

TOPLINE
THIRD WAY NATIONAL SECURITY
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SECTION 1: Screen Questions

ASK OF ALL

1. CODE STATE/COUNTY/ZIP FROM SAMPLE

2. Are you 18 years of age or older and registered to vote?

	TOTAL	Dem	Ind	Rep
1) Yes	100%	100%	100	100%
2) No	TERMINATE	--	--	--

3. In November of this year there will be elections for U.S. Congress and other offices. How likely are you to vote in the November elections? **(READ CHOICES)**

	TOTAL	Dem	Ind	Rep
1) Absolutely certain	71%	80%	65%	69%
2) Very likely	29%	20%	35%	31%
3) Possibly	TERMINATE	--	--	--
4) Not very likely	TERMINATE	--	--	--
5) Not at all likely	TERMINATE	--	--	--
9) Don't know	TERMINATE	--	--	--

4. Do you consider your self a strong Democrat, weak Democrat, strong Republican, weak Republican, or an Independent or unaffiliated voter?

	TOTAL	Dem	Ind	Rep
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	34%	100%	--	--
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	31%	--	--	100%
TOTAL INDEPENDENT	35%	--	100%	--
1) Strong Democrat	26%	76%	--	--
2) Weak Democrat	8%	24%	--	--
3) Strong Republican	25%	--	--	81%
4) Weak Republican	6%	--	--	19%
5) Independent/unaffiliated	33%	--	93%	--
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2%	--	7%	--

SECTION 2: Mood of the Electorate

ASK OF ALL

5. In general, do you think that things in the country are going in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Right direction	30%	11%	24%	58%
2) Wrong track	59%	82%	66%	27%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	10%	11%	10%	15%

6. In general, do you intend to vote for (READ CHOICES. ROTATE) for Congress in this year's election?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) The Democratic candidate	39%	77%	33%	5%
2) The Republican candidate	32%	4%	19%	76%
3) No party preference (DO NOT READ)	8%	5%	17%	3%
4) A mix of both party's candidates (DO NOT READ)	5%	2%	7%	6%
5) Neither – don't like the major parties (DON'T READ)	1%	2%	1%	1%
9) Don't know/no preference (DO NOT READ)	14%	10%	23%	9%

SECTION 3: Context

Thinking about national security issues...

7. Who do you trust more in the battle against terrorism? **(READ CHOICES. ROTATE)**

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) The Democrats in Congress	39%	71%	35%	7%
2) President Bush and the Republicans in Congress	43%	10%	36%	88%
3) Neither (DO NOT READ)	12%	12%	21%	3%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	6%	7%	8%	2%

8. In general are you satisfied with the progress the President is making in the war on terror or do you think America is following the wrong strategy?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Satisfied with progress	37%	11%	31%	73%
2) America is following the wrong strategy	53%	82%	57%	15%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	10%	6%	12%	12%

- **Iraq**

9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Iraq is the central front in the war on terror. Do you **(READ CHOICES)**

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
TOTAL AGREE	54%	35%	51%	78%
TOTAL DISAGREE	43%	61%	46%	20%
1) Strongly Agree	24%	12%	19%	42%
2) Somewhat Agree	30%	23%	31%	36%
3) Somewhat Disagree	18%	19%	22%	13%
4) Strongly Disagree	25%	42%	25%	7%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3%	4%	3%	2%

10. Which is a greater concern to you when it comes to the war in Iraq? **(READ CHOICES. ROTATE)**

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Democrats will cut and run from Iraq, handing a victory to the terrorists.	36%	16%	31%	62%
2) Republicans are satisfied with the situation in Iraq and will stay the current course no matter what.	44%	54%	46%	30%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	21%	30%	23%	8%

11. Which of the following best describes your views on Iraq? **(READ CHOICES)**

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) We should set a timetable to remove all American troops from Iraq within one year	21%	33%	23%	5%
2) We should remove our troops as quickly as possible, but we cannot leave entirely until Iraq has achieved a basic level of security and stability.	44%	48%	43%	39%
3) We should keep our troops in Iraq until we get the job done.	32%	15%	29%	54%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	5%	2%

