

From: "Grove, Justin A."
To: "Kavanaugh, Brett M.", "Smith, Heidi M."
Cc: "Murer, Marguerite A.", "Pilato, Anna", "Fahy, Brian D.", "Theis, Nancy A.", "Rowley, Eileen M."
Subject: The White House Comment Line August 2004 Monthly Report
Sent: Tue, 7 Sep 2004 11:16:56 -0500
[The White House Comment Line August 2004 Monthly Report.doc](#)

Inside... Swift Boat Vets, Un monitoring elections, Iraq, the *Voice of the People*, and more....

The White House Comment Line

August 2004 Monthly Report

Total # of Calls Received **19,341**

Total # Calls received

| | |
|---------|--------|
| 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
compassion
according to our
motto...*

**EVERY CALL
COUNTS!**

Table of contents

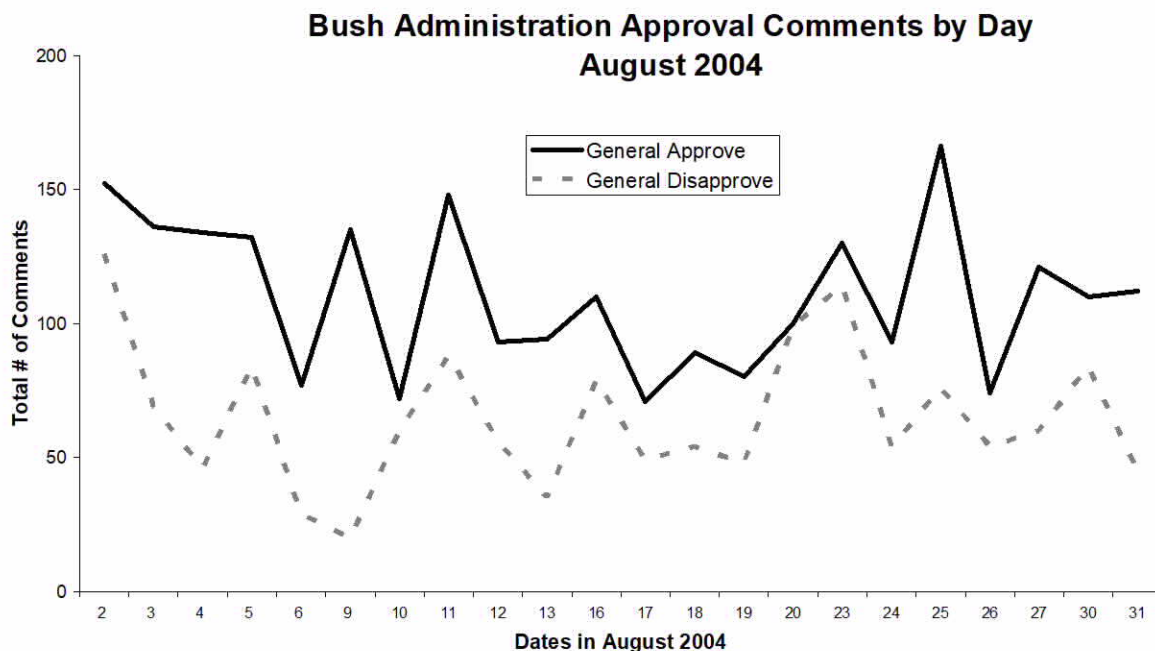
Pg. 2... Bush
administration Overall
Approval

Pg. 3... Presidential
Campaign

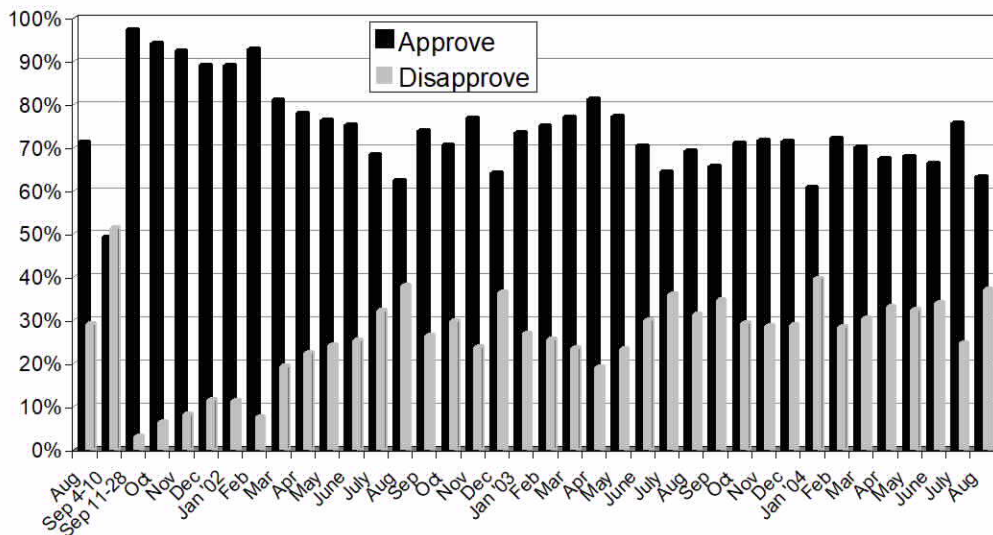
Pg. 4... August at a
glance

Pg. 5... *The Voice of the
People*

Bush administration overall approval at 63%



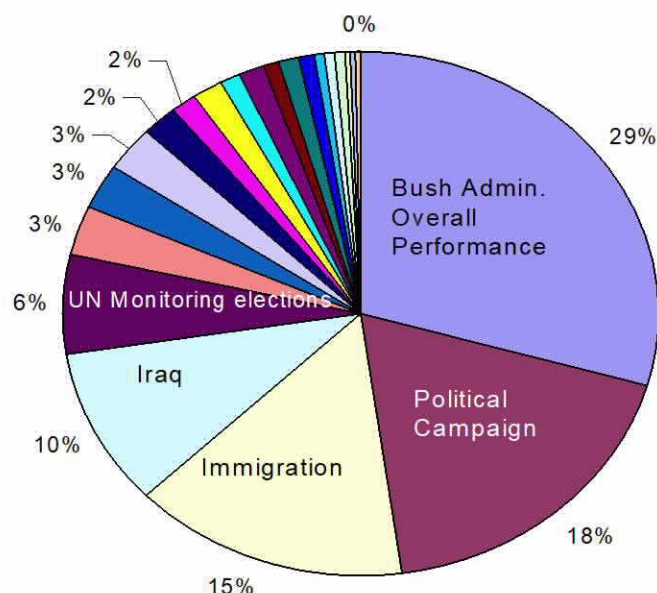
Bush Administration: Overall Performance % Aug. 2001 to August 2004



b(6)

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% |

b(6)

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Operation Iraqi Freedom | See column to the right |
| UN monitoring Elections | See column to the right |
| Corporation For Public Broadcasting | See column to the right |
| Israel & Palestine | See column to the right |

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' "