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UPDATED TRENDS IN PUBLIC OPINION AMONG WISCONSINITES

Results from the most recent Badger Poll on a wide of topics including; satisfaction with the nation, the state, approval ratings of the Governor, the State Legislature, the President, and the U.S. Congress, as well as the situation in Iraq are presented below.

- Nearly two-thirds of Wisconsinites are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. today. Wisconsin residents are split about whether they are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the state today with 48% saying they are satisfied and 45% saying they are dissatisfied. The level reporting they are satisfied has dropped 12 percentage points since June.
- When it comes to how things are going for Badger State residents personally, approximately 76% say they are satisfied. However, that is down 10 percentage points since this past June.
- **52%** of Wisconsinites approve of the way Jim Doyle is handling his job as Governor.
- **53%** of state residents disapprove of the way the State Legislature is handling its job.
- **73%** of Wisconsinites disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, with 49% strongly disapproving.
- **61%** of Badger state residents disapprove of the way that Congress is handling its job.

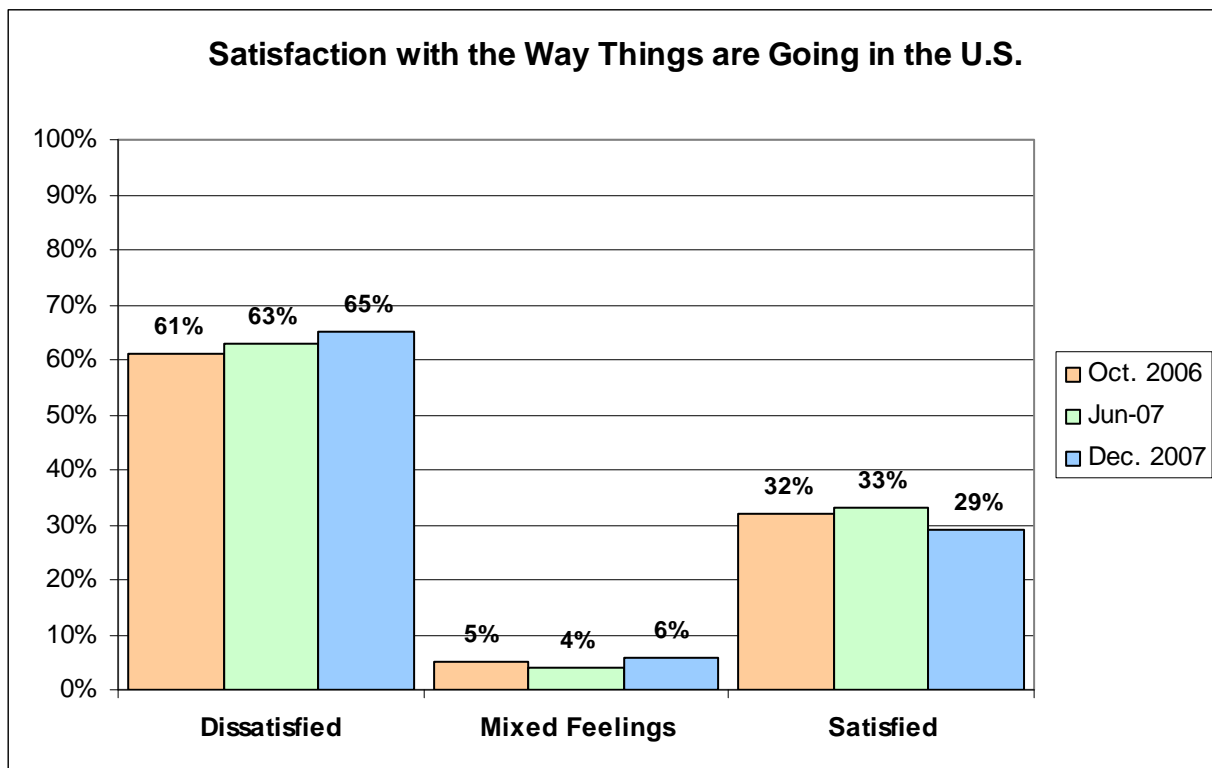
When it comes to Iraq, a majority of residents (52%) continue to say that the U.S. made the wrong decision to go to war in Iraq. Approximately 60% favor a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq, but only 11% want an immediate withdrawal of all troops from Iraq.

