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WISCONSINITES' VIEWS ON NATIONAL ISSUES AND POLITICS LATE SPRING 2007

The recent Badger Poll shows that most Wisconsin residents are not happy with the way many things are going on the national level. While approximately 6 out of 10 reported that they are satisfied with the way things are going in the state of Wisconsin generally, only about 3 in 10 are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States today.

Overall the results show that:

- 63% are dissatisfied with the way things are generally going in the United States today
- 45% of Wisconsinites think that over the next 12 months the national economic conditions will stay about the same as they are now, while 37% think they will get worse – only 16% think they will get better
- Approximately 69% disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president, and 50% said that overall he is doing a “poor” job
- While only about 41% of residents approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job, 47% rated the overall job that Congress is doing as “fair”

On the situation in Iraq:

- 56% of Badger State residents think that the U.S. made the wrong decision in taking military action against Iraq
- 57% said they favor having a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq

- While 52% of residents want to see the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq decreased, only 15% want to see an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. military forces from Iraq

Impressions of ethics and wrongdoing in the federal government in Washington D.C.:

- Nearly 9 out of 10 Wisconsinites say that the level of ethics and honesty in the federal government has not risen with George W. Bush as president – most are split about whether the level of ethics and honesty has fallen or stayed about the same during Bush’s tenure.
- Only 37% said that they approve of the way Bush is handling ethics in government
- Approximately 46% think that the amount of time that the U.S. Congress is spending investigating possible government wrongdoing and ethical problems in D.C. is “too little”. Nearly equal numbers think it is spending the “right amount” of time on investigations and that the Congress is spending “too much” time on investigations.

Additional results and analysis are presented below.

Wisconsin's satisfaction with the way things are going in the United States today

The recent Badger Poll finds that nearly twice as many Wisconsinites are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States today than are satisfied. The 33% of residents who are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States today stands in stark contrast to the 60% who are satisfied with the way things are going in Wisconsin and the 86% who are satisfied with the way things are going for them personally.

Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in the United States Today, with Comparisons to Wisconsin and Personally						
	Satisfied	Neither (Vol.)	Dissatisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
United States	33%	4%	63%	<1%	--	(502)
Wisconsin	60%	2%	37%	1%	--	(502)
Personally	86%	<1%	12%	1%	1%	(502)

The tables below shows that the reported level of satisfaction with the way things are going in the United States has not changed since last fall, nor has the strength of the level of satisfaction/dissatisfaction (see second table below). Partisanship appears to play a strong part in whether or not Wisconsinites are satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. today. 80% of Democrats said they are dissatisfied as well as 67% of independents and those affiliated with minor political parties, while 59% of Republicans said they are satisfied (see Appendix for tables on sub-groups).

Trend in Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in the United States						
	Satisfied	Neither (Vol.)	Dissatisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	33%	4%	63%	<1%	--	(502)
October '06	32%	5%	61%	2%	--	(508)

Strength of Satisfaction on the National Level		
	June 2007	October 2006
Very dissatisfied	31%	31%
Somewhat dissatisfied	32%	30%
Neither	4%	5%
Somewhat satisfied	29%	25%
Very satisfied	4%	7%
Don't Know	<1%	2%
Refused	--	--
(N)	(502)	(508)

Wisconsinites' economic outlook for the nation

Wisconsin residents are nearly split about whether the economic conditions in the United States will remain about the way as they are today or whether they will get worse over the next 12 months. Even on this measure of economic outlook partisanship appears to play a role. Most Democrats (51%) said they expect the nation's economic conditions to get worse over the next 12 months, while nearly identical percentages of Republicans (47%) and independents (48%) said economic conditions should stay about the same as they are now (see Appendix for tables with key sub-groups).

Get better	16%
Stay about the same	45%
Get worse	37%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	<1%
(N)	(502)

While the Badger Poll has not asked Wisconsin residents about their outlook for the nation in roughly two years, it appears that during that time expectations have declined (see the table below).

