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Interviews 1,001 adults, 856 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 ADULTS
Yes.....	81
No	18
Refused/not sure	1

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	13
Moderately Republican	27
Definitely Independent/neither.....	8
Moderately Democrat.....	32
Strongly Democrat	20
Refused/not sure.....	-
Total Republican	40
Total Democrat	52

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>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>
Right direction	32	33	32	28	32	37	36
Wrong track	65	64	64	66	65	59	59
Not sure	3	3	4	6	3	4	5
	<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>	1 Year Ago	
Right direction.....	35	36	38	40	38	1/3 -	5/05 44
Wrong track	59	59	56	55	58		51
Not sure	6	5	6	5	4		5

- 1b. The results to this question will be released in conjunction with a subsequent story.

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							
	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/31- 11/2/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05
Strongly approve.....	19	20	18	20	21	20	23
Somewhat approve	11	11	10	10	9	11	10
Lean toward approval	11	10	9	7	9	8	9
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	3	3	1	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	14	12	12	14	14	13
Somewhat disapprove	5	5	6	5	5	5	5
Strongly disapprove	41	38	43	42	39	40	38
Not sure	-	1	1	1	-	1	-
Total Approve.....	40	42	37	37	39	39	42
Total Disapprove.....	59	57	61	59	58	59	55
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6

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	1 Year Ago 1/3 - 5/05
Strongly approve.....	21	22	24	21	25	24	27
Somewhat approve	12	11	11	11	12	11	12
Lean toward approval	10	10	11	12	10	10	10
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	15	13	13	15	13	15	13
Somewhat disapprove	6	7	7	6	6	7	7
Strongly disapprove	35	35	32	34	31	32	30
Not sure	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Total Approve.....	42	43	47	44	48	45	49
Total Disapprove.....	56	55	51	54	50	54	49
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0

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.

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											
1/3-5/06	16	15	7	2	15	10	35	-	39	59	3.5
12/5-7/05	21	13	8	1	11	13	32	1	42	55	3.7
11/7-9/05	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3
10/3-5/05	19	14	7	1	11	12	36	-	40	58	3.5
9/6-8/05	20	14	7	1	11	13	33	1	41	57	3.6
8/1-3/05	20	13	8	2	14	11	31	1	41	56	3.6
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 year ago 1/3-5/05	23	16	9	1	12	11	28	-	47	51	3.9

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Q.3 (cont.)

Handling domestic
issues like health care,
education, the
environment and energy

	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
ALL ADULTS											
1/3-5/06	12	14	9	2	14	11	38	-	35	62	3.2
12/5-7/05	14	16	9	1	12	11	36	1	39	59	3.4
11/7-9/05	15	16	8	1	10	11	39	-	39	59	3.4
10/3-5/05	17	14	8	3	9	12	36	1	39	57	3.5
9/6-8/05	17	15	7	1	13	11	35	1	38	59	3.4
8/1-3/05	15	14	8	2	12	8	39	2	37	60	3.3
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 year ago 1/3-5/05.....	18	14	11	1	14	9	33	-	43	56	3.6

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Q.3 (cont.)

**Handling foreign policy
issues and the war on
terrorism**

	<u>Strongly Ap- prove</u>	<u>Some- what Ap- prove</u>	<u>Lean Toward Ap- proval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Disap- proval</u>	<u>Some- what Disap- prove</u>	<u>Strongly Disap- prove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Total Ap- prove</u>	<u>Total Disap- prove</u>	<u>Mean- Rating¹</u>
ALL ADULTS											
1/3-5/06.....	27	10	7	1	14	8	33	-	44	54	3.8
12/5-7/05.....	28	11	6	2	11	7	35	-	45	53	3.8
11/7-9/05.....	25	10	7	2	12	9	35	-	42	56	3.7
10/3-5/05.....	29	11	6	1	12	9	32	-	46	52	3.9
9/6-8/05.....	27	10	6	2	11	8	36	-	43	55	3.7
8/1-3/05.....	29	11	8	1	13	8	30	-	47	51	4.0
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 year ago 1/3-5/05.....	32	12	6	2	12	7	29	-	50	48	4.1

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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 the situation in Iraq											
ALL ADULTS											
1/3-5/06	23	9	7	2	10	6	43	-	39	58	3.5
12/5-7/05	25	8	8	1	9	5	44	-	41	58	3.5
11/7-9/05	21	8	7	1	8	8	46	1	37	62	3.2
10/3-5/05	21	9	7	2	8	6	47	-	37	61	3.3
9/6-8/05	22	8	7	1	8	8	46	-	37	62	3.3
8/1-3/05	22	8	8	2	10	8	41	1	38	59	3.4
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 year ago 1/3-5/05.....	24	12	8	2	8	7	39	-	44	54	3.7
Handling Social Security											
ALL ADULTS											
1/3-5/06	14	11	10	2	15	12	33	3	35	60	3.4
12/5-7/05	14	13	10	3	12	11	35	2	38	57	3.4
11/7-9/05	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	37	59	3.4
10/3-5/05	18	11	6	3	14	11	34	3	35	59	3.4
9/6-8/05	16	10	8	2	14	11	36	3	35	61	3.3
8/1-3/05	17	9	7	2	12	12	39	2	33	63	3.2
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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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						
	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05
Strongly approve	6	5	5	5	5	5	7
Somewhat approve.....	17	15	17	18	16	16	14
Lean toward approval	11	10	10	11	11	12	14
Still have mixed feelings	2	3	2	3	2	3	4
Lean toward disapproval.....	20	19	18	17	21	19	19
Somewhat disapprove	17	19	18	17	19	19	19
Strongly disapprove.....	26	27	28	27	25	24	22
Not sure	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
Total Approve	34	31	32	35	32	33	35
Total Disapprove	63	65	64	61	65	62	60
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4

	ALL ADULTS					1 Year Ago 1/3 - 5/05
	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	
Strongly approve	5	7	5	7	6	8
Somewhat approve.....	16	15	22	20	21	21
Lean toward approval	10	12	10	14	17	12
Still have mixed feelings	3	3	3	5	3	4
Lean toward disapproval.....	17	20	19	20	21	19
Somewhat disapprove	20	17	17	14	15	16
Strongly disapprove.....	27	24	22	18	16	18
Not sure	2	2	2	2	1	2
Total Approve	31	35	37	41	44	41
Total Disapprove	64	61	58	53	52	53
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7

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5. And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?

Republicans	36
Democrats	49
(DO NOT READ) Neither	12
Not sure	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	27
50-64	25
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	65
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	14
Not employed	15
Retired.....	19
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, but did not finish	22
Completed technical school or a community college	13
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	56
No.....	44
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	20
2	32
3	19
4	18
5	7
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.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	36
Under 6.....	19
6-12	18
13-17	12
NO CHILDREN	62
Refused/not sure	2

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.....	28
1 time.....	14
2 times.....	15
3 times.....	7
4 times.....	6
5 to 9 times.....	11
10 to 14 times.....	5
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	3
Refused/not sure	9
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	21

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

Yes	39
No.....	58
Refused/not sure	3

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	49
Catholic	22
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	19
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.....	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.....	15
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	3
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	6
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	16

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31
Suburban.....	52
Rural.....	17

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52