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WISCONSINITES' VIEWS ON BUSH, IRAQ AND THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND JOB RATINGS

The most recent Badger Poll indicates that a majority of Wisconsinites (61%) disapprove of the way that George W. Bush is handling his job as president. This finding is right in line with national trends on presidential job approval. Over three-quarters of the Wisconsin residents who say disapprove do so strongly. Most of the key subgroups analyzed in the Badger Poll hold similar approval/disapproval ratings. Majorities in only two subgroups say they approve of the way the president is doing his job – Republicans (82% approve) and those satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. (68% approve) (see Appendix for the table of subgroups).

Presidential Approval Rating				
Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused
36%	2%	61%	<1%	1%

Strength of Presidential Approval Rating	
Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	23%
Neither	2%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Don't Know	<1%
Refused	1%

Given the low approval ratings that Wisconsinites are giving the president on his job, it is not surprising that nearly identical percentages of people say they have an unfavorable impression of George W. Bush. Again, majorities of all but two subgroups analyzed say they have an unfavorable impression of Bush. Among Democrats, 88 percent say they have an unfavorable impression. Also, 62 percent of independents and other partisans hold an unfavorable impression. Only Republicans (83%) and those satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. today (69%) are more likely to say they have a favorable impression of George W. Bush (see Appendix for table of subgroups).

Impressions of George W. Bush		
	October 2006	June 2006
Favorable Impression	37%	34%
Unfavorable Impression	58%	59%
Don't Know	5%	6%
Refused	<1%	1%

About half (49%) of Wisconsin residents say they are **both** dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. **and** disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president.

Presidential Job Approval by Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in the U.S. Today				
		Satisfaction in the U.S.		
		Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied
Presidential Job Approval	Approve	22%	2%	10%
	Neither	<1%	<1%	1%
	Disapprove	10%	2%	49%

(Each cell represents the percent of all respondents)
 (The correlation between the two measures is 0.529 Pearson's r ($p < 0.01$))

In line with the majority of Wisconsinites who disapprove of the way the president is handling his job and have an unfavorable impression of Bush, 43 percent say overall he is doing a poor job as president and only nine percent think he is doing an excellent job (see the Appendix for table of subgroups).

Job Ratings of President George W. Bush from March 2002 to October 2006																
<i>Year</i>	2006		2005			2004				2003				2002		
<i>Month</i>	Oct.	Jun.	May	Mar.	Jan.	Sep.	Jun.	Mar.	Jan.	Dec.	Aug.	May	Jan.	Sep.	Jun.	Mar.
Excellent	9%	5%	13%	12%	16%	18%	14%	16%	11%	17%	14%	27%	16%	19%	25%	28%
Good	21%	22%	30%	31%	33%	32%	33%	30%	37%	35%	38%	35%	38%	45%	44%	40%
Fair	26%	27%	26%	28%	26%	22%	27%	24%	28%	26%	28%	24%	29%	23%	22%	22%
Poor	43%	45%	29%	27%	25%	26%	25%	30%	22%	19%	19%	13%	14%	12%	8%	7%

(Don't know and Refused were omitted for space.)

The current job approval rating reflects national trends as well as historical trends in Wisconsin. Since the fall of 2004, more people rate the job George W. Bush is doing as president as fair or poor rather than good or excellent. Over the past year the job rating that Wisconsinites have given the president have declined even lower.

Just over 70 percent of those who disapprove of the way President Bush is handling his job also rated his job as poor, while only about one-half of those who approve of the way President Bush is handling his job rated his job as good.

Overall Presidential Job Rating by Presidential Job Approval			
	Presidential Job Approval		
	Approve	Neither	Disapprove
Excellent	9%	--	--
Presidential Job Rating Good	19%	<1%	2%
Fair	8%	16%	16%
Poor	<1%	--	43%

(Each cell represents the percent of all respondents)

Further, the Badger Poll asked Wisconsinites to rate the job President George W. Bush is doing handling specific policy areas. Out of the seven areas that people were asked about, a majority gave President Bush a fair to poor rating on all seven. The area on which respondents were most likely to give the president a rating of good or excellent was terrorism (a combined 40%) and even on that issue a full one-third rated Bush's job as poor.

Ratings of President George W. Bush's Job Performance on the Issues, October 2006							
	Foreign Policy	Handling Problems at Home	The Economy	Terrorism	North Korea	Iraq	Iran
Excellent	6%	5%	10%	15%	10%	8%	7%
Good	20%	21%	19%	25%	19%	14%	14%
Fair	26%	31%	31%	26%	30%	21%	33%
Poor	47%	43%	38%	33%	35%	56%	44%
Don't Know	1%	<1%	1%	1%	6%	1%	2%
Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%

The opinions of Wisconsinites on how George W. Bush is handling these specific policy areas has remained stable since the last Badger Poll in June 2006. However, over the past year there are three policy areas where opinion has changed significantly. In May 2005, 53 percent of Wisconsinites rated the president as good or excellent at handling terrorism, now that figure is down to 40 percent. An even larger decline has occurred in the way Wisconsinites rate the job the president is doing on Iraq with only 22 percent rating it as good or excellent now, compared to 50 percent who did so in May 2005 (for historical trends on the five policy areas routinely included in the Badger Poll, see the Appendix).

