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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>10/1- 3/07</u>		<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	<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>
Right direction	26		28	27	26	21	25	27	29
Wrong track.....	70		67	68	69	75	71	70	68
Not sure.....	4		5	5	5	4	4	3	3
	<u>2/5- 7/07</u>	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>10/20- 25/06</u>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>6/4- 6/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
Right direction	28	29	28	28	34	29	68	21	31
Wrong track.....	68	66	67	68	61	66	29	75	64
Not sure.....	4	5	5	4	5	5	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>10/1- 3/07</u>				<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>	<u>6/4- 6/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	12				14	15	14	14
Somewhat approve.....	9				9	9	8	9
Lean toward approval.....	10				11	11	10	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	2				2	2	1	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	12				15	14	15	12
Somewhat disapprove.....	9				7	7	6	6
Strongly disapprove.....	45				42	42	45	48
Not sure.....	1				-	-	1	1
Total Approve.....	31				33	35	33	32
Total Disapprove.....	66				64	62	65	66
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	3.0				3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0
	<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>	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	
Strongly approve.....	17	16	17	15	16	14	14	
Somewhat approve.....	7	8	10	8	10	10	9	
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	8	9	10	8	10	
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	1	3	2	2	4	
Lean toward disapproval.....	11	14	16	13	12	15	13	
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	6	6	8	7	8	6	
Strongly disapprove.....	44	43	42	43	42	42	44	
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	
Total Approve.....	35	35	35	32	36	32	33	
Total Disapprove.....	61	62	65	65	61	65	64	
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	
	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>10/20-25/06</u>			1 Year Ago			
		<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	High <u>1/4- 21/02</u>	Low <u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	
Strongly approve.....	16	19	20	23	54	12	19	
Somewhat approve.....	10	8	8	7	16	9	10	
Lean toward approval.....	10	10	9	8	10	10	8	
Still have mixed feelings.....	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	
Lean toward disapproval.....	13	13	12	9	11	12	12	
Somewhat disapprove.....	7	5	5	4	2	9	6	
Strongly disapprove.....	42	42	44	48	5	45	42	
Not sure.....	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	
Total Approve.....	36	37	37	38	80	31	38	
Total Disapprove.....	62	61	61	61	18	66	59	
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	5.7	3.0	3.4	

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
10/1-3/07.....	15	13	5	2	15	15	34	1	34	64	3.3
9/10-12/07.....	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	37	60	3.4
8/6-8/07.....	20	13	8	2	11	15	31	-	41	57	3.6
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
10/1-3/07.....	15	13	5	2	15	15	34	1	34	64	3.3
1 Year Ago											
10/2-4/06.....	19	13	8	2	14	11	33	-	40	58	3.6

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											
<i>10/1-3/07.....</i>	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
9/10-12/07.....	12	15	8	3	10	12	39	1	35	62	3.2
8/6 -8/07.....	13	15	8	2	12	11	38	1	36	61	3.3
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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
<u>Low</u>											
10/1-3/07.....	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
<u>1 Year Ago</u>											
10/2-4/06.....	15	13	8	3	13	10	38	-	36	61	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											
10/1-3/07.....	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	36	62	3.3
9/10-12/07.....	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	40	57	3.5
8/6-8/07.....	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	38	60	3.5
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
12/4-6/06.....	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
1 Year Ago											
10/2-4/06.....	25	10	7	1	11	8	37	1	42	56	3.6

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

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											
10/1-3/07.....	15	8	6	2	9	9	51	-	29	68	2.9
9/10-12/07.....	17	7	9	2	7	9	49	-	33	65	3.0
8/6-8/07.....	15	9	9	1	8	11	47	-	32	66	3.0
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
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											
10/2-4/06.....	19	9	8	2	8	9	45	-	36	62	3.2

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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>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/11- 13/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>	<u>5/7- 9/07</u>	<u>4/2- 4/07</u>
Strongly approve	4	3	5	4	6	9
Somewhat approve	10	11	9	11	15	15
Lean toward approval.....	8	12	11	10	14	16
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	3	3	3	4	2
Lean toward disapproval	24	20	21	15	18	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	17	17	19	13	15
Strongly disapprove	30	33	33	36	29	26
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	1
Total Approve	22	26	25	24	35	40
Total Disapprove	73	71	72	70	60	57
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.5
	<u>3/5- 7/07</u>	<u>2/5- 7/07</u>	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
Strongly approve	4	5	5	4	5	4
Somewhat approve	15	14	14	17	13	13
Lean toward approval.....	14	15	15	11	9	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	6	5	4	4	2
Lean toward disapproval	21	19	19	23	19	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	16	16	15	17	17
Strongly disapprove	26	23	25	23	32	33
Not sure.....	1	2	1	3	1	2
Total Approve	33	34	34	32	27	26
Total Disapprove	63	58	60	62	67	70
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.9
	<u>10/20-25/06</u>			High <u>2/7- 9/05</u>	Low <u>10/1- 3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>			
Strongly approve	3	3	4	6	4	4
Somewhat approve	11	9	9	21	10	12
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	10	17	8	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	2	3	4	3
Lean toward disapproval	20	19	18	21	24	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	16	19	15	19	16
Strongly disapprove	36	39	43	16	30	34
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	1	1
Total Approve	25	23	23	44	22	27
Total Disapprove	72	74	75	52	73	69
<i>Mean Rating¹</i>	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.8	2.9	2.9

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	79
No	21
Refused/not sure.....	-

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	23
Democrat	31
Independent	27
None of these	18
(DK/NS)	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>ALL ADULTS</u>
Strongly Democrat	19
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	18
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	13
Independent	14
(DK/NS)	1
Total Republican	36
Total Democrat	49

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)?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Very liberal	8
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate.....	35
Somewhat conservative	23
Very conservative	14
Refused	5
Total Liberal.....	23
Total Conservative.....	36

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	30
35-49	27
50-64	26
65+	16
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	62
Full time	49
Part time	13
Not employed	15
Retired	22
(DK/NS)	1

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

Grade school or some high school	6
Completed high school	25
Some community college or university, did not finish	20
Completed technical school or a community college	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	59
No	40
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	18
2	31
3	17
4	18
5	9
6+	5
(DK/NS)	2

(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	22
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	61
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	30
Any children 6 to 17	25

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

Yes	50
No	48
(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	31
1 time	16
2 times	10
3 times	8
4 times	5
5 to 9 times	8
10 to 14 times	5
15 to 19 times	2
20 to 24 times	1
25 times or more	3
(DK/NS)	11
Active Investors (5 times or more)	19

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

Yes	40
No	57
(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	45
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
Some other religion	5
None	22
(DK/NS)	2

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	40
More than once a week	13
Once a week	27
Less than once a week (Net)	38
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	24
Never	19
(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	77
Hispanic	13
Black	12
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	5
(DK/NS)	2

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

Under \$15,000	14
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	3
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	5
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
(DK/NS)	19

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	36
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31
Suburban	50
Rural	19

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52