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Re: Americans' Attitudes on Additional Funding for Iraq¹

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The majority of voters reject giving President Bush additional funds for Iraq with no strings attached. When presented with several options for how to respond to President Bush's request for an additional \$200 billion to support his Iraq war strategy, nearly half of registered voters nationwide (47 percent) say that Congress should approve the funding request, but specify that it can only be used to protect the troops and bring them home. Additionally, over a fifth of voters (22 percent) say Congress should vote against the funding request entirely. Only 23 percent support Congress voting for the funding request without any conditions. Attitudes among registered voters closely mirror those of the adult population overall.

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➤ There is a significant gender gap in attitudes, with 52 percent of women voters versus 42 percent of male voters supporting the \$200 billion funding request but specifying that funds be used to protect and bring home the troops. Overall, 75 percent of women voters would stop the funding entirely or put conditions on it, compared to 63 percent of male voters.

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➤ Other demographic groups that tend to express greater support for this idea include: Voters under 40 (54 percent among 18 to 29 year olds and 56 percent among 30 to 39 year olds), non-college educated female voters (57 percent), Democratic voters (58 percent), particularly Democratic women (60 percent), and African American voters (58 percent).

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➤ Only Republican male voters have a majority in favor of approving the funding request without conditions, but even their support is only 57 percent. Other voters who express greater support for approving the funding request without conditions, include male voters (29 percent), particularly male voters over 55 (37 percent), college-educated male voters (35 percent), and married male voters (34 percent), though these groups are still solidly below 50 percent.

¹ This survey was designed by Lake Research Partners and administered by Caravan by telephone using professional interviewers. The survey reached a total of 1,000 adults nationwide. Respondents were asked if they are currently registered to vote. The survey reached a total of 796 registered voters. The margin of error for the full sample of adults is +/- 3.1% and +/- 3.5% among registered voters. The survey was conducted September 20-23, 2007.