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Hello, I'm (NAME), calling for the ABC News/Washington Post public opinion poll. We're not selling anything, just doing an opinion poll on interesting subjects for the news. Out of all the people age 18 or older who are AT HOME RIGHT NOW, can I please speak to the (male/female) who had the last birthday? ***(IF NO MALE/FEMALE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, ASK: Then may I please speak to the (female/male) who last had a birthday?)***

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?
IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?
IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

1 Approve STRONGLY
2 Approve SOMEWHAT
3 Disapprove SOMEWHAT
4 Disapprove STRONGLY
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

How about the way Bush is handling (NEXT ITEM)?
(IF NEEDED: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?)

INTERVIEWER: Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

*****FULL SAMPLE ASKED ITEMS A,B,C*****
*****ONLY ITEMS A AND B GET THE "STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT" FOLLOW*****
*****SCRAMBLE ITEMS*****
a. The situation in Iraq
b. The US campaign against terrorism
c. The situation with gasoline prices

*****HALF SAMPLE GETS ITEMS D AND E, OTHER HALF GETS ITEMS F AND G*****
*****SCRAMBLE ITEMS*****
d. Social Security
e. The economy

*****HALF SAMPLE GETS ITEMS F AND G, OTHER HALF GETS ITEMS D AND E*****
*****SCRAMBLE ITEMS*****
f. The abortion issue
g. Immigration issues

SCALE FOR ITEMS A,B	**SCALE FOR ITEMS C,D,E,F,G**
1 Approve STRONGLY	1 Approve
2 Approve SOMEWHAT	2 Disapprove
3 Disapprove SOMEWHAT	DK/No opinion
4 Disapprove STRONGLY	Refused
DK/No opinion	
Refused	

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
2a. Which of these should be the highest priority for Bush and Congress this year: (The U.S. campaign against terrorism), (the war in Iraq), (the economy and jobs), (health care), (Social Security) or something else?

1 The U.S. campaign against terrorism
2 The war in Iraq
3 The economy and jobs
4 Health care
5 Social Security
6 Something else **(SPECIFY)**
7 (VOL) The price of gas
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

3. Do you think Bush does or does not understand the problems of people like you?—

1 Yes, understands
2 No, does not understand
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

5. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not?

Get answer and then ask: Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

1 Yes, worth fighting, STRONGLY
2 Yes, worth fighting, SOMEWHAT
3 No, not worth fighting, SOMEWHAT
4 No, not worth fighting, STRONGLY
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

6. Again thinking about the goals versus the costs of the war, so far in your opinion has there been an acceptable or unacceptable number of U.S. military casualties in Iraq?

1 Acceptable
2 Unacceptable
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

7. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a GREAT DEAL, or SOMEWHAT?

1 Yes, GREAT DEAL
2 Yes, SOMEWHAT
3 No, has not
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
9. Do you think (the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if that means continued U.S. military casualties); OR, do you think (the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there)?

1 Keep forces until civil order restored
2 Withdraw forces to avoid further casualties
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

10. Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq?

1 Is making significant progress
2 Is not making significant progress
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
13. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

1 Increased
2 Decreased
3 Kept about the same
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ASK IF NUMBER OF FORCES SHOULD DECREASE (Q13=2)*****
14. Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

1 Withdrawn immediately
2 Decreased but not withdrawn immediately
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

15. Some people say the Bush administration should set a deadline for withdrawing U.S. military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further casualties. Others say knowing when the U.S. would pull out would only encourage the anti-government insurgents.

Do you yourself think the United States should or should not set a deadline for withdrawing U.S. forces from Iraq?

1 Should set a deadline
2 Should not set a deadline
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ASK IF U.S. SHOULD SET DEADLINE (Q15=1)*****
*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
16. A December 31st, 2006 deadline has been proposed for withdrawing U.S. military forces from Iraq. Do you think that's too (soon), too (late), or is it about right?

1 Too soon
2 Too late
3 About right
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

17. All told, do you think the United States is winning or losing the war in Iraq?

1 Winning
2 Losing
3 (VOL) Neither/It's a tie
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES (1-4 OR 4-1)*****
18. Thinking specifically about the way the Bush administration is handling the situation in Iraq, would you say you're (pleased about it, satisfied but not pleased, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry)?

1 Pleased about it
2 Satisfied but not pleased
3 Dissatisfied but not angry
4 Angry
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

19. Is there anyone you yourself know on a personal basis – a family member, friend or acquaintance in the military - who has served in Iraq since the war began in March 2003?

1 Yes
2 No
3 (VOL) Yes, but not in the military
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ASK IF KNOWS SOMEONE (Q19 = 1 or 3)*****
20. Have any of them been injured or killed in Iraq since March 2003?

IF YES: Was that injured, or killed?

