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**Comparative Results for All Registered Voters from AP/Ipsos Poll**

Interview dates: June 7-9, 2004  
Interviews: 788 registered voters  
Margin of error:  $\pm 3.5$

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***Newsweek.com/GENEXT POLL:  
Bush Approval Ratings Worsen: Majorities Critical of Performance on  
Domestic Issues and Iraq***

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*For the NEWSWEEK GENEXT Poll, Ipsos-Public Affairs interviewed 365 registered voters age 18 to 29, from June 1 to June 15. Some questions were asked of 351 voters April 5 to 18. The margin of error is plus or minus 5.1 percentage points. References to poll data on registered voters of all ages are from an AP/Ipsos poll conducted June 7-9 among 788 registered voters. That margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. **Results reported in this release are from surveys conducted before Senator John Kerry (D-MA) selected Senator John Edwards (D-NC) as his running mate.***

**Washington, DC, July 8, 2004** - The June GENext poll shows significant strengthening of support for Kerry, but with no weakening among Bush supporters. But whereas in past polls young voters were somewhat more inclined to back Bush on foreign policy than on domestic and economic issues, half or more now criticize the President on all the main policy areas.

Young voters don't support abandoning Iraq; seven in ten say the U.S. troop presence should be kept in country as long as necessary or slowly scaled back. But in the bigger picture, Iraq and security at home just are not at the front of young voters' minds when they think about how to cast their ballot. Two-thirds say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who focuses on the economy and jobs, rather than on national security and the war on terrorism.

Over the past few months, support for Ralph Nader has been higher among young voters than the voting public at large, but the most recent poll shows that this support has been tapering off. Seven percent of registered voters under 30 say they would vote for Nader, down from 12% in March. While half (54%) overall say voting for Nader would neither help nor hurt Bush's chances for reelection, three in ten do see a connection between voting for Nader and Bush's reelection prospects. Strong Kerry supporters are most likely to see this link (46% help Bush).

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1. In general, are you more likely to vote for a candidate who...

Focuses more on national security and the war on terrorism.....	32
Focuses more on strengthening the economy and creating jobs.....	66
Not sure.....	2

Two in three young voters emphasize the primacy of the economy in this year's election race. This view spans gender, race, education, and region. However, strong Bush supporters stand apart in their preference for a candidate who focuses more on national security (62%). By contrast, weak Bush supporters (57%) lean toward a candidate that emphasizes the economy, as do undecided and Kerry voters.

2. After the transfer of power from the U.S. coalition to the Iraqis, scheduled to take place at the end of this month, should the American armed forces in Iraq ...

Stay as long as necessary.....	29
Slowly scale back the number of troops in Iraq.....	41
Quickly reduce the number of troops in Iraq.....	16
Immediately withdraw all forces from Iraq.....	13
Not sure.....	1

On Iraq, young voters tend to agree that that the U.S. cannot and should not pull its troops out of Iraq immediately after the handover of power. Women with a high school education or less are most likely to say the troops should pull out immediately after June 30 (32%). In addition, a preference for pulling troops out sooner rather than later is higher among Democratic women (44% quickly reduce or immediately withdraw), undecided voters (52%) and strong Kerry supporters (43%).

**POLITICAL STUDY**

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

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	6/1- 15/04	5/3 - 20/04	4/5 - 20/04	3/1 - 17/04	2/2 - 18/04	1/2 - 18/04	6/7 - 9/04
Right direction .....	40	40	44	39	40	48	40
Wrong track.....	58	58	56	58	58	49	56
Not sure .....	2	2	-	3	2	3	4

2. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK:) Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (IF HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OR NOT SURE, ASK:) If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

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	6/1- 15/04	5/3 - 20/04	4/5 - 20/04	3/1 - 17/04	2/2 - 18/04	1/2 - 18/04	6/7 - 9/04
Strongly approve .....	24	26	25	22	21	29	27
Somewhat approve .....	9	9	10	10	11	14	12
Lean toward approval.....	10	13	12	12	14	11	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	1	1	2	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval .....	16	16	19	15	17	17	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	4	8	5	5	6	7
Strongly disapprove.....	33	31	25	34	30	21	30
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>
<i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> .....	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.0

<sup>1</sup>Mean rating is calculated by assigning each response except "not sure" a value from 1 to 7, with "strongly approve" receiving a value of 7, and "strongly disapprove" a value of 1.

Disapproval of Bush's performance grew in June, making this the most negative read since the previous low in March. Apart from the predictable political divide, overall dissatisfaction with Bush is more pronounced among residents of the Northeast (80% disapprove), urban dwellers (62%), people with a college degree (63%), and also people earning less than \$25,000 per year (65%).

Half or more of under-30 voters disapprove of Bush's performance in four key areas: the economy, domestic issues, foreign policy and the war on terrorism, and Iraq. Disapproval of Bush's handling of domestic issues has slid back after a slight improvement in May, but the most noteworthy shifts are on international issues.

In May, half (55%) of under-30 voters supported the President's handling of foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism. Now, half (52%) disapprove. Even more striking, six in ten young voters disapprove of Bush's handling of Iraq, and more than a third (37%) strongly disapprove. Democratic women (89% disapprove) and strong Kerry voters (92%) are angriest about Iraq, but there is also a higher level of disapproval among non-whites (79%), people in the Northeast (77%), unmarried voters (68%), and once again, those with lower household incomes (76%).

The overall image that comes from this is that strong Bush supporters are almost impossible to move on the issues (98% support the President's handling of Iraq). However, there is space for Kerry to raise doubts among not only his weak supporters and undecided voters but also potentially among some weak Bush supporters (e.g., 42% disapprove of Bush's Iraq policy).

3. And when it comes to **(READ ISSUE)** do you approve or disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way George W. Bush is handling that issue?

**(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK:)** Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? **(IF HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OR NOT SURE, ASK:)** If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating <sup>1</sup>
<b>Handling the economy</b>											
Registered voters 18-29											
6/1-15/04 .....	20	13	9	1	14	15	28	-	43	56	3.7
5/3-20/04 .....	18	14	10	3	21	10	24	-	42	56	3.8
4/5-20/04 .....	22	13	11	-	12	11	31	-	46	54	3.8
3/1-17/04 .....	19	15	12	1	10	11	32	-	46	53	3.7
2/2-18/04 .....	14	16	10	3	15	11	30	1	40	56	3.6
1/2 -18/04 .....	18	21	16	1	11	7	25	1	54	44	4.1
All registered voters .....	23	15	9	2	11	9	30	1	47	50	3.9
<b>Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy</b>											
Registered voters 18-29											
6/1-15/04 .....	14	15	11	2	13	14	29	2	40	56	3.6
5/3-20/04 .....	14	16	15	2	17	8	27	1	46	52	3.8
4/5-20/04 .....	14	16	11	2	13	13	31	-	41	56	3.5
3/1-17/04 .....	15	14	14	2	13	9	33	-	43	55	3.5
2/2-18/04 .....	13	13	14	2	16	13	29	-	39	58	3.5
1/2 -18/04 .....	13	22	15	1	13	11	25	-	50	48	3.9
All registered voters .....	16	14	11	1	13	10	34	1	41	57	3.5

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**NOTE:** Registered voters 18-29 year-old from *Newsweek.com/Ipsos* Poll.  
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Q.3 (cont.)

