

AEI ELECTION WATCH**2002 Evaluations of President Bush**

	<i>Handling Presidency</i>		<i>Handling War on Terrorism</i>		<i>Handling Economy</i>	
	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>
<i>Gallup/CNN/ USA Today</i>						
Jan. 2002	84%	12%	--	--	--	--
Jan. 2002	83	13	--	--	--	--
Jan. 2002	84	13	--	--	64%	30%
Feb. 2002	82	14	--	--	66	30
Feb. 2002	82	14	--	--	--	--
Mar. 2002	81	14	--	--	64	31
Mar. 2002	77	18	--	--	--	--
Mar. 2002	80	14	--	--	--	--
Mar. 2002	79	16	--	--	--	--
Mar. 2002	79	17	86%	12%	65	29
Apr. 2002	76	19	83	13	60	33
Apr. 2002	75	20	--	--	--	--
Apr. 2002	77	17				
May 2002	77	20	--	--	--	--
May 2002	76	19	--	--	--	--
May 2002	76	17	83	13	61	29
May 2002	77	17	--	--	--	--
Jun. 2002	70	23	--	--	--	--
Jun. 2002	74	18	--	--	--	--
Jun. 2002	74	20	--	--	--	--
Jun. 2002	73	21	--	--	--	--
Jun. 2002	76	19	--	--	63	33
Jul. 2002	76	18	--	--	58	36
Jul. 2002	73	21	--	--	--	--
Jul. 2002	69	24	--	--	--	--
Jul. 2002	69	26	--	--	52	43
Jul. 2002	71	23	--	--	--	--
Aug. 2002	68	26	--	--	--	--
Aug. 2002	65	28	--	--	--	--
Sep. 2002	66	29	75	23	--	--
Sep. 2002	66	30	--	--	--	--
Sep. 2002	70	26	--	--	--	--
Sep. 2002	66	30	--	--	--	--
Sep. 2002	68	26	--	--	--	--
Oct. 2002	67	28	--	--	--	--
Oct. 2002	62	31	--	--	--	--
Oct. 2002	67	28	--	--	49	44
Nov. 2002	63	29	--	--	--	--

<i>CBS</i>						
Jan. 2002*	84	10	88	9	59	29
Jan. 2002	82	11	87	10	57	31
Jan. 2002*	82	12	--	--	--	--
Jan. 2002	86	11	--	--	--	--
Feb. 2002	78	14	82	13	54	37
Apr. 2002	77	17	80	17	--	--
Apr. 2002	76	15	78	16	--	--
May 2002*	73	18	--	--	--	--
May 2002	77	16	80	15	52	38
May 2002	71	18	74	19	--	--
Jun. 2002	70	20	72	21	56	36
Jul. 2002	74	19	77	17	56	35
Jul. 2002*	70	20	--	--	52	37
Jul. 2002	65	27	70	20	44	45
Aug. 2002	66	25	70	20	45	44
Sep. 2002	63	28	68	27	47	42
Sep. 2002	66	27	71	22	49	41
Oct. 2002*	63	29	--	--	41	46
Oct. 2002*	62	28	--	--	46	43
Nov. 2002^	61	30	68	24	55	37

<i>NBC/WSJ</i>						
Jan. 2002	82	13	--	--	63	27
Apr. 2002	74	20	76	19	61	30
May 2002	75	18	75	18	--	--
Jun. 2002	69	23	75	20	57	34
Jul. 2002	67	27	73	22	49	43
Sep. 2002	64	30	67	26	48	43
Oct. 2002+	63	29	--	--	48	44

Note: *Polls were conducted with the *New York Times*. ^Asked of likely voters. +Asked of registered voters.

