



**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-AOL BLACK VOICES POLL
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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>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Right direction | 15% | 16% | 17% |
| Wrong track | 81% | 80% | 80% |
| Not sure / Refused | 4% | 4% | 3% |

- 1b. What is the most important problem facing the black community today?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Economy issues (net) | 34% | 36% | 36% |
| Unemployment / Finding jobs / Jobs | 21% | 24% | 23% |
| Poverty | 6% | 4% | 4% |
| Economy (unspecified) | 5% | 6% | 6% |
| Poor wages / Minimum wage | 1% | 2% | 3% |
| Housing | - | 1% | - |
| Job security | - | - | - |
| Other economy issues | - | - | - |
| Crime (Net) | 16% | 16% | 14% |
| Crime (unspecified) | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| Violence (unspecified) | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| Murders / Lots of murder | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| Gangs | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Black on black violence | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Other crime mentions | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Education (Net) | 9% | 8% | 10% |
| Education (unspecified) | 7% | 6% | 10% |
| Better schools | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Low graduation rate | 1% | 1% | - |
| Other education mentions | 1% | - | - |
| Drugs | 8% | 8% | 8% |
| Health issues (net) | 5% | 3% | 3% |
| AIDS | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Health care | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Racism/ discrimination / Prejudice | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| War / Iraq | 1% | 2% | 3% |
| Housing | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Young mothers / Having kids at a young age | - | - | - |
| Other | 14% | 15% | 16% |
| Nothing | 2% | 2% | - |
| (DK/NS) | 6% | 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?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly approve | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Somewhat approve | 3% | 2% | 2% |
| Lean toward approval | 5% | 4% | 4% |
| Still have mixed feelings | 1% | 2% | - |
| Lean toward disapproval | 17% | 18% | 16% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 8% | 7% | 6% |
| Strongly disapprove | 61% | 62% | 67% |
| Not sure | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Total Approve | 11% | 11% | 10% |
| Total Disapprove | 86% | 87% | 89% |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> ¹ | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 |

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.

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>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly approve | 4% | 5% | 4% |
| Somewhat approve | 8% | 7% | 5% |
| Lean toward approval | 5% | 5% | 6% |
| Still have mixed feelings | 2% | 3% | 1% |
| Lean toward disapproval | 23% | 21% | 20% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 18% | 20% | 17% |
| Strongly disapprove | 38% | 38% | 46% |
| Not sure | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Total Approve | 17% | 17% | 15% |
| Total Disapprove | 79% | 79% | 83% |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> ¹ | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 |

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.

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|---------------------------|
| LIKELY VOTER STUDY |
|---------------------------|

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

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Yes | 78% | 100% | 100% |
| No | 22% | - | - |
| Refused | - | - | - |

[REMAINING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]

B. How often would you say you vote? **(READ LIST)**

| | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Always | 65% | 77% |
| Nearly always ... | 15% | 13% |
| Part of the time . | 12% | 7% |
| Seldom..... | 5% | 3% |
| Never | 3% | - |
| Refused | - | - |

1a. Sometimes things come up and people are not able to vote. In the 2004 election for President, did you happen to vote?

| | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Yes..... | 85% | 90% |
| No | 14% | 10% |
| Refused | 1% | - |

[ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT VOTE IN THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]

1b. Why not?

| | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Not registered, too busy, something came up | 31% | 44% |
| Too young to vote at the time | 9% | 12% |
| Did not live in state/district at the time | 2% | - |
| Other (specify) | 58% | 44% |

2. On November 7th, the Congressional elections will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the upcoming Congressional election? You can use any number between 1 and 10, to indicate how strongly you feel about your likelihood to vote.

| | REGISTERED VOTERS | LIKELY VOTERS |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10, completely certain you will vote | 69% | 84% |
| 9 | 5% | 4% |
| 8 | 6% | 4% |
| 7 | 4% | 2% |
| 6 | 2% | 2% |
| 5 | 7% | 1% |
| 4 | 1% | - |
| 3 | 1% | - |
| 2 | 1% | - |
| 1, completely certain you will NOT vote..... | 3% | 2% |
| Refused..... | 1% | 1% |
| Total likely (8-10) | 79% | 92% |
| Total not likely (1-3) | 20% | 8% |

3. How much interest do you have in following news about the upcoming Congressional election? A great deal, quite a bit, only some, very little, or no interest at all?

| | REGISTERED VOTERS | LIKELY VOTERS |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A great deal | 42% | 62% |
| Quite a bit | 25% | 38% |
| Only some | 19% | - |
| Very little | 10% | - |
| No interest at all..... | 4% | - |
| Refused | - | - |
| Total Great deal/quite a bit..... | 66% | 100% |
| Total very little/none..... | 14% | - |

- 4a. Have you already voted in the upcoming November Congressional election by going to an early voting location or by mailing in an early voting or absentee ballot or not?

ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY VOTED

- 4b. Do you plan to vote early or will you vote on election day?

| | REGISTERED VOTERS | LIKELY VOTERS |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total voting early (net) | 24% | 26% |
| -Already voted | 14% | 14% |
| -Will vote early..... | 10% | 12% |
| Will vote on election day | 72% | 73% |
| Will not vote | 2% | - |
| DK/NS | 2% | 1% |

5. Do you happen to know where people in your neighborhood go to vote, or not?

| | REGISTERED VOTERS | LIKELY VOTERS |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes..... | 75% | 100% |
| No | 24% | - |
| Refused | 1% | - |

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE STUDY

[ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]

- 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?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Democratic Candidate | 79% | 79% | 83% |
| Lean Democratic | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| Lean Republican | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Republican Candidate | 10% | 10% | 8% |
| Other Candidate (VOL)..... | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Undecided (VOL)..... | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| None/Will not vote (VOL)..... | 1% | 1% | - |
| Not sure | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Total Democratic Candidate | 82% | 82% | 85% |
| Total Republican Candidate | 11% | 11% | 9% |

[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?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Definitely will vote for Democratic candidate..... | 56% | 56% | 62% |
| Probably will vote for Democratic candidate..... | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Could change mind (Democrat)..... | 15% | 15% | 12% |
| Definitely will vote for Republican candidate..... | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Probably will vote for Republican candidate..... | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Could change mind (Republican) | 4% | 4% | 2% |
| Not sure | 1% | 1% | - |

[ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]

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>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Show opposition to President Bush | 28% | 28% | 30% |
| Show support for President Bush | 7% | 7% | 6% |
| President Bush will not be a factor | 59% | 59% | 61% |
| Not sure | 6% | 6% | 3% |

(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>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Democrats | 80% | 82% | 87% |
| Republicans..... | 10% | 9% | 7% |
| (DO NOT READ) Neither..... | 5% | 4% | 2% |
| Not sure..... | 5% | 5% | 4% |

ELECTION ISSUES STUDY

1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally? For each issue, please tell me if it is extremely important, very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not at all important to you personally. How important to you personally is...

TABLE RANKED BY % TOTAL EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT AMONG ALL ADULTS

| | <u>EXTREMELY</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> | <u>VERY</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> | <u>MODER-</u> <u>ATELY</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> | <u>SLIGHTLY</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> | <u>NOT AT ALL</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> | <u>NOT SURE /</u> <u>REFUSED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> <u>EXTREMELY</u> <u>/VERY</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> <u>SLIGHTLY /</u> <u>NOT AT ALL</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| The economy | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 39 | 49 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 88 | 6 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 39 | 50 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 89 | 5 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 47 | 47 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 3 |
| Health care | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 49 | 46 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 2 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 48 | 46 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 3 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 52 | 42 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 94 | 2 |
| The situation in Iraq | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 41 | 42 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 83 | 8 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 42 | 43 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 85 | 7 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 46 | 43 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 89 | 4 |
| Terrorism | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 41 | 43 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 84 | 8 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 41 | 43 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 84 | 6 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 42 | 42 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 84 | 6 |
| Social Security | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 42 | 46 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 88 | 6 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 44 | 46 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 90 | 4 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 47 | 42 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 89 | 3 |
| Taxes | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 35 | 48 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 83 | 7 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 35 | 48 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 84 | 7 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 41 | 44 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 85 | 5 |
| Political corruption | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 30 | 40 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 71 | 16 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 32 | 41 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 72 | 12 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 32 | 44 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 76 | 10 |
| Gas prices | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 39 | 44 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 83 | 9 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 39 | 43 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 82 | 10 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 43 | 44 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 87 | 6 |
| Immigration | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 21 | 34 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 55 | 25 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 21 | 33 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 55 | 26 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 25 | 34 | 16 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 59 | 25 |
| Same-sex marriage | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 18 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 41 | 1 | 36 | 52 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 19 | 19 | 11 | 12 | 37 | 2 | 39 | 49 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 20 | 20 | 12 | 12 | 35 | 1 | 40 | 47 |

