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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						
	4/3- 5/06	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/3- 5/05
Right direction	28	30	35	32	33	32	28
Wrong track.....	69	67	61	65	64	64	66
Not sure	3	3	4	3	3	4	6
							1 Year Ago
	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05		4/4- 6/05
Right direction	32	37	36	35	36		38
Wrong track.....	65	59	59	59	59		56
Not sure	3	4	5	6	5		6

1b.

RESULTS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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						
	4/3- 5/06	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/31- 11/2/05
Strongly approve.....	18	18	22	19	20	18	20
Somewhat approve	8	9	11	11	11	10	10
Lean toward approval	10	10	8	11	10	9	7
Still have mixed feelings	2	2	2	1	1	1	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	12	13	12	14	12	12
Somewhat disapprove	8	7	7	5	5	6	5
Strongly disapprove	42	41	37	41	38	43	42
Not sure	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Total Approve.....	36	37	40	40	42	37	37
Total Disapprove.....	62	60	57	59	57	61	59
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4

	ALL ADULTS						
	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	1 Year Ago 4/4- 6/05
Strongly approve.....	21	20	23	21	22	24	21
Somewhat approve	9	11	10	12	11	11	11
Lean toward approval	9	8	9	10	10	11	12
Still have mixed feelings	3	1	2	1	1	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	14	13	15	13	13	15
Somewhat disapprove	5	5	5	6	7	7	6
Strongly disapprove	39	40	38	35	35	32	34
Not sure	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Total Approve.....	39	39	42	42	43	47	44
Total Disapprove.....	58	59	55	56	55	51	54
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7

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										
4/3-5/06.....	17	13	8	2	13	13	34	-	39	59	3.5
3/6-8/06.....	19	12	9	1	10	11	36	2	40	57	3.5
2/6-8/06.....	18	15	7	2	14	11	33	-	40	58	3.6
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
1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....	16	17	8	3	11	9	35	1	42	54	3.6

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Q.3 (cont.)

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

	<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											
4/3-5/06.....	13	15	9	3	10	12	38	-	37	60	3.3
3/6-8/06.....	14	15	7	1	13	8	41	1	36	62	3.3
2/6-8/06.....	16	14	9	2	13	11	35	-	39	58	3.5
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
1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....	15	12	11	3	12	10	36	1	38	58	3.4

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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											
4/3-5/06.....	26	8	6	2	11	11	36	-	40	58	3.6
3/6-8/06.....	28	10	5	1	14	8	33	1	43	55	3.8
2/6-8/06.....	30	10	7	2	13	9	28	1	47	50	4.0
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
1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....	29	14	6	2	12	8	29	-	49	49	4.1

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Q.3 (cont.)

	<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>
Handling the situation in Iraq											
ALL ADULTS											
4/3-5/06.....	22	8	6	1	8	8	47	-	35	63	3.2
3/6-8/06.....	21	10	7	2	9	7	43	1	39	58	3.4
2/6-8/06.....	24	7	7	1	10	7	43	1	38	60	3.4
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
1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....	22	12	9	1	8	9	39	-	43	56	3.5
Handling the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina											
ALL ADULTS											
4/3-5/06.....	15	14	8	3	11	10	38	1	37	59	3.4
3/6-8/06.....	20	11	9	2	13	9	35	1	40	57	3.5
11/7-9/05.....	24	12	8	2	12	8	33	1	44	53	3.8
10/3-5/05.....	26	13	8	2	13	9	28	1	48	49	4.0
9/16-18/05.....	24	11	11	2	13	7	31	1	46	51	3.9
9/6-8/05.....	27	12	7	1	10	7	35	1	46	52	3.8

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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						
	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<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>
Strongly approve.....	4	4	5	6	5	5	5
Somewhat approve.....	15	15	19	17	15	17	18
Lean toward approval	11	11	12	11	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings	3	2	2	2	3	2	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	17	20	17	20	19	18	17
Somewhat disapprove	17	18	18	17	19	18	17
Strongly disapprove	33	28	26	26	27	28	27
Not sure	-	2	1	1	2	2	2
Total Approve.....	30	31	35	34	31	32	35
Total Disapprove.....	67	66	61	63	65	64	61
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3

	ALL ADULTS						1 Year Ago
	<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>
Strongly approve.....	5	5	7	5	7		5
Somewhat approve.....	16	16	14	16	15		22
Lean toward approval	11	12	14	10	12		10
Still have mixed feelings	2	3	4	3	3		3
Lean toward disapproval.....	21	19	19	17	20		19
Somewhat disapprove	19	19	19	20	17		17
Strongly disapprove	25	24	22	27	24		22
Not sure	1	2	1	2	2		2
Total Approve.....	32	33	35	31	35		37
Total Disapprove.....	65	62	60	64	61		58
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4		3.5

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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?

	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>
Republicans	33	36	37	36
Democrats	49	47	47	49
(DO NOT READ) Neither	15	13	13	12
Not sure	3	4	3	3

6. Who do you trust to do a better job of protecting the country?

Democrats	41
Republicans.....	41
Both equally (VOL)	4
Neither (VOL)	11
Not sure	3

7. Who do you trust to do a better job of handling the situation in Iraq?

Democrats	42
Republicans.....	39
Both equally (VOL)	3
Neither (VOL)	12
Not sure	4

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	84
No	16
Refused/not sure.....	-

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	26
Democrat.....	31
Independent	34
None of these.....	8
Not sure.....	1

(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	14
Moderately Republican.....	26
Definitely Independent/neither.....	9
Moderately Democrat.....	32
Strongly Democrat.....	18
Refused/not sure.....	1
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Total Republican	40
Total Democrat	50

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	24
65 and over.....	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED.....	64
- Full time.....	47
- Part time	17
Not employed	13
Retired	22
Refused/not sure	1

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

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	23
Some community college or university, but did not finish.....	21
Completed technical school or a community college	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	15
Refused/not sure	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	57
No	42
Refused/not sure	1

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

1	17
2	33
3	18
4	18
5	9
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	39
Under 6.....	21
6-12	17
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN.....	60
Refused/not sure	1

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

Yes	51
No	47
Refused/not sure	2

(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.....	33
1 time.....	15
2 times.....	16
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	3
5 to 9 times.....	8
10 to 14 times.....	4
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more.....	4
Refused/not sure	9
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	18

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

Yes	38
No	60
Refused/not sure	2

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	45
Catholic.....	23
Mormon	1
Jewish.....	1
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	23
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.....	69
Black	11
Hispanic	13
Asian.....	3
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	2
Refused	1

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

Under \$15,000.....	14
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	16

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	30
Suburban.....	49
Rural.....	21

GENDER:

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