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N=736 Likely Voters  
Margin of error:  $\pm 3.61\%$

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- B. Now, I know it 's a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress this November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or DON'T you think you will vote?

82% ALMOST CERTAIN  
18% PROBABLY

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Now, changing topics...

1. Generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>3/4-7</u>	<u>3/19-25</u>	<u>4/28-30</u>	
60%	58%	53%	RIGHT DIRECTION
28%	35%	35%	WRONG TRACK
11%	7%	12%	NO OPINION /REFUSED

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3/4-7: Survey Conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research

3/19-25: Survey Conducted by Public Opinion Strategies

4/28-30: Survey Conducted by Public Opinion Strategies

2. What would you say is the single **MOST** important problem facing the United States today, that is, the one that you, yourself, are most concerned about?

**GENERAL ECONOMY**

Big Business .....	1%
Economy/Recession .....	7%
Farm Problems .....	-
Industry .....	*
Inflation .....	-
Labor Unions .....	-
Unemployment/lack of jobs .....	6%
Interest Rates .....	-

**ECONOMY — GOVERNMENT**

Deficits/Federal Debt .....	2%
Government Spending .....	2%
Taxes/Unfair Taxes .....	2%
Property Taxes .....	*

**FOREIGN POLICY**

General Foreign Policy .....	2%
International Trade/Imports .....	1%
Middle East (General) .....	3%
Israel/Palestine Conflict .....	1%
Too Much Foreign Aid .....	1%
United Nations/US forces — UN control .....	-
World Respect .....	1%

**TERRORISM/NATIONAL SECURITY**

General National Defense .....	2%
Terrorism/National Security .....	20%
War/World Peace .....	9%
11-Sep.....	1%
Osama bin Laden .....	1%

**GOVERNMENT**

Congress .....	*
Government Corruption/Control.....	-
Bureaucracy/Leadership .....	1%
President George W. Bush .....	*
The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) .....	-

**EDUCATION**

Quality of education .....	2%
Violence in schools .....	*
Education funding .....	2%
Overcrowded classrooms .....	*
Other education .....	1%

**ENVIRONMENT**

Recycling .....	-
Pollution .....	1%
Garbage/Landfills .....	-
Other Environment .....	1%

**GENERAL SOCIAL**

Abortion (PRO-CHOICE) .....	*
Abortion (PRO-LIFE) .....	*
Partial Birth Abortion .....	*
Child/Day Care .....	-
Teenage Pregnancy .....	-
Decline in Moral Values .....	5%
Future/Youth .....	*
Housing Costs .....	*
Illegal Aliens/Immigration .....	*
Poverty/Hunger/Homeless .....	1%
Racial Problems/Discrimination .....	*
Welfare (too little) .....	-
Welfare (too much) .....	*

**CRIME**

Alcohol abuse .....	*
Child Abuse/Kidnapping .....	*
Crime .....	1%
Drugs .....	1%
Gang/juvenile delinquency .....	*
Gun control .....	*
Poor Courts/Judicial System .....	*
Poor Police/Law Enforcement .....	*
Hate Crimes .....	*
Other Crime .....	*

**HEALTH ISSUES**

Health care costs .....	2%
AIDS .....	*
Availability of Care .....	1%
Medicare .....	1%
Poor Coverage/Benefits .....	*
National Health Care/.....	-
Gov't Not Doing Enough .....	*
Social Security/Aid to Elderly .....	2%
The Uninsured .....	*
HMO Reform .....	*
Prescription Drug Costs .....	*
Hospital Care .....	-
Nursing Home Care .....	-
Other Health * .....	-

**OTHER**

Gas Prices .....	*
Electricity Prices .....	*
Personal Rights .....	1%
Other Economic .....	*
Religion/Lack of Religion .....	1%
Low Paying Jobs .....	*
Politics .....	1%
Other (SPECIFY): _____	1% ...
No Problems .....	1%
Don't Know .....	5%
REFUSED .....	1%

2. What would you say is the single **MOST** important problem facing the United States today, that is, the one that you, yourself, are most concerned about?

