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Polling was conducted by telephone February 28-March 1, 2006, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

*** Bush Job Ratings Summary ***

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Most recent (28 Feb-1 Mar 06)	39%	54	7
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (8-9 Nov 05)	36%	53	11
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
Democrats	12%	84	4	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
Republicans	77%	15	7	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
Independents	35%	54	11	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
RECENT TREND				29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7	3-4 Mar 04	48%	44	8

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Dick Cheney is doing as vice president?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	35%	53	12
Democrats	12%	77	11
Republicans	69%	19	12
Independents	30%	60	11
13-14 Dec 05	38%	48	13
11-12 Oct 05	41%	43	16
25-26 Apr 05	43%	40	17
11-12 Jan 05	48%	41	11
16-17 Nov 04	50%	38	12
21-22 Apr 04	46%	42	12
14-15 Oct 03	50%	32	18
3-4 Dec 02	53%	23	24
28-29 Nov 01	73%	10	17
14-15 Mar 01	54%	11	35

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	48	16
Democrats	56%	30	14
Republicans	19%	66	15
Independents	23%	57	21
10-11 Jan 06	39%	41	20
8-9 Nov 05	33%	47	20

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	34%	53	13
Democrats	13%	75	12
Republicans	65%	25	10
Independents	26%	55	19
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

5. Which party do you trust to do a better job protecting the country from terrorism, Democrats or Republicans? (ROTATE)

	Trust Democrats	Trust Republicans	(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	33%	38	10	12	7
Democrats	62%	10	12	10	7
Republicans	7%	80	3	6	3
Independents	18%	29	14	27	11
10-11 Jan 06	30%	43	11	9	7

6. When you are deciding whether you approve or disapprove of President Bush's job performance, what do you consider more: (ROTATE)
 SCALE: 1. How he's doing his day-to-day job 2. How things are going in the country in general 3. (Combination) 4. (Other) 5. (Don't know)

	Day-to-day	Country in general	(Comb)	(Other)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	22%	46	26	3	3
Democrats	18%	53	23	4	2
Republicans	26%	40	27	4	3
Independents	24%	39	31	3	3

7. Do you think it would be better for the country if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in this year's election? (ROTATE)

	Democrats win	Republicans win	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	45%	31	19	5
Democrats	83%	3	11	3
Republicans	7%	73	18	3
Independents	30%	24	38	9
7-8 Feb 06	42%	34	18	5
10-11 Jan 06	44%	33	16	7
27-28 Sep 05	40%	32	18	10

8. Thinking ahead to this November's elections, if the congressional election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/ Don't know)
	Vote	Lean	Total	Vote	Lean	Total	
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	44%	4	48	28	6	34	18
Democrats	79%	6	85	4	1	5	11
Republicans	11%	1	12	65	11	76	11
Independents	29%	4	33	22	7	29	38
23-24 Sep 03	35%	6	41	32	4	36	23
22-23 Oct 02 LV	35%	5	40	36	5	41	19
8-9 Oct 02 LV	35%	5	40	36	6	42	18
24-25 Sep 02	43%	2	45	32	10	42	13
6-7 Aug 02	31%	5	36	33	6	39	25
26-27 Feb 02	30%	2	32	34	6	40	28
12-13 Dec 01	21%	8	29	33	7	40	31
28-29 Mar 01	33%	3	36	32	6	38	26
10-11 Jan 01	32%	6	38	26	7	33	29
6-7 Sep 00 LV	34%	7	41	32	8	40	19
24-25 May 00	33%	6	39	36	6	42	19
12-13 Jan 00	32%	4	36	35	7	42	22
6-7 Dec 99	32%	6	38	33	6	39	23
17-18 Nov 99	34%	2	36	37	5	42	22
20-21 Oct 99	35%	5	40	34	7	41	19
22-23 Sep 99	31%	6	37	30	8	38	25
8-9 Sep 99	29%	7	36	33	7	40	24
25-26 Aug 99	34%	5	39	29	7	36	25