The Impact of September 11

Bush Approval

	<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>	<i>CBS/NYT</i>	<i>Fox/OpDyn*</i>
Pre-Sept. 11, 2001	51% (Sep. 7-10)	50% (Aug. 28-31)	55% (Aug. 22-23)
Post-Sept. 11, 2001	86 (Sep. 14-15)	72 (Sep. 11-12) ¹	81 (Sep. 19-20)
Next Poll in 2001	90 (Sep. 21-22)	84 (Sep. 13-14)	80 (Oct. 3-4)
Current	63 (Oct. 31-Nov. 3)	61 (Nov. 2-4)	60 (Oct. 22-23) ³

Congress Approval

	<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>	<i>CBS/NYT</i>	<i>ABC/Wash Post</i>
Pre-Sept. 11, 2001	42% (Sep. 7-10)	43% (Aug. 28-31)	45% (Sep. 6-9)
Post-Sept. 11, 2001	84 (Oct. 8-11)	67 (Oct. 25-28)	59 (Dec. 18-19)
Current	50 (Oct. 3-6)	42 (Nov. 2-4)	51 (Sep. 23-26)

	<i>Satisfied With Country (Gallup)</i>	<i>Satisfied With Country (Pew)</i>	<i>Right Track (Ipsos-Reid)</i>
Pre-Sept. 11, 2001	43% (Sep. 7-10)	41% (Early Sep.)	46% (Aug. 17-19)
Post-Sept. 11, 2001	61 (Sep. 14-15)	57 (Sep. 21-25)	68 (Jan. 4-6, 18-21)
Current	48 (Oct. 31-Nov. 3)	47 (Aug. 14-25)	46 (Oct. 28-Nov. 3)

Note: *Registered voters only. ¹ Poll was conducted by CBS News only. ³ Likely voters only.

Congressional Approval

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)
- In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing? (NBC/WSJ)
- And how would you rate the job (Republicans/Democrats) in Congress are doing? (Harris)
- Do you approve or disapprove of the job (Republican/Democratic) leaders in Congress are doing? (PSRA/Pew)

	<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today Congress</i>			<i>CBS/NYT Congress</i>	
	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>		<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>
Dec. 2001	72%	19%	Dec. 2001	57%	31%
Jan. 2002	62	29	Jan. 2002	47	37
Feb. 2002	62	28	Feb. 2002*	50	34
Apr. 2002	57	34	Jun. 2002*	43	40
May 2002	57	33	Jul. 2002	49	38
Jun. 2002	52	38	Sep. 2002*	48	36
Jul. 2002	54	36	Oct. 2002	41	47
Aug. 2002	46	43	Oct. 2002	45	40
Sep. 2002	52	40	Nov. 2002+	42	45
Oct. 2002	50	40			

	<i>Harris Interactive Republicans in Congress</i>			<i>Harris Interactive Democrats in Congress</i>	
	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>		<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>
Dec. 2001	58%	32%	Dec. 2001	54%	36%
Jan. 2002	58	34	Jan. 2002	52	40
Feb. 2002	50	40	Feb. 2002	49	41
Mar. 2002	50	41	Mar. 2002	48	43
Apr. 2002	49	39	Apr. 2002	47	42
May 2002	48	44	May 2002	45	45
Jun. 2002	46	45	Jun. 2002	45	46
Jul. 2002	39	52	Jul. 2002	41	49
Aug. 2002	41	49	Aug. 2002	38	54
Sep. 2002	47	42	Sep. 2002	42	49
Oct. 2002	46	45	Oct. 2002	40	52

	<i>Pew</i>		<i>Pew</i>		
	<i>Republican Leaders in Congress</i>		<i>Democratic Leaders in Congress</i>		
	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Disapprove</i>	
Feb. 2002	56%	24%	Feb. 2002	49%	30%
May 2002	49	34	May 2002	42	37
Jun. 2002	50	34	Jun. 2002	47	36

NOTE: *Survey done by CBS News only. +Asked of likely voters only. In the Harris survey, those who answered “not sure” are not shown.

Party Favorability Ratings

· Next, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following parties. How about...? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)?