1 Yes, injured
2 Yes, killed
3 (VOL) Both injured and killed
4 No
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

22. Since the March 2003 invasion of Iraq, have you personally done any of the following things:

The first is (ITEM).

How about (NEXT ITEM)? IF NEEDED: Have you personally (ITEM) since March 2003?

*****HALF SAMPLE*****
a. Called, written or e-mailed someone in the U.S. military serving in Iraq?
b. Mailed a package or gift to someone in the military in Iraq?
*****HALF SAMPLE*****
c. Attended a rally or meeting in support of, or in opposition to, U.S. involvement in Iraq?
d. Sent a letter to a politician or newspaper in support of, or in opposition to, U.S. involvement in Iraq?

1 Yes
2 No
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

23. Have you heard or read about anti-war protester Cindy Sheehan (SHEE-an), whose son was killed while serving in Iraq, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

24. Sheehan has been protesting outside Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas and saying she wants to meet with him to discuss the war. Bush met privately with Sheehan and her family at an event for military families last year. Do you think Bush should or should not meet with Sheehan again?

1 Yes, should
2 No, should not
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

25. Would you say you support or oppose what Sheehan is doing?

THEN ASK: Do you (support/oppose) what she is doing STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

1 Support, STRONGLY
2 Support, SOMEWHAT
3 Oppose, SOMEWHAT
4 Oppose, STRONGLY
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
26. Has Sheehan made you more likely to (support) the war, more likely to (oppose) the war, or hasn't she had much effect on your opinion of the war?

1 Support
2 Oppose
3 No difference
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

27. On another subject, as you may know, George W. Bush has nominated federal judge John Roberts to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court?

1 Should
2 Should not
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
28. Would you say that the more you hear about Roberts (the more you like him), or the more you hear about Roberts (the less you like him)?

1 More you like him
2 Less you like him
3 (VOL) No difference
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

29. Do you think a senator who believes Roberts has the right background and qualifications, but who disagrees with his judicial philosophy and legal views, should vote for or against Roberts' nomination?

1 For
2 Against
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

30. At his confirmation hearing, do you think Roberts should or should not answer questions about how he would have ruled on past cases that have come before the Supreme Court?

1 Should
2 Should not
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

31. Do you think Roberts should or should not publicly state his position on abortion before being approved by the U.S. Senate for the job?

1 Should
2 Should not
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
32. The Supreme Court legalized abortion 32 years ago in the ruling known as Roe versus Wade. If that case came before the court again, would you want Roberts to vote to (uphold) Roe versus Wade, or vote to (overturn) it?

1 Uphold
2 Overturn
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
33. Would you like to see the Supreme Court (make it harder to get an abortion than it is now), (make it easier to get an abortion than it is now), or (leave the ability to get an abortion the same as it is now)?

1 Harder
2 Easier
3 Leave it the same/stay out of it
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

34. Do you think Democrats in Congress have gone too far or not far enough in opposing:

*****ROTATE ITEMS A AND B, ITEM C ALWAYS LAST*****
a. the war in Iraq
b. the nomination of John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court
c. Bush's policies in general

1 Too far
2 Not far enough
3 (VOL) Right amount
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
39. On another subject: Generally speaking, do you think newly arrived immigrants from other countries have been (good) for your community, (bad) for your community, or haven't they made much difference?

1 Good
2 Bad
3 No difference
4 (VOL) No new immigrants
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****HALF SAMPLE Q40 AND Q41*****
40. Do you think the United States is or is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into this country?

INTERVIEWER: Get answer and then ask: Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

1 Yes, doing enough, STRONGLY
2 Yes, doing enough, SOMEWHAT
3 No, not doing enough, SOMEWHAT
4 No, not doing enough, STRONGLY
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****HALF SAMPLE Q40 AND Q41*****
*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****
41. Do you think illegal immigrants who are living and working in the United States now (should be offered a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status), or do you think they (should be deported back to their native country)?

1 Offered chance to keep jobs and apply for legal status
2 Deported to native country
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

42. On another subject: From what you've seen or heard about the hybrid cars now on the market that use a combination of gas and electric power, would you seriously consider buying or leasing a hybrid car when replacing a vehicle you now drive?

1 Yes
2 No
3 (VOL) Don't own/drive a car
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

43. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or others in your household, or not?

IF YES: Has that been a serious hardship, or not serious?

1 Yes, SERIOUS
2 Yes, NOT SERIOUS
3 No
DK/No opinion
Refused

44. Do you think there's anything the Bush administration reasonably can do to reduce gasoline prices, or do you think gas prices have risen because of factors beyond the administration's control?

1 Can do something
2 Beyond their control
DK/No opinion
Refused

45. Do you think it should be LEGAL or ILLEGAL for gay and lesbian couples to get married?

1 Legal
2 Illegal
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

Now just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

NOTE: ADD AT TOP OF SCREEN FOR ALL DEMO QUESTIONS:
IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded anonymously.

