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Interviews: 1,001 adults, 865 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	19
Moderately Republican	22
Definitely Independent/neither.....	10
Moderately Democrat	28
Strongly Democrat	20
Refused/not sure	1
Total Republican	41
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 38% 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						
	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>
Right direction.....	38	40	38	44	43	46
Wrong track	56	55	58	51	52	51
Not sure	6	5	4	5	5	3
	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/3 - 5/04</u>	<u>7/5 - 7/04</u>	<u>6/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>5/3 - 5/04</u>
	40	44	39	41	40	38
	56	52	59	56	56	58
	4	4	2	3	4	4
	<u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u>	<u>4th Quarter OND 04</u>	<u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u>	<u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u>	<u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u>	1 Year Ago <u>4/5 - 7/04</u>
	41	43	42	39	44	38
	55	53	55	57	52	57
	4	4	3	4	4	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.

	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>
7, very strong economy	6	7	7	5	7	9
6	11	11	10	12	13	14
5	34	31	31	34	32	29
4	20	21	22	21	19	20
3	14	16	17	17	15	12
2	6	6	6	5	5	8
1, very weak economy	8	8	7	6	8	7
Not sure	1	-	-	-	1	1
Total 6-7	17	18	17	17	21	23
Total 1-3	28	30	30	28	28	27
Mean	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/2 - 4/04</u>	<u>7/5 - 7/04</u>	<u>6/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>5/3 - 5/04</u>
7, very strong economy	6	8	7	6	6	7
6	11	13	13	14	11	10
5	33	32	32	33	32	29
4	22	19	20	20	23	23
3	15	16	15	15	15	15
2	5	5	5	5	7	6
1, very weak economy	8	7	7	6	6	9
Not sure	-	-	1	1	-	1
Total 6-7	17	21	19	20	17	16
Total 1-3	28	28	27	26	27	31
Mean	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1
	<u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u>	<u>4th Quarter OND 04</u>	<u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u>	<u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u>	<u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u>	1 Year Ago 4/5 - 7/04
7, very strong economy	6	7	7	6	6	5
6	11	13	13	11	10	11
5	32	31	31	30	30	28
4	21	20	20	24	22	24
3	17	14	16	15	16	17
2	6	6	5	6	7	6
1, very weak economy	7	8	7	8	8	8
Not sure	-	1	1	-	1	1
Total 6-7	17	20	20	17	16	16
Total 1-3	29	28	27	29	31	30
Mean	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	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?

	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>
Much stronger.....	7	5	6	6	7	10
Somewhat stronger	21	23	21	24	24	24
About the same	54	53	57	58	54	49
Somewhat weaker	11	12	10	9	9	11
Much weaker	7	6	5	2	5	6
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	1	-
Total Stronger	28	29	27	30	31	33
Total Weaker	17	18	15	11	14	17
	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/2 - 4/04</u>	<u>7/5 - 7/04</u>	<u>6/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>5/3 - 5/04</u>
Much stronger.....	6	6	6	7	7	8
Somewhat stronger	27	29	28	27	26	21
About the same	55	53	56	52	53	56
Somewhat weaker	8	8	6	9	9	9
Much weaker	2	3	3	3	4	5
Not sure.....	2	1	1	2	1	1
Total Stronger	34	35	34	34	33	29
Total Weaker	10	11	9	12	12	14
	<u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u>	<u>4th Quarter OND 04</u>	<u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u>	<u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u>	<u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u>	1 Year Ago <u>4/5 - 7/04</u>
Much stronger.....	6	8	7	7	7	7
Somewhat stronger	23	25	28	24	29	23
About the same	56	53	54	55	53	56
Somewhat weaker	10	9	7	9	7	10
Much weaker	4	4	3	4	3	3
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Stronger	28	33	34	31	36	30
Total Weaker	15	14	11	13	10	13

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.

