

Table 15-3 Recent Congressional Appeals and Support for the Iraq War

	Democrats	Republicans	Democrats	Republicans
Elite Appeals				
Dem. speeches support Bush (last quarter)	0.81*** (0.16)	0.24* (0.13)	0.86*** (0.16)	0.30*** (0.12)
Dem. speeches oppose Bush (last quarter)	-0.40** (0.19)	0.21 (0.24)	-0.40** (0.18)	—
Dem. speeches oppose Bush (last quarter) pre-Duelfer	—	—	—	0.05 (0.23)
Dem. speeches oppose Bush (last quarter) post-Duelfer	—	—	—	0.30 (0.23)
GOP speeches support Bush (last quarter)	0.01 (0.20)	-0.35 (0.23)	0.04 (0.19)	-0.23 (0.22)
GOP speeches oppose Bush (last quarter)	-5.94*** (1.66)	-3.72*** (1.47)	-6.99*** (1.69)	-4.14** (1.45)
Bush speeches (last quarter)	-0.35** (0.15)	0.63*** (0.18)	—	0.60*** (0.16)
Bush speeches (last quarter) pre-Duelfer	—	—	-0.51*** (0.18)	—
Bush speeches (last quarter) post-Duelfer	—	—	-0.24 (0.17)	—
Control Variables				
Positive events (last quarter)	2.04*** (0.80)	1.61** (0.72)	2.32*** (0.80)	1.39** (0.68)
Negative events (last quarter)	-0.02 (0.81)	-2.19*** (0.79)	-0.03 (0.77)	-2.10*** (0.74)
Logged casualties (cumulative)	-8.28** (1.48)	-3.14*** (0.77)	-8.04*** (1.47)	-2.94*** (0.78)
Unemployment (current quarter)	5.12 (3.46)	1.71 (2.36)	6.16* (3.58)	3.30 (2.54)
Inflation (current quarter)	1.41 (0.88)	-0.19 (0.77)	1.20 (0.86)	-0.43 (0.89)
R ² (N)	.89 97	.71 97	.89 97	.73 97

Source: Compiled by authors