

Young Voter Strategies
at The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management
WEIGHTED FINAL
NATIONWIDE
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500 Adults Age 18-30 Nationwide
with an oversample of 75 Latino/as and 75 African Americans

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey among more than 500 Americans between the ages of 18-30 and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

1. **[TS]** Does someone live at this address who is between the ages of 18 and 30, but NOT older than 30?

YES: Repeat introduction for respondent and continue.

NOT HOME: Schedule call-back.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Ask for forwarding number: "We're doing a survey for a non-profit organization on attitudes of young adults. Would you be willing to provide the phone number of the young adult who lives here, so we can include him/her in the survey?"

NO: TERMINATE

Gender of respondent	September N=650	April N=507
Men	49	49
Women	51	51

2. **[TS]** In what month and year were you born?

17-19	14	15
20-22	24	25
23-25	20	20
26-30	42	40

[SPLIT SAMPLE A] [SSB GO TO Q6]

5. **[TS]** And which party – [ROTATE] – the Democratic Party or the Republican Party – do you think would do a better job addressing that issue?

Democratic Party	50	48
Republican Party	23	28
(Neither)	11	13
(Both)	3	0
(Don't know).....	14	11

[END SSA] [SKIP TO Q7]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

6. And who do you think would do a better job addressing that issue – [ROTATE] – the Democratic Party or President Bush – do you think would do a better job addressing that issue?

Democratic Party	53	--
President Bush	26	--
(Neither)	10	--
(Both)	0	--
(Don't know).....	11	--

[END SSB] [GO ON TO Q7]

7. **[TS]** Often, things come up and people are not able to vote. Would state or local records show that you are currently registered to vote or like many others are you not registered to vote at this time?

Yes, registered.....	80	79
No, not registered	19	18
(Ineligible)	0	1
(Don't know).....	1	2

ASK ONLY IF NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q7

8. **[TS]** What is the likelihood that you will register to vote for the election this NOVEMBER for U.S. Congress and other local offices – are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or like many other people who are not yet registered to vote, are you not very likely at all to register to vote?

Extremely likely	23	37	30	47
Very likely	14		17	
Somewhat likely	25		20	
Not very likely at all.....	34	59	33	53
(Don't know).....	4		0	

RESUME ASKING ALL

9. **[TS]** What is the likelihood that you will vote in the NOVEMBER election for U.S. Congress and other local offices – are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely at all to vote?

Extremely likely	44	69	53	73
Very likely	25		20	
Somewhat likely	18		13	
Not very likely at all.....	12	30	13	26
(Don't know).....	1		1	

10. How much attention have you been able to pay to the coming elections this November – a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

A lot.....	18	63	--	--
Some	45		--	
Not much	23		--	
No attention	14	37	--	--
(Don't know).....	0		--	

Now I'd like to ask you about some public figures and organizations. For each one, please tell me whether you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression of that person.

If you haven't heard of the person {6}, or if you don't know enough about that person to have an impression {5}, just say so and we will move on.

[READ NAME] Do you have a VERY favorable, SOMEWHAT favorable, somewhat UNFAVORABLE, or VERY unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

RANDOMIZE LIST:

11. **_[TS]** George Bush

Very favorable.....	15	38	18	35
Somewhat favorable	24		17	
Somewhat unfavorable	16		15	
Very unfavorable.....	42	58	45	60
(No opinion)	3		5	
(Never heard).....	0		0	

12. _[TS] John McCain				
Very favorable.....	11	36	14	43
Somewhat favorable.....	25		29	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	12		7	
Very unfavorable.....	6	18	7	14
(No opinion).....	19		24	
(Never heard).....	27		18	
13. _[TS] Hillary Clinton				
Very favorable.....	24	60	23	50
Somewhat favorable.....	35		27	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11		14	
Very unfavorable.....	19	29	23	37
(No opinion).....	9		12	
(Never heard).....	2		1	
14. _[SSA: [TS] The Republican Party				
Very favorable.....	11	38	13	39
Somewhat favorable.....	27		26	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	23		20	
Very unfavorable.....	24	48	26	46
(No opinion).....	10		14	
(Never heard).....	4		1	
15. _[SSB: [TS] The Democratic Party				
Very favorable.....	25	65	26	61
Somewhat favorable.....	40		35	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	16		16	
Very unfavorable.....	9	25	10	27
(No opinion).....	9		12	
(Never heard).....	1		0	
16. _ Bill Clinton				
Very favorable.....	33	66	--	--
Somewhat favorable.....	34		--	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13		--	
Very unfavorable.....	14	27	--	--
(No opinion).....	5		--	
(Never heard).....	2		--	