*****ROTATE ORDER OF CODES 1 and 2*****
901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (READ LIST)

1 A Democrat
2 A Republican
3 An Independent
4 Or what?
(DO NOT READ BELOW)
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

908a. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

1 Liberal
2 Moderate
3 Conservative
4 (VOL) Don't think in those terms
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

909. What was the last grade of school you completed?

1 8th grade or less
2 Some high school
3 Graduated high school
4 Some college (ASK IF TECHNICAL SCHOOL; IF YES, PUNCH CODE 3, FOR HIGH SCHOOL)
5 Graduated College
6 Post-graduate
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****IF Q.909 = 5, GRADUATED COLLEGE*****
909a. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

1 Associates degree
2 Bachelors degree
3 Other
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

910. What is your age?

*****ASK IF Q910=REF*****
910a. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)…

1 18 to 30
2 31 to 44
3 45 to 60
4 61 or older
Refused

911. What, if anything, is your religion? (DO NOT READ)

1 Agnostic
2 Atheist
3 Baptist
4 Catholic/Roman Catholic
5 Christian
6 Episcopalian
24 Islam/Muslim
7 Jewish
8 Lutheran
9 Methodist
25 Mormon/Latter Day Saints
10 Pentecostal
11 Presbyterian
12 Protestant
13 Southern Baptist
14 NONE
15 OTHER -> ASK Q911SUP
*****DO NOT SHOW BELOW ON SCREEN*****
21 Christian (Protestant)
22 Christian (Non-Protestant)
23 Other Non-Christian
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

Q911SUP. DO NOT READ LIST. Code response into one of the following, or record verbatim.

1 Bahai	(punch Q911=23)
2 Buddhist	(punch Q911=23)
3 Church of Christ	(punch Q911=12)
4 Church of God	(punch Q911=12)
5 Druid	(punch Q911=23)
6 Hindu	(punch Q911=23)
7 Humanitarian/Humanity	(punch Q911=23)
8 Jehovah's Witness	(punch Q911=22)
9 Latter Day Saints	(punch Q911=25)
10 Metaphysical	(punch Q911=23)
11 Muslim	(punch Q911=24)
12 Native American/Indian	(punch Q911=23)
13 Non-Christian	(punch Q911=23)
14 Non-Denominational	**(ask “Q911N”)**
15 Orthodox (Any Mention)	(punch Q911=22)
16 Pagans	(punch Q911=23)
17 Satanist	(punch Q911=23)
18 Seventh Day Adventist	(punch Q911=12)
19 Spiritualist/Spiritual	(punch Q911=23)
20 Unitarian/Universalist	(punch Q911=23)
21 Wiccan	(punch Q911=23)
22 Other	

911n. Is that a Christian religion or not?

1 Yes	(Ask Q911a)
2 No	(punch Q911=23)
DK	(punch Q911=23)
REF	(punch Q911=23)

*****ASK IF Q911=5 "CHRISTIAN" or Question Q911A = 1 “Yes”*****
911a. Is that a Protestant denomination, or not?

1 Yes	PUNCH Q911=21
2 No	PUNCH Q911=22
DK/No opinion	PUNCH Q911=22
NA/Refused	PUNCH Q911=22

*****IF Q911=3,4,5,6,8-13,21,22,25 or Q911SUP=22*****
911b. Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

912a. Are you, or is anyone in your household, currently serving as an active-duty member of the military, or as a military reservist?

IF YES: Is that active duty, or the military reserves?

1 Yes, active duty
2 Yes, reserves
3 Yes, both active and reserves
4 No
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

918. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?
(IF "YES," ASK:) Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?
(IF "NO," ASK:) Are you white, black, or some other race?

1 White
2 Black
3 White Hispanic
4 Black Hispanic
5 Hispanic (no race given)
6 Asian
7 Other race
DK/No Opinion
NA/Refused

INCOME. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources? (READ LIST)

PROBE: Your best estimate is fine.

1 Under 20 thousand dollars
2 20 to under 35 thousand
3 35 to under 50 thousand
4 50 to under 75 thousand
5 75 to under 100 thousand
6 100 thousand or more
NA/Refused

*****ASK EVERY RESPONDENT, FIRST TWO NIGHTS ONLY*****

920.1 May a reporter from **ABC NEWS or the WASHINGTON POST** call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?

1 Yes
2 No **(SKIP TO Q.921)**
DK/No opinion **(SKIP TO Q.921)**
NA/Refused **(SKIP TO Q.921)**

920.2 May I please have your first name, so the reporter will know who to ask for:

921. **RECORD GENDER**
1 Male
2 Female

*****END*****