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High Gas Prices Putting Financial Pressure on American Families

Bush Administration And Oil Company Greed To Blame

Americans, faced with gas and oil prices that just one year ago might have seemed nearly unthinkable, are more pessimistic about the national economy than at any time in recent history, according to the latest Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll. Overall, the survey found the American public in a downbeat mood. Nearly four out of five said the country is off on the wrong track, more than three out of five said the economy is in bad condition and most said that higher fuel prices are posing a financial hardship for their families. Fewer than one in five overall predict that the economy will turn around in 2008.

According to estimates by the Automobile Association of America, the average price for a gallon of gasoline has increased by more than a dollar since last year, and this survey shows that American households are feeling the pinch. Seven out of 10 said that higher fuel costs are creating a financial hardship for their family and many report cutting back on spending in the last six months, pointing directly to higher fuel costs, and to a lesser extent to higher costs of food and other items, as the reason why.

President Bush's approval rating has dipped to an all time low, amid public frustration over lack of leadership on the mortgage crisis and economic policies that most say have hurt the country. More than four out of five said that the administration has not taken sufficient steps to control rising gas prices and protect American families. More than half would support federal assistance to homeowners caught up in the housing and mortgage crisis, and more than three in five said they want tighter government regulation of Wall Street to forestall such problems in the future. Three out of four said that Bush's economic policies in general have made the country worse off than it was when he took office. When respondents were asked who or what is to blame for higher gas prices, President Bush and profit-taking oil companies were held responsible in nearly equal shares.

Other signs of pessimism abound: A Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index published Tuesday found consumer confidence at a low point comparable to those found in 1992 and 1980. Housing prices continue to fall, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller index; the price of a barrel of oil has doubled in the last year, and high fuel prices have made an impact - the U.S. Department of Transportation reported last week that Americans drove 1.4 billion fewer highway miles in April than they did one year before, and SUV sales are down.

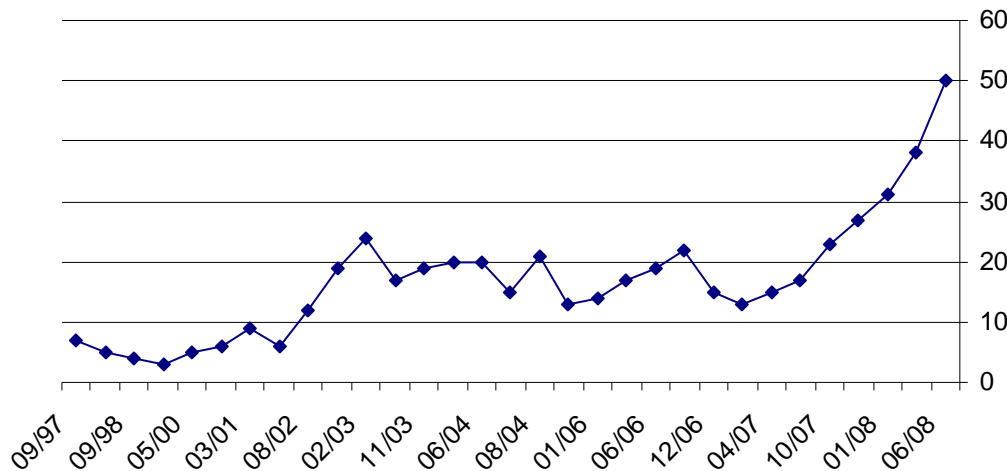
Given all of that, it is not too surprising that the public's assessment of both the economy and the president's job approval have hit an all-time low – only 23% approve of the job Bush is doing as president and a bare 15% say the economy is doing well. That leaves the president's job approval at nearly the level measured by the Gallup Poll for Richard M. Nixon when he left office after the Watergate scandal in 1974.

Higher household expenses and gas prices may also be eating into the spending power of the government rebate checks sent to lower and middle income families, the survey found. While two-thirds in a previous survey thought they would either spend their rebate checks or use them to pay down debt, just over a third in this current poll say they are actually using the checks for those purposes. Nearly a quarter are using the checks to pay household expenses.

The National Economy

This survey finds that the American public has moved from a state of decreasing optimism into full-blown pessimism. Eighty-two percent say the economy is doing badly, including half who say it is doing very badly, up sharply from last February's Times/Bloomberg poll when 38% felt that the economy was doing very badly and 71% said it was doing at least somewhat badly. As recently as April of last year, fewer than one in seven were feeling so entirely economically downhearted.