Additional results and analysis are presented below.

SATISFACTION IN WISCONSIN WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING TODAY

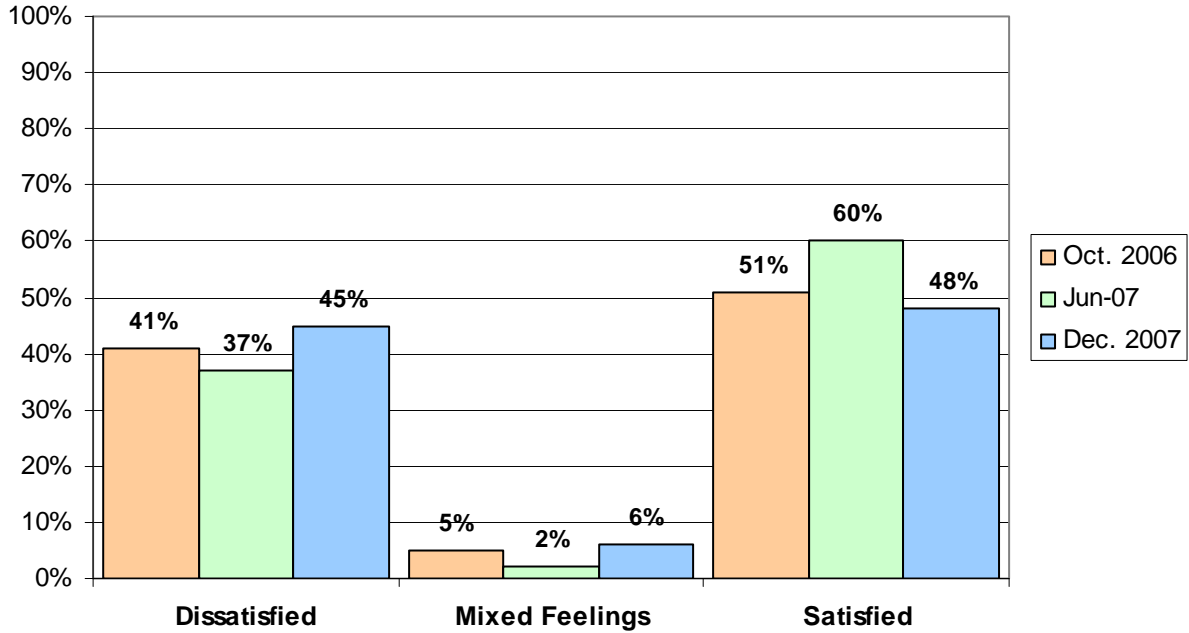
The latest Badger Poll asked Wisconsinites about their satisfaction with the way things are going today for the United States, the state of Wisconsin, and for themselves personally. The findings are shown in the table below and the following charts show the trends on each question.

Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in the United States Today, with Comparisons to Wisconsin and Personally						
	Satisfied	Mixed (Vol.)	Dissatisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
United States	29%	6%	65%	<1%	<1%	(507)
Wisconsin	48%	6%	45%	1%	--	(507)
Personally	76%	2%	22%	<1%	<1%	(507)

