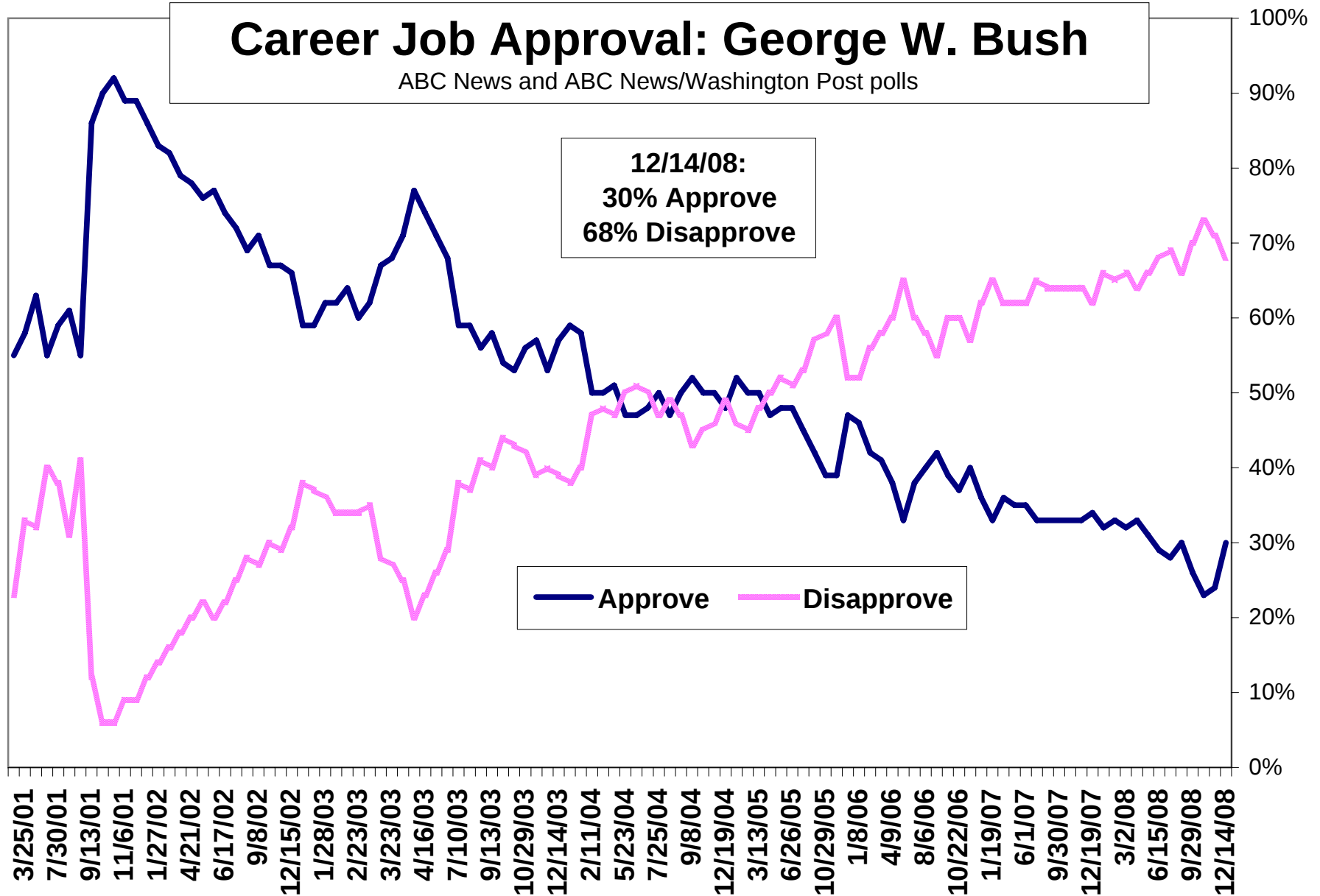
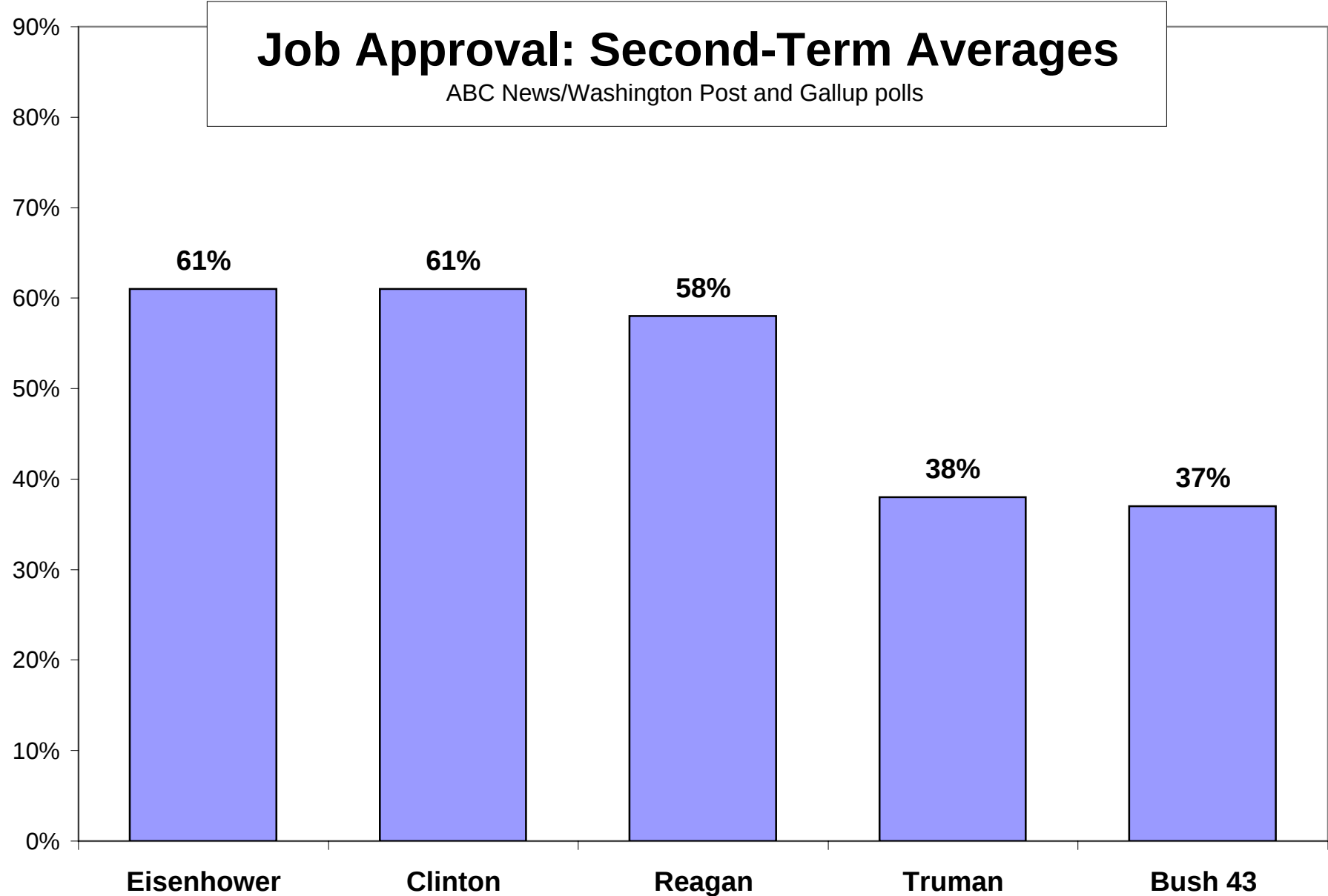