	Get Better	About the Same	Get Worse	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	16%	45%	37%	1	<1%	(502)
May '05	31%	42%	24%	3%	<1%	(509)
October '04	46%	33%	11%	9%	<1%	(545)
September '04	41%	38%	13%	7%	1%	(508)
April '04	44%	36%	17%	3%	--	(511)
March '04	43%	39%	18%	--	--	(500)
Jan./Feb. '04	50%	34%	13%	3%	--	(502)
August '03	44%	37%	17%	2%	--	(511)
February '03	33%	42%	23%	2%	<1%	(504)
January '03	33%	42%	23%	2%	1%	(514)
September '02	37%	41%	18%	4%	--	(539)
June '02	43%	46%	9%	2%	--	(524)
March '02	56%	31%	12%	1%	<1%	(597)

The Approval of President George W. Bush in Wisconsin

According to the results of the recent Badger Poll only 30% of Wisconsinites approve of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President. The 30% approval rating in the recent Badger Poll is also in the same range as that of *The Wisconsin Survey* finding of 34% approval in early April of this year. It is also similar to findings in most national polls that find only about a 30% approval rating nationally (see www.pollster.com or www.pollingreport.com).

Approval for President George W. Bush						
	Approve	Neither (vol.)	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	30%	1%	69%	<1%	--	(502)
Oct. '06	36%	2%	61%	<1%	1%	(508)

Not surprisingly, the approval of the president is in large part driven by the partisan belief systems that Wisconsinites hold. Among Democrats 93% disapprove of the way that George W. Bush is handling his job as president, compared to 30% among Republicans and 73% among independents and partisans of minor political parties. Roughly two-thirds of Republicans said they approve of the way the president is handling his job (see Appendix for tables on sub-groups).

The table below shows that the strength of the satisfaction/dissatisfaction level has not significantly changed since last fall – roughly half of Wisconsin residents this month and in October of last year said they strongly disapprove of the way Bush his handling his job as president.

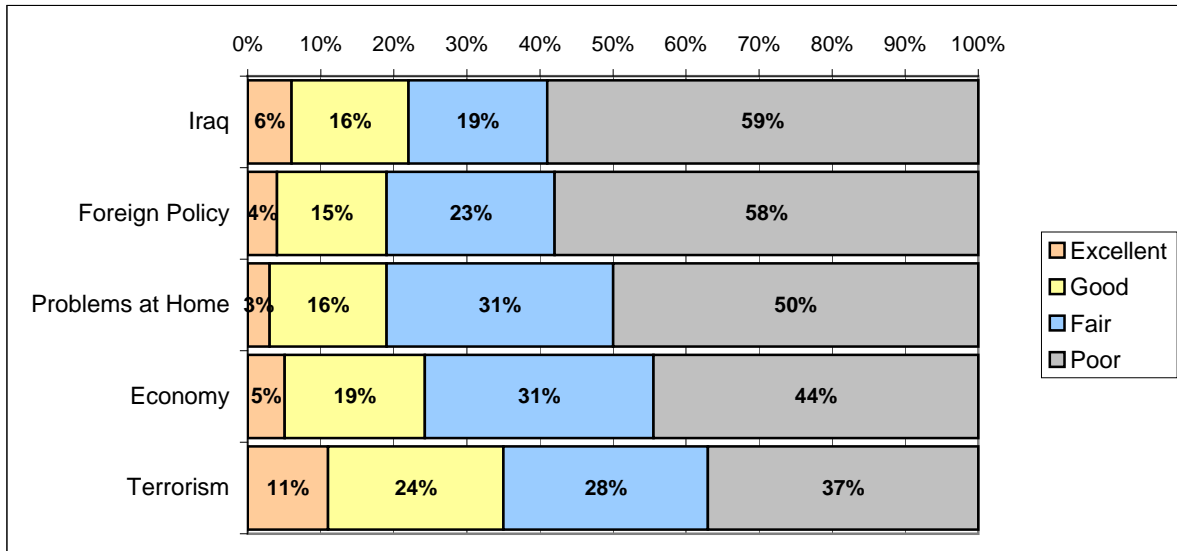
Strength of Presidential Approval Rating		
	June 2007	October 2006
Strongly disapprove	51%	47%
Somewhat disapprove	18%	14%
Neither	1%	2%
Somewhat approve	20%	23%
Strongly approve	9%	13%
Don't Know	<1%	<1%
Refused	--	1%
(N)	(502)	(508)

In addition to asking Wisconsinites whether or not they approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling his job as president, the Badger Poll also asked respondents to rate the overall job that the president is doing on a four point scale (excellent, good, fair, and poor). Over all, 50% of residents rated the job Bush is doing as “poor”. The following table demonstrates the overlap between approval rating and job rating.

