

## Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg News Poll

### Press Release 2 –The Economy, Iraq and G.W. Bush

Survey field dates: January 18-22, 2008

### Public Predicts Recession

*Tax Breaks And Rebates Seen As Best Solution*

**P**essimism over the economy has reached an all time high, according to the latest Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg News poll. More than two-thirds of the public now say economy is doing badly – giving the most negative view of the country's economic health since the Times Poll began asking the question in 1997. Most predict a slide into recession in the coming year, and said they have more confidence in the Democrats in Congress than they do in President Bush to handle the economy. In fact, the survey found that Bush would get the biggest share of the blame for a recession if it occurs.

The survey was taken over a period in which President Bush and congressional Democrats have been discussing the makeup of an economic stimulus package to help jump-start the stalling economy. The morning of this release, one day after the survey's end, the White House and Congress announced a rare compromise agreement on a stimulus package that will likely include tax rebates for families along with incentives for business.

That discussion may have led to a recent shift in the public's thinking about how to stimulate the economy, resulting in a shift that has a slightly larger share now saying that tax cuts rather than spending on such things as health care and education are the most effective way to jump-start a sluggish economy. When asked about some of the various temporary economic stimulus options that were being debated by Bush and the Congress recently, a majority favored one of the quick-fix approaches that would return money to taxpayers or businesses. That included nearly three in 10 who said that a one time tax rebates to families would be most effective, followed by 19% who said that keeping Bush's tax cuts past 2010 would be the best way, and 10% who liked the idea of temporary tax breaks for businesses. Only 16% said that government spending on public projects was the way to go, and 13% weren't sure.

The public leaning toward tax cuts over spending on health care and education is an interesting turnaround from previous Times/Bloomberg surveys. Past surveys, including one taken just last fall, have consistently found more than half of the public saying that health care spending was a better stimulus than tax cuts.

#### **Economic Stimulus via Tax Cuts v. Spending – 2006 to 2008**

*Which do you think is more effective in stimulating the nation's economy: An economic agenda focused on returning money to taxpayers through tax cuts, or an economic agenda focused on spending on such issues as health care and education?*

	<u>Jan '08</u>	<u>Oct '07</u>	<u>Jan '07</u>	<u>Jan '06</u>
Tax cuts	45%	36%	36%	36%
Spending on health care and education	41	52	54	56
Don't know	14	12	10	8

Source: Times/Bloomberg polls

Nearly four out of five Americans are now forecasting an economic recession for the coming year, a concern that has been growing steadily as measured by Times/Bloomberg polls since last year. Last April, six in 10 said that recession was likely, and that number has grown to 79% today.

### National Recession – 2007 and 2008

*How likely is it that the nation could face an economic recession sometime in the next year?*

	<u>01/08</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>04/07</u>
Likely	79%	71%	65%	60%
Not likely	16	23	29	37
Don't know	5	6	6	3

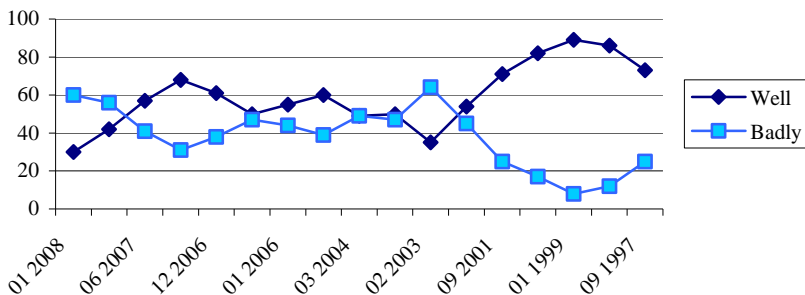
Source: Times/Bloomberg polls

Two-thirds of the public still describe their own finances as secure, however, compared to just under a third who feel their financial situation is a bit shaky. More than half - 55% - said that they planned to spend about the same amount on purchases six months from now as they are spending now. Just under one in four said they were going to be spending less money and one in five said they'd be spending more.

