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This Marist College Institute for Public Opinion poll reports:

### *President Bush and New York State Voters*

- **Approval rating:** President George Bush's approval rating is currently 58% among New York State's registered voters. 41% do not rate his job performance positively.

**Question Wording:** Would you rate the job President George Bush is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

<b>Registered Voters</b>	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure/ DK
April 2003	58%	29%	29%	19%	22%	1%
December 2002	57%	24%	33%	23%	19%	1%
April 2002	72%	33%	39%	17%	10%	1%
December 2001	79%	43%	36%	15%	5%	1%
April 2001	40%	11%	29%	30%	23%	7%

- **Handling the war with Iraq:** 66% of registered voters approve of President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq.

**Question Wording:** Do you approve or disapprove of how President George Bush is handling the war in Iraq?

<b>Registered Voters</b>	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
April 2003	66%	30%	4%
Upstate	76%	21%	3%
New York City	50%	45%	5%
Suburbs	71%	27%	2%

### *The War With Iraq*

- **How things are going:** Most New York State residents think the war in Iraq is going as expected.

**Question Wording:** Overall, do you think the war in Iraq is going better, worse, or about as you expected?

NYS Residents	Better	Worse	About as Expected
April 2003	26%	17%	57%

- **How long it will last:** 46% of state residents think the war will last several months.

**Question Wording:** Do you think the war in Iraq will last a few more days, a few more weeks, several months, about a year, or longer than a year?

NYS Residents	A Few More Days	A Few More Weeks	Several Months	About a Year	Longer than a Year
April 2003	2%	29%	46%	11%	12%

- **Humanitarian aid:** A majority of New Yorkers would like to see the U.S. Military provide humanitarian aid to Iraqi citizens even if it prolongs the war.

**Question Wording:** If you had to choose, do you think the U.S. Military should provide humanitarian aid like food, water and medical supplies even if it may lead to a longer war, or focus on more forceful military action if it may lead to a shorter war?

NYS Residents	Provide Humanitarian Aid	Focus on More Forceful Military Action	Unsure
April 2003	56%	36%	8%

### *Here at Home*

- **Threat of terror:** 68% of New York State residents are concerned either a great deal or quite a bit that the war with Iraq will lead to further acts of terrorism here.

**Question Wording:** Are you concerned a great deal, quite a bit, not very much, or not at all that the war with Iraq will lead to further acts of terrorism here?

<b>NYS Residents</b>	Great Deal/ Quite a Bit	A Great Deal	Quite a Bit	Not Very Much	Not at All
April 2003	68%	38%	30%	21%	11%

- **Emergency preparedness:** Most residents in the state do not think their community is prepared to respond adequately to a terrorist attack.

**Question Wording:** In the event of a terrorist attack in your area, do you think your community has an adequate emergency response plan currently in place, or not?

<b>NYS Residents</b>	Yes	No	Unsure
April 2003	26%	60%	14%
December 2002	22%	68%	10%
<b>Region</b>			
Upstate	33%	51%	16%
New York City	22%	67%	11%
Suburbs	23%	60%	17%

***Threat of Terror in New York City***

- **Reaction to added security in NYC:** Most New York City residents are comforted by the added security to prevent a terrorist attack.

**Question Wording:** Is the added security in New York City more comforting or more upsetting to you?

<b>NYC Residents</b>	Comforting	Upsetting	No Effect
April 2003	71%	22%	7%

- **Travel to NYC:** Most upstate and suburban residents in New York State say the threat of terrorism makes no difference to them when traveling to New York City. Among those who feel the threat of terror does make a difference to their travel plans, more express concern than not.

**Question Wording:** Does the threat of terrorism make you more concerned or less concerned about traveling to New York City, or does it not make any difference to you?

<b>Upstate &amp; Suburban Residents of NYS</b>	<b>More Concerned</b>	<b>Less Concerned</b>	<b>Makes No Difference</b>
April 2003	29%	4%	67%

***Nature of the Sample: 848 New York State Residents***

This survey was conducted on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. 848 residents were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the population in each county in the state. There are 686 registered voters. Results are statistically significant at  $\pm 3.5\%$  for residents and  $\pm 4\%$  for registered voters. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.