Proportion Who Say The Economy Is Doing Very Badly - 1997 to 2008



source: Los Angeles Times and LA Times/Bloomberg polls

While most Americans still characterize their personal financial situation as secure rather than shaky, this historically very stable measure has dropped seven points to 61% since March 2007, when 68% said they felt secure. In last month's Times/Bloomberg poll, 57% felt secure and before that, the last time the measure dropped below 60% was in a January 1993 Times poll, at a time when the country was just climbing out of recession.

Lower income households are feeling the pinch the most. The latest Census Bureau estimates put mean annual household income at just over \$48,000, and the survey found that only 45% of those in households netting under \$50K a year feel secure, while nearly twice as many – 80% - of those in higher income families feel that way. More than half of those in households making under \$50K a year said they feel financially insecure.

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

	Household Income		
	<u>ALL</u>	<u><\$50K</u>	<u>\$50k+</u>
Secure	<u>61</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>80</u>
Very secure	13	9	18
Fairly secure	48	35	62
Shaky	<u>36</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>20</u>
Fairly shaky	20	29	11
Very shaky	17	25	9
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	-

It is not a surprise that those with shaky financial situations are the hardest hit by higher prices – more than half of that group said that high fuel prices are creating a great deal of hardship for their families, and another 36% said that higher prices are creating a fair amount of hardship. Only 12% of those with shaky finances said that higher prices are not a hardship, compared to 40% of those with secure financial situations who are not feeling a significant pinch from gas prices.

The increased cost of not only fuel but also food and other household items is hurting American families, the survey found. Gas prices are the biggest offender, however. A 44% plurality of those who are having to cut back on spending these days said it was because of the high price of gasoline, while one in five mentioned the high price of food, a similar proportion (17%) cited fears of a weakening economy and 13% mentioned inflation in general as the problem. When asked specifically about the effect of higher gas prices on their family, 70% said that paying more for fuel is causing their family either a great deal (28%) or fair amount (42%) of financial hardship, while only 29% said they are adjusting without a problem. Women, independents, and the least affluent are having the toughest time of it, while those in Western states, Republicans and the most affluent are coping best.

When asked who is to blame for the rising fuel prices, the Bush administration and oil company greed were mentioned by 29% and 25% respectively, followed by 13% who mentioned commodities speculators. People age 65 and older (two-thirds of whom said they are feeling the financial pinch from high gasoline prices) tend to blame the oil companies more than the president, while African-Americans and Democrats tended to blame Bush (at roughly 45% in each case). Many of those with household incomes in the \$60-100K range (26%), 45-64 year olds (19%), independents (18%) and Republicans (22%) pointed to

commodities speculators as the problem, combining to an overall 13% who believe speculators playing the market are to blame.

What To Do?

When asked what the most important priority for improving the economy might be and given a choice of cutting the budget deficit, boosting government spending on things like education, public works and research, or cutting taxes, a small 27% plurality said that cutting taxes is the way to go. One in five said cutting the budget deficit would be best. Thirteen percent volunteered that either improving the domestic energy supply or cutting fuel costs was the most important thing to do, 13% said that funding domestic programs is the way to go, and the rest either weren't sure or had some other suggestion. Support for cutting taxes was particularly strong among Republicans and independents at 35% and 32% respectively, compared to Democrats who chose cutting taxes and funding domestic programs in almost equal measure at 20% and 19% each.

Times/Bloomberg surveys have found increasing support for tax cuts among the American public – a survey from last January found a shift in public thinking favoring tax cuts over spending on things like health care and education as the most effective way to jump-start a sluggish economy by 45% to 41% compared with previous surveys which had always measured support for spending at over 50%.

Most would like to see the Bush administration do more to help Americans struggling with the declining economy – by bailing out homeowners (55%), regulating Wall Street more aggressively (62%), opening up land for more oil exploration with environmental controls (57%), and especially doing more to control gas prices (81%).

Even the president's loyal base is starting to lose patience with the situation. While almost three out of five self-described Republicans still say the president has done a good job (a figure, while high, which is down sharply from more than 80% who said the same thing two years ago), when it comes to the economy, party loyalty has stretched beyond the breaking point. In this survey, a 20 point plurality of Republicans (42% to 22%) said that the country is worse off due to Bush's economic policies rather than better, nearly three times as many as said so the last time the question was asked, in March 2007. More than nine out of 10 Democrats, and over three out of four independents in this survey agree with that assessment.

