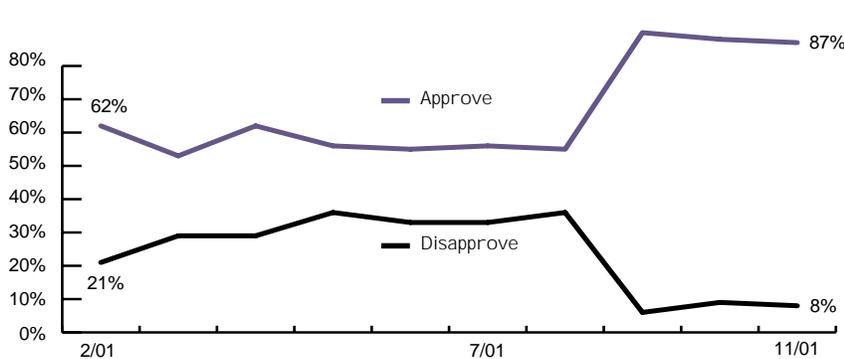


Polity Watch

Hail to the Chief

Question:

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

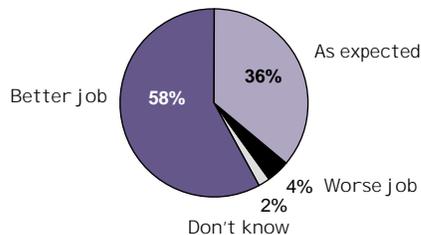


	Approve	Disapprove
2001		
February 19-21	62%	21%
March 26-28	53	29
April 20-22	62	29
May 18-20	56	36
June 11-17	55	33
July 19-22	56	33
August 24-26	55	36
September 21-22	90	6
October 19-21	88	9
November 26-27	87	8

Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization and Gallup/CNN/USA Today, latest that of November 26-27, 2001.

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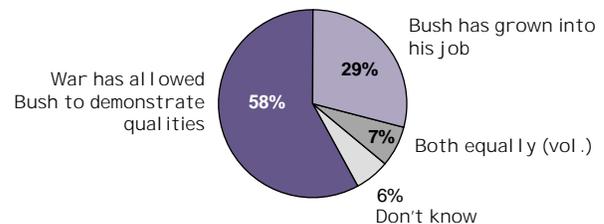
Thinking about the way Bush has handled his job since the terrorist attacks of September 11th, has he been doing a better job or a worse job than you expected or about what you expected?



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Newsweek, November 15-16, 2001.

Question:

Do you think [Bush is doing a better job than you expected] more because Bush has matured or grown into his job, [or because] the war against terrorism has allowed Bush to demonstrate qualities that he had all along?

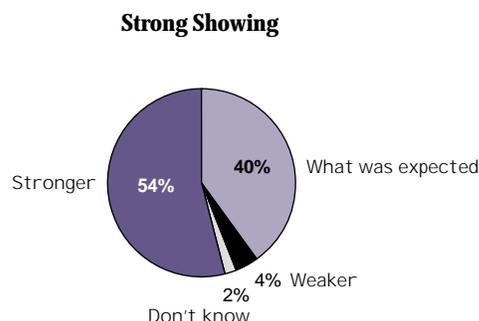


Note: Asked of those who said Bush is doing a better job than expected.

Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Newsweek, November 15-16, 2001.

Question:

Overall, would you say Bush is a stronger leader than you expected him to be, a weaker leader than you expected, or is his leadership about what you expected it to be?



Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, November 10-13, 2001.

Similar Ratings, Different Starting Points?

PERCENT RESPONDING STRONGER LEADER



Starting to Feel Feistier

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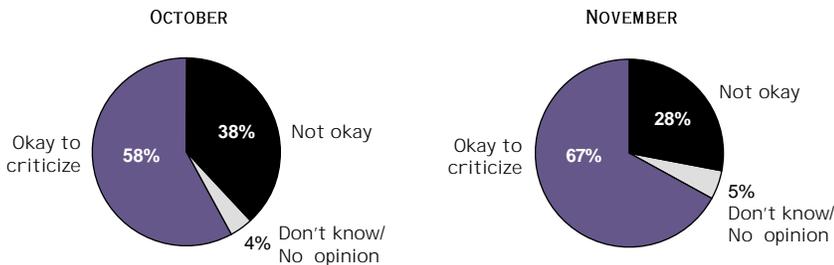
These days, if someone disagrees with the president's decisions on military issues, do you think it's okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not publicly criticize the president on military issues?



Source: Survey by CBS News, November 13-14, 2001.

Question:

These days, if someone disagrees with the president's proposals on economic or other domestic issues, do you think it's okay to criticize him publicly, or should people not criticize the president publicly on economic or other domestic issues?

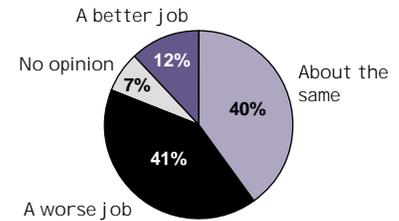


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We'll Never Know

Question:

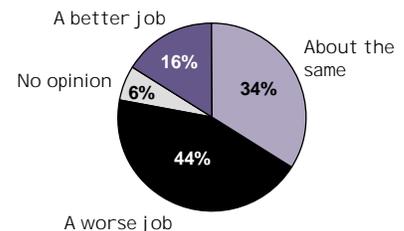
If Al Gore had been elected president in 2000, do you think he would have done a better job, about the same job, or a worse job than George W. Bush has done in responding to the terrorist attacks?



Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, November 2-4, 2001.

Question:

If Bill Clinton were still president, do you think he would have done a better job, about the same job, or a worse job than George W. Bush has done in responding to the terrorist attacks?



Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, November 2-4, 2001.

Government in a New Light

Question:

These days, what kind of impact do you think the government has on most people's lives—a positive impact, a negative impact, or doesn't the government have much impact on most people's lives?



Source: Survey by CBS News, November 13-14, 2001.