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating <sup>1</sup>
<b>(ASKED OF HALF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)</b>											
<b>Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism</b>											
Registered voters 18-29											
6/1-15/04 .....	29	9	9	-	15	7	30	1	47	52	3.9
5/3-20/04 .....	32	12	10	1	15	4	26	-	55	44	4.3
4/5-20/04 .....	31	8	7	1	17	10	26	-	47	53	4.0
<b>(PREVIOUSLY, THIS ITEM WAS ASKED OF EVERY REGISTERED VOTER AGE 18-29)</b>											
3/1-17/04 .....	29	12	9	1	15	6	28	-	50	48	4.1
2/2-18/04 .....	32	12	7	1	14	9	25	-	50	48	4.2
1/2-18/04 .....	37	11	9	1	13	7	22	-	57	42	4.5
All registered voters .....	36	8	7	1	15	6	27	-	51	48	4.2
<b>(ASKED OF THE OTHER HALF OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)</b>											
<b>Handling the situation in Iraq</b>											
Registered voters 18-29											
6/1-15/04 .....	25	6	7	1	14	10	37	-	39	60	3.5
5/3-20/04 .....	23	10	11	1	13	11	31	-	44	55	3.7
All registered voters .....	28	9	6	2	10	5	40	-	43	55	3.7

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4. And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?

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Republicans.....	40	39	41	39	37	41	42
Democrats.....	50	51	49	51	50	46	47
Neither (VOL).....	8	7	8	6	7	9	7
Not sure.....	2	3	2	4	6	4	4

Kerry has pulled back ahead of Bush among under-30 voters in the June poll, and is stronger now than a month ago. As the table below shows, half (53%) of declared Kerry supporters say they will “definitely” vote for their candidate in November, up from just over a third (37%) in May. Overall “strong” support from Kerry is also up from May (25% of all young registered voters, up from 16%).

BKa. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were George W. Bush, the Republican, John Kerry, the Democrat, and Ralph Nader, the Independent for whom would you vote? Do you lean more toward John Kerry, the Democrat –OR– George W. Bush, the Republican –OR– Ralph Nader, the Independent?

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George W. Bush, the Republican.....	40	40	41	36	40	45
Undecided, lean Bush .....	-	1	1	2	2	1
John Kerry, the Democrat .....	47	43	45	46	54	42
Undecided, lean Kerry.....	3	2	1	1	2	3
Ralph Nader, the Independent .....	6	8	9	10	NA	6
Undecided, lean Nader .....	1	2	1	2	NA	1
(NOT READ) Other/ none .....	2	-	1	2	NA	1
Not sure .....	1	4	1	1	2	1
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Bush.....</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Kerry .....</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Nader .....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>6</b>

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SELECT A CANDIDATE IN Q.BKa.)

BKb. In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

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<i>Would Vote For Bush</i>				
Definitely will vote for candidate .....	59	60	58	64
Probably will vote for candidate.....	23	24	28	21
Could change mind .....	17	16	13	15
Not sure .....	1	-	1	-
<i>Would Vote For Kerry</i>				
Definitely will vote for candidate .....	53	37	43	55
Probably will vote for candidate.....	32	35	27	29
Could change mind .....	15	28	30	16
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-

<i>BUSH VS. KERRY: HIERARCHICAL VOTE WITH "LEANERS"</i>						
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Strong Bush .....	23	24	24	27	29	29
Weak Bush .....	17	17	18	11	12	17
<b>TOTAL BUSH</b> .....	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>
Strong Kerry .....	25	16	19	27	31	23
Weak Kerry .....	24	29	26	20	26	22
<b>TOTAL KERRY</b> .....	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>
Nader .....	8	10	11	12	NA	6
Undecided/other .....	3	4	2	3	2	3

BKc. Regardless of how you plan to vote in November’s presidential elections, do you think that voting for Ralph Nader ...

Helps George W. Bush's chances for reelection .....	30
Hurts George W. Bush's chances for reelection .....	13
Would not make much of a difference either way .....	54
Not sure .....	3

In contrast to Kerry’s improved numbers, Nader’s are slipping. From his initial double-digit showing in March, the trend over the past four months has been downward. In part, this may be because there is a greater-than-average awareness among some of his most likely supporters – younger, more educated, left-leaning voters – that voting for Nader actually helps Bush’s chances for reelection. Strong Kerry supporters are most likely to see this link (46% help Bush).

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