U.S. POLICY IN IRAQ

When it comes to a few specifics on Iraq, Wisconsinites overall are split on whether or not the war in Iraq has contributed to the long-term security of the United States, a similar finding to that of the previous Badger Poll in June 2006. Among those who feel that the war has contributed to the long-term security of the United States, 56 percent say it has only somewhat contributed to long-term security.

However, despite this even split among all Wisconsinites, there are some large differences of opinion among subgroups (see Appendix for the table of subgroups).

Subgroups with majorities that think the war in Iraq **has not** contributed to the long-term security of the U.S.

- ✓ 70% of Democrats
- ✓ 51% of Independents and other partisans
- ✓ 56% of those age 18 to 29
- ✓ 51% of those age 60 and over
- ✓ 52% of those with at least a college degree

Subgroups with majorities that think the war in Iraq **has** contributed to the long-term security of the U.S.

- ✓ 78% of Republicans
- ✓ 50% of men
- ✓ 57% of those age 30 to 44
- ✓ 53% of those age 45 to 59
- ✓ 50% of those with a high school degree or less

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

	October 2006	June 2006
Has contributed	48%	47%
Has not contributed	48%	49%
Don't Know	4%	4%
Refused	<1%	<1%

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

	October 2006	June 2006
Has contributed a great deal	43%	46%
Has only somewhat contributed	56%	50%
Don't Know	1%	4%
Refused	--	--

Just over a majority of Wisconsin residents think that the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be decreased. Further, among those residents who think it is time to decrease the number of military forces, three-quarters say the number should be withdrawn but not all immediately.

Among those most likely say they think U.S. military forces in Iraq should be decreased are: Democrats (77%), those age 18 to 29 (65%) and women (56%). A majority of Republicans say the number of U.S. forces should be kept about the same (51%). No subgroup had more than 24 percent say the number should be increased (see Appendix for table of subgroups).

Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?		
	October 2006	June 2006
Increased	17%	9%
Decreased	51%	52%
Kept about the same	24%	31%
Don't Know	7%	6%
Refused	1%	2%

Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased but not all withdrawn immediately?		
	October 2006	June 2006
Withdrawn immediately	25%	18%
Decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately	75%	81%
Don't Know	--	1%
Refused	--	--

Support for Senator Feingold's proposal for a flexible timetable for withdrawal

While Wisconsinites are split on whether or not the war in Iraq has contributed to the long-term security of the U.S., a clear majority say they favor a flexible timetable like the one Senator Feingold has proposed for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. There was a slight increase in the proportion of Wisconsinites favoring a withdrawal timetable since the last Badger Poll in June 2006. Majorities in all but two of the subgroups analyzed favor a withdrawal timetable (see Appendix for table of subgroups). Republicans and those who say they are satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. are the only two subgroups with a majority who oppose a withdrawal timetable.

Do you favor or oppose having a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq?		
	October 2006	June 2006
Favor a withdrawal timetable	58%	53%
Oppose a withdrawal timetable	40%	43%
Don't Know	2%	4%
Refused	--	<1%

TRUST IN THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES

The most recent Badger Poll indicates that more Wisconsin residents place trust in the Democratic Party than the Republican Party on all six of the issue areas on which they were polled.

Even on the U.S. campaign against terrorism, the issue area where the president's job approval is highest, slightly more Wisconsinites say they trust Democrats to do a better job handling terrorism (41%) than trust Republicans (38%). The difference in the percentage points is well within the margin of error so statistically the two parties have the same level of trust on terrorism.

On the remaining five issue areas, the Democrats hold leads over Republicans. The two areas on which Wisconsinites choose Democrats significantly more than Republicans (by 18 percentage points) are running the state of Wisconsin and handling corruption in Washington D.C. The Democrats also have a 13 percentage point lead over Republicans on the issue of immigration and a 14 percentage point lead on the economy.