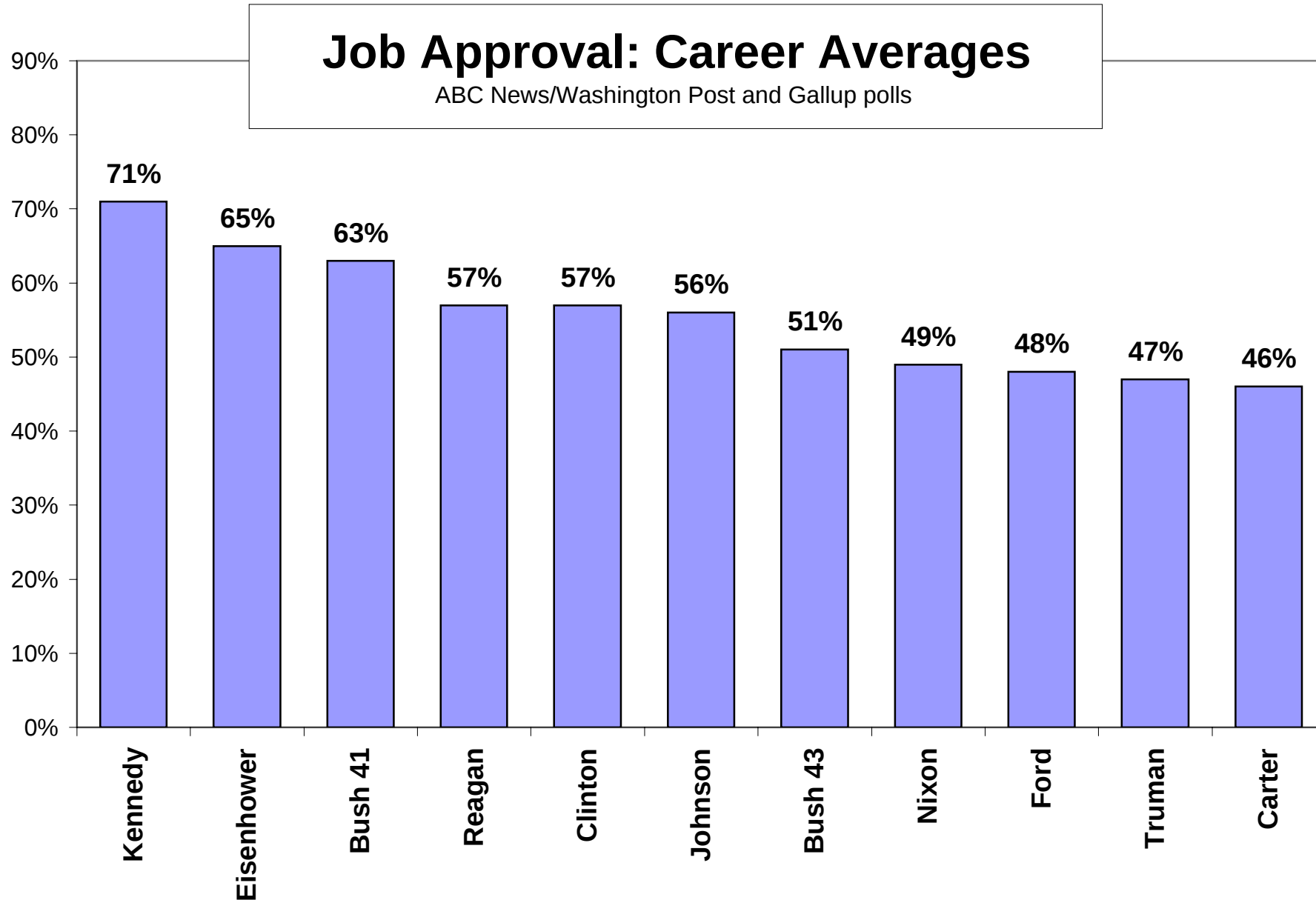
Bush has ranged from the highest approval
to the highest disapproval on record for any president in modern polling.



