

**PIPA-Knowledge Networks**

**US Foreign Policy Performance Ratings and Priority Rankings**

**Trend Line Questionnaire**

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**Performance Ratings**

Q. Overall, how well do you think the US government is managing its foreign policy-- that is, dealing with international problems and handling relations with other countries around the world? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well.

	<b>Negative (0-4)</b>	<b>Neutral (5)</b>	<b>Positive (6-10)</b>	<b>DK/ Refused</b>	<b>Net Pos-Neg</b>	<b>Mean</b>
Mar 2003 .....	30	16	54	1	+25	5.71
Feb 2003 .....	33	18	48	2	+15	5.33
Jan 2003 .....	31	22	45	2	+14	5.33
Nov 2002 .....	26	18	54	2	+29	5.77

Q. How well do you think the US government is dealing with the following international problems and issues? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well.

	<b>Negative (0-4)</b>	<b>Neutral (5)</b>	<b>Positive (6-10)</b>	<b>DK/ Refused</b>	<b>Net Pos-Neg</b>	<b>Mean</b>
<b>The situation with Iraq</b>						
Mar 2003 .....	22	8	68	2	+48	6.77
Feb 2003 .....	35	13	48	4	+13	5.38
Jan 2003 .....	31	22	45	2	+14	5.22
Nov 2002 .....	25	20	52	4	+27	5.78
<b>The Israel-Palestinian conflict</b>						
Mar 2003 .....	35	20	39	7	+5	5.04
Feb 2003 .....	38	23	33	6	-4	4.81
Jan 2003 .....	37	23	34	6	-4	4.72
Nov 2002 .....	34	27	34	5	0	4.96
<b>Homeland security from terrorism</b>						
Mar 2003 .....	17	14	67	3	+50	6.63
Feb 2003 .....	24	17	56	3	+32	6.01
Jan 2003 .....	27	14	57	2	+30	5.91
Nov 2002 .....	25	14	59	3	+34	5.99

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International terrorism						
Mar 2003 .....	20	15	63	2	+42	6.32
Feb 2003 .....	27	17	53	3	+25	5.74
Jan 2003 .....	28	17	52	3	+24	5.68
Nov 2002 .....	25	15	57	4	+33	5.92
The situation with North Korea						
Mar 2003 .....	39	19	37	5	-2	4.86
Feb 2003 .....	42	21	33	4	-9	4.65
Jan 2003 .....	35	24	36	5	+1	4.91
Nov 2002 .....	34	24	34	8	0	4.90
The spread of nuclear weapons						
Mar 2003 .....	28	19	49	5	+21	5.71
Feb 2003 .....	34	18	43	5	+9	5.21
Jan 2003 .....	32	18	46	4	+15	5.33
Nov 2002 .....	30	18	47	5	+17	5.44
Global warming						
Mar 2003 .....	39	16	36	9	-3	4.70
Jan 2003 .....	47	19	26	8	-21	4.08
Nov 2002 .....	48	20	27	6	-21	4.30
International trade						
Mar 2003 .....	22	20	50	8	+28	5.78
Jan 2003 .....	27	21	44	8	+18	5.29
Nov 2002 .....	27	22	44	7	+17	5.37
The world AIDS epidemic						
Mar 2003 .....	29	18	46	7	+18	5.36
Feb 2003 .....	40	22	34	5	-6	4.74
Jan 2003 .....	39	25	32	5	-7	4.63
Nov 2002 .....	41	20	33	6	-8	4.71
Tensions between India and Pakistan						
Mar 2003 .....	28	26	33	13	+5	5.11
Jan 2003 .....	38	24	28	10	-10	4.56
Nov 2002 .....	36	24	30	10	-6	4.78
International drug trafficking						
Mar 2003 .....	33	19	40	8	+7	5.05
Jan 2003 .....	43	23	29	5	-15	4.34
Nov 2002 .....	47	20	29	4	-18	4.31
Promoting and defending human rights in other countries						
Mar 2003 .....	23	18	52	7	+28	5.88
Jan 2003 .....	35	23	37	6	-2	5.05
Nov 2002 .....	34	20	41	5	+7	5.13

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Making the UN more effective						
Mar 2003 .....	41	20	32	8	-9	4.50
Feb 2003 .....	39	23	34	5	-5	4.76
Jan 2003 .....	38	22	33	7	-5	4.73
Nov 2002 .....	29	26	39	7	+10	5.18
Promoting democracy in poor countries						
Mar 2003 .....	24	19	51	6	+27	5.82
Jan 2003 .....	30	22	42	7	+11	5.20
Nov 2002 .....	28	23	43	6	+15	5.36
World hunger						
Mar 2003 .....	30	15	49	6	+19	5.57
Jan 2003 .....	37	22	37	5	0	4.80
Nov 2002 .....	37	21	37	5	+2	5.01
Making sure international trade benefits American workers						
Mar 2003 .....	37	18	38	7	+1	4.88
Jan 2003 .....	42	21	31	6	-11	4.40
Nov 2002 .....	39	22	32	6	-7	4.58
Promoting economic development in poor countries						
Mar 2003 .....	29	18	46	7	+16	5.45
Jan 2003 .....	36	23	36	6	0	4.79
Nov 2002 .....	35	25	34	6	-1	4.93

Q. How well do you think the US government is handling relations with the following countries?  
Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well.

