

Dear Fellow American:

Are you satisfied with the performance of President Bush and Congress?

Here at The Heritage Foundation, we've generally supported the President's policies. But we think he's made some critical mistakes, and we've been very open in telling him so.

We think conservatives in Congress went off the track in many areas when they were in the majority. And now that they're in the minority, they need to return to basic conservative principles in order to take an effective stand against the liberal majority.

Conservatives and Republicans have been hesitant to criticize President Bush and congressional conservatives in public – because we don't like to give ammunition to the radical Left. But you probably have a lot to say about what you think they are doing wrong, and what they need to do differently.

That's why we've prepared the enclosed SURVEY FOR CONSERVATIVES AND REPUBLICANS ONLY. It's your opportunity to tell President Bush and conservatives in Congress what you think about their policies, and what you think they need to do now.

We believe the surveys you see in the media are often inaccurate, because they don't ask the right questions.

For example, they tell us that a majority of Americans do not support the war in Iraq. But they don't tell us how many people want us to surrender, and how many want us to fight harder and develop a better strategy to win the war against radical Islamists. They don't tell us how many think eavesdropping on foreign suspects is a threat to our civil liberties, and how many think we should be doing more listening in.

This is your chance to weigh in on questions like that.

How do you think we should deal with illegal immigration? Is the government taking the war on Islamic terrorism seriously enough? What do you think about the enormous, pork-laden federal budget? Should the government promote traditional values?

This is not a random survey like a Gallup Poll. It is only for conservatives like you, because it's your voice that has not been heard, and it's your voice that President Bush and conservatives in Congress badly need to hear.

We will not release the results of this survey to the media. It is strictly for the eyes of the Bush administration and conservative members of Congress. We don't think CBS or *The New York Times* cares what you think. Neither do Harry Reid or Nancy Pelosi.

And we don't want them to use your opinions as ammunition to launch yet another attack

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on President Bush and conservatives. We will release your survey to those people who should be trying to please you, and who need to know if you are upset with them – and why.

Every survey will be tabulated, and along with the results we will tell the White House and members of Congress how many people participated. This is why it is vitally important for you to return your survey, even if you do not fill out every question.

We want to know what your complaints are. And if you are satisfied with the way things are going, we want to know that too.

You might be discouraged because so many of our hopes are not being fulfilled. I'm here to tell you that we need to keep fighting. We need to tell our elected officials what they are doing wrong, and what we expect from them.

So please fill out your survey right away, and return it to me in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

I am also requesting that you send a contribution to help The Heritage Foundation pay for this survey project, and for our work researching and promoting our conservative solutions to America's problems.

We need to reach as many conservatives as we can. We need to tabulate the surveys accurately, and prepare a good, readable report that the Bush administration and conservative members of Congress will pay attention to.

And we need to follow up to make sure they are doing something about the issues that are important to you.

To carry out the project successfully, we must raise \$450,000 as soon as possible. Will you help with a contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more?

The Heritage Foundation is the most influential think tank in America. We regularly talk to officials in the Bush administration and many members of Congress and their staffs. They ask for our opinions, appoint Heritage employees to jobs, and read our publications. I promise you that this survey will get their attention.

Please do not delay – we want to get the results to the White House and Congress as soon as possible. And please enclose a generous contribution with your survey.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Edwin J. Feulner, Ph.D.

President

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P.S. This is your best opportunity to get your views to President Bush and his administration, and to the conservatives in Congress – just by filling out one survey. Please do not let this chance go by. And please help to support this project with your generous contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more.



THE 2007 OPINION SURVEY FOR CONSERVATIVES AND REPUBLICANS ONLY

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Please answer as many questions as you wish. You do not need to answer every question. The questions do not necessarily reflect the views of The Heritage Foundation. The results of the survey will be presented to President Bush and his administration, and conservative members of Congress.

