50% said Congress should censure the President, and 46% said Congress should not censure him.
- Women are slightly more likely than men to say that Congress should censure the President, with 53% of women saying so, and 48% of men saying so.
- There is a strong partisan split on this issue, with 77% of Democrats saying that Congress should censure the President and 14% of Republicans saying so. Among Independents, 55% say that Congress should censure the President, and 42% say that Congress should not do so.

Finally, respondents were also asked about Senator Feingold's motives for calling for censure. When asked if we was calling for censure mainly for political advantage or mainly because he believes it is the right thing to do, 42% said he is doing it for political advantage and 53% said he is doing it because he believes it is the right thing to do.

- Men are evenly split on this issue. Women are more likely to think Senator Feingold is calling for censure because he believes it is right.
- As to be expected, there are differences by partisanship. Republicans are a lot more likely than Democrats to question Senator Feingold's motives. Nearly three-quarters of Republicans and 18% of Democrats said they think Feingold is calling for censure for reasons of political advantage. Among Independents, just over a third think he is doing it for political advantage.

TRUST IN THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO DO A GOOD JOB

Respondents were asked which political party they trust to do a better job on various issues. Among the Wisconsin public, the Democrats have a slight advantage on most issues except with respect to handling terrorism.

- The Democrats have the biggest advantage in "handling the economy" and in "running the state of Wisconsin."
- About 38% of Wisconsinites trust the Democrats and 23% trust the Republicans to do a better job dealing with corruption in Washington. Nearly a quarter of the Wisconsin public does not trust either party, however.
- The Democrats have a slimmer margin over the Republicans on immigration issues and the situation in Iraq.
- When it comes to the US campaign against terrorism, the Republicans have a slight advantage. 38% of the public trusts the Republicans to do a better job handling this issue, 36% trust the Democrats, and 11% trust neither party.

	Handling the Economy	Running The State of WI	Handling Corruption In Washington	Immigration Issues	The Situation in Iraq	US Campaign Against Terrorism
DEMOCRATS	47.3	43.5	37.6	37.4	37.9	35.5
REPUBLICANS	34.8	33.1	22.9	33.9	36.7	38.1
BOTH (IF VOL)	2.6	3.7	2.5	3.3	2.0	2.8
NEITHER (IF VOL)	7.1	8.3	24.9	11.2	11.8	11.2
DON'T KNOW	7.7	11.0	10.6	13.6	11.0	10.8
REFUSED	0.6	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.6	1.6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

APPENDIX: Question Text and Statewide Percentages for Key Groups

GWB04 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing handling foreign policy? Excellent, good, fair or poor?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
EXCELLENT	6.5	9.3	3.8	0.7	16.3	4.0	7.1	--	6.5	7.0	11.2
GOOD	19.3	20.2	18.5	3.3	44.4	14.4	15.5	11.7	23.2	18.3	23.3
FAIR	24.6	25.4	23.8	21.1	26.7	23.2	28.6	28.8	24.6	23.2	22.4
POOR	48.8	45.2	52.3	75.0	11.9	57.6	46.4	59.5	44.9	50.7	41.4
DON'T KNOW	0.6	--	1.2	--	0.7	0.8	1.2	--	--	0.7	1.7
REFUSED	0.2	--	0.4	--	--	--	1.2	--	0.7	--	--
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender ($p < 0.05$), party ID ($p < 0.000$), and age ($p < 0.02$).

GWB05 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing dealing with problems here at home?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
EXCELLENT	3.3	3.2	3.5	--	8.9	0.8	3.5	--	2.9	3.5	6.9
GOOD	19.8	19.6	20.0	2.0	46.7	18.5	10.6	14.4	16.7	23.1	24.1
FAIR	26.9	29.6	24.2	24.5	30.4	28.2	27.1	23.4	29.0	26.6	27.6
POOR	49.4	46.8	51.9	73.5	12.6	52.4	57.6	62.2	50.7	46.9	39.7
DON'T KNOW	0.2	0.4	--	--	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	0.9
REFUSED	0.4	0.4	0.4	--	0.7	--	1.2	--	0.7	--	0.9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID ($p < 0.000$).