- **Terror**

12. Which is a greater concern to you: **(READ CHOICES. DO NOT ROTATE)**

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Democrats will go too far to protect US citizens' right to privacy and weaken our ability to fight terrorism.	37%	20%	30%	65%
2) Republicans will go too far and undermine the rights of U.S. citizens in their desire to combat terror.	47%	66%	49%	23%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	16%	14%	21%	12%

13. Which is closer to your view of what would happen if the Democrats win a majority of seats in Congress?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) They will weaken the President's ability to fight the war on terror.	39%	13%	32%	74%
2) They will push the President to change course and to fight terrorism more effectively.	52%	82%	53%	19%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	9%	5%	15%	7%

SECTION 4: Party Preconceptions

Now, thinking about the Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Congress - after each one of the following statements about national security, please tell me whether the statement applies more to the Democrats, Republicans or neither party in Congress.

Q14-20 Ranked by Applies to Dems		All			
		Applies to Dems	Applies to Reps	Applies to Neither	Applies to Both
Q16	They are not willing to use military force even when America's vital interests are at stake.	48	9	35	3
Q15	They blame America for much of the world's problems.	35	13	40	5
Q19	They don't understand that we live in a post nine eleven world and must do whatever it takes to defeat an enemy determined to kill us.	35	27	25	6
Q18	They are driven by ideology not by reality.	34	32	18	9
Q20	They are playing politics with the issue of national security.	33	38	8	18
Q17	They are stubborn and unwilling to change direction.	19	47	14	18
Q14	They are tough enough to do what is needed to win the war on terror.	17	44	26	8

Q14-20 Ranked by Applies to Dems		Democrats			
		Applies to Dems	Applies to Reps	Applies to Neither	Applies to Both
Q14	They are tough enough to do what is needed to win the war on terror.	32	20	31	12
Q16	They are not willing to use military force even when America's vital interests are at stake.	22	15	52	4
Q19	They don't understand that we live in a post nine eleven world and must do whatever it takes to defeat an enemy determined to kill us.	18	34	32	8
Q18	They are driven by ideology not by reality.	17	51	21	6
Q15	They blame America for much of the world's problems.	15	24	52	3
Q20	They are playing politics with the issue of national security.	15	63	9	11
Q17	They are stubborn and unwilling to change direction.	8	75	9	7

Q14-20 Ranked by Applies to Dems		Independents			
		Applies to Dems	Applies to Reps	Applies to Neither	Applies to Both
Q16	They are not willing to use military force even when America's vital interests are at stake.	44	8	37	4
Q15	They blame America for much of the world's problems.	31	10	44	7
Q19	They don't understand that we live in a post nine eleven world and must do whatever it takes to defeat an enemy determined to kill us.	27	27	29	9
Q18	They are driven by ideology not by reality.	25	32	21	13
Q20	They are playing politics with the issue of national security.	25	39	7	25
Q17	They are stubborn and unwilling to change direction.	16	42	15	25
Q14	They are tough enough to do what is needed to win the war on terror.	15	36	35	7

Q14-20 Ranked by Applies to Dems		Republicans			
		Applies to Dems	Applies to Reps	Applies to Neither	Applies to Both
Q16	They are not willing to use military force even when America's vital interests are at stake.	79	3	15	0
Q15	They blame America for much of the world's problems.	63	5	23	5
Q18	They are driven by ideology not by reality.	63	11	11	9
Q19	They don't understand that we live in a post nine eleven world and must do whatever it takes to defeat an enemy determined to kill us.	63	20	11	2
Q20	They are playing politics with the issue of national security.	63	10	6	17
Q17	They are stubborn and unwilling to change direction.	35	22	18	23
Q14	They are tough enough to do what is needed to win the war on terror.	5	80	10	4

SECTION 5: Wiretapping

Now I'd like to read some proposals President Bush and the Republicans in Congress may offer to improve anti-terrorism efforts. Please tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

- **Wiretapping– GOP Proposal**

21. President Bush proposes to conduct wiretapping without approval of a court on Americans suspected of involvement in terrorism.

