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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
	A DULTS
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?

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	ALL ADULTS						
	3/7 -	2/7 -	1/3 -	12/6 -	11/3 -	10/4 -	
	<u>9/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>5/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	
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 -	8/3 -	7/5 -	6/7 -	5/3 -	4/5 -	
	9/04	5/04	7/04	9/04	<u>5/04</u>	7/04	
	44	39	41	40	38	38	
	52	59	56	56	58	57	
	4	2	3	4	4	5	
						1 Year	
	3^{rd}	2 nd	1 st	4 th	3 rd	Ago	
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	3/1 -	
	JAS 04	AMJ 04	JFM 04	OND 03	JAS 03	3/04	
	42	39	44	43	41	35	
	55	57	52	51	53	60	
	3	4	4	6	6	5	

ECONOMIC STUDY

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.

7, very strong economy 6	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 7 11 31 21 16 6 8	2/7 - 9/05 7 10 31 22 17 6 7	1/3 - 5/05 5 12 34 21 17 5 6	12/6 - 8/04 7 13 32 19 15 5 8 1	11/3 - 5/04 9 14 29 20 12 8 7 1	10/4 - 6/04 6 11 33 22 15 5 8 -
Total 1-3	30	30	28	28	27	28
Mean	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2
7, very strong economy	9/7 - 9/04 8 13 32 19 16 5 7 - 21 28	8/2 - 4/04 7 13 32 20 15 5 7 1 19	7/5 - 7/04 6 14 33 20 15 5 6 1	6/7 - 9/04 6 11 32 23 15 7 6 - 17 27	5/3 - 5/04 7 10 29 23 15 6 9 1	4/5 - 7/04 5 11 28 24 17 6 8 1
Mean	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1
7, very strong economy 6	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 7 13 31	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 6 11 30	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 6 10	4 th Quarter OND 03 5 9 30	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 03</u> 4 8 27	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04 6 11 29
4	20 16	24 15	22 16	23 17	24 19	21 16
3 2	5	6	7	7	8	8
1, very weak economy	7	8	8	8	9	9
Not sure	11	<u> </u>	11	1	1	<u> </u>
Total 6-7 Total 1-3	20 27	17 29	16 31	14 32	12 35	17 33
Mean	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1

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?

Not sure Total Stronger Total Weaker	1 34 11	1 31 13	36 10	36 12	33 15	35 11
Much weaker	3	4	3	4	5	3
Somewhat weaker	7	9	7	9	10	7
About the same	54	55	53	50	51	54
Somewhat stronger	28	24	29	29	27	28
Much stronger	7	7	7	7	6	7
	JAS 04	AMJ 04	JFM 04	OND 03	JAS 03	3/04
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	3/1 -
	3 rd	2 nd	1 st	4 th	3 rd	1 Year Ago
Total Weaker	11	9	12	12	14	13
Total Stronger	35	34	34	33	29	30
Not sure	1	1	2	1	1	1
Much weaker	3	3	3	4	5	3
Somewhat weaker	8	6	9	9	9	10
About the same	53	56	52	53	56	56
Somewhat stronger	29	28	27	26	21	23
Much stronger	9/04 6	4/04 6	7/04 7	9/04 7	8	7/0 4 7
	9/7 - 9/04	6/2 - 4/04	7/5 - 7/04	9/04	5/3 - 5/04	4/5 - 7/04
	9/7 -	8/2 -	7/5 -	6/7 -	5/3 -	4/5 -
Total Weaker	18	15	11	14	17	10
Total Stronger	29	27	30	31	33	34
Not sure	1	11	1	1		2
Much weaker	6	5	2	5	6	2
Somewhat weaker	12	10	9	9	11	8
About the same	53	57	58	54	49	55
Somewhat stronger	23	21	24	24	24	27
Much stronger	<u>3/03</u> 5	6	<u>5/05</u> 6	7	10	6
	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04	11/3 - 5/04	6/04

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.