If the country does slide into recession, defined by some economists as a period of two consecutive quarters of declining production, nearly one in five say that Bush would be to blame. Nearly the same proportion would blame the mortgage crisis in some way – 15% point to lenders making risky loans, and 4% to borrowers who defaulted on their loans. Other responses were 8% who look to the weakened dollar as the problem, 5% blame the trade deficit and another 5% point to the Democrats in Congress while 4% point to their GOP counterparts. More than one in five said that some combination of these things are to blame. Only 3% would blame the Federal Reserve or it's chairman Ben Bernanke, who made a deep cut in interest rates on Tuesday to calm a roiling global stock market while indicating his willingness to make further cuts if needed.

### Status of the National Economy

Source: LA Times and Times/Bloomberg Polls 1997 -2008



Public pessimism has never been higher in any Times or Times/Bloomberg poll since 1997. Optimism took a definite downward turn in late 2006, and has been decreasing ever since.

Fully 67% now say the economy is doing fairly (36%) or very (31%) badly, compared to only 30% who say it is doing well, including 27% who say it is doing fairly well, and only 3% who say it is doing very well.

As an interesting comparison, in a Times poll from December 2002, at a time when 61% felt that the country was at that very moment mired in a recession, 45% of the public said the economy was doing well, and while 55% said it was doing badly, it is still a considerably more optimistic public outlook than was found in this most recent survey.

This economic pessimism is broad-based, spanning all income groups, ages and races. Democrats and independents are gloomy, and only among Republicans was there any hint of optimism – 52% of the self-described GOP say the economy is doing well, outnumbering the 46% who say badly. But even Republicans are catching the economic blues – that optimism figure was 66% last month, and 82% last June.

**Status of the National Economy Among Self-Described Republicans, 2007 - 2008**

	<u>Jan '08</u>	<u>Dec '07</u>	<u>Oct '07</u>	<u>Jun '07</u>	<u>Apr '07</u>
Well	52%	66%	68%	82%	82%
Badly	46	33	31	17	17
D/Know	2	1	1	1	1

Source: Times/Bloomberg polls

**George W. Bush**

Bush, in the final year of his two-term presidency, is no more popular than he has been in recent polling - more than three out of five Americans disapprove of the job that the president is doing at this time, continuing a trend of more than 60% disapproval that has lasted since he crossed that benchmark in a Bloomberg poll last March.

Even a quarter of Republicans disapprove of the job he's been doing, accompanied by 72% of independents and 88% of Democrats. By comparison, back in December 1999, Bush's predecessor, Bill Clinton was nearing the end of his contentious second term in office with a 58% overall approval rating, including just over a third - 34% - of Republicans who approved. Bush is pursuing an unpopular war at this time, but Clinton wasn't exactly without controversy either, having been impeached.

There is little public confidence in Bush's handling of two major public concerns – the economy and the Iraq war. A majority of the public picked the Democrats in Congress over Bush when it comes to handling the economy, including 12% of self described Republicans, 51% of independents and 83% of Democrats. And Congressional Democrats were favored over Bush by a plurality when it comes to handling Iraq, as well. By 46% to 34%, the public said it preferred their opposition approach. Even 12% of Republicans, a 41% plurality of independents and of course the vast majority (81%) of Democrats chose the Democratic lawmaker's approach to the war over Bush's.

*---- Analysis by Jill Darling*

# Data Tables

## Guide to column headings:

ALL	All survey respondents
REG	Registered voters includes respondents from states where registration is not required to vote
DEMVTR / REPVTR	Democratic-primary and Republican-primary likely voters – each includes registered party members and eligible others who are likely to vote in a Democratic/Republican primary or caucus.
DEM / IND / REP	Self described Democrat, independent, & Republican registered voters
LIB / MOD / CONS	Self described liberal, moderate and conservative registered voters
WHITE / BLACK	Non-Hispanic white-alone and black-alone respondents
L/40K, \$40-\$59K, etc.	Respondents' annual total household income
WRKNG/NWRKG	Working and non-working respondents