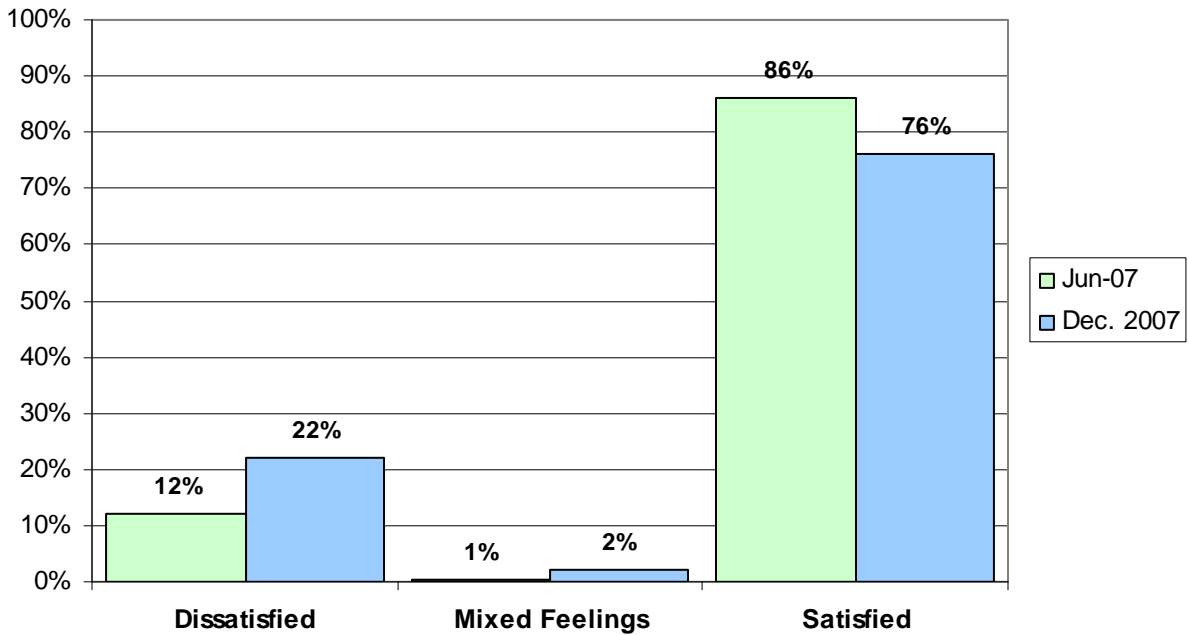


(#NOTE: The voluntary middle category for all satisfaction questions on previous Badger Polls was "neither," this category has been changed to "mixed feelings" with Badger Poll #25, to better reflect the comments that respondents were offering.)

Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in Wisconsin



Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going for You Personally



WISCONSINITES' APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE

The approval rating for Governor Jim Doyle remains unchanged since the June 2007 finding of Badger Poll #24 (52%). The approval rating for the State Legislature on the other hand, has declined significantly. In June 57% of Wisconsinites approved of the way the State Legislature was handling its job, but in late fall of 2007 only 40% approve with a majority now disapproving of the way the State Legislature is handling its job.

Approval for Governor Jim Doyle

	Approve	Neither (vol.)	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	52%	3%	41%	3%	1%	(507)
June '07	52%	2%	41%	4%	1%	(502)

Approval for the Wisconsin State Legislature

	Approve	Neither (vol.)	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	40%	2%	53%	5%	<1%	(507)
June '07	57%	2%	36%	4%	1%	(502)

Trend for Gubernatorial Job Rating, Jim Doyle

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Too Soon (Vol.)	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
December '07	3%	34%	39%	22%	--	2%	<1%	(507)
June '07	8%	37%	29%	22%	--	7%	--	(502)
October '06	6%	37%	33%	21%	--	2%	1%	(508)
June '06	6%	31%	36%	21%	--	5%	1%	(508)
May '05	5%	35%	42%	12%	--	5%	1%	(509)
April '05	5%	34%	41%	15%	--	4%	1%	(501)
January '05	5%	41%	38%	10%	--	6%	1%	(503)
October '04	6%	39%	38%	11%	--	6%	--	(545)
October '03	5%	36%	39%	14%	3%	3%	--	(511)
August '03	4%	30%	39%	16%	5%	6%	--	(511)
May '03	4%	32%	42%	10%	5%	7%	--	(503)
April '03	4%	33%	35%	10%	9%	10%	--	(509)
March '03	7%	36%	31%	10%	10%	6%	--	(504)
February '03	5%	34%	27%	5%	22%	7%	--	(514)

WISCONSINITES' APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. CONGRESS

Large majorities of Wisconsinites disapprove of the way the President is handling his job. Nearly three times as many disapprove compared to approve of the job George W. Bush is doing as President. The approval of the U.S. Congress in Wisconsin is not much better. 61% disapprove of the way the Congress is handling its job and only 33% approve.