7, very strong	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 10 13 32 19 10 5 10	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 11 13 30 18 11 7 9 1	1/3 - 5/05 9 16 28 20 13 6 6 2	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 12 16 29 18 9 5 10	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 13 14 28 17 11 4 12 1	10/4 - 6/04 12 15 29 19 11 4 10
Total 6-7 Total 1-3	23 25	24 27	25 25	28 24	27 27	27 25
Mean	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5
7, very strong	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 13 14 29 19 10 4 10 1 27 24 <i>4</i> .5	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 11 17 29 18 10 4 10 1 29 23 4.5	7/5 - 7/04 8 15 29 16 14 6 11 1 23 30 4.3	6/7 - 9/04 10 15 28 18 13 6 9 1	5/3 - 5/04 10 15 29 19 11 5 9 2 26 25 4.4	4/5 - 7/04 10 13 28 21 12 6 8 2 24 26 4.4
7, very strong	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 11 16 29 17 11 5 10 1	2 nd Quarter AMJ 04 10 14 28 19 12 6 9 2 25 26 4.4	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 11 14 28 20 11 6 9 1	4 th Quarter OND 03 10 15 30 18 11 5 10 1 25 26 4.4	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 03</u> 10 15 28 20 11 5 9 2 25 25	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04 13 14 25 20 13 5 9 1

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?

Much stronger	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 10 27 52 8 2 1 36 10	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 10 27 54 7 2 - 37 10	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 11 26 53 7 2 1 37	12/6 - 8/04 14 24 52 7 2 1 38 9	11/3 - 5/04 11 26 51 8 3 1	10/4 - 6/04 10 31 52 4 2 1
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Much stronger	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 11	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 12	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 10	6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 11	5/3 - <u>5/04</u> 12	4/5 - <u>7/04</u> 13
Somewhat stronger	30	28	27	29	25	29
About the same	52	53	54	52	53	49
Somewhat weaker	4	4	6	5	7	6
Much weaker	2	2	2	2	2	2
Not sure	11	1	1	11	11	11
Total Stronger	41	40	36	40	37	42
Total Weaker	7	6	9	7	9	9
	3 rd Quarter	2 nd Quarter	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	3 rd Quarter	1 Year Ago 3/1 -
	JAS 04	AMJ 04	JFM 04	OND 03	JAS 03	3/04
Much stronger	11	12	11	12	11	10
Somewhat stronger	28	27	27	28	27	29
About the same	54	52	54	52	53	54
Somewhat weaker	5	6	5	5	6	4
Much weaker	2	2	2	2	2	2
Not sure	-	1	1	1	1	11
Total Stronger Total Weaker	39 7	40 8	38 7	40 8	38 8	39 6

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

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

More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 35 46 18 1	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 36 48 15	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 36 44 19 1	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 37 44 18 1	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 32 47 20 1	10/4 - <u>6/04</u> 35 48 16 1
More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 40 44 15	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 41 42 16 1	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 40 44 14 2	6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 38 46 15	5/3 - <u>5/04</u> 38 43 18 1	4/5 - <u>7/04</u> 38 44 17 1
More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 40 44 15	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 38 45 16	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 38 42 18 2	4 th Quarter <u>OND 03</u> 35 43 21	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 03</u> 35 44 20 1	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04 40 41 17 2

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

More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 42 39 18 1	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 42 44 13 1	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 42 37 20 1	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 43 39 18	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 38 42 20 -	10/4 - <u>6/04</u> 41 42 17
More comfortable	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 46 38 15	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 49 36 14 1	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 47 39 13 1	6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 43 41 16	5/3 - 5/04 43 39 17 1	4/5 - 7/04 44 40 16 -
More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 47 38 14	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 43 40 16	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 44 37 18	4 th Quarter <u>OND 03</u> 42 38 19	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 03</u> 41 39 19	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04 45 37 17

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?

