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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>7/9- 11/07</u>		<u>6/4- 6/07</u>	<u>5/7- 9/07</u>	<u>4/2- 4/07</u>	<u>3/5- 7/07</u>	<u>2/5- 7/07</u>	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>
Right direction	26		21	25	27	29	28	29	28
Wrong track.....	69		75	71	70	68	68	66	67
Not sure.....	5		4	4	3	3	4	5	5
	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	<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>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>6/4- 6/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>7/10- 12/06</u>
Right direction	28	34	29	31	33	26	68	21	30
Wrong track.....	68	61	66	64	63	71	29	75	67
Not sure.....	4	5	5	5	4	3	3	4	3

1b. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

[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?

	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>			<u>6/4- 6/07</u>	<u>5/7- 9/07</u>	<u>4/2- 4/07</u>	<u>3/5- 7/07</u>	<u>2/5- 7/07</u>	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	
Strongly approve.....	14			14	17	16	17	15	16	
Somewhat approve.....	8			9	7	8	10	8	10	
Lean toward approval.....	10			9	11	10	8	9	10	
Still have mixed feelings.....	1			1	3	3	1	3	2	
Lean toward disapproval.....	15			12	11	14	16	13	12	
Somewhat disapprove.....	6			6	6	6	6	8	7	
Strongly disapprove.....	45			48	44	43	42	43	42	
Not sure.....	1			1	1	-	-	1	1	
Total Approve.....	33			32	35	35	35	32	36	
Total Disapprove.....	65			66	61	62	65	65	61	
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1			3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	
				<u>10/20-25/06</u>			<u>10/2-4/06</u>			
	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED <u>VOTERS</u>	LIKELY <u>VOTERS</u>	<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED <u>VOTERS</u>	LIKELY <u>VOTERS</u>	
Strongly approve.....	14	14	16	19	20	23	19	21	25	
Somewhat approve.....	10	9	10	8	8	7	10	9	7	
Lean toward approval.....	8	10	10	10	9	8	8	8	7	
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	4	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	
Lean toward disapproval.....	15	13	13	13	12	9	12	10	9	
Somewhat disapprove.....	8	6	7	5	5	4	6	6	5	
Strongly disapprove.....	42	44	42	42	44	48	42	43	45	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	
Total Approve.....	32	33	36	37	37	38	38	38	39	
Total Disapprove.....	65	64	62	61	61	61	59	59	58	
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	
				<u>9/11-13/06</u>					1 Year Ago	
				<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED <u>VOTERS</u>	LIKELY <u>VOTERS</u>	<u>8/7- 9-06</u>	High <u>1/4- 21/02</u>	Low <u>6/4- 6/07</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>
Strongly approve.....				19	21	24	16	54	14	18
Somewhat approve.....				9	9	8	10	16	9	9
Lean toward approval.....				11	11	9	7	10	9	9
Still have mixed feelings.....				1	1	-	2	2	1	1
Lean toward disapproval.....				15	14	14	14	11	12	12
Somewhat disapprove.....				8	7	4	7	2	6	8
Strongly disapprove.....				37	37	41	44	5	48	43
Not sure.....				-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total Approve.....				39	41	40	33	80	32	36
Total Disapprove.....				60	57	59	64	18	66	63
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹				3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2	5.7	3.0	3.2

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
7/9-11/07.....	18	13	6	2	13	11	36	1	37	60	3.4
6/4-6/07.....	16	14	7	3	13	11	35	1	37	59	3.4
5/7-9/07.....	18	14	9	2	13	9	34	1	41	56	3.6
4/2-4/07.....	20	12	6	2	14	13	33	-	38	60	3.5
3/5-7/07.....	20	13	8	1	15	10	32	1	41	57	3.6
2/5-7/07.....	20	15	8	2	14	11	30	-	42	55	3.7
1/8-10/07.....	20	16	7	1	16	10	29	1	43	55	3.8
12/4-6/06.....	18	14	6	3	16	12	31	-	38	58	3.6
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
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 7/10-12/06.....	17	13	8	1	12	11	37	1	38	60	3.4

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.

*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											
7/9 -11/07.....	15	11	7	2	13	11	40	1	33	64	3.2
6/4-6/07.....	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1
5/7-9/07.....	13	13	8	3	12	9	41	1	35	62	3.2
4/2-4/07.....	13	14	7	3	12	9	42	-	34	63	3.2
3/5-7/07.....	13	14	9	2	14	12	35	1	37	61	3.4
2/5-7/07.....	11	14	10	3	12	11	38	1	35	61	3.2
1/8-10/07.....	13	14	11	2	12	11	36	1	38	59	3.3
12/4-6/06.....	13	14	7	2	15	12	37	-	33	64	3.2
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
6/4-6/07.....	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1
1 Year Ago											
7/10-12/06.....	14	13	9	1	14	9	39	1	36	62	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											
7/9-11/07.....	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	3.4
6/4-6/07.....	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	3.3
5/7-9/07.....	23	10	8	2	12	6	39	-	41	57	3.5
4/2-4/07.....	23	8	6	2	13	8	39	1	37	60	3.4
3/5-7/07.....	22	9	7	1	12	8	41	-	38	61	3.4
2/5-7/07.....	21	9	7	2	14	8	39	-	36	61	3.4
1/8-10/07.....	22	10	5	1	15	9	36	2	37	60	3.5
12/4-6/06.....	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*.....	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
<u>Low</u>											
12/4-6/06.....	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
<u>1 Year Ago</u>											
7/10-12/06.....	27	11	7	2	12	9	32	-	44	53	3.8

