

Q1. TO BEGIN WITH, HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES FOR PRESIDENT BUSH TO DEAL WITH IN HIS SECOND TERM?
1) WAR IN IRAQ

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	45%
VERY IMPORTANT	39%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	8%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	5%
DON' T KNOW	3%
REFUSED	*

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2) JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	37%
VERY IMPORTANT	48%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	12%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	1%
DON' T KNOW	1%
REFUSED	*

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3) MORAL VALUES ISSUES, SUCH AS ABORTION AND GAY MARRIAGE

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	19%
VERY IMPORTANT	27%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	21%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	30%
DON' T KNOW	2%
REFUSED	-

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4) SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM**

**ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	30%
VERY IMPORTANT	45%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	14%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	8%
DON' T KNOW	2%
REFUSED	*

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5) EDUCATION**

**ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====**

EXTREMELY CRITICAL	35%
VERY IMPORTANT	50%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	12%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	2%
DON' T KNOW	*
REFUSED	*

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6) THE ENVIRONMENT**

**ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====**

EXTREMELY CRITICAL	24%
VERY IMPORTANT	47%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	23%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	5%
DON' T KNOW	1%
REFUSED	-

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7) HOMELAND SECURITY**

**ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	36%
VERY IMPORTANT	47%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	12%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	3%
DON' T KNOW	2%
REFUSED	-

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8) ATTEMPTING TO BRING PEACE BETWEEN THE ISRAELI'S AND THE PALESTINIANS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	18%
VERY IMPORTANT	36%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	28%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	15%
DON' T KNOW	2%
REFUSED	*

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9) TAX REFORM

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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EXTREMELY CRITICAL	17%
VERY IMPORTANT	44%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	25%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	8%
DON' T KNOW	6%
REFUSED	*

Q2. IN GENERAL, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE WAY PRESIDENT BUSH IS HANDLING HIS JOB AS PRESIDENT?
BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13 (995)	53	43	3	-
12/13 - 12/14 (1009)	49	43	6	2
10/19 - 10/21 (1059)	53	44	2	1
10/14 - 10/15 (1000)	49	49	2	*
10/6 - 10/7 (1024)	50	46	3	1
9/21 - 9/23 (1014)	53	43	4	*
9/7 - 9/9 (1013)	56	41	3	*
8/31 - 9/2 (1128)	55	42	3	*
8/24 - 8/26 (1026)	51	45	3	1
8/3 - 8/5 (1001)	50	46	3	*
7/20 - 7/22 (1059)	50	47	4	*

Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?

A) HANDLING THE ECONOMY
BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13 (999)	51	44	5	-
12/13 - 12/14 (1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21 (1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15 (1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7 (1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23 (1014)	46	49	5	*
9/7 - 9/9 (1013)	52	45	2	*
8/31 - 9/2 (1128)	48	48	4	*
8/24 - 8/26 (1026)	46	49	5	*
8/3 - 8/5 (1001)	43	54	3	*
7/20 - 7/22 (1059)	44	52	4	*

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Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?
 B) HIS EMPHASIS ON MORAL VALUES AND RELIGION

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13	(996)	56	36	8	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	58	32	9	1
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	61	33	5	1
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	57	35	7	1
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	60	32	7	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	56	37	7	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	55	38	7	*

Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?
 C) HANDLING THE SITUATION IN IRAQ

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13	(999)	45	51	4	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	48	48	3	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	51	45	3	-
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	50	46	3	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	48	48	3	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	45	52	3	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	41	55	5	*

Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?
 D) HANDLING THE WAR ON TERRORISM

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13	(998)	56	40	4	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	57	39	3	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	61	37	2	-
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	59	38	3	1
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	55	40	4	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	56	41	3	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	51	46	3	*

Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?
 E) HANDLING OF SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES

ALL
 RESPONDENTS
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APPROVE	40%
DISAPPROVE	49%
DON' T KNOW	11%

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Q4. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, OR ARE THEY OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

	(Base)	Right Direction	Wrong Track	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	46	49	5	*
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	40	50	10	*
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	43	51	6	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	46	49	5	*
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	45	50	4	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	-	-	-	-
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	44	51	5	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	42	52	6	*

Q4A. DO YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES WAS RIGHT OR WRONG IN GOING TO WAR WITH IRAQ?

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20-10/21)/Total Respondents (12/13-1/13)

	(Base)	Right	Wrong	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	42	51	6	1
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	45	49	5	1
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	48	46	6	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	52	43	5	*
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	52	41	6	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	50	43	6	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	47	47	5	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	46	49	5	*

Q5. PRESIDENT BUSH SAID THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE OVERHAULED IMMEDIATELY TO AVERT A CRISIS IN THE FUTURE. OTHERS SAY THAT THE SYSTEM CAN BE SAVED WITH RELATIVELY SMALL CHANGES AND THAT THIS IS JUST A SCARE TACTIC SO THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN PUT THROUGH HIS OWN PLAN TO CHANGE SOCIAL SECURITY. WHICH VIEW IS CLOSET TO YOUR OWN - IS THERE A CRISIS OR IS THIS JUST A SCARE TACTIC?