GWB06 How about the job he is doing handling the economy?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
EXCELLENT	6.1	6.8	5.4	--	16.2	4.8	3.6	--	5.8	6.3	12.8
GOOD	17.1	18.1	16.2	4.6	37.5	12.0	15.5	10.8	15.1	19.0	23.1
FAIR	26.4	30.5	22.4	22.5	31.6	28.8	23.8	26.1	26.6	26.8	24.8
POOR	49.6	43.8	55.2	72.8	14.0	52.8	54.8	63.1	51.8	46.5	37.6
DON'T KNOW	0.6	0.8	0.4	--	0.7	1.6	1.2	--	--	1.4	1.7
REFUSED	0.2	--	0.4	--	--	--	1.2	--	0.7	--	--
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID ($p < 0.000$), and age ($p < 0.002$).

GWB07 Dealing with terrorism?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
EXCELLENT	13.8	18.5	9.2	4.6	34.3	8.7	7.1	3.6	16.5	14.0	19.8
GOOD	25.7	28.9	22.7	10.6	43.3	27.0	23.8	28.8	20.1	28.0	25.9
FAIR	26.3	24.9	27.7	32.5	14.9	24.6	32.1	24.3	31.7	24.5	25.0
POOR	33.2	26.9	39.2	51.7	6.7	38.1	35.7	43.2	30.9	32.2	27.6
DON'T KNOW	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.6	--	--	--	1.4	1.7
REFUSED	0.2	--	0.4	--	--	--	1.2	--	0.7	--	--
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender ($p < 0.005$), party ID ($p < 0.000$), and age ($p < 0.02$).

GWB08 Dealing with Iraq?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
EXCELLENT	8.5	11.3	5.8	2.6	18.5	5.6	8.3	--	8.7	9.1	16.2
GOOD	19.3	17.7	20.8	4.6	46.7	10.5	14.3	13.6	21.0	19.6	22.2
FAIR	21.3	26.2	16.5	15.9	20.7	29.8	20.2	27.3	19.6	21.7	17.1
POOR	49.8	44.4	55.0	76.8	13.3	52.4	54.8	59.1	49.3	48.3	42.7
DON'T KNOW	0.8	0.4	1.2	--	0.7	0.8	1.2	--	0.7	0.7	1.7
REFUSED	0.4	--	0.8	--	--	0.8	1.2	--	0.7	0.7	--
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender (p<0.006), party ID (p<0.000), and age (p<0.02).

GWB8B Dealing with Iran?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
EXCELLENT	5.5	7.3	3.9	1.3	11.2	5.6	4.8	--	5.8	5.6	10.3
GOOD	17.8	18.5	17.0	6.6	38.8	12.0	11.9	8.1	18.8	20.4	22.2
FAIR	28.4	35.5	21.6	26.3	27.6	29.6	32.1	29.7	33.3	25.4	25.6
POOR	44.0	36.7	51.0	65.1	14.2	48.8	46.4	56.8	37.7	46.5	35.9
DON'T KNOW	3.9	2.0	5.8	0.7	8.2	3.2	3.6	5.4	3.6	1.4	6.0
REFUSED	0.4	--	0.8	--	--	0.8	1.2	--	0.7	0.7	--
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender (p<0.000), party ID (p<0.000), and age (p<0.004).