**14% GENERAL**  
**6% ECONOMY/GOVERNMENT**  
**9% FOREIGN POLICY**  
**33% TERRORISM/NATIONAL SECURITY**  
**2% GOVERNMENT**  
**5% EDUCATION**  
**2% ENVIRONMENT**  
**8% GENERAL SOCIAL**  
**5% CRIME**  
**7% HEALTH ISSUES**

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3. And, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President?

<u>3/4-7</u>	<u>3/19-25</u>	<u>4/28-30</u>	
50%	50%	47%	STRONGLY APPROVE
31%	29%	30%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
9%	9%	9%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
6%	9%	11%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
3%	3%	3%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED
<b>81%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>
<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>

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4. And thinking ahead to the next U.S. Congressional election in your district in 2002...If the election were held today, for whom would you vote...

the Republican candidate

... or ...

the Democratic candidate

**3/19-25 4/28-30**

24% 21% DEFINITELY REPUBLICAN

14% 14% PROBABLY REPUBLICAN

6% 5% LEAN REPUBLICAN

14% 19% HARD UNDECIDED

4% 4% LEAN DEMOCRAT

14% 12% PROBABLY DEMOCRAT

21% 22% DEFINITELY DEMOCRAT

3% 3% REFUSED

**44% 40% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**

**39% 38% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**

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5. And, which ONE of the following issue areas would be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for a candidate for Congress? Is it....

And which of the following would be the NEXT issue most personally important to you?

**FIRST CHOICE**

**3/19-25 4/28-30**

16%	13%	Education
10%	14%	Social Security and Medicare
9%	7%	Taxes
12%	14%	Moral values
20%	19%	The economy and jobs
11%	13%	Affordable health care
8%	8%	Anti-terrorism efforts
6%	4%	Federal spending
3%	3%	The environment
2%	3%	Crime and Illegal Drugs
1%	1%	NONE OF THESE
2%	1%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

**TOTAL CHOICE**

**3/19-25 4/28-30**

29%	23%	Education
20%	25%	Social Security and Medicare
16%	14%	Taxes
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34%	35%	The economy and jobs
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15%	21%	Anti-terrorism efforts
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6%	9%	The environment
6%	10%	Crime and Illegal Drugs
1%	1%	NONE OF THESE
3%	2%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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And, talking more about different issues....

6. Which ONE of these is MORE important to YOU in deciding how to vote for Congress, is it ....

27% International issues like the war on terrorism, the military, conflicts in the world like the Middle East, and trade issues with other countries?

...OR...

69% Domestic issues such as taxes, education, health care, and retirement?

3% DON'T KNOW

1% REFUSED

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And, changing topics....

7. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing handling our foreign policy?

73% APPROVE

21% DISAPPROVE

4% NOT SURE

2% DON'T KNOW

\* REFUSED

***NBC News/Wall Street Journal Polls***

<u>3/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
53%	63%	50%	82%	81%	68%	APPROVE
20%	26%	32%	12%	13%	26%	DISAPPROVE
27%	11%	18%	6%	6%	6%	NOT SURE

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8. And when thinking about the phrase “handling our foreign policy,” were you focusing more on the president ‘s handling of ...

34% The situation in the Middle East between Israel and the Palestinians

47% The situation in Afghanistan and the effort to halt international terrorism

10% BOTH

Now, speaking with people tonight, we find some people say they were focusing on BOTH of these issues, BUT if you had to choose, which ONE of these would you focus on MOST in deciding whether you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing handling our foreign policy

5% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

...OR

4% Some other foreign policy issue ... (SPECIFY)

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**(IF Q3:1-2, ASK:)(ASKED OF 564 RESPONDENTS)**

9. And ... in general, when thinking about your OVERALL approval of the way President Bush is handling his job, is your approval of the job he is doing based more on his ...

TOTAL SKIP

BASE BASE

41% 53% Efforts to combat international terrorism

23% 29% Efforts here at home on issues such as taxes, education, and health care

11% 15% BOTH

Speaking to people tonight, we are finding that some people base their approval on his efforts in BOTH of these areas, BUT if you could choose just the ONE you are basing your approval on MOST right now, which one might that be?

2% 3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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**(IF Q3:3-4, ASK:)(ASKED OF 145 RESPONDENTS)**

10. And ... in general, when thinking about your OVERALL disapproval of the way President Bush is handling his job, is your disapproval of the job he is doing based more on his ...

TOTAL SKIP

BASE BASE

5% 24% Efforts to combat international terrorism

13% 65% Efforts here at home on issues such as taxes, education, and health care

2% 8% BOTH

Speaking to people tonight, we are finding that some people base their disapproval on his efforts in BOTH of these areas, BUT if you could choose just the ONE you are basing your disapproval on MOST right now, which one might that be?

\* 3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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And now let me ask you about the situation in the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict...

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Bush administration is doing handling that issue?

65% Approve  
25% Disapprove  
  
6% NOT SURE  
3% DON'T KNOW  
1% REFUSED

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12. Now, you said you (INSERT PUNCH FROM Q11) of the job the Bush administration is doing handling this conflict. Can you tell me a few of the SPECIFIC reasons why you feel this way about the President 's handling of this situation in the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

**SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**

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**(ASK SAMPLE A)(ASKED OF 370 RESPONDENTS)**

13. Now, talking more about President Bush and his administration and the issue of foreign policy, specifically, as regards our country 's efforts to combat international terrorism, please tell me whether you would say the following statement is true .. untrue ... or you just have not heard enough to say one way or the other

President Bush has clear plans as regards this country 's objectives in combating international terrorism and his administration knows what needs to be done to be successful.

55% TRUE  
17% UNTRUE  
  
26% HAVE NOT HEARD ENOUGH  
2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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**(ASK SAMPLE B)(ASKED OF 366 RESPONDENTS)**

14. Now, talking more about President Bush and his administration and the issue of foreign policy, specifically, as regards our country 's efforts in the Middle East, please tell me whether you would say the following statement is true .. untrue ... or you just have not heard enough to say one way or the other

President Bush has clear plans as regards this country 's objectives in the current situation in the Middle East between Israel and the Palestinians and his administration knows what needs to be done to be successful.

32% TRUE  
28% UNTRUE  
  
37% HAVE NOT HEARD ENOUGH  
3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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Thinking about the elections for Congress that are taking place in November, I am going to be reading you a series of short statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one...

The (first/next) one is...Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

And would that be STRONGLY or only SOMEWHAT (agree/disagree)?

STRGLY	SMWT	SMWT	STRGLY	DK/
AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DISAGREE	REF

**(ASK SAMPLE A)(ASKED OF 370 RESPONDENTS)**

15. The war on terrorism will be going on for a long time, well after this election, so the elections for Congress this November are about more immediate things here at home.

41%	31%	12%	13%	3%
<b>72%</b>		<b>25%</b>		

**(ASK SAMPLE B)(ASKED OF 366 RESPONDENTS)**

16. The war on terrorism and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will go on a long time, with a lot of ups and downs and uncertainty. So, the elections for Congress this November are about more immediate things here at home.

44%	31%	11%	9%	5%
<b>75%</b>		<b>20%</b>		

**(ASK ALL)**

17. The President 's main focus should be on the war on terrorism, while the Congress ' main focus should be on addressing problems here at home.

29%	24%	21%	22%	4%
<b>53%</b>		<b>43%</b>		

18. Democrats and Republicans both support the President on the war on terrorism, so that is not a political issue for the elections for Congress this November.

36%	29%	15%	16%	4%
<b>65%</b>		<b>31%</b>		

STRGLY	SMWT	SMWT	STRGLY	DK/
AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DISAGREE	REF

19. Democrats together with Republicans support President Bush and the war on terrorism, but they also think we need to take care of our problems at home like healthcare, education and retirement. Given these needs, this is a good reason to consider supporting Democratic candidates for Congress.

37%	21%	15%	22%	5%
<b>58%</b>			<b>37%</b>	

**(ASKED MARCH 28-29 OF 496 RESPONDENTS)**

20. Republicans in Congress are more supportive than Democrats of a strong defense and we need them in office to make sure we defend America's interests around the world. Given the attack on this country, this is a good reason to consider supporting Republican candidates for Congress.