Approval for President George W. Bush

	Approve	Neither (vol.)	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	23%	3%	73%	1%	<1%	(507)
June '07	30%	1%	69%	<1%	--	(502)
Oct. '06	36%	2%	61%	<1%	1%	(508)

Trend in Presidential Job Rating, George W. Bush

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
December '07	5%	14%	33%	47%	<1%	<1%	(507)
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)
June '02	25%	44%	22%	8%	1%	<1%	(524)
March '02	28%	40%	22%	7%	1%	1%	(597)

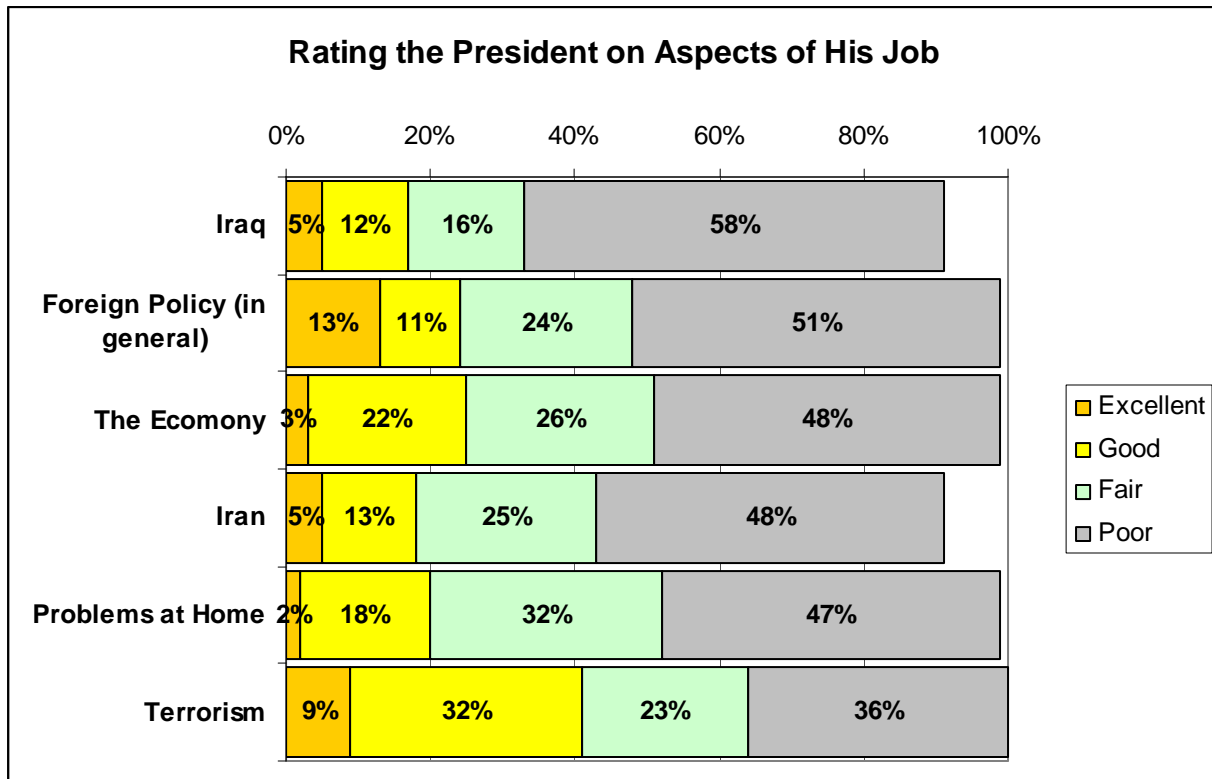
Approval for the U.S. Congress

	Approve	Neither (vol.)	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	33%	2%	61%	4%	<1%	(507)
June '07	41%	3%	54%	2%	--	(502)

