

# TIME MAGAZINE/SRBI – Post-election Political Study

FINAL DATA-December 13-14, 2004

BASE=1009 Adults

Q17. DID THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE LAST MONTH MAKE YOU VERY HAPPY, SOMEWHAT HAPPY, SOMEWHAT UNHAPPY, VERY UNHAPPY, OR DID IT NOT REALLY HAVE ANY IMPACT ON YOUR LEVEL OF HAPPINESS?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
VERY HAPPY	23%
SOMEWHAT HAPPY	16%
SOMEWHAT UNHAPPY	11%
VERY UNHAPPY	25%
NO IMPACT	24%
DON' T KNOW	*
REFUSED	1%

Q18. MANY PEOPLE DIDN' T VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAST MONTH BETWEEN GEORGE W. BUSH AND JOHN KERRY. DO YOU RECALL IF YOU VOTED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAST MONTH?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
YES, VOTED	78%
NO, DID NOT VOTE	22%
TOO YOUNG TO VOTE/UNDER 18 AT THAT TIME	*
DON' T REMEMBER	-
DON' T KNOW	-
REFUSED	*

Q19. DID YOU VOTE FOR GEORGE BUSH OR JOHN KERRY?  
BASE: VOTED IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
BUSH	46%
KERRY	44%
NADER	1%
OTHER	1%
DIDN' T VOTE	*
DON' T KNOW	*
REFUSED	7%

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Q20. DID YOU VOTE FOR GEORGE W. BUSH MORE BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION ON THE ISSUES OR MORE BECAUSE OF HIS CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY?  
BASE: VOTED FOR BUSH

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

POSITION ON ISSUES	48%
CHARACTER/PERSONALITY	25%
BOTH	21%
OTHER	5%
NOT SURE	1%
REFUSED	-

Q21. OVERALL, DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT BUSH WILL BE MORE CONSERVATIVE, LESS CONSERVATIVE OR ABOUT THE SAME IN HIS SECOND TERM COMPARED TO HIS FIRST TERM?

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE CONSERVATIVE	26%
LESS CONSERVATIVE	11%
ABOUT THE SAME	54%
NOT SURE	8%
REFUSED	1%

Q22. IN GENERAL, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE WAY PRESIDENT BUSH IS HANDLING HIS JOB AS PRESIDENT?

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

APPROVE	49%
DISAPPROVE	43%
DON' T KNOW	6%
REFUSED	2%

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Q23. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING GEORGE BUSH IN HIS SECOND TERM AS PRESIDENT?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
THE ECONOMY/JOB	11%
MORAL VALUES ISSUES, SUCH AS THE GAY MARRIAGE AND ABORTION	2%
HEALTH CARE	2%
SOCIAL SECURITY	1%
TAXES	1%
IRAQ/WAR/BRING TROOPS HOME	53%
TERRORISM	7%
POVERTY	*
EDUCATION	*
DEFICIT	2%
OTHER ISSUE	12%
DON' T KNOW	8%
REFUSED	1%

Q24. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, OR ARE THEY OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
RIGHT DIRECTION	40%
WRONG TRACK	50%
DON' T KNOW	10%
REFUSED	*

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Q25. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH KARL ROVE?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
VERY FAMILIAR	6%
SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR	15%
NOT VERY FAMILIAR	21%
NEVER HEARD OF HIM	57%
DON' T KNOW	1%
REFUSED	*

Q26. KARL ROVE IS A SENIOR POLITICAL CONSULTANT AND STRATEGIST IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION. HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO YOU THINK KARL ROVE HAS IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION?

BASE: AWARE OF KARL ROVE

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
A GREAT DEAL	40%
SOME	30%
NOT MUCH	10%
NONE AT ALL	2%
DON' T KNOW	18%
REFUSED	-

Q27. DO YOU THINK KARL ROVE HAS TOO MUCH, TOO LITTLE OR JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF INFLUENCE IN THE ADMINISTRATION?

BASE: AWARE OF KARL ROVE

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
TOO MUCH	29%
TOO LITTLE	6%
THE RIGHT AMOUNT	33%
DON' T KNOW	32%
REFUSED	-

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## Q28A. WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL IMPRESSION OF THE BUSH FAMILY?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
VERY FAVORABLE	24%
SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE	35%
SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	16%
VERY UNFAVORABLE	18%
DON' T KNOW	5%
REFUSED	1%

## Q28B. WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL IMPRESSION OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
VERY FAVORABLE	24%
SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE	41%
SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	16%
VERY UNFAVORABLE	11%
DON' T KNOW	8%
REFUSED	1%

Q29. WHEN A MEMBER OF THE BUSH FAMILY RUNS FOR POLITICAL OFFICE, DOES THIS GENERALLY MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON, LESS LIKELY, OR DOES IT NOT HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR DECISION TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON	14%
LESS LIKELY TO VOTE	26%
HAS NO IMPACT ON DECISION TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON	56%
DON' T KNOW	3%
REFUSED	1%

Q29. WHEN A MEMBER OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY RUNS FOR POLITICAL OFFICE, DOES THIS GENERALLY MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON, LESS LIKELY, OR DOES IT NOT HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR DECISION TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON	19%
LESS LIKELY TO VOTE	18%
HAS NO IMPACT ON DECISION TO VOTE FOR THAT PERSON	59%
DON' T KNOW	4%
REFUSED	*

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Q30. DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE GEORGE W. BUSH OR HIS FATHER, FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH?

A) HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GEORGE W BUSH	19%
MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	37%
DESCRIBES BOTH	20%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	16%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	7%
REFUSED	1%

Q30. DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE GEORGE W. BUSH OR HIS FATHER, FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH?

B) CARES ABOUT PEOPLE

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GEORGE W BUSH	26%
MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	30%
DESCRIBES BOTH	22%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	12%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	9%
REFUSED	1%

Q30. DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE GEORGE W. BUSH OR HIS FATHER, FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH?

C) UNDERSTANDS THE ISSUES

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GEORGE W BUSH	25%
MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	43%
DESCRIBES BOTH	15%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	8%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	8%
REFUSED	1%

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D) IS LIKEABLE

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GEORGE W BUSH	28%
MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	38%
DESCRIBES BOTH	18%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	9%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	6%
REFUSED	1%

Q30. DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE GEORGE W. BUSH OR HIS FATHER, FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH?

E) HAS GOOD JUDGMENT

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

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MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	43%
DESCRIBES BOTH	14%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	12%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	8%
REFUSED	1%

Q30. DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE GEORGE W. BUSH OR HIS FATHER, FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH?

F) STICKS TO HIS POSITIONS, EVEN IF THEY ARE POLITICALLY UNPOPULAR

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GEORGE W BUSH	56%
MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	16%
DESCRIBES BOTH	15%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	3%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	9%
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G) STRONG LEADER

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

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MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH	35%
DESCRIBES BOTH	14%
DESCRIBES NEITHER	11%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	6%
REFUSED	1%

Q31. DO YOU THINK GEORGE W. BUSH IS MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN HIS FATHER, MORE MODERATE OR ABOUT THE SAME?

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN HIS FATHER	22%
MORE MODERATE	20%
ABOUT THE SAME	49%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	8%
REFUSED	1%

Q32. THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS ARE BOTH CURRENTLY CONTROLLED BY THE SAME PARTY, THE REPUBLICANS. GENERALLY SPEAKING, IS IT BETTER WHEN ONE PARTY CONTROLS THE PRESIDENCY AND CONGRESS, OR IS IT BETTER WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS FROM A DIFFERENT PARTY THAN THE ONE THAT CONTROLS CONGRESS?

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

BETTER IF ONE PARTY CONTROLS	30%
BETTER IF DIFFERENT PARTIES	52%
DOESN' T MATTER	5%
DON' T KNOW	12%
REFUSED	1%

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Q33. WOULD IT BE BETTER IF THE PRESIDENT AND THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS TRY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEMOCRATS, OR WOULD IT BE BETTER IF THE PRESIDENT JUST ADVANCES HIS OWN PROGRAMS AND NOT WORRY ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS?

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

SHOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEMOCRATS	84%
NOT WORRY ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS	9%
DON' T KNOW/NOT SURE	5%
REFUSED	1%

Q34. DID THE SIZE OF GEORGE W. BUSH'S VICTORY IN NOVEMBER MEAN HE HAS A MANDATE TO ADVANCE HIS OWN PROGRAMS AND AGENDA IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WITHOUT COMPROMISING WITH THOSE WHO DISAGREE, OR DID HIS VICTORY NOT REALLY GIVE HIM A MANDATE IN THIS AREA?  
A) CHANGING SOCIAL SECURITY TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO INVEST IN PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

PRESIDENT BUSH HAS A MANDATE TO ADVANCE PROGRAMS/AGENDA	33%
PRESIDENT BUSH DOES NOT HAVE A MANDATE	46%
DON' T KNOW	20%
REFUSED	1%

Q34. DID THE SIZE OF GEORGE W. BUSH'S VICTORY IN NOVEMBER MEAN HE HAS A MANDATE TO ADVANCE HIS OWN PROGRAMS AND AGENDA IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WITHOUT COMPROMISING WITH THOSE WHO DISAGREE, OR DID HIS VICTORY NOT REALLY GIVE HIM A MANDATE IN THIS AREA?  
B) CHANGING THE CURRENT TAX STRUCTURE

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

PRESIDENT BUSH HAS A MANDATE TO ADVANCE PROGRAMS/AGENDA	38%
PRESIDENT BUSH DOES NOT HAVE A MANDATE	45%
DON' T KNOW	16%
REFUSED	1%

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Q35. FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT LAWSUITS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, SUCH AS FROM AUTO ACCIDENTS, OR WHEN DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS ARE ACCUSED OF MISTAKES IN TREATMENT. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD LIMIT THESE LAWSUITS AND PAYMENTS BECAUSE DOCTORS, HOSPITALS AND MANUFACTURERS HAVE TO INCREASE PRICES FOR EVERYONE JUST TO PAY FOR THE LAWSUITS AND THE AWARDS. OTHERS SAY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO LIMIT ON PERSONAL INJURY LAWSUITS AND THE SIZE OF THE SETTLEMENTS AND THAT ONLY THE JUDGES AND JURIES SHOULD DECIDE ON THE AMOUNT. DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD LIMIT WHEN PEOPLE CAN SUE FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND THE SIZE OF THE SETTLEMENT, OR NOT?

ALL  
RESPONDENTS  
=====

GOVERNMENT SHOULD LIMIT WHEN PEOPLE CAN SUE	50%
GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT LIMIT	40%
DEPENDS	6%
DON' T KNOW	3%
REFUSED	1%

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