For each of the following people or organizations, please tell me if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job they are doing:

[RANDOMIZE Q17-Q19]

17. **[TS]** George Bush, as President

Strongly approve.....	12	37	17	35
Somewhat approve.....	24		18	
Somewhat disapprove	18		17	
Strongly disapprove	44	62	46	64
(Don't know).....	1		2	

18. **[SSA: [TS]** The United States Congress

Strongly approve.....	11	53	8	48
Somewhat approve.....	42		40	
Somewhat disapprove	24		25	
Strongly disapprove	15	39	18	43
(Don't know).....	8		9	

19. **[SSB: [TS]** YOUR member of Congress

Strongly approve.....	13	58	16	54
Somewhat approve.....	44		38	
Somewhat disapprove	15		16	
Strongly disapprove	7	23	10	26
(Don't know).....	20		20	

20. Using a scale from zero to ten, where zero means you are not at all interested and ten means you are extremely interested, please tell me how interested you are personally in the upcoming Congressional elections this November.

Mean	6.2	--
10.....	16	--
8-9.....	20	--
6-7.....	26	--
5.....	16	--
0-4.....	22	--
(Don't know).....	0	--

21. **[TS]** And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE:]** the Republican candidate,

OR

 the Democrat candidate,

or are you undecided?

[IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, if the election were today and you **HAD** to decide, which way would you lean?

Republican – strong.....	15	22	17	26
Republican – not-so-strong	3		2	
Undecided – lean Republican.....	5		6	
Democrat – strong	31		29	
Democrat – not-so-strong	6		5	
Undecided – lean Democrat	5	43	11	45
Undecided.....	35		30	

SPLIT SAMPLE A [SSB SKIP TO Q30]

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people have said are important for the United States Congress to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue -- **(ROTATE)**

• **the Republicans in Congress**

or

• **the Democrats in Congress.**

Here is the first one:

(READ LIST & RANDOMIZE)

22. _[TS] War in Iraq		
GOP	32	35
Dems	49	42
(Neither)	6	12
(Unsure)	13	11
23. _[TS] Health care		
GOP	21	24
Dems	61	61
(Neither)	5	7
(Unsure)	13	8
24. _[TS] Creating Jobs		
GOP	30	30
Dems	56	53
(Neither)	2	7
(Unsure)	12	11
25. _[TS] Homeland security and terrorism		
GOP	44	51
Dems	39	32
(Neither)	4	8
(Unsure)	13	8
26. _[TS] College affordability		
GOP	22	20
Dems	60	61
(Neither)	4	8
(Unsure)	14	12
27. _[TS] Gas prices and energy		
GOP	24	23
Dems	58	55
(Neither)	5	11
(Unsure)	14	11
28. _Moral and values-based issues		
GOP	39	--
Dems	44	--
(Neither)	5	--
(Unsure)	12	--

29. Immigration

GOP	32	--
Dems	51	--
(Neither)	6	--
(Unsure)	11	--

[END SPLIT SAMPLE A, SKIP TO Q38]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people have said are important for the United States Congress to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue -- **(ROTATE)**

• **President Bush**

or

• **the Democrats in Congress.**

Here is the first one:

(READ LIST & RANDOMIZE)

30. [TS] War in Iraq

Bush.....	39	34
Dems	52	53
(Neither)	4	8
(Unsure)	6	6

31. [TS] Health care

Bush.....	21	24
Dems	59	61
(Neither)	5	6
(Unsure)	15	9

32. [TS] Creating Jobs

Bush.....	26	27
Dems	58	58
(Neither)	4	5
(Unsure)	11	10

33. [TS] Homeland security and terrorism

Bush.....	45	46
Dems	44	40
(Neither)	4	7
(Unsure)	7	7

34. [TS] College affordability

Bush.....	18	17
Dems	61	65
(Neither)	6	7
(Unsure)	16	11

35. [TS] Gas prices and energy

Bush.....	20	21
Dems	61	60
(Neither)	8	11
(Unsure)	11	9

36. _Moral and values-based issues

Bush.....	40	--
Dems	45	--
(Neither).....	4	--
(Unsure).....	11	--

37. _Immigration

Bush.....	39	--
Dems	43	--
(Neither).....	6	--
(Unsure).....	12	--

[END SPLIT SAMPLE B, SKIP TO Q46]

[SPLIT SAMPLE A]

Here are some issues candidates for Congress might talk about this fall. Please tell me if thus far you think candidates have spent too much time, not enough time, or about the right amount of time discussing each issue.

[RANDOMIZE LIST]

38. _War in Iraq

Too much.....	40	--
Not enough	34	--
About right	23	--
(Don't know).....	3	--

39. _Health care

Too much.....	7	--
Not enough	70	--
About right	19	--
(Don't know).....	4	--

40. _Creating jobs

Too much.....	7	--
Not enough	68	--
About right	20	--
(Don't know).....	5	--

41. _Homeland security and terrorism

Too much.....	29	--
Not enough	34	--
About right	32	--
(Don't know).....	4	--

42. _College affordability

Too much.....	6	--
Not enough	70	--
About right	18	--
(Don't know).....	6	--

43. _Gas prices and energy

Too much.....	13	--
Not enough	66	--
About right	16	--
(Don't know).....	5	--

49. _Homeland security and terrorism

Mean	7.5	--
10.....	36	--
8-9.....	25	--
6-7.....	16	--
5.....	9	--
0-4.....	14	--
(Don't know).....	0	--

50. _College affordability

Mean	7.3	--
10.....	34	--
8-9.....	22	--
6-7.....	20	--
5.....	10	--
0-4.....	14	--
(Don't know).....	0	--

51. _Gas prices and energy

Mean	8.1	--
10.....	44	--
8-9.....	27	--
6-7.....	14	--
5.....	8	--
0-4.....	7	--
(Don't know).....	0	--

52. _Moral and values-based issues

Mean	6.5	--
10.....	24	--
8-9.....	23	--
6-7.....	15	--
5.....	14	--
0-4.....	23	--
(Don't know).....	0	--

53. _Immigration

Mean	6.7	--
10.....	25	--
8-9.....	20	--
6-7.....	23	--
5.....	13	--
0-4.....	19	--
(Don't know).....	0	--

[END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO ON TO Q54]

[RESUME ASKING ALL]
(IRAQ AND TERROR)

[SPLIT SAMPLE A] [SSB SKIP TO Q55]

54. Thinking about the war in Iraq, are you more or less likely to vote for the [ROTATE] Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate for Congress, or doesn't it make a difference?
 (If Candidate): Is that much or somewhat more?

Much more DEM	28	40	--	--
Somewhat more DEM.....	13		--	
Somewhat more REPUB	7		--	
Much more REPUB	10	17	--	--
(No difference)	41		--	
(Don't know).....	2		--	

[END SPLIT SAMPLE A, SKIP TO Q56]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

55. How important is a candidate's position on the Iraq war in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very	55	86	--	--
Somewhat.....	32		--	
Not very	2		--	
A little	8	10	--	--
(No difference)	4		--	
(Don't know).....	0		--	

[END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO ON TO Q56]

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

56. As you have probably heard, there has been a lot of debate over the past few months about what the United States should do about its troops that are currently stationed in Iraq. I am going to read you three proposals on this issue. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view. **[ROTATE CHOICES TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP]**

_The US should begin immediately withdrawing all troops from Iraq. This is now a job for Iraqi forces to handle.

_The US should set a date certain, no more than two years from now, when all troops will be withdrawn from Iraq. This process should begin with some troops coming home immediately.

_The US should keep its forces in Iraq until our military leaders there confirm that the situation in Iraq is stable enough that extremist forces will not be able to seize control once US troops leave.

Immediate withdrawal	30		--	
Set date certain for withdrawal	37		--	
Stay until situation is confirmed stable	30		--	
(All).....	1		--	
(Other/none)	1		--	
(Don't know).....	2		--	

[SPLIT SAMPLE A] [SSB SKIP TO Q58]

57. All in all, since we first sent our troops to Iraq, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq or did we not make a mistake?
 [Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?]

