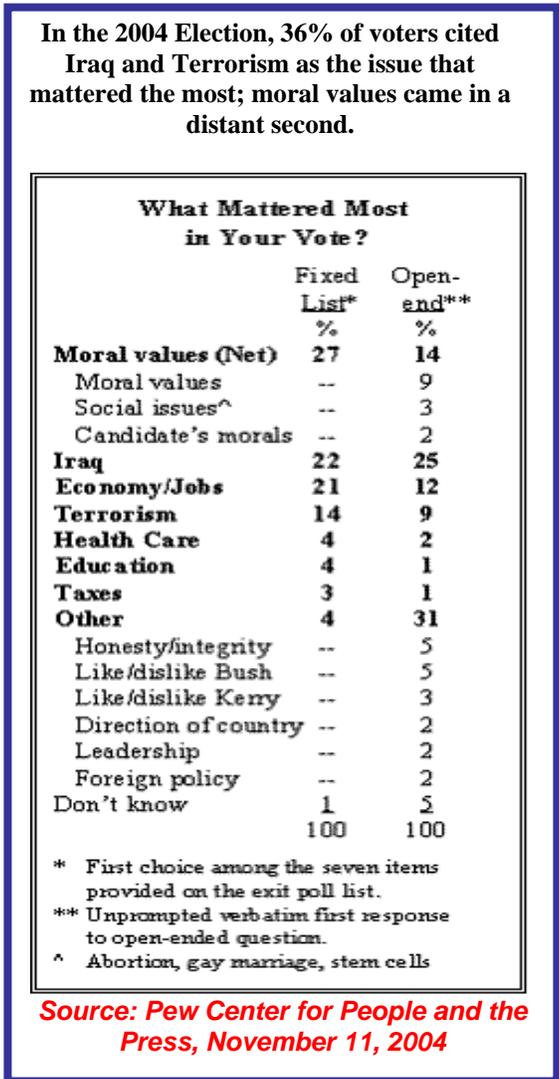
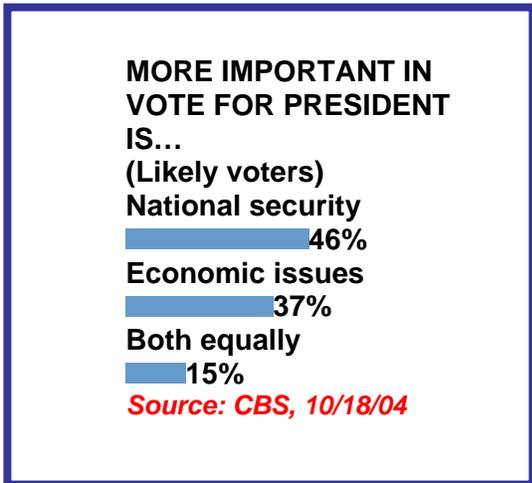




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FOUR NATIONAL POLLS SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SECURITY TO AMERICAN VOTERS



Trust to Handle the Issues

| Issue | Bush | Kerry |
|-------------|------|-------|
| Terrorism | 57% | 35% |
| Iraq | 53 | 37 |
| Economy | 47 | 43 |
| Education | 46 | 42 |
| Jobs | 43 | 45 |
| Health Care | 42 | 45 |

Source: ABC News, 9/9/04

“In every poll since the campaign began, voters have said they trust Bush more than Kerry to handle the challenges of terrorism and homeland security—usually by a 15- to 20-point margin (the one exception: polls immediately after the Democratic National Convention, when Kerry managed to close the gap to a few percentage points.) In the new NEWSWEEK poll, registered voters say they trust Bush over Kerry 56 percent to 37 percent to tackle terrorism.”

Source: Newsweek, 10/31/04