2. And who do you trust to do a better job of handling ...

| | <u>DEMOCRATS</u> | <u>REPUBLICANS</u> | <u>(NOT READ) BOTH EQUALLY</u> | <u>(NOT READ) NEITHER</u> | <u>NOT SURE / REFUSED</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| The economy | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 76 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 78 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 83 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Health care | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 76 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 79 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 83 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| The situation in Iraq | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 77 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 78 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 82 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Terrorism | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 67 | 17 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 68 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 69 | 18 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Social Security | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 76 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 80 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 84 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Taxes | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 75 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 78 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 81 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Political corruption | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 68 | 10 | 15 | 3 | 4 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 69 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 3 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 72 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 3 |
| Gas prices | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 75 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 78 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 81 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Immigration | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 68 | 19 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 69 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 71 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| Same-sex marriage | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | 55 | 24 | 11 | 2 | 8 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS..... | 56 | 25 | 10 | 2 | 7 |
| LIKELY VOTERS | 57 | 25 | 11 | 2 | 5 |

3. Which comes closest to your feelings about the Bush administration?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Enthusiastic | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| Satisfied, but not enthusiastic..... | 10% | 11% | 7% |
| Dissatisfied, but not angry | 47% | 48% | 49% |
| Angry | 37% | 37% | 39% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 2% | 1% | - |

4. Which comes closest to your feelings about the Republican leadership in Congress?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enthusiastic | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Satisfied, but not enthusiastic | 16% | 18% | 12% |
| Dissatisfied, but not angry | 54% | 53% | 58% |
| Angry | 24% | 24% | 24% |
| Not sure / Refused | 2% | 1% | 1% |

5. Which comes closest to your feelings about the Democratic leadership in Congress?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enthusiastic | 12% | 12% | 11% |
| Satisfied, but not enthusiastic | 42% | 40% | 42% |
| Dissatisfied, but not angry | 37% | 39% | 40% |
| Angry | 7% | 7% | 6% |
| Not sure / Refused | 2% | 2% | 1% |

6. Do you think your individual vote makes a difference, or not?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Yes | 74% | 78% | 86% |
| No | 24% | 20% | 13% |
| Not sure / Refused | 2% | 2% | 1% |

7. How confident are you that the votes in your state will be counted accurately?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Very confident | 31% | 34% | 35% |
| Somewhat confident | 41% | 42% | 46% |
| Not very confident | 15% | 14% | 12% |
| Not at all confident | 12% | 9% | 7% |
| Not sure / Refused | 1% | 1% | - |

8. Thinking about times when you have voted or tried to vote in the past, have you ever encountered any problems while trying to vote, or not?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED</u> <u>VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY</u> <u>VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Yes | 9% | 9% | 10% |
| No | 90% | 91% | 90% |
| Not sure / Refused | 1% | - | - |

[IF "YES" TO Qu. 8, ASK Qu. 8a; OTHERWISE, SKIP TO Qu. 9.]

8a. What kind of problems have you encountered? (PROBE:) What others? (PROBE FOR SPECIFICS. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE.)

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Problems voting at specific location (Net) | 38% | 42% | 47% |
| Name didn't show up / Couldn't find name | 24% | 28% | 41% |
| Told wasn't registered because recently moved | 5% | 5% | 2% |
| Change in polling place / Not notified about change | 4% | 2% | 3% |
| Other 'problems voting at specific location' mentions | 5% | 7% | 1% |
| Problems with polling place (Net) | 18% | 18% | 12% |
| Long lines | 5% | 6% | 8% |
| Not staffed sufficiently / Staff not helpful / Staff weren't able to figure out problems | 5% | 6% | 2% |
| Lack of privacy | 4% | - | - |
| Other 'problems with polling place' mentions | 5% | 6% | 3% |
| Problems with the ballots (Net) | 14% | 13% | 11% |
| Ballots were not clearly identified for candidate and what party | 5% | 7% | 2% |
| Vote didn't come out correctly / Did not enter the candidate I voted for | 3% | 4% | 6% |
| Other 'ballot problem' mentions | 6% | 2% | 3% |
| Problems with machines (Net) | 8% | 10% | 11% |
| Voting machines didn't work | 5% | 7% | 11% |
| Had to use paper ballots | 2% | 2% | - |
| Other voting machine problems | 1% | 1% | - |
| Didn't have the time / didn't have time to vote / Getting there on time | 4% | 5% | 3% |
| Had trouble physically getting to the polls / Have no transportation | - | - | 1% |
| Other | 17% | 12% | 14% |

9. If a black candidate is on the ballot, in general are you ...

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| More likely to vote for that candidate | 14% | 13% | 14% |
| Less likely to vote for that candidate | 2% | 2% | 3% |
| Or does it not make a difference? | 83% | 84% | 82% |
| Not sure / Refused | 1% | 1% | 1% |

10. How important will recent disclosures of corruption and scandal in Congress be to your vote in November?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Extremely important..... | 24% | 25% | 30% |
| Very important | 36% | 36% | 35% |
| Moderately important..... | 14% | 13% | 14% |
| Slightly important..... | 14% | 15% | 13% |
| Not at all important | 11% | 10% | 7% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 1% | 1% | 1% |

11. All in all, thinking about how things have gone in Iraq since the United States went to war there in March, 2003, do you think the United States...