<i>Presidential Approval</i>	Presidential Job Rating			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Strongly Approve	3%	5%	<1%	--
Somewhat Approve	<1%	13%	8%	<1%
Somewhat Disapprove	--	2%	11%	5%
Strongly Disapprove	--	<1%	6%	44%

(N=502)

The chart below shows how Wisconsinites rated the job that George W. Bush is doing at foreign policy (in general), handling problems at home (in general), the economy, terrorism, and Iraq. These five issue areas are ranked in the chart from the highest percent “poor” rating to the lowest. On the issues of foreign policy (in general) and Iraq, large majorities of Badger State residents rated the job that Bush is doing as “poor”. When asked to rate the job that Bush is doing dealing with terrorism, one of the president’s signature issues, just as many residents said “poor” as said “good” or “excellent” combined.



The table below shows the historical trend of presidential job rating, in Wisconsin, during George W. Bush's tenure as President.

Trend in Presidential Job Rating, George W. Bush							
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	3%	21%	26%	50%	--	--	(502)
October '06	9%	21%	26%	43%	1%	<1%	(508)
June '06	5%	22%	27%	45%	1%	<1%	(508)
May '05	13%	30%	26%	29%	1%	<1%	(509)
March '05	12%	31%	28%	27%	2%	--	(501)
January '05	16%	33%	26%	25%	1%	<1%	(503)
October '04	15%	32%	21%	31%	<1%	<1%	(545)
September '04	18%	32%	22%	26%	1%	<1%	(508)
June '04	14%	33%	27%	25%	1%	<1%	(504)
April '04	15%	35%	25%	23%	1%	1%	(511)
March '04	16%	30%	24%	30%	<1%	<1%	(500)
January '04	11%	37%	28%	22%	1%	--	(502)
December '03	17%	35%	26%	19%	2%	1%	(510)
October '03	15%	35%	27%	21%	1%	<1%	(511)
August '03	14%	38%	28%	19%	1%	<1%	(511)
May '03	27%	35%	24%	13%	1%	<1%	(503)
April '03	31%	38%	21%	10%	<1%	<1%	(509)
March '03	18%	35%	30%	16%	1%	<1%	(504)
February '03	19%	39%	25%	16%	1%	1%	(504)
January '03	16%	38%	29%	14%	2%	1%	(514)
October '02	21%	40%	25%	13%	<1%	<1%	(501)
September '02	19%	45%	23%	12%	1%	<1%	(539)
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March '02	28%	40%	22%	7%	1%	1%	(597)

The Wisconsin Public's Views of the of U.S. Congress

Across the state, approximately 41% of residents approve of the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its job and 54% disapprove. The 41% approval rating in the recent Badger Poll is also in the same range as that of *The Wisconsin Survey* finding of 37% approval in early April of this year. However, it is above the findings in most national polls that find only about a 23% to 29% approval rating nationally during the same time period (early June) (see www.pollster.com or www.pollingreport.com).

Approval Rating of the U.S. Congress					
Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
41%	3%	54%	2%	--	(502)

Respondents who identified as either a Democrat or a Republican split in opposing directions, with 56% of Democrats approving and 55% of Republican disapproving. Nearly two-thirds of independents and those with an affiliation to a minor political party said they disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job (see Appendix for tables of key sub-groups).

Similar to the questions on presidential approval, the Badger Poll also asked respondents to rate the overall job that the Congress is doing on a four point scale (excellent, good, fair, and poor). Over all, 47% of residents rated the job the U.S. Congress is doing as “fair” – 29% said “poor”. The following table demonstrates the overlap between approval rating and job rating.

Approval for the U.S. Congress	Job Rating for the U.S. Congress			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Approve	<1%	22%	19%	<1%
Neither	--	<1%	2%	--
Disapprove	<1%	1%	24%	28%

(N=502)

While majorities of Wisconsinites disapprove of the way that both Bush and the Congress are handling their jobs, it appears that most residents think that Bush is doing a worse job than Congress.

The table below shows the historical trend of congressional job rating, in Wisconsin, since the Badger Poll began.

Trend in the Job Rating for the U.S. Congress							
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	1%	23%	47%	29%	<1%	--	(502)
June '04	<1%	24%	56%	17%	3%	--	(504)
April '04	2%	29%	52%	12%	5%	<1%	(511)
March '04	1%	25%	56%	14%	4%	<1%	(500)
January '04	1%	31%	52%	14%	2%	--	(502)
October '03	1%	34%	48%	15%	2%	--	(511)
May '03	1%	34%	46%	15%	4%	1%	(503)
February '03	1%	37%	45%	12%	5%	<1%	(504)

Wisconsinites speak on the situation in Iraq

The Badger Poll finds that a solid majority of Wisconsin residents think that the decision to take military action in Iraq was the wrong decision. The Badger Poll's 56% estimate that Iraq was the wrong decision is right in line with current national estimates of around 57% of the American public who think that war was a mistake (see www.pollster.com or www.pollingreport.com).

