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Interview dates: June 6-8, 2005 Interviews: 1,001 adults, 854 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
	A DULTS
Yes	80
No	20
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
	V OTERS
Strongly Republican	19
Moderately Republican	21
Definitely Independent/neither	9
Moderately Democrat	25
Strongly Democrat	25
Refused/not sure	1
Total Republican	40
Total Democrat	50

^{*} 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 37% Republican, 49% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 43% Republican, 50% 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						
	6/6- <u>8/05</u>	5/2- <u>4/05</u>	4/4- <u>6/05</u>	3/7 - <u>9/05</u>	2/7 - <u>9/05</u>	1/3 - <u>5/05</u>	
Right direction	35	36	38	40	38	44	
Wrong track	59	59	56	55	58	51	
Not sure	6	5	6	5	4	5	
	12/6 - <u>8/04</u>	11/3 - <u>5/04</u>	10/4 - <u>6/04</u>	9/7 - <u>9/04</u>	8/3 - <u>5/04</u>	7/5 - <u>7/04</u>	
	43	46	40	44	39	41	
	52	51	56	52	59	56	
	5	3	4	4	2	3	
						1 Year	
	1 st	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st	Ago	
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	6/7 -	
	JFM 05	OND 04	JAS 04	AMJ 04	JFM 04	9/04	
	41	43	42	39	44	40	
	55	53	55	57	52	56	
	4	4	3	4	4	4	

CONSUMER 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.

	6/6-	5/2-	4/4-	3/7 -	2/7 -	1/3 -
	<u>8/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>6/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>
7, very strong economy	6	4	6	7	7	5
6	15	10	11	11	10	12
5	31	34	34	31	31	34
4	20	24	20	21	22	21
3	16 -	15	14	16	17	17
2	5	6	6	6	6 7	5
1, very weak economy	6 1	6 1	8 1	8 -	-	6 -
Not sure						
Total 6-7 Total 1-3	22 27	14 26	17 28	18 30	17 30	17 28
Mean	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3
	40/0	1110	10/1	0/7	0.10	- /-
	12/6 -	11/3 -	10/4 -	9/7 -	8/2 -	7/5 -
7	<u>8/04</u>	<u>5/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>9/04</u>	<u>4/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>
7, very strong economy	7	9	6	8	7	6
6	13 32	14	11 33	13	13 32	14 33
5	32 19	29 20	33 22	32 19	32 20	33 20
4 3	15	12	15	16	20 15	15
2	5	8	5	5	5	5
1, very weak economy	8	7	8	7	7	6
Not sure	1	1	-	-	1	1
Total 6-7	21	23	17	21	19	20
Total 1-3	28	23 27	28	28	27	26
	_			-		
Mean	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
						4 3 4
	1 st	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st	1 Year
	•	•	-	_	•	Ago
	Quarter JFM 05	Quarter OND 04	Quarter <u>JAS 04</u>	Quarter AMJ 04	Quarter JFM 04	6/7 - 9/04
7, very strong economy	<u>JFIVI US</u>	<u>OND 04</u> 7	<u>JAS 04</u> 7	<u>AIVIJ 04</u> 6	<u>JFIVI 04</u> 6	9/04 6
6	11	13	13	11	10	11
5	32	31	31	30	30	32
4	21	20	20	24	22	23
3	17	14	16	15	16	15
2	6	6	5	6	7	7
1, very weak economy	7	8	7	8	8	6
Not sure	-	1	1	-	1	-
Total 6-7	17	20	20	17	16	17
Total 1-3	29	28	27	29	31	27
Mean	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3
IVICUII	7.4	7.0	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.5

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?

Much stronger	6/6- <u>8/05</u> 6 18 57 14 5	5/2- 4/05 7 18 57 12 5 1	4/4- 6/05 7 21 54 11 7 -	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 5 23 53 12 6 1	2/7 - 9/05 6 21 57 10 5 1	1/3 - 5/05 6 24 58 9 2 1
Total Weaker	19	17	17	18	15	11
Much stronger	12/6 - 8/04 7 24 54 9 5	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 10 24 49 11 6	10/4 - 6/04 6 27 55 8 2 2	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 6 29 53 8 3 1	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 6 28 56 6 3 1	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 7 27 52 9 3 2
Total Stronger	31	33	34	35	34	34
Total Weaker	14	17	10	11	9	12
Much stronger	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 05</u> 6	4 th Quarter <u>OND 04</u> 8	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 7	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 7	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 7	1 Year Ago 6/7 - 9/04 7
Somewhat stronger	23	25	28	24	29	26
About the same	56	53	54	55	53	53
Somewhat weaker	10	9	7	9 4	7	9 4
Much weaker Not sure	4 1	4 1	3 1	4 1	3 1	4 1
Total Stronger	28 15	33 14	34 11	31 13	36 10	33 12