	<i>Republican Party</i>		<i>Democratic Party</i>	
	<i>Favorable</i>	<i>Unfavorable</i>	<i>Favorable</i>	<i>Unfavorable</i>
Jan. 2002	61%	30%	55%	35%
Jul. 2002	55	36	55	34
Sep. 2002	54	40	56	38
Oct. 2002	53	35	58	30

Generic Congressional Ballot

- If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party’s candidate would you vote for in your congressional district? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)
- And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress? (Ipsos-Reid)
- If the November election for U.S. Congress were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party’s candidate or the Democratic Party’s candidate for Congress in your district? (PSRA/Newsweek)
- If the 2002 election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (CBS)
- In this year's election for Congress, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (NBC/WSJ)
- If the election for Congress were being held today, which party would you like to see win in your congressional district: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? (L.A. Times)
- If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your congressional district? (ABC News/WP)
- If the elections for Congress were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party’s candidate or the Democratic Party’s candidate? (PSRA/Pew)
- Thinking ahead to this November’s elections, if the congressional election were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate in your district or the Democratic candidate in your district? (Fox News/Opinion Dynamics)

2002	<i>Gallup/CNN/ USA Today (RV)*¹</i>		<i>Gallup/CNN/ USA Today (LV)¹</i>		<i>Ipsos-Reid*¹</i>		<i>PSRA/ Newsweek*¹</i>	
	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>
Jan.	46%	43%	--	--	46%	41%	--	--
	46	44	--	--	--	--	--	--
Feb.	47	43	--	--	43	41	46%	45%
Mar.	46	46	--	--	41	42	--	--
Apr.	43	50	--	--	45	39	--	--
May	44	48	--	--	43	40	--	--
May	46	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jun.	42	50	--	--	44	39	44	46
Jun.	49	44	--	--	43	44	--	--
Jul.	42	48	--	--	44	42	--	--
Aug.	42	50	--	--	42	45	45	40
Sep.	43	46	--	--	42	45	43	41
Sep.	43	48	46%	50%	--	--	40	47
Oct.	43	48	47	48	43	45	43	43
Oct.	41	50	46	49	42	45	--	--
Oct.	--	--	--	--	44	45+	--	--
Nov.	44	49	51	45	46	44+	--	--
Final Survey =	10/31-11/03		10/31-11/03		10/28-11/03		10/10-11	

2002	<i>CBS*¹</i>		<i>NBC/WSJ</i>		<i>L.A. Times*¹</i>		<i>ABC/WP¹</i>	
	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>
Jan.	37%	39% ²	34%	33%	--	--	50%	43
Feb.	40	40	--	--	41%	47%	--	--
Mar.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Apr.	--	--	33	32	--	--	--	--
May	40	40	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jun.	38	37	33	35	--	--	--	--
Jul.	40	41	--	--	--	--	45	47
Jul.	36	42 ²	34	36	--	--	--	--
Aug.	--	--	--	--	39	47	--	--
Sep.	37	41	37	35	--	--	42	46
Sep.	40	40	--	--	--	--	--	--
Oct.	43	46+ ²	39	39*	--	--	49	47+
Oct.	47	40+ ²	--	--	--	--	49	50+ ³
Nov.	--	--	--	--	--	--	48	48+ ³
Final Survey =	10/27-31		10/18-21		8/22-25		10/31-11/03	

	<i>PSRA/Pew*¹</i>		<i>Fox/Op. Dyn.*¹</i>	
	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>
Jan.	--	--	--	--
Feb.	46%	45%	40%	32%
Mar.	--	--	--	--
Apr.	--	--	--	--
May	--	--	--	--
Jun.	44	46	--	--
Jul.	--	--	--	--
Aug.	--	--	39	36

	<i>PSRA/Pew</i> * ¹		<i>Fox/Op. Dyn.</i> * ¹	
	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>
Sep.	44	46	42	45
Oct.	44	46	42	40+
Oct.	--	--	41	40+
Nov.	42	46	--	--
Final Survey =	10/30-11/02		10/22-23	

Note: *Asked of registered voters only. +Asked of likely voters only. ¹Includes leaners. ²Poll was conducted with the *New York Times*. ³Poll was conducted by ABC News only.

National Economic Conditions

- How would you rate economic conditions in this country today – as excellent, good, only fair, or poor? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)
- Would you describe the state of the nation’s economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor? (ABC News)

	<i>Gallup</i>				<i>ABC News</i>			
	<i>Economic Conditions</i>				<i>Economic Conditions</i>			
	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>N. Good</i>	<i>Poor</i>
Nov. 1994	2%	28%	49%	20%	1%	37%	42%	19%+
Oct. 1996	5	42	39	13	2	40	43	15 [^]
Oct. 1998	13	53	27	6	13	65	19	3+*
Oct. 2000	14	57	24	4	24	61	11	3*
Oct. 2002	2	26	45	26	1	26	56	17*

NOTE: *Asked of likely voters. +Poll was conducted with the *Washington Post*. [^]Poll was conducted with *Money Magazine*.

Satisfaction With Way Things are Going in Country

- In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)
- All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today? (PSRA/Pew)
- Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? (Ipsos-Reid)
- How well do you think things are going in the country these days – very well, fairly well, pretty badly, or very badly? (Harris Interactive)

	<i>Gallup</i>		<i>Pew</i>		<i>Ipsos-Reid</i>		<i>Harris*</i>	
	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Right Direction</i>	<i>Wrong Track</i>	<i>Well</i>	<i>Badly</i>
2002								
Jan.	65%	32%	--	--	68%	29%	66%	34%
Feb.	61	37	50%	40%	62	32	--	--
Mar.	61	37	--	--	60	35	69	29
Apr.	61	37	--	--	54	38	61	38
May	56	40	44	44	54	40	64	35

	<i>Gallup</i>		<i>Pew</i>		<i>Ipsos-Reid</i>		<i>Harris*</i>	
	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Not Satisfied</i>	<i>Right Direction</i>	<i>Wrong Track</i>	<i>Well</i>	<i>Badly</i>
2002								
Jun.	52	44	--	--	55	39	57	41
Jul.	49	48	--	--	45	48	59	39
Jul.	49	47	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jul.	48	49	--	--	--	--	--	--
Aug.	47	50	47	44	46	48	57	41
Sep.	47	51	--	--	47	47	--	--
Oct.	47	49	--	--	44	50	49	49
Oct.	--	--	--	--	44	49	--	--
Oct.	--	--	--	--	46	47	--	--
Nov.	48	47	--	--	46	47	--	--

NOTE: *Reponses for “very well” and “fairly well” are combined, as are responses for “pretty badly” and “very badly.”

America’s War on Terrorism/Iraq

· Who do you think is currently winning the war against terrorism – the U.S. and its allies, neither side, or the terrorists? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)

	<i>U.S. and Allies</i>	<i>Neither Side</i>	<i>The Terrorists</i>
Oct. 2001	42%	44%	11%
Nov. 2001	53	33	11
Dec. 2001	64	28	5
Jan. 2002	66	25	7
Mar. 2002	53	34	10
Mar. 2002	51	35	12
Apr. 2002	47	39	10
May 2002	41	35	15
Jun. 2002	33	49	14
Jul. 2002	39	43	16
Aug. 2002	37	46	14
Oct. 2002	32	44	21

· Would you favor or oppose sending American ground troops to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)

	<i>Favor</i>	<i>Oppose</i>
Nov. 2001	74%	20%
Jun. 2002	61	21
Aug. 2002	53	41
Sep. 2002	58	36
Sep. 2002	58	36
Sep. 2002	57	39
Sep. 2002	57	38
Oct. 2002	53	40
Oct. 2002	56	37

Oct. 2002

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! Which concerns you more: that the Bush administration might move too quickly to take military action against Iraq, or the Bush administration might not move quickly enough? (ABC News/Wash Post)