Do you (READ CHOICES) Congress passing this proposal?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT	49%	29%	41%	81%
TOTAL OPPOSE	47%	68%	54%	17%
1) Strongly support	30%	13%	26%	53%
2) Somewhat support	20%	16%	16%	28%
3) Somewhat oppose	13%	14%	17%	8%
4) Strongly oppose	34%	54%	37%	9%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	5%	2%

- **Wiretapping– GOP Promotion**

The following is a statement a Republican candidate could say in support of this proposal.

22. Democrats think this is a law-enforcement exercise where you have to go to a judge to get approval. The Republicans understand that we are at war with terrorists and sometimes a court order takes too long. The President needs new powers to fight that war.

Does this make you (INSERT CHOICES) to a Republican candidate?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
TOTAL MORE FAVORABLE	51%	31%	44%	81%
TOTAL LESS FAVORABLE	40%	63%	44%	12%
1) Much more favorable	27%	13%	19%	51%
2) Somewhat more favorable	24%	18%	25%	29%
3) Somewhat less favorable	14%	18%	18%	6%
4) Much less favorable	26%	45%	26%	5%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	9%	6%	12%	8%

- **Wiretapping– Democrat Responses**

Now I would like to read some statements a Democratic candidate could make about this proposal. Please tell me if you would be more or less favorable toward a Democrat who made each statement.

Get Approval

I support wiretapping of suspected terrorists, but I believe that any President should be required to get approval of a court before listening in on Americans.

Trust #1

I am for wiretapping of suspected terrorists, but no President, Republican or Democrat, should have the unchecked power to invade the privacy of any American. That risks a dangerous abuse of power.

Trust #2

I am for wiretapping of suspected terrorists, but without some approval from a court, you just can't trust the Bush Administration with this unchecked power.

Tough Language

Our country was founded on freedom and only cowards would give up our rights so easily to fear. It is in times like this that we must be strong. If we give up our rights the terrorists have already won.

Q23-26		All						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Q24	Trust #1	58	37	36	22	16	22	5
Q23	Get Approval	57	37	32	26	16	21	6
Q26	Tough Language	61	33	31	29	17	16	7
Q25	Trust #2	46	47	25	21	18	29	6

Q23-26		Democrats						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q24	Trust #1	77	20	61	16	11	9	2
Q23	Get Approval	75	21	47	28	10	11	4
Q25	Trust #2	69	25	46	23	15	10	6
Q26	Tough Language	76	18	44	32	10	8	6

Q23-26		Independents						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q23	Get Approval	61	31	35	26	15	15	9
Q26	Tough Language	68	24	34	34	15	9	7
Q24	Trust #1	58	35	32	26	19	15	7
Q25	Trust #2	45	47	22	23	18	29	8

Q23-26		Republicans						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q24	Trust #1	37	58	13	25	16	42	4
Q26	Tough Language	35	58	13	22	26	32	7
Q23	Get Approval	33	61	11	22	23	38	6
Q25	Trust #2	22	73	6	16	22	50	5

SECTION 6: Gitmo

Please tell me if you support or oppose the following proposal President Bush and the Republicans in Congress may offer.

- Gitmo– GOP Proposal**

27. President Bush has proposed setting up a special trial system at Guantanamo (Gwan-TAN-a-mo) Bay for suspected terrorists. While they would get a military judge and jury they would not have the right to hear classified evidence against them

Does you (INSERT CHOICES) this proposal?

	TOTAL	Dem	Ind	Rep
TOTAL SUPPORT	51%	37%	47%	71%
TOTAL OPPOSE	43%	56%	49%	21%
1) Strongly support	25%	13%	18%	47%
2) Somewhat support	26%	24%	29%	24%
3) Somewhat oppose	17%	21%	19%	12%
4) Strongly oppose	26%	36%	31%	9%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	6%	7%	4%	8%

- Gitmo– GOP Promotion**

The following is a statement a Republican candidate could say in support of this proposal.

