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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>12/3- 5/07</u>	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<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>
Right direction.....	30	25	26	28	27	26	21	25
Wrong track.....	66	70	70	67	68	69	75	71
Not sure.....	4	5	4	5	5	5	4	4
	<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>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>6/4- 6/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>12/4- 6/06</u>
Right direction.....	27	29	28	29	28	68	21	28
Wrong track.....	70	68	68	66	67	29	75	68
Not sure.....	3	3	4	5	5	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>12/3-5/07</u>		<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/10-12/07</u>	
Strongly approve.....	16		12	12	14	
Somewhat approve.....	11		9	9	9	
Lean toward approval.....	10		11	10	11	
Still have mixed feelings.....	1		3	2	2	
Lean toward disapproval.....	16		14	12	15	
Somewhat disapprove.....	5		6	9	7	
Strongly disapprove.....	40		45	45	42	
Not sure.....	1		-	1	-	
Total Approve.....	36		32	31	33	
Total Disapprove.....	61		65	66	64	
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	<i>3.3</i>		<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.1</i>	
	<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>
Strongly approve.....	15	14	14	17	16	17
Somewhat approve.....	9	8	9	7	8	10
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	9	11	10	8
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	1	1	3	3	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	15	12	11	14	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	7	6	6	6	6	6
Strongly disapprove.....	42	45	48	44	43	42
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	-	-
Total Approve.....	35	33	32	35	35	35
Total Disapprove.....	62	65	66	61	62	65
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>
	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/16-18/07</u>	<u>1/8-10/07</u>	High <u>1/4-21/02</u>	Low <u>10/1-3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>12/4-6/06</u>
Strongly approve.....	15	16	14	54	12	14
Somewhat approve.....	8	10	10	16	9	9
Lean toward approval.....	9	10	8	10	10	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	2	2	2	2	4
Lean toward disapproval.....	13	12	15	11	12	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	8	7	8	2	9	6
Strongly disapprove.....	43	42	42	5	45	44
Not sure.....	1	1	1	-	1	-
Total Approve.....	32	36	32	80	31	33
Total Disapprove.....	65	61	65	18	66	64
<i>Mean Rating¹.....</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>3.1</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	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	<i>Mean-Rating¹</i>
12/3-5/07.....	16	13	7	3	14	13	33	1	36	60	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	13	14	6	1	13	16	36	1	32	65	3.2
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
11/5-7/07.....	13	14	6	1	13	16	36	1	32	65	3.2
1 Year Ago											
12/4-6/06.....	18	14	6	3	16	12	31	-	38	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.)	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Dis-approve</u>	<i><u>Mean-Rating¹</u></i>
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
<i>12/3-5/07.....</i>	14	15	8	3	12	10	37	1	37	59	3.4
<i>11/5-7/07.....</i>	12	12	9	2	13	11	40	1	34	64	3.1
<i>10/1-3/07.....</i>	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
<i>9/10-12/07.....</i>	12	15	8	3	10	12	39	1	35	62	3.2
<i>8/6-8/07.....</i>	13	15	8	2	12	11	38	1	36	61	3.3
<i>7/9-11/07.....</i>	15	11	7	2	13	11	40	1	33	64	3.2
<i>6/4-6/07.....</i>	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1
<i>5/7-9/07.....</i>	13	13	8	3	12	9	41	1	35	62	3.2
<i>4/2-4/07.....</i>	13	14	7	3	12	9	42	-	34	63	3.2
<i>3/5-7/07.....</i>	13	14	9	2	14	12	35	1	37	61	3.4
<i>2/5-7/07.....</i>	11	14	10	3	12	11	38	1	35	61	3.2
<i>1/8-10/07.....</i>	13	14	11	2	12	11	36	1	38	59	3.3
<u>High</u>											
<i>1/18-21/02*</i>	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
<u>Low</u>											
<i>10/1-3/07.....</i>	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
<u>1 Year Ago</u>											
<i>12/4-6/06.....</i>	13	14	7	2	15	12	37	-	33	64	3.2