The Decision to Take Military Action Against Iraq	
Right Decision	40%
Wrong Decision	56%
Don't Know	3%
Refused	1%
(N)	(502)

A majority of between 52% and 82% of all but two of the key sub-groups examined by the Badger Poll said that the U.S. made the wrong decision to take military action against Iraq. The only sub-group with a majority who said that the U.S. made the right decision is Republicans (79%). The other sub-group that did not produce a clear majority either way are those respondents who either know someone in the military or in Iraq. They nearly equally split: 48% said right decision and 46% said wrong decision (see Appendix for tables of key sub-groups).

Further, roughly 57% of Wisconsinites favor a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq. The previous Badger Poll in October of last year found a similar percentage in favor of a timetable, displayed in the table below.

Trend for Favor or Oppose a Timetable for Withdrawal from Iraq					
	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	57%	41%	2%	<1%	(502)
Oct. '06	58%	40%	2%	--	(508)
June '06	53%	43%	4%	<1%	(508)

When asked whether the war with Iraq has contributed to the long-term security of the United States or has not contributed, Wisconsinites were split with 50% saying it has not contributed and 47% saying it has contributed. The finding on this question has remained fairly stable over the past year (see the table on the top of the next page). Again partisanship appears to be a major factor influencing residents' beliefs on this issue, with roughly two-thirds of Democrats saying it has not contributed and approximately three-quarters of Republicans saying that it has contributed to the long-term security of the U.S. Independents and other

partisans are nearly equally split on whether it has or has not contributed (see Appendix for tables of key sub-groups).

Trend of Whether or Not the War with Iraq has Contributed to the Long-term Security of the United States

	Has Contributed	Has not Contributed	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	47%	50%	3%	<1%	(502)
Oct. '06	48%	48%	4%	<1%	(508)
June '06	47%	49%	4%	<1%	(508)

The first table below demonstrates that even among the respondents who think that the war with Iraq has contributed to the long-term security of the U.S., a solid majority said that it has only somewhat contributed. The second table below shows that overall, only about 20% of Wisconsinites think that the war with Iraq has contributed a “great deal” to the long-term security of the U.S.

**Trend of Whether it Contributed a Great Deal or Somewhat
[Only if Said “Has Contributed” Above]**

	Contributed a Great Deal	Contributed Somewhat	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	42%	58%	--	--	(229)
Oct. '06	43%	56%	1%	--	(240)
June '06	46%	54%	<1%	--	(239)

**Trend of Whether it Contributed a Great Deal or Somewhat
[As a Percentage of All Respondents]**

	Contributed a Great Deal	Contributed Somewhat	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	20%	27%	--	--	(502)
Oct. '06	21%	27%	1%	--	(508)
June '06	22%	25%	<1%	--	(508)

Not surprisingly, when asked about whether the number of U.S. forces in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept at about the same level 52% of Wisconsin residents said decreased and that percentage has remained stable over the past year (see the table below).

Trend for Number of U.S. Military Forces in Iraq						
	Increase	About the same	Decrease	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	14%	30%	52%	2%	<1%	(502)
Oct. '06	17%	24%	51%	7%	1%	(508)
June '06	9%	31%	52%	6%	2%	(508)

On the issue of whether to increase or decrease the number of forces in Iraq, majorities in the following groups said the number should be decreased (see Appendix for table of sub-groups); Democrats (79%), women (58%), college graduates (55%) and independents (50%).

The first table below shows that even among the respondents who think the number of U.S. forces should be decreased, approximately 71% do not want them withdrawn immediately. The second table below shows that overall, only about 15% of Wisconsinites think that all the U.S. military forces should be withdrawn immediately.