Trend in the Job Rating for the U.S. Congress

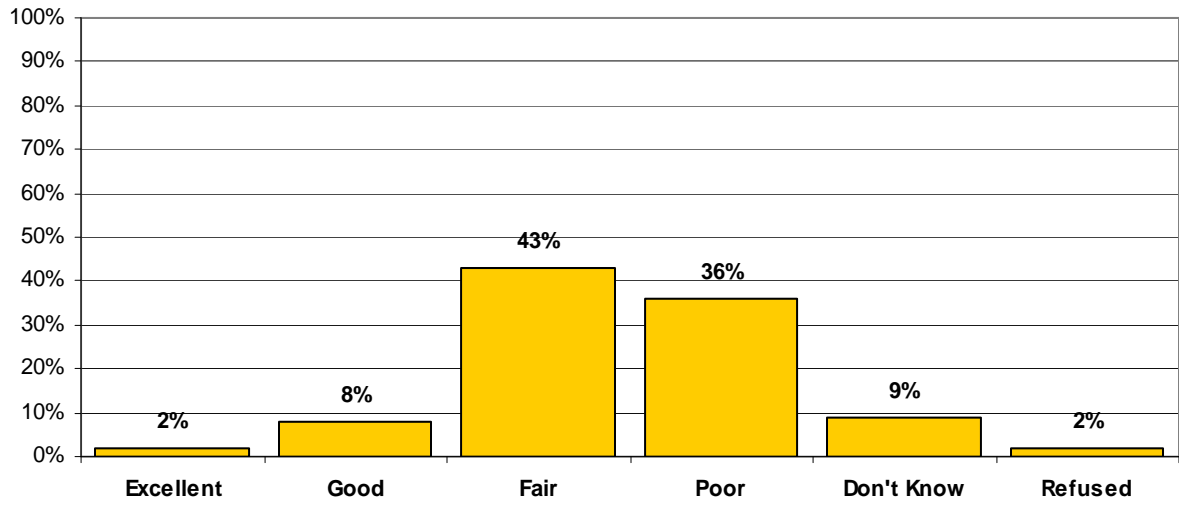
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
December '07	1%	14%	57%	29%	1%	<1%	(507)
June '07	1%	23%	47%	29%	<1%	--	(502)
June '04	<1%	24%	56%	17%	3%	--	(504)
April '04	2%	29%	52%	12%	5%	<1%	(511)
March '04	1%	25%	56%	14%	4%	<1%	(500)
January '04	1%	31%	52%	14%	2%	--	(502)
October '03	1%	34%	48%	15%	2%	--	(511)
May '03	1%	34%	46%	15%	4%	1%	(503)
February '03	1%	37%	45%	12%	5%	<1%	(504)

The chart below ranks the six areas in which respondents were asked to rate the President's performance.



Comparing the chart above with similar results with respect to Congress (see the chart below), nearly 6 in 10 Wisconsinites say that the President is doing a “poor” job dealing with Iraq, but only 36% say that the U.S. Congress is doing a “poor” job dealing with Iraq. The Congress’ job rating on Iraq is not much better over all, but it appears that more Wisconsinites are in agreement with Congress on dealing with the situation in Iraq than with President George W. Bush .

Rating the U.S. Congress on Iraq



PUBLIC OPINION IN WISCONSIN ON THE SITUATION IN IRAQ

The tables below show the findings of the latest Badger Poll on the public opinion of Wisconsinites on the situation in Iraq.

