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# The White House Comment Line

## August 2004 Monthly Report

### Total # of Calls Received 19,341

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Jul' 04	35,519
Jun' 04	22,618
May' 04	28,090
Apr' 04	21,502
Mar' 04	25,449
Feb' 04	24,897
Jan' 04	22,021
Dec' 03	15,669
Nov' 03	21,277
Oct' 03	21,713
Sep' 03	19,671
Aug' 03	21,673
Jul' 03	23,477
Jun' 03	21,288
May' 03	21,530
Apr' 03	33,071
Mar' 03	49,311
Feb' 03	56,678
Jan' 03	76,327
Dec' 02	28,125

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**The data of this report represents comments made by the callers. Callers are permitted to make more than one comment per call.**

Some comments that are not represented in this report deal with the following: White House Greetings requests, public assistance referrals via White House Agency Liaison, and miscellaneous comments not related to the issues covered in this report.

White House Comment Line Reports:

#### Monthly Reports:

March 2001 to August 2004

## Welcome to the White House Comment Line Monthly Report.

*The White House  
Comment Line is  
very grateful for  
our volunteer  
operators who are  
dedicated to listen  
to the voice of the  
American people.  
Our job is to serve  
the American  
people with dignity,  
honor, and  
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according to our  
motto...*

**EVERY CALL  
COUNTS!**

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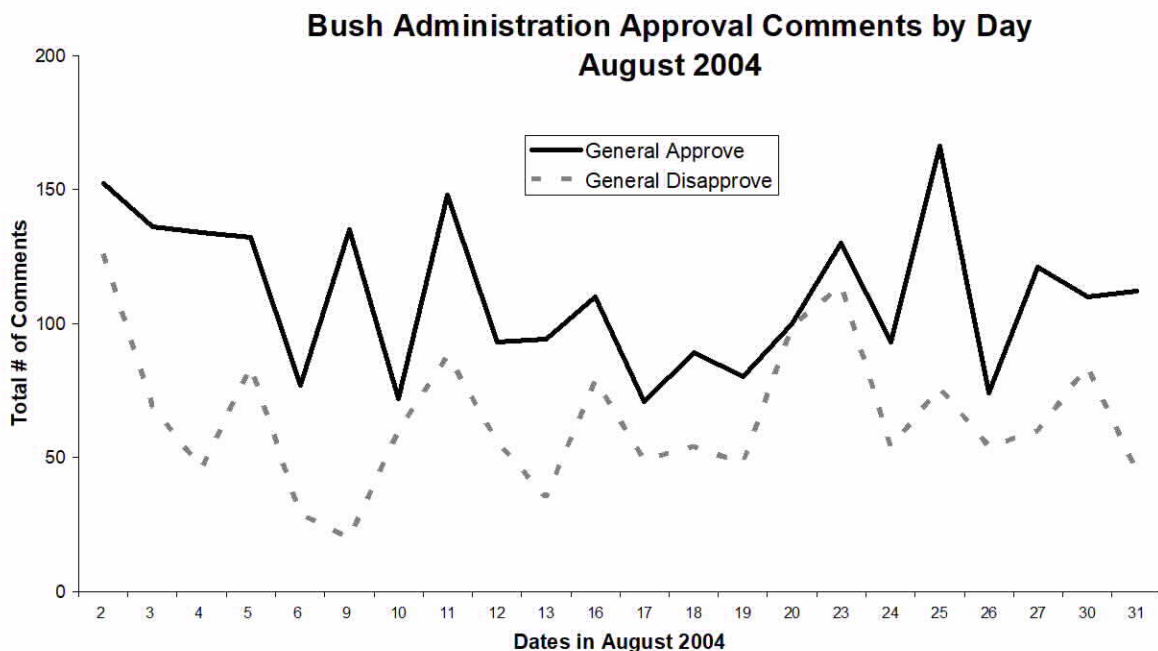
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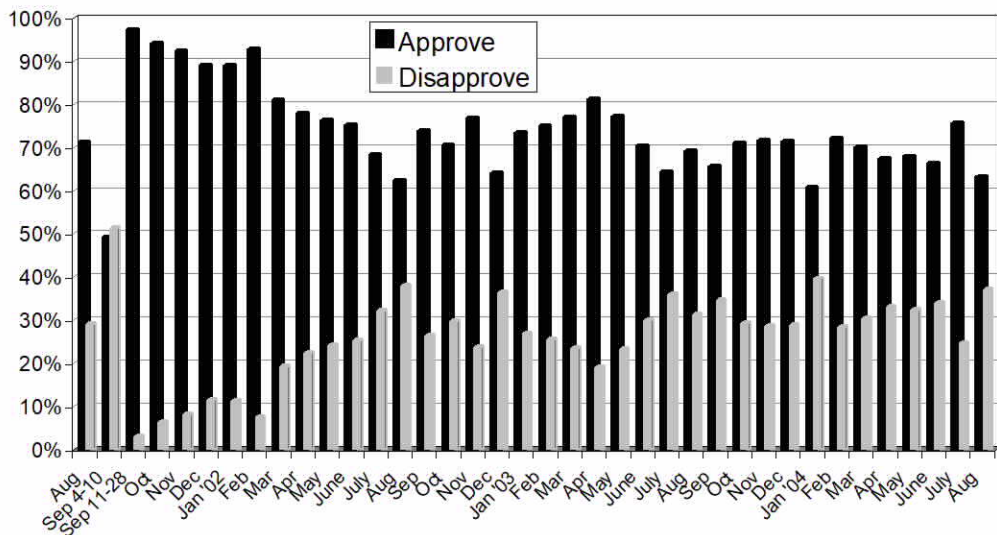
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## Bush administration overall approval at 63%



