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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?

	<u>5/1- 3/06</u>	<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>
Right direction.....	23	28	30	35	32	33	32	28
Wrong track	73	69	67	61	65	64	64	66
Not sure	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	6
	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>		High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>5/1- 3/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>5/2- 4/05</u>
Right direction.....	32	37	36	35		68	23	36
Wrong track	65	59	59	59		29	73	59
Not sure	3	4	5	6		3	4	5

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?

	<u>5/1- 3/06</u>	<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>10/31- 11/2/05</u>
Strongly approve.....	15	18	18	22	19	20	18	20
Somewhat approve.....	7	8	9	11	11	11	10	10
Lean toward approval.....	10	10	10	8	11	10	9	7
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	12	13	12	14	12	12
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	8	7	7	5	5	6	5
Strongly disapprove.....	46	42	41	37	41	38	43	42
Not sure.....	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Total Approve.....	33	36	37	40	40	42	37	37
Total Disapprove.....	65	62	60	57	59	57	61	59
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4
	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	High <u>1/4- 21/02</u>	Low <u>5/1- 3/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>5/2- 4/05</u>
Strongly approve.....	21	20	23	21	22	54	15	24
Somewhat approve.....	9	11	10	12	11	16	7	11
Lean toward approval.....	9	8	9	10	10	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	14	13	15	13	11	14	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	5	5	5	6	7	2	6	7
Strongly disapprove.....	39	40	38	35	35	5	46	32
Not sure.....	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total Approve.....	39	39	42	42	43	80	33	47
Total Disapprove.....	58	59	55	56	55	18	65	51
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	5.7	3.1	3.8

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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?

	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Dis-approve</u>	<u>Mean-Rating¹</u>
Handling the economy											
5/1-3/06.....	17	11	9	2	11	15	35	-	37	61	3.4
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
11/7-9/05.....	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3
1 Year Ago											
5/2-4/05.....	18	15	10	2	12	12	31	-	43	54	3.7
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
5/1-3/06.....	13	14	9	3	9	9	42	1	36	60	3.2
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
1/3-5/06.....	12	14	9	2	14	11	38	-	35	62	3.2
1 Year Ago											
5/2-4/05.....	16	16	9	2	15	10	31	1	41	56	3.6

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
5/1-3/06.....	24	11	9	2	12	8	34	-	43	54	3.7
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
4/3-5/06.....	26	8	6	2	11	11	36	-	40	58	3.6
1 Year Ago											
5/2-4/05.....	31	10	8	2	13	9	26	1	49	48	4.1
Handling the situation in Iraq											
5/1-3/06.....	18	10	9	2	9	6	45	1	37	60	3.3
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
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
4/3-5/06.....	22	8	6	1	8	8	47	-	35	63	3.2
1 Year Ago											
5/2-4/05.....	25	10	8	2	8	7	40	-	43	55	3.6

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Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling gas prices											
5/1-3/06.....	8	8	7	2	10	9	55	1	23	74	2.5
11/7-9/05.....	14	10	5	2	10	11	47	1	29	69	2.9
10/3-5/05.....	10	10	8	3	9	9	50	1	28	67	2.8
9/16-18/05.....	12	9	8	2	14	9	44	2	30	67	3.0
9/6-8/05.....	12	9	6	2	11	8	51	1	27	70	2.8
High											
9/16-18/05.....	12	9	8	2	14	9	44	2	30	67	3.0
Low											
5/1-3/06.....	8	8	7	2	10	9	55	1	23	74	2.5

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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?

	5/1-3/06	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
Strongly approve.....	2	4	4	5	6	5	5	5
Somewhat approve.....	12	15	15	19	17	15	17	18
Lean toward approval.....	11	11	11	12	11	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	19	17	20	17	20	19	18	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	18	17	18	18	17	19	18	17
Strongly disapprove.....	34	33	28	26	26	27	28	27
Not sure.....	1	-	2	1	1	2	2	2
Total Approve.....	25	30	31	35	34	31	32	35
Total Disapprove.....	71	67	66	61	63	65	64	61
Mean Rating¹.....	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3

	9/6-8/05	8/1-3/05	7/11-13/05	6/6-8/05	High 2/7-9/05	Low 5/1-3/06	1 Year Ago 5/2-4/05
Strongly approve.....	5	5	7	5	6	2	7
Somewhat approve.....	16	16	14	16	21	12	15
Lean toward approval.....	11	12	14	10	17	11	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	4	3	3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	21	19	19	17	21	19	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	19	19	20	15	18	17
Strongly disapprove.....	25	24	22	27	16	34	24
Not sure.....	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Total Approve.....	32	33	35	31	44	25	35
Total Disapprove.....	65	62	60	64	52	71	61
Mean Rating¹.....	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.8	2.8	3.4

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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>5/1- 3/06</u>	<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	34	33	36	37	36
Democrats.....	51	49	47	47	49
(DO NOT READ) Neither	13	15	13	13	12
Not sure	2	3	4	3	3

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	82
No	18
Refused/not sure.....	-

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	28
Democrat.....	34
Independent	25
None of these.....	12
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	15
Moderately Republican.....	26
Definitely Independent/neither.....	8
Moderately Democrat.....	28
Strongly Democrat.....	22
Refused/not sure.....	1
Total Republican	41
Total Democrat	50

3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate or conservative?

	ALL ADULTS
Liberal	21
Moderate.....	33
Conservative.....	42
Refused	4

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	26
65 and over.....	14
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED.....	62
- Full time.....	51
- Part time	12
Not employed	16
Retired	21
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, but did not finish.....	23
Completed technical school or a community college	12
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	59
No	40
Refused/not sure	1

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

1	17
2	34
3	20
4	16
5	9
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	39
Under 6.....	21
6-12	18
13-17	15
NO CHILDREN.....	60
Refused/not sure	1

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

Yes	49
No	49
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.....	32
1 time.....	13
2 times.....	14
3 times.....	11
4 times.....	6
5 to 9 times.....	6
10 to 14 times.....	4
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	-
25 times or more.....	3
Refused/not sure	10
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	14

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

Yes	37
No	60
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.....	24
Mormon	1
Jewish.....	1
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	5
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.....	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.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	18

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	32
Suburban.....	49
Rural.....	19

GENDER:

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