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Number of Interviews - 7,736	Vote Estimate Not for On-Air Use	100	51	47
Are you: (n=7,703)	Male	43	39	46
	Female	57	61	54
Sex by race (n=7,594)	White male	33	26	40
	White female	44	40	48
	Non-white male	10	13	6
	Non-white female	13	20	6
Are you: (n=7,626)	White	77	66	87
	Black	12	21	2
	Hispanic/Latino	8	9	8
	Asian	2	2	2
	Other	1	1	1
AGE (60 and over) (n=7,703)	18-29	14	16	12
	30-44	27	26	29
	45-59	31	32	31
	60 or over	27	26	28
Age 65 & over (n=7,703)	18-64	81	82	81
	65 or over	19	18	19
2003 total family income: (n=6,850)	Under \$15,000	9	11	6
	\$15,000-\$29,999	15	16	12
	\$30,000-\$49,999	22	23	21
	\$50,000-\$74,999	22	20	24
	\$75,000-\$99,999	14	13	16
	\$100,000-\$149,999	11	10	13



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2003 total family income: (n=6,850)	\$150,000-\$199,999	4	4	4
	\$200,000 or more	4	3	5
Total family income: (n=6,850)	Less than \$50,000	45	50	38
	\$50,000 or more	55	50	62
Total family income: (n=6,850)	Less than \$100,000	81	84	78
	\$100,000 or more	19	16	22
Do you or does someone in your household belong to a labor union? (n=5,661)	Yes, I do	12	15	9
	Yes, someone else does	10	12	9
	Yes, I do and someone else does	2	2	1
	No one does	76	71	81
UNION HOUSEHOLD (n=5,661)	Yes (Vote is union member, union member in household, or	24	29	19
	No (No union voter in household	76	71	81
Voter is union member: (n=5,661)	Yes	14	17	10
	No	86	83	90
Do you work full-time for pay? (n=1,801)	Yes	56	57	55
	No	44	43	45
Working women: (n=1,891)	Working women	29	32	25
	All others	71	68	75
What was the last grade of school you completed? (n=5,658)	Did not complete high school	5	4	5
	High school graduate	22	22	21
	Some college or associate degree	30	29	31
	College graduate	26	25	28
	Postgraduate study	18	20	16
College Education (n=5,658)	No college degree	56	56	57



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College Education (n=5,658)	College graduate	44	44	43
No matter how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a: (n=7,441)	Democrat	40	72	7
	Republican	36	5	70
	Independent or something else	24	23	23
On most political matters, do you consider yourself: (n=7,339)	Liberal	21	36	6
	Moderate	45	53	37
	Conservative	33	11	57
Is this the first time you have ever voted? (n=3,847)	Yes	9	10	9
	No	91	90	91
Religion, combined Protestant and other Christian. (n=5,600)	Protestant/Other Christian	53	46	61
	Catholic	27	27	27
	Jewish	3	5	1
	Something else	7	9	4
	None	10	13	6
Religion among whites (n=5,679)	White Protestant/Other Christian	40	28	53
	White Catholic	20	19	22
	White Jewish	3	4	1
	White something else	4	4	3
	White none	8	9	6
	Non-white	26	36	16
White Protestant Conservatives (n=5,840)	White Protestant conservatives	17	3	32
	All others	83	97	68
White Evangelical/Born-again Christians (n=5,831)	White Evangelical/Born-again Christians	23	12	35
	All others	77	88	65



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White/Protestant/Conservative/Evangelical/Attend church at least weekly (n=5,840)	White religious conservatives	8	1	17
	All others	92	99	83
How often do you attend religious services? (n=5,713)	More than once a week	16	12	21
	Once a week	27	23	31
	A few times a month	13	14	13
	A few times a year	27	31	23
	Never	15	18	11
How often do you attend religious services? (n=5,843)	Weekly	42	34	50
	Occasionally	39	43	35
	Never	14	17	10
Church attendance by Religion (n=5,843)	Protestant/Attend weekly	17	11	23
	Protestant/Do not attend weekly	15	14	17
	Catholic/Attend weekly	12	11	14
	Catholic/Do not attend weekly	13	15	13
	All Others	39	46	31
Have you ever served in the U.S. military? (n=3,881)	Yes	18	15	22
	No	82	85	78
Are you currently married? (n=7,495)	Yes	64	57	72
	No	36	43	28
Married women (n=7,732)	Married women	33	31	36
	Others	67	69	64
Married with children: (n=5,704)	Married with children	28	23	33
	All others	72	77	67
Do you have any children under 18 living in your household? (n=5,685)	Yes	35	33	38



