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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

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>8/7- 9-06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<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>
Right direction	26	30	26	23	28	30	35	32
Wrong track	71	67	70	73	69	67	61	65
Not sure	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	3
	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>		High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>5/1- 3/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>8/1-3/05</u>
Right direction	33	32	28	32		68	23	37
Wrong track	64	64	66	65		29	73	59
Not sure	3	4	6	3		3	4	4

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?

	8/7- 9-06	7/10- 12/06	6/5- 7/06	5/1- 3/06	4/3- 5/06	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06
Strongly approve	16	18	15	15	18	18	22	19
Somewhat approve	10	9	8	7	8	9	11	11
Lean toward approval	7	9	11	10	10	10	8	11
Still have mixed feelings	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
Lean toward disapproval	14	12	16	14	12	12	13	12
Somewhat disapprove	7	8	5	6	8	7	7	5
Strongly disapprove	44	43	42	46	42	41	37	41
Not sure	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Total Approve.....	33	36	35	33	36	37	40	40
Total Disapprove.....	64	63	63	65	62	60	57	59
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>
	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/31- 11/2/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05	High 1/4- 21/02	Low 5/1- 3/06	1 Year Ago 8/1-3/05
Strongly approve	20	18	20	21	20	54	15	23
Somewhat approve	11	10	10	9	11	16	7	10
Lean toward approval	10	9	7	9	8	10	10	9
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval	14	12	12	14	14	11	14	13
Somewhat disapprove	5	6	5	5	5	2	6	5
Strongly disapprove	38	43	42	39	40	5	46	38
Not sure	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total Approve.....	42	37	37	39	39	80	33	42
Total Disapprove.....	57	61	59	58	59	18	65	55
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.6</i>

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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>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Disapproval</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Disapprove</u>	<u>Mean-Rating¹</u>
Handling the economy											
8/7-9/06.....	16	14	7	1	13	11	38	-	37	61	3.4
7/10-12/06.....	17	13	8	1	12	11	37	1	38	60	3.4
6/5-7/06.....	18	14	7	2	14	10	35	-	38	60	3.5
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
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											
8/1-3/05.....	20	13	8	2	14	11	31	1	41	56	3.6
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
8/7-9/06.....	11	14	9	1	9	11	45	-	34	64	3.1
7/10-12/06.....	14	13	9	1	14	9	39	1	36	62	3.3
6/5-7/06.....	12	17	9	2	11	9	40	-	38	60	3.3
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
8/7-9/06.....	11	14	9	1	9	11	45	-	34	64	3.1
1 Year Ago											
8/1-3/05.....	15	14	8	2	12	8	39	2	37	60	3.3

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Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly <u>Approve</u>	Some- what <u>Approve</u>	Lean Toward <u>Approval</u>	Still Have Mixed <u>Feelings</u>	Lean Toward Dis- <u>approval</u>	Some- what Dis- <u>approve</u>	Strongly Dis- <u>approve</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	Total <u>Approve</u>	Total Dis- <u>approve</u>	<i>Mean- Rating¹</i>
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
8/7-9/06.....	23	10	7	1	13	7	39	-	40	58	3.5
7/10-12/06.....	27	11	7	2	12	9	32	-	44	53	3.8
6/5-7/06.....	23	10	5	2	13	9	37	1	39	59	3.5
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
6/5-7/06.....	23	10	5	2	13	9	37	1	39	59	3.5
1 Year Ago											
8/1-3/05.....	29	11	8	1	13	8	30	-	47	51	4.0
Handling the situation in Iraq											
8/7-9/06.....	18	8	7	2	8	8	49	-	33	65	3.0
7/10-12/06.....	20	11	7	1	8	7	44	2	38	59	3.4
6/5-7/06.....	17	9	7	2	8	7	49	1	33	64	3.1
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
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
8/7-9/06.....	18	8	7	2	8	8	49	-	33	65	3.0
1 Year Ago											
8/1-3/05.....	22	8	8	2	10	8	41	1	38	59	3.4

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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?