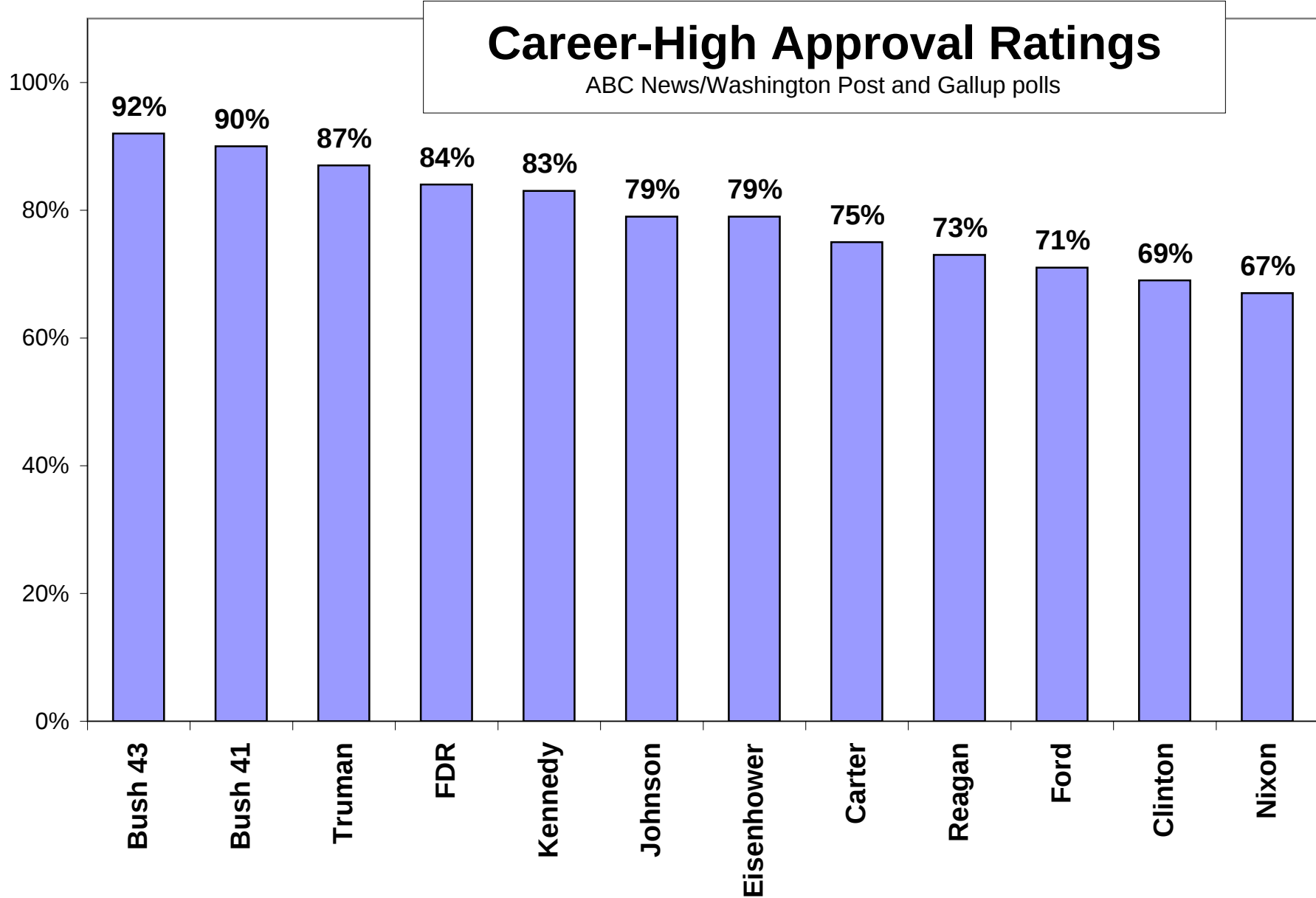
**Bush has averaged 37 percent approval in his second term,
the lowest on record for any post-World War II president to serve a full second term.**



**Bush has an overall career average of 51 percent approval,
slightly ahead of Nixon, Ford, Truman and Carter.**