	Negative (0-4)	Neutral (5)	Positive (6-10)	DK/ Refused	Net Pos-Neg	Mean
Russia						
Mar 2003 .....	26	18	48	8	+21	5.71
Feb 2003 .....	23	22	45	10	+22	5.68
Jan 2003 .....	18	22	50	10	+31	5.89
Nov 2002 .....	17	19	55	9	+39	6.01
China						
Mar 2003 .....	26	22	44	8	+18	5.52
Feb 2003 .....	29	21	39	11	+11	5.30
Jan 2003 .....	25	26	39	11	+14	5.39
Nov 2002 .....	25	23	43	10	+18	5.43

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	Negative (0-4)	Neutral (5)	Positive (6-10)	DK/ Refused	Net Pos-Neg	Mean
<b>Our European allies</b>						
Mar 2003 .....	27	18	48	6	+21	5.61
Feb 2003 .....	25	20	46	10	+21	5.60
Jan 2003 .....	18	20	54	8	+36	6.03
Nov 2002 .....	16	17	59	8	+42	6.32
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>						
Mar 2003 .....	20	21	50	8	+30	5.80
Feb 2003 .....	30	20	40	11	+10	5.28
Jan 2003 .....	30	22	37	10	+7	5.09
Nov 2002 .....	31	21	39	9	+8	5.13
<b>Israel</b>						
Mar 2003 .....	21	16	55	8	+33	6.00
Feb 2003 .....	23	19	48	10	+25	5.91
Jan 2003 .....	22	18	50	10	+28	5.80
Nov 2002 .....	21	18	53	8	+31	5.95

Q. Thinking now about the rest of the world, on average, how do you think people in other countries would rate how well the US is managing its foreign policy? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well.

	Negative (0-4)	Neutral (5)	Positive (6-10)	DK/ Refused	Net Pos-Neg	Mean
Mar 2003 .....	52	19	25	4	-26	4.10
Feb 2003 .....	55	19	23	4	-31	3.93
Jan 2003 .....	50	20	25	4	-25	4.03
Nov 2002 .....	45	20	30	4	-15	4.34

Q. Thinking now about our European allies, on average, how do you think people in those countries would rate how well the US is managing its foreign policy? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being very poorly and 10 being very well.

	Negative (0-4)	Neutral (5)	Positive (6-10)	DK/ Refused	Net Pos-Neg	Mean
Mar 2003 .....	48	20	27	5	-21	4.31
Feb 2003 .....	47	20	28	5	-20	4.29
Jan 2003 .....	43	20	32	5	-12	4.49
Nov 2002 .....	32	20	43	6	+11	5.17

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### Priority Rankings

Q. Here are five foreign policy problems that the US is facing these days. Thinking about the long term, please select the one that you feel is the most important. *[order randomized; question repeated with remaining problems until all rated.]*

	<b>First Response (%)</b>	<b>Mean Rating (1=highest, 5=lowest)</b>
The situation in Iraq		
Mar 2003 .....	52	1.88
Feb 2003 .....	37	2.09
Jan 2003 .....	40	2.11
Dec 2002 .....	34	2.18
Nov 2002 .....	29	2.19
Sept 2002 .....	34	2.29
The Israeli-Palestinian conflict		
Mar 2003 .....	7	3.77
Feb 2003 .....	6	3.96
Jan 2003 .....	12	3.59
Dec 2002 .....	12	3.48
Nov 2002 .....	12	3.29
Sept 2002 .....	17	2.85
The situation with North Korea		
Mar 2003 .....	15	2.87
Feb 2003 .....	15	2.87
Jan 2003 .....	15	2.98
Dec 2002 .....	10	3.65
Nov 2002 .....	4	4.10
Osama bin Laden's terrorist group al Q'aeda		
Mar 2003 .....	20	2.48
Feb 2003 .....	34	2.23
Jan 2003 .....	31	2.32
Dec 2002 .....	40	2.09
Nov 2002 .....	50	1.89
Sept 2002 .....	43	2.11
The situation in Afghanistan		
Jan 2003 .....	2	3.99
Dec 2002 .....	2	3.79
Nov 2002 .....	4	3.70
Sept 2002 .....	4	3.67

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	<b>First Response (%)</b>	<b>Mean Rating (1=highest possible)</b>
Tensions with our European Allies		
Mar 2003 .....	6	3.99
Feb 2003 .....	8	3.83
The India-Pakistan conflict		
Sept 2002 .....	2	4.18

### Source: PIPA-Knowledge Networks Polls

<i>Poll Cited</i>	<i>Field Dates</i>	<i>Respondents</i>
Mar 2003	Mar 22-25	795
Feb 2003	Feb 12-18	1361
Jan 2003	Jan. 21-26	1063
Dec 2002	Dec 19 - Jan 1	1146
Nov 2002	Nov 19 - Dec 1	1106
Sept 2002	Sept 26-30	709