

State of the Nation

Voters and parties

It is illegal for a person to claim to be another person, who is registered, and cast that person's vote.

How often do you think this occurs?*

	All	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
VERY OFTEN	9	9	4	5	13	17
SOMEWHAT OFTEN	32	21	27	30	44	36
RARELY	27	27	28	34	23	19
VERY RARELY	15	35	25	13	7	4
NOT SURE	17	9	17	17	13	24

It is also illegal to vote more than once in an election or to vote if not a U.S. citizen.

How often do you think this occurs?*

	All	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
VERY OFTEN	14	8	5	10	20	26
SOMEWHAT OFTEN	37	30	32	34	37	40
RARELY	21	24	29	27	23	11
VERY RARELY	16	32	22	18	7	8
NOT SURE	13	6	12	11	13	16

Voters affiliated with each of the two major political parties, by year.†

	Republican	Democrat
2001	43	43
2002	42	44
2003	42	45
2004	41	47
2005	39	48
2006	39	47
2007	35	50

Impact of Iraq War on Republican voting preferences‡

	JOHN McCAIN	MITT ROMNEY
Those who Approve of Iraq War support	33	37
Those who Disapprove of the Iraq War support	44	20

In February 5's "Super Tuesday" Democratic primaries, 55 percent of independents supported Obama; 45 percent of registered Democrats supported him.*†

All numbers expressed as percentages. Sources: *Stephen Ansolabhere and Nathaniel Persily, "Vote Fraud in the Eye of the Beholder." †The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, "Trends in Political Values and Core Attitudes: 1987-2007." ‡National media exit polls in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Utah.
*† Media exit polls conducted on February 5 by Edison/Mitofsky Research.