IRAQ22 Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
HAS CONTRIBUTED	47.2	51.3	44.0	39.7	57.0	48.0	44.9	41.7	43.1	50.6	47.7
HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED	48.6	44.7	51.8	54.3	39.4	49.6	51.3	55.6	50.9	44.4	50.0
DON'T KNOW	3.5	3.1	3.9	5.3	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.8	5.2	5.0	1.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.05)

IRAQ22A Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
HAS CONTRIBUTED	46.0	48.6	43.5	38.2	54.5	45.6	51.2	41.4	43.5	51.0	48.3
HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED	49.7	47.4	51.9	55.3	41.8	52.0	46.4	55.9	50.0	44.1	50.0
DON'T KNOW	3.7	3.2	4.2	5.9	3.0	2.4	1.2	2.7	5.8	4.9	0.9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.03)

IRAQ23 Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
INCREASED	9.4	14.1	5.0	6.0	14.1	9.6	9.5	6.3	10.1	11.2	9.4
DECREASED	51.8	49.8	53.7	57.3	40.0	55.2	54.8	66.7	51.4	42.0	49.6
KEPT SAME	31.1	30.1	32.0	26.7	37.0	31.2	29.8	24.3	31.9	35.0	32.5
DON'T KNOW	6.3	5.2	7.3	8.7	7.4	3.2	4.8	2.7	5.1	10.5	6.0
REFUSED	1.4	0.8	1.9	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.2	--	1.4	1.4	2.6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender (p<0.03).

IRAQ24 Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased but not all withdrawn immediately?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY	18.5	19.1	18.0	15.6	6.8	27.3	20.0	26.0	13.3	19.2	15.6
DECREASED, BUT NOT IMMEDIATE	80.8	80.0	81.3	83.3	93.2	72.7	80.0	74.0	86.7	79.5	82.2
DON'T KNOW	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	1.4	2.2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.09).

IRAQ25 Senator Feingold has called for a flexible timetable for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq. Do you favor or oppose having a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
FAVOR TIMETABLE	52.6	43.4	61.4	71.1	29.6	55.2	50.6	54.1	62.3	53.8	37.1
OPPOSE TIMETABLE	42.7	54.6	31.3	22.4	68.1	38.4	44.6	41.4	34.8	42.7	54.3
DON'T KNOW	4.1	1.6	6.6	6.6	1.5	4.8	3.6	4.5	1.4	3.5	7.8
REFUSED	0.6	0.4	0.8	--	0.7	1.6	1.2	--	1.4	--	0.9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender (p<0.000), party ID (p<0.000) and age (p<0.006)

HOME2 As it conducts the war on terrorism, do you think the United States government is doing too much, too little, or the right amount to protect the rights of American citizens?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
TOO MUCH	6.7	7.3	6.2	5.3	5.2	11.9	2.4	14.4	5.1	3.5	4.3
TOO LITTLE	54.3	54.8	53.8	64.9	28.9	57.1	69.9	55.0	60.1	55.6	44.8
RIGHT AMOUNT	36.2	36.3	36.2	26.5	62.2	29.4	25.3	27.9	33.3	38.7	46.6
DON'T KNOW	2.2	1.2	3.1	2.6	3.7	0.8	1.2	2.7	0.7	2.1	3.4
REFUSED	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	--	0.8	1.2	--	0.7	--	0.9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000) and age (p<0.007)

HOME39 President Bush authorized wiretaps on telephone calls and e-mails of people suspected of involvement with terrorism, without first getting court approval to do so. Senator Russ Feingold has called for Congress to censure or officially reprimand Bush for doing this. Do you think Congress should or should not censure or officially reprimand Bush for authorizing these wiretaps?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
CENSURE	50.1	47.6	52.5	76.8	14.1	55.2	53.6	70.3	48.6	47.6	36.2
NOT CENSURE	46.4	50.4	42.5	19.9	85.2	42.4	35.7	29.7	47.8	49.0	56.9
DON'T KNOW	2.6	1.2	3.9	2.6	0.7	0.8	9.5	--	2.9	1.4	6.0
REFUSED	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.7	--	1.6	1.2	--	0.7	2.1	0.9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000) and age (p<0.000)

HOME40 Do you think Senator Feingold is calling for censuring Bush mainly to use the issue for political advantage, or mainly because he believes it is the right thing to do?