## Release Notes:

- (vol.) indicates a volunteered response
- ‘-’ indicates that a response added up to less than 0.5% of the question base
- The order of candidate names and the order of any arguments or statements are rotated in all questions that mention them. Question order is also rotated whenever applicable.
- Missing questions are operational, or were published in a previous release

## Survey Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,541 adults nationwide by telephone January 18 to 22, 2008. Included are 1,312 registered voters. Telephone numbers were chosen randomly from a list of all exchanges in the nation, allowing listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Areas with higher concentration of African American households were disproportionately contacted in a separate random national sample to allow a more accurate analysis of that subgroup. Adults in both samples were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, education, and national region.

The margin of sampling error for all adults and all registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain other subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by other factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviews were conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Inc. in Van Nuys.

## (ASKED OF ALL RESPONDENTS)

Q1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	----- All Respondents -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>	
Right direction	25	19	23	29	29	29	21	26	23	
Wrong track	63	69	68	61	60	57	69	61	67	
Not sure	12	12	9	10	11	13	10	13	10	
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK*</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>				
Right direction	26	13	24	11	19	46				
Wrong track	62	80	66	83	71	35				
Not sure	12	6	10	6	9	19				
Refused	-	1	-	-	1	-				

**Q41 TO Q43 ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

Q41. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	----- Among Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Approve (net)	<u>34</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>
Approve strongly	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>62</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>65</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>47</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>52</u>
D/Know (net)	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

Q42. Who do you think can do a better job of handling the situation in Iraq: President Bush or the Democrats in Congress?

	----- Among Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Bush	<u>34</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>28</u>
Democrats	<u>46</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>52</u>
Both equally (vol)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Neither (vol)	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
Don't Know	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

Q43. Who do you think can do a better job of handling the economy: President Bush or the Democrats in Congress?

	----- Among Registered Voters -----										
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEMVTR</u>	<u>REPVTR</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Bush	<u>29</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>28</u>
Democrats	<u>51</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>52</u>
Both equally (vol)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Neither (vol)	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Don't Know	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

Q44 - Removed Before Field Period

**Q45 TO Q47 ASKED OF ALL RESPONDENTS**

Q45. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

	----- All Respondents -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>	
Well (net)	<u>30</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	
Very well	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	
Fairly well	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>	
Badly (net)	<u>67</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>66</u>	
Fairly badly	<u>36</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>28</u>	
Very badly	<u>31</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>	
D/Know (net)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	

	----- All Respondents -----						
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	
Well (net)	<u>31</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>52</u>	
Very well	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	
Fairly well	<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>45</u>	
Badly (net)	<u>66</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>46</u>	
Fairly badly	<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>33</u>	
Very badly	<u>28</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>13</u>	
D/Know (net)	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	

Q46. In your opinion, how likely is it that the nation could face an economic recession sometime in the next year? Would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not likely at all?

	All Respondents								
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
Likely (net)	<u>79</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>80</u>
Very likely	<u>37</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>
Somewhat likely	<u>42</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>43</u>
N/likely (net)	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>
Not very likely	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
Not likely at all	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
D/Know (net)	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

	All Respondents					
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Likely (net)	<u>82</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>68</u>
Very likely	<u>38</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>21</u>
Somewhat likely	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>47</u>
N/likely (net)	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>
Not very likely	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>
Not likely at all	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
D/Know (net)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

Q47. If the nation falls into a recession, who or what do you think should get most of the blame: President Bush, or the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress, or mortgage lenders who made risky loans, or borrowers who are defaulting on their loans, or the Federal Reserve Board, or the weakening of the dollar, or the trade deficit, or is there someone or some thing else that should get the most blame?