Trend for When to Decrease the Number of U.S. Military Forces in Iraq [Only if Said "Decrease" Above]						
	Withdrawal Immediately	Not All Immediately	Don't Know	Refused	(N)	
June '07	29%	71%	<1%	<1%	(249)	
Oct. '06	25%	75%	--	--	(260)	
June '06	19%	81%	<1%	--	(264)	

Trend for When to Decrease the Number of U.S. Military Forces in Iraq [As a Percentage of All Respondents]						
	Withdrawal Immediately	Not All Immediately	Don't Know	Refused	(N)	
June '07	15%	37%	<1%	<1%	(502)	
Oct. '06	13%	38%	--	--	(508)	
June '06	10%	42%	<1%	--	(508)	

Wisconsinites' impressions of corruption in the national government

While Wisconsinites are split about whether the level of ethics and honesty in the federal government have fallen with George W. Bush as president or stayed about the same as they were before George W. Bush was president, a solid majority disapprove of the way that Bush is handling ethics in government (see the next two tables below).

Change in the Level of Ethics and Honesty in the Federal Government with George W. Bush as President

	Risen	Stayed about the same	Fallen	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	10%	44%	45%	<1%	<1%	(502)
June '06	12%	35%	51%	1%	<1%	(508)

Approval Rating for President George W. Bush's Handling of Ethics

	Approve	Neither (vol.)	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	37%	<1%	58%	4%	<1%	(502)

Partisanship colors the view that Wisconsin residents hold about ethics in Washington D.C. – 74% of Democrats said the level of ethics and honesty has fallen with Bush and 85% disapprove of the way Bush is handling ethics in government. On the other hand, just over two-third of Republicans said that the level of ethics and honesty is about the same with Bush as president and 69% approve of the way Bush is handling ethics. Among independents and those affiliated with minor political parties, there is a split about whether the level of ethics has stayed the same or fallen, but 59% say they disapprove of the way Bush is handling ethics (see the Appendix for tables on key sub-groups).

When it comes to Congress' oversight responsibilities, 46% of Wisconsinites said they think the Congress is spending "too little" time conducting investigations of possible government wrongdoing and ethical problems. That percentage is twice that of those who think that the Congress is spending "too much" time conducting investigations. Majorities of both Democrats and independents said the Congress is spending "too little" time on investigations of wrongdoing, while Republicans are more split (36% said right amount now, 29% "too much" and 26% "too little") (see the Appendix for table of key sub-groups).

**Amount of Time the U.S. Congress is Spending Conducting
Investigations of Possible Government Wrongdoing and Ethical
Problems in D.C.**

	Too Little	Right Amount	Too Much	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
June '07	46%	27%	23%	3%	1%	(502)

APPENDIX:

Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in the United States Today							
		Dissatisfied	Neither (Vol.)	Satisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		63%	4%	33%	<1%	--	(502)
Gender	Men	65%	2%	32%	--	--	(227)
	Women	61%	5%	33%	1%	--	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	80%	3%	17%	--	--	(156)
	Republican	34%	6%	59%	1%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	67%	3%	30%	<1%	--	(221)
Ages	18 to 29*	55%	--	45%	--	--	(34)
	30 to 44	54%	8%	38%	--	--	(105)
	45 to 59	72%	3%	25%	--	--	(166)
	60 and over	70%	5%	24%	1%	--	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	61%	5%	34%	<1%	--	(204)
	Some college	65%	4%	31%	--	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	64%	3%	33%	<1%	--	(172)
Economic Outlook for the U.S.							
	Get better	47%	6%	47%	--	--	(70)
	Stay about the same	53%	4%	42%	1%	--	(227)
	Get worse	81%	3%	16%	--	--	(197)
View on Military Action in Iraq							
	Right decision	38%	6%	56%	1%	--	(188)
	Wrong decision	83%	2%	15%	--	--	(300)

(Results based on subgroups are subject to a larger "margin of error." *Caution should be taken when interpreting the findings of subgroups with smaller numbers of respondents due to the potential for larger variation.)

Economic Outlook for the United States in the Next 12 Months							
		Get Better	Get Worse	Stay about the same	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		16%	37%	45%	1%	<1%	(502)
Gender	Men	18%	36%	46%	--	<1%	(227)
	Women	15%	39%	44%	2%	--	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	10%	51%	39%	2%	--	(156)
	Republican	24%	27%	47%	1%	1%	(114)
	Independents & Others	17%	33%	48%	2%	--	(221)
Ages	18 to 29*	28%	30%	42%	--	--	(34)
	30 to 44	18%	40%	40%	2%	--	(105)
	45 to 59	7%	42%	50%	<1%	1%	(166)
	60 and over	15%	35%	48%	2%	--	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	20%	35%	43%	2%	--	(204)
	Some college	11%	43%	44%	1%	1%	(125)
	College graduate or more	16%	36%	47%	1%	--	(172)
Satisfaction with the way things are going in the U.S.							
	Satisfied	24%	18%	58%	<1%	--	(143)
	Dissatisfied	12%	48%	38%	1%	<1%	(336)