28. Democrats don't want to bring the masterminds of the 9-11 attacks to justice. They want to give these terrorists the same rights and privileges as we give American soldiers. I want to make sure that these monsters are put away for good without compromising US intelligence.

Does this make you (INSERT CHOICES) to a Republican candidate?

	TOTAL	Dem	Ind	Rep
TOTAL MORE FAVORABLE	58%	44%	52%	81%
TOTAL LESS FAVORABLE	36%	48%	42%	16%
1) Much more favorable	34%	19%	29%	55%
2) Somewhat more favorable	24%	25%	23%	26%
3) Somewhat less favorable	14%	13%	22%	8%
4) Much less favorable	22%	36%	21%	8%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	5%	8%	6%	3%

- **GITMO – Democrats Response**

Now I would like to read some statements a Democratic candidate could make about this proposal. Please tell me if you would be more or less favorable toward a Democrat who made each statement.

Hurting our image

I want these radicals brought to justice, but denying people the right to see the evidence against them, even suspected terrorists, cheapens America’s image as the greatest democracy on earth and a beacon of freedom.

Evidence #1

In America, anyone on trial should be able to see the evidence against them, even terrorists. We can bring them to justice without changing 230 years of American tradition, values and constitutional law.

Evidence #2

We have more than enough unclassified evidence to bring these terrorists to justice that we do not need to change 230 years of American tradition, values and constitutional law.

Ineffective

If the Bush administration hadn’t been so arrogant and had come to Congress in the first place, they would have had a bipartisan, effective system in place from the beginning. Instead, they went off on their own, and their system was so badly designed that the Supreme Court struck it down as illegal.

Soldiers

Setting up a system that is illegal under international law will put our soldiers at risk, should they be captured.

McCain

I stand with military leaders and other combat veterans like John McCain, who oppose the President’s plans because they believe it is illegal and harmful to American interests.

Q29-34		All						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q30	Evidence #1	59	35	37	22	17	18	6
Q29	Hurting our image	56	40	32	24	19	20	5
Q31	Evidence #2	56	37	29	27	17	20	7
Q32	Ineffective	49	45	28	21	18	27	6
Q33	Soldiers	51	41	27	24	17	23	8
Q34	McCain	50	43	26	25	21	23	6

Q29-34		Democrats						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q30	Evidence #1	84	16	54	30	4	12	-
Q29	Hurting our image	76	21	51	25	13	8	3
Q32	Ineffective	76	20	51	25	11	9	4
Q34	McCain	75	20	46	29	11	10	5
Q31	Evidence #2	75	18	44	31	6	11	7
Q33	Soldiers	68	24	43	25	12	12	9

Q29-34		Independents						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q30	Evidence #1	58	33	39	19	22	11	9
Q29	Hurting our image	59	36	34	25	18	18	5
Q31	Evidence #2	59	33	31	28	18	14	8
Q33	Soldiers	55	37	27	28	14	22	9
Q32	Ineffective	49	43	24	26	20	23	8
Q34	McCain	50	41	22	27	22	19	9

Q29-34		Republicans						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q30	Evidence #1	33	58	15	17	25	33	9
Q31	Evidence #2	31	64	10	21	28	36	5
Q33	Soldiers	29	64	10	18	26	37	7
Q29	Hurting our image	30	64	9	20	28	37	6
Q32	Ineffective	19	76	7	11	25	51	5
Q34	McCain	24	71	7	17	29	41	5

SECTION 7: Immunity

Please tell me if you support or oppose the following proposal President Bush and the Republicans in Congress may offer.

- **Immunity– GOP Proposal**

35. President Bush has asked Congress to pass legislation that grants immunity from prosecution to CIA agents and contractors whose terrorist interrogation tactics may include torture.

