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**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/AOL POL:  
BACK TO SCHOOL STUDY  
CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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

**PARTY AFFILIATION**

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>

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

1. Looking back at your school days, what was your favorite subject?

<b><u>Math (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>	<b><u>Vocational (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>
- Math .....	22	- Shop .....	1
- Accounting .....	1	- Home Economics .....	1
- Algebra .....	1	- Business .....	1
- Geometry .....	-	- Industrial Arts .....	-
- Calculus .....	-	- Typing .....	-
- Statistics .....	-	- Drivers Education .....	-
<b><u>English/Literature/Writing (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	- Computer .....	-
- English .....	16	- Other Vocational .....	-
- Reading .....	2	<b><u>Physical Education (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>
- Spelling .....	1	- Physical Education .....	1
- Journalism .....	1	- Gym .....	1
- Language Arts .....	1	- Recess .....	-
- Writing .....	-	<b><u>Religion/Philosophy (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
- Literature .....	-	- Philosophy .....	-
<b><u>History (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>	- Religion .....	-
- History .....	20	- Other Religion/ Philosophy .....	-
<b><u>Science (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>Foreign Languages (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
- Science .....	11	- French .....	-
- Biology .....	2	- Latin .....	-
- Physics .....	1	<b>Other .....</b>	<b>2</b>
- Chemistry .....	1	<b>None .....</b>	<b>2</b>
- Anatomy .....	-	<b>Not Sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>
- Geology .....	-		
<b><u>Social Studies (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>		
- Geography .....	2		
- Social Studies .....	1		
- Economics .....	1		
- Politics/ Political Science .....	1		
- Sociology/ Social Work .....	-		
- Psychology .....	-		
- Civics .....	-		
- Law .....	-		
- Government .....	-		
- Current Events .....	-		
- Marxism .....	-		
- Other Social Studies .....	-		
<b><u>Arts (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>		
- Art .....	4		
- Music .....	1		
- Drama/ Theater .....	-		

2. And what was the subject you hated the most?

<b><u>Math (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>	<b><u>Arts (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
- Math .....	31	- Art .....	1
- Algebra .....	3	- Band .....	-
- Geometry .....	1	- Music .....	-
- Calculus .....	1	- Drama/ Theater .....	-
- Arithmetic .....	1	<b><u>Religion/Philosophy (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
- Accounting .....	-	- Religion .....	1
- Trigonometry .....	-	- Philosophy .....	-
<b><u>English/Literature/Writing (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>Vocational (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
- English .....	16	- Shop .....	-
- Spelling .....	1	- Business .....	-
- Literature .....	1	- Typing .....	-
- Language Arts .....	1	- Home Economics .....	-
- Writing .....	-	<b>Other .....</b>	<b>1</b>
- Reading .....	-	<b>None .....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b><u>Science (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b>Not Sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>
- Science .....	8		
- Chemistry .....	3		
- Biology .....	1		
- Physics .....	1		
- Geology .....	-		
<b><u>History (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>		
- History .....	10		
<b><u>Social Studies (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>		
- Social Studies .....	2		
- Geography .....	1		
- Politics/ Political Science .....	1		
- Economics .....	-		
- Psychology .....	-		
- Sociology/ Social Work .....	-		
- Government .....	-		
- Civics .....	-		
- Law .....	-		
- Marxism .....	-		
- Other Social Studies .....	-		
<b><u>Foreign Languages (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>		
- Spanish .....	1		
- French .....	1		
- Latin .....	1		
- Foreign languages .....	1		
- German .....	-		
<b><u>Physical Education (NET)</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>		
- Physical Education .....	1		
- Gym .....	-		

3. If you had to choose, which ONE of these subjects would you say you wish you had learned more about or studied more of in school?

Foreign languages .....	23
Math.....	15
Business .....	13
History .....	13
Science.....	9
Government.....	7
English.....	6
Music .....	5
Art.....	4
Physical Education .....	2
(NOT READ) Other.....	2
(NOT READ) None .....	1
Not sure .....	-

4a. **HELD FOR LATER RELEASE**

4b. **HELD FOR LATER RELEASE**

5. In general, do you think USING A COMPUTER mostly helps or mostly hurts children's learning—or doesn't it have much effect either way?

Mostly helps .....	68
Mostly hurts.....	13
Doesn't have much effect.....	14
Not sure.....	5

6. For each of the following subjects, please tell me whether you think children today receive the right amount of education in that subject, too much education, or not enough education in the subject.

	<u>Right Amount</u>	<u>Too Much</u>	<u>Not Enough</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
The sciences like biology, chemistry and physics .....	39	3	53	5
The arts, like music and art appreciation.....	33	6	58	3
Physical education or gym class .....	40	8	49	3

**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 .....	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