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Presidential Approval Rating, George W. Bush							
		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		30%	1%	69%	<1%	--	(502)
Gender	Men	32%	<1%	67%	--	--	(227)
	Women	27%	2%	70%	1%	--	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	7%	--	93%	--	--	(156)
	Republican	67%	1%	30%	2%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	25%	2%	73%	--	--	(221)
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	30 to 44	29%	1%	70%	--	--	(105)
	45 to 59	31%	<1%	69%	--	--	(166)
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	Some college	27%	--	72%	1%	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	31%	1%	68%	--	--	(172)
Satisfaction with the way things are going in the U.S.							
	Satisfied	67%	1%	32%	--	--	(143)
	Dissatisfied	11%	1%	88%	--	--	(336)
Economic Outlook for the U.S.							
	Get better*	35%	4%	61%	--	--	(70)
	Stay about the same	40%	1%	58%	<1%	--	(227)
	Get worse	13%	1%	86%	<1%	--	(197)
View on Military Action in Iraq							
	Right decision	59%	2%	38%	1%	--	(188)
	Wrong decision	10%	--	90%	--	--	(300)

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Presidential Job Rating, George W. Bush								
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		3%	21%	26%	50%	--	--	(502)
Gender	Men	3%	22%	27%	48%	--	--	(227)
	Women	4%	19%	26%	51%	--	--	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	<1%	<1%	22%	77%	--	--	(156)
	Republican	9%	51%	31%	9%	--	--	(114)
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	45 to 59	4%	22%	25%	49%	--	--	(166)
	60 and over	6%	22%	26%	46%	--	--	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	3%	22%	24%	51%	--	--	(204)
	Some college	6%	13%	34%	47%	--	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	3%	24%	24%	49%	--	--	(172)

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		Approval Rating for the U.S. Congress					(N)
		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	
Overall		41%	3%	54%	2%	--	(502)
Gender	Men	37%	1%	62%	--	--	(227)
	Women	45%	4%	47%	4%	--	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	56%	7%	38%	<1%	--	(156)
	Republican	41%	1%	55%	3%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	33%	1%	63%	3%	--	(221)
Ages	18 to 29*	43%	--	54%	3%	--	(34)
	30 to 44	47%	3%	48%	2%	--	(105)
	45 to 59	40%	2%	57%	1%	--	(166)
	60 and over	34%	6%	57%	3%	--	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	38%	3%	57%	2%	--	(204)
	Some college	44%	4%	51%	1%	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	43%	2%	52%	3%	--	(172)
Satisfaction with the way things are going in the U.S.							
	Satisfied	59%	1%	37%	3%	--	(143)
	Dissatisfied	34%	3%	62%	<1%	--	(336)
Economic Outlook for the U.S.							
	Get better*	31%	2%	61%	6%	--	(70)
	Stay about the same	50%	2%	47%	1%	--	(227)
	Get worse	37%	4%	58%	1%	--	(197)
View on Military Action in Iraq							
	Right decision	44%	<1%	53%	2%	--	(188)
	Wrong decision	37%	4%	58%	1%	--	(300)

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		Congressional Job Rating					Don't Know	Refused	(N)
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor				
Overall		<1%	23%	47%	29%	<1%	--	(502)	
Gender	Men	1%	21%	40%	38%	--	--	(227)	
	Women	<1%	25%	54%	19%	1%	--	(275)	
Party ID	Democrat	2%	31%	49%	17%	1%	--	(156)	
	Republican	--	25%	46%	38%	1%	--	(114)	
	Independents & Others	<1%	18%	47%	35%	--	--	(221)	
Ages	18 to 29*	--	32%	43%	25%	--	--	(34)	
	30 to 44	1%	24%	56%	18%	1%	--	(105)	
	45 to 59	<1%	19%	43%	37%	<1%	--	(166)	
	60 and over	1%	19%	46%	34%	<1%	--	(197)	
Education	High school graduate or less	1%	22%	50%	26%	1%	--	(204)	
	Some college	--	25%	42%	33%	<1%	--	(125)	
	College graduate or more	--	23%	48%	29%	--	--	(172)	

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Approval Rating for the President George W. Bush's Handling of Ethics