Do you (READ CHOICES)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT	36%	23%	30%	58%
TOTAL OPPOSE	59%	73%	65%	38%
1) Strongly support this proposal	17%	11%	10%	30%
2) Somewhat support	19%	12%	20%	28%
3) Somewhat oppose	19%	21%	17%	18%
4) Strongly oppose this proposal	41%	52%	47%	20%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	5%	4%	5%	5%

- **Immunity– GOP Promotion**

The following is a statement a Republican candidate could say in support of this proposal.

36. These interrogation tactics are appropriate and effective and have prevented terrorist attacks. Republicans are leading the effort to do everything to protect America that is within the law. Democrats oppose protecting our men and women on the front lines against the fear of frivolous lawsuits based on some vague international standard.

Does this make you (INSERT CHOICES) to a Republican candidate?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
TOTAL MORE FAVORABLE	46%	25%	44%	71%
TOTAL LESS FAVORABLE	47%	68%	50%	21%
1) Much more favorable	23%	11%	19%	39%
2) Somewhat more favorable	23%	14%	25%	31%
3) Somewhat less favorable	20%	21%	24%	14%
4) Much less favorable	27%	47%	26%	8%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	7%	7%	7%	8%

- **Immunity– Democrats Response**

Now I would like to read some statements a Democratic candidate could make about this proposal. Please tell me if you would be more or less favorable toward a Democrat who made each statement.

McCain

Senator John McCain, who spent 5 years being tortured as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam, opposes the Bush Administration’s position on torture. Like Senator McCain, I believe that we do not need to resort to torture to win the War on Terror.

Putting Our Soldiers at Risk

Giving immunity to interrogators who use torture will just result in another Abu Ghraib type scandal, hurting America’s national security interests, supplying terrorists with a poor image of America to help with their recruitment and putting our own soldiers at risk of torture if they are captured.

Q37-38 Ranked by Much More Favorable		All						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q37	McCain	62	34	37	25	17	16	4
Q38	Putting Our Soldiers at Risk	54	41	27	27	18	23	5

Q37-38		Democrats						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q37	McCain	79	18	56	23	9	9	3
Q38	Putting Our Soldiers at Risk	69	26	43	25	11	15	5

Q37-38		Independents						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q37	McCain	66	30	38	27	21	9	4
Q38	Putting Our Soldiers at Risk	60	35	26	34	20	15	5

Q37-38		Republicans						
		More Fav	Less Fav	More Favorable		Less Favorable		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Much	Smwt	
Q37	McCain	41	54	15	26	22	32	5
Q38	Putting Our Soldiers at Risk	30	64	10	21	24	40	6

SECTION 9: Republicans framing of Democrats

Now I would like to read a statement a Republican candidate for Congress might make. Please let me know if you are more or less likely to support a candidate who made this statement.

39. Republicans say that Democrats don't understand that we live in a dangerous post-9/11 world. Democrats care more about the rights of terrorist suspects than protecting Americans. They are weak and unwilling to use force. Iraq is the front line in the war on terror and we must not cut and run or we will only strengthen al Qaeda (KAY-duh) and Islamic extremists. President Bush has an offensive strategy to take the fight to the terrorists and it has prevented attacks since 9/11 and made us safer.

Does this make you (READ CHOICES) to support a Republican candidate?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	54%	25%	53%	87%
TOTLA LESS LIKELY	42%	69%	42%	11%
1) Much more likely	30%	11%	23%	60%
2) Somewhat more likely	24%	14%	30%	28%
3) Somewhat less likely	15%	19%	17%	6%
4) Much less likely	27%	49%	25%	4%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	5%	6%	5%	2%

40. Given what you have just heard, who do you trust more in the battle against terrorism?
(READ CHOICES. ROTATE)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) The Democrats in Congress	38%	71%	34%	7%
2) President Bush and the Republicans in Congress	45%	14%	39%	85%
3) Neither (DO NOT READ)	11%	9%	17%	4%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	6%	5%	9%	4%

SECTION 10: Democrat Framing on Terrorism

Now I would like to read some statements a Democratic candidate for Congress might make. Please tell me if you would be more or less likely to support a Democratic candidate who made each statement.

