

# THE PIPA/KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS POLL

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES  
AND



## Americans on the Darfur Crisis and the International Criminal Court

### Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: Feb 18–25, 2005  
Sample Size: 1182

Margin of Error: +/- 2.9 % [full sample]  
+/- 4.1 % [1/2 sample]

[HALF SAMPLE A,D]

Q1. A permanent International Criminal Court has been established by the UN (United Nations) to try individuals suspected of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity. Some say the U.S. (United States) should not support the Court because trumped up charges may be brought against Americans, for example, US soldiers who use force in the course of a peacekeeping operation. Others say that the U.S. should support the court because the world needs a better way to prosecute war criminals, many of whom go unpunished today. Do you think the U.S. should or should not support the permanent international criminal court?

		<b>CCFR 06/02</b>
Should .....	58%	70
Republicans.....	47	61
Democrats .....	70	76
Should not .....	38	30
Republicans.....	50	39
Democrats .....	27	24
(No answer).....	4	--

[HALF SAMPLE B,C]

Q1a. Should the US participate or not participate in the International Criminal Court that tries individuals for war crimes, genocide, or crimes against humanity if their own country won't try them?

	<b>9/04</b>	<b>CCFR 6/04</b>	<b>CCFR 6/02</b>
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Should participate .....	69%	74	76	76
Republicans.....	61	75	71	72
Democrats .....	74	74	78	76
Should not participate .....	28	21	19	24
Republicans.....	33	22	24	28
Democrats .....	23	23	18	24
(No answer) .....	3	5	5	--

[FULL SAMPLE]

Q1b. As you may know in Darfur, Sudan government-backed militias have driven over a million Darfuris from their homes, with tens of thousands of them dying. The UN has determined that crimes against humanity and war crimes have been committed. Some people say that Sudanese individuals charged with these crimes should be tried by the existing International Criminal Court. Others want to create a new temporary tribunal for these cases, because they do not want to legitimize the International Criminal Court, which they oppose. Do you think it would be better to refer these cases to:

	<b>Full Sample</b>	<b>Received Q1</b>	<b>Received Q1a</b>
The existing International Criminal Court .....	60%	58	63
Republicans.....	56	53	59
Democrats .....	68	67	70
A new temporary tribunal .....	29	33	26
Republicans.....	36	39	34
Democrats .....	20	24	17
(No answer).....	10	10	11

From a poll conducted October 12-18, 2004. For more information, please see [http://www.pipa.org/OnlineReports/Pres\\_Election\\_04/Qnaire10\\_21\\_04.pdf](http://www.pipa.org/OnlineReports/Pres_Election_04/Qnaire10_21_04.pdf)

Q2: What is your impression of the positions of the following people or groups on this question: President George W. Bush?

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	<b>PIPA/KN 10/04</b>	<b>PIPA/KN 09/04</b>
Participate .....	48%	54%
Republicans.....	50	68

Democrats .....	46	51
Not participate.....	39	33
Republicans.....	41	23
Democrats .....	40	39
(No answer).....	13	12

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:**

**D1. In politics today, do you think of yourself as:**

Strong Republican .....	16%
Not strong Republican .....	11
Lean Republican .....	8
Undecided/Independent/Other .....	27
Lean Democrat.....	10
Not strong Democrat.....	12
Strong Democrat .....	16

**D2. Age**

18-29 .....	22%
30-44 .....	31
45-59 .....	26
60+ .....	22

**D3. Education level (categorical)**

Less than high school.....	16%
High school graduate .....	33
Some college.....	28
College graduate .....	24

**D4. Race/Ethnicity**

White, Non-Hispanic .....	73%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	12
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	5
Hispanic .....	11

D5. Gender

Male .....	48%
Female.....	52

D6. Region

Northeast.....	19%
Midwest.....	23
South.....	36
West .....	23