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Interviews: 1,027 adults; 820 registered voters  
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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>1/7-<br/>9/08</u> | <u>12/3-<br/>5/07</u> | <u>11/5-<br/>7/07</u> | <u>10/1-<br/>3/07</u> | <u>9/10-<br/>12/07</u> | <u>8/6-<br/>8/07</u>                  | <u>7/9-<br/>11/07</u>              | <u>6/4-<br/>6/07</u>                       |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Right direction..... | 27                   | 30                    | 25                    | 26                    | 28                     | 27                                    | 26                                 | 21                                         |
| Wrong track .....    | 68                   | 66                    | 70                    | 70                    | 67                     | 68                                    | 69                                 | 75                                         |
| Not sure .....       | 5                    | 4                     | 5                     | 4                     | 5                      | 5                                     | 5                                  | 4                                          |
|                      | <u>5/7-<br/>9/07</u> | <u>4/2-<br/>4/07</u>  | <u>3/5-<br/>7/07</u>  | <u>2/5-<br/>7/07</u>  | <u>1/16-<br/>18/07</u> | <b>High</b><br><u>1/18-<br/>21/02</u> | <b>Low</b><br><u>6/4-<br/>6/07</u> | <b>1 Year Ago</b><br><u>1/8-<br/>10/07</u> |
| Right direction..... | 25                   | 27                    | 29                    | 28                    | 29                     | 68                                    | 21                                 | 28                                         |
| Wrong track .....    | 71                   | 70                    | 68                    | 68                    | 66                     | 29                                    | 75                                 | 67                                         |
| Not sure .....       | 4                    | 3                     | 3                     | 4                     | 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?

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                     | <u>1/7-<br/>9/08</u>   |                      |                        | <u>12/3-<br/>5/07</u>                | <u>11/5-<br/>7/07</u>               | <u>10/1-<br/>3/07</u>                      |
| Strongly approve.....               | 12                     |                      |                        | 16                                   | 12                                  | 12                                         |
| Somewhat approve.....               | 10                     |                      |                        | 11                                   | 9                                   | 9                                          |
| Lean toward approval.....           | 12                     |                      |                        | 10                                   | 11                                  | 10                                         |
| Still have mixed feelings.....      | 2                      |                      |                        | 1                                    | 3                                   | 2                                          |
| Lean toward disapproval.....        | 12                     |                      |                        | 16                                   | 14                                  | 12                                         |
| Somewhat disapprove.....            | 9                      |                      |                        | 5                                    | 6                                   | 9                                          |
| Strongly disapprove.....            | 42                     |                      |                        | 40                                   | 45                                  | 45                                         |
| Not sure.....                       | 1                      |                      |                        | 1                                    | -                                   | 1                                          |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>           | <b>34</b>              |                      |                        | <b>36</b>                            | <b>32</b>                           | <b>31</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>        | <b>63</b>              |                      |                        | <b>61</b>                            | <b>65</b>                           | <b>66</b>                                  |
| <i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup>.....</i> | 3.1                    |                      |                        | 3.3                                  | 3.0                                 | 3.0                                        |
|                                     | <u>9/10-<br/>12/07</u> | <u>8/6-<br/>8/07</u> | <u>7/9-<br/>11/07</u>  | <u>6/4-<br/>6/07</u>                 | <u>5/7-<br/>9/07</u>                | <u>4/2-<br/>4/07</u>                       |
| Strongly approve.....               | 14                     | 15                   | 14                     | 14                                   | 17                                  | 16                                         |
| Somewhat approve.....               | 9                      | 9                    | 8                      | 9                                    | 7                                   | 8                                          |
| Lean toward approval.....           | 11                     | 11                   | 10                     | 9                                    | 11                                  | 10                                         |
| Still have mixed feelings.....      | 2                      | 2                    | 1                      | 1                                    | 3                                   | 3                                          |
| Lean toward disapproval.....        | 15                     | 14                   | 15                     | 12                                   | 11                                  | 14                                         |
| Somewhat disapprove.....            | 7                      | 7                    | 6                      | 6                                    | 6                                   | 6                                          |
| Strongly disapprove.....            | 42                     | 42                   | 45                     | 48                                   | 44                                  | 43                                         |
| Not sure.....                       | -                      | -                    | 1                      | 1                                    | 1                                   | -                                          |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>           | <b>33</b>              | <b>35</b>            | <b>33</b>              | <b>32</b>                            | <b>35</b>                           | <b>35</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>        | <b>64</b>              | <b>62</b>            | <b>65</b>              | <b>66</b>                            | <b>61</b>                           | <b>62</b>                                  |