ATTACK MESSAGING SET

Incompetence

41. The Bush Administration has been incompetent on national security. We are bogged down in a mess in Iraq. The number of al Qaeda (KAY-duh) members has grown from 20,000 to 50,000 since 9-11. Terror attacks are up worldwide. Our military is stretched thin. Our ports are unprotected. And North Korea and Iran are becoming nuclear powers.

Tough but not smart

42. Bush and Congress have talked tough but they have not been smart. They declared "mission accomplished" but had no plan for victory in Iraq. They said "dead or alive" but Osama bin Laden (Oh-Sah-MAH bin Lah-DIN) is still at large. They called North Korea and Iran the "axis of evil" but both countries are becoming nuclear powers. It's time to be both tough and smart.

Osama

43. Osama bin Laden (Oh-Sah-MAH bin Lah-DIN) is still at large in large part because the Bush Administration went into Iraq instead of focusing all of our military and intelligence power on finding and killing bin Laden and his terrorist allies.

Safe Haven

44. The United States approved Pakistan's decision to create a safe haven for Osama bin Laden (Oh-Sah-MAH bin Lah-DIN) and the Taliban in Pakistan, at a time when he is still the most wanted man in the world and the Taliban are increasing attacks on US forces in Afghanistan.

Not Safer

45. The Bush Administration talks tough but they have failed make this country safer since 9/11. Iraq has become a recruiting ground for terrorists. Osama bin Laden (Oh-Sah-MAH Bin Lah-DIN) has been given safe haven in Pakistan. The radical Taliban are back in Afghanistan. And North Korea and Iran are becoming nuclear powers.

POSTIVE MESSAGING SET

Hearts/minds

46. While we must use our military to defeat terrorists, we must also win the hearts and minds of moderate Muslims. That means helping provide them economic opportunity, showing respect for their religion and setting a moral example. If they support us, they will deny a base to terrorists and cooperate with us to destroy terror groups.

Realism

47. The number one job for the US military is to protect Americans and keep our country safe. We should not be sending our soldiers off on vague democracy-building missions, nor should we be asking them to referee someone else's civil war.

Military Alliances

48. In the 20th Century we beat the Nazi's and the Soviet Union, not alone but by joining America's military to alliances like NATO (NAY-toe). In the 21st Century, we must form new military and intelligence alliances to combat terrorists, because al Qaeda (KAY-duh) knows no borders.

New Anti-Terror Strategy

49. I believe we need a new anti-terror strategy that uses America's might more effectively. We need to get it right and get out of Iraq, refocus our military and intelligence on defeating global terrorist networks, finish destroying the Taliban in Afghanistan, pressure Pakistan to stop giving safe haven to al Qaeda (KAY-duh) and sharply increase funding to prevent terrorists from getting nuclear weapons.

Q41-49		ALL						
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Attack Messaging Set								
Q42	Tough but not smart	62	32	38	24	16	17	5
Q43	Osama	56	40	35	21	18	22	4
Q45	Not Safer	54	40	33	22	17	23	5
Q41	Incompetence	52	41	31	21	18	23	7
Q44	Safe Haven	45	43	24	20	21	21	13
Positive Messaging Set								
Q48	Military Alliance	72	23	40	32	10	13	6
Q49	New Strategy	68	27	39	29	13	14	4
Q46	Hearts/minds	63	31	38	25	13	19	6
Q47	Realism	57	38	35	22	17	21	5

Q41-49		Democrats						
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Attack Messaging Set								
Q43	Osama	84	15	65	19	7	8	1
Q42	Tough but not smart	87	11	64	22	5	6	2
Q41	Incompetence	80	14	58	23	7	7	5
Q45	Not Safer	79	17	56	23	10	7	4
Q44	Safe Haven	68	23	48	20	12	11	10
Positive Messaging Set								
Q49	New Strategy	88	10	65	23	6	4	2
Q48	Military Alliance	89	8	63	27	4	3	3
Q46	Hearts/minds	82	15	60	22	7	8	3
Q47	Realism	84	11	59	25	6	5	4