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Q.3 (Cont.)	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	<i>Mean-Rating¹</i>
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
<i>12/3-5/07</i>	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	42	55	<i>3.7</i>
<i>11/5-7/07</i>	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	40	56	3.6
<i>10/1-3/07</i>	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	36	62	3.3
<i>9/10-12/07</i>	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	40	57	3.5
<i>8/6-8/07</i>	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	38	60	3.5
<i>7/9-11/07</i>	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	3.4
<i>6/4-6/07</i>	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	3.3
<i>5/7-9/07</i>	23	10	8	2	12	6	39	-	41	57	3.5
<i>4/2-4/07</i>	23	8	6	2	13	8	39	1	37	60	3.4
<i>3/5-7/07</i>	22	9	7	1	12	8	41	-	38	61	3.4
<i>2/5-7/07</i>	21	9	7	2	14	8	39	-	36	61	3.4
<i>1/8-10/07</i>	22	10	5	1	15	9	36	2	37	60	3.5
High											
<i>1/18-21/02*</i>	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
<i>12/4-6/06</i>	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
1 Year Ago											
<i>12/4-6/06</i>	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3

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Q3. (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Somewhat Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling the situation in Iraq											
12/3-5/07.....	21	8	7	2	10	7	44	1	35	62	3.3
11/5-7/07.....	16	8	8	2	9	9	47	1	32	65	3.0
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
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											
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8

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?

	<u>12/3- 5/07</u>	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/11- 13/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>
Strongly approve	5	6	4	3	5
Somewhat approve	9	9	10	11	9
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	8	12	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	4	4	3	3
Lean toward disapproval	19	18	24	20	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	20	21	19	17	17
Strongly disapprove	31	31	30	33	33
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1
Total Approve	25	25	22	26	25
Total Disapprove	70	70	73	71	72
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	<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>
Strongly approve	4	6	9	4	5
Somewhat approve	11	15	15	15	14
Lean toward approval.....	10	14	16	14	15
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	4	2	3	6
Lean toward disapproval	15	18	16	21	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	13	15	16	16
Strongly disapprove	36	29	26	26	23
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	2
Total Approve	24	35	40	33	34
Total Disapprove	70	60	57	63	58
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4
	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	High <u>2/7- 9/05</u>	Low <u>10/1- 3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>12/4- 6/06</u>
Strongly approve	5	4	6	4	5
Somewhat approve	14	17	21	10	13
Lean toward approval.....	15	11	17	8	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	5	4	3	4	4
Lean toward disapproval	19	23	21	24	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	15	15	19	17
Strongly disapprove	25	23	16	30	32
Not sure.....	1	3	1	1	1
Total Approve	34	32	44	22	27
Total Disapprove	60	62	52	73	67
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.3	3.8	2.9	3.0

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	78
No	21
(DK/NS)	1

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	24
Democrat	33
Independent	24
None of these	17
(DK/NS)	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?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Strongly Democrat	17
Moderately Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	14
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	14
Independent	14
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republicans	37
Total Democrats	47

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	12
Moderate	36
Very Conservative	15
Somewhat Conservative	26
Refused	3
Total Liberal	20
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	30
35-49	27
50-64	26
65+	16
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	64
Full time	52
Part time	12
Not employed	14
Retired	22
(DK/NS)	-

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

Grade school or some high school	8
Completed high school	21
Some community college or university, did not finish	19
Completed technical school or a community college	13
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	16
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	63
No	36
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	15
2	31
3	18
4	20
5	9
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)	40
Under 6	24
6-12	19
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	58
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	33
Any children 6 to 17	28

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

Yes	51
No	46
(DK/NS)	3

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	43
No	54
(DK/NS)	3

D9. 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	47
Catholic	25
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Some other religion	4
None	17
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	45
More than once a week	13
Once a week	31
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	22
Never	18
(DK/NS)	2

D10. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)

D11. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	75
Black	13
Hispanic	13
Asian	4
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	4
(DK/NS)	2

D12. 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	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	16
(DK/NS)	13

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	36
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31
Suburban	50
Rural	19

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52