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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Times Poll contacted 1,197 registered voters, including 399 registered Democrats, nationwide by telephone Jan. 30–Feb. 2. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation. Random-digit dialing techniques were used so that listed and unlisted numbers could be contacted. The entire sample was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education and region. The margin of sampling error for all registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for registered Democrats it is 5 points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by other factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.

NOTES

All answer frequencies are given in percentages.

“–” indicates less than 0.5%.

The wording of some questions has been abridged.

SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE TIMES POLL NATIONAL SURVEY

Jan. 30–Feb. 2, 2003

(A full summary of results will be available at a later date through the Los Angeles Times Poll)

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Among registered voters:

RV	Registered voters
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
LIB	Political liberals
MOD	Political moderates
CON	Political conservatives
MEN	Men
WOM	Women

(ASKED OF REGISTERED DEMOCRATS ONLY)

I am now going to mention a list of Democrats who have either declared themselves a candidate for president in 2004 or have formed an exploratory committee to decide whether they will run for president.

I realize that the first caucus and primary are more than a year away, but if the Democratic primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today, and the candidates were former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Missouri Congressman Dick Gephardt, Florida Senator Bob Graham, former Colorado Senator Gary Hart, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman and Reverend Al Sharpton, for whom would you vote: Howard Dean, or John Edwards, or Dick Gephardt, or Bob Graham, or Gary Hart, or John Kerry, or Joe Lieberman, or Al Sharpton? (CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED)

	AMONG REGISTERED DEMOCRATS		
	RV	MEN	WOM
Joe Lieberman	25	12	35
John Kerry	20	24	17
John Edwards	8	9	8
Gary Hart	8	10	6
Dick Gephardt	6	8	4
Bob Graham	6	7	5
Al Sharpton	2	3	1
Howard Dean	1	2	1
Someone else (Vol.)	–	1	–
Don't know	24	24	23

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS)

If George W. Bush runs for reelection in 2004, are you more likely to vote for Bush or more likely to vote for the Democratic party's candidate for president? (IF BUSH OR DEMOCRAT) Will you definitely vote for (Bush/the Democrat) or probably vote for (Bush/the Democrat?)

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS								
	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Vote Bush (Net)	<u>45</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>42</u>
Definitely	<u>29</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>27</u>
Probably	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>
Vote Democrat (Net)	<u>40</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>43</u>
Probably	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>
Definitely	<u>25</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>29</u>
Don't know	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>

Suppose a Jewish person were a candidate for president of the United States. Just thinking about the candidate's religion, do you think you could vote for a Jewish candidate for president, or not?

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS								
	<u>RV</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>
Yes	90	93	90	90	96	86	90	89	91
No	5	4	6	6	2	5	6	6	4
Don't know	5	3	4	4	2	9	4	5	5

Again, thinking only about a presidential candidate's religion, do you think your neighbors could vote for a Jewish candidate for president, or not?

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Yes	59	61	60	58	67	61	56	60	58
No	12	18	15	9	13	11	14	14	11
Don't know	29	21	25	33	20	28	30	26	31

How confident are you that if the next president of the U.S. were Jewish, he would be able to deal fairly with both the Palestinians and Israelis: Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

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Confident (Net)	<u>64</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>
Very confident	20	33	18	16	32	15	20	21	21
Somewhat confident	44	43	48	42	45	49	39	38	49
Not confident (Net)	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>16</u>
Not too confident	14	11	15	15	13	14	15	16	11
Not confident at all	7	6	8	9	3	8	9	9	5
Don't know	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>

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