		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		37%	<1%	58%	4%	<1%	(502)
Gender	Men	41%	--	54%	4%	<1%	(227)
	Women	32%	1%	63%	3%	<1%	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	13%	2%	85%	<1%	<1%	(156)
	Republican	69%	--	25%	6%	<1%	(114)
	Independents & Others	35%	<1%	59%	5%	1%	(221)
Ages	18 to 29*	38%	--	53%	9%	--	(34)
	30 to 44	39%	1%	58%	2%	--	(105)
	45 to 59	35%	1%	60%	2%	2%	(166)
	60 and over	35%	--	62%	3%	--	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	39%	<1%	57%	3%	<1%	(204)
	Some college	37%	1%	56%	5%	1%	(125)
	College graduate or more	34%	1%	61%	4%	<1%	(172)

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**Change in the Level of Ethics and Honesty in the Federal Government
with George W. Bush as President**

		Risen	Stayed about the same	Fallen	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		10%	44%	45%	<1%	<1%	(502)
Gender	Men	12%	49%	39%	--	--	(227)
	Women	9%	39%	51%	1%	<1%	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	7%	19%	74%	<1%	--	(156)
	Republican	15%	69%	16%	--	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	10%	48%	42%	<1%	<1%	(221)
Ages	18 to 29*	9%	41%	50%	--	--	(34)
	30 to 44	11%	43%	46%	--	--	(105)
	45 to 59	9%	46%	44%	1%	--	(166)
	60 and over	12%	45%	41%	1%	1%	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	10%	46%	44%	<1%	--	(204)
	Some college	11%	45%	43%	1%	<1%	(125)
	College graduate or more	10%	42%	48%	<1%	--	(172)

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Amount of Time the U.S. Congress is Spending Conducting Investigations of Possible Government Wrongdoing and Ethical Problems in D.C.

		Too Little	Right Amount	Too Much	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		46%	27%	23%	3%	1%	(502)
Gender	Men	40%	27%	30%	3%	--	(227)
	Women	51%	28%	16%	3%	2%	(275)
Party ID	Democrat	55%	29%	14%	2%	--	(156)
	Republican	26%	36%	29%	7%	2%	(114)
	Independents & Others	50%	21%	26%	1%	2%	(221)
Ages	18 to 29*	53%	20%	20%	4%	3%	(34)
	30 to 44	52%	31%	15%	1%	--	(105)
	45 to 59	43%	26%	27%	4%	--	(166)
	60 and over	36%	31%	29%	2%	2%	(197)
Education	High school graduate or less	57%	20%	18%	4%	2%	(204)
	Some college	45%	22%	30%	3%	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	34%	39%	24%	2%	1%	(172)

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Has the War with Iraq Contributed or Not Contributed to the Long-term Security of the United States						
		Has Contributed	Has <u>Not</u> Contributed	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		47%	50%	3%	<1%	(502)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq						
	Yes	56%	42%	2%	<1%	(212)
	No	38%	58%	4%	--	(290)
Gender						
	Men	49%	49%	1%	--	(227)
	Women	44%	51%	5%	<1%	(275)
Party ID						
	Democrat	21%	78%	1%	--	(156)
	Republican	78%	14%	8%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	47%	50%	2%	--	(221)
Ages						
	18 to 29*	47%	45%	8%	--	(34)
	30 to 44	43%	57%	--	--	(105)
	45 to 59	51%	46%	2%	1%	(166)
	60 and over	44%	52%	4%	--	(197)
Education						
	High school graduate or less	46%	48%	6%	--	(204)
	Some college	50%	48%	2%	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	46%	53%	<1%	<1%	(172)

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Favor or Oppose a Timetable for Withdrawal, Like the One Passed by the U.S. Congress in April

		Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		57%	41%	2%	<1%	(502)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq						
	Yes	52%	47%	1%	--	(212)
	No	62%	34%	3%	<1%	(290)
Gender						
	Men	47%	51%	2%	<1%	(227)
	Women	67%	30%	3%	--	(275)
Party ID						
	Democrat	86%	14%	<1%	--	(156)
	Republican	29%	71%	<1%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	56%	40%	4%	<1%	(221)
Ages						
	18 to 29*	60%	40%	--	--	(34)
	30 to 44	60%	35%	5%	--	(105)
	45 to 59	58%	40%	1%	1%	(166)
	60 and over	51%	47%	2%	--	(197)
Education						
	High school graduate or less	58%	38%	4%	--	(204)
	Some college	58%	39%	2%	1%	(125)
	College graduate or more	55%	44%	1%	--	(172)