The Decision to Take Military Action Against Iraq					
	Right	Wrong	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	37%	52%	2%	9%	(507)
June '07	40%	56%	3%	1%	(502)

Trend for Favor or Oppose a Timetable for Withdrawal from Iraq					
	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	60%	29%	2%	8%	(507)
June '07	57%	41%	2%	<1%	(502)
Oct. '06	58%	40%	2%	--	(508)
June '06	53%	43%	4%	<1%	(508)

Trend for Number of U.S. Military Forces in Iraq						
	Increase	About the same	Decrease	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Dec. '07	6%	30%	52%	3%	8%	(507)
June '07	14%	30%	52%	2%	<1%	(502)
Oct. '06	17%	24%	51%	7%	1%	(508)
June '06	9%	31%	52%	6%	2%	(508)

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)
Dec. '07	11%	41%	--	--	(507)
June '07	15%	37%	<1%	<1%	(502)
Oct. '06	13%	38%	--	--	(508)
June '06	10%	42%	<1%	--	(508)

APPENDIX:

Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in the United States Today							
		Dissatisfied	Mixed (Vol.)	Satisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		65%	6%	29%	<1%	<1%	(507)
Gender	Men	57%	8%	35%	--	<1%	(215)
	Women	73%	3%	24%	<1%	--	(292)
Party ID	Democrats	76%	4%	19%	1%	--	(184)
	Republicans	59%	2%	39%	<1%	<1%	(114)
	Independents & Others	59%	10%	30%	--	--	(188)
Ages	18 to 29*	66%	4%	30%	--	--	(36)
	30 to 44	62%	7%	30%	1%	--	(94)
	45 to 59	59%	6%	35%	--	--	(182)
	60 and over	74%	6%	19%	1%	1%	(195)
Education	High school graduate or less	67%	9%	23%	1%	1%	(183)
	Some college	69%	3%	29%	--	--	(138)
	College graduate or more	60%	6%	34%	--	--	(183)
View on Military Action in Iraq							
	Right decision	40%	7%	52%	1%	--	(173)
	Wrong decision	79%	5%	17%	--	<1%	(309)

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Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going in Wisconsin Today							
		Dissatisfied	Mixed (Vol.)	Satisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		45%	6%	48%	1%	--	(507)
Gender	Men	42%	5%	52%	<1%	--	(215)
	Women	47%	7%	44%	2%	--	(292)
Party ID	Democrats	30%	5%	63%	2%	--	(184)
	Republicans	63%	3%	34%	2%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	41%	10%	47%	--	--	(188)
Ages	18 to 29*	57%	4%	40%	--	--	(36)
	30 to 44	33%	9%	55%	2%	--	(94)
	45 to 59	46%	3%	51%	--	--	(182)
	60 and over	46%	9%	44%	2%	--	(195)
Education	High school graduate or less	44%	9%	45%	2%	--	(183)
	Some college	49%	4%	46%	1%	--	(138)
	College graduate or more	40%	6%	53%	1%	--	(183)
Region	Milwaukee County	52%	12%	35%	1%	--	(102)
	SE WI, w/o Mil. Co.	37%	8%	52%	3%	--	(86)
	SC WI, Greater Madison	40%	6%	54%	--	--	(91)
	NE WI, Fox Valley	32%	6%	61%	1%	--	(79)
	NC Wisconsin*	72%	3%	24%	1%	--	(65)
	Western & NW Wisconsin	29%	3%	66%	1%	--	(84)

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Satisfaction with the Way Things are Going for You Personally							
		Dissatisfied	Mixed (Vol.)	Satisfied	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		22%	2%	76%	<1%	<1%	(507)
Gender	Men	11%	2%	87%	<1%	<1%	(215)
	Women	33%	2%	65%	--	--	(292)
Party ID	Democrats	17%	1%	82%	--	--	(184)
	Republicans	35%	1%	64%	--	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	18%	2%	79%	1%	--	(188)
Ages	18 to 29*	39%	3%	58%	--	--	(36)
	30 to 44	15%	--	85%	--	--	(94)
	45 to 59	22%	1%	77%	--	<1%	(182)
	60 and over	15%	3%	80%	1%	--	(195)
Education	High school graduate or less	23%	3%	74%	--	--	(183)
	Some college	37%	1%	62%	1%	<1%	(138)
	College graduate or more	7%	1%	92%	--	--	(183)
Region	Milwaukee County	19%	1%	79%	--	--	(102)
	SE WI, w/o Mil. Co.	15%	--	85%	--	--	(86)
	SC WI, Greater Madison	13%	1%	86%	--	--	(91)
	NE WI, Fox Valley	21%	3%	75%	1%	--	(79)
	NC Wisconsin*	54%	4%	42%	--	--	(65)
	Western & NW Wisconsin	9%	--	91%	--	--	(84)