Strongly - Made a mistake.....	47	57	--	--
Not so strongly - Made a mistake.....	10		--	
Not so strongly – Did NOT make a mistake	16		--	
Strongly – Did NOT make a mistake	24	40	--	--
(Not sure/don't know)	3		--	
(Other/refused)	0		--	

[END SPLIT SAMPLE A, SKIP TO Q59]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

58. All in all, do you think the war in Iraq is worth fighting, or not?
 [Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat strongly?]

Strongly – worth fighting	24	45	--	--
somewhat strongly – worth fighting	21		--	
somewhat strongly – NOT worth	16		--	
Strongly – NOT worth	35	51	--	--
(Don't know).....	4		--	

[END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO ON TO Q59]

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

59. Do you think of the war in Iraq as part of the war on terrorism?
 [And do you feel strongly about that?]

Yes, strongly	35	55	--	--
Yes.....	19		--	
(Don't know).....	3		--	
No	13		--	
No, strongly.....	29	42	--	--

[IF YES IN Q59]

60. And do you think of the war in Iraq as a:

- _Major part of the war on terrorism, OR
- _Minor part of the war on terrorism

Major part.....	59	--
Minor part.....	35	--
(Both)	4	--
(Neither)	0	--
(Don't know).....	2	--

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

(COLLEGE AFFORD)

[SPLIT SAMPLE A] [SSB SKIP TO Q65]

64. Thinking about college affordability, are you more or less likely to vote for the [ROTATE] Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate for Congress, or doesn't it make a difference?

(If Candidate): Is that much or somewhat more?

Much more DEM	28	40	--	--
Somewhat more DEM	12		--	
Somewhat more REPUB	5		--	
Much more REPUB	6	11	--	--
(No difference)	46		--	
(Don't know).....	3		--	

[END SPLIT SAMPLE A, SKIP TO Q66]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

65. How important is a candidate's position on college affordability in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very	37	75	--	--
Somewhat.....	38		--	
A little	10		--	
Not at all.....	13	23	--	--
(No difference)	1		--	
(Don't know).....	1		--	

[END SPLIT SAMPLE B, GO ON TO Q66]

Thank you. The few remaining questions are for classification purposes only.

66. **[TS]** Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?
[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:] Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican	13	29	18	31
Not so strong Republican	11		9	
Indep. leans Republican	5		4	
Independent.....	17		18	
Indep. leans Democrat	8		10	
Not so strong Democrat.....	10		9	
Strong Democrat.....	23	42	20	39
(dk/na/other)	13		12	

67. **[TS]**On political issues do you consider yourself a liberal, a conservative, or a moderate?

(IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE:) Would you call yourself a strong (liberal/conservative), or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

(IF MODERATE:) Do you think of yourself as closer to being liberal or being conservative?

Strong liberal.....	15	35	14	33
Not strong liberal.....	11		10	
Moderate - lean liberal	9		9	
Moderate.....	29		23	
Moderate - conservative	10		11	
Not strong conservative	7		7	
Strong conservative	12	29	16	34
(Other)	0		1	
(Don't know/refused).....	7		9	

68. **[TS]** What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th grade	7	4
High school graduate.....	25	26
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech)	1	1
Some college	30	30
Associate's degree (2 year college)	6	7
College graduate	20	21
Post-graduate school.....	9	7
(Don't know).....	1	4

69. **[TS]** Are you currently a student? **IF YES:** Do you go to school full-time or part-time?

Full-time student	21	29
Part-time student	10	8
Not a student	68	57
(Don't know).....	0	6

70. **[TS]** Are you employed full-time ?

Yes.....	60	54
No	39	42
(Don't know).....	1	4

71. **[TS]** Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born again/evangelical	39	36
Not born-again	51	47
(Don't know).....	9	17

72. **[TS]** Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	65	62
Black	13	13
Spanish speaking/Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.).....	15	15
Native American	1	2
Asian.....	2	2
(Other)	2	1
(Don't know/refused)	2	6

Region

New England.....	5	5
Middle Atlantic.....	12	13
East North Central.....	17	16
West North Central.....	8	7
South Atlantic	18	18
East South Central.....	7	7
West South Central.....	11	11
Mountain	7	7
Pacific.....	16	17

That completes our public opinion survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening).