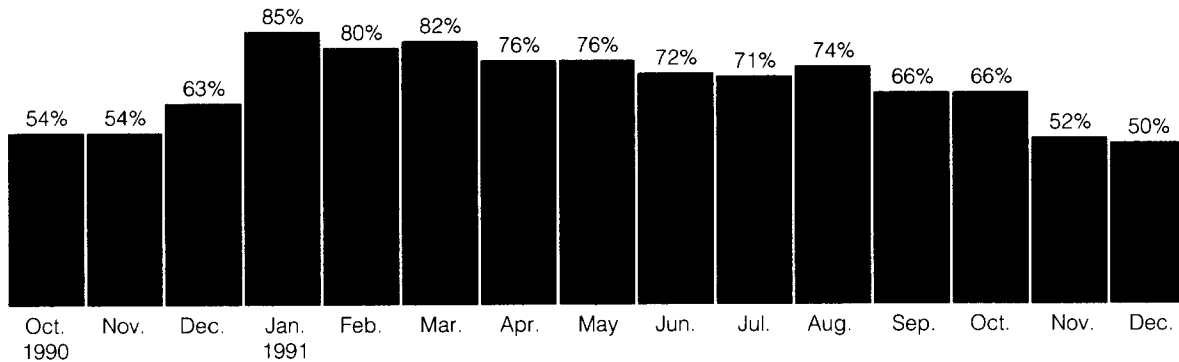


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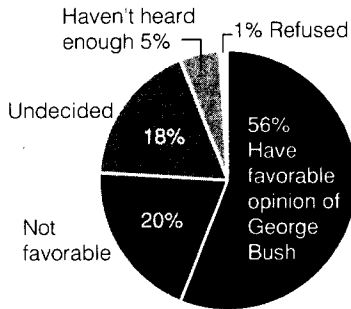
Heading into the 1992 elections, Bush is viewed far more positively than lesser-known Democratic hopefuls, despite the decline in his performance ratings. Caught in the crossfire: six in ten place their faith in Bush's ability over that of a Democratic president to handle foreign policy, but a slightly higher number faults him for spending too much time on it.

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?**



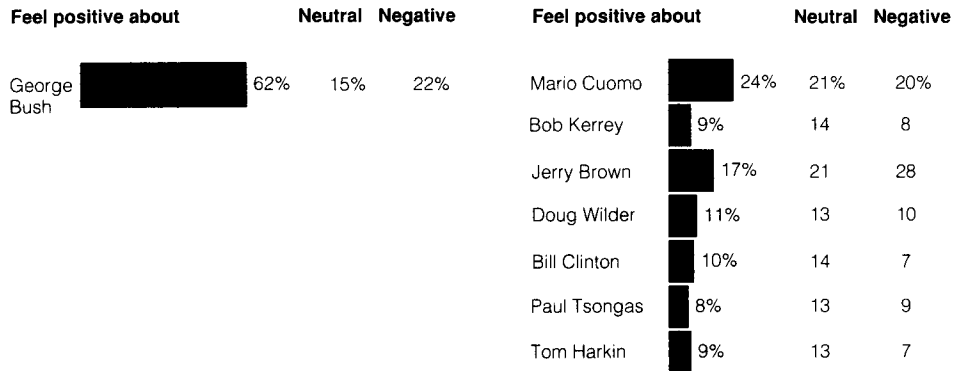
Note: Last rating of each month shown. The CBS News/*New York Times* poll taken November 18-22, showed the president's rating dropping from 67% in mid-October 1991 to 51%.
Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of December 12-15, 1991.

Question: **Is your opinion of George Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George Bush yet to have an opinion?**



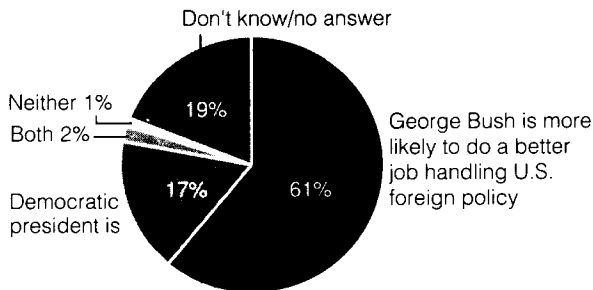
Source: Survey by CBS News/*New York Times*, October 15-18, 1991.

Question: **I'm going to read you the names of several groups and people who are active in politics. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.**



Source: Survey by Peter Hart and Robert Teeter for NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*, October 25-29, 1991.

Question: **Who's more likely to do a better job handling U.S. foreign policy, George Bush or a Democratic president?**



Source: Survey by CBS News/*New York Times*, October 15-18, 1991.

Question: **Which of the following statements best describes your views of how Bush is handling his job as president?**

Bush...



Source: Survey by ABC News/*Washington Post*, December 11-15, 1991.

ELECTION

The number of people saying George Bush will definitely be reelected has slipped to less than 50 percent recently. Bush is strong on his challengers' home turf, though some of them have made gains.

Question: **Right now, do you think George Bush will definitely be reelected president in 1992, or do you think a Democratic candidate can win the election?**

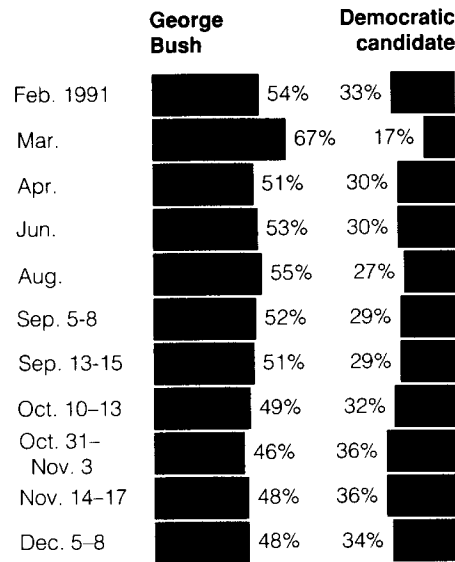
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Note: Asked of registered voters.
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Question: **If George Bush runs for reelection in 1992, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?**

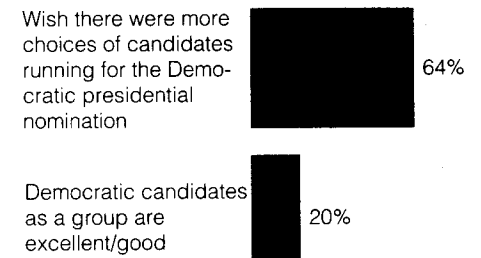
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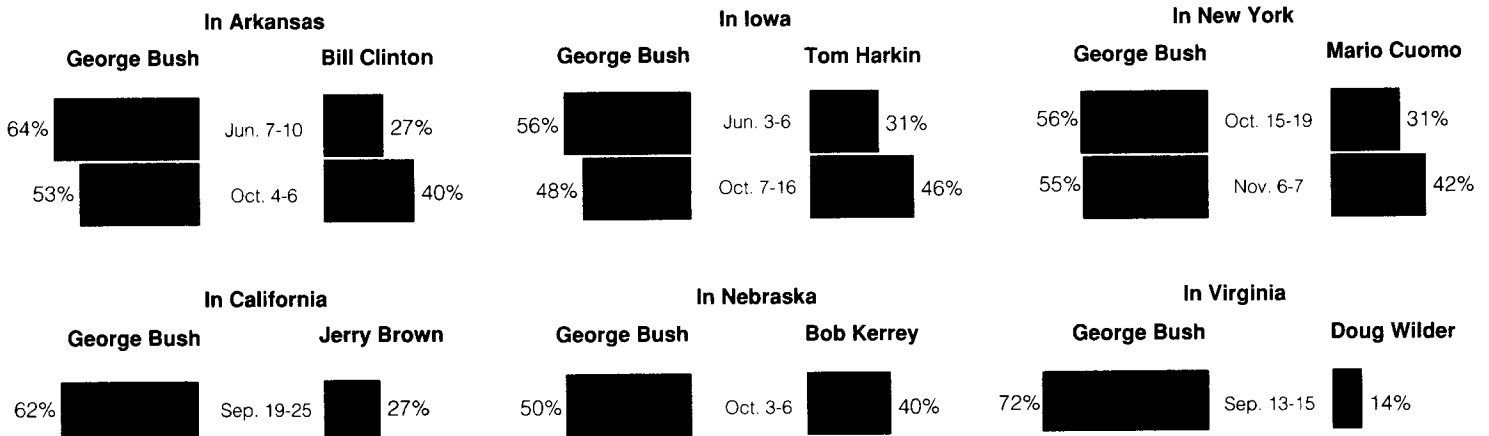
Question: **Are you generally satisfied with the candidates now running for the Democratic nomination for president, or do you wish there were more choices? (CBS/NTT)**

Question: **Overall, what's your opinion of the men running for the Democratic presidential nomination? As a group, would you say they are excellent candidates, fair candidates, or poor candidates? (Times Mirror Center)**



Note: Eighteen percent of respondents said that they were generally satisfied with the candidates running for the Democratic nomination. In a 1988 Times Mirror Center survey, 30% of respondents rated the Democratic candidates excellent or good.
Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, October 15-18, 1991, and the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press, October 3-6, 1991.

1991 Trial Heats on Challengers' Home Turf



Note: Samples = Likely voters in AR, NE, NY (Oct.), and VA; registered voters in CA, adults in IA and NY (Nov.)
Source: Surveys by Mason-Dixon Opinion Research (AR, VA), Political/Media Research (NE, NY in Oct.), DesMoines Register (IA), the Field Institute (CA), and ABC News (NY in Nov.)