	All Respondents								
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
President Bush	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>
Mortgage lenders' risky loans	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Weakened dollar	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Democrats in Congress	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
Trade deficit	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Republicans in Congress	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Borrowers defaulting on loans	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
Fed / Ben Bernanke	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Something else	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
No one/nothing in particular (vol)	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
All / combination (vol)	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

	All Respondents					
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
President Bush	<u>15</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>
Mortgage lenders' risky loans	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>
Weakened dollar	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Democrats in congress	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>
Trade deficit	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Republicans in congress	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>
Borrowers defaulting on loans	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Fed / Ben Bernanke	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Something else	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
No one/nothing in particular (vol)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
All / combination (vol)	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

Q48. Which do you think is more effective in stimulating the nation's economy: An economic agenda focused on returning money to taxpayers through tax cuts, or an economic agenda focused on spending on such issues as health care and education?

	All Respondents								
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
Tax cuts	45	37	45	46	56	51	40	48	41
Health care and education	41	44	44	40	37	35	46	39	43
Not sure	13	16	10	14	6	13	13	11	15
Refused	1	3	1	-	1	1	1	2	1

	All Respondents					
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Tax cuts	51	24	46	26	47	66
Health care and education	36	58	39	56	40	24
Not sure	12	15	14	16	12	10
Refused	1	3	1	2	1	-

As you may know, economic forecasts predict that the economy will slow considerably this year.

Q49. I am going to read some of the temporary measures the government is considering to stimulate the economy. Please tell me which one, if any, you think would be the most effective: Would it be maintaining George W. Bush's tax cuts beyond 2010, or a one-time tax rebate of \$800 for an individual or \$1600 for a family, or temporary tax breaks for business, or government spending on public projects such as roads and bridges?

	All Respondents								
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
One-time tax rebate	27	31	30	31	24	26	28	26	29
Maintain tax cuts past 2010	19	15	19	22	24	22	16	20	16
Gov't spending on projects	16	16	18	14	13	19	13	16	16
Temporary tax breaks for biz	10	9	8	11	14	10	10	10	10
None of these (vol)	8	8	8	6	12	8	8	9	7
All/combination (vol)	7	6	9	5	7	6	8	7	7
Don't know	13	15	8	11	6	9	17	12	15

	All Respondents					
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
One-time tax rebate	27	24	27	33	25	23
Maintain tax cuts past 2010	20	11	19	10	17	32
Gov't spending on public projects	15	21	16	16	21	10
Temporary tax breaks for biz	9	16	10	9	11	12
None of these (vol)	8	6	8	8	9	4
All/combination (vol)	8	8	8	6	5	8
Don't know	13	14	12	18	12	11

Q50. Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as very secure, fairly secure, fairly shaky or very shaky?

----- All Respondents -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
Secure (net)	<u>66</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>59</u>
Very secure	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
Fairly secure	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>43</u>
Shaky (net)	<u>32</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>37</u>
Fairly shaky	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>
Very shaky	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>
D/Know (net)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>1</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

----- All Respondents -----							
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	
Secure (net)	<u>72</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>84</u>	
Very secure	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>	
Fairly secure	<u>56</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	
Shaky (net)	<u>26</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>14</u>	
Fairly shaky	<u>16</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>	
Very shaky	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	
D/Know (net)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	

Q51. Six months from now, do you generally expect to be spending more money on purchases than you are now, less money or about the same amount of money on purchases as now?.

----- All Respondents -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
More money	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>
Less money	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>
Same amount	<u>55</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>53</u>
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>2</u>

----- All Respondents -----							
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	
More money	<u>19</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	
Less money	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>	
Same amount	<u>57</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>60</u>	
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	

Q52. In your opinion, should the United States withdraw troops from Iraq right away, or should the U.S. begin bringing troops home within the next year, or should troops stay in Iraq for as long as it takes to win the war?

----- All Respondents -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WORKNG</u>	<u>N/WRKG</u>
Troops home right away	<u>23</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>32</u>
Within the next year	<u>42</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>36</u>
As long as it takes	<u>28</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

----- All Respondents -----							
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	
Troops home right away	<u>18</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>9</u>	
Within the next year	<u>42</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>26</u>	
As long as it takes	<u>33</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>58</u>	
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	