Bush Economic Policies Affect On the Country, Among Affiliated Republicans 2004-2008

Would you say the country is better off because of George W. Bush's economic policies than when he became president almost eight/seven/six/four years ago, or worse off, or is the country about the same as it was then?

	<u>6/08</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>9/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>
Better	22	41	43	42	49	60
Worse	42	15	18	15	10	10
Same	26	39	34	40	38	29

Source: Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Polls

Among the more than half overall who support federal bailouts of struggling homeowners caught in the mortgage crisis, are 43% of Republicans, 49% of whom oppose such an action. And 42% of Republicans support more aggressive regulation of mortgage and financial companies to avoid situations like the current financial and housing crisis, joining with the 72% of Democrats and 60% of independents who feel the same way.

The public would particularly like to see more leadership from the president when it comes to controlling oil and gas prices - only 10% said that the Bush administration has taken sufficient steps in controlling rising fuel costs and that increase's effect on American families, compared to 81% who said that the administration has not done enough. Even 60% of Republicans think the president should be doing more.

One thing the administration has done was to work with Congress to send out rebate checks to lower and middle income households who, it was hoped, would quickly spend the money and give the economy a badly needed pick-me-up. However, the survey found that higher prices may be eating up some of the impact of that government spending. A quarter of those who are receiving checks said they will spend them on household expenses, a figure that rises to 40% among the least affluent and more than a third among the lower income half of households. Fourteen percent overall said they will pay off some debt, and 12% said they would spend the windfall on new purchases or vacations. More than a quarter of those in the upper half of household incomes said they'd save it, a figure that rises to 41% among the most affluent households, making more than \$100,000 a year.

What Will They Do With The Rebate Money? (Among those who have or will receive a check)

	<u>ALL</u>	<u><\$50K</u>	<u>\$50k+</u>
Save it	21	17	26
Pay Household expenses	24	36	18
Buy something new	10	7	10
Vacation/travel	2	1	2
Pay debt	14	14	15
Something else	5	4	5
Spend some/save some (vol)	9	7	11
Don't know	15	14	13

The Subprime Mortgage / Housing Crisis

Some, including Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama, have called for an evenhanded approach to bailing out those affected by the subprime mortgage crisis, saying that not only businesses but also homeowners in danger of losing their homes due to inability to meet payments on their adjustable loans deserve a helping hand. Obama would provide tax credits for distressed homeowners and a fund to help them refinance at more affordable rates, along with imposing penalties on lenders who give mortgages to those who cannot afford them. A Times/Bloomberg survey last month found six out of 10 supporting such an idea, and while there is still support in the current survey, it seems to be waning a bit, dropping to 55% in the current survey while opposition to the idea has risen from 25% last month to 36% today.

In that same survey last month, when respondents were asked specifically whether lack of regulation played a part in the financial and housing crisis, more than three in five said that it did, and more than half

supported more aggressive regulation of Wall Street to help avoid the problems that brought Bear Stearns and more than 100 mortgage companies to their knees. In this survey support for tighter regulation of Wall Street is still running strong at 62% who think such regulation is needed, compared to 22% who do not.

--- Analysis by Jill E. Darling

Survey Methodology

The Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,233 adults nationwide by telephone June 19-23, 2008, including 1,115 registered voters. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation, and random digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Respondents were weighted where necessary to conform with census proportions of 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 smaller subgroups, the sampling error may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by 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. All data tables, press releases and stories for this survey will be available online at <http://LATimes.com/TimesPoll> as they are released.

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Data Tables – Survey 557 – Release #2

Guide to column headings:

ALL	All respondents
L/40K	Household income less than \$40,000
\$40-\$59K	Household income between \$40,000 and \$59,999
\$60-\$100K	Household income between \$60,000 and \$100,000
M/\$100K	Household income more than \$100,000
18-44, 45-64 and 65 and over	Age
MALE, FEMALE	Gender
WHITE/BLACK	Race
EAST, MIDWEST, etc.	National Regions
REG	All registered voters
DEM,IND,REP	Affiliated Democrats, Independents and Republicans

Survey Notes:

- (vol) indicates a volunteered response
- ‘-’ indicates that a response added up to less than 0.5% of the question base
- The order of names and the order of any arguments or statements are rotated in all questions that mention them. Question order is also rotated, whenever required to eliminate order bias.
- Numbers are percentages, tables are read vertically
- Unless otherwise noted, missing questions are operational or will be published in a subsequent release
- Tables are among all survey respondents, unless otherwise noted.