ALL RESPONDENTS
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CRISIS	45%
SCARE TACTIC/NO RUSH	44%
NEITHER/OTHER	3%
DON' T KNOW	7%
REFUSED	*

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Q6. ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING FULL-TIME OUTSIDE THE HOME, PART-TIME, UNEMPLOYED BUT LOOKING FOR WORK, UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK, A HOMEMAKER, A STUDENT OR RETIRED?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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WORKING FULL TIME	52%
PART-TIME	10%
UNEMPLOYED BUT LOOKING FOR WORK	6%
UNEMPLOYED BUT NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	3%
A HOMEMAKER	6%
A STUDENT	3%
RETIRED	20%
DON' T KNOW	*
REFUSED	-

Q6A. HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU THAT, WHEN YOU RETIRE, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE FULL PROMISED BENEFITS YOU' RE ENTITLED TO UNDER THE CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM?

BASE: NOT RETIRED/UNSPECIFIED (793)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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VERY CONFIDENT	15%
SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	29%
NOT VERY CONFIDENT	27%
NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	26%
DON' T KNOW	2%
REFUSED	1%

Q7A. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME DO YOU EXPECT WILL COME FROM SOCIAL SECURITY?

BASE: NOT RETIRED/UNSPECIFIED (793)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

0- 9%	17%
10- 19%	10%
20- 29%	15%
30- 39%	12%
40- 49%	7%
50- 74%	16%
75- 100%	9%
DON' T KNOW	16%
REFUSED	*

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Q7B. PRESIDENT BUSH FAVORS CHANGING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO INVEST PART OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAX IN STOCKS AND BONDS. DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED CHANGE TO SOCIAL SECURITY?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR CHANGE	44%
OPPOSE CHANGE	47%
DON' T KNOW	9%
REFUSED	*

Q7C. WHAT IF UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH'S PROPOSED SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS, YOU WOULD GET LESS GUARANTEED MONEY FROM SOCIAL SECURITY UPON RETIREMENT, BUT YOU ALSO GET THE MONEY FROM YOUR PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT. WOULD YOU THEN FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR BUSH PLAN	41%
OPPOSE BUSH PLAN	48%
OTHER	*
DON' T KNOW	10%
REFUSED	*

Q8. UNDER THE BUSH PLAN, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BORROW BETWEEN ONE TRILLION AND TWO TRILLION DOLLARS OR MORE OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS OR SO TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY TO RETIREES IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE MONEY GOING INTO THE PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS. THE MONEY WOULD BE PAID BACK LATER, OVER TIME. WOULD YOU NOW FAVOR OR OPPOSE ALLOWING SOME SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY TO BE INVESTED IN PRIVATE ACCOUNTS AND REDUCING BENEFITS IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO BORROW UP TO TWO TRILLION DOLLARS IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS TO PAY FOR THE NEW PLAN?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR BUSH PLAN	21%
OPPOSE BUSH PLAN	69%
DON' T KNOW	8%
REFUSED	1%

Q9. DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU PERSONALLY WOULD DO BETTER IN THE LONG RUN INVESTING PART OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAX IN STOCKS AND BONDS, OR WOULD YOU DO BETTER UNDER THE CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WHICH PAYS BENEFITS REGARDLESS OF THE PERFORMANCE OF STOCKS AND BONDS?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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BETTER INVESTING	33%
BETTER UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM	56%
DON' T KNOW	10%
REFUSED	1%

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Q11. THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT SOME PEOPLE SAY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD OPERATE WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE EACH ONE.

A) RAISING THE AGE LEVEL FOR PEOPLE CURRENTLY UNDER AGE 40 FOR WHEN THEY CAN EXPECT TO START RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR	38%
OPPOSE	54%
DON' T KNOW	8%
REFUSED	*

Q11. THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT SOME PEOPLE SAY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD OPERATE WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE EACH ONE.

B) RAISING SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES NOW TO FUND THE SYSTEM INTO THE FUTURE

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR	41%
OPPOSE	53%
DON' T KNOW	6%
REFUSED	*

Q11. THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT SOME PEOPLE SAY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD OPERATE WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE EACH ONE.

C) RAISING THE CURRENT CAP ON PAYING SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES BEYOND THE CURRENT LIMIT OF 87,000 DOLLARS A YEAR IN EARNINGS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR	48%
OPPOSE	41%
DON' T KNOW	11%
REFUSED	*

Q11. THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT SOME PEOPLE SAY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD OPERATE WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE EACH ONE.

D) REDUCING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR WEALTHIER PEOPLE

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR	58%
OPPOSE	38%
DON' T KNOW	4%
REFUSED	*

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E) ALLOWING PEOPLE TO INVEST MORE IN TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR	73%
OPPOSE	19%
DON' T KNOW	8%
REFUSED	*

Q11. THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT SOME PEOPLE SAY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM COULD OPERATE WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE EACH ONE.

F) PROVIDING MORE INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK BEYOND AGES 62 OR 65L Q11_1

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

FAVOR	69%
OPPOSE	28%
DON' T KNOW	3%
REFUSED	*

Q11A. WHO DO YOU TRUST MOST TO PROTECT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS - THE PRESIDENT, THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

PRESIDENT BUSH	19%
REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS	21%
DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS	41%
NONE/NO ONE	12%
DON' T KNOW	7%
REFUSED	*

Q12. HOW GOOD A JOB ARE YOU PERSONALLY DOING IN SAVING FOR RETIREMENT?

BASE: NOT RETIRED (794)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

EXCELLENT	13%
GOOD	32%
FAIR	31%
POOR	23%
DON' T KNOW	1%
REFUSED	1%

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Q13. DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER A RETIREMENT OR PENSION PLAN?

BASE: EMPLOYED (644)

ALL
RESPONDENTS
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YES, OFFERS	66%
NO, DOES NOT	32%
DON' T KNOW	1%
REFUSED	*

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