9. - 17. Now I am going to mention various areas that receive money from the federal government. For each one, please tell me if you would be willing to pay more in taxes to keep the program going at its current level, or if you would rather see funding for that area cut. Would you rather pay more in taxes or cut funding for . . . [RANDOMIZE]

SCALE: 1. Pay more in taxes 2. Cut funding 3. (Don't know)

***** SUMMARY CHART *****

	Pay more	Cut funding	(DK)
Education	74%	19	7
Health care	69%	21	10
Public safety, such as police forces	67%	22	12
Social Security	67%	19	14
The military	63%	25	12
Repairs on roads and bridges	58%	30	12
Homeland security	56%	32	12
Hurricane relief programs	53%	32	14
Iraq reconstruction	19%	70	11

	Pay more	Cut funding	(DK)
The military	63%	25	12
Democrats	52%	33	15
Republicans	78%	13	9
Independents	59%	30	11
Repairs on roads and bridges	58%	30	12
Democrats	63%	28	9
Republicans	55%	33	12
Independents	52%	31	16
Education	74%	19	7
Democrats	83%	12	5
Republicans	67%	26	7
Independents	70%	21	9
Health care	69%	21	10
Democrats	79%	15	6
Republicans	59%	29	12
Independents	65%	22	13
Public safety, such as police forces	67%	22	12
Democrats	70%	21	9
Republicans	68%	21	11
Independents	55%	28	17
Hurricane relief programs	53%	32	14
Democrats	61%	28	11
Republicans	47%	39	15
Independents	49%	33	19
Homeland security	56%	32	12
Democrats	47%	41	12
Republicans	68%	20	11
Independents	54%	34	11
Social Security	67%	19	14
Democrats	75%	16	9
Republicans	63%	22	15
Independents	59%	24	17
Iraq reconstruction	19%	70	11
Democrats	12%	80	8
Republicans	25%	59	16
Independents	20%	72	8

18. What infrastructure in the United States do you think is most at risk of being a terrorist target?

	28 Feb-1 Mar 06	4-5 Jun 02
1. Airports and airplanes	24%	25
2. Shopping malls	8	13
3. Bridges and tunnels	8	15
4. Trains and subways	11	8
5. Ports	28	11
6. (Other)	13	13
7. (Don't know)	9	15

19. How safe do you believe air travel is in the United States today?

SCALE: 1. Very safe 2. Somewhat safe 3. Not very safe

4. Not at all safe 5. (Don't know)

		--- Safe ---			-- Unsafe --			
		TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
28 Feb-1 Mar	06	86%	40	46	11	6	5	3
	Democrats	85%	38	47	12	7	5	3
	Republicans	91%	45	46	8	5	3	1
	Independents	80%	37	43	15	6	9	5
13-14 Dec	05	84%	37	47	12	6	6	5
8-9 Sep	02	82%	33	49	13	9	4	5
26-27 Feb	02	80%	32	48	17	12	5	3
14-15 Nov	01	76%	30	46	21	14	7	3
17-18 Oct	01	78%	35	43	19	12	7	3

20. How safe do you believe U.S. borders are today?

		--- Safe ---			-- Unsafe --			
		TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
28 Feb-1 Mar	06	39%	12	27	57	31	26	5
	Democrats	37%	14	23	58	32	26	5
	Republicans	42%	11	31	54	31	23	4
	Independents	33%	9	24	63	30	33	5

21. How safe do you believe U.S. ports are today?

		--- Safe ---			-- Unsafe --			
		TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
28 Feb-1 Mar	06	51%	14	37	41	25	16	9
	Democrats	45%	13	32	47	29	18	7
	Republicans	59%	16	43	33	20	13	8
	Independents	47%	12	35	42	24	18	12

22. In the war against terrorism, do you think most Muslims around the world are sympathetic to the United States or the terrorists? (ROTATE)

		U.S.	Terrorists	(Depends)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar	06	22%	42	19	17
	Democrats	24%	40	18	17
	Republicans	21%	48	19	12
	Independents	21%	40	21	18

