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POLITICAL STUDY

NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

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>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>10/20- 25/06</u>	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	<u>9/11- 13/06</u>	<u>8/7- 9-06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<u>5/1- 3/06</u>
Right direction.....	34	29	31	33	26	30	26	23
Wrong track	61	66	64	63	71	67	70	73
Not sure	5	5	5	4	3	3	4	4
	<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>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>5/1- 3/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>11/7- 9/05</u>
Right direction.....	28	30	35	32	33	68	23	32
Wrong track	69	67	61	65	64	29	73	64
Not sure	3	3	4	3	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?

			<u>10/20-25/06</u>			<u>10/2-4/06</u>			
	<u>11/13-15/06</u>		<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	
Strongly approve.....	16		19	20	23	19	21	25	
Somewhat approve.....	10		8	8	7	10	9	7	
Lean toward approval	10		10	9	8	8	8	7	
Still have mixed feelings	1		2	2	1	2	2	2	
Lean toward disapproval.....	13		13	12	9	12	10	9	
Somewhat disapprove	7		5	5	4	6	6	5	
Strongly disapprove	42		42	44	48	42	43	45	
Not sure	1		1	-	-	1	1	-	
Total Approve.....	36		37	37	38	38	38	39	
Total Disapprove.....	62		61	61	61	59	59	58	
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.2</i>		<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	
			<u>9/11-13/06</u>						
			<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>8/7-9-06</u>	<u>7/10-12/06</u>	<u>6/5-7/06</u>	<u>5/1-3/06</u>
Strongly approve.....		19	21	24	16	18	15	15	
Somewhat approve.....		9	9	8	10	9	8	7	
Lean toward approval		11	11	9	7	9	11	10	
Still have mixed feelings		1	1	-	2	1	2	2	
Lean toward disapproval.....		15	14	14	14	12	16	14	
Somewhat disapprove		8	7	4	7	8	5	6	
Strongly disapprove		37	37	41	44	43	42	46	
Not sure		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Total Approve.....		39	41	40	33	36	35	33	
Total Disapprove.....		60	57	59	64	63	63	65	
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>		<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.1</i>	
						1 Year Ago			
						High	Low	11/7-	
						1/4-21/02	5/1-3/06	9/05	
Strongly approve.....	4/3-5/06	3/6-8/06	2/6-8/06	1/3-5/06	12/5-7/05	54	15	18	
Somewhat approve.....	8	9	11	11	11	16	7	10	
Lean toward approval	10	10	8	11	10	10	10	9	
Still have mixed feelings	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	12	13	12	14	11	14	12	
Somewhat disapprove	8	7	7	5	5	2	6	6	
Strongly disapprove	42	41	37	41	38	5	46	43	
Not sure	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Total Approve.....	36	37	40	40	42	80	33	37	
Total Disapprove.....	62	60	57	59	57	18	65	61	
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.3</i>	

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?

Handling the economy	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
11/13-15/06.....	24	12	7	1	15	10	30	1	43	55	3.8
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	19	13	8	2	14	11	33	-	40	58	3.6
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	21	12	6	2	13	11	35	-	40	58	3.6
10/2-4/06 (LV)	26	11	6	2	11	10	34	-	42	56	3.7
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	18	13	8	1	14	11	34	1	39	60	3.5
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	20	13	8	1	13	10	35	-	41	58	3.6
9/11-13/06 (LV)	23	11	6	1	11	10	38	-	40	59	3.5
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
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											
11/7-9/05.....	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3

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.

*Asked only of Registered Voters

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 domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
11/13-15/06.....	13	15	8	1	13	11	38	1	36	62	3.3
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	15	13	8	3	13	10	38	-	36	61	3.3
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	16	12	8	2	12	10	40	-	36	62	3.3
10/2-4/06 (LV)	17	12	8	2	11	7	43	-	37	61	3.3
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	14	14	8	1	14	9	39	1	36	62	3.3
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	16	12	9	1	13	9	40	-	36	62	3.3
9/11-13/06 (LV)	16	13	7	-	13	7	44	-	35	64	3.2
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
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											
11/7-9/05.....	15	16	8	1	10	11	39	-	39	59	3.4

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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											
11/13-15/06.....	23	12	5	1	10	9	39	1	40	58	3.6
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	25	10	7	1	11	8	37	1	42	56	3.6
10/2-4/06 (RV)	25	10	6	2	11	8	38	-	42	56	3.6
10/2-4/06 (LV)	29	9	5	1	10	7	39	-	43	56	3.7
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	27	10	7	2	13	9	32	-	44	54	3.8
9/11-13/06 (RV)	30	10	7	1	12	8	32	-	46	53	3.9
9/11-13/06 (LV)	32	9	5	1	11	5	37	-	47	53	3.9
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
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											
11/7-9/05.....	25	10	7	2	12	9	35	-	42	56	3.7

