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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STUDY  
CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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

**BASEBALL STUDY**

1. Are you a fan of professional baseball, or not?

	10/11- 13/05	4/1- 3/05
Yes .....	33	35
No .....	64	60
(NOT READ) Somewhat.....	4	5
Not sure .....	-	-

2. In your view, which one statement best represents the biggest problem with Major League Baseball?

	10/11- 13/05	4/1- 3/05
The players make too much money .....	29	33
Players use steroids or other performance- enhancing drugs .....	23	27
It costs too much to attend a game.....	22	22
The games are too long.....	11	8
Other.....	3	6
None .....	1	-
Not sure .....	11	4

**(ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY ARE OR ARE SOMEWHAT A FAN OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL).**

3. Which Major League Baseball team do you root for during the REGULAR season?

Anaheim/LA Angels .....	3
Arizona Diamondbacks .....	1
Atlanta Braves .....	11
Baltimore Orioles .....	2
Boston Red Sox.....	11
Chicago Cubs .....	5
Chicago White Sox .....	1
Cincinnati Reds .....	3
Cleveland Indians .....	2
Colorado Rockies .....	1
Detroit Tigers .....	3
Florida Marlins .....	2
Houston Astros .....	3
Kansas City Royals .....	1
Los Angeles Dodgers .....	3
Milwaukee Brewers .....	2
Minnesota Twins.....	3
New York Mets .....	3
New York Yankees .....	12
Oakland Athletics.....	2
Philadelphia Phillies.....	2
Pittsburgh Pirates .....	3
San Diego Padres .....	3
San Francisco Giants .....	3
Seattle Mariners .....	2
St. Louis Cardinals .....	5
Texas Rangers .....	3
Toronto Blue Jays.....	1
Washington Nationals.....	1
None .....	2
Not sure .....	1

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4. As you may know, the American League allows designated hitters to bat for pitchers, while in the National League pitchers bat themselves. Which one of these describes your view?

Both leagues should allow designated hitters.....	29
Neither league should allow designated hitters.....	40
Keep the situation as it is now, with designated hitters in the American League but not in the National League.....	30
Not sure.....	1

**(ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY ARE OR ARE SOMEWHAT A FAN OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL).**

5. Should American League and National League teams play each other during the REGULAR season, or should they play each other only during the World Series?

During regular season .....	56
Only during the World Series.....	42
Not sure .....	2

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6. Should the All-Star Game be used to determine which league's champion gets home-field advantage in the World Series, or not?

<b>Yes</b> , All-Star game should determine home-field advantage in World Series .....	41
<b>No</b> , All-Star game should not determine home-field advantage in World Series .....	56
Not sure .....	3

**(ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY ARE OR ARE SOMEWHAT A FAN OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL).**

7. Thinking about the number of players from outside the United States and Canada in Major League Baseball today, do you think there are **(RANDOMIZE TEXT)** in Major League Baseball today?

Too many players from other countries in Major League Baseball today.....	22
Not enough players from other countries in Major League Baseball today.....	10
About the right number of players from other countries in Major League Baseball today .....	59
Not sure .....	9

**(ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY ARE OR ARE SOMEWHAT A FAN OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL).**

8. How would you rate the overall quality of the umpires in Major League Baseball today?

Excellent.....	24
Good.....	56
Fair .....	17
Poor .....	1
Not sure .....	2
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<b>Total Excellent/Good .....</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Total Fair/Poor .....</b>	<b>18</b>

**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 .....	22
65 and over .....	18
Refused/not sure .....	1

D2. Are you employed:

<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED .....</b>	<b>60</b>
- Full time.....	48
- Part time.....	12
Not employed .....	17
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure .....	1

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

Grade school or some high school .....	9
Completed high school .....	23
Some college but did not finish.....	22
Completed a two year college degree .....	10
Completed a four year college degree.....	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	13
Refused/not sure .....	1

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes .....	54
No.....	46
Refused/not sure .....	-

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

1 .....	20
2 .....	33
3 .....	17
4 .....	15
5 .....	11
6 or more .....	3
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>39</b>
Under 6.....	18
6-12 .....	20
13-17 .....	17
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>60</b>
Refused/not sure .....	1

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.....	-
Other.....	-
Refused .....	1

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 .....	6
\$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 .....	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	8
\$100,000 or more .....	14
Refused/not sure .....	17

**REGION:**

Northeast.....	20
Midwest .....	22
South.....	35
West .....	23

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban .....	33
Suburban.....	47
Rural.....	20

**GENDER:**

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