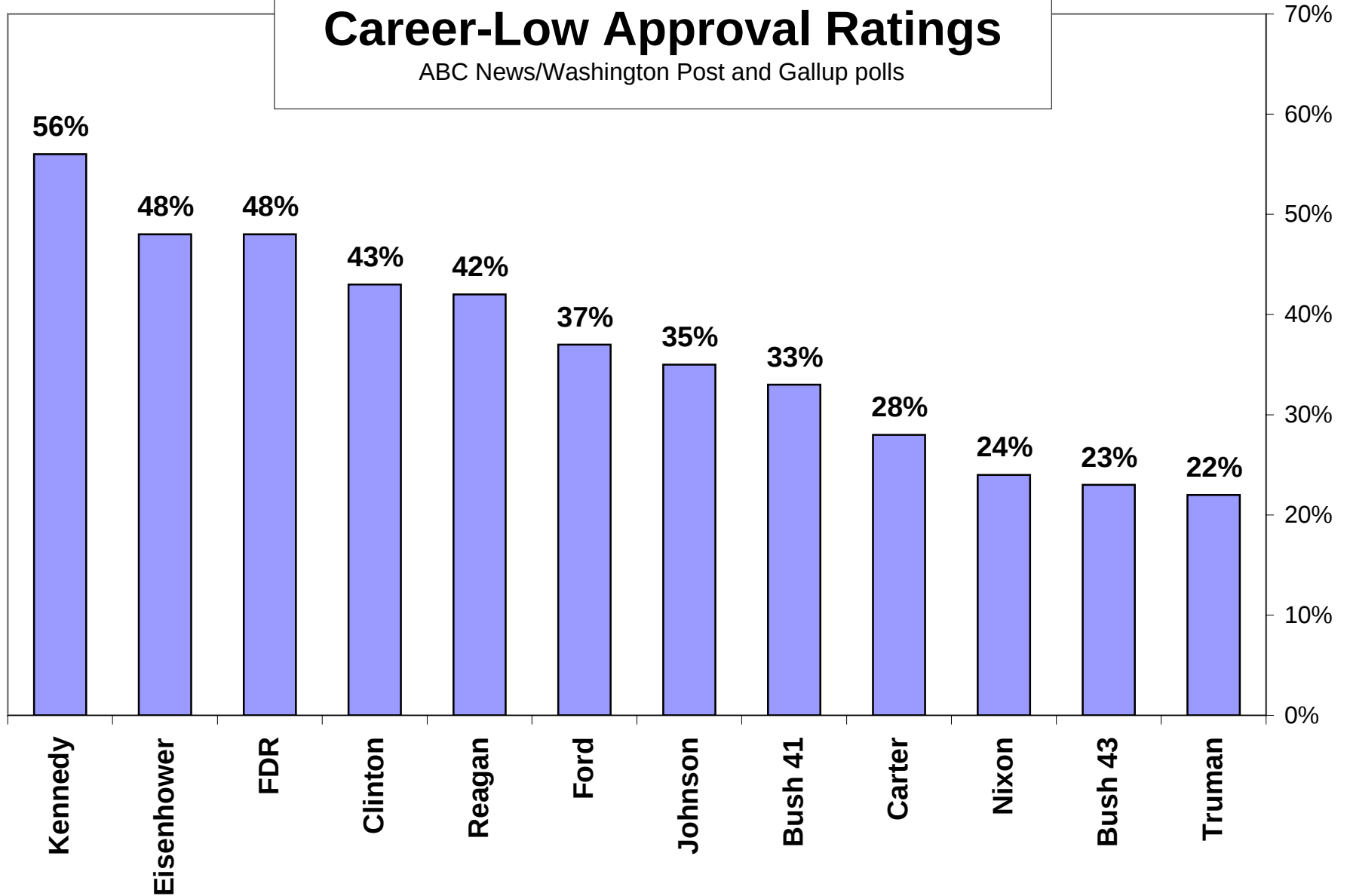
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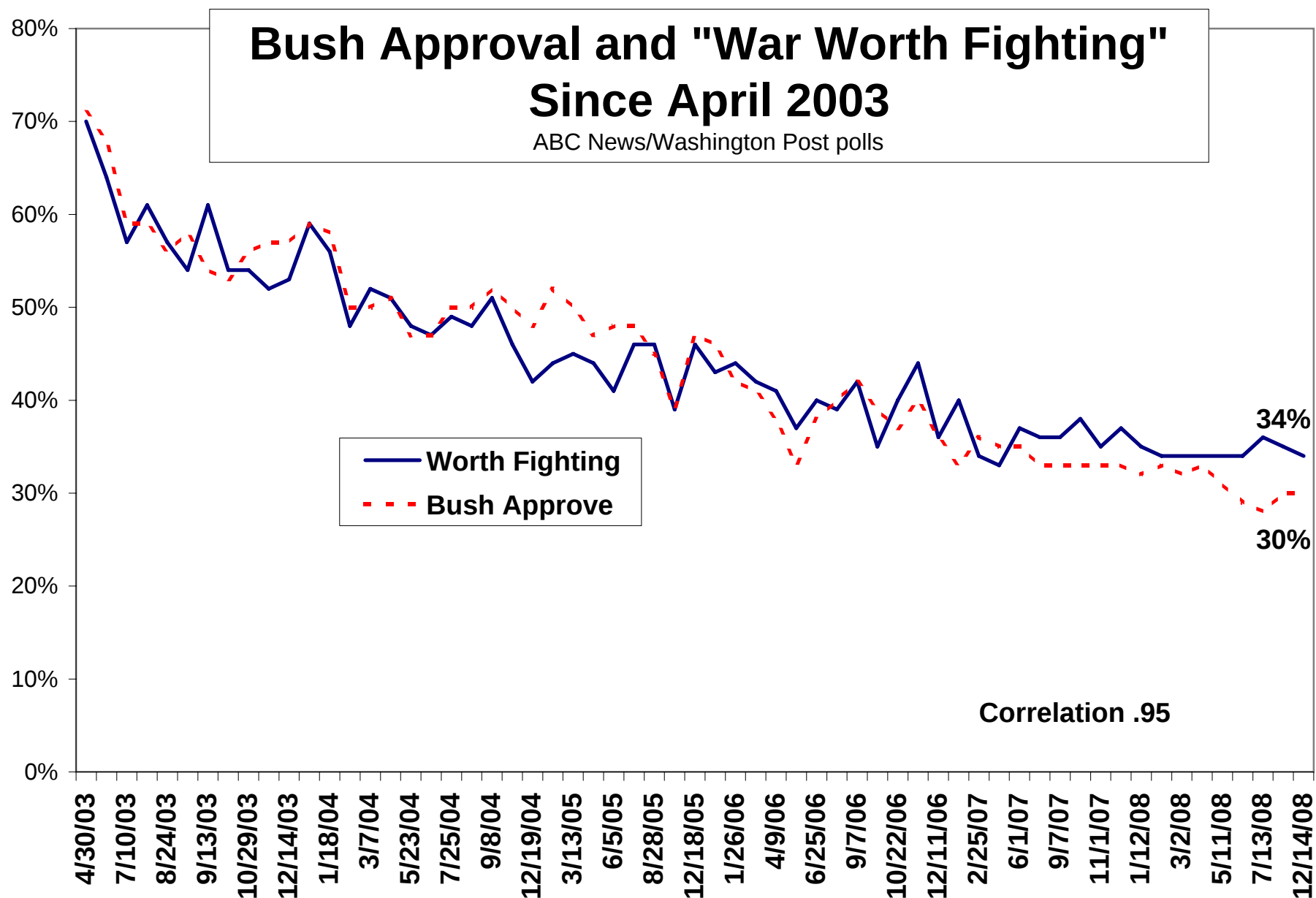
**Bush sank to 23 percent approval this past October,
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Career-Low Approval Ratings