| <i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup>.....</i> | 3.1                    | 3.2                  | 3.1                    | 3.0                                  | 3.2                                 | 3.2                                        |
|                                     | <u>3/5-<br/>7/07</u>   | <u>2/5-<br/>7/07</u> | <u>1/16-<br/>18/07</u> | <b>High</b><br><u>1/4-<br/>21/02</u> | <b>Low</b><br><u>10/1-<br/>3/07</u> | <b>1 Year Ago</b><br><u>1/8-<br/>10/07</u> |
| Strongly approve.....               | 17                     | 15                   | 16                     | 54                                   | 12                                  | 14                                         |
| Somewhat approve.....               | 10                     | 8                    | 10                     | 16                                   | 9                                   | 10                                         |
| Lean toward approval.....           | 8                      | 9                    | 10                     | 10                                   | 10                                  | 8                                          |
| Still have mixed feelings.....      | 1                      | 3                    | 2                      | 2                                    | 2                                   | 2                                          |
| Lean toward disapproval.....        | 16                     | 13                   | 12                     | 11                                   | 12                                  | 15                                         |
| Somewhat disapprove.....            | 6                      | 8                    | 7                      | 2                                    | 9                                   | 8                                          |
| Strongly disapprove.....            | 42                     | 43                   | 42                     | 5                                    | 45                                  | 42                                         |
| Not sure.....                       | -                      | 1                    | 1                      | -                                    | 1                                   | 1                                          |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>           | <b>35</b>              | <b>32</b>            | <b>36</b>              | <b>80</b>                            | <b>31</b>                           | <b>32</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>        | <b>65</b>              | <b>65</b>            | <b>61</b>              | <b>18</b>                            | <b>66</b>                           | <b>65</b>                                  |
| <i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup>.....</i> | 3.2                    | 3.1                  | 3.3                    | 5.7                                  | 3.0                                 | 3.1                                        |

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 <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/7-9/08.....                       | 13               | 13                | 7                    | 2                         | 12                       | 14                    | 38                   | 1        | 33            | 64                | 3.2                      |
| 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                      |
| <b>High</b><br>1/18-21/02* .....    | 34               | 22                | 15                   | 2                         | 11                       | 5                     | 10                   | -        | 71            | 27                | 5.1                      |
| <b>Low</b><br>11/5-7/07.....        | 13               | 14                | 6                    | 1                         | 13                       | 16                    | 36                   | 1        | 32            | 65                | 3.2                      |
| <b>1 Year Ago</b><br>1/8-10/07..... | 20               | 16                | 7                    | 1                         | 16                       | 10                    | 29                   | 1        | 43            | 55                | 3.8                      |

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\*Asked only of Registered Voters

| Q.3 (Cont.)                                                                                                 | Strongly<br><u>Approve</u> | Some-<br>what<br><u>Approve</u> | Lean<br>Toward<br><u>Approval</u> | Still Have<br>Mixed<br><u>Feelings</u> | Lean<br>Toward<br>Dis-<br><u>approval</u> | Some-<br>what<br>Dis-<br><u>approve</u> | Strongly<br>Dis-<br><u>approve</u> | Not<br><u>Sure</u> | <b>Total<br/><u>Approve</u></b> | <b>Total<br/>Dis-<br/><u>approve</u></b> | <i>Mean-<br/>Rating<sup>1</sup></i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Handling<br/>domestic issues<br/>like health care,<br/>education, the<br/>environment and<br/>energy</b> |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| 1/7-9/08.....                                                                                               | 11                         | 13                              | 9                                 | 2                                      | 11                                        | 11                                      | 41                                 | 2                  | <b>34</b>                       | <b>63</b>                                | 3.1                                 |
| 12/3-5/07.....                                                                                              | 14                         | 15                              | 8                                 | 3                                      | 12                                        | 10                                      | 37                                 | 1                  | <b>37</b>                       | <b>59</b>                                | 3.4                                 |
| 11/5-7/07.....                                                                                              | 12                         | 12                              | 9                                 | 2                                      | 13                                        | 11                                      | 40                                 | 1                  | <b>34</b>                       | <b>64</b>                                | 3.1                                 |
| 10/1-3/07.....                                                                                              | 12                         | 11                              | 8                                 | 2                                      | 12                                        | 12                                      | 43                                 | -                  | <b>31</b>                       | <b>66</b>                                | 3.0                                 |
| 9/10-12/07.....                                                                                             | 12                         | 15                              | 8                                 | 3                                      | 10                                        | 12                                      | 39                                 | 1                  | <b>35</b>                       | <b>62</b>                                | 3.2                                 |