	Tot	M	W	Dem	Rep	Ind	Other	<30	<45	<60	60+
POLITICAL ADVANTAGE	41.5	47.0	36.3	17.9	72.6	36.3	37.3	30.6	40.3	42.7	51.3
RIGHT THING TO DO	52.8	47.0	58.3	79.5	22.2	58.9	51.8	65.8	51.1	53.1	41.9
DON'T KNOW	4.7	4.4	5.0	2.6	5.2	1.6	9.6	--	7.9	4.2	6.8
REFUSED	1.0	1.6	0.4	--	--	3.2	1.2	3.6	0.7	--	--
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Differences are statistically significant by gender (p<0.04), party ID (p<0.000) and age (p<0.000)

P20_1 (Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...)
... The situation in Iraq?

	Tot	M	W	DEM	REP	IND	OTHER	<30	<45	<60	60+
DEMOCRATS	37.9	30.9	44.6	71.3	5.2	41.6	29.8	45.5	34.5	39.4	32.5
REPUBLICANS	36.7	44.6	29.2	11.3	84.4	31.2	17.9	34.5	36.7	33.8	42.7
BOTH (IF VOL)	2.0	1.2	2.7	2.0	0.7		7.1		4.3	0.7	2.6
NEITHER (IF VOL)	11.8	14.1	9.6	8.7	5.9	15.2	23.8	5.5	12.2	16.9	11.1
DON'T KNOW	11.0	8.8	13.1	6.7	3.7	11.2	20.2	14.5	11.5	7.7	11.1
REFUSED	0.6	0.4	0.8			0.8	1.2		0.7	1.4	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000), gender (p<0.001), and age (p<0.03).

P20_3 (Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...)
... The economy

	Tot	M	W	DEM	REP	IND	OTHER	<30	<45	<60	60+
DEMOCRATS	47.3	40.6	53.8	84.1	12.7	46.8	42.4	56.8	48.2	46.5	39.0
REPUBLICANS	34.8	39.0	30.8	8.6	78.4	33.1	20.0	26.1	34.3	34.5	44.1
BOTH (IF VOL)	2.6	3.2	1.9	0.7	0.7	4.0	7.1	3.6	1.5	2.8	2.5
NEITHER (IF VOL)	7.1	8.4	5.8	3.3	3.0	10.5	15.3		8.8	12.0	5.9
DON'T KNOW	7.7	8.8	6.5	3.3	5.2	4.8	14.1	13.5	6.6	3.5	7.6
REFUSED	0.6		1.2			0.8	1.2		0.7	0.7	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000), gender (p<0.03), and age (p<0.005).

P20_4 (Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...)
... Immigration issues

	Tot	M	W	DEM	REP	IND	OTHER	<30	<45	<60	60+
DEMOCRATS	37.4	32.9	41.7	69.1	9.6	35.2	31.8	51.4	33.6	35.7	29.9
REPUBLICANS	33.9	38.6	29.3	12.5	72.6	32.0	15.3	29.7	33.6	35.7	35.0
BOTH (IF VOL)	3.3	4.0	2.7	2.6	0.7	5.6	7.1	3.6	2.2	2.8	6.0
NEITHER (IF VOL)	11.2	12.0	10.4	6.6	5.9	14.4	23.5	2.7	13.9	14.7	12.8
DON'T KNOW	13.6	12.0	15.1	9.2	11.1	12.0	21.2	12.6	16.1	9.8	16.2
REFUSED	0.6	0.4	0.8			0.8	1.2		0.7	1.4	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000), and age (p=0.01).

P20_5 (Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...)
... the U.S. campaign against terrorism.