ABC News/Washington Post and Gallup polls



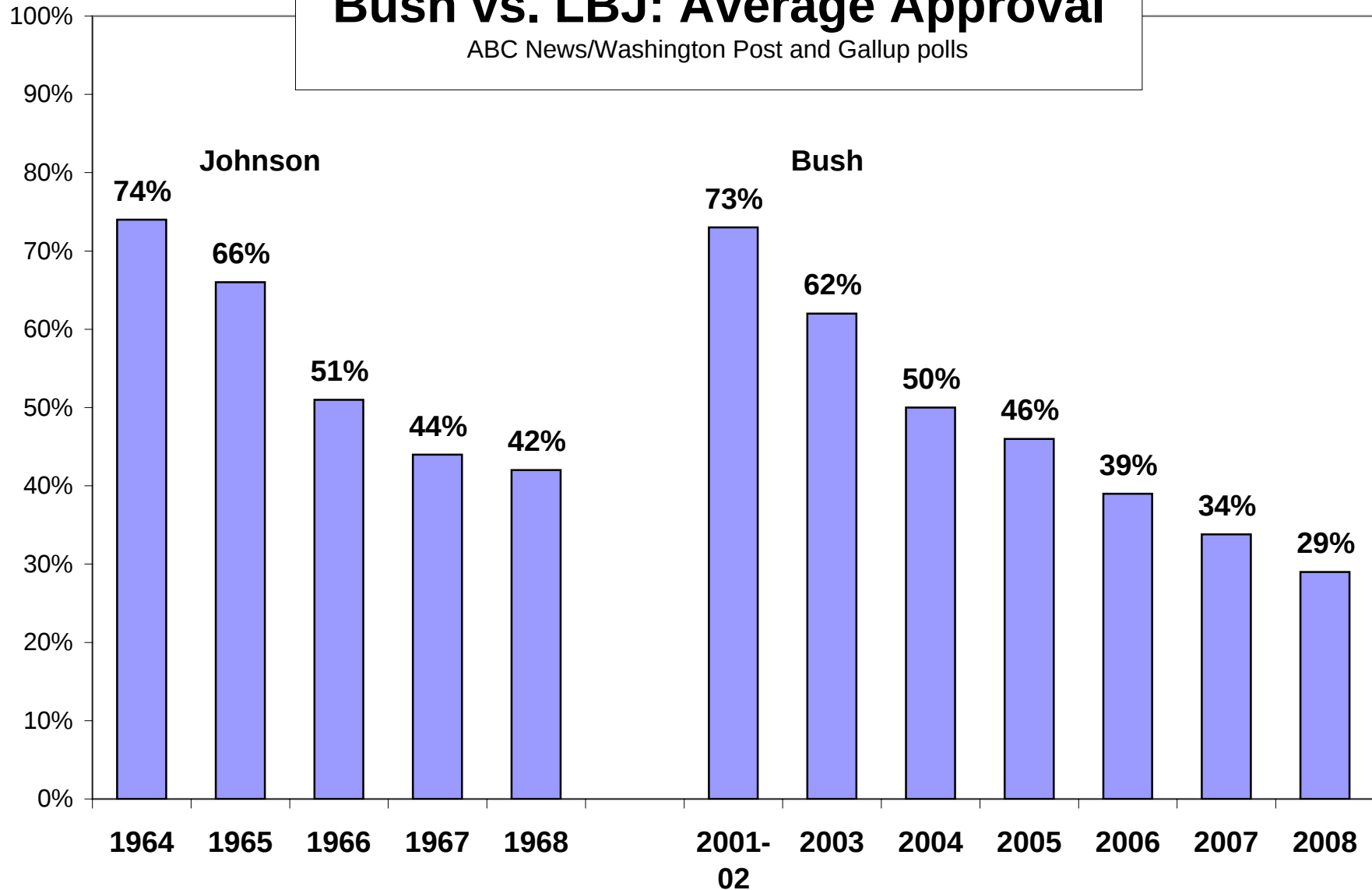
Bush's approval rating has correlated almost perfectly
with views on whether the war in Iraq was worth fighting.



**Year-to-year changes in Bush's ratings are strikingly similar to those of Lyndon Johnson,
the last president enmeshed in an unpopular war.**

Bush vs. LBJ: Average Approval

ABC News/Washington Post and Gallup polls



After a generation of gains for his party,
Bush since 2003 has presided over a retreat in Republican allegiance.

