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**ASSOCIATED PRESS: SOCIAL SECURITY STUDY
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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.....	79
No	21
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	21
Moderately Republican	21
Definitely Independent/neither.....	8
Moderately Democrat	25
Strongly Democrat	24
Refused/not sure	1
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Total Republican	42
Total Democrat	49

* 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, 50% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 45% Republican, 49% 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>5/2- 4/05</u>	<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>
Right direction.....	36	38	40	38	44	43
Wrong track.....	59	56	55	58	51	52
Not sure.....	5	6	5	4	5	5
	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>	<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>
	46	40	44	39	41	40
	51	56	52	59	56	56
	3	4	4	2	3	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>5/3 - 5/04</u>
	41	43	42	39	44	38
	55	53	55	57	52	58
	4	4	3	4	4	4

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 *
	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04
Strongly approve	24	21	25	24	27	31
Somewhat approve	11	11	12	11	12	10
Lean toward approval	11	12	10	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings	2	1	2	1	1	2
Lean toward disapproval	13	15	13	15	13	14
Somewhat disapprove	7	6	6	7	7	4
Strongly disapprove	32	34	31	32	30	28
Not sure	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total Approve	47	44	48	45	49	51
Total Disapprove	51	54	50	54	49	47
Mean Rating¹	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1
	11/3 - 5/04	10/4 - 6/04	9/7 - 9/04	8/3 - 5/04	7/5 - 7/04	6/7 - 9/04
Strongly approve	33	31	33	30	31	27
Somewhat approve	12	9	12	10	9	12
Lean toward approval	6	8	8	9	10	9
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lean toward disapproval	9	12	11	13	11	13
Somewhat disapprove	5	6	4	5	5	7
Strongly disapprove	34	33	31	32	33	30
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	51	48	52	49	50	48
Total Disapprove	48	51	46	50	48	50
Mean Rating¹	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0
	1 st Quarter JFM 05	4 th Quarter OND 04	3 rd Quarter JAS 04	2 nd Quarter AMJ 04	1 st Quarter JFM 04	1 Year Ago 5/3 - 5/04
Strongly approve	26	32	32	27	30	27
Somewhat approve	12	10	11	11	10	11
Lean toward approval	10	8	9	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval	14	12	11	13	16	14
Somewhat disapprove	6	5	4	6	5	5
Strongly disapprove	31	32	32	31	27	30
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	47	50	51	48	50	48
Total Disapprove	51	49	48	50	47	50
Mean Rating¹	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.0

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.

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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											
5/2-4/05	18	15	10	2	12	12	31	-	43	54	3.7
4/4-6/05	16	17	8	3	11	9	35	1	42	54	3.6
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
1 st quarter JFM 05	21	15	10	2	12	10	30	-	46	52	3.8
4 th quarter OND 04	25	14	8	1	10	8	33	1	47	51	3.9
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
1 year ago 5/3-5/04	24	13	6	2	13	11	31	-	43	55	3.8

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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											
5/2-4/05	16	16	9	2	15	10	31	1	41	56	3.6
4/4-6/05	15	12	11	3	12	10	36	1	38	58	3.4
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
1 st quarter JFM 05	17	14	11	2	12	10	34	-	42	55	3.6
4 th quarter OND 04	20	16	9	2	10	8	35	-	45	53	3.7
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
1 year ago 5/3-5/04	17	16	8	2	13	9	34	1	42	55	3.6

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	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											
5/2-4/05	31	10	8	2	13	9	26	1	49	48	4.1
4/4-6/05	29	14	6	2	12	8	29	-	49	49	4.1
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
1 st quarter JFM 05	32	11	7	2	13	7	28	-	50	48	4.1
4 th quarter OND 04	36	9	8	1	11	6	29	-	53	46	4.2
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
1 year ago 5/3-5/04	32	9	10	3	15	6	25	-	50	47	4.2

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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 the situation in Iraq											
ALL ADULTS											
5/2-4/05	25	10	8	2	8	7	40	-	43	55	3.6
4/4-6/05	22	12	9	1	8	9	39	-	43	56	3.5
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
1 st quarter JFM 05	26	10	8	1	9	8	38	-	44	54	3.7
4 th quarter OND 04	30	10	8	1	8	6	37	-	48	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
1 year ago 5/3-5/04	26	10	10	3	13	4	34	-	46	51	3.9
Handling Social Security											
ALL ADULTS											
5/2-4/05	17	12	8	2	11	9	40	1	38	60	3.3
4/4-6/05	15	9	11	4	10	9	40	2	36	58	3.3
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				
	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>
Strongly approve	7	5	7	6	8
Somewhat approve	15	22	20	21	21
Lean toward approval.....	12	10	14	17	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	5	3	4
Lean toward disapproval	20	19	20	21	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	17	17	14	15	16
Strongly disapprove.....	24	22	18	16	18
Not sure.....	2	2	2	1	2
Total Approve	35	37	41	44	41
Total Disapprove	61	58	53	52	53
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7

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SOCIAL SECURITY STUDY

5. Some have said that the Social Security program in its present form will run out of money at some point to pay all of the promised benefits. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree	70
Disagree	27
Not sure	3

6. Would you personally be willing to accept reduced Social Security benefits in retirement if that meant benefits for poorer retirees would not be reduced, or not?

Yes	40
No	56
Not sure	4

7. Who do you trust more to handle the issue of Social Security?

	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>2/22- 24/05</u>
Democrats	48	43
Republicans	36	37
(NOT READ) Neither	15	16
Not sure	1	4

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	64
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	12
Not employed	17
Retired.....	19
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	9
Completed high school	23
Some community college or university, but did not finish	24
Completed technical school or a community college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	19
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	53
No.....	47
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	21
2	33
3	18
4	16
5	8
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	-

(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	37
Under 6.....	18
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	63
Refused/not sure	-

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

Yes	48
No.....	51
Refused/not sure	1

(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?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	34
1 time.....	13
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	7
5 to 9 times.....	10
10 to 14 times.....	3
15 to 19 times.....	3
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	3
Refused/not sure	7
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	20

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

Yes	40
No.....	58
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	47
Catholic	23
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	7
No religion	18
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.....	1
Other.....	-
Refused	1

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

Under \$15,000.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$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	33
Suburban.....	47
Rural.....	20

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52