	Tot	M	W	DEM	REP	IND	OTHER	<30	<45	<60	60+
DEMOCRATS	35.5	28.6	42.1	70.4	6.7	32.8	27.1	45.9	34.5	35.0	27.4
REPUBLICANS	38.1	47.6	29.0	11.2	82.1	35.2	24.7	26.1	38.8	36.4	49.6
BOTH (IF VOL)	2.8	2.4	3.1	1.3	1.5	3.2	5.9		3.6	4.2	2.6
NEITHER (IF VOL)	11.2	12.1	10.4	9.2	4.5	16.0	20.0	8.1	11.5	14.0	11.1
DON'T KNOW	10.8	7.3	14.3	7.9	5.2	8.0	21.2	16.2	10.8	8.4	9.4
REFUSED	1.6	2.0	1.2			4.8	1.2	3.6	0.7	2.1	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000), gender (p<0.000), and age (p<0.02).

P20_7 (Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...)
... Corruption in Washington.

	Tot	M	W	DEM	REP	IND	OTHER	<30	<45	<60	60+
DEMOCRATS	37.6	34.8	40.4	66.2	9.6	41.1	32.5	45.0	37.4	39.0	30.4
REPUBLICANS	22.9	24.4	21.5	8.6	54.8	16.9	8.4	26.1	16.5	22.7	27.8
BOTH (IF VOL)	2.5	2.4	2.7	0.7	2.2	3.2	4.8		2.2	2.1	5.2
NEITHER (IF VOL)	24.9	27.6	22.3	17.9	22.2	29.0	36.1	11.7	30.2	29.1	26.1
DON'T KNOW	10.6	9.2	11.9	6.6	11.1	6.5	16.9	13.5	12.9	6.4	10.4
REFUSED	1.4	1.6	1.2			3.2	1.2	3.6	0.7	0.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000), and age (p<0.004).

P20_9 (Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...)
... Running the state of Wisconsin.

	Tot	M	W	DEM	REP	IND	OTHER	<30	<45	<60	60+
DEMOCRATS	43.5	40.6	46.3	86.2	8.8	40.0	32.1	45.9	44.6	42.0	41.0
REPUBLICANS	33.1	34.5	31.7	5.3	78.7	29.6	17.9	31.5	30.2	32.2	38.5
BOTH (IF VOL)	3.7	4.0	3.5	.7	4.4	4.8	7.1	5.4	3.6	4.2	1.7
NEITHER (IF VOL)	8.3	9.6	6.9	2.0	4.4	12.8	20.2	--	10.1	12.6	8.5
DON'T KNOW	11.0	11.2	10.8	5.9	3.7	12.0	21.4	17.1	10.8	8.4	9.4
REFUSED	0.4	--	.8	--	--	.8	1.2	--	.7	.7	.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Differences are statistically significant by party ID (p<0.000).

HOW THE POLL WAS DONE

This BADGER POLL™ was conducted by the University of Wisconsin Survey Center as part of its ongoing program of research designed to benefit the research community and the people of Wisconsin. The Director of the poll operations is Danna Basson, UW Survey Center. The Faculty Director of the Poll content is Professor Katherine Cramer Walsh, Department of Political Science, UW-Madison. The BADGER POLL™ is intended to be a "poll of record" for the state, investigating matters of concern to Wisconsinites including politics, culture, and their daily lives, adhering to the highest standards of polling methodology and rigorous independence.

Results shown here are based on 508 persons who were randomly chosen within households with working telephone numbers and interviewed between June 23 and July 2, 2006. Telephone numbers were generated by computer. Theoretically, results from this survey have a "margin of error" of a little over +/- 4%. This means that, had we asked every potential voter in Wisconsin, exactly these questions at the time the survey was conducted, there is only a one in twenty chance that the answers would differ by more than that in either direction from what we report here. There could be differences because of changes in question wording, events occurring in the meantime, or any of the practical difficulties involved in taking a scientific survey. Results based on subgroups are subject to a larger "margin of error". Results reported here are based on weighted data.