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Made the right decision in going to war in Iraq | 14% | 12% | 12% |
| Made a mistake in going to war in Iraq | 82% | 83% | 85% |
| Not sure / Refused | 4% | 5% | 3% |

12. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly favor | 11% | 12% | 12% |
| Somewhat favor..... | 12% | 12% | 14% |
| Somewhat oppose..... | 17% | 17% | 19% |
| Strongly oppose | 51% | 49% | 45% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 9% | 10% | 10% |

13. And when it comes to the problems facing the black community today, how good a job is the U.S. Congress doing in handling those problems? Would you say it is doing a good job or a poor job? Would you say a very (good/poor) job or a somewhat (good/poor) job?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very good job | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| Somewhat good job..... | 18% | 19% | 18% |
| Somewhat poor job..... | 31% | 32% | 31% |
| Very poor job | 44% | 43% | 46% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 3% | 2% | 2% |

14. Are the problems facing the black community due mostly to what white people have done to blacks, or are they more a result of what black people have failed to do for themselves?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mostly to what white people have done to blacks | 13% | 14% | 14% |
| What black people have failed to do for themselves | 54% | 52% | 51% |
| (DO NOT READ) Both equally | 24% | 24% | 25% |
| Not sure / Refused | 9% | 10% | 10% |

15. How confident are you that the federal government would help you if you were a victim of a major disaster?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very confident | 13% | 12% | 10% |
| Somewhat confident..... | 26% | 27% | 26% |
| Not too confident | 33% | 33% | 33% |
| Not at all confident..... | 27% | 27% | 30% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 1% | 1% | 1% |

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q16 AND Q17.]

16. Do you think the Democratic Party is really trying to reach out to black voters in this election, or not?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes | 71% | 74% | 71% |
| No..... | 24% | 23% | 26% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 5% | 3% | 3% |

17. Do you think the Republican Party is really trying to reach out to black voters in this election, or not?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yes | 43% | 44% | 35% |
| No..... | 52% | 52% | 61% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 5% | 4% | 4% |

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q18 AND Q19.]

18. Overall, do you think the Democratic Party has done a good job or a poor job in representing the interests of the black community? Would you say a very (good/poor) job or a somewhat (good/poor) job?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very good job | 18% | 20% | 21% |
| Somewhat good job..... | 46% | 46% | 44% |
| Somewhat poor job..... | 25% | 24% | 25% |
| Very poor job | 9% | 8% | 8% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 2% | 2% | 2% |

19. Overall, do you think the Republican Party has done a good job or a poor job in representing the interests of the black community? Would you say a very (good/poor) job or a somewhat (good/poor) job?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very good job | 5% | 5% | 3% |
| Somewhat good job..... | 20% | 19% | 13% |
| Somewhat poor job..... | 31% | 31% | 32% |
| Very poor job | 41% | 42% | 49% |
| Not sure / Refused..... | 3% | 3% | 3% |

20. Which comes closest to your view?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| The leaders of the Democratic Party work hard to ensure the continued support of the black community | 51% | 51% | 47% |
| The leaders of the Democratic Party take the black vote for granted | 41% | 42% | 47% |
| Not sure / Refused | 8% | 7% | 6% |

21. Which comes closest to your view?

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Participating in politics can help bring about changes in society | 75% | 77% | 83% |
| Participating in politics can't really change anything | 22% | 20% | 13% |
| Not sure / Refused | 3% | 3% | 4% |

22. Which of the following best describes how you feel about the likely outcome of the upcoming Congressional elections? Are you...

| | <u>ALL</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| More optimistic than usual | 30% | 30% | 38% |
| About as optimistic as usual | 33% | 34% | 32% |
| Less optimistic than usual | 35% | 34% | 29% |
| Not sure / Refused | 2% | 2% | 1% |

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

| | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Republican | 5% | 3% |
| Democrat | 62% | 64% |
| Independent | 20% | 20% |
| None of these..... | 12% | 12% |
| Not sure | 1% | 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?

| | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly Republican | 3% | 1% |
| Moderately Republican | 2% | 2% |
| Lean Republican | 6% | 4% |
| Definitely Independent/neither | 5% | 4% |
| Lean Democrat | 21% | 23% |
| Moderately Democrat..... | 14% | 13% |
| Strongly Democrat | 48% | 52% |
| Refused/not sure..... | 1% | 1% |
| Total Republican | 11% | 8% |
| Total Democrat | 83% | 87% |

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 | 36% |
| 35-49 | 28% |
| 50-64 | 21% |
| 65 and over..... | 14% |
| Refused/not sure | 1% |

D2. Are you employed:

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| TOTAL EMPLOYED..... | 56% |
| - Full time | 47% |
| - Part time | 9% |
| Not employed | 24% |
| Retired | 20% |
| Refused/not sure | - |

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

| | |
|--|-----|
| Grade school or some high school | 16% |
| Completed high school | 45% |
| Some community college or university, but did not finish..... | 14% |
| Completed technical school or a community college | 10% |
| Completed a university or Bachelor's degree | 9% |
| Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. | 6% |
| Refused/not sure | - |

D4. Are you currently married?

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 36% |
| No | 64% |
| Refused/not sure | - |

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

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| 1..... | 22% |
| 2..... | 25% |
| 3..... | 20% |
| 4..... | 16% |
| 5..... | 8% |
| 6 or more | 9% |
| Refused/not sure | - |

(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 | 42% |
| Under 6..... | 23% |
| 6-12 | 23% |
| 13-17 | 17% |
| NO CHILDREN..... | 58% |
| Refused/not sure | 0 |

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

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 27% |
| No | 71% |
| 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?

| | INVESTORS |
|--|------------------|
| None | 37% |
| 1 time..... | 15% |
| 2 times | 12% |
| 3 times | 6% |
| 4 times | 7% |
| 5 to 9 times | 11% |
| 10 to 14 times | 2% |
| 15 to 19 times | 1% |
| 20 to 24 times | 1% |
| 25 times or more..... | 2% |
| Refused/not sure | 6% |
| Active Investors (5 times or more)..... | 16% |

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

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 59% |
| No | 39% |
| 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 | 60% |
| Catholic..... | 9% |
| Mormon | 0% |
| Jewish..... | 1% |
| Muslim | 2% |
| Other non-Christian religion..... | 6% |
| No religion | 21% |
| Refused/not sure | 1% |

D9c. How often do you attend religious services?

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week | 23% |
| Once a week..... | 21% |

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| A few times a month | 23% |
| A few times a year | 23% |
| Never | 9% |
| Refused | 1% |

D10. 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)?

| | <u>ALL ADULTS</u> | <u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Very liberal | 8% | 9% | 10% |
| Somewhat liberal | 18% | 19% | 17% |
| Moderate | 36% | 35% | 37% |
| Somewhat conservative | 17% | 16% | 18% |
| Very conservative | 15% | 15% | 13% |
| Refused | 6% | 6% | 5% |
| Total Liberal | 27% | 28% | 27% |
| Total Conservative | 32% | 31% | 31% |

[ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS INDICATING THEY VOTED IN THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]

D11. In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for...?

| | <u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u> | <u>LIKELY VOTERS</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| George W. Bush, the Republican..... | 10% | 8% |
| John Kerry, the Democrat | 78% | 80% |
| Ralph Nader, the Independent candidate | 4% | 3% |
| Refused, not sure who voted for | 3% | 3% |
| Too young to vote at the time..... | - | - |
| Refused..... | 5% | 6% |

D12a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D10c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D10a.)

D12b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| White..... | 0% |
| Black | 97% |
| Hispanic | 3% |
| Asian | 0% |
| American Indian | 0% |
| Other | 0% |
| Refused | 0% |

D13. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2005?

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Under \$15,000 | 23% |
| \$15,000 to less than \$20,000 | 9% |
| \$20,000 to less than \$25,000 | 4% |
| \$25,000 to less than \$30,000 | 5% |
| \$30,000 to less than \$40,000 | 14% |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000 | 9% |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 | 14% |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 | 5% |
| \$100,000 or more | 7% |
| Refused/not sure | 10% |

REGION:

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast | 18% |
| Midwest | 18% |
| South | 54% |
| West | 10% |

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Urban..... | 54% |
| Suburban | 18% |
| Rural | 13% |

GENDER:

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Male..... | 45% |
| Female..... | 55% |