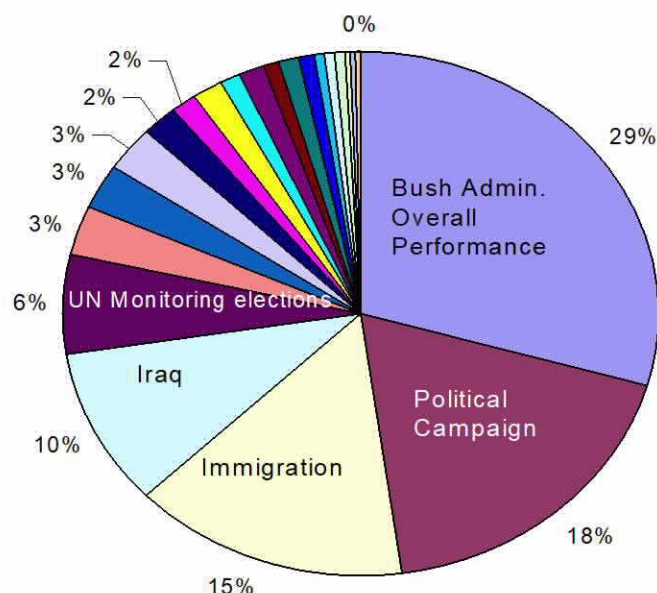
## Bush Administration: Overall Performance % Aug. 2001 to August 2004



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## Categories of Comments August 2004

*August...at a glance*



- Bush Admin Performance
- Presidential Campaign
- Immigration
- Iraq
- UN Monitoring Elections
- Corp. Public Broadcasting
- Israel/Palestine
- Other Domestic
- Sudan
- Other Misc
- Environment
- Keep jobs in U.S.
- Gasoline prices
- Assault weapons ban
- Overtime pay
- Veterans' Benefits
- The economy
- Operation Enduring Freedom
- AT&T Call In
- Partial Birth Abortion Ban
- General Military
- Appoint conservative judges
- Pledge of Allegiance
- "Under God" in pledge
- Judicial appointments

**Iraq- 1,648 total comments** regarding U.S. presence in Iraq.

Summary of approval comments- 701 total

-232 comments of overall support.

-469 calls urge the administration to allow U.S. forces to fight harder. The vast majority of these callers indicate they want the Shiite cleric **Sadr** to be killed.

Summary of disapproval comments- 947 total

-535 comments of overall/general disapproval of U.S. involvement.

-329 comments want the troops to come home immediately.

-83 comments indicate they want the U.S. to focus on domestic economy rather than Iraq.

**UN Monitoring elections: 998 total comments**

-998 comments regarding UN monitors observing Nov. 2 elections, 99% strongly disapprove.

**Corporation for Public Broadcasting: 436 total comments**

-436 callers urge the administration to support a non-partisan selection of CPB board members

**Israel & Palestine: 477 total comments**

-145 Pro-Israel Comments. Of these, 115 callers indicate general support for Israel. 30 callers support the construction of a protective fence around their land.

-237 Pro-Palestine comments: Of these, 98 callers indicate general support for Palestine. 91 callers disapprove U.S. financial aid to Israel. 25 callers disapprove building of fence. 23 callers want Israel to withdraw from occupied territories.

-95 General/Misc. Comments: Of these, 60 callers disapprove U.S. policy regarding Israel/Palestine, 35 callers approve U.S. policy.

	Total # Comments	%Approve	% Disapprove
Bush Admin Overall perf.	3,858	63%	27%
Immigration -Bush admin's Reform Plan	2,351	1%	99%

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Operation Iraqi Freedom	See column to the right
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## *The Voice of the People...*

"I'm a woman, and I'm not a Republican, but I really like Laura Bush. There's just something about her that does it for me. She's a teacher and she's very sincere. There's just something very special about her."

"One small step towards the UN monitoring our elections...one giant leap towards the United States losing our sovereignty."

"Tell the President that there is a Democrat voter in Montgomery County, MD who agrees with his position on stem cell research. I'm so impressed that it is making my vote in November a little more difficult now."

"Why aren't there any Conservative Christians speaking at the convention? I was looking forward to watching them speak from my television in my home....and that's exactly where I will stay on election day."

"I'm from Arizona, and like many of us, we were hoping the President would tell us in his speech what he was doing to help our problem with illegal immigrants in this state...but all we got was window dressing. Oh well, if we don't win Arizona, we'll know a big reason why."

"Stay the course! You're a strong leader and you are a moral leader. My family appreciates that, thank you!"

"I think it's a great idea to pull our troops out of Europe....I only wish we would do it sooner. I don't see any sense in my son risking his life to protect people that don't appreciate him to begin with! Let's take those troops and put them where we really need them...right here in Texas protecting our borders!"

"Sensitivity and compassion towards the enemy is well and good...but it's getting American troops killed. It's about time you fight like a man!"

"With all this tough fighting going on in Iraq, I'm glad you get to relax at your ranch after a long week of campaigning."

"Laura Bush is head and shoulders above the rest. She is the one who deserves to be called the 'First Lady' "