Which Political Party do You Trust to do a Better Job Handling the Issues						
	The situation in Iraq	The Economy	Immigration Issues	The U.S. campaign against terrorism	Corruption in Washington	Running the state of Wisconsin
Democrats	43%	50%	45%	41%	43%	52%
Republicans	35%	36%	32%	38%	25%	34%
Both (IF VOL.)	1%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Neither (IF VOL.)	12%	8%	11%	9%	23%	6%
Don't Know	9%	4%	10%	8%	6%	6%
Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%

Since the last Badger Poll in June 2006, the Democrats have picked up several percentage points on all six issues. The largest increases have been on the issues of immigration (an eight percentage point increase since June) and on running the state of Wisconsin (another eight percentage point increase since June).

Comparison of Trust in Parties Between October 2006 and June 2006												
	The situation in Iraq		The Economy		Immigration Issues		The U.S. campaign against terrorism		Corruption in Washington		Running the state of Wisconsin	
	Oct-06	Jun-06	Oct-06	Jun-06	Oct-06	Jun-06	Oct-06	Jun-06	Oct-06	Jun-06	Oct-06	Jun-06
Democrats	43%	38%	50%	47%	45%	37%	41%	36%	43%	38%	52%	44%
Republicans	35%	37%	36%	35%	32%	34%	38%	38%	25%	23%	34%	35%
Both (if VOL)	1%	2%	2%	6%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Neither (if VOL)	12%	12%	8%	7%	11%	11%	9%	11%	23%	25%	6%	7%

(Don't know and Refused were omitted for space.)

APPENDIX
Statewide Percentages for Key Groups

		Current Presidential Approval Rating, by Key Subgroups					
		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		36%	2%	61%	<1%	1%	(508)
Voters	Registered to voter	38%	2%	60%	<1%	<1%	(452)
	Likely Voters (in 2006)	38%	2%	60%	--	--	(266)
Gender	Men	36%	2%	60%	<1%	1%	(249)
	Women	36%	1%	61%	1%	1%	(259)
Party ID	Democrats	7%	<1%	91%	2%	<1%	(177)
	Republicans	82%	3%	16%	--	--	(143)
	Independents & Others	29%	1%	67%	1%	2%	(183)
Age	18-29	23%	--	72%	4%	4%	(111)
	30-44	44%	2%	53%	--	1%	(138)
	45-59	38%	3%	58%	--	1%	(143)
	60 and over	35%	2%	62%	1%	<1%	(116)
Education	High school graduate or less	34%	3%	62%	1%	<1%	(185)
	Some college	35%	<1%	64%	--	1%	(150)
	College graduate or more	38%	1%	57%	2%	2%	(172)
The way things are going in the U.S.							
	Satisfied	68%	<1%	30%	2%	<1%	(165)
	Dissatisfied	16%	2%	80%	<1%	2%	(310)

Impression of George W. Bush, by Key Subgroups						
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		37%	58%	5%	<1%	(508)
Voters	Registered to voter	39%	58%	3%	<1%	(452)
	Likely Voters (in 2006)	39%	58%	3%	--	(266)
Gender	Men	37%	56%	6%	<1%	(249)
	Women	37%	59%	4%	--	(259)
Party ID	Democrats	7%	88%	4%	1%	(177)
	Republicans	83%	14%	3%	--	(143)
	Independents & Others	31%	62%	7%	--	(183)
Age	18-29	26%	67%	7%	--	(111)
	30-44	42%	51%	6%	1%	(138)
	45-59	42%	56%	2%	--	(143)
	60 and over	38%	57%	5%	--	(172)
Education	High school graduate or less	35%	59%	6%	--	(185)
	Some college	35%	59%	5%	1%	(150)
	College graduate or more	41%	55%	4%	--	(116)
The way things are going in the U.S.						
	Satisfied	69%	25%	6%	--	(165)
	Dissatisfied	18%	78%	3%	<1%	(310)

Current Job Rating for President George W. Bush, by Key Subgroups

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		9%	21%	26%	43%	1%	<1%	(508)
Voters	Registered to vote	9%	22%	24%	44%	--	<1%	(452)
	Likely voters (in 2006)	10%	22%	22%	45%	--	--	(266)
Gender	Men	9%	21%	30%	41%	--	--	(249)
	Women	9%	21%	23%	46%	1%	<1%	(259)
Party ID	Democrats	<1%	3%	28%	67%	2%	--	(177)
	Republicans	23%	49%	20%	8%	--	--	(143)
	Independents & Others	5%	16%	29%	49%	--	<1%	(183)
Age	18-29	7%	14%	30%	47%	2%	--	(111)
	30-44	5%	26%	29%	40%	--	--	(138)
	45-59	14%	21%	21%	44%	--	--	(143)
	60 and over	8%	22%	26%	44%	--	<1%	(116)
Education	High school graduate or less	7%	22%	32%	40%	--	--	(185)
	Some college	10%	20%	22%	48%	--	--	(150)
	College graduate or more	9%	21%	24%	44%	2%	<1%	(172)
The way things are going in the U.S.								
	Satisfied	20%	40%	26%	12%	2%	<1%	(165)
	Dissatisfied	1%	10%	25%	64%	--	--	(310)
The way Bush is handling his job as President								
	Approve	24%	54%	21%	1%	--	--	(181)
	Disapprove	--	3%	27%	70%	--	<1%	(308)

