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# ASSOCIATED PRESS: JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS STUDY CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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
	<b>A</b> DULTS
Yes	77
No	23
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
	<b>V</b> OTERS
Strongly Republican	19
Moderately Republican	26
Definitely Independent/neither	7
Moderately Democrat	29
Strongly Democrat	18
Refused/not sure	1
Total Republican	45
Total Democrat	47

<sup>\*</sup> 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 48% Republican, 43% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 41% Republican, 50% Democrat.

## JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS STUDY

1.	Generally speaking,	do you think that	federal judges	in this country	are too conservativ	/e, too liberal	, or about
	right?						

Too conservative	24
Too liberal	30
About right	37
Not sure	9

2. Would you like the federal judges nominated by President Bush to have political views that are...

(NOT READ) Moderate, middle of the road Not sure	6 7
Not sure  Total Conservative	/ 

3. In President Bush's second term, he may have the opportunity to appoint several new justices to the U.S. (United States) Supreme Court. How comfortable are you that George W. Bush would nominate the right kind of justices to the Supreme Court?

Total Comfortable Total Not Comfortable	52 46
Not sure	2
Not at all comfortable	32
Not too comfortable	14
Somewhat comfortable	23
Very comfortable	29

4. As you may know, the president nominates federal judges, but the appointments must be approved by the U.S. Senate. Do you think the Senate should ...

Give the president's judicial nominees the	
benefit of the doubt and approve them	
without a lot of scrutiny	18
Take an assertive role in examining each	
nominee	78
Not sure	4

5. Do you think judges usually base their decisions...

Mostly on their interpretation of the law	51
Mostly on their personal beliefs and political	
opinions	43
Not sure	6

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

NOTE:	Results for	demographic	questions	represent all	adults unless	otherwise indicated.
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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	16
Refused/not sure	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	62
- Full time	51
- Part time	11
Not employed	15
Retired	22
Refused/not sure	1

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

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	26
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Some community college or university, but	
did not finish	23
Completed technical school or a community	
college	10
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	21
	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such	
as a Master's or Ph.D	13
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	55
No	45
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	20
2	32
3	16
4	
5	9
6 or more	6
Refused/not sure	1

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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	36
Under 6	18
6-12	
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	63
Refused/not sure	1

D7a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	38
No	59
Refused/not sure	3

D7b. 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	22
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion	4
No religion	21
Refused/not sure	2

D8a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

#### (Q.D8b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D8a.)

D8b. 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

D9.	Could you please	tell me your household in	come from all sources in 2004?
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Under \$15,000	11
\$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	9
\$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	13
Refused/not sure	18

## **REGION:**

Northeast	20
Midwest	23
South	35
West	22

# **METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban	33
Suburban	49
Rural	18

# GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52