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

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Right direction	13	11	11	13	13	14	14	8	14	11
Wrong track	78	82	80	73	75	76	78	83	74	82
Don't know	9	7	9	14	12	10	8	9	12	7

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Right direction	13	6	8	14	13	15	13	8	10	28
Wrong track	77	86	84	75	81	71	78	87	79	60
Don't know	10	8	8	11	6	14	9	5	11	12

Q35. 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?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Approve (net)	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>
Approve strongly	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>73</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>74</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>56</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Approve (net)	<u>27</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>58</u>
Approve strongly	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>22</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>69</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>34</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>18</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>50</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>17</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

Q36. Would you say the country is better off because of George W. Bush's economic policies than when he became president almost eight years ago, or worse off, or is the country about the same as it was then? (IF BETTER OR WORSE) Is the country much (better/worse) off or only somewhat (better/worse) off?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Better (net)	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
Much better off	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Somewhat better off	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
Worse (net)	<u>75</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>80</u>
Somewhat worse off	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>
Much worse off	<u>59</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>63</u>
About the same	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

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Better (net)	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
Much better off	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Somewhat better off	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Worse (net)	<u>71</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>76</u>
Somewhat worse off	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>
Much worse off	<u>55</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>56</u>
About the same	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Q37. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Well (net)	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>
Very well	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Fairly well	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>
Badly (net)	<u>82</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>87</u>
Fairly badly	<u>32</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>
Very badly	<u>50</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>58</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

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Well (net)	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>33</u>
Very well	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Fairly well	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>
Badly (net)	<u>80</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>63</u>
Fairly badly	<u>35</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>35</u>
Very badly	<u>46</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>28</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Q38. Six months from now, do you expect the nation's economy will be better than it is now, worse than it is now or about the same as it is now?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Better	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
Worse	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>30</u>
About the same	<u>45</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	
Better	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>
Worse	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>26</u>
About the same	<u>45</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

Q39. What do you think is the most important priority for improving the economy: to make substantial cuts in the federal budget deficit, to boost government spending on things like education, public works and research, or to cut taxes?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Reduce deficit	20	14	17	33	28	21	18	21	21	19
Fund domestic programs	13	20	10	9	16	14	13	11	12	14
Cut taxes	27	27	33	23	23	27	33	16	30	24
Other (specify)	5	4	5	11	4	3	7	7	5	5
All (vol)	9	10	11	5	9	11	8	10	7	11
Don't know	12	13	10	4	6	9	9	21	10	13
Refused	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Oil/energy supply (vol)	10	9	11	10	11	11	8	11	10	11
Gas/energy prices (vol)	3	3	3	5	3	3	4	3	4	3

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Reduce deficit	21	18	22	14	20	23	22	17	20
Fund domestic programs	11	21	15	9	14	14	12	19	7
Cut taxes	28	22	23	31	24	31	25	20	32
Other (specify)	4	4	7	5	5	3	5	4	7
All (vol)	9	13	9	11	11	7	10	10	11
Don't know	13	11	10	14	15	7	12	12	8
Refused	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Oil/energy supply (vol)	10	6	10	13	8	11	10	15	8
Gas/energy prices (vol)	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	2

Q40. Are you in support of or opposed to the federal government providing assistance to individual homeowners who have been caught between rising mortgage payments and falling home values and are in danger of losing their homes? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSED) Are you strongly or only somewhat (in support of/opposed to) the government providing assistance to homeowners?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Support (net)	55	68	53	45	56	62	51	48	50	59
Support strongly	27	42	31	17	16	32	23	26	23	31
Support somewhat	28	26	22	27	41	30	28	22	27	28
Oppose (net)	36	24	41	48	39	31	41	38	44	29
Oppose somewhat	16	10	20	17	18	14	19	15	19	14
Oppose strongly	20	14	21	32	20	17	22	23	25	15
Don't know (net)	9	8	6	7	5	7	8	14	6	12