Trends of Presidential Job Ratings on Key Issues, September 2002 through October 2006

		2006		2005			2004				2003				2002
		Oct.	Jun.	May.	Mar.	Jan.	Oct.	Jun.	Mar.	Jan.	Oct.	May	Mar.	Jan.	Sep.
Foreign Policy	Excellent	6%	7%	12%	7%	10%	--	9%	12%	12%	12%	--	13%	12%	20%
	Good	20%	19%	25%	30%	27%	--	30%	28%	26%	29%	--	33%	32%	41%
	Fair	26%	25%	30%	29%	30%	--	30%	28%	27%	28%	--	30%	34%	23%
	Poor	47%	49%	32%	31%	31%	--	30%	31%	33%	30%	--	23%	20%	15%
Problems here at home	Excellent	5%	3%	6%	7%	8%	--	6%	6%	6%	5%	--	6%	6%	12%
	Good	21%	20%	25%	26%	28%	--	28%	25%	26%	24%	--	33%	30%	40%
	Fair	31%	27%	33%	34%	31%	--	34%	32%	31%	33%	--	35%	39%	29%
	Poor	43%	49%	35%	32%	32%	--	31%	36%	37%	36%	--	25%	24%	18%
The economy	Excellent	10%	6%	6%	6%	9%	10%	7%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%
	Good	19%	17%	25%	26%	27%	25%	26%	23%	23%	23%	34%	22%	23%	30%
	Fair	31%	26%	30%	34%	31%	27%	31%	32%	31%	34%	30%	39%	38%	36%
	Poor	38%	50%	38%	34%	32%	37%	34%	38%	39%	38%	30%	32%	31%	25%
Terrorism	Excellent	15%	14%	21%	18%	20%	26%	17%	23%	18%	19%	29%	20%	18%	32%
	Good	25%	26%	32%	35%	33%	33%	37%	32%	35%	36%	41%	46%	42%	40%
	Fair	26%	26%	27%	26%	23%	20%	24%	23%	27%	25%	23%	25%	26%	17%
	Poor	33%	33%	19%	20%	22%	21%	21%	20%	19%	18%	8%	9%	12%	11%
Iraq	Excellent	8%	9%	13%	9%	11%	18%	12%	22%	12%	14%	30%	18%	11%	22%
	Good	14%	19%	27%	30%	26%	26%	27%	24%	27%	31%	32%	31%	31%	30%
	Fair	22%	21%	22%	22%	21%	17%	22%	24%	27%	24%	22%	26%	28%	23%
	Poor	56%	50%	36%	36%	38%	38%	38%	28%	33%	30%	13%	23%	26%	20%

(Don't know and Refused were omitted for space.)

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

		Has contributed	Has not contributed	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		48%	48%	4%	<1%	(508)
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The way things are going in the U.S.						
	Satisfied	65%	31%	4%	<1%	(165)
	Dissatisfied	37%	61%	2%	--	(310)

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

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**Do you favor or oppose having a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq?
by Key Subgroups**

		Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
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Survey Question Wording

- ELEC03 For each of the following people, please tell me if you have a favorable impression of them, an unfavorable impression, or don't know enough to make up your mind. ...
George W. Bush
- [Questions P20_1 through P20_9 were randomly rotated]
- 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?**
- P20_3 [Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...] ... **The economy?**
- 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?**
- P20_4 [Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...] ... **Immigration issues?**
- P20_7 [Which political party, the [Democrats/Republicans] or the [Republicans/Democrats], do you trust to do a better job handling...] ... **Corruption in Washington?**
- 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?**
- APP_01 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
- APP_01A Would you say you strongly [approve/disapprove] or do you only somewhat [approve/disapprove] of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
- JOB_01 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing as President? Excellent, good, fair, or poor?
- GWB04 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing handling **foreign policy**? Excellent, good, fair or poor?
- GWB05 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing dealing with **problems here at home**?
- GWB06 How about the job he is doing handling **the economy**?
- GWB07 [How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing...] **Dealing with terrorism?**
- GWB99 [How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing...] **Dealing with North Korea?**
- GWB08 [How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing...] **Dealing with Iraq?**
- GWB8B [How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing...] **Dealing with Iran?**
- IRAQ22 Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

- IRAQ22A Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?
- IRAQ23 Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
- IRAQ24 Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased but not all withdrawn immediately?
- 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?

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 Chad J. Kniss, 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 October 18 and October 26, 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 (weighted on gender and age groups).