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Q3. (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											
7/9-11/07.....	14	9	8	1	10	6	51	1	31	67	2.9
6/4-6/07.....	14	7	7	2	7	8	54	1	28	69	2.8
5/7-9/07.....	17	9	8	2	7	7	50	-	33	64	3.0
4/2-4/07.....	19	8	6	3	9	6	49	-	33	64	3.1
3/5-7/07.....	16	8	8	1	11	8	48	-	32	66	3.0
2/5-7/07.....	16	6	8	3	9	7	51	-	30	67	2.9
1/16-18/07.....	17	6	9	2	14	4	48	-	32	65	3.1
1/8-10/07.....	13	9	7	2	11	9	48	1	29	68	2.9
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8
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
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8
1 Year Ago											
7/10-12/06.....	20	11	7	1	8	7	44	2	38	59	3.4

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*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?

	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>				<u>5/7- 9/07</u>	<u>4/2- 4/07</u>	<u>3/5- 7/07</u>	<u>2/5- 7/07</u>	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	
Strongly approve	4				6	9	4	5	5	
Somewhat approve	11				15	15	15	14	14	
Lean toward approval.....	10				14	16	14	15	15	
Still have mixed feelings.....	3				4	2	3	6	5	
Lean toward disapproval	15				18	16	21	19	19	
Somewhat disapprove.....	19				13	15	16	16	16	
Strongly disapprove.....	36				29	26	26	23	25	
Not sure.....	2				1	1	1	2	1	
Total Approve	24				35	40	33	34	34	
Total Disapprove	70				60	57	63	58	60	
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>2.8</i>				<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.3</i>	
	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>ALL</u>	<u>10/20-25/06</u>		<u>10/2-4/06</u>			
					REGIS- TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	
Strongly approve	4	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	
Somewhat approve	17	13	13	11	9	9	12	10	10	
Lean toward approval.....	11	9	9	11	10	10	11	10	11	
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	
Lean toward disapproval	23	19	20	20	19	18	19	19	17	
Somewhat disapprove.....	15	17	17	16	16	19	16	17	17	
Strongly disapprove.....	23	32	33	36	39	43	34	36	39	
Not sure.....	3	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Total Approve	32	27	26	25	23	23	27	25	24	
Total Disapprove	62	67	70	72	74	75	69	72	73	
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.7</i>	
					<u>9/11-13/06</u>			1 Year Ago		
				<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	<u>8/7- 9-06</u>	High <u>2/7- 9/05</u>	Low <u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>
Strongly approve				6	5	3	3	6	5	5
Somewhat approve				13	12	11	16	21	12	12
Lean toward approval.....				10	10	9	10	17	7	10
Still have mixed feelings.....				2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval				20	19	18	23	21	20	16
Somewhat disapprove.....				16	17	16	15	15	22	22
Strongly disapprove.....				32	35	41	30	16	31	31
Not sure.....				1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Total Approve				29	27	23	29	44	24	27
Total Disapprove				68	70	75	69	52	73	68
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>				<i>3.1</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>3.0</i>

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	77
No	23
Refused/not sure.....	-

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	ALL ADULTS
Republican	24
Democrat.....	31
Independent	23
None of these.....	20
Not sure.....	2

(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?

	ALL ADULTS
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican.....	11
Lean Republican	11
Definitely Independent/neither.....	16
Lean Democrat.....	16
Moderately Democrat.....	11
Strongly Democrat.....	20
Refused/not sure.....	2
Total Republican	34
Total Democrat	48

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	8
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate.....	33
Somewhat conservative	22
Very conservative	16
Refused	5
Total Liberal.....	24
Total Conservative.....	37

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	25
50-64	27
65+	16
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	66
- Full time	50
- Part time	16
Not employed	12
Retired	21
(DK/NS)	1

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

Grade school or some high school	10
Completed high school	23
Some community college or university, did not finish	21
Completed technical school or a community college	10
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	23
Completed a post- graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	12
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	61
No	38
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	17
2	27
3	19
4	20
5	10
6+	6
(DK/NS)	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)	41
Under 6	23
6-12	21
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	57
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	33
Any children 6 to 17	30

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

Yes	52
No	46
(DK/NS)	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?

None	36
1 time	15
2 times	14
3 times	5
4 times	7
5 to 9 times	6
10 to 14 times	4
15 to 19 times	-
20 to 24 times	-
25 times or more	3
(DK/NS)	10
Active Investors (5 times or more)	14

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

Yes	41
No	56
(DK/NS)	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	43
Catholic	27
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Some other religion	3
None	20
(DK/NS)	3

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	13
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American	
Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	2
(DK/NS)	1

D13. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2006?

Under \$15,000	13
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
(DK/NS)	17

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	36
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31
Suburban	52
Rural	17

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	42
More than once a week	14
Once a week	28
Less than once a week (Net)	37
A few times a month	17
A few times a year	19
Never	20
(DK/NS)	2