	<i>Too Quickly</i>	<i>Not Quickly Enough</i>
Sep. 2002	52%	40%

· In your opinion, is George W. Bush moving too quickly toward a war with Iraq, is he not moving quickly enough, or is he moving at about the right speed? (CBS/NYT)

	<i>Too Quickly</i>	<i>About Right</i>	<i>Not Quickly Enough</i>
Oct. 2002	35%	52%	10%

· How much confidence do you have that President Bush and his administration will make the right decisions regarding the use, or non-use, of the U.S. military to attack Iraq? (Harris Interactive)

	<i>Very Confident</i>	<i>Somewhat Confident</i>	<i>Not Very Confident</i>	<i>Not At All Confident</i>
Sep. 2002	27%	28%	18%	21%
Oct. 2002	31	26	18	22

· How confident are you that President Bush will make the right decision regarding the use of U.S. troops in Iraq? (Fox News/Opinion Dynamics)

	<i>Very Confident</i>	<i>Somewhat Confident</i>	<i>Not Very Confident</i>	<i>Not At All Confident</i>
Oct. 2002	39%	27%	15%	14%

· Do you expect the United States military to end up fighting against Iraq, or do you think the situation will be resolved without fighting? (CBS/NYT)

	<i>End Up Fighting</i>	<i>Resolved Without Fighting</i>
Sep. 2002	74%	19%
Sep. 2002*	78	17
Oct. 2002	70	24
Oct. 2002	68	25

NOTE: *Poll was done by CBS News only.

2004 Senate Races

Current Senate Lineup: [to be determined]
2004 Races: 34 seats – 19 Democrats, 15 Republicans

<i>State</i>	<i>Senator/Party/Initial Election</i>	<i>Results of Last Election</i>	<i>Bush's Margin Over Gore</i>
AL	Richard Shelby–R–1986	63-37	+14
AK	[to be determined]	--	+31
AZ	John McCain–R–1986	69-27	+06
AR	Blanche Lincoln–D–1998	55-42	+05
CA	Barbara Boxer–D–1992	53-43	-11
CO	Ben Nighthorse Campbell–R–1992	62-35	+09
CT	Christopher Dodd–D–1980	65-32	-18
FL	Bob Graham–D–1986	62-38	+00
GA	Zell Miller–D–2000 ¹	58-38	+12
HI	Daniel Inouye–D–1962	79-18	-19
ID	Michael Crapo–R–1998	70-28	+39
IL	Peter Fitzgerald–R–1998	50-47	-12
IN	Evan Bayh–D–1998	64-35	+16
IA	Charles Grassley–R–1980	68-30	-01
KS	Sam Brownback–R–1996 ²	62-34	+21
KY	Jim Bunning–R–1998	50-49	+16
LA	John Breaux–D–1986	64-32	+08
MD	Barbara Mikulski–D–1986	71-29	-17
MO	Christopher Bond–R–1986	53-44	+03
NV	Harry Reid–D–1986	48-48	+04
NH	Judd Gregg–R–1992	68-28	+01
NY	Charles Schumer–D–1998	55-44	-25
NC	John Edwards–D–1998	51-47	+13
ND	Byron Dorgan–D–1992	63-35	+28
OH	George Voinovich–R–1998	56-44	+04
OK	Don Nickles–R–1980	66-31	+22
OR	Ron Wyden–D–1996 ²	61-34	-00
PA	Arlen Specter–R–1980	61-35	-05
SC	Ernest Hollings–D–1966 ³	53-46	+16
SD	Tom Daschle–D–1986	62-36	+22
UT	Robert Bennett–R–1992	64-33	+41
VT	Patrick Leahy–D–1974	72-22	-10
WA	Patty Murray–D–1992	58-42	-05

Note: ¹Elected in 2000 Special election. ²Elected in 1996 Special election. ³Elected in 1966 special election.

