

February 18-20,2003 interviews: 1,000 adults, 764 registered voters March 4-6,2003 interviews: 1,009 adults, 781 registered voters Margin of error: ±3.1 for all adults, ±3.5 for registered voters Combined interviews: 2,009 adults, 1,545 registered voters Margin of error: ±2.2 for all adults, ±2.5 for registered voters

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

[ALL ADULTS							
	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-			
Right direction	3/6/03 37	<u>6/03</u> 34	<u>20/03</u> 39	<u>2/6/03</u> 37	<u>23/03</u> 39	<u>1/9/03</u> 42			
Wrong track	-	54	59 51	50	52	52			
Not sure	9	12	10	13	9	6			
	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st					
Q	uarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter					
<u>Ol</u>	ND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02					
	43	46	54	63					
	50	48	39	32					
	7	6	7	5					

2. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? (**IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK:**) Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (**IF HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OR NOT SURE, ASK:**) If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

	REGISTERED VOTERS						
Strongly approveSomewhat approve	2/18- 3/6/03 31 12 10	3/4- 6/03 31 13 7	2/4- <u>20/03</u> 33 12 11	1/21- <u>2/6/03</u> 32 14 10	1/7- <u>23/03</u> 31 15 10	12/17/02- 1/9/03 32 16 11	
Still have mixed feelings	4	6	3	4	4	3	
Lean toward disapproval	13	13	14	14	15	16	
Somewhat disapprove	6	6	6	5	4	5	
Strongly disapprove	23	24	20	20	20	17	
Not sure	1	-	1	1	1	-	
Total Approve Total Disapprove	53 42	51 43	56 39	56 39	56 40	59 38	
Mean Rating ¹	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	

¹Mean rating is calculated by assigning each response except "not sure" a value from 1 to 7, with "strongly approve" receiving a value of 7, and "strongly disapprove" a value of 1.

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
35	34	41	50
15	16	19	16
12	15	13	11
2	2	2	2
14	14	12	10
5	5	4	3
17	13	9	7
-	11	-	
63	65	73	77
35	32	25	21
4.8	4.9	5.3	5.6

3. And when it comes to **(READ ISSUE)** do you approve or disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way George W. Bush is handling that issue?

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK:) Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (IF HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OR NOT SURE, ASK:) If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

				REGISTER	RED VOTER	S					
Handling the communi	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- <u>proval</u>	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not <u>Sure</u>	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- <u>Rating</u> 1
Handling the economy	00	47	•	0	44	40	00	0	40	40	0.0
2/18-3/6/03	20	17	9	3 <i>4</i>	11 9	10	28	2	46	49	3.9
3/4-6/03	18	16	9	=	-	12	30	2	43	51	3.7
2/4-20/03	21	17	11	3	11	9	26	2	49	46	4.0
1/21-2/6/03	20	16	12	4	10	9	27	2	48	45	4.0
1/7-23/03	21	17	12	3	12	10	24	1	50	46	4.0
12/17/02-1/9/03	20	18	13	2	13	10	23	1	51	46	4.1
4 th quarter OND 02	21	18	13	3	12	10	22	1	53	44	4.2
3 rd quarter JAS 02	21	19	15	2	14	9	19	1	55	42	4.3
2 nd quarter AMJ 02	27	23	12	2	12	8	15	1	63	34	4.7
1 st quarter JFM 02	31	21	14	2	11	7	14	1	66	32	4.8
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
2/18-3/6/03	19	17	11	4	13	9	26	1	47	48	3.9
3/4-6/03	18	15	11	5	11	10	28	2	44	49	3.8
2/4-20/03	21	18	10	4	13	8	24	2	49	45	4.1
1/21-2/6/03	21	16	11	6	10	9	25	2	48	44	4.0
1/7-23/03	20	18	13	4	11	9	24	1	51	44	4.1
12/17/02-1/9/03	19	19	13	4	12	9	23	1	51	45	4.1
4 th quarter OND 02	20	19	14	3	12	9	22	1	52	43	4.1
3 rd quarter JAS 02	20	19	14	3	14	8	21	1	53	43	4.2
2 nd quarter AMJ 02	22	20	14	3	13	8	19	1	56	40	4.4
1 st quarter JFM 02	25	20	16	2	12	7	17	1	61	36	4.6
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
2/18-3/6/03	39	10	9	4	11	5	21	1	58	37	4.6
3/4-6/03	40	9	6	5	9	6	23	2	55	38	4.6
2/4-20/03	40	12	9	3	12	5	18	1	60	35	4.8
1/21-2/6/03	40	11	7	4	12	5	19	2	58	36	4.7
1/7-23/03	39	12	8	2	13	5	20	1	59	37	4.7
12/17/02-1/9/03	39	13	10	3	11	6	17	1	63	34	4.8
4 th quarter OND 02	42	13	10	3	11	6	14	1	65	31	5.0
3 rd quarter JAS 02	44	14	12	3	12	4	10	1	70	26	5.2
2 nd quarter AMJ 02	47	16	11	2	10	4	9	1	74	23	5.4
1 st quarter JFM 02	59	14	10	1	7	2	6	-	83	15	5.9

¹Mean rating is calculated by assigning each response except "not sure" a value from 1 to 7, with "strongly approve" receiving a value of 7, and "strongly disapprove" a value of 1.

5. If the election were held today, would you ...

	REGISTERED VOTERS						
	2/18- <u>3/6/03</u>	3/4- <u>6/03</u>	2/4- <u>20/03</u>	1/21- <u>2/6/03</u>	1/7- <u>23/03</u>	12/17/02- <u>1/9/03</u>	
Definitely vote to reelect Bush as President Consider voting for someone	39	38	41	41	41	42	
else	24	22	24	24	25	26	
Definitely vote for someone else	34	37	32	32	31	29	
Not sure	3	3	3	3	3	3	

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter OND 02	Quarter JAS 02	Quarter AMJ 02	Quarter <u>JFM 02</u>
44	42	50	54
25	29	25	24
28	26	22	20
3	3	3	2

6. And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?

	REGISTERED VOTERS						
					3 rd	2 nd	1 st
	3/4-	10/15-	10/1-	9/16-	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	6/03	27/02	<u>17/02</u>	10/3/02	JAS 02	<u>AMJ 02</u>	JFM 02
Republicans	39	42	43	43	43	44	43
Democrats	43	45	45	44	44	40	41
Neither (VOL)	12	9	8	8	9	12	12
Not sure	6	4	4	5	4	4	4

8. Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

	ALL ADULTS						
7, very strong economy 6	2/18- 3/6/03 4 7 27 24 20 8 10	3/4- 6/03 3 7 25 24 21 9 10	2/4- 20/03 4 7 26 25 19 7 10 2	1/21- <u>2/6/03</u> 4 7 27 23 18 8 11 2	1/7- 23/03 4 7 30 23 18 8 9 1	12/17/02- 1/9/03 5 8 29 24 19 7 7 1	
Total 6-7 Total 1-3	11 38	11 39	11 37	11 37	12 34	13 33	
Mean	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
5	6	6	7
9	10	11	11
29	31	34	32
24	23	23	23
17	16	14	15
7	5	5	5
8	8	6	7
1	1	1	
14	16	16	17
32	29	26	27
4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3

9. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

		ALL ADULTS						
	2/18- 3/6/03	3/4- 6/03	2/4- 20/03	1/21- 2/6/03	1/7- 23/03	12/17/02- 1/9/03		
Much stronger	<u>3/0/03</u> 7	<u>0/03</u> 7	<u>20/03</u> 6	<u>2/0/03</u> 6	<u>23/03</u> 5	<u>179703</u> 4		
Somewhat stronger	22	21	21	20	24	24		
About the same	47	46	50	51	51	51		
Somewhat weaker	15	16	14	13	13	13		
Much weaker	7	7	7	7	5	7		
Not sure	2	3	2	3	2	1		
Total Stronger	28	27	27	26	29	29		
Total Weaker	23	23	21	20	18	19		

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
5	6	6	8
24	24	31	33
52	55	51	46
12	10	8	8
5	4	3	3
2	1	1	1
30	30	37	41
17	14	11	11

10. Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.

	ALL ADULTS						
7, very strong	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-	
	3/6/03	<u>6/03</u>	20/03	2/6/03	23/03	1/9/03	
	9	11	8	10	9	8	
6	14	13	13	13	15	14	
5	29	30	28	28	28	30	
4	20	17	21	20	20	19	
3	11	10	11	10	11	11	
2	4	4	6	5	5	6	
1, very weak	11	12	11	11	11	10	
Not sure	2	3	2	3	1	2	
Total 6-7	23	23	22	23	24	22	
Total 1-3	26	27	26	26	27	27	
Mean	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	

4 th	3 ^{ra}	2 ^{na}	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
10	10	9	11
14	15	14	15
31	30	31	30
19	19	20	19
11	11	11	10
4	5	5	4
10	9	9	9
1	1	1	1
24	25	23	26
25	24	24	23
4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5

11. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

	ALL ADULTS					
	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-
	<u>3/6/03</u>	<u>6/03</u>	<u>20/03</u>	<u>2/6/03</u>	<u>23/03</u>	<u>1/9/03</u>
Much stronger	10	10	12	13	12	11
Somewhat stronger	25	25	24	23	26	28
About the same	52	50	52	51	49	49
Somewhat weaker	7	8	7	8	8	8
Much weaker	4	4	3	3	3	3
Not sure	2	3	2	2	2	1
Total Stronger	36	36	36	36	38	39
Total Weaker	10	11	10	11	11	11

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
10	11	11	13
29	29	29	31
51	51	52	50
7	6	5	4
2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1
39	40	40	44
9	8	7	6

Now I'd like you to think about how your personal financial situation has changed in the past six months.

12. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?

	ALL ADULTS					
_	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-
	<u>3/6/03</u>	<u>6/03</u>	<u>20/03</u>	<u>2/6/03</u>	<u>23/03</u>	<u>1/9/03</u>
More comfortable	28	28	28	27	28	30
Less comfortable	50	49	48	47	49	49
No change (VOL)	20	20	22	24	22	20
Not sure	2	3	2	2	1	1

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
32	32	36	34
48	49	43	45
19	18	19	20
1	1	2	1

13. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making other household purchases?

	ALL ADULTS					
More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	44 20	3/4- <u>6/03</u> 34 42 23 1	2/4- 20/03 35 42 21 2	1/21- <u>2/6/03</u> 33 41 24 2	1/7- 23/03 35 42 22	12/17/02- <u>1/9/03</u> 37 43 19 1
	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st		
	Quarter <u>OND 02</u> 38	Quarter JAS 02 39	Quarter AMJ 02 43	Quarter JFM 02 41		
	42 20	43 17 1	36 20	38 21		

14. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?

	ALL ADULTS					
	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-
More confident	<u>3/6/03</u> 34	<u>6/03</u> 32	<u>20/03</u> 33	<u>2/6/03</u> 32	<u>23/03</u> 34	<u>1/9/03</u> 36
Less confident	48	46	47	44	47	49
No change (VOL)	16	19	17	21	18	14
Not sure	2	3	3	3	1	1

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02
37	39	42	39
46	45	41	45
15	14	15	15
2	2	2	2

15. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident of your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?

		ALL ADULTS					
	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-	
	3/6/03	<u>6/03</u>	20/03	2/6/03	23/03	1/9/03	
More confident		32	35	34	35	35	
Less confident	48	47	46	43	46	49	
No change (VOL)	15	18	15	19	16	13	
Not sure	3	3	4	4	3	3	
	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st			
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter			
	OND 02	JAS 02	AMJ 02	JFM 02			
	35	37	44	42			
	49	49	39	40			
	14	12	15	16			
	2	2	2	2			

16a. Thinking of the <u>last</u> 6 months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?

		ALL ADULTS					
Yes No Not sure	2/18- <u>3/6/03</u> 44 55 1	3/4- <u>6/03</u> 45 54 1	2/4- 20/03 43 56 1	1/21- <u>2/6/03</u> 44 55 1	1/7- <u>23/03</u> 45 54 1	12/17/02- <u>1/9/03</u> 45 55	
	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st			
	Quarter OND 02	Quarter JAS 02	Quarter AMJ 02	Quarter JFM 02			
	44 56	42 58	42 57	43 57			

16b. Now look ahead at the <u>next</u> six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

	ALL ADULTS					
	2/18-	3/4-	2/4-	1/21-	1/7-	12/17/02-
	<u>3/6/03</u>	<u>6/03</u>	<u>20/03</u>	<u>2/6/03</u>	<u>23/03</u>	<u>1/9/03</u>
Extremely likely	9	10	7	8	9	9
Very likely	13	14	14	15	14	15
Somewhat likely	30	28	29	29	30	29
Not very likely	28	26	28	26	29	30
Not at all likely	17	17	17	17	16	15
Not sure	3	5	5	5	2	2
Total Likely	22	24	21	23	23	23
Total Not Likely	45	43	44	43	45	45

4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
OND 02	JAS 02	<u>AMJ 02</u>	JFM 02
9	8	6	7
13	12	11	12
30	30	28	29
30	31	34	32
16	18	19	17
2	1	2	11
22	20	18	20
45	48	53	50

DEMOGRAPHICS

- D1a. First of all, in what year were you born?
- D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
18-34	29
35-49	30
50-64	22
65 and over	18
Refused/not sure	1

D2a. Are you employed:

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
EMPLOYED (NET)	59
Full time	49
Part time	10
Not employed	18
Retired	23
Refused/not sure	-

(Q.D2b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME IN Q.2a.)

D2b. We would also like to have just a general idea of what type of occupation you have. Which one of the following best describes your current job?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Professional	14
Senior executive or manager	6
Clerical or administrative	6
Sales or services	10
A skilled trade or technical occupation	12
Blue-collar work or laborer	5
Farming or fishing	-
Other (VOL)	6
Refused/not sure	-
Not Employed Full/Part Time (Q.2a)	41

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Grade school or some high school	9
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, but	
did not finish	24
Completed technical school or a	
community college	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	19
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a	
Master's or Ph.D	11
Refused/not sure	1

D4. Are you currently married?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Yes	59
No	40
Refused/not sure	1

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
1	20
2	34
3	18
4	16
5	8
6 or more	3
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
ANY CHILDREN - NET	35
Under 6	17
6-12	18
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	64
Refused/not sure	1

D7. Now, I am going to read a list of income ranges. When I get to the income range that best describes your household income from all sources in 2001, please stop me. Was your household income for 2001:

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Under \$15,000	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	6
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	10
Refused/not sure	12

D8a. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

D8b. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	<u>3/6/03</u>
White	79
Black	8
Hispanic	6
Asian	2
American Indian	1
Other	2
Refused	2

D9. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Yes	76
No	24
Refused/not sure	_

(Q.D10a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.D9.)

D10a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.D10a, Q.D10b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.D10a, Q.D10c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.D10a, Q.D10d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- D10b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- D10c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- D10d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Strongly Republican	18
Moderately Republican	23
Definitely Independent/neither	12
Moderately Democrat	26
Strongly Democrat	20
Refused/not sure	1
Total Republican	41
Total Democrat	46

D13. Do you currently own stocks, bonds or mutual funds?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Yes	52
No	46
Refused/not sure	2

(Q.D14 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D13.)

D14. In 2001, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or stock mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan?

	Investors
	2/18-
	3/6/03
None	37
1 time	18
2 times	11
3 times	6
4 times	3
5 to 9 times	10
10 to 14 times	3
15 to 19 times	1
20 to 24 times	1
25 times or more	3
Refused/not sure	7
Active Investors (5 times or more)	17

D15. Do you own your home, or do you rent?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Own	71
Rent	26
Refused/not sure	3

D16a. What religion were you brought up in? Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or some other religion?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Protestant	57
Catholic	29
Jewish	2
Some other religion	5
Not raised religiously (VOL)	3
Refused/not sure	4

D16b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or born-again Christian, or neither?

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Born-again Christian	28
Fundamentalist	7
Neither	63
Refused/not sure	2

REGION:

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Northeast	19
Midwest	23
South	35
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Urban	27
Suburban	49
Rural	24

GENDER:

	ALL ADULTS
	2/18-
	3/6/03
Male	49
Female	51