From Douglas Hibbs' “Bread and Peace Model”
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Predicting the vote from the subjective economy in October

The subjective economy in April is unrelated to the polls in April.

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Week-to-week during the last month of the campaign. Generally, the polls are stable.
Polls in 2004 day-to-day. Much of the movement was sampling error.

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