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Support (net)	51	78	57	54	58	51	54	66	49
Support strongly	22	54	30	26	34	17	26	35	24
Support somewhat	29	24	27	28	24	34	28	31	24
Oppose (net)	41	12	36	39	33	35	37	22	46
Oppose somewhat	19	7	16	21	14	13	17	14	18
Oppose strongly	23	5	20	18	19	22	20	9	29
Don't know (net)	8	10	7	7	9	14	9	12	5

Q41. Generally speaking, based on your understanding of the current financial and housing crisis, do you think the federal government should regulate Wall Street more aggressively to avoid problems such as what happened with the home foreclosure crisis, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
More aggressively	62	67	58	66	64	67	61	51	61	62
Not more aggressively	22	16	22	27	31	18	25	26	27	18
Don't know	16	17	20	7	5	15	14	23	12	20

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
More aggressively	55	82	68	57	65	61	72	60	42
Not more aggressively	27	6	18	27	22	24	12	26	38
Don't know	18	12	14	16	13	15	16	14	20

Q42. Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as very secure, fairly secure, fairly shaky or very shaky?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Secure (net)	61	37	61	81	89	56	68	65	66	57
Very secure	13	8	12	15	25	12	15	13	14	13
Fairly secure	48	29	48	66	64	44	53	51	52	44
Shaky (net)	36	60	38	19	11	42	31	30	33	39
Fairly shaky	20	28	26	9	9	23	14	19	21	19
Very shaky	17	32	13	10	2	19	17	11	12	20
Don't know (net)	3	3	1	-	-	2	1	5	1	4

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	
Secure (net)	67	37	66	64	52	65	63	55	61	72
Very secure	14	7	10	17	12	15	14	9	11	23
Fairly secure	52	30	56	47	40	50	49	46	49	49
Shaky (net)	31	62	31	35	45	31	34	41	38	27
Fairly shaky	18	28	20	19	20	20	19	23	18	18
Very shaky	14	34	11	16	24	12	15	18	21	8
Don't know (net)	2	1	3	1	3	4	3	4	1	1

Q43. Thinking about your buying habits over the last six months, are you spending more or less than you did six months ago, or about the same?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
More money	28	31	33	29	25	31	24	34	25	31
Less money	36	42	29	33	41	36	40	24	36	35
Same amount	36	27	38	38	34	33	36	40	39	33
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
More money	26	36	33	30	25	26	28	33	29
Less money	35	45	38	29	38	37	36	40	34
Same amount	39	19	28	41	36	36	35	26	37
Don't know	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

(Asked Of Respondents Who Said They Are Buying Less)

Q44. Why are you buying less than you did six months ago? (Up to two replies accepted)

	<u>ALL</u>
No particular reason	4
High price of gas/oil	44
Higher price of food	20
Afraid of a weak economy	17
Recession/higher inflation	13
Lost job/job hours cut back	8
Bigger family/ more mouths to feed	2
Too much debt/credit card debt	3
Went on disability	1
Retired/student	3
Went from two salaries to one	2
Other	11
Don't know	3

Q45. As you may know, the president and Congress passed an economic stimulus package that includes rebates for most American households, based on their 2007 income tax. Did you get a rebate check, or not? (IF NO) Do you think you will be receiving one? (IF HAVE RECEIVED OR WILL RECEIVE CHECK) (Will/Did) you spend or save most of your rebate check? (IF SPEND) (Will/Did) most of the money go toward paying household expenses such as food, gasoline, or other bills, or toward buying something new, or toward vacations and traveling, or toward paying down debt, or is there something else you (will use/used) most of the rebate money for?

----- Among The 78% Of Respondents Who Have or Will Get A Rebate Check -----

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Save it	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>
Spend/save	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
Spend it (net)	<u>54</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>54</u>
HH expenses	<u>24</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
New purchases	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
Vacation	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Pay debt	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
Other	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Don't know	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>

----- Among The 78% Of Respondents Who Have or Will Get A Rebate Check -----

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Save it	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>
Spend/save	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
Spend it (net)	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>51</u>
HH expense	<u>21</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>19</u>
New purchases	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Vacation	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Pay debt	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>
Other	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Don't know	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>

Q45A*. As you may know, George W. Bush has proposed opening up more land in the United States for oil and gas drilling. Supporters say such drilling can be done in ways that minimize harm to the environment. Opponents say that in practice, that seldom happens. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: "Drilling is usually done in a way that harms the environment and should not be allowed in environmentally important areas," or "Drilling can be done safely and should be allowed in environmentally important areas with proper controls in place," or "The nation's energy needs are so pressing that drilling should be allowed even if environmentally important areas may suffer damage as a result"?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Do not allow	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>
Allow with controls	<u>57</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>58</u>
Allow even if damage results	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