26%	20%	19%	30%	5%
<b>46%</b>			<b>49%</b>	

**(ASKED MARCH 30 OF 240 RESPONDENTS)**

20x. Republicans in Congress are more supportive than Democrats of a strong defense and we need them in office to make sure we defend America's interests around the world. This is a good reason to consider supporting Republican candidates for Congress.

29%	20%	17%	27%	7%
<b>49%</b>			<b>44%</b>	

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21. Now, talking more about the elections for Congress this November.....Which ONE of these statements best describes what you think....( **TOP TO BOTTOM , BOTTOM TO TOP**)

42% I support the President in the war on terrorism, BUT I prefer the Democrats ' priorities on issues like education, healthcare and retirement security.

8% I do NOT support the President in the war on terrorism, AND I prefer the Democrats ' priorities on issues like education, healthcare and retirement security.

1% I do NOT support the President in the war on terrorism, BUT I prefer the Republicans ' priorities on issues like taxes, economy, and education.

41% I support the President in the war on terrorism, AND I prefer the Republicans ' priorities on issues like taxes, economy, and education.

6% DON'T KNOW

2% REFUSED

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And for statistical purposes only...

D3. In what year were you born?

3%	18-24
9%	25-34
20%	35-44
24%	45-54
22%	55-64
21%	65 and above
1%	Refused

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D4. And what was the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)**

3%	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
5%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
<b>34%</b>	26% GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
<b>27%</b>	4% TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
	23% SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
<b>39%</b>	24% GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
	15% GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
*	REFUSED

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D5. And for statistical purposes only...is your total annual household income greater or less than \$60,000 dollars?

**(IF LESS THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...**  
**( FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

10%	UNDER \$20,000
24%	BETWEEN \$20,000 - \$40,000
17%	OVER \$40,000

**(IF GREATER THAN \$60,000, ASK:) Is it...**  
**( FROM TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

16%	UNDER \$80,000
12%	BETWEEN \$80,000 - \$100,000
11%	OVER \$100,000
10%	REFUSED

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D6. Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union?

(IF YES, ASK:) And is that YOU or someone else in your family?

	9%	YES, SELF
	6%	YES, OTHER HOUSEHOLD
<b>16%</b>	1%	YES, BOTH
	84%	NO
	*	DON'T KNOW
	-	REFUSED

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D7. And in politics today, do you consider yourself...

a Republican,  
a Democrat,  
or something else?

	22%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
<b>41%</b>	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
	17%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
<b>41%</b>	7%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
	11%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
	23%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
	1%	DON'T KNOW
	*	REFUSED

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D8. Many people were not able to vote in the 2000 election for president between George W. Bush, Al Gore, and Ralph Nader. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	98%	VOTED
	2%	INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE
	-	DID NOT VOTE
	-	CAN 'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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(IF D8:1, ASK:) (ASKED OF 724 RESPONDENTS)

D9. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the November 2000 Presidential election

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George W. Bush, Republican

Al Gore, Democrat

Pat Buchanan, Reform

Ralph Nader, Green Party

50% George W. Bush

38% Al Gore

\* Pat Buchanan

3% Ralph Nader

1% SOMEONE ELSE

\* DID NOT VOTE

1% DON'T KNOW/DON'T RECALL

7% REFUSED

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D9x. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage?

11% AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK

80% WHITE

4% HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO

\* ASIAN AMERICAN

3% NATIVE AMERICAN

- OTHER **(IF PUNCH , THEN ASK:)** Now I realize you just said your main ethnic or racial heritage doesn't fall into any of the categories I just mentioned...but if you had to choose JUST ONE of these categories, which is ONE would you choose?

2% REFUSED

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D10. GENDER Are you employed outside of the home, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?

	35%	MALE/EMPLOYED
	1%	MALE/HOMEMAKER
	11%	MALE/RETIRED
	1%	MALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
<b>48%</b>	*	MALE/REFUSED
<b>52%</b>	28%	FEMALE/EMPLOYED
	7%	FEMALE/HOMEMAKER
	15%	FEMALE/RETIRED
	1%	FEMALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
	1%	FEMALE/REFUSED

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D11. And finally, it is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about foreign policy and then possibly call you for a brief interview?

48%	YES
51%	NO
1%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

**IF YES, COLLECT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

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