

THE STATE OF THE YOUTH NATION: 2007
June 15-23rd, 2007

Interviews for this poll were conducted among 659 17 to 29 year- olds interviewed by telephone June 15 - June 23rd, 2007. The poll was conducted jointly by CBS News, The New York Times and MTV. Respondents were part of nationwide representative samples identified in households previously interviewed by CBS News Polls and from random-digit dial samples. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 4% points for results based on the entire sample.

SUMMARY

- Younger Americans aged 17 to 29 believe they will be a force in the upcoming 2008 election: nearly eight in ten think their generation will have a lot or some impact on who the next president will be.
 - And even at this early stage, young people are tuning in: six in ten are paying a lot or some attention.
 - Most say the upcoming presidential election is one of the most important - or the most important - election in their lifetime.
- Many younger Americans are getting wired into the campaign: the internet is a widely-used way for younger Americans to connect to the candidates. One-third say they have been to the website of a political candidate, and 15% have connected to a candidate through a social networking site like MySpace or Facebook.
- Younger Americans choose the economy and the war as the issues that will matter most in their voting decisions next year.
 - But on many specific topics of concern, younger Americans say Presidential candidates aren't giving them enough priority: student loans, job training, health care for the uninsured and reducing oil use are all very important to younger people - but most say the candidates are not addressing these specific topics enough.
- About half of Americans 17 to 29 call themselves enthusiastic about a candidate - and Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have captured the enthusiasm of younger Americans far more than their Democratic rivals and any of the Republican candidates now running.

- When younger Americans look at the current crop of presidential candidates, they see a diverse array of backgrounds and personal experiences represented.
- Younger people don't think being black or female is a hindrance to getting elected among the people they know, but being a Mormon might be.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND INFLUENCE ON CAMPAIGN 2008

- Young Americans believe they will have an impact on this election. 77% of 17 to 29 year olds think their generation will have a lot or some impact on who the next president will be.

HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO YOU THINK PEOPLE OF YOUR GENERATION WILL HAVE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

A lot	34%
Some	43
Not much/none	22

- o Still, about half of young Americans think they will have less influence on the presidential election than older people.
- 17 to 29 year olds say the 2008 presidential election is one of the most important - if not the most important - election in their lifetime.

IN YOUR LIFETIME, THIS ELECTION IS...

The most important	22%
One of the most important	43
As important as others	29
Less/not important	5

- 80% disagree with the statement: "It makes no real difference who is elected President -- things go on just as they did before."
- Even at this early stage, young people say they are tuning in to the presidential campaign. Nearly six in ten are paying a lot or some attention. Back in the summer of 2003, only 35% of adults under 30 were paying attention to the campaign. Today, adults nationwide are paying a bit more attention than younger people.

ATTENTION TO 2008 CAMPAIGN

	Now	7/2003	All Americans
	17-29	18-29	5/07
A lot	14%	7%	20%
Some	44	28	46
Not much/none	41	65	44

- College grads are more likely to say they're paying attention to the 2008 campaign. 65% say they are, compared to 58% of those without college degrees.
- There are gender differences. 40% of young women say their generation will have a lot of influence on selection of the next president, compared to 28% of young men.
- Some have gotten personally involved in the political arena in some way. 28% say they have done something like joining a political club, working on or volunteering for a campaign in some way, or attending a rally.

EVER DONE SOMETHING TO GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS?

Yes	28%
No	72

- 74% of the 17 to 29 year olds interviewed say they are registered to vote. And among those currently not registered, most plan to do so before the 2008 election.
- Among those already registered or those who plan to, 43% say it will be their first time voting in a presidential election, while 57% have voted before.
- If the 2008 election were being held today, 54% of 17-29 year olds say they would vote for the Democratic candidate; 32% would choose the Republican.
- In 2004 more Americans 18-29 turned out to vote in the Presidential election than had in 2000, but the total electorate in 2004 was higher, too.
 - o Their turnout boost helped young people keep their influence amid an electorate that increased from 2000 to 2004; according to CBS News Exit Polls, they comprised 17% of voters in each year.