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Do not allow	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>
Allow with controls	<u>57</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>
Allow even if damage results	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>22</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>

NOTE: QUESTION 45A ADDED 6/20/08, N=1023

Q46. Has the recent rise in gas and oil prices caused you or your family any financial hardship, or not? (IF YES) Has it caused you and your family a great deal or only a fair amount of financial hardship?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Hardship (net)	<u>70</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>72</u>
Great deal	<u>28</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>
Fair amount	<u>42</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>37</u>
No hardship	<u>29</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>27</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>2</u>	-	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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Hardship (net)	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>61</u>
Great deal	<u>24</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>16</u>
Fair amount	<u>47</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>45</u>
No hardship	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>39</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Q47. Who do you think, if anyone, is to blame for the rising fuel prices: the oil companies that are making large profits, or commodities speculators, or turmoil in the Middle East, or OPEC and other foreign producers of oil, or the Bush administration, or the demand for more oil from countries, such as China, or is there some other person or group that you blame for the rising fuel prices? (Two Replies Accepted)

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Blame no one (vol)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Oil company profits	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>
Commodities speculators	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>
Middle east turmoil	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
OPEC/foreign oil producers	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>
Bush administration	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>33</u>
Higher demand										
from China etc.	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>
Other	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
Don't know	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>

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Blame no one (vol)	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Oil company profits	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>
Commodities speculators	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>
Middle east turmoil	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
OPEC/foreign oil producers	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Bush administration	<u>26</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>8</u>
Higher demand										
from China etc.	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>
Other	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
Don't know	<u>20</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>

Q48. Do you think the Bush administration has taken sufficient steps to control rising oil and gas prices and ease its affect on American families, or has the Bush administration not done enough?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Sufficient steps	10	6	9	14	13	10	10	10	12	9
Not done enough	81	88	89	73	78	81	81	79	78	83
Don't know	9	6	2	13	9	9	9	11	10	8

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Sufficient steps	10	6	7	12	10	12	11	5	6	26
Not done enough	80	86	89	78	79	79	80	92	85	60
Don't know	10	8	4	10	11	9	9	3	9	14

Q49. All in all, do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Worth going to war	27	23	26	34	29	26	28	25	31	24
Not worth going to war	67	71	65	62	65	68	66	67	65	68
Don't know	6	6	9	4	6	6	6	8	4	8

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Worth going to war	32	4	17	30	28	33	27	8	27	58
Not worth going to war	61	89	78	65	63	62	67	88	68	33
Don't know	7	7	5	5	9	5	6	4	5	9

Q50. 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?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Troops home right away	25	32	28	18	11	28	22	24	17	31
Begin bringing home within the next year	43	41	40	44	53	45	43	41	40	45
As long as it takes to win the war	26	23	26	34	26	21	31	28	36	18
Don't know	6	4	6	4	10	6	4	7	7	6
Refused	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1

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Troops home right away	22	40	26	29	22	24	22	35	25	3
Begin bringing home within the next year	42	44	48	36	42	47	45	53	45	32
As long as it takes to win the war	30	10	20	30	30	22	26	9	22	62
Don't know	6	5	5	5	6	6	6	3	8	3
Refused	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-

Q53. Have you lost your job or been laid off within the last six months, or not? (IF NOT) Are you concerned about losing your job or being laid off within the next six months because of economic conditions, or not? (ACCEPT "DON'T WORK/DO NOT HAVE A JOB" AS A VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE)

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Do not work	19	31	18	11	10	9	21	43	17	21
Lost job/laid off	6	11	8	2	1	9	5	-	5	6
Concerned about losing job	7	7	11	11	4	11	6	2	7	7
Not concerned	59	46	52	71	81	64	60	44	63	55
Don't know	4	3	4	3	2	5	4	5	3	6

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Do not work	20	20	18	21	19	19	19	21	18	22
Lost job/laid off	3	13	7	7	7	3	6	11	2	3
Concerned about losing job	7	10	6	10	6	8	7	8	8	4
Not concerned	60	49	58	54	58	63	59	54	64	63
Don't know	10	8	11	8	10	7	9	6	8	8