	<u>8/7- 9-06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<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>
Strongly approve.....	3	5	5	2	4	4	5	6
Somewhat approve.....	16	12	12	12	15	15	19	17
Lean toward approval.....	10	10	7	11	11	11	12	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	23	16	20	19	17	20	17	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	15	22	22	18	17	18	18	17
Strongly disapprove.....	30	31	31	34	33	28	26	26
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	1
Total Approve.....	29	27	24	25	30	31	35	34
Total Disapprove.....	69	68	73	71	67	66	61	63
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>
	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>9/6- 8/05</u>		High <u>2/7- 9/05</u>	Low <u>6/5- 7/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>8/1-3/05</u>
Strongly approve.....	5	5	5	5		6	5	5
Somewhat approve.....	15	17	18	16		21	12	16
Lean toward approval.....	10	10	11	11		17	7	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	2	3	2		3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	19	18	17	21		21	20	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	18	17	19		15	22	19
Strongly disapprove.....	27	28	27	25		16	31	24
Not sure.....	2	2	2	1		1	-	2
Total Approve.....	31	32	35	32		44	24	33
Total Disapprove.....	65	64	61	65		52	73	62
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.2</i>		<i>3.8</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>3.3</i>

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CONGRESSIONAL VOTE STUDY

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	81
No	18
Refused/not sure.....	1

1a. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives were held today, would you vote for the **(ROTATE)** Democratic or Republican candidate in your congressional district?

REGISTERED VOTERS	8/7- 9/06	7/10- 12/06
Democratic Candidate.....	51	47
Lean Democratic	4	3
Lean Republican	5	4
Republican Candidate.....	32	36
Other Candidate (VOL)	1	3
Undecided (VOL)	5	4
None/Will not vote (VOL).....	1	2
Not sure.....	1	1
Total Democratic Candidate.....	55	51
Total Republican Candidate	37	40

[ASKED OF THOSE WHO WILL VOTE FOR EITHER THE DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE]

1b. In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

REGISTERED VOTERS	8/7- 9/06	7/10- 12/06
Definitely will vote for Democratic candidate.....	25	23
Probably will vote for Democratic candidate.....	18	15
Could change mind (Democrat)	18	17
Definitely will vote for Republican candidate.....	14	17
Probably will vote for Republican candidate.....	11	12
Could change mind (Republican)	13	13
Not sure.....	1	3

2. Will your vote for Congress be at least in part to **(RANDOMIZE** - show opposition to President Bush, show support for President Bush), or will President Bush not be a factor in your vote for Congress?

	<u>8/7- 9/06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>		
Show opposition to President Bush	29	20
Show support for President Bush	12	15
President Bush will not be a factor	56	63
Not sure	3	2

(ASKED OF ALL ADULTS)

3. No matter how you will vote in November, if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?

	<u>8/7- 9/06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u> ¹	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<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	33	36	32	34	33	36	37	36
Democrats	52	53	52	51	49	47	47	49
(DO NOT READ) Neither	10	7	12	13	15	13	13	12
Not sure	5	4	4	2	3	4	3	3

¹ Prior to July 2006, question was phrased as "And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?"

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	27
Democrat.....	35
Independent	24
None of these.....	13
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	16
Moderately Republican.....	23
Definitely Independent/neither.....	7
Moderately Democrat.....	32
Strongly Democrat.....	21
Refused/not sure.....	1
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Total Republican	39
Total Democrat	53

3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE", ASK:) Would you say you are very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	ALL ADULTS
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate.....	35
Somewhat conservative.....	24
Very conservative	11
Refused	4
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Total Liberal.....	26
Total Conservative.....	35

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	25
65 and over.....	15
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED.....	61
- Full time.....	49
- Part time	13
Not employed	15
Retired	23
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.....	22
Completed technical school or a community college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	15
Refused/not sure	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	55
No	44
Refused/not sure	1

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

1	17
2	36
3	17
4	18
5	6
6 or more	5
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	37
Under 6.....	18
6-12	17
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN.....	62
Refused/not sure	1

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.....	36
1 time.....	14
2 times.....	12
3 times.....	7
4 times.....	7
5 to 9 times.....	7
10 to 14 times.....	4
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	2
25 times or more.....	3
Refused/not sure	7
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	17

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

Yes	34
No	64
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	42
Catholic.....	23
Mormon	2
Jewish.....	2
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	25
Refused/not sure	1

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	1
Refused	2

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

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	8
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	6
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	15
Refused/not sure	13

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	31
Suburban	49
Rural	20

GENDER:

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