THE INTERNET AND THE CAMPAIGN

- Visits to political internet sites go together with enthusiasm and attention to politics.
 - Most young people who have visited either a political website of some kind, or candidates' MySpace pages, have a candidate whom they feel enthusiastic about. Those who haven't visited any such sites are much less likely to say they feel enthusiastic about any candidate.
 - Young people who have visited a political page or website are much more likely than those who haven't to say they're paying a lot of attention to the campaign (28% of them are.)
 - Young people who have visited the sites are a bit more likely to say their generation will have a lot of impact in 2008 than are those who have not visited.
- 71% of younger Americans have visited networking sites such as MySpace, Friendster, and Facebook at least once at some point, including 56% who have their own page. This is especially true of those under age 25.
 - o 25% of those who have been to such networking sites have visited a page belonging to, or associated with, a political candidate, including some who have signed up or registered with them.

EVER VISITED A POLITICAL CANDIDATES' PAGE ON SITES LIKE MYSPACE OR FACEBOOK? (Among those using social networking sites)

Yes, visited pages	15%
Yes, visited & signed up, volunteered, etc.	10
No	74

- 31% of 17 to 29 year olds have at some point directly visited a political or campaign site of some kind, including one in 10 who have signed up for mailing lists, volunteered, or donated money once there.

EVER VISITED ANY POLITICAL OR CAMPAIGN WEB SITES?

Yes, visited sites	22%
Yes, visited & signed up, volunteered, donated etc.	9
No	69

THE ISSUES AND THE ELECTION

- Younger Americans choose the economy and jobs, and the war, as the issues that will matter most in their voting decisions next year.
 - 23% pick the economy and 20% name Iraq. Education (15%), the environment (12%), terrorism (10%) and health care (10%) also register in double-digits.

TOP ISSUE IN VOTING NEXT YEAR?

Economy/jobs	23%
Iraq	20
Education	15
Environment	12
Terrorism	10
Health care	10
Immigration	8

- But two-thirds of younger Americans (65%) say the candidates are NOT giving their issue enough attention.
 - This is especially true for those who name issues besides Iraq.
 - Of those who say education, the environment or health care is their top priority, 84% think the candidates are NOT making that issue enough of a priority.
 - Of those who pick the economy, 67% say the candidates are not giving the economy enough priority.
 - But of those who pick Iraq, only 26% think candidates aren't giving that enough priority; 64% of them say candidates are.
- On some specific aspects of these issues, young people see a disconnect between their priorities and the candidates'.
 - On student loans, job training, health care for the uninsured and lowering oil and gas use, large majorities say these particular policies ARE important - but majorities also say the candidates ARE NOT giving those items enough priority.

YOUR PRIORITIES VS. CANDIDATES PRIORITIES

	Policies are <u>Important</u> to you	Candidates are <u>NOT</u> prioritizing it
Reducing oil/gas use	90%	59%
Student loans	88%	67%
Job training	88%	68%
Health care coverage	88%	54%

- 90% say government policies that promote lower oil and gas use are important to them (including 63% who call it very important)
 - But 59% candidates are not making that enough of a priority.
- 88% say job training and opportunities for younger workers are important to them (including 62% who call it very important.)
 - But 68% say candidates are not making that enough of a priority.
- 88% say providing health care to the uninsured is important to them (including 60% who call it very important)
 - But 54% say candidates are not making that enough of a priority.
- 88% say student aid such as loans and grants are important to them (including 59% who call it very important)
 - But 67% say candidates are not making that enough of a priority.

OTHER ISSUES: GUNS

- More than one in four younger Americans calls guns a serious problem in their community.

ARE GUNS A PROBLEM IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Yes	27%
No	70

- When younger Americans look back on the violence at Virginia Tech that took place last spring, their views are similar to the reactions expressed by Americans nationwide shortly after the tragedy.
- Most say stricter guns laws would have helped prevent at least a little of the violence.

AT VIRGINIA TECH, STRICTER GUNS LAWS WOULD HAVE HELPED..

	17-29	All Americans
	Now	April 2007
A lot	25%	32%
A little	30	21
No effect	42	43

- 28% think allowing adults to carry concealed handguns would have made the situation at Virginia Tech worse. 23% disagree - and think

that would have helped the situation. More than four in ten think concealed weapons would have had no impact.

One in five younger Americans reports owning a firearm themselves.

- o Those who own guns are more likely to say that stricter gun control laws would have had no impact at Virginia Tech.

HEALTH CARE

- Like most Americans, most younger Americans think the US health care system needs either fundamental changes (55%) or must be entirely rebuilt (35%).
- Younger Americans are even more supportive (62%) of one national, government-administered health care system than Americans as a whole (47%) in a February 2007 CBS News/NY Times Poll.
 - o About three in four young people who do not have health insurance favor a government-run plan.
- One in five Americans 17-29 reports that they do not currently have health insurance.

OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES

- Abortion is often a heated topic in Presidential campaigns. Younger Americans see this issue about the same way as all Americans.
 - o 37% of younger Americans would make abortion generally available; in a May 2007 CBS News/New York Times Poll about the same number of all Americans agreed.
- Most younger Americans think possession of a small amount of marijuana should not be treated as a criminal offense.
- Younger Americans are more accepting of the idea of same-sex marriage.
 - o 44% say same-sex couples should be able to legally marry; only 28% all of Americans agree. While 30% of younger Americans would have no legal recognition for a gay couple's relationship; more, 35%, of Americans feel this way.
- Half of younger Americans (50%) say being homosexual is something a person cannot change. But most Americans (53%) in October 2006 said being homosexual was a choice.

THE WAR IN IRAQ

- Just like Americans overall, those age 17 to 29 say the war in Iraq is the most important problem facing the country. 32% say it is the most important problem, followed by the economy and jobs (9%), and immigration (8%).
- Most young people say the war in Iraq is going badly and 58% think the U.S. should have stayed out of that country in the first place. Assessments of the Iraq war among Americans nationwide are similar.

HOW IS THE IRAQ WAR GOING?

	17-29	All Americans
	Now	5/07
Very well	2%	2%
Somewhat well	25	21
Somewhat badly	34	29
Very badly	38	47

- Those aged 17 to 29 are more optimistic than Americans overall on the question of whether the U.S. will ultimately succeed in Iraq. However, as with all Americans, few think success is "very" likely.

WILL THE U.S. SUCCEED IN IRAQ?

	17-29	All Americans
	Now	5/07
Very likely	10%	12%
Somewhat likely	41	33
Not very likely	28	29
Not at all likely	19	24

- 47% think the war has had no impact on this country's safety from terrorism. Fewer, 31%, say the war has made the U.S. safer.

87% of young people are opposed to reinstating the military draft.

REINSTATING THE MILITARY DRAFT?

Favor	9%
Oppose	87

In addition, 56% do not think a reinstatement of the draft is likely, but 42% say it could happen.

THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

- Americans 17-29 volunteer Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton as candidates they are enthusiastic about - though many (45%) do not name any candidate as eliciting such enthusiasm.

ARE YOU ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ANY 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE?

Barack Obama	18%
Hillary Clinton	17
Rudy Giuliani	4
Mitt Romney	2
Fred Thompson	2
Other	4
No, none of them	45

- o Clinton generates more enthusiasm among women. 22% of women 17 to 29 are enthusiastic about Clinton while 17% are enthusiastic about Obama.
- Among young people who plan to vote in a Democratic primary, 29% are enthusiastic about Hillary Clinton, and 26% name Barack Obama. 36% of this group is not excited about any of the presidential candidates.
- Rudy Giuliani tops the enthusiasm list among Republican candidates.
 - Among Republican primary voters, specifically, 13% are enthusiastic about Rudy Giuliani, followed by Mitt Romney (9%), potential candidate Fred Thompson (7%) and declared candidate John McCain (2%). 48% of these voters could not name a candidate they are enthusiastic about.
 - Some young Republican primary voters are actually excited about a Democrat: 8% of them name Barack Obama.
 - Republican primary voters are more likely than Democratic ones to say there is no one they're enthusiastic about.
- Seven in 10 young Americans say the current roster of presidential candidates represents a wide array of personal backgrounds and experiences. 22% say their backgrounds and experiences are basically the same.

THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES REPRESENT...

Diverse backgrounds and experiences	71%
Mostly the same backgrounds and experiences	22

- Americans 17 to 29 do not think race or gender would affect the vote of people they know. 66% think most people they know would vote for a black candidate, and 59% say most would vote for a woman candidate.
 - o Nearly seven in 10 think most people they know would have no problem voting for a candidate who had smoked marijuana, while less than one in four say most would vote for a candidate who had used cocaine.
 - o However, young people think a candidate's religion or sexual orientation could be factors with the people they know: only 28% of 17 to 29 -year olds think most people they know would vote for a candidate who was a Mormon, and only one in four think most would vote for a gay or lesbian candidate.

WOULD MOST PEOPLE YOU KNOW VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO ...?

	Would	Would not
Ever smoked marijuana	68%	28
Is black	66%	30
Is a woman	59%	38
Is a Mormon	28%	59
Is gay or lesbian	25%	70
Ever used cocaine	22%	74

- According to younger Americans, the best age for a President is in their 40s or 50s. By comparison, a majority of all registered voters nationwide - 55% - think the best age is the 50s.

BEST AGE FOR A U.S. PRESIDENT

	17-29	Registered voters
	Now	3/2007
30s	14%	5%
40s	44	26
50s	33	55
60s	5	9
70s	1	5

VIEWS OF THE CANDIDATES

- 41% of Americans 17 to 29 have a favorable opinion of Barack Obama and 19% view him unfavorably.
- 41% of younger Americans view Hillary Clinton favorably, but even more - 43% - view her unfavorably.
- Of all the Republican candidates, Rudy Giuliani is viewed favorably by the largest number of younger Americans - 32% of younger Americans have a favorable opinion of him while 19% view

him unfavorably. A majority of younger Americans who consider themselves Republican have a favorable opinion of him.

- A majority of younger Americans are unable to form an opinion yet about John McCain, Fred Thompson, or Mitt Romney.

OPINION OF THE CANDIDATES

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided/ Don't know
Barack Obama	41%	19	39
Hillary Clinton	41%	43	17
Rudy Giuliani	32%	19	49
John Edwards	24%	24	51
John McCain	20%	26	53
Fred Thompson	10%	8	82
Mitt Romney	7%	17	75

METHODOLOGY

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Weighting

The sample is weighted to ensure that the distribution of interviews mirrors the distribution of the entire population of 17 to 29 year-olds across a variety of variables.

The weighting procedures are as follows:

1. Each respondent receives a weight inversely proportional to his or her probability of selection. For respondents in previously interviewed households, this weight is the household weight in the original survey, times the number of 17-29 year olds now in the household. For the RDD sample, it is the number of 17-29 year olds in the household divided by the number of telephone lines. These weights are normalized so that the average weight in the RDD sample and in each of the original surveys is one.

2. The weights were then adjusted to match Census Bureau estimates of 17 to 29 year-olds by age, presence of both 17-24 year olds and 25-29 year olds in the same household, education, gender, marital status, and census region.

Margin of Error

The margin of error for this survey is plus or minus four percentage points for results based on the entire sample. That means that 95 times out of a hundred, the results are within four percentage points of what they would be if the entire universe of 17 to 29 year-olds were interviewed. The error for subgroups is larger.

CBS NEWS/MTV/NEW YORK TIMES POLL
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q1 Suppose a reporter stopped you on the street and wanted to interview you. If he or she asked you to name the most important issue facing people of your generation today, what would you tell them?

	** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **		
	** Gender **		
	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
War in Iraq	18	16	19
Environment/global warming	8	10	6
Health care	6	7	6
Education	5	4	6
Social Security	5	4	5
Economy/jobs	8	10	7
Crime / Violence	4	2	6
Miscellaneous Social Issues	4	5	2
Drugs/kids and drugs	5	4	6
Gas prices/heating oil	2	3	1
Moral values/family values	2	3	1
Terrorism (general)	2	3	0
Other	17	16	19
DK/NA	14	13	16

q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

Approve	28	24	32
Disapprove	66	70	62
DK/NA	6	6	6

q3 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	26	25	27
Wrong track	70	69	70
DK/NA	4	6	3

q4 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

War in Iraq	32	23	39
Economy/jobs	9	12	7
Immigration	8	6	9
Terrorism (general)	5	6	4
Gas/Heating Oil Crisis	5	7	4
The President/George W. Bush	4	4	5
Health Care	3	2	4
Poverty / Homelessness	2	1	2
Environment	2	2	3
Foreign Policy	2	2	2
Politicians/Government	2	3	0
Foreign aid/Attn. to Domestic	2	3	0
Budget Deficit/Nat'l Debt	2	1	2
Miscellaneous Social Issues	2	3	1
Moral/Family/Religious values	2	2	3
Other	12	15	10
DK/NA	6	8	5

q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Approve	22	25	18
Disapprove	72	68	75
DK/NA	6	7	7

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	37	39	35
Disapprove	56	57	54
DK/NA	7	4	11

q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

Approve	32	34	31
Disapprove	54	57	51
DK/NA	14	9	18

q8 How would you rate the job opportunities for people of your generation -- are they excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	9	12	6
Pretty good	41	39	43
Only fair	35	32	38
Poor	14	15	13
DK/NA	1	2	0

q9 How much do you think the government in Washington cares about people of your generation -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	8	9	6
Some	47	43	51
Not much	34	35	33
Not at all	11	13	9
Don't know/No answer	0	0	1

q10 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

A lot	14	16	13
Some	44	45	43
Not much	25	22	29
None at all	16	17	14
DK/NA	1	0	1

q11 In 2008, how much influence do you think people of your generation will have in deciding who the next President will be -- a lot, some, not much, or no influence at all?

A lot	34	28	40
Some	43	49	38
Not much	20	21	19
None at all	2	2	2
DK/NA	1	0	1

q12 Do you think people of your generation will have more influence than people older than you in deciding who the next president will be, less influence, or about the same amount of influence as people older than you?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **
 ** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
More	18	18	18
Less	45	43	47
Same	36	39	34
DK/NA	1	0	1

q13 Do you think your generation will be better off, worse off, or about the same as your parents' generation?

Better off	25	30	21
Worse off	48	41	55
About the same	25	28	22
DK/NA	2	1	2

q14 Compared to previous presidential elections, do you think the 2008 election for President next year will be the MOST important election of your lifetime, one of the most important, about as important as others, less important, or not important at all?

The most important	22	25	20
One of the most important	43	41	46
About as important as others	29	26	32
Less important	3	3	2
Not important at all	2	4	0
DK/NA	1	1	0

q15 Thinking about the candidates now running for President, is there any candidate that you feel enthusiastic about? IF YES: Who is that?

Barack Obama	18	19	17
Hillary Clinton	17	12	22
Rudy Giuliani	4	4	4
Mitt Romney	2	1	3
Fred Thompson	2	4	0
Sam Brownback	1	1	0
John Edwards	1	0	2
John McCain	1	1	0
Ron Paul	1	3	0
No	45	43	47
Other	0	0	0
DK/NA	8	12	5

q16 If the 2008 election for President were being held today, would you probably vote for the Republican candidate or would you probably vote for the Democratic candidate?

Republican	32	31	32
Democratic	54	50	57
Other (vol.)	1	2	0
Won't vote (vol.)	1	1	2
Depends (vol.)	4	6	3
DK/NA	8	10	6

q17 (I'm going to name some possible 2008 presidential candidates and ask you what you think of them. If you haven't heard much about someone I name, just tell me.)
 Is your opinion of Rudy Giuliani favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rudy Giuliani yet to have an opinion?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **
 ** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Favorable	32	35	28
Not favorable	19	20	19
Undecided	26	26	26
Haven't heard enough	23	19	27
Refused	0	0	0

q18 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	20	24	16
Not favorable	26	32	21
Undecided	28	24	33
Haven't heard enough	25	20	30
Refused	1	0	0

q19 Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	7	8	6
Not favorable	17	22	10
Undecided	12	12	13
Haven't heard enough	63	57	70
Refused	1	1	1

q20 Is your opinion of Fred Thompson favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Fred Thompson yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	10	14	5
Not favorable	8	10	5
Undecided	10	7	12
Haven't heard enough	72	68	76
Refused	0	1	2

q21 Is your opinion of Hillary Rodham Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Hillary Rodham Clinton yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	41	33	48
Not favorable	43	51	35
Undecided	15	13	16
Haven't heard enough	2	3	1
Refused	0	0	0

q22 Is your opinion of John Edwards favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John Edwards yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	24	28	21
Not favorable	24	28	20
Undecided	28	26	31
Haven't heard enough	23	18	28
Refused	1	0	0

q23 Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama yet to have an opinion?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Favorable	41	39	44
Not favorable	19	26	13
Undecided	18	17	19
Haven't heard enough	21	18	24
Refused	1	0	0

q24 Would you describe the candidates now running for President as a group of people who have diverse personal backgrounds and experiences, or as a group of people who have mostly the same kind of personal backgrounds and experiences?

Diverse	71	65	76
Same	22	26	18
DK/NA	7	9	6

q25 In deciding who you would like to see elected President next year, which ONE of the following issues will be most important to you?

1. Education, or 2. Terrorism and national security, or 3. The environment and global warming, or 4. the economy and jobs, or 5. Health care, or 6. The war in Iraq, OR 7. Immigration?

Education	15	16	13
Terrorism and nat'l security	10	10	11
Environment/global warming	12	15	10
The economy and jobs	23	23	24
Health care	10	7	13
The war in Iraq	20	18	22
Immigration	8	8	7
Something else/none (vol.)	0	0	0
DK/NA	2	3	0

q26 And do you think the candidates for President are making [Issue Named in q25] enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

* AMONG THOSE WHO SELECTED AN ISSUE IN Q25 *

	<u>Education</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Environment</u>	<u>Economy</u>	<u>Health Care</u>	<u>Iraq War</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Enough	6	33	9	14	17	64
Not enough	81	54	91	67	81	26
Too much (vol.)	2	0	0	0	0	1
Dk/NA	10	13	0	19	2	9

q27 How important to you are government policies that promote job training and job opportunities for younger workers -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

	%	%	%
Very important	62	57	67
Somewhat important	26	26	26
Not too important	9	12	7
Not at all important	2	4	0
DK/NA	1	1	0

q28 And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Enough	19	21	17
Not enough	68	67	69
Too much (vol.)	0	1	0
Dk/NA	13	11	14

q29 How important to you are government policies that provide insurance coverage to people who don't have it -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very important	60	52	68
Somewhat important	28	29	27
Not too important	8	12	4
Not at all important	4	7	0
DK/NA	0	0	1

q30 And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

Enough	32	32	31
Not enough	54	51	57
Too much (vol.)	1	1	0
Dk/NA	13	16	12

q31 How important to you are government policies that try to reduce gas and oil use by consumers -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very important	63	65	61
Somewhat important	27	24	30
Not too important	5	5	5
Not at all important	4	5	3
DK/NA	1	1	1

q32 And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

Enough	32	30	34
Not enough	59	61	57
Too much (vol.)	1	1	0
Dk/NA	8	8	9

q33 How important to you are government policies covering loans, grants, and student aid that helps pay for college -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very important	59	59	59
Somewhat important	29	31	27
Not too important	7	6	8
Not at all important	4	5	3
DK/NA	1	0	3

q34 And do you think the candidates for president are making that enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Enough	21	24	18
Not enough	67	67	67
Too much (vol.)	0	0	0
Dk/NA	12	10	15

q35 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a Mormon, or not?

Would	28	32	25
Would not	59	57	61
Don't know/No answer	13	11	14

q36 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is black, or not?

Would	66	70	63
Would not	30	28	32
Don't know/No answer	4	2	5

q37 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or not?

Would	59	61	57
Would not	38	36	41
Don't know/No answer	3	3	2

q38 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who has ever smoked marijuana, or not?

Would	68	71	66
Would not	28	26	29
Don't know/No answer	4	3	5

q39 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who has ever used cocaine, or not?

Would	22	23	21
Would not	74	74	74
Don't know/No answer	4	3	5

q40 In general, what is the best age for a president of the United States -- in their 30s, in their 40s, in their 50s, in their 60s, or in their 70s?

30s	14	14	14
40s	44	43	46
50s	33	33	32
60s	5	5	4
70s	1	1	1
DK/NA	3	4	3

q41 Would you agree or disagree with the following statement? It makes no real difference who is elected President -- things go on just as they did before.

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Agree	20	17	22
Disagree	80	83	76
DK/NA	0	0	2

q42 In general, is your opinion of the Republican party favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	38	37	39
Not favorable	55	55	54
DK/NA	7	8	7

q43 In general, is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	58	55	60
Not favorable	35	36	33
DK/NA	7	9	7

q44 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party comes closer to sharing your moral values?

Republican	36	39	34
Democratic	52	50	55
Both (vol.)	1	0	2
Neither (vol.)	5	7	4
DK/NA	6	4	5

q45 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to reinstate the military draft?

Republican	66	69	62
Democratic	16	17	16
Both (Vol.)	1	1	1
Neither (Vol.)	5	5	4
Don't know/No answer	12	8	17

q46 Which of these comes closest to your view?...Abortion should be generally available to those who want it, abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now, abortion should not be permitted?

Generally available	37	40	34
Available but w/ limits	38	40	35
Should not be permitted	24	20	28
Don't know/No answer	1	0	3

q47 Which comes closest to your view?...Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Allowed to legally marry	44	43	44
Civil Unions	24	21	27
No legal recognition	30	33	26
Don't know/No answer	2	3	3

q48 Do you think being homosexual is something people choose to be, or do you think it is something they cannot change?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Choose	43	45	42
Cannot change	50	48	52
Don't know/No answer	7	7	6

q49 Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the healthcare system in the United States?

1) on the whole, the healthcare system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better or 2) there are some good things in our health care system, but fundamental changes are needed or 3) our healthcare system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it.

Minor changes	10	9	10
Fundamental changes	55	56	53
Completely rebuild	35	33	36
DK/NA	0	2	1

q50 Which do you think would be better for the country:

1. Having one health insurance program covering all Americans that would be administered by the government and paid for by taxpayers, OR 2. Keeping the current system where many people get their insurance from private employers and some have no insurance.

One program	62	62	63
Current system	32	32	32
Combination (vol.)	2	1	2
Neither (vol.)	2	1	2
DK/NA	2	4	1

q53 Which comes closer to your view:

1. Global warming is a very serious problem and should be one of the highest priorities for government leaders OR 2. Global warming is serious but does not need to be a high priority OR 3. Global warming is not serious and can be addressed years from now.

Very serious	54	59	50
Serious but not high priority	35	29	41
Not serious	10	11	8
Never needs to be addressed	1	1	0
DK/NA	0	0	1

q54 Which comes closer to your opinion:

1) America should always welcome all immigrants, OR 2) America should always welcome some immigrants, but not others, OR 3) America cannot afford to open its doors to any newcomers?

Welcome all	30	34	25
Welcome some	47	46	49
No newcomers	21	18	24
DK/NA	2	2	2

q55 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is gay or lesbian, or not?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Would	25	25	26
Would not	70	68	72
DK/NA	5	7	2

q56 Do you favor or oppose reinstating the military draft in the United States?

Favor	9	13	6
Oppose	87	84	89
Don't know/No answer	4	3	5

q57 How likely do you think it is that the United States will reinstate the military draft in the next few years -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

Very likely	13	13	13
Somewhat likely	29	20	37
Not too likely	39	40	37
Not at all likely	17	23	10
dk/na	2	2	3

q58 Do you think possession of small amounts of marijuana should or should not be treated as a criminal offense?

Should	41	40	42
Should not	58	58	57
DK/NA	1	2	1

q59 Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action against Iraq, or should the US have stayed out?