1. Immigration

- a. Do you think illegal immigrants now in the United States should be given amnesty? yes no undecided
- b. Do you think we need to gain control of the borders before we put in place a temporary worker program? yes no undecided
- c. Do you think a fence should be built along our southern border? yes no undecided
- d. As the Constitution is now interpreted, children born to temporary workers, or to illegal immigrants, automatically become U.S. citizens. Do you think this practice should be changed? yes no undecided
- e. How would you rate the performance of Washington politicians on the issue of immigration? poor fair good excellent undecided

Comments on immigration _____

2. The War on Terror

- a. Is the Bush administration doing enough to win the war against radical Islamic terror? yes no undecided
- b. What should we do about the war in Iraq?
 pull out right away
 pull out as soon as Iraqi troops can fight their own battles
 add more troops and stay until the terrorists in Iraq are defeated
- c. Do you think Congress has the authority to direct the President's actions on the war in Iraq? yes no undecided
- d. Do you support the Bush administration's program to monitor phone calls from suspected terrorists in other countries? yes no undecided

Your survey continues on the next page.

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Comments on the war on terror _____

3. Security at Home

- a. Do you think it is wrong to use ethnic profiling in airport security and other situations?
 yes no undecided
- b. Do you think we should continue to admit citizens of hostile countries into the United States?
 yes no undecided
- c. Do you think we should deport citizens of hostile countries who are living here?
 yes no undecided
- d. Do you think the government should be closely monitoring mosques for terrorist activity or incitement to terrorism?
 yes no undecided
- e. In which areas do you think the government is not paying enough attention to our protection?
 port security airplane security
 securing nuclear power plants and chemical facilities communications in case of an attack
 identifying enemies within our borders

Comments on security at home _____

4. Government spending

- a. What do you think about the size of the federal budget?
 much too big too big about right not big enough
- b. If you think the federal budget is too big, whose fault is it?
 Congress
 President Bush
 Special Interests
 all
 other _____
- c. Do you think the federal government has taken on too many responsibilities that could be left to states, localities, or individuals?
 yes no undecided
- d. Do you think the federal government controls too many aspects of our lives?
 yes no undecided

Comments on government spending _____

5. Other critical issues

- a. What measures would you like to see taken to improve our energy problems?
 drilling for oil in ANWR in Alaska drilling for oil off the coasts
 more nuclear power plants more oil refineries
 more windmills tax credits for research on alternative fuels
 loosening of environmental regulations to allow more energy exploration
 other _____

b. What do you think of the level of the federal government's involvement in K-12 education?

- too involved about right not involved enough

c. Do you support a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage?

- yes no undecided

d. Do you think the federal government should promote traditional values?

- The President should Congress should
 the courts should nobody should

e. Do you think a photo ID card should be required in order to vote?

- yes no undecided

Comments on these critical issues, or other issues that are not covered in this survey

6. The President's Performance

a. What is your opinion of President Bush's overall performance in the last year?

- excellent very good good fair poor

b. In what areas do you think the President should make an effort to improve his performance?

- presenting a leaner budget vetoing bills that spend too much
 promoting a tougher immigration policy developing tougher policies to win the war against Islamic terrorism
 communicating his aims and achievements better to the American people
 other _____

c. What do you think of President Bush's judicial appointments?

- excellent very good good fair poor

d. What do you think of President Bush's cabinet and agency appointments?

- excellent very good good fair poor

Comments on the President's performance

7. Congress' Performance

a. What is your opinion of Congress' overall Performance since January?

- excellent very good good fair poor

b. On what areas do you think conservatives in Congress need to focus this year?

- finishing the job in Iraq spending the war on terror
 immigration stopping the liberal economic agenda
 other _____

c. Do you think members of Congress usually represent the people who elect them?

- yes no undecided

Comments on the Congress' performance

Your survey continues on the next page.



8. Leadership

Which of the following people do you think represent your beliefs and principles the best?

Please number your top three choices.

- William J. Bennett
- Vice President Dick Cheney
- Steve Forbes
- Senator Chuck Hagel
- Representative Duncan Hunter
- Congressman Ron Paul
- Phyllis Schlafly
- Fred Thompson
- others _____
- Senator Sam Brownback
- House Minority Leader John Boehner
- Newt Gingrich
- Sean Hannity
- Rush Limbaugh
- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
- President George W. Bush
- Senator Tom Coburn
- Rudy Giuliani
- David Horowitz
- Senator John McCain
- Former Governor Mitt Romney
- Representative Tom Tancredo

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