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Do you have any children under 18 living in your household? (n=5,685)	No	65	67	62
Women with children (n=5,885)	Women with children	19	19	20
	All others	81	81	80
Are you gay, lesbian or bisexual? (n=3,563)	Yes	4	5	2
	No	96	95	98
Do you or does someone else in your household own a gun? (n=1,835)	Yes	41	32	51
	No	59	68	49
When did you finally decide for whom to vote in the presidential election? (n=5,888)	Just today	4	4	3
	In the last three days	3	2	3
	Sometime last week	2	2	1
	During the last month	8	9	6
	Before that	68	67	69
Time: Last three days/Earlier than that (n=5,888)	Today/Within the last three days	6	7	6
	Within the last week or earlier	77	79	77
Time: Last week/Earlier than that (n=5,888)	Today through within the last three days	8	8	8
	Within the last week or earlier	76	77	75
Which ONE issue mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? (Check only one) (n=3,995)	Taxes	5	4	5
	Education	5	6	3
	Iraq	15	22	8
	Terrorism	18	8	30
	Economy/Jobs	20	31	8
	Moral values	22	9	35
	Health care	9	13	4
Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job	Strongly approve	34	7	63



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Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (n=3,995)	Somewhat approve	18	10	27
	Somewhat disapprove	11	15	6
	Strongly disapprove	37	68	5
Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (n=3,995)	Approve	51	16	90
	Disapprove	48	83	10
Which ONE candidate quality mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? (Check only one) (n=3,995)	He cares about people like me	10	14	5
	He has strong religious faith	8	3	13
	He is honest and trustworthy	12	7	17
	He is a strong leader	17	6	29
	He is intelligent	8	12	2
	He will bring about needed change	25	44	6
	He has clear stands on the issues	17	9	25
Compared to four years ago, is the country: (n=3,900)	Safer from terrorism	52	25	82
	Less safe from terrorism	44	71	15
How do you feel about the U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq? (n=3,900)	Strongly approve	29	5	55
	Somewhat approve	22	14	30
	Somewhat disapprove	15	20	9
	Strongly disapprove	34	60	5
How do you feel about the U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq? (n=3,995)	Approve	49	19	83
	Disapprove	47	77	14
How do you think things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now? (n=3,900)	Very well	12	2	22
	Somewhat well	32	10	56
	Somewhat badly	19	25	13
	Very badly	36	61	7



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How do you think things are going for the U.S. in Iraq now? (n=3,995)	Very/Somewhat well	43	12	76
	Very/Somewhat badly	53	83	20
Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation: (n=3,900)	Better today	31	14	50
	Worse today	28	43	11
	About the same	40	41	38
If these were the only two presidential candidates on the ballot today, for whom would you have voted? (n=7,509)	John Kerry (Dem)	50	89	9
	George W. Bush (Rep)	48	10	90
	Would not have voted for president	1	1	1
Was your vote for president mainly: (n=1,848)	For your candidate	69	58	83
	Against his opponent	26	36	13
Which comes closest to your feelings about the Bush administration: (n=1,848)	Angry	27	47	4
	Dissatisfied, but not angry	26	39	11
	Satisfied, but not enthusiastic	23	10	38
	Enthusiastic	22	2	46
Did either of these candidates for president attack the other unfairly? (n=1,848)	Only John Kerry did	21	4	42
	Only George W. Bush did	17	29	4
	Both did	45	50	38
	Neither did	12	13	10
Did either of these candidates for president attack the other unfairly? (n=1,848)	Only Kerry/Both did	67	54	80
	Only Bush/Neither did	29	42	14
Did either of these candidates for president attack the other unfairly? (n=1,848)	Only Bush/Both did	62	80	42
	Only Kerry/Neither did	33	17	52
Do you consider the war in Iraq: (n=1,848)	Part of the war on terrorism	52	25	84
	Separate from the war on terrorism	45	71	14



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Did anyone call you or talk to you in person on behalf of either major presidential campaign about coming out to vote? (n=1,770)	Yes, for John Kerry	15	25	4
	Yes, for George W. Bush	11	3	20
	Yes, for both Kerry and Bush	14	14	14
	No, I was not contacted	61	58	63
Did anyone call you or talk to you in person on behalf of either major presidential campaign about coming out to vote? (n=1,770)	For Kerry/Both	29	38	18
	For Bush/Neither	71	62	82
Did anyone call you or talk to you in person on behalf of either major presidential campaign about coming out to vote? (n=1,770)	For Bush/Both	24	17	33
	For Kerry/Neither	76	83	67
In general, does John Kerry mostly: (n=1,813)	Say what he believes	45	75	10
	Say what he thinks people want to hear	52	21	86
Does George W. Bush pay more attention to the interests of: (n=1,813)	Ordinary Americans	39	10	73
	Large corporations	57	86	22
How concerned are you about the availability and cost of health care? (n=1,813)	Very concerned	71	84	57
	Somewhat concerned	22	13	32
	Not very concerned	5	1	8
	Not at all concerned	1	1	2
Which comes closest to your position? Abortion should be: (n=1,813)	Legal in all cases	21	30	10
	Legal in most cases	36	43	27
	Illegal in most cases	26	14	40
	Illegal in all cases	14	8	21
How confident are you that votes in your state will be counted accurately? (n=1,796)	Very confident	53	41	66
	Somewhat confident	39	47	30
	Not very confident	6	9	3
	Not at all confident	2	2	1



