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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.....	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 VOTERS
Strongly Republican	19
Moderately Republican	23
Definitely Independent/neither.....	7
Moderately Democrat.....	29
Strongly Democrat	22
Refused/not sure.....	-
Total Republican	42
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 40% Republican, 52% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 44% 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>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>
Right direction.....	36	35	36	38	40	38
Wrong track	59	59	59	56	55	58
Not sure	5	6	5	6	5	4
	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>	<u>12/6 - 8/04</u>	<u>11/3 - 5/04</u>	<u>10/4 - 6/04</u>	<u>9/7 - 9/04</u>	<u>8/3 - 5/04</u>
	44	43	46	40	44	39
	51	52	51	56	52	59
	5	5	3	4	4	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 7/5 - 7/04
	41	43	42	39	44	41
	55	53	55	57	52	56
	4	4	3	4	4	3

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS)

1b. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
<u>FOREIGN AFFAIRS (net)</u>	40	32
<u>War (subnet)</u>	19	18
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	13	7
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	6	10
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	10	6
Other foreign affairs issues	11	9
<u>ECONOMY (net)</u>	28	19
Unemployment, lack of jobs	10	6
Economy (unspecified)	8	8
Other economy issues	10	5
<u>DOMESTIC ISSUES (net)</u>	26	40
Morality	6	8
Political Leaders	5	5
Energy Crisis	4	5
Education	3	3
Crime/Drugs	2	2
Environment	-	1
Other Domestic Issues	6	16
<u>OTHER</u>	3	4
Nothing	1	-
Not sure	1	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						
	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05
Strongly approve	21	22	24	21	25	24
Somewhat approve.....	12	11	11	11	12	11
Lean toward approval	10	10	11	12	10	10
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	2	1	2	1
Lean toward disapproval	15	13	13	15	13	15
Somewhat disapprove	6	7	7	6	6	7
Strongly disapprove	35	35	32	34	31	32
Not sure	-	1	-	-	1	-
Total Approve	42	43	47	44	48	45
Total Disapprove	56	55	51	54	50	54
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>3.8</i>
REGISTERED VOTERS *						
	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04	11/3 - 5/04	10/4 - 6/04	9/7 - 9/04	8/3 - 5/04
Strongly approve	27	31	33	31	33	30
Somewhat approve.....	12	10	12	9	12	10
Lean toward approval	10	11	6	8	8	9
Still have mixed feelings	1	2	1	1	1	1
Lean toward disapproval	13	14	9	12	11	13
Somewhat disapprove	7	4	5	6	4	5
Strongly disapprove	30	28	34	33	31	32
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	49	51	51	48	52	49
Total Disapprove	49	47	48	51	46	50
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.0</i>
	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 7/5 - 7/04
Strongly approve	26	32	32	27	30	31
Somewhat approve.....	12	10	11	11	10	9
Lean toward approval	10	8	9	10	10	10
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	2	2	1
Lean toward disapproval	14	12	11	13	16	11
Somewhat disapprove	6	5	4	6	5	5
Strongly disapprove	31	32	32	31	27	33
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	47	50	51	48	50	50
Total Disapprove	51	49	48	50	47	48
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.0</i>

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											
7/11-13/05	19	15	8	2	14	12	30	-	42	56	3.7
6/6-8/05	20	17	6	2	11	13	30	1	43	54	3.7
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
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 7/5-7/04	29	13	7	1	10	9	31	-	49	50	4.0

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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											
7/11-13/05	15	15	11	1	15	8	34	1	42	56	3.5
6/6-8/05	17	13	10	2	10	10	37	1	40	57	3.4
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
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 7/5-7/04	20	16	10	1	10	7	36	-	46	52	3.7

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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 foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
ALL ADULTS											
7/11-13/05	31	12	8	2	15	7	25	-	51	48	4.2
6/6-8/05	29	11	6	1	13	9	30	1	45	52	3.9
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
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 7/5-7/04	37	8	7	1	10	6	31	-	51	48	4.2

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Q.3 (cont.)

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											
7/11-13/05.....	24	8	8	1	11	7	41	-	40	59	3.5
6/6-8/05	23	10	8	2	9	5	42	1	41	56	3.5
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
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 7/5-7/04	31	10	7	1	9	4	38	-	47	51	3.9
Handling Social Security											
ALL ADULTS											
7/11-13/05.....	18	8	10	2	11	11	39	1	35	61	3.3
6/6-8/05	19	11	7	2	12	9	38	2	37	59	3.4
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>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<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	5	7	6	8
Somewhat approve	14	16	15	22	20	21	21
Lean toward approval	14	10	12	10	14	17	12
Still have mixed feelings	4	3	3	3	5	3	4
Lean toward disapproval.....	19	17	20	19	20	21	19
Somewhat disapprove	19	20	17	17	14	15	16
Strongly disapprove	22	27	24	22	18	16	18
Not sure	1	2	2	2	2	1	2
Total Approve.....	35	31	35	37	41	44	41
Total Disapprove	60	64	61	58	53	52	53
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>

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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	25
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	-

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	66
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	14
Not employed	14
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	23
Some community college or university, but did not finish	24
Completed technical school or a community college	13
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	1

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	20
4	17
5	7
6 or more	6
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	17
13-17	17
NO CHILDREN	63
Refused/not sure	-

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

Yes	51
No.....	48
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.....	17
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	8
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	7
10 to 14 times.....	3
15 to 19 times.....	2
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	4
Refused/not sure	6
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	16

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

Yes	37
No.....	62
Refused/not sure	1

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	20
Mormon	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	5
No religion	23
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.....	8
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	9
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	14

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	32
Suburban.....	51
Rural.....	17

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52