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Gubernatorial Approval, Jim Doyle

		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		52%	3%	41%	3%	1%	(507)
Gender	Men	56%	2%	40%	2%	--	(215)
	Women	48%	2%	43%	5%	1%	(292)
Party ID	Democrats	76%	2%	20%	2%	--	(184)
	Republicans	25%	1%	72%	2%	--	(114)
	Independents & Others	53%	5%	37%	7%	--	(188)
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	30 to 44	47%	1%	44%	6%	1%	(94)
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	60 and over	56%	3%	36%	4%	1%	(195)
Education	High school graduate or less	52%	5%	37%	4%	1%	(183)
	Some college	41%	1%	55%	3%	--	(138)
	College graduate or more	65%	2%	29%	3%	--	(183)
Region	Milwaukee County	60%	6%	32%	1%	1%	(102)
	SE WI, w/o Mil. Co.	51%	--	47%	2%	--	(86)
	SC WI, Greater Madison	56%	5%	35%	3%	--	(91)
	NE WI, Fox Valley	65%	4%	28%	3%	--	(79)
	NC Wisconsin*	27%	1%	69%	1%	1%	(65)
	Western & NW Wisconsin	58%	2%	29%	10%	--	(84)

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Approval of the Wisconsin State Legislature

		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		39%	3%	53%	5%	<1%	(507)
Gender	Men	39%	2%	55%	4%	--	(215)
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Party ID	Democrats	48%	4%	45%	4%	--	(184)
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	Some college	37%	2%	58%	3%	--	(138)
	College graduate or more	39%	1%	54%	6%	--	(183)
Region	Milwaukee County	38%	2%	56%	2%	1%	(102)
	SE WI, w/o Mil. Co.	50%	1%	46%	3%	--	(86)
	SC WI, Greater Madison	33%	6%	52%	8%	--	(91)
	NE WI, Fox Valley	51%	6%	39%	4%	--	(79)
	NC Wisconsin*	23%	1%	73%	2%	1%	(65)
	Western & NW Wisconsin	45%	--	47%	8%	--	(84)

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Presidential Approval Rating, George W. Bush							
		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		23%	3%	73%	1%	<1%	(507)
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View on Military Action in Iraq							
	Right decision	52%	4%	43%	1%	--	(173)
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Approval Rating for the U.S. Congress							
		Approve	Neither	Disapprove	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
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The Decision to Take Military Action Against Iraq						
		Right Decision	Wrong Decision	Don't Know	Refused	(N)
Overall		37%	52%	2%	9%	(507)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq						
	Yes	40%	42%	1%	17%	(202)
	No	34%	62%	4%	1%	(304)
Gender						
	Men	47%	51%	2%	<1%	(215)
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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		60%	29%	2%	8%	(507)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq						
	Yes	54%	28%	2%	16%	(202)
	No	67%	31%	2%	--	(304)
Gender						
	Men	58%	40%	2%	--	(215)
	Women	62%	19%	3%	16%	(292)
Party ID						
	Democrats	86%	13%	1%	--	(184)
	Republicans	24%	45%	2%	28%	(114)
	Independents & Others	65%	32%	3%	--	(118)
Ages						
	18 to 29*	45%	19%	--	36%	(36)
	30 to 44	75%	22%	2%	1%	(94)
	45 to 59	59%	37%	4%	--	(182)
	60 and over	59%	38%	3%	--	(195)
Education						
	High school graduate or less	68%	27%	4%	1%	(183)
	Some college	51%	25%	1%	23%	(138)
	College graduate or more	63%	34%	3%	--	(183)