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How confident are you that votes in your state will be counted accurately? (n=1,848)	Very/Somewhat confident	89	85	93
	Not very/Not at all confident	8	11	4
Which comes closest to your view of gay and lesbian couples: (n=1,813)	They should be allowed to legally marry	26	39	10
	They should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but	35	33	38
	There should be no legal recognition of their	36	24	49
Did you vote in the presidential election in 2000? (n=1,788)	No, I did not vote	15	18	11
	Yes, for Al Gore	40	68	9
	Yes, for George W. Bush	42	10	79
	Yes, for another candidate	4	4	2
Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is: (n=1,893)	Excellent	4	1	8
	Good	40	13	69
	Not so good	36	53	18
	Poor	19	32	4
State of the national economy: 2 way (n=1,893)	Excellent/Good	44	15	77
	Not so good/Poor	55	85	22
Who would you trust to handle the economy? (n=1,893)	Only John Kerry	42	75	7
	Only George W. Bush	38	7	71
	Both of them	7	6	8
	Neither of them	12	11	12
Who would you trust to handle the economy? (n=1,893)	Only Kerry/Both	49	81	15
	Only Bush/Neither	50	18	84
Who would you trust to handle the economy? (n=1,871)	Only Bush/Both	45	13	81
	Only Kerry/Neither	55	87	19
Who would you trust to handle terrorism? (n=1,893)	Only John Kerry	35	63	4



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Who would you trust to handle terrorism? (n=1,893)	Only George W. Bush	46	9	85
	Both of them	9	13	6
	Neither of them	9	12	4
Who would you trust to handle terrorism? (n=1,893)	Only Kerry/Both	44	76	10
	Only Bush/Neither	54	22	89
Who would you trust to handle terrorism? (n=1,893)	Only Bush/Both	55	22	91
	Only Kerry/Neither	44	76	8
Do you think things in this country today are: (n=1,893)	Generally going in the right direction	48	17	81
	Seriously off on the wrong track	50	80	17
In your vote for president today, how would you rate the importance of _____? (n=1,893)	Very important	26	30	22
	Somewhat important	19	19	19
	Not too important	17	14	20
	Not at all important	18	16	20
In your vote for president today, how would you rate the importance of _____? (n=1,893)	Very/Somewhat important	45	49	40
	Not too/Not at all important	35	31	39
Is your opinion of George W. Bush: (n=1,819)	Favorable	50	14	89
	Unfavorable	49	85	11
Is your opinion of John Kerry: (n=1,819)	Favorable	51	86	14
	Unfavorable	47	11	84
Which comes closer to your view: (n=1,819)	Government should do more to solve problems	48	66	30
	Government is doing too many things better left to	47	30	65
How worried are you that there will be another major terrorist attack in the U.S.? (n=1,819)	Very worried	23	25	20
	Somewhat worried	53	49	57
	Not too worried	18	19	17



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How worried are you that there will be another major terrorist attack in the United States? (n=1,893)	Not at all worried	6	6	5
	Very/Somewhat worried	72	70	75
Compared to four years ago, is the job situation in your area: (n=1,788)	Not too/Not at all worried	23	23	22
	Better today	21	6	38
	Worse today	47	72	21
Do you think the Bush administration's tax cuts have been: (n=1,819)	About the same	32	22	42
	Good for the nation's economy	39	8	72
	Bad for the nation's economy	35	61	8
Do you think the war with Iraq has improved the long-term security of the United States? (n=1,819)	Made no difference	23	27	18
	Yes	43	13	74
	No	55	85	24
Have you or has someone in your household lost a job in the last four years? (n=1,798)	Yes, I have	14	17	10
	Yes, someone else has	16	23	9
	Yes, I have and someone else has	3	4	2
	No one has	68	57	79
Have you or has someone in your household lost a job in the last four years? (n=1,798)	Someone in household lost a job	32	43	21
	No one in household lost a job	68	57	79
Have you or has someone in your household lost a job in the last four years? (n=1,798)	Voter has lost a job	16	20	12
	Voter has NOT lost a job	84	80	88
National Region (n=7,736)	East	23	26	18
	Midwest	25	25	27
	South	31	28	34
	West	21	21	21
Population of area, five categories (n=7,728)	Over 500 thousand	13	17	9



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Population of area, five categories (n=7,728)	50 to 500 thousand	18	19	18
	Suburbs	45	44	47
	10 to 50 thousand	8	7	8
	Rural	16	14	18
Population of area, three categories (n=5,924)	City over 50 thousand	29	34	25
	Suburbs	46	45	48
	Small city and Rural	24	21	27
In today's election for president, did you just vote for: (n=7,707)	John Kerry	51	89	9
	George W. Bush	48	10	90
	Ralph Nader	1	0	1