| 8/6-8/07.....                                                                                               | 13                         | 15                              | 8                                 | 2                                      | 12                                        | 11                                      | 38                                 | 1                  | <b>36</b>                       | <b>61</b>                                | 3.3                                 |
| 7/9-11/07.....                                                                                              | 15                         | 11                              | 7                                 | 2                                      | 13                                        | 11                                      | 40                                 | 1                  | <b>33</b>                       | <b>64</b>                                | 3.2                                 |
| 6/4-6/07.....                                                                                               | 12                         | 11                              | 9                                 | 2                                      | 13                                        | 11                                      | 41                                 | 1                  | <b>32</b>                       | <b>66</b>                                | 3.1                                 |
| 5/7-9/07.....                                                                                               | 13                         | 13                              | 8                                 | 3                                      | 12                                        | 9                                       | 41                                 | 1                  | <b>35</b>                       | <b>62</b>                                | 3.2                                 |
| 4/2-4/07.....                                                                                               | 13                         | 14                              | 7                                 | 3                                      | 12                                        | 9                                       | 42                                 | -                  | <b>34</b>                       | <b>63</b>                                | 3.2                                 |
| 3/5-7/07.....                                                                                               | 13                         | 14                              | 9                                 | 2                                      | 14                                        | 12                                      | 35                                 | 1                  | <b>37</b>                       | <b>61</b>                                | 3.4                                 |
| 2/5-7/07.....                                                                                               | 11                         | 14                              | 10                                | 3                                      | 12                                        | 11                                      | 38                                 | 1                  | <b>35</b>                       | <b>61</b>                                | 3.2                                 |
| <b><u>High</u></b>                                                                                          |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| 1/18-21/02* .....                                                                                           | 28                         | 22                              | 16                                | 3                                      | 15                                        | 4                                       | 12                                 | -                  | <b>66</b>                       | <b>31</b>                                | 4.9                                 |
| <b><u>Low</u></b>                                                                                           |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| 10/1-3/07.....                                                                                              | 12                         | 11                              | 8                                 | 2                                      | 12                                        | 12                                      | 43                                 | -                  | <b>31</b>                       | <b>66</b>                                | 3.0                                 |
| <b><u>1 Year Ago</u></b>                                                                                    |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| 1/8-10/07.....                                                                                              | 13                         | 14                              | 11                                | 2                                      | 12                                        | 11                                      | 36                                 | 1                  | <b>38</b>                       | <b>59</b>                                | 3.3                                 |

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| Q.3 (Cont.)                                                                | Strongly<br><u>Approve</u> | Some-<br>what<br><u>Approve</u> | Lean<br>Toward<br><u>Approval</u> | Still Have<br>Mixed<br><u>Feelings</u> | Lean<br>Toward<br>Dis-<br><u>approval</u> | Some-<br>what<br>Dis-<br><u>approve</u> | Strongly<br>Dis-<br><u>approve</u> | Not<br><u>Sure</u> | <b>Total<br/><u>Approve</u></b> | <b>Total<br/>Dis-<br/><u>approve</u></b> | <i>Mean-<br/>Rating<sup>1</sup></i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Handling foreign<br/>policy issues and<br/>the war on<br/>terrorism</b> |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| <i>1/7-9/08.....</i>                                                       | 21                         | 12                              | 7                                 | 2                                      | 13                                        | 8                                       | 36                                 | 1                  | <b>41</b>                       | <b>56</b>                                | <i>3.6</i>                          |
| <i>12/3-5/07.....</i>                                                      | 26                         | 10                              | 6                                 | 2                                      | 13                                        | 9                                       | 34                                 | -                  | <b>42</b>                       | <b>55</b>                                | <i>3.7</i>                          |
| <i>11/5-7/07.....</i>                                                      | 22                         | 11                              | 6                                 | 3                                      | 12                                        | 8                                       | 37                                 | 1                  | <b>40</b>                       | <b>56</b>                                | <i>3.6</i>                          |
| <i>10/1-3/07.....</i>                                                      | 20                         | 9                               | 6                                 | 1                                      | 11                                        | 10                                      | 42                                 | 1                  | <b>36</b>                       | <b>62</b>                                | <i>3.3</i>                          |