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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		6%	30%	52%	2%	8%	(507)
Know someone in the military or in Iraq							
	Yes	6%	30%	47%	1%	16%	(202)
	No	7%	30%	58%	5%	--	(304)
Gender							
	Men	9%	36%	51%	4%	--	(215)
	Women	4%	25%	54%	2%	16%	(292)
Party ID							
	Democrats	6%	23%	70%	1%	--	(184)
	Republicans	6%	39%	24%	1%	29%	(114)
	Independents & Others	6%	29%	58%	5%	1%	(118)
Ages							
	18 to 29*	4%	24%	35%	--	36%	(36)
	30 to 44	7%	30%	59%	4%	1%	(94)
	45 to 59	8%	31%	56%	4%	--	(182)
	60 and over	3%	35%	58%	4%	--	(195)
Education							
	High school graduate or less	9%	35%	53%	2%	1%	(183)
	Some college	2%	30%	44%	1%	23%	(138)
	College graduate or more	8%	26%	61%	5%	1%	(183)

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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	[#NOTE: only asked if 'GNS01A' is satisfied or dissatisfied] Would you say you are very [satisfied/dissatisfied] or are you only somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?
GWS01A	In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the state of Wisconsin today?
GWS01B	[#NOTE: only asked if 'GWS01A' is satisfied or dissatisfied] Would you say you are very [satisfied/dissatisfied] or are you only somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?
GNS04_A	Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going for you personally ?
GNS04_B	[#NOTE: only asked if 'GNS04_A' is satisfied or dissatisfied] Would you say you are very [satisfied/dissatisfied] or are you only somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?
JOB04	How would you rate the job Jim Doyle is doing as Governor of Wisconsin? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?
APP_02	Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Jim Doyle is handling his job as Governor of Wisconsin?
APP_02A	[#NOTE: only asked if 'APP_02' is satisfied or dissatisfied] Would you say you strongly [approve/disapprove] or do you only somewhat [approve/disapprove] of the way Jim Doyle is handling his job as Governor?
APP_04	Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the Wisconsin Legislature is handling its job -- that is the Wisconsin State Assembly and the Wisconsin State Senate?
APP_04A	[#NOTE: only asked if 'APP_04' is satisfied or dissatisfied] Would you say you strongly [approve/disapprove] or do you only somewhat [approve/disapprove] of the way Jim Doyle is handling his job as Governor?
APP_01	Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
APP_01A	[#NOTE: only asked if 'APP_01' is satisfied or dissatisfied] 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]

GWB08B Dealing with Iran? [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?

APP_03 Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job -- that is the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate?

APP_03A [#NOTE: only asked if 'APP_03' is satisfied or dissatisfied] Would you say you strongly [approve/disapprove] or do you only somewhat [approve/disapprove] of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

RATE03Z How would you rate the job that the U.S. Congress is doing handling the situation in Iraq? Would you say 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?

IRAQ01X Looking back, do you think the United States made the right decision or the wrong decision in taking military action against Iraq?

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 [#NOTE: only asked if 'IRAQ23' is decreased] Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased but not all withdrawn immediately?

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 507 persons who were randomly chosen within households with working landline telephone numbers and interviewed between November 27 and December 5, 2007, inclusive. During this time period, the UWSC made over 14,500 phone calls to 2,950 telephone numbers. Calls were made between 9AM and 9PM Monday through Friday and between 10AM and 5PM on Saturday and from 12 noon to 9PM on Sunday. 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 57% of the 507 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).

DEFINITION OF REGIONS

Region	Counties Included in Region
Milwaukee County:	only Milwaukee County
SE WI, without Milwaukee County:	Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha
SC WI, greater Madison:	Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock, Sauk
NE WI, Fox Valley & Green Bay:	Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Winnebago
North Central WI:	Adams, Florence, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Portage, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara, Wood
Western & NW WI:	Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Crawford, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Grant, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Richland, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Washburn

Data sources: (1) question asked to respondents "In which county do you?", (2) question asked to respondents "What is your zip code?", and (3) the county that the telephone number is assigned to by SSI (by plurality of listed telephone numbers known to be in a county).