

Opportunities for Bipartisan Consensus – 2007: What Both Republicans and Democrats Want in US Foreign Policy

Questionnaire

Fielded by Knowledge Networks

Dates of Survey: December 6-12, 2006

Sample Size: 1004

Margin of Error: +/- 3.2 % [full sample]

+/- 3.7 % [3/4 sample]

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

Q39: In the Middle East conflict, do you think the United States should:

	12/06	PIPA/KN 12/04
Take Israel's side	21%	19%
Republicans.....	40	31
Democrats	14	10
Independents	8	17
 Take the Palestinians' side.....	 1	 1
Republicans.....	1	0
Democrats	2	2
Independents	1	3
 Not take either side	 73	 77
Republicans.....	58	66
Democrats	80	86
Independents	81	78
 (No Answer).....	 5	 3

[3/4 SAMPLE A,C,D]

Q40: Do you think that the US should or should not invest more political effort and resources than it did in the past four years, toward resolving the Israel-Palestinian conflict?

	12/06	PIPA/KN 12/04
Should	37%	31%
Republicans.....	44	33
Democrats	39	34
Independents	27	30
 Should not	 55	 64

Republicans.....	50	63
Democrats	57	63
Independents	57	64
(No Answer).....	8	5

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,C]

Q41: Please select whether you think defense spending should be

	12/06	PIPA/KN 12/04
Expanded.....	22%	34%
Republicans.....	39	51
Democrats	12	24
Independents	19	24
Cut back	30	21
Republicans.....	13	6
Democrats	39	35
Independents	34	26
Kept about the same.....	44	42
Republicans.....	48	41
Democrats	44	40
Independents	38	45
(No Answer).....	5	3

[3/4 SAMPLE B,C,D]

Q42: Do you favor or oppose legislation limiting US emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming or climate change?

	12/06	PIPA/KN 12/04
Favor	68%	64%
Republicans.....	61	59
Democrats	82	74
Independents	57	61
Oppose	25	29
Republicans.....	34	35
Democrats	17	19
Independents	25	31
(No Answer).....	7	7

[3/4 SAMPLE B,C,D]

Q43. Assuming that it would cost more to buy or lease a car, would you approve or disapprove of the government requiring car manufacturers to meet higher fuel efficiency standards than they do now?

	12/06	PIPA/KN 12/04
Approve.....	75%	77%
Republicans.....	71	74
Democrats	86	83
Independents	62	79
 Disapprove	 20	 20
Republicans.....	27	24
Democrats	12	15
Independents	23	19
 (No Answer).....	 6	 3

[3/4 SAMPLE A,B,D]

Q44: Do you think it is or is not necessary for the US to develop new types of nuclear weapons, beyond those that it already has?

	12/06	PIPA/KN 3/04
Is necessary	38%	34%
Republicans.....	48	46
Democrats	32	31
Independents	35	28
 Is not necessary	 54	 65
Republicans.....	49	54
Democrats	62	69
Independents	51	71
 (No Answer).....	 7	 1

Q45. and Q46. to be released separately

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q47. As you may know, the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan commission created by Congress, recently released a report proposing a series of steps to address the situation in Iraq. Here are three of its recommendations. Please indicate whether you favor or oppose each one.

Q47a. The president making a public statement that the US does not seek permanent military bases in Iraq

	12/06
Favor strongly	39%
Republicans.....	31
Democrats	50
Independents	31
Favor somewhat	32
Republicans.....	34
Democrats	31
Independents	28
Oppose somewhat	14
Republicans.....	21
Democrats	9
Independents	15
Oppose strongly	6
Republicans.....	8
Democrats	4
Independents	7
(No Answer).....	10

Q47b. Not interfering if the Iraqi government decides to offers amnesty to insurgents if they lay down their arms—even if the insurgents attacked US troops

	12/06
Favor strongly	18%
Republicans.....	14
Democrats	25
Independents	13
Favor somewhat	31
Republicans.....	33
Democrats	34
Independents	23
Oppose somewhat	21
Republicans.....	24
Democrats	17
Independents	23

Oppose strongly	19
Republicans.....	23
Democrats	16
Independents	18
 (No Answer).....	 11
 Q47c. Withdrawing almost all US combat troops by early 2008	
	12/06
Favor strongly	47%
Republicans.....	29
Democrats	68
Independents	38
 Favor somewhat	 26
Republicans.....	33
Democrats	20
Independents	24
 Oppose somewhat	 12
Republicans.....	22
Democrats	4
Independents	12
 Oppose strongly	 7
Republicans.....	12
Democrats	2
Independents	8
 (No Answer).....	 9

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS:

D1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican	26%
Independent.....	15
Democrat.....	30
Other	3
DK/No preference.....	27

[IF “OTHER,” “NO PREFERENCE” “INDEPENDENT” OR SKIP at D1]

D1c. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican Party	7% ¹
Democratic Party	10
Neither	25

D1c. Who did you support in the election for Congress in the House of Representative in November 2006?

Republican candidate.....	31%
Democratic candidate	43
Other	19
Refused	8

D3. What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself:

Christian.....	67%
Jewish.....	2
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Other religion	11
No religious preference.....	13
Agnostic	2
Atheist	2
(No answer).....	2

[IF “CHRISTIAN” at D3]

D3a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical?

Yes	21% ²
No.....	29
No opinion	16
(No answer).....	1

D4. Age

18-29	22%
30-44	28
45-59	28
60+	23

D5. Education level (categorical)

Less than High School	14%
High School Graduate.....	32
Some College	28

¹ Percent of total

² Percent of total.

College Graduate27

D6. Race/Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic 70%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....11
Other, Non-Hispanic.....5
Hispanic13
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic1

D7. Gender

Male 48%
Female.....52

D8. Region

Northeast..... 19%
Midwest.....22
South.....36
West23

METHODOLOGY

In the United States, the poll of 1004 respondents was fielded December 6-12, 2006 with a margin of error of +/- 3.2-3.8% depending on the sample size for each question. The poll was fielded by Knowledge Networks, using its nationwide panel, which is randomly selected from the entire adult population and subsequently provided internet access. For more information about this methodology, go to www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp.