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Interviews: 1,001 adults, 842 registered voters
Margin of error: ± 3.1 for all adults, ± 3.4 for registered voters

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	82
No	18
Refused/not sure	-

- 2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? *

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	22
Moderately Republican	21
Definitely Independent/neither.....	8
Moderately Democrat	26
Strongly Democrat	22
Refused/not sure	1
Total Republican	43
Total Democrat	48

* Half the respondents were asked party identification in this location, the other half were asked at the end of the survey with the other demographic questions. Results for the respondents who were asked the question early were 43% Republican, 49% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 43% Republican, 48% Democrat.

POLITICAL STUDY

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						
	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04	11/3 - 5/04	10/4 - 6/04
Right direction.....	40	38	44	43	46	40
Wrong track	55	58	51	52	51	56
Not sure	5	4	5	5	3	4
	9/7 - 9/04	8/3 - 5/04	7/5 - 7/04	6/7 - 9/04	5/3 - 5/04	4/5 - 7/04
	44	39	41	40	38	38
	52	59	56	56	58	57
	4	2	3	4	4	5
	3 rd Quarter JAS 04	2 nd Quarter AMJ 04	1 st Quarter JFM 04	4 th Quarter OND 03	3 rd Quarter JAS 03	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04
	42	39	44	43	41	35
	55	57	52	51	53	60
	3	4	4	6	6	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?

	ALL ADULTS			REGISTERED VOTERS *		
	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04	11/3 - 5/04	10/4 - 6/04
Strongly approve	25	24	27	31	33	31
Somewhat approve.....	12	11	12	10	12	9
Lean toward approval	10	10	10	11	6	8
Still have mixed feelings	2	1	1	2	1	1
Lean toward disapproval	13	15	13	14	9	12
Somewhat disapprove	6	7	7	4	5	6
Strongly disapprove.....	31	32	30	28	34	33
Not sure	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	48	45	49	51	51	48
Total Disapprove	50	54	49	47	48	51
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>
	9/7 - 9/04	8/3 - 5/04	7/5 - 7/04	6/7 - 9/04	5/3 - 5/04	4/5 - 7/04
Strongly approve	33	30	31	27	27	28
Somewhat approve.....	12	10	9	12	11	9
Lean toward approval	8	9	10	9	11	11
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval	11	13	11	13	14	13
Somewhat disapprove	4	5	5	7	5	5
Strongly disapprove.....	31	32	33	30	30	32
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	52	49	50	48	48	48
Total Disapprove	46	50	48	50	50	50
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>
	3 rd Quarter JAS 04	2 nd Quarter AMJ 04	1 st Quarter JFM 04	4 th Quarter OND 03	3 rd Quarter JAS 03	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04
Strongly approve	32	27	30	30	31	28
Somewhat approve.....	11	11	10	12	15	10
Lean toward approval	9	10	10	11	10	10
Still have mixed feelings	1	2	2	3	2	3
Lean toward disapproval	11	13	16	13	14	16
Somewhat disapprove	4	6	5	6	5	4
Strongly disapprove.....	32	31	27	25	22	29
Not sure	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total Approve	51	48	50	53	56	48
Total Disapprove	48	50	47	44	41	49
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>4.0</i>

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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?

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating ¹
Handling the economy											
ALL ADULTS											
3/7-9/05	22	16	10	2	11	10	29	-	47	50	3.9
2/7-9/05	18	14	10	1	14	10	33	-	43	56	3.6
1/3-5/05	23	16	9	1	12	11	28	-	47	51	3.9
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
12/6-8/04	25	15	8	1	13	6	31	1	48	51	3.9
11/3-5/04	25	14	8	1	10	7	34	1	48	51	3.9
10/4-6/04	25	13	8	2	9	9	34	-	47	51	3.8
9/7-9/04	27	15	8	1	9	7	33	-	50	49	4.0
8/3-5/04	26	14	7	1	8	10	33	1	46	52	3.8
7/5-7/04	29	13	7	1	10	9	31	-	49	50	4.0
6/7-9/04	23	15	9	2	11	9	30	1	47	50	3.9
5/3-5/04	24	13	6	2	13	11	31	-	43	55	3.8
4/5-7/04	23	12	9	2	11	9	34	-	45	53	3.7
3 rd quarter JAS 04.....	27	14	8	1	9	8	33	-	49	50	3.9
2 nd quarter AMJ 04	23	13	8	2	11	10	32	1	45	53	3.8
1 st quarter JFM 04	22	15	10	2	11	9	30	1	47	50	3.9
4 th quarter OND 03	22	16	11	2	11	9	28	1	49	48	3.9
3 rd quarter JAS 03.....	20	16	12	2	11	9	29	1	48	49	3.9
1 year ago 3/1-3/04	23	13	9	2	10	10	33	-	45	53	3.7

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Q.3 (cont.)	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating ¹
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
ALL ADULTS											
3/7-9/05	17	16	11	3	10	11	32	-	44	53	3.7
2/7-9/05	15	14	12	1	12	9	37	-	41	58	3.4
1/3-5/05	18	14	11	1	14	9	33	-	43	56	3.6
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
12/6-8/04	21	17	10	2	10	8	32	-	48	50	3.8
11/3-5/04	21	17	9	1	9	8	35	-	46	52	3.7
10/4-6/04	20	15	8	2	11	8	36	-	43	55	3.6
9/20-22/04	21	16	11	1	10	8	32	1	48	50	3.8
9/7-9/04	21	15	10	2	8	9	34	1	46	51	3.7
8/3-5/04	21	15	9	1	12	8	34	-	45	54	3.7
7/5-7/04	20	16	10	1	10	7	36	-	46	52	3.7
6/7-9/04	16	14	11	1	13	10	34	1	41	57	3.5
5/3-5/04	17	16	8	2	13	9	34	1	42	55	3.6
4/5-7/04	18	16	10	2	11	7	35	1	43	53	3.6
3 rd quarter JAS 04.....	21	15	10	2	9	8	35	-	46	52	3.7
2 nd quarter AMJ 04	17	15	10	2	12	9	34	1	42	55	3.6
1 st quarter JFM 04	17	16	12	2	13	8	31	1	45	52	3.7
4 th quarter OND 03	17	17	11	3	12	10	29	1	45	51	3.8
3 rd quarter JAS 03.....	19	17	13	2	12	9	27	1	49	48	3.9
1 year ago 3/1-3/04	17	16	12	2	13	9	31	-	45	53	3.7

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Q.3 (cont.)

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating ¹
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
ALL ADULTS											
3/7-9/05.....	32	11	9	2	11	8	27	-	52	46	4.2
2/7-9/05.....	31	10	6	2	15	8	28	-	47	51	4.0
1/3-5/05.....	32	12	6	2	12	7	29	-	50	48	4.1
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
12/6-8/04.....	35	11	7	2	12	6	27	-	53	45	4.3
11/3-5/04.....	39	8	7	-	11	6	29	-	54	46	4.3
(FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER 2004 - ASKED OF ONLY HALF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)											
10/4-6/04.....	36	5	9	1	12	6	31	-	50	49	4.1
9/7-9/04.....	42	8	4	1	10	6	29	-	54	44	4.4
8/3-5/04.....	38	7	6	-	12	7	30	-	51	49	4.2
7/5-7/04.....	37	8	7	1	10	6	31	-	51	48	4.2
6/7-9/04.....	36	8	7	1	15	6	27	-	51	48	4.2
5/3-5/04.....	32	9	10	3	15	6	25	-	50	47	4.2
4/5-7/04.....	38	10	7	1	13	5	26	-	55	43	4.4
3 rd quarter JAS 04.....	39	8	5	1	11	6	30	-	52	47	4.3
2 nd quarter AMJ 04.....	35	9	8	2	14	6	26	-	52	46	4.3
1 st quarter JFM 04.....	37	11	8	1	13	6	23	1	56	43	4.5
4 th quarter OND 03.....	36	11	8	2	14	6	22	1	55	42	4.4
3 rd quarter JAS 03.....	40	11	9	2	12	6	20	-	60	38	4.7
1 year ago 3/1-3/04.....	36	12	6	1	13	7	25	-	54	45	4.4

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Q.3 (cont.)