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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 the situation in Iraq											
11/13-15/06.....	15	10	7	2	8	9	48	1	31	66	3.0
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	19	9	8	2	8	9	45	-	36	62	3.2
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	21	9	7	1	8	8	46	-	37	62	3.2
10/2-4/06 (LV)	23	8	6	1	5	7	50	-	37	61	3.2
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	20	9	9	1	9	8	44	-	38	61	3.3
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	22	9	9	-	10	7	43	-	40	59	3.4
9/11-13/06 (LV)	25	7	9	1	8	4	46	-	41	58	3.4
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
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
11-13-15/06.....	15	10	7	2	8	9	48	1	31	66	3.0
1 Year Ago											
11/7-9/05.....	21	8	7	1	8	8	46	1	37	62	3.2

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.
*Asked only of Registered Voters

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?

	11/13-15/06		10/20-25/06			10/2-4/06		
			ALL	REGIS-TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	ALL	REGIS-TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
Strongly approve	4		3	3	4	4	4	4
Somewhat approve	13		11	9	9	12	10	10
Lean toward approval.....	9		11	10	10	11	10	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2		2	3	2	3	3	2
Lean toward disapproval	20		20	19	18	19	19	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	17		16	16	19	16	17	17
Strongly disapprove.....	33		36	39	43	34	36	39
Not sure.....	2		1	1	-	1	1	-
Total Approve	26		25	23	23	27	25	24
Total Disapprove	70		72	74	75	69	72	73
Mean Rating¹	2.9		2.8	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.7
9/11-13/06								
	ALL	REGIS-TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	8/7-9/06	7/10-12/06	6/5-7/06	5/1-3/06	4/3-5/06
Strongly approve	6	5	3	3	5	5	2	4
Somewhat approve	13	12	11	16	12	12	12	15
Lean toward approval.....	10	10	9	10	10	7	11	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval	20	19	18	23	16	20	19	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	17	16	15	22	22	18	17
Strongly disapprove.....	32	35	41	30	31	31	34	33
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
Total Approve	29	27	23	29	27	24	25	30
Total Disapprove	68	70	75	69	68	73	71	67
Mean Rating¹	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.0
		3/6-8/06	2/6-8/06	1/3-5/06	12/5-7/05	High 2/7-9/05	Low 6/5-7/06	1 Year Ago 11/7-9/05
Strongly approve		4	5	6	5	6	5	18
Somewhat approve		15	19	17	15	21	12	10
Lean toward approval.....		11	12	11	10	17	7	9
Still have mixed feelings.....		2	2	2	3	3	3	1
Lean toward disapproval		20	17	20	19	21	20	12
Somewhat disapprove.....		18	18	17	19	15	22	6
Strongly disapprove.....		28	26	26	27	16	31	43
Not sure.....		2	1	1	2	1	-	1
Total Approve		31	35	34	31	44	24	37
Total Disapprove		66	61	63	65	52	73	61
Mean Rating¹		3.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.8	2.9	3.3

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

A. 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	27
Democrat.....	34
Independent	27
None of these.....	11
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.....	12
Lean Republican	12
Definitely Independent/neither.....	8
Lean Democrat.....	18
Moderately Democrat.....	12
Strongly Democrat.....	22
Refused/not sure.....	1
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Total Republican	39
Total Democrat	52

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	7
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate.....	31
Somewhat conservative.....	26
Very conservative	15
Refused	5
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Total Liberal.....	23
Total Conservative.....	41

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	27
50-64	26
65 and over.....	15
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED.....	65
- Full time.....	53
- Part time	12
Not employed	14
Retired	20
Refused/not sure	1

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

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	21
Some community college or university, but did not finish.....	21
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.	16
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	20
2	35
3	17
4	16
5	7
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	36
Under 6.....	19
6-12	18
13-17	11
NO CHILDREN.....	63
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.....	35
1 time.....	18
2 times.....	10
3 times.....	7
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	7
10 to 14 times	5
15 to 19 times	1
20 to 24 times	1
25 times or more.....	2
Refused/not sure	9
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	16

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

Yes	37
No	62
Refused/not sure	1

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.....	23
Mormon	1
Jewish.....	1
Muslim	--
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	22
Refused/not sure	1

D12a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D12c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)

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

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White.....	69
Black	11
Hispanic	11
Asian.....	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	2
Refused	2

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

Under \$15,000.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	15

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	31
Suburban	48
Rural	21

GENDER:

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