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Should the Number of Military Forces in Iraq be Increased, Decreased, or Kept About the Same							
		Increased	About the Same	Decreased	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		15%	30%	52%	2%	1%	(502)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq							
	Yes	16%	32%	48%	3%	1%	(212)
	No	15%	28%	55%	2%	<1%	(290)
Gender							
	Men	21%	32%	45%	2%	--	(227)
	Women	10%	28%	58%	3%	1%	(275)
Party ID							
	Democrat	5%	16%	79%	<1%	--	(156)
	Republican	28%	46%	21%	4%	1%	(114)
	Independents & Others	15%	33%	50%	2%	<1%	(221)
Ages							
	18 to 29*	6%	29%	65%	--	--	(34)
	30 to 44	14%	35%	50%	1%	--	(105)
	45 to 59	20%	25%	51%	4%	--	(166)
	60 and over	18%	33%	42%	4%	2%	(197)
Education							
	High school graduate or less	13%	35%	49%	2%	1%	(204)
	Some college	15%	29%	53%	2%	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	17%	25%	55%	3%	--	(172)

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The Decision to Take Military Action Against Iraq						
		Right Decision	Wrong Decision	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		40%	56%	3%	1%	(502)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq						
	Yes	48%	46%	5%	<1%	(212)
	No	31%	66%	2%	1%	(290)
Gender						
	Men	44%	55%	<1%	<1%	(227)
	Women	35%	58%	6%	1%	(275)
Party ID						
	Democrat	13%	82%	5%	--	(156)
	Republican	79%	21%	<1%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	37%	59%	3%	1%	(221)
Ages						
	18 to 29*	41%	52%	7%	--	(34)
	30 to 44	41%	53%	4%	2%	(105)
	45 to 59	42%	56%	2%	--	(166)
	60 and over	34%	64%	1%	1%	(197)
Education						
	High school graduate or less	41%	53%	5%	1%	(204)
	Some college	40%	59%	1%	--	(125)
	College graduate or more	38%	59%	2%	<1%	(172)

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SURVEY QUESTION WORDING

- GNS01A In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States today?
- GNS01B Would you say you are very [satisfied/dissatisfied] or are you only somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?
- ECON03A In the next 12 months or so, do you expect economic conditions in the United States to get better, get worse or stay about the same?
- 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?
- GWB04 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing handling **foreign policy**?
Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?
- GWB05 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing dealing with **problems here at home**? [INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]
- GWB06 How about the job he is doing handling the economy?
[INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]
- GWB07 Dealing with terrorism?
[INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]
- GWB08 Dealing with Iraq?
[INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]
- JOB_01 Overall, how would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing as President?
Excellent, good, fair, or poor?
- RATE03 Overall, how would you rate the job that the U.S. Congress is doing?
Excellent, good, fair, or poor?
- ETHICS01 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling ethics in government?
- ETHICS03 Do you think the overall level of ethics and honesty in the federal government has risen, fallen, or stayed about the same with George W. Bush as president?
- ETHICS09 Do you think the U.S. Congress is spending too much, too little, or the right amount of time conducting investigations of possible government wrongdoing and ethical problems in Washington D.C.?
- IRAQ22 Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?
- IRAQ22A [Only asked is IRAQ22 = 1 (has contributed)] Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?
- IRAQ25X Do you favor or oppose having a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq like the one that the U.S. Congress passed this past April?

IRAQ23	Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?
IRAQ24	[Only asked if IRAQ23 = 2 (decreased)] Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased but not all withdrawn immediately?
IRAQ01X	Looking back, do you think the United States made the right decision or the wrong decision in taking military action against Iraq?
IRAQ30	Do you have any family members or personally know someone in the military or in 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 502 persons who were randomly chosen within households with working landline telephone numbers and interviewed between June 7 and June 15, 2007, inclusive. During this time period, the UWSC made over 18,000 phone calls to 2,964 telephone numbers. All telephone numbers were randomly generated by computer. The UWSC made up to 10 attempts on each number in order to confirm if it was a residential number, select an eligible respondent and/or to convert first time refusals. Approximately 46% of the 502 interviews were completed in the first four days of calling.

Theoretically, results from this survey have a "margin of error" of a little over +/- 4%. This means that, had we asked every resident 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 to reflect statewide gender and age groups).