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**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/AOL POL:  
GAS PRICES STUDY  
CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

***NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.***

<b>PARTY AFFILIATION</b>
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1a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.1a, Q.1b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.1a, Q.1c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.1a, Q.1d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

1b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?

1c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?

1d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Republican .....	17
Moderately Republican.....	22
Definitely Independent/neither.....	13
Moderately Democrat .....	30
Strongly Democrat.....	16
Refused/not sure .....	2
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<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>47</b>

<b>GAS PRICES</b>
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1. Do you think George W. Bush is or is not handling the nation's energy problems effectively?

	8/9- 11/05	4/18- 20/05
Is.....	32	31
Is not.....	59	62
Not sure .....	9	7

3. Over the next six months, do you expect that increases in the price of gasoline will cause financial hardship for you or your family, or not? (IF YES, ASK:) Do you expect that will be a serious hardship, or not serious?

	8/9- 11/05	4/18- 20/05	7/6- 9/04
<b>Will Cause Financial Hardship.....</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>
- Serious hardship .....	37	30	30
- Not a serious hardship .....	26	20	23
- Not sure how serious .....	1	1	1
<b>Will Not Cause Financial Hardship.....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Not sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

5. Which ONE of the following would you say deserves the most blame for higher energy prices?

	8/9- 11/05	4/18- 20/05
Oil companies that want to make too much profit.....	30	29
Foreign countries that dominate oil reserves.....	22	24
Politicians .....	21	23
Environmentalists who want to limit oil exploration.....	9	8
People who drive gas-guzzling vehicles .....	7	6
(NOT READ) Other .....	3	1
(NOT READ) No one is to blame/not a problem.....	1	1
(NOT READ) All equally .....	5	6
Not sure .....	2	2

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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**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 .....	29
50-64 .....	22
65 and over .....	18
Refused/not sure .....	-

D2. Are you employed:

<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED .....</b>	<b>64</b>
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	12
Not employed .....	16
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure .....	-

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

Grade school or some high school .....	7
Completed high school .....	27
Some college but did not finish.....	19
Completed a two year college degree .....	12
Completed a four year college degree.....	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	15
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 .....	15
4 .....	18
5 .....	8
6 or more .....	5
Refused/not sure .....	1

**(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)**

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?

<b>ANY CHILDREN – NET .....</b>	<b>37</b>
Under 6.....	20
6-12 .....	18
13-17 .....	13
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Refused/not sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>

D7a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D7b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D7a.)**

D7b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White .....	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	13
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	-
Refused .....	-

D8. 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 .....	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	8
\$100,000 or more .....	15
Refused/not sure .....	14

**REGION:**

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

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban.....	31
Suburban.....	48
Rural.....	21

**GENDER:**

Male.....	48
Female.....	52