Right thing	38	38	38
Stayed out	58	57	60
Don't know/No answer	4	5	2

q60 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	2	4	1
Somewhat well	25	27	22
Somewhat badly	34	29	39
Very badly	38	41	34
Don't know/No answer	1	0	4

q61 Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do - would you say that the U.S. is very likely to succeed in Iraq, somewhat likely to succeed, not very likely to succeed, or not at all likely to succeed in Iraq?

Very likely	10	11	9
Somewhat likely	41	41	40
Not very likely	28	25	31
Not at all likely	19	22	16
DK/NA	2	1	4

q62 As a result of the United States' military action against Iraq, do you think the United States is more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or hasn't it made any difference?

** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **

** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
More safe	31	34	28
Less safe	19	18	21
No difference	47	45	49
Don't know/No answer	3	3	2

q63 How big of a problem do you think guns are in the schools in your community? Are guns a serious problem or not a serious problem in the schools where you live?

Serious problem	27	21	34
Not a serious problem	70	76	64
Don't know/No answer	3	3	2

q64 Thinking about the violence at Virginia Tech this past spring, do you think that stricter gun control laws would have done a lot to prevent the violence at Virginia Tech, done a little, or had no effect on preventing the violence at Virginia Tech?

A lot	25	22	28
A little	30	25	35
No effect	42	49	35
DK/NA	3	4	2

q65 Do you think that allowing adults to carry concealed handguns would have reduced some of the violence at Virginia Tech, would have made the violence there worse, or would that have had no effect on the violence there?

Reduced	23	27	19
Made worse	28	24	32
No effect	46	47	44
DK/NA	3	2	5

q67 Where do you usually get most of your news about what's going on in the world today -- from the newspapers, or radio, or television, or the internet, or someplace else?

Newspapers	12	12	11
Radio	7	9	6
Television	45	40	50
Internet	31	33	29
Someplace else	4	5	4
Don't know/No answer	1	1	0

q68 Have you ever used the Internet to visit networking sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook? IF YES: Do you have your own page on any of those sites?

Yes, visited	15	17	12
Yes, visited AND have page	56	52	60
No	30	31	28
DK/NA	0	0	0

q69 Have you ever visited any political candidates' pages on sites like MySpace, Friendster, or Facebook? IF YES: While you were there did you sign up for any mailing lists, volunteer, donate money, or become a friend?

* AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED NETWORKING SITES *
 ** Gender **

	Total	Male	Female
	%	%	%
Yes, visited sites	15	18	12
Yes, visited AND signed up	10	11	10
No	74	71	78
DK/NA	1	0	0

q70 Have you ever visited any political or campaign web sites? IF YES: While you were there did you sign up for any mailing lists, volunteer, or donate money?

	** TOTAL AGE 17-29 **		
	Total	Male	Female
Yes, visited sites	22	24	20
Yes, visited AND signed up	9	11	8
No	69	66	72

q75 Have you personally ever done something to get involved in politics or political issues, such as work on a campaign, join a political club, or attend a political rally or march?

Yes, have done	28	31	25
No, have not done	72	69	74
DK/NA	0	0	1

reg Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

Yes	74	77	70
No	25	21	30
DK/NA	1	2	10

q77 Do you plan to register before the 2008 election, or not?

* AMONG THOSE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE *

Yes	77	82	73
No	21	18	23
DK/NA	2	0	4

prim Next year, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic presidential primary or caucus, or a Republican primary or caucus or aren't you likely to vote in a primary or caucus at all?

AMONG THOSE REGISTERED TO VOTE
 AND THOSE WHO PLAN TO REGISTER

Democratic primary	45	39	51
Republican primary	25	27	24
Not likely to vote	15	18	12
DK/NA	15	16	13

q78 Would 2008 be the first election in which you might vote for president, or have you voted in a presidential election before?

AMONG THOSE REGISTERED TO VOTE
AND THOSE WHO PLAN TO REGISTER

	%	%	%
First time voting	43	42	43
Have voted before	57	58	56
DK/NA	0	0	1

	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
Total Respondents Age 17-29	659	
Total Male 17-29	303	333
Total Female 17-29	356	326