

Poll: Americans unhappy with war, Congress

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WASHINGTON -- Americans remain dissatisfied with U.S. President George Bush and are growing less satisfied with Democrats in Congress, a poll released Tuesday showed.

The Washington Post-ABC News poll showed that Bush's approval rating was at 35 percent in late May, unchanged since April. The job approval rating Americans gave Congress dropped from 44 percent in April to 39 percent, the poll showed. Congressional Democrats' job approval dropped from 54 percent to 44 percent.

Among the nearly 75 percent of respondents who expressed a pessimistic viewpoint, 20 percent blamed their negative outlook on the Iraq war. About the same percentage blamed the economy, gas prices, jobs or debt. Others blamed "problems with Bush" or "everything."

Nearly 60 percent of respondents said they don't believe the "surge" of troops in Iraq will help restore order there and 61 percent said the war wasn't worth fighting, the Post reported.

The Washington Post-ABC News poll included 1,205 randomly chosen U.S. adults polled last Tuesday-Friday and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points, the Post said.

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