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## **Top Stories**

#### **Health News Index**

Question: ...I'm going to read you a list of some stories covered by news organizations in the last month or so. As I read each one, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely....

Very Fairs closely closes 42% 36%	The school shooting at a suburban San Diego high school
33% 33%	George W. Bush's tax cut pl an
35% 29%	Reports about decline of stock prices and the possibility of an economic slowdown
30% 31%	A new government report about the financial future of Social Security and Medicare
23% 32%	A new government report on rising heal th care costs
15% <b>22%</b>	The Supreme Court's decision uphold- ing the EPA's power to regulate air standards under the Clean Air Act
13% <b>20%</b>	President Bush's announcement regarding patient rights legislation now being considered by Congress
13% 17%	The findings of a new study on the effects of estrogen replacement therapy on ovarian cancer
10% 16%	Congressional action on the Clinton Administration's workpl ace injury rules aimed at preventing repetitive stress injuries
9% 1 <b>7%</b>	The controversy over the price of

Source: Survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health, Health News Index, March 28-April 1, 2001.

AIDS drugs in South Africa

#### News Interest Index

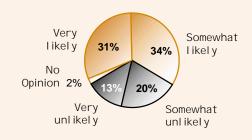
Question: I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely....

V clo		Fairly closely
The shooting of students and teachers at a San Diego high school	39%	37%
The debate about George W. Bush's	23% 3	4%
tax cut plan  The outbreak of foot-and-mouth		
disease among livestock in Europe	22% 33	3%
Recent major ups and downs in the US stock market	27% 2	7%
Early reports from the 2000 Census about population changes in the US	24%	

Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Pew Research Center, March 15-19, 2001.

#### Suffer the Children

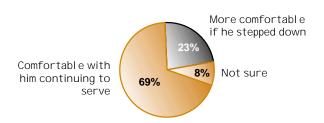
Question: Thinking about the recent shootings at schools, in your opinion, how likely is it that these kinds of shootings could happen in your community, is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?



Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, March 9-11, 2001.

### Vice Presidential Health

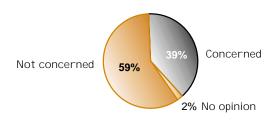
Question: Recently there have been stories about Vice President Dick Cheney's heart problems. Would you say you are comfortable with him continuing to serve as vice president, or would you be more comfortable if he stepped down from his duties to protect his health?



Note: Asked of registered voters.

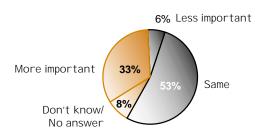
Source: Survey by Opinion Dynamics for Fox News, March 14-15, 2001.

Question: Are you concerned or not concerned that Vice President Dick Cheney's health problems will prevent him from serving as vice president?



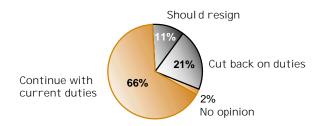
Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, March 9-11, 2001.

Question: How does Dick Cheney's role as vice president compare to those of previous vice presidents? Is Cheney's role in George W. Bush's administration more important, less important, or about the same as other vice presidents?



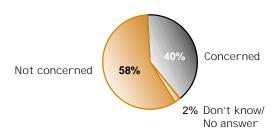
Source: Survey by CBS News/New York Times, March 8-12, 2001.

Question: Which comes closest to your view concerning Vice President Dick Cheney's health problems? Cheney should resign as vice president. Cheney should remain as vice president, but cut back on his duties. Cheney should remain as vice president and continue with his current duties with little or no change.



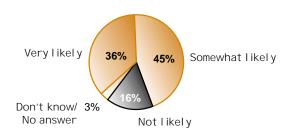
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Question: Does Dick Cheney's recent heart surgery, along with his history of heart problems, make you concerned about his ability to serve effectively as vice president, or not?



Source: Survey by CBS News/New York Times, March 8-12, 2001.

**Question**: How likely do you think it is that Dick Cheney will be able to serve for his full four-year term as vice president-very likely, somewhat likely, or not likely?



Source: Survey by CBS News/New York Times, March 8-12, 2001.