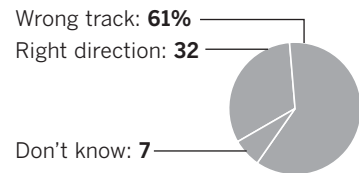
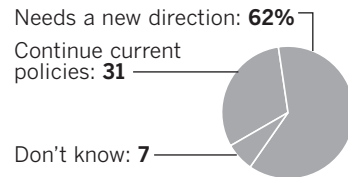


# Politics, ethics in government and the situation in Iraq

**Q: Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?**



**Q: Is the U.S. better off because of George W. Bush's policies, and should it proceed in the direction he set out or not?**



**Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling...**

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
his job as president	43%	54	3
the situation in Iraq	41%	56	3
the war on terrorism	48%	49	3
the economy	37%	59	4
cost and availability of healthcare in U.S.	27%	64	9
ethics in government	43%	47	10

**Q: Do you think George W. Bush...**

	Yes	No	Don't know
is honest and trustworthy	46%	47	7
is a strong leader	50%	46	4
has fulfilled his promise to restore honesty and integrity to the White House	32%	60	8

**Q: The Patriot Act gave the government greater powers to access records, perform wiretaps and use other means to locate terrorists. Congress will be voting on whether to reauthorize some provisions of the bill that will expire this year. Do you agree more with:**

those who want to reauthorize provisions	59%
those who want to allow them to expire	33
Don't know	8

Note: All results are among adults polled nationwide

Poll results, analysis and exact wording of questions can be found at: [latimes.com/news/custom/timespoll](http://latimes.com/news/custom/timespoll)

**How the poll was conducted**

The Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll contacted 1,555 adults nationwide by telephone Sunday through Wednesday. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation, and random-digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Results were weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education and region. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For certain subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions were presented.

Sources: Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll

**Q: Which of the following statements comes closer to your view: Americans should...**

give up civil liberties for safety from terrorism	51%
protect civil liberties	40
don't know	9

**Q: George W. Bush authorized federal government agencies to use electronic surveillance to monitor phone calls and e-mails within the U.S. without first getting a court warrant to do so. Do you consider this:**

Acceptable	49%
Unacceptable	45
Don't know	6

**Q: How would you rate Congress on ethics and honesty:**

Excellent/Good	31%
Not so good/Poor	64
Don't know	5

**Q: Who do you think is winning the war in Iraq?**

U.S.	33%
Insurgents in Iraq	7
Neither U.S. nor insurgents	55
Don't know	5

**Q: Do you believe George W. Bush when he says that the U.S. military is making a lot of progress in making Iraq a safe, democratic country, or not?**

Believe him	45%
Don't believe him	50
Don't know	5

**Q: Would you mind if you found out that your phone calls were being monitored by the U.S. government as part of the fight against terrorism?**

Would mind	53%
Wouldn't mind	46
Don't know	1

**Q: Which party in Congress do you think has higher standards of honesty and integrity?**

Republicans	14%
Democrats	13
No difference	68
Don't know	5

**Q: Over the next year, do you expect the situation in Iraq to:**

Get better	34%
Get worse	19
Remain the same	44
Don't know	3

**Q: How long do you think the U.S. should maintain a significant number of troops in Iraq?**

Should get out now	14%
One year or less	22
One-two years	7
More than two years	2
As long as it takes	40
Set amount of time, but not sure how long	11
Don't know	4