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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						
	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05
Right direction.....	30	35	32	33	32	28	32
Wrong track	67	61	65	64	64	66	65
Not sure	3	4	3	3	4	6	3
	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05	
Right direction.....	37	36	35	36	38	40	
Wrong track	59	59	59	59	56	55	
Not sure	4	5	6	5	6	5	

CONSUMER STUDY

8. Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
7, very strong economy	7	8	6	9	8	9
6	13	18	14	12	14	13
5	33	29	32	32	29	32
4	19	20	21	17	22	22
3	14	13	15	14	16	13
2	5	4	4	6	4	5
1, very weak economy	8	7	7	9	6	5
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total 6-7	20	26	21	21	22	22
Total 1-3	27	24	25	29	26	24
Mean	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
7, very strong economy	10	8	7	6	4	6
6	13	10	13	15	10	11
5	32	33	32	31	34	34
4	21	17	19	20	24	20
3	13	15	17	16	15	14
2	6	6	5	5	6	6
1, very weak economy	5	9	7	6	6	8
Not sure	-	2	-	1	1	1
Total 6-7	22	19	19	22	14	17
Total 1-3	24	29	29	27	26	28
Mean	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.3
	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05					
7, very strong economy	7					
6	11					
5	31					
4	21					
3	16					
2	6					
1, very weak economy	8					
Not sure	-					
Total 6-7	18					
Total 1-3	30					
Mean	4.2					

9. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Much stronger.....	6	7	5	7	7	6
Somewhat stronger	17	18	19	19	18	16
About the same	58	61	57	58	56	50
Somewhat weaker	13	10	13	10	13	19
Much weaker	5	3	5	5	5	8
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Stronger	23	25	24	26	25	22
Total Weaker	18	14	19	16	19	28
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
Much stronger.....	5	5	4	6	7	7
Somewhat stronger	16	18	18	18	18	21
About the same	49	56	59	57	57	54
Somewhat weaker	21	15	11	14	12	11
Much weaker	9	5	7	5	5	7
Not sure	-	1	1	-	1	-
Total Stronger	20	23	22	24	25	28
Total Weaker	30	20	18	19	17	17
	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05					
Much stronger.....	5					
Somewhat stronger	23					
About the same	53					
Somewhat weaker	12					
Much weaker	6					
Not sure.....	1					
Total Stronger	29					
Total Weaker	18					

10. Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
7, very strong	10	11	8	10	8	9
6	16	17	18	15	17	14
5	31	29	30	30	29	29
4	17	19	16	18	18	21
3	10	8	13	10	12	12
2	5	5	5	4	6	5
1, very weak	9	9	9	11	9	9
Not sure	2	2	1	2	1	1
Total 6-7	26	28	26	25	25	23
Total 1-3	23	22	27	25	27	26
<i>Mean</i>	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
7, very strong	11	8	10	8	7	9
6	17	13	14	17	15	16
5	25	30	30	28	28	28
4	20	20	19	20	19	20
3	11	10	13	11	14	9
2	6	6	5	7	6	6
1, very weak	9	12	8	7	10	10
Not sure	1	1	1	2	1	2
Total 6-7	28	21	24	26	22	24
Total 1-3	27	28	26	25	30	25
<i>Mean</i>	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3
	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05					
7, very strong	10					
6	13					
5	32					
4	19					
3	10					
2	5					
1, very weak	10					
Not sure	1					
Total 6-7	23					
Total 1-3	25					
<i>Mean</i>	4.4					

11. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Much stronger.....	15	12	13	13	13	11
Somewhat stronger	23	24	25	27	25	25
About the same	51	52	51	50	48	49
Somewhat weaker	8	8	8	6	8	10
Much weaker	2	3	2	3	4	4
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	2	1
Total Stronger	38	37	38	39	38	36
Total Weaker	10	10	11	10	13	14
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
Much stronger.....	11	9	11	12	12	11
Somewhat stronger	22	27	25	25	24	25
About the same	50	54	52	53	53	52
Somewhat weaker	11	6	9	7	7	7
Much weaker	5	3	2	2	3	4
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Stronger	34	36	36	37	36	36
Total Weaker	15	9	11	9	10	11
	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05					
Much stronger.....	10					
Somewhat stronger	27					
About the same	52					
Somewhat weaker	8					
Much weaker	2					
Not sure.....	1					
Total Stronger	36					
Total Weaker	10					

Now I'd like you to think about how your personal financial situation has changed in the past six months.

12. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
More comfortable.....	38	35	35	31	30	30
Less comfortable	44	47	46	49	50	51
No change (VOL).....	17	17	18	18	18	18
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	2	1
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
More comfortable.....	30	33	29	33	33	35
Less comfortable	54	47	51	46	49	45
No change (VOL).....	15	18	18	20	17	19
Not sure.....	1	2	2	1	1	1
	1 Year Ago					
	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>					
More comfortable.....	35					
Less comfortable	46					
No change (VOL).....	18					
Not sure.....	1					

13. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making other household purchases?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
More comfortable.....	45	43	41	40	37	35
Less comfortable	38	39	41	42	43	47
No change (VOL).....	16	17	18	17	18	17
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	2	1
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
More comfortable.....	38	42	38	39	39	42
Less comfortable	48	40	43	40	42	39
No change (VOL).....	14	17	18	20	18	18
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	1	1
	1 Year Ago					
	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>					
More comfortable.....	42					
Less comfortable	39					
No change (VOL).....	18					
Not sure.....	1					

14. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
More confident.....	41	43	37	39	36	39
Less confident.....	40	39	44	45	44	41
No change (VOL).....	17	16	17	14	18	19
Not sure.....	2	2	2	2	2	1
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
More confident.....	39	42	41	43	42	38
Less confident.....	45	40	44	39	43	42
No change (VOL).....	15	16	14	17	13	18
Not sure.....	1	2	1	1	2	2
1 Year Ago						
3/7 - 9/05						
More confident.....	41					
Less confident.....	40					
No change (VOL).....	17					
Not sure.....	2					

15. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident of your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
More confident.....	43	44	41	40	37	38
Less confident.....	40	40	42	41	45	44
No change (VOL).....	15	13	15	17	15	16
Not sure.....	2	3	2	2	3	2
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
More confident.....	39	41	39	40	43	38
Less confident.....	48	42	45	41	41	45
No change (VOL).....	11	15	13	17	14	15
Not sure.....	2	2	3	2	2	2
1 Year Ago						
3/7 - 9/05						
More confident.....	44					
Less confident.....	40					
No change (VOL).....	14					
Not sure.....	2					

16a. Thinking of the last 6 months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Yes	34	34	40	31	32	32
No.....	65	66	60	69	67	67
Not sure.....	1	-	-	-	1	1
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
Yes	36	38	38	32	32	35
No.....	64	61	62	68	68	65
Not sure.....	-	1	-	-	-	-
	1 Year Ago					
	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>					
Yes	34					
No.....	66					
Not sure.....	-					

- 16b. Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Extremely likely.....	7	8	8	8	7	7
Very likely	12	11	11	13	11	10
Somewhat likely.....	26	27	32	26	24	29
Not very likely	33	33	32	31	35	31
Not at all likely	21	20	15	21	22	21
Not sure	1	1	2	1	1	2
Total Likely.....	19	19	19	20	18	17
Total Not Likely.....	53	53	47	52	56	52
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
Extremely likely.....	7	8	6	7	6	7
Very likely	12	11	12	12	13	12
Somewhat likely.....	29	29	31	29	26	26
Not very likely	32	34	31	30	33	31
Not at all likely	18	17	18	21	21	22
Not sure	2	1	2	1	1	2
Total Likely.....	19	18	18	19	19	19
Total Not Likely.....	51	52	49	51	53	53
	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05					
Extremely likely.....	9					
Very likely	10					
Somewhat likely.....	26					
Not very likely	34					
Not at all likely	20					
Not sure.....	1					
Total Likely.....	19					
Total Not Likely.....	54					

17. Thinking about the next 30 days, do you think it will be a good time or a bad time to invest in the stock market?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<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>
Good time.....	38	46	41	43	41	34	33
Bad time	49	43	49	46	49	58	61
Not sure.....	13	11	10	11	10	8	6
	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>					
Good time.....	43	36					
Bad time	49	55					
Not sure.....	8	9					

18. Thinking of the next 30 days, do you think it will be a good time to buy real estate, such as house, vacation property or investment property?

	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<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>
Yes	42	44	39	38	42	40	39
No.....	54	52	58	59	54	57	58
Not sure.....	4	4	3	3	4	3	3
	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>					
Yes	49	48					
No.....	48	49					
Not sure.....	3	3					

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	79
No	20
Refused/not sure	1

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? *

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	29
Democrat	35
Independent	20
None of these.....	14
Not sure	2

(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	18
Moderately Republican	22
Definitely Independent/neither	8
Moderately Democrat.....	28
Strongly Democrat	22
Refused/not sure.....	2
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Total Republican	39
Total Democrat.....	51

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	30
35-49	29
50-64	24
65 and over.....	15
Refused/not sure	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	50
- Part time.....	13
Not employed	16
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure	1

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

Grade school or some high school	10
Completed high school	22
Some community college or university, but did not finish	20
Completed technical school or a community college	14
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	56
No	43
Refused/not sure	1

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

1	19
2	33
3	17
4	18
5	8
6 or more	4
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	34
Under 6.....	17
6-12	15
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN.....	64
Refused/not sure	2

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

Yes	50
No	46
Refused/not sure	4

(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.....	40
1 time.....	14
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	5
10 to 14 times.....	4
15 to 19 times.....	-
20 to 24 times.....	-
25 times or more	4
Refused/not sure	9
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	13

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

Yes	41
No	56
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	48
Catholic	21
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	5
No religion	19
Refused/not sure	3

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.....	69
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	13
Asian.....	2
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	2
Refused	2

D11. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2005?

Under \$15,000.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	4
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	23

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	33
Suburban.....	45
Rural.....	22

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female	52