

CBS News/The New York Times Poll
The Democratic National Committee
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q1 Which two issues do you think are most important for the Democrats to concentrate on in the 2004 presidential campaign?

	DNC Members
	%
Economy /Jobs/ unemployment	95*
War on terror/ National security issues	31
Health Care / prescription drugs	24
Education	11
Foreign policy (other than Iraq)	6
Iraq/War with Iraq	3
Social Security	3
Taxes (specific mention)	2
Environment	2
Other	16
DK/NA	7

* Respondents were asked to choose up to two issues, so answers add up to more than 100%.

q2 Are you satisfied with the choice of Nancy Pelosi for House Minority Leader, or would you have preferred someone else for that position?

Satisfied	82
Would have preferred someone else	14
DK/NA	4

q3 When it comes to promoting the Democrats interests in Congress, do you think Nancy Pelosi will be very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective or not at all effective?

Very effective	65
Somewhat effective	27
Not too effective	3
Not at all effective	1
DK/NA	4

q4 What do you think is the biggest problem for the Democrats right now?

Lack of ideas/clear plan/message	25
Failure to communicate/get message out	22
Party leadership	8
Bush / Bush popularity/campaign appearances	7
Loss of base vote	5
Stand on National security issues	5
Not different from Bush/ No differences	4
Stands on issues / ideology (general)	2
Fundraising / Outspent by Republicans	2
Candidates / No good candidates	2
Position on the economy	2
Other	15
DK/NA	1

q5 Which do you think is a bigger problem for the Democrats right now -- lack of leadership or lack of specific ideas?

	DNC Members
	%
Lack of leadership	32
Lack of specific ideas	33
Neither (vol.)	18
Both (vol.)	13
DK/NA	4

q6 Who do you think of right now as the leader of the Democratic party?

Terry McCauliffe	20
Tom Daschle	17
Bill Clinton	13
Al Gore	8
Richard Gephardt	3
Nancy Pelosi	4
No one	10
Other	6
DK/NA	19

q7 Overall, what do you think is the main reason behind the Democrats' losses in the 2002 elections?

Lack of ideas/ no message	19
Failure to communicate/get message out	14
National security issues / War / Iraq	14
Bush / Bush popularity/campaign appearances	11
Poor turnout / loss of base vote	10
Failed to challenge Bush	9
9/11 impact/ terrorism	4
Fundraising / Outspent by Republicans	4
Party leadership fault	3
Republicans did better job (general)	2
Stands on issues / ideology (general)	2
Other	6
DK/NA	2

q8 If you had to choose, were the Democrats' losses in the 2002 election mostly due to a lack of connection with voters on the issues, mostly due to poor candidates, or mostly due to being outspent by the Republicans?

Lack of connection with voters on the issues	56
Poor candidates	2
Outspent by Republicans	31
Something else (vol.)	8
DK/NA	3

q9 How much do you think the personal campaign appearances that George W. Bush made helped the Republican party to win in the 2002 elections - a lot, some, not much or not at all?

	DNC Members
	%
A lot	61
Some	32
Not much	6
Not at all	0
DK/NA	1

q10 In hindsight, what do you think the Democrats should have done differently in the 2002 elections?

Present clear plan / stronger message	27
Emphasize economy	15
Attack Bush / Differ from Republicans	14
Better turnout / grassroots/	9
Offer clear alternatives to Republicans	7
Stronger on defense & security	5
Use Clinton more	4
Oppose war	3
Raise more money	2
Other	9
DK/NA	5

q11 Based on what you know so far, how satisfied are you with the people who are likely to run for the 2004 Democratic Presidential nomination - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied or not at all satisfied?

Very satisfied	39
Somewhat satisfied	47
Not at all satisfied	7
DK/NA	7

q12 When it comes to positions on most political matters, do you think the Democratic party should be more liberal, moderate or conservative than it is now?

Liberal	28
Moderate	47
Conservative	1
Stay as it is now (vol.)	12
DK/NA	11

q13 Do you think the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee should favor or oppose changing the Bush tax cut passed in 2001?

Favor	65
Oppose	25
DK/NA	10

q14 Do you think the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee should favor or oppose a war with Iraq until Saddam Hussein is removed from power?

	DNC Members
	%
Favor	19
Oppose	50
DK/NA	31

q15 Which do you think the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee should make a priority --
- producing energy or protecting the environment?

Producing energy	17
Protecting the environment	59
DK/NA	24

q16 Do you think the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee should favor or oppose stricter gun control laws?

Favor	56
Oppose	30
DK/NA	14

q17 Do you think the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee should favor or oppose drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

Favor	8
Oppose	87
DK/NA	5

q18 Which position should the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee take on the issue of abortion - 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it or 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now or 3. Abortion should not be permitted?