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	6/6- <u>8/05</u> 8 17 28 20 11 7 7 2	5/2- 4/05 7 15 28 19 14 6 10	4/4- 6/05 9 16 28 20 9 6 10 2	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	1/3 - 5/05 9 16 28 20 13 6 6 2
Total 6-7 Total 1-3	26 25	22 30	24 25	23 25	24 27	25 25
Mean	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5
7, very strong	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 12 16 29 18 9 5 10 1	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	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 13 14 29 19 10 4 10 1	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 11 17 29 18 10 4 10 1	7/5 - 7/04 8 15 29 16 14 6 11
Total 6-7	28 24	27 27	27 25	27 24	29 23	23 30
Mean	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3
7, very strong	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 05</u> 10 14 30 19 12 6 8	4 th Quarter OND 04 12 15 29 18 11 4 10 1	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 11 16 29 17 11 5 10	2 nd Quarter AMJ 04 10 14 28 19 12 6 9	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 11 14 28 20 11 6	1 Year Ago 6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 10 15 28 18 13 6 9
Total 6-7 Total 1-3	24 26 4.4	27 25 4.5	26 26 4.4	25 26 4.4	25 26 4.4	25 28 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?

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

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	6/6- <u>8/05</u> 33 46 20	5/2- <u>4/05</u> 33 49 17	4/4- 6/05 35 45 19	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
More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 37 44 18 1	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 32 47 20 1	10/4 - 6/04 35 48 16 1	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
More comfortable Less comfortable No change (VOL) Not sure	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 05</u> 36 46 17	4 th Quarter <u>OND 04</u> 35 46 18 1	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 40 44 15	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 38 45 16 1	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 38 42 18 2	1 Year Ago 6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 38 46 15

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

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	6/6- <u>8/05</u> 43 39 17	5/2- 4/05 42 43 13 2	4/4- 6/05 38 42 18 2	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
More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 43 42 14 1	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 43 43 13 1	10/4 - 6/04 40 44 15	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
More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 05</u> 41 43 14 2	4 th Quarter <u>OND 04</u> 42 43 14	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	1 Year Ago 6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 45 42 12

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	6/6- <u>8/05</u> 40 41 17 2	5/2- <u>4/05</u> 43 41 14 2	4/4- 6/05 38 45 15 2	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
More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	12/6 - <u>8/04</u> 45 42 11 2	11/3 - <u>5/04</u> 44 41 13 2	10/4 - 6/04 42 43 13 2	9/7 - <u>9/04</u> 51 38 10 1	8/2 - <u>4/04</u> 50 38 11 1	7/5 - <u>7/04</u> 47 39 12 2
More confident Less confident No change (VOL) Not sure	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 05</u> 42 43 13	4 th Quarter OND 04 44 42 12 2	3 rd Quarter <u>JAS 04</u> 49 39 11	2 nd Quarter <u>AMJ 04</u> 46 40 12 2	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 04</u> 47 37 13 3	1 Year Ago 6/7 - 9/04 45 41 12 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	6/6- <u>8/05</u> 32 68 -	5/2- <u>4/05</u> 32 68 -	4/4- <u>6/05</u> 35 65	3/7 - <u>9/05</u> 34 66 -	2/7 - <u>9/05</u> 39 61 -	1/3 - <u>5/05</u> 41 59 -
Yes No Not sure	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	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
Yes No Not sure	1 st Quarter <u>JFM 05</u> 38 62	4 th Quarter <u>OND 04</u> 39 61	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	1 Year Ago 6/7 - <u>9/04</u> 39 60

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?

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

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all	Il 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	27
50-64	26
65 and over	15
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	
- Full time	52
- Part time	13
Not employed	15
Retired	20
Refused/not sure	-

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

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Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, but	
did not finish	21
Completed technical school or a community	
college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such	
as a Master's or Ph.D.	17
Refused/not sure	_

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	58
No	42
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	19
2	34
3	19
4	
5	
6 or more	
Refused/not sure	1

•	c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.) 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	20
6-12	17
13-17	13
NO CHILDREN	62
Refused/not sure	1

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

Yes	54
No	44
Refused/not sure	2

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

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	31
1 time	15
2 times	15
3 times	8
4 times	6
5 to 9 times	8
10 to 14 times	5
15 to 19 times	1
20 to 24 times	1
25 times or more	2
Refused/not sure	88
Active Investors (5 times or more)	16

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

Yes	37
No	61
Refused/not sure	2

D9a.

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	21
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion	5
No religion	20
Refused/not sure	2

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	
Hispanic	
Asian	
American Indian	-
Other	-
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	7
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	14

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	23
South	36
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	33
Suburban	50
Rural	17

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52