Q41-49		Independents						
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		Don't know
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Attack Messaging Set								
Q42	Tough but not smart	68	25	36	33	15	10	7
Q45	Not Safer	61	31	31	30	13	18	8
Q43	Osama	59	33	30	28	19	14	8
Q41	Incompetence	56	34	27	28	17	17	10
Q44	Safe Haven	48	35	19	29	22	14	17
Positive Messaging Set								
Q48	Military Alliance	74	18	38	36	8	9	8
Q49	New Strategy	69	25	37	32	14	11	6
Q46	Hearts/minds	68	23	35	33	10	13	9
Q47	Realism	57	37	35	22	20	17	6

Q51-56		Republicans						Don't know
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Attack Messaging Set								
Q42	Tough but not smart	29	64	12	17	28	35	7
Q45	Not Safer	20	76	9	11	30	47	4
Q43	Osama	21	74	7	14	30	45	4
Q41	Incompetence	17	78	6	11	31	47	5
Q44	Safe Haven	16	73	5	11	32	41	12
Positive Messaging Set								
Q48	Military Alliance	50	45	17	32	18	27	5
Q46	Hearts/minds	36	59	16	20	21	38	5
Q49	New Strategy	46	50	14	31	21	29	5
Q47	Realism	28	67	10	18	24	43	5

50. Given what you have just heard, who do you trust more in the battle against terrorism?
(READ CHOICES. ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Dem	Ind	Rep
1) The Democrats in Congress	46%	80%	44%	9%
2) President Bush and the Republicans in Congress	42%	11%	35%	84%
3) Neither (DO NOT READ)	8%	6%	13%	5%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	4	3%	8%	2%

SECTION 11: Iraq Themes

Now I would like to read to you some statements a Democrat could make about the situation in Iraq.

Never Should Have Gone

51. We never should have invaded Iraq. The Bush Administration never found any weapons of mass destruction, and they never proved a link between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda (KAY-duh). The entire premise for the war was false.

Made it worse

52. When we went into Iraq we played right into al Qaeda's hands. The world was with us in Afghanistan and we had destroyed 80% of al Qaeda (KAY-duh) forces in that country. But by our attacking Iraq, al Qaeda (KAY-duh) has now been able to recruit tens of thousands of new terrorists and regroup their forces in Afghanistan.

Talk Tough

53. The Bush Administration has talked tough but made a mess of Iraq. They said "mission accomplished" but Iraq is in complete chaos and heading towards civil war. They have no plan for success and have turned Iraq into a breeding ground for terrorists.

Stay the course/Rumsfeld

54. Republicans in Congress talk tough but insist on staying the course, even as Iraq heads towards civil war. They have no plan for success, refuse to demand accountability and will not remove Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, even though his strategy has failed.

New Leaders

55. The war in Iraq cannot be resolved by the same people whose poor judgment got us in this situation and who repeatedly assert that things are getting better when they clearly are not. We need new leaders who are going to look for smart alternatives to the current situation.

Positive

56. I believe we need a new direction, including a new military and political strategy. We need to place real pressure on the Iraqis to form a stable government and control their security, and begin planning to get our troops out of Iraq in a responsible way.

Q51-56		ALL						Don't know
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Q56	Positive	70	26	43	27	14	12	4
Q55	New Leaders	59	37	37	22	17	29	4
Q51	Never Should Have Gone	52	44	34	18	19	25	4
Q54	Stay the course/Rumsfeld	52	41	34	19	21	20	6
Q53	Talk Tough	52	42	33	19	21	22	5
Q52	Made it worse	52	41	32	20	22	19	7

Q51-56		Democrats						Don't know
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Q56	Positive	91	6	71	21	3	3	3
Q55	New Leaders	91	7	67	24	3	4	2
Q54	Stay the course/Rumsfeld	81	15	65	15	9	6	4
Q53	Talk Tough	84	14	63	21	9	5	3
Q52	Made it worse	85	12	62	23	6	6	3
Q51	Never Should Have Gone	80	16	58	22	8	8	2