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Handling the situation in Iraq											
ALL ADULTS											
3/7-9/05	29	9	7	2	9	7	37	-	45	53	3.8
2/7-9/05	25	9	8	1	10	9	38	-	42	57	3.6
1/3-5/05	24	12	8	2	8	7	39	-	44	54	3.7
REGISTERED VOTERS											
12/6-8/04	27	12	10	1	8	7	35	-	48	50	3.9
11/3-5/04	31	10	7	1	7	5	39	-	48	51	3.8
(PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2004 - ASKED OF ONLY HALF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)											
10/4-6/04	32	7	7	2	9	5	38	-	46	52	3.8
9/20-22/04	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
7/5-7/04	31	10	7	1	9	4	38	-	47	51	3.9
6/7-9/04	28	9	6	2	10	5	40	-	43	55	3.7
5/3-5/04	26	10	10	3	13	4	34	-	46	51	3.9
3 rd quarter JAS 04 ³	38	10	6	1	12	6	27	-	54	45	4.4
2 nd quarter AMJ 04 ²	27	9	8	3	11	5	37	-	44	53	3.8
Handling Social Security											
ALL ADULTS											
3/7-9/05	17	9	11	4	10	8	38	3	37	56	3.4
2/22-24/05	19	9	11	5	15	7	34	-	39	56	3.5

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²This item was asked only in May and June (773 registered voters).

³This item was asked only in August and September (1,073 registered voters).

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4. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Congress is handling its job? **(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?

	ALL ADULTS		
	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05
Strongly approve	7	6	8
Somewhat approve.....	20	21	21
Lean toward approval	14	17	12
Still have mixed feelings	5	3	4
Lean toward disapproval	20	21	19
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	16
Strongly disapprove.....	18	16	18
Not sure	2	1	2
Total Approve	41	44	41
Total Disapprove	53	52	53
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>

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DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1a. 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:

18-34	31
35-49	27
50-64	27
65 and over	14
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	11
Not employed	18
Retired.....	19
Refused/not sure	-

(Q.D3 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME IN Q.D2.)

D3. 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?

Professional	15
Senior executive or manager	5
Clerical or administrative	10
Sales or services	9
A skilled trade or technical occupation.....	10
Blue-collar work or laborer.....	5
Farming or fishing	1
Other (VOL)	8
Refused/not sure	-
Not Employed Full/Part Time (Q.D2)	37

D4. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	22
Some community college or university, but did not finish	23
Completed technical school or a community college	13
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14
Refused/not sure	-

D5. Are you currently married:

Yes	60
No.....	40
Refused/not sure	-

D6. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	17
2	38
3	19
4	16
5	5
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D7a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)

D7a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D7b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D7c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	37
Under 6.....	19
6-12	18
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	63
Refused/not sure	1

D8. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	51
No.....	47
Refused/not sure	2

(Q.D9 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D8.)

D9. In the past 12 months, 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? Would you say you bought or sold stocks or stock mutual funds four times or fewer or five times or more times in the past 12 months? [IF FOUR TIMES OR FEWER, ASK:] Is that once, twice, three times, four times, or no changes? [IF MORE THAN FOUR, ASK:] How many times did you buy or sell stocks or mutual funds – 5-9 times, 10 to 14 times, 15-19 times, 20-24 times, or 25 times or more?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	32
1 time.....	15
2 times.....	12
3 times.....	7
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	8
10 to 14 times.....	4
15 to 19 times.....	2
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	3
Refused/not sure	11
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	18

D10a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	38
No	60
Refused/not sure	2

D10b. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination? **(IF "SOME OTHER RELIGION, ASK) Is that a Christian denomination, or not? (IF YES, CODED AS "PROTESTANT".)**

Protestant	48
Catholic	21
Mormon	3
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	5
No religion	19
Refused/not sure	2

D11a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D11b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D11a.)

D11b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	80
Black.....	9
Hispanic.....	6
Asian.....	2
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	1
Refused	1

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	14
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	15

REGION:

Northeast.....	20
Midwest.....	23
South.....	35
West.....	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	35
Suburban.....	45
Rural.....	20

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female.....	52