	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>
7, very strong	9	10	11	9	12	13
6	16	13	13	16	16	14
5	28	32	30	28	29	28
4	20	19	18	20	18	17
3	9	10	11	13	9	11
2	6	5	7	6	5	4
1, very weak	10	10	9	6	10	12
Not sure	2	1	1	2	1	1
Total 6-7	24	23	24	25	28	27
Total 1-3	25	25	27	25	24	27
<i>Mean</i>	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4
	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/2 - 4/04</u>	<u>7/5 - 7/04</u>	<u>6/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>5/3 - 5/04</u>
7, very strong	12	13	11	8	10	10
6	15	14	17	15	15	15
5	29	29	29	29	28	29
4	19	19	18	16	18	19
3	11	10	10	14	13	11
2	4	4	4	6	6	5
1, very weak	10	10	10	11	9	9
Not sure	-	1	1	1	1	2
Total 6-7	27	27	29	23	25	26
Total 1-3	25	24	23	30	28	25
<i>Mean</i>	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4
	<u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u>	<u>4th Quarter OND 04</u>	<u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u>	<u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u>	<u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u>	1 Year Ago 4/5 - 7/04
7, very strong	10	12	11	10	11	10
6	14	15	16	14	14	13
5	30	29	29	28	28	28
4	19	18	17	19	20	21
3	12	11	11	12	11	12
2	6	4	5	6	6	6
1, very weak	8	10	10	9	9	8
Not sure	1	1	1	2	1	2
Total 6-7	24	27	26	25	25	24
Total 1-3	26	25	26	26	26	26
<i>Mean</i>	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4

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?

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

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?

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

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

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

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?

	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>
More confident.....	38	41	42	41	43	43
Less confident.....	42	40	47	42	42	43
No change (VOL).....	18	17	10	15	14	13
Not sure.....	2	2	1	2	1	1
	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/2 - 4/04</u>	<u>7/5 - 7/04</u>	<u>6/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>5/3 - 5/04</u>
More confident.....	40	48	48	44	45	43
Less confident.....	44	40	41	42	42	42
No change (VOL).....	15	11	10	13	12	14
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
	<u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u>	<u>4th Quarter OND 04</u>	<u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u>	<u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u>	<u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u>	1 Year Ago <u>4/5 - 7/04</u>
More confident.....	41	42	46	43	45	41
Less confident.....	43	43	42	43	40	45
No change (VOL).....	14	14	11	13	13	13
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	2	1

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?

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

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

	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>
Yes	35	34	39	41	38	40
No.....	65	66	61	59	61	60
Not sure	-	-	-	-	1	-
	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/2 - 4/04</u>	<u>7/5 - 7/04</u>	<u>6/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>5/3 - 5/04</u>
Yes	39	39	40	41	39	39
No.....	61	61	60	58	60	61
Not sure	-	-	-	1	1	-
	<u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u>	<u>4th Quarter OND 04</u>	<u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u>	<u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u>	<u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u>	1 Year Ago <u>4/5 - 7/04</u>
Yes	38	39	41	41	43	44
No.....	62	61	59	59	56	56
Not sure	-	-	-	-	1	-

- 16b. Now look ahead at the next 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?

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

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	28
50-64	24
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	51
- Part time.....	12
Not employed	16
Retired.....	21
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	25
Some community college or university, but did not finish	23
Completed technical school or a community college	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	59
No.....	41
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	16
2	34
3	19
4	15
5	8
6 or more	7
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?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	41
Under 6.....	21
6-12	18
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	58
Refused/not sure	1

D7. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	48
No.....	50
Refused/not sure	2

(Q.D8 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D7.)

D8. 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.....	14
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	4
5 to 9 times.....	8
10 to 14 times.....	6
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	-
25 times or more	5
Refused/not sure	11
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	20

D9a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	39
No.....	59
Refused/not sure	2

D9b. 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	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	3
No religion	20
Refused/not sure	1

D10a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D10b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D10a.)

D10b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	-
Other.....	1
Refused	1

D11. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	12
Refused/not sure	18

REGION:

Northeast.....	19
Midwest	23
South	36
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	34
Suburban.....	51
Rural.....	15

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52