23. Do you think the United Arab Emirates is a strong ally of the United States in the war against terrorism or not?

		Yes	No	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar	06	27%	49	24
	Democrats	23%	56	20
	Republicans	32%	41	26
	Independents	24%	51	25

24. - 27. I'm going to read a list of topics that have been in the news recently. For each topic, please tell me if you have been following the news about that item very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely. [RANDOMIZE]

SCALE: 1. Very closely 2. Somewhat closely 3. Not very closely

4. Not at all closely 5. (Don't know)

***** "Very" Closely Summary *****

The situation in Iraq	46%
The Dubai ports deal	40%
The Olympics	24%
The avian or bird flu	23%

	-- Closely --			-- Not closely --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
The situation in Iraq							
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	87%	46	41	13	7	6	-
1-2 Mar 05	92	59%	33	7	5	2	-
21-22 Jan 04	86	47%	39	13	8	5	1
25-26 Mar 03*	92	64%	28	8	6	2	-
*"...war in Iraq"							

The deal to transfer management of some U.S. ports to an Arab-owned company

28 Feb-1 Mar 06	74%	40	34	25	12	13	2
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The avian or bird flu

28 Feb-1 Mar 06	67%	23	44	33	20	13	-
11-12 Oct 05	64%	26	38	34	21	13	2

The Olympics

28 Feb-1 Mar 06	53%	24	29	46	20	26	1
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28. How likely do you think it is that Iraq will end up in a civil war?
 SCALE: 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not very likely
 4. Not at all likely 5. (Depends) 6. (Don't know)

	--- Likely ---			-- Unlikely --				(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(Dpnds)	
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	81%	49	32	14	9	5	2	4
Democrats	86%	57	29	9	5	4	1	3
Republicans	72%	38	34	22	16	6	2	3
Independents	82%	50	32	8	4	4	2	8

Questions 29 - 31 held for release

32. As you may know, there has been some public debate about a United Arab Emirates-owned company called Dubai Ports World taking over commercial management of some U.S. ports. From what you've heard and read, do you support or oppose allowing a United Arab Emirates company to manage operations at some U.S. ports?

	Support	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	17%	69	6	7
Democrats	9%	81	4	6
Republicans	27%	57	8	8
Independents	18%	66	7	9

33. How concerned are you that having a United Arab Emirates-owned company manage port operations will jeopardize the security of the United States?
 SCALE: 1. Very concerned 2. Somewhat concerned 3. Not very concerned
 4. Not at all concerned 5. (Don't know)

	-- Concerned --			-- Not concerned --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	77%	47	30	19	12	7	5
Democrats	83%	54	29	13	8	5	5
Republicans	68%	38	30	27	16	11	4
Independents	73%	44	29	20	15	5	7

34. As far as you know, if the Arab-owned company took over management of operations at some U.S. ports, who would be in charge of security at the ports -- the United States or the United Arab Emirates company?

	U.S.	UAE co.	(Both)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	63%	22	4	11
Democrats	59%	24	4	13
Republicans	67%	21	3	9
Independents	63%	23	3	10

35. In fact, the U.S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection officials would continue to be in charge of port security, even if a foreign-owned company managed the port operations. Does knowing this make you more likely to support allowing the United Arab Emirates-company to manage U.S. ports, more likely to oppose, or does it not make any difference to you?

	More likely to Support	More likely to Oppose	No difference	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	25%	34	36	4
Democrats	19%	38	39	4
Republicans	34%	28	34	4
Independents	25%	33	38	4
Supported deal Q32	61%	12	26	-
Opposed deal Q32	15%	44	39	3

36. Critics of the port deal point out that some of the 9/11 hijackers were citizens of the United Arab Emirates and say it is too risky to allow the country to manage U.S. ports. Proponents say since 9/11, the United Arab Emirates has proven itself to be a strong U.S. ally in the war against terrorism, and it is important to maintain a good relationship with the country. Who do you agree with more? [ROTATE]

SCALE: 1. Those who think it is too risky because it is uncertain whether the Arab country can be trusted 2. Those who say the United Arab Emirates has proven itself a strong U.S. ally in the war against terrorism