More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 41 40 17 2	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 42 47 10	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 41 42 15 2	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 43 42 14 1	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 43 43 13 1	10/4 - <u>6/04</u> 40 44 15
More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 48 40 11	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 48 41 10 1	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 44 42 13 1	6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 45 42 12 1	5/3 - <u>5/04</u> 43 42 14 1	4/5 - <u>7/04</u> 41 45 13
More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 46 42 11	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 43 43 13	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 45 40 13 2	4 th Quarter <u>OND 03</u> 40 42 16 2	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 03</u> 38 45 15	1 Year Ago 3/1 - 3/04 45 40 13 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?

More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 44 40 14 2	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 43 47 9 1	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 39 43 15 3	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 45 42 11 2	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 44 41 13 2	10/4 - <u>6/04</u> 42 43 13 2
	9/7 -	8/2 -	7/5 -	6/7 -	5/3 -	4/5 -
	9/04	4/04	<u>7/04</u>	9/04	<u>5/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>
More confident	51	50	47	45	45	46
Less confident	38	38	39	41	40	39
No change (VOL)	10	11	12	12	13	12
Not sure	1	1	2	2	2	3
						1 Year
	3^{rd}	2 nd	1 st	4 th	3^{rd}	Ago
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	3/1 -
	JAS 04	<u>AMJ 04</u>	<u>JFM 04</u>	OND 03	JAS 03	<u>3/04</u>
More confident	49	46	47	43	41	48
Less confident	39	40	37	40	42	39
No change (VOL)	11	12	13	15	15	11
Not sure	1	2	3	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?

Yes No Not sure	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 34 66 -	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 39 61 -	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 41 59 -	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 38 61 1	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 40 60 -	10/4 - <u>6/04</u> 39 61 -
Yes No Not sure	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 39 61	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 40 60 -	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 41 58 1	6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 39 60 1	5/3 - <u>5/04</u> 39 61 -	4/5 - <u>7/04</u> 44 56 -
Yes No Not sure	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 41 59	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 41 59	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 43 56	4 th Quarter OND 03 44 56	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 03</u> 45 55	1 Year Ago 3/1 - <u>3/04</u> 42 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?

	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - <u>9/05</u>	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - <u>8/04</u>	11/3 - 5/04	10/4 - <u>6/04</u>
Extremely likely	9	<u>9/03</u> 6	<u>5/05</u> 6	<u>6/04</u> 7	8	6
Very likely	10	13	12	13	11	10
Somewhat likely	26	29	31	29	27	30
Not very likely	34	32	32	32	31	37
Not at all likely	20	19	18	18	22	16
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	10
Total Likely	19	19	18	20	 19	16
Total Not Likely	54	51	50	50	53	52
	9/7 -	8/2 -	7/5 -	6/7 -	5/3 -	4/5 -
	9/04	4/04	7/04	9/04	5/04	7/04
Extremely likely	7	6	6	8	8	7
Very likely	9	12	11	10	13	14
Somewhat likely	28	30	28	29	31	30
Not very likely	33	33	34	31	29	30
Not at all likely	22	18	20	21	18	17
Not sure	1	11	1	11	1	2
Total Likely	15	18	17	18	20	21
Total Not Likely	56	51	53	52	47	47
	3 rd	2 nd	1 st	4 th	3 rd	1 Year
	-		•	•	•	Ago
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	3/1 -
Extramaly likely	<u>JAS 04</u> 7	<u>AMJ 04</u>	<u>JFM 04</u> 7	OND 03 7	<u>JAS 03</u> 7	<u>3/04</u>
Extremely likely	, 11	8 12	/ 12	7 12	, 14	6 13
Very likely	28	30	29	30	32	30
Somewhat likely	26 34	30 30	29 32	30 31	32 29	30 31
Not very likely Not at all likely	3 4 19	30 19	32 19	18	29 16	19
Not sure	19	19	19	2	2	19
Total Likely	17	20	19	20	21	19
Total Not Likely	53	49	50	49	46	49

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	
50-64	
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	
3	19
4	
5	
6 or more	
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?

	INVESTORS
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
	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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

REGION:

Northeast	20 23 35 22
Urban	35
Suburban	45
Rural	20

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52