Q51-56		Independents						Don't know
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Q56	Positive	72	22	42	31	13	9	6
Q55	New Leaders	63	30	33	31	16	14	6
Q51	Never Should Have Gone	54	41	33	21	21	19	6
Q53	Talk Tough	54	38	26	28	19	19	8
Q52	Made it worse	52	38	26	26	22	16	10
Q54	Stay the course/Rumsfeld	55	36	25	30	19	16	10

Q51-56		Republicans						Don't know
		More Likely	Less Likely	More Likely		Less Likely		
				Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	
Q56	Positive	44	53	15	30	28	25	2
Q51	Never Should Have Gone	19	77	9	10	28	49	4
Q54	Stay the course/Rumsfeld	19	76	8	11	35	41	5
Q55	New Leaders	19	77	8	11	34	43	5
Q53	Talk Tough	17	79	8	8	36	43	5
Q52	Made it worse	17	76	6	11	39	36	8

57. Given what you have just heard, who do you trust more in the battle against terrorism?
(READ CHOICES. ROTATE)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) The Democrats in Congress	47%	81%	46%	9%
2) President Bush and the Republicans in Congress	41%	9%	33%	84%
3) Neither (DO NOT READ)	9%	6%	15%	4%
9) Don't Know (DO NOT READ)	4%	4%	6%	3%

SECTION 12: Demographics

ASK OF ALL

58. Do you generally consider yourself liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Liberal	18%	28%	18%	6%
2) Moderate	39%	48%	45%	22%
3) Conservative	36%	18%	27%	6%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	7%	6%	10%	5%

59. Which of the following categories best represents your age?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) 18-24	5%	8%	4%	3%
2) 25-34	10%	8%	10%	12%
3) 35-49	34%	25%	37%	41%
4) 50-64	28%	34%	28%	21%
5) 65-69	9%	9%	9%	7%
6) 70+	13%	15%	10%	15%
9) Don't know/refused (DO NOT READ)	1%	--	1%	1%

60. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 2005. Will you please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total family income? (READ CHOICES)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Less than \$30,000	18%	23%	17%	13%
2) \$30,000-\$49,999	17%	16%	18%	18%
3) \$50,000-\$74,999	18%	21%	17%	17%
4) \$75,000-100,000	15%	13%	14%	17%
5) More than \$100,000	16%	14%	14%	21%
9) Don't know/refused (DO NOT READ)	17%	14%	21%	14%

61. What is your ethnic background?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) White	82%	72%	84%	91%
2) Hispanic/Latino	4%	6%	4%	3%
3) African American	10%	19%	8%	2%
4) Asian	<1%	<1%	--	1%
5) Other – specify	2%	3%	2%	2%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1%	<1%	2%	1%

n=587

62. IF NOT HISPANIC: Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic descent?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Yes	2%	2%	2%	2%
2) No	97%	97%	96%	97%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1%	<1%	1%	1%

63. What is your religion?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Protestant	38%	33%	37%	45%
2) Catholic	22%	30%	20%	15%
3) Jewish	1%	1%	2%	1%
4) Muslim/Islam	--	--	--	--
5) LDS/Latter Day Saints/Mormon	2%	3%	2%	1%
6) Other	24%	20%	24%	28%
7) None	11%	11%	11%	9%
9) Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2%	2%	4%	1%

N=228

64. (IF PROTESTANT) Do you consider yourself an evangelical or born-again Christian?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Yes – evangelical	11%	6%	10%	15%
2) Yes – born again	48%	48%	44%	52%
3) No	36%	37%	43%	30%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4%	9%	2%	2%

65. How often do you attend religious services?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Daily	3%	4%	3%	3%
2) Weekly	44%	38%	41%	55%
3) About monthly	16%	18%	20%	11%
4) Mainly only on major religious holidays	8%	9%	6%	9%
5) Rarely or never	26%	29%	29%	20%
9) Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2%	2%	2%	3%

66. CODE SEX (DO NOT READ)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Rep</u>
1) Male	48%	46%	54%	44%
2) Female	52%	54%	46%	56%