2003 Gubernatorial Races

Current Gubernatorial Lineup: [to be determined]

2003 Races: 3 seats – 2 Democrats, 1 Republican

<i>State</i>	<i>Governor/Party/Initial Election</i>	<i>Results of Last Election</i>	<i>Bush's Margin Over Gore</i>
KY	Paul Patten –D–1995	61-22	+16
LA	Mike Foster –R–1995	62-30	+08
MS	Ronnie Musgrove–D–1999	50-49	+17

Note: (**Bold** type indicates governors who are term-limited)

2004 Gubernatorial Races

Current Gubernatorial Lineup: [to be determined]

2004 Races: 11 seats

<i>State</i>	<i>Governor/Party/Initial Election</i>	<i>Results of Last Election</i>	<i>Bush's Margin Over Gore</i>
DE	Ruth Ann Minner–D–2000	59-40	-13
IN	Frank O'Bannon –D–1996	57-42	+16
MO	Bob Holden–D–2000	49-48	+03
MT	Judy Martz–R–2000	51-47	+25
NH	Craig Benson–R–2002	59-38	+01
NC	Mike Easley–D–2000	52-46	+13
ND	John Hoeven–R–2000	55-45	+28
UT	Michael Leavitt–R–1992	56-42	+41
VT	[to be determined]	--	-10
WA	Gary Locke–D–1996	58-40	-05
WV	Bob Wise–D–2000	50-47	+06

Note: (**Bold** type indicates governors who are term-limited)

Race for the Presidency 2004

· If George W. Bush runs for re-election in 2004, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president? (Gallup/CNN/USA Today)?

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Democrat</i>
Oct. 2001	54%	29%
May 2002	56	31
Jun. 2002	51	36
Jul. 2002	50	34
Oct. 2002	52	35

- If the election were held today, would you definitely vote to re-elect Bush as president, consider voting for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else? (Ipsos-Reid)

	<i>Definitely Bush</i>	<i>Consider Someone Else</i>	<i>Definitely Someone Else</i>
2002 First. Qtr.	54%	24%	20%
2002 Second Qtr.	50	25	22
2002 Third Qtr.	42	29	26
2002 Oct.	44	28	26
2002 Oct.	43	28	26
2002 Oct.	45	23	29
2002 Nov.	46	21	30

Home State 2004 Matchups for Potential Candidates

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Lieberman</i>
Connecticut	42%	45%
NOTE: Survey by Research 2000 for the Hotline Jul. 2002		

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Kerry</i>
Massachusetts	43	45
NOTE: Survey by Harvard Institute of Politics, Oct. 2002		

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Gephardt</i>
Missouri	53	39
NOTE: Survey by Research 2000 for the Hotline, Jul. 2002		

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Edwards</i>
North Carolina	60	33
NOTE: Survey by Mason-Dixon, Sep. 2002		

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Gore</i>
Tennessee	55	39
NOTE: Survey by Research 2000 for the Hotline, Jun. 2002		

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Dean</i>
Vermont	46	34
NOTE: Survey by Research 2000 for the Rutland Herald/Argus Leader/WCAX-TV, Oct. 2002		

Election Trivia

- The Republicans picked up 2-4 Senate seats. For the first time since 1982, the party holding the White House made gains in the Senate in a midterm election.
- The Republicans picked up 5-7 House seats. For the first time since 1934, the party holding the White House made gains in the House in the President's first midterm election.
- By winning the North Carolina Senate seat, Elizabeth Dole will join Hillary Rodham Clinton as a member of Congress. The spouses of the 1996 Presidential candidates (Bill Clinton and Bob Dole) will now be colleagues.
- Robert Ehrlich became the first Republican elected Governor of Maryland since 1966.

- Linda Lingle became the first Republican elected Governor of Hawaii since 1962.
- Sonny Perdue will become the first Republican Governor of Georgia since Reconstruction.
- Rod Blagojevich became the first Democrat elected Governor of Illinois since 1972.
- There will be four new female Governors. This brings the total of female Governors to six, a new record. With the election of Elizabeth Dole in North Carolina and the defeat of Jean Carnahan of Missouri, there will be no change in the number of female Senators (13).

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