

Issues and candidate support

Nation's direction

"Do you think things in the United States are generally going in the right direction or do you think things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?"

	All likely voters	Bush supporters	Kerry supporters
Right direction	37%	79%	5%
Wrong track	54	10	90
No opinion	9	11	5

Bush job approval

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?"

Approve	46	95	10
Disapprove	47	1	85
No opinion	7	4	5

"... the nation's economy?"

Approve	41	86	6
Disapprove	53	9	91
No opinion	6	5	3

"... the situation in Iraq?"

Approve	42	87	9
Disapprove	52	7	87
No opinion	6	6	4

Military records*

"Does what you know about John Kerry's military record make you more likely or less likely to vote for him for president, or doesn't it make any difference for whom you will vote?"

More likely	15	2	28
Less likely	12	25	1
No difference	70	71	69
No opinion	3	2	2

"Does what you know about George Bush's military record make you more likely or less likely to vote for him for president, or doesn't it make any difference for whom you will vote?"

More likely	5	9	3
Less likely	19	2	35
No difference	73	88	60
No opinion	3	1	2

* The questions on military records were rotated.

Source: Star Tribune Minnesota Poll of 1,035 likely voters Sept. 7-13. Margin of sampling error: no greater than 3 percentage points, plus or minus, at a 95 percent confidence level.