Available to those who want it	76
Available but under stricter limits	18
Not permitted	1
DK/NA	5

q19 Should the 2004 Democratic nominee favor or oppose allowing the federal government to monitor the telephone calls and emails of ordinary Americans in order to reduce the threat of terrorism?

Favor	7
Oppose	90
DK/NA	3

q20 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of terrorism - very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

Very vulnerable	19
Somewhat vulnerable	61
Not vulnerable at all	15
DK/NA	5

q21 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of the economy - very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

	DNC Members
	%
Very vulnerable	88
Somewhat vulnerable	11
Not vulnerable at all	0
DK/NA	1

q22 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of education- very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

Very vulnerable	52
Somewhat vulnerable	43
Not vulnerable at all	5
DK/NA	0

q23 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of prescription drugs- very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

Very vulnerable	66
Somewhat vulnerable	32
Not vulnerable at all	2
DK/NA	0

q24 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of the environment - very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

Very vulnerable	83
Somewhat vulnerable	14
Not vulnerable at all	2
DK/NA	1

q25 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of war with Iraq - very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

Very vulnerable	22
Somewhat vulnerable	62
Not vulnerable at all	13
DK/NA	3

q26 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of taxes - very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

Very vulnerable	36
Somewhat vulnerable	53
Not vulnerable at all	9
DK/NA	2

q27 How vulnerable do you think George W. Bush and the Republicans are on the issue of Social Security -- very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable or not vulnerable at all?

	DNC Members
	%
Very vulnerable	62
Somewhat vulnerable	34
Not vulnerable at all	4
DK/NA	0

q28 Who do you think will have a fund-raising advantage going into the 2004 elections -- the Democrats, the Republicans or neither party?

Democrats	1
Republicans	93
Neither	5
Both equally (vol.)	0
DK/NA	1

q29 How do you think the campaign reform legislation passed earlier this year will affect fund-raising in 2004 -- will it make it harder for the Democrats than for the Republicans, harder for the Republicans than the Democrats, or will it affect both parties equally?

Harder for Democrats	54
Harder for Republicans	3
Both equal	36
DK/NA	7

q30 How easy or difficult do you think it will be for the Democratic nominee to defeat George W. Bush in your state in the 2004 presidential election ---- very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult?

Very easy	17
Somewhat easy	23
Somewhat difficult	34
Very difficult	22
DK/NA	4

q31 Who would you like the Democrats to nominate for President in 2004?

	***** DNC Members *****	
	After Announcement	Before Announcement
	%	%
Al Gore	1	17
John Kerry	23	19
John Edwards	8	7
Richard Gephardt	5	4
Howard Dean	4	4
Tom Daschle	2	2
Joe Lieberman	2	2
Others	7	5
DK/NA	48	40

q32 Regardless of which candidate you prefer, who do you think will receive the Democratic nomination in 2004?

	DNC Members
	%
Al Gore	29
John Kerry	15
John Edwards	1
Richard Gephardt	3
Howard Dean	0
Tom Daschle	1
Lieberman	0
Others	0
DK/NA	51

q33 Regardless of which candidate you prefer, which Democratic nominee do you think would have the best chance of beating George W. Bush in 2004?

Al Gore	17
John Kerry	23
John Edwards	8
Richard Gephardt	4
Howard Dean	2
Tom Daschle	1
Lieberman	1
Others	5
DK/NA	39

q34 Thinking ahead to 2004, do you think it will make a difference to voters if the Democratic nominee for president has served in the military?

Yes	48
No	45
It depends (vol.)	3
DK/NA	4

q35 Thinking ahead to 2004, how important do you think it will be that either the presidential candidate or vice presidential candidate come from the South -- very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important?

Very important	16
Somewhat important	47
Not very important	23
Not at all important	12
DK/NA	2

q36 How involved do you think Bill Clinton should be in the 2004 election campaign -- very involved, somewhat involved, not very involved or not at all involved?

Very involved	42
Somewhat involved	49
Not very involved	5
Not at all involved	2
It depends (vol.)	1
DK/NA	1

q37 Do you think Terry McAuliffe should remain as chairman of the Democratic National Committee?

	DNC Members
	%
Yes	74
No	15
DK/NA	11

q38 How would you describe the Democratic party on most political matters -- liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	22
Moderate	71
Conservative	2
Mixed (vol.)	3
DK/NA	2

q39 How would you describe your views on most political matters -- liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	38
Moderate	55
Conservative	3
Mixed (vol.)	3
DK/NA	1

q40 Do you think Al Gore should run for the Democratic nomination in 2004, or shouldn't he?

Should run	42
Shouldn't run	42
DK/NA	16

q41 Do you think Hillary Clinton probably will or probably will not run for president in 2008?

Probably will	44
Probably will not	31
DK/NA	25

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
DNC Respondents	313	
Q31 Reduced Base (Before Announcement)	278	277