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**THE RBC CASH 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?

	ALL ADULTS						
	<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>
Right direction.....	26	28	27	26	21	25	27
Wrong track	70	67	68	69	75	71	70
Not sure	4	5	5	5	4	4	3
	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>	
Right direction.....	29	28	28	28	34	31	
Wrong track	68	68	67	68	61	65	
Not sure	3	4	5	4	5	4	

CONSUMER STUDY

8. Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

	<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>
7, very strong economy	8	8	8	8	9	7
6	14	11	14	13	16	14
5	29	30	35	32	31	32
4	22	20	16	21	17	20
3	14	15	13	12	14	13
2	5	8	6	4	6	5
1, very weak economy	7	8	7	8	6	8
Not sure	1	-	1	2	1	1
Total 6-7	22	19	22	20	25	22
Total 1-3	26	31	26	24	26	26
Mean	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
7, very strong economy	10	10	11	8	9	10
6	12	13	15	13	17	14
5	30	34	32	35	29	34
4	20	19	20	20	20	16
3	16	11	12	14	13	13
2	5	6	6	3	4	5
1, very weak economy	7	7	4	6	8	8
Not sure	-	-	-	1	-	-
Total 6-7	22	23	25	21	26	24
Total 1-3	27	24	22	24	25	25
Mean	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5

	1 Year Ago 10/2- 4/06
7, very strong economy	9
6	15
5	31
4	20
3	13
2	4
1, very weak economy	7
Not sure	1
Total 6-7	24
Total 1-3	24
Mean	4.4

9. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

	<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>
Much stronger.....	5	5	6	5	4	5
Somewhat stronger	14	16	16	17	14	15
About the same	60	55	60	56	62	59
Somewhat weaker	14	17	11	14	13	13
Much weaker	6	6	6	7	5	8
Not sure	1	1	1	1	2	-
Total Stronger	19	21	22	22	18	20
Total Weaker	20	23	17	21	18	21

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
Much stronger.....	4	5	6	7	7	7
Somewhat stronger	19	18	17	24	17	20
About the same	58	59	65	55	59	57
Somewhat weaker	13	12	7	10	10	11
Much weaker	6	5	4	3	6	4
Not sure	-	1	1	1	1	1
Total Stronger	23	24	22	31	24	27
Total Weaker	19	17	11	13	16	15

	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
Much stronger.....	5
Somewhat stronger	16
About the same	61
Somewhat weaker	12
Much weaker	5
Not sure	1
Total Stronger	21
Total Weaker	17

10. Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.

	<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>
7, very strong	13	10	11	11	8	12
6	15	17	15	13	14	19
5	26	25	30	27	30	29
4	18	19	19	22	20	15
3	10	9	9	10	11	11
2	6	6	5	5	6	4
1, very weak	11	11	9	10	10	8
Not sure	1	3	2	2	1	2
Total 6-7	29	27	26	24	23	31
Total 1-3	26	27	23	25	27	23
<i>Mean</i>	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.6

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
7, very strong	10	11	11	9	10	11
6	16	15	18	16	14	16
5	28	28	30	29	27	29
4	18	21	16	16	20	18
3	12	11	11	13	14	11
2	6	3	7	5	4	4
1, very weak	9	10	6	10	10	10
Not sure	1	1	1	2	1	1
Total 6-7	26	26	29	25	24	27
Total 1-3	26	24	24	29	28	24
<i>Mean</i>	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5

	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
7, very strong	9
6	16
5	29
4	18
3	13
2	5
1, very weak	9
Not sure	1
Total 6-7	25
Total 1-3	26
<i>Mean</i>	4.4

11. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

	<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>
Much stronger.....	11	11	10	9	11	12
Somewhat stronger	25	26	26	24	25	24
About the same	54	52	53	54	52	54
Somewhat weaker	7	6	7	9	9	6
Much weaker	2	3	3	3	2	3
Not sure	1	2	1	1	1	1
Total Stronger	35	36	35	33	36	36
Total Weaker	9	10	10	12	11	9

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
Much stronger.....	12	9	9	13	12	11
Somewhat stronger	29	29	28	28	28	23
About the same	49	53	55	51	51	56
Somewhat weaker	7	6	5	4	6	7
Much weaker	2	2	2	3	2	2
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Stronger	41	39	36	40	40	34
Total Weaker	8	8	7	7	8	9

	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
Much stronger.....	10
Somewhat stronger	26
About the same	54
Somewhat weaker	7
Much weaker	2
Not sure	1
Total Stronger	37
Total Weaker	9

Now I'd like you to think about how your personal financial situation has changed in the past six months.

12. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?

	<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>
More comfortable.....	28	29	31	30	30	34
Less comfortable	50	47	45	48	47	43
No change (VOL).....	21	21	22	21	21	21
Not sure	1	3	2	1	2	2

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8-10/07</u>	<u>12/5-7/06</u>	<u>11/13-15/06</u>
More comfortable.....	32	35	32	32	31	34
Less comfortable	48	44	46	49	51	47
No change (VOL).....	19	19	21	18	16	17
Not sure	1	2	1	1	2	2

1 Year Ago

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>
More comfortable.....	32
Less comfortable	48
No change (VOL).....	18
Not sure	2

13. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making other household purchases?

	<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>
More comfortable.....	34	35	37	36	40	39
Less comfortable	44	42	40	44	39	38
No change (VOL).....	21	21	22	19	20	23
Not sure	1	2	1	1	1	-

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8-10/07</u>	<u>12/5-7/06</u>	<u>11/13-15/06</u>
More comfortable.....	39	43	41	39	40	39
Less comfortable	41	39	38	43	43	44
No change (VOL).....	19	17	20	17	16	16
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	1

1 Year Ago

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>
More comfortable.....	38
Less comfortable	42
No change (VOL).....	19
Not sure	1

14. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?

	<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>
More confident.....	40	37	37	40	40	37
Less confident	41	45	40	40	40	40
No change (VOL).....	17	16	21	18	18	21
Not sure	2	2	2	2	2	2
	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
More confident.....	43	47	43	43	44	43
Less confident	39	35	38	38	37	40
No change (VOL).....	16	16	17	17	18	15
Not sure	2	2	2	2	1	2

**1 Year
Ago**

	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>
More confident.....	41
Less confident	41
No change (VOL).....	17
Not sure	1

15. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident of your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?

	<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>
More confident.....	41	37	43	40	42	40
Less confident	41	44	37	43	38	40
No change (VOL).....	16	16	18	15	17	18
Not sure	2	3	2	2	3	2
	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
More confident.....	41	42	43	43	41	43
Less confident	40	41	38	42	41	42
No change (VOL).....	17	15	17	14	16	12
Not sure	2	2	2	1	2	3

**1 Year
Ago**

	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>
More confident.....	40
Less confident	42
No change (VOL).....	15
Not sure	3

- 16a. Thinking of the last 6 months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?

	<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>
Yes	31	33	30	34	28	30
No.....	69	66	70	65	72	70
Not sure	-	1	-	1	-	-

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
Yes	29	29	26	32	31	32
No.....	70	70	74	68	68	67
Not sure	1	1	-	-	1	1

	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
Yes	33
No.....	66
Not sure	1

- 16b. Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

	<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>
Extremely likely.....	5	6	5	6	4	8
Very likely	12	11	12	12	10	10
Somewhat likely.....	26	32	25	30	29	24
Not very likely	33	29	33	30	32	35
Not at all likely	21	20	23	20	23	21
Not sure	3	2	2	2	2	2
Total Likely.....	17	17	18	18	14	18
Total Not Likely	55	49	56	50	55	55

	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>
Extremely likely.....	5	8	5	5	6	7
Very likely	10	11	8	11	10	10
Somewhat likely.....	28	25	28	25	27	27
Not very likely	32	31	34	34	36	33
Not at all likely	23	23	23	24	20	21
Not sure	2	2	2	1	1	2
Total Likely.....	15	18	13	16	16	18
Total Not Likely	55	55	57	58	56	54

	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
Extremely likely.....	6
Very likely	12
Somewhat likely.....	26
Not very likely	31
Not at all likely	23
Not sure	2
Total Likely.....	18
Total Not Likely	53

17. Thinking about the next 30 days, do you think it will be a good time or a bad time to invest in the stock market?

	<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>
Good time.....	41	38	41	43	40	44	43
Bad time	50	51	47	44	47	46	48
Not sure.....	9	11	12	13	13	10	9

	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/2- 4/06</u>
Good time.....	41	46	44	41	44	41
Bad time	52	42	46	53	48	49
Not sure.....	7	12	10	6	8	10

18. Thinking of the next 30 days, do you think it will be a good time to buy real estate, such as house, vacation property or investment property?

	<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>
Yes.....	39	35	36	39	38	42	40
No.....	58	62	60	58	58	54	57
Not sure.....	3	3	4	3	4	4	3
							1 Year Ago
	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/5- 7/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	
Yes.....	41	39	38	36	39	38	
No.....	56	57	59	61	58	60	
Not sure.....	3	4	3	3	3	2	

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	0

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
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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
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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