	Too risky	Proven ally	(Depends)	(DK)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	58%	24	10	8
Democrats	69%	15	9	7
Republicans	48%	36	7	9
Independents	54%	23	15	8

37. How much of the opposition to the port deal do you think is based on bias against Arabs--a lot, some, but not a lot, not much, or hardly any at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Hardly any	(DK)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	38%	32	11	13	7
Democrats	39%	34	10	11	6
Republicans	38%	32	11	12	6
Independents	37%	30	12	12	9

38. Do you think the political opposition to the port deal is due more to serious concerns about homeland security or, due more to political grandstanding in an election year?

SCALE: 1. Serious concerns 2. Political grandstanding 3. (Combination) 4. (Don't know)

	Concerns	Grandstanding	(Combo)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	42	14	8
Democrats	40%	35	16	9
Republicans	38%	48	9	5
Independents	27%	42	21	10

39. Do you think it is fairly common for U.S. ports to be operated by foreign-based companies or not?

	Common	Not common	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	38%	48	14
Democrats	31%	55	14
Republicans	42%	42	16
Independents	43%	47	10

40. In general, do you think a Middle Eastern company should be held to a higher standard on security issues than a British company?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	44%	47	8
Democrats	45%	46	9
Republicans	45%	49	6
Independents	41%	51	8

41. A year from now, do you think the United Arab Emirates company will or will not be managing some ports in the United States?

	Will	Will not	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	54%	32	14
Democrats	50%	36	14
Republicans	56%	32	12
Independents	61%	21	18

42. - 47. Thinking now about the energy situation, please tell me if you favor or oppose the following ways to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil and make the United States more energy independent? [RANDOMIZE]

***** SUMMARY CHART *****

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't Know)
Drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico	68%	26	6
Drilling for oil in Alaska	48%	47	5
Building more nuclear power plants	47%	43	10
Relaxing some environmental standards	30%	59	11
Rationing gasoline and oil	27%	67	5
Increasing the federal tax on gasoline	21%	74	4

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't Know)
Relaxing some environmental standards	30%	59	11
Democrats	25%	65	10
Republicans	42%	47	11
Independents	21%	66	13

For reference: Do you favor or oppose relaxing some environmental standards to increase oil and gas production in the United States?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
6-7 Apr 04	46%	43	11
9-10 May 01	45%	44	11
24-25 Jan 01*	42%	49	9
*"...relaxing environmental..."			

Rationing gasoline and oil	27%	67	5
Democrats	33%	62	5
Republicans	22%	74	4
Independents	23%	70	7
16-17 Apr 02	25%	65	10
26-27 Feb 02	34%	55	11

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't Know)
Drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico	68%	26	6
Democrats	61%	32	8
Republicans	79%	16	4
Independents	68%	25	6
Building more nuclear power plants	47%	43	10
Democrats	42%	48	10
Republicans	55%	37	8
Independents	47%	41	12
16-17 Apr 02	35%	52	13
Drilling for oil in a small area of the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge	48%	47	5
Democrats	34%	60	6
Republicans	66%	29	5
Independents	48%	47	5
16-17 Apr 02	50%	40	10
Increasing the federal tax on gasoline	21%	74	4
Democrats	23%	72	5
Republicans	17%	79	4
Independents	23%	73	4

Questions 48 - 55 held for release

And back to President Bush for a moment.

56. Do you think that you, personally, would be doing a better or worse job as president than George W. Bush is doing?

SCALE: 1. I would be doing a better job 2. I would be doing a worse job
3. (Same as/No difference) 4. (Don't know)

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	37%	43	10	10
Democrats	54%	28	8	10
Republicans	14%	68	12	6
Independents	43%	29	13	15

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Feb 28 - Mar 1	Feb 7-8	Jan 24-25	Jan 10-11
1. Democrat	43%	40%	43%	38%
2. Republican	33	36	36	33
3. (Independent)	18	19	17	22
4. (Other)	3	3	2	4
5. (Refused/Don't know)	3	2	2	2