| <i>9/10-12/07.....</i>                                                     | 22                         | 11                              | 7                                 | 2                                      | 11                                        | 8                                       | 38                                 | 1                  | <b>40</b>                       | <b>57</b>                                | <i>3.5</i>                          |
| <i>8/6-8/07.....</i>                                                       | 21                         | 12                              | 6                                 | 1                                      | 12                                        | 11                                      | 36                                 | 1                  | <b>38</b>                       | <b>60</b>                                | <i>3.5</i>                          |
| <i>7/9-11/07.....</i>                                                      | 21                         | 10                              | 7                                 | 2                                      | 12                                        | 7                                       | 40                                 | 1                  | <b>38</b>                       | <b>59</b>                                | <i>3.4</i>                          |
| <i>6/4-6/07.....</i>                                                       | 20                         | 9                               | 6                                 | 2                                      | 12                                        | 10                                      | 41                                 | -                  | <b>35</b>                       | <b>63</b>                                | <i>3.3</i>                          |
| <i>5/7-9/07.....</i>                                                       | 23                         | 10                              | 8                                 | 2                                      | 12                                        | 6                                       | 39                                 | -                  | <b>41</b>                       | <b>57</b>                                | <i>3.5</i>                          |
| <i>4/2-4/07.....</i>                                                       | 23                         | 8                               | 6                                 | 2                                      | 13                                        | 8                                       | 39                                 | 1                  | <b>37</b>                       | <b>60</b>                                | <i>3.4</i>                          |
| <i>3/5-7/07.....</i>                                                       | 22                         | 9                               | 7                                 | 1                                      | 12                                        | 8                                       | 41                                 | -                  | <b>38</b>                       | <b>61</b>                                | <i>3.4</i>                          |
| <i>2/5-7/07.....</i>                                                       | 21                         | 9                               | 7                                 | 2                                      | 14                                        | 8                                       | 39                                 | -                  | <b>36</b>                       | <b>61</b>                                | <i>3.4</i>                          |
| <b><u>High</u></b>                                                         |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| <i>1/18-21/02* .....</i>                                                   | 64                         | 12                              | 10                                | 2                                      | 6                                         | 3                                       | 3                                  | 1                  | <b>86</b>                       | <b>12</b>                                | <i>6.1</i>                          |
| <b><u>Low</u></b>                                                          |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| <i>12/4-6/06.....</i>                                                      | 20                         | 9                               | 6                                 | 1                                      | 16                                        | 8                                       | 40                                 | -                  | <b>35</b>                       | <b>64</b>                                | <i>3.3</i>                          |
| <b><u>1 Year Ago</u></b>                                                   |                            |                                 |                                   |                                        |                                           |                                         |                                    |                    |                                 |                                          |                                     |
| <i>1/8-10/07.....</i>                                                      | 22                         | 10                              | 5                                 | 1                                      | 15                                        | 9                                       | 36                                 | 2                  | <b>37</b>                       | <b>60</b>                                | <i>3.5</i>                          |

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| Q3. (Cont.)                               | Strongly<br>Approve | Some-<br>what<br>Approve | Lean<br>Toward<br>Approval | Still Have<br>Mixed<br>Feelings | Lean<br>Toward<br>Dis-<br>approval | Some-<br>what<br>Dis-<br>approve | Strongly<br>Dis-<br>approve | Not<br>Sure | Total<br>Approve | Total<br>Dis-<br>approve | Mean-<br>Rating <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Handling the<br/>situation in Iraq</b> |                     |                          |                            |                                 |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                  |                          |                              |
| 1/7-9/08.....                             | 17                  | 9                        | 7                          | 2                               | 10                                 | 7                                | 47                          | 1           | 32               | 65                       | 3.1                          |
| 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                          |
| <b>High</b>                               |                     |                          |                            |                                 |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                  |                          |                              |
| 9/20-22/04.....                           | 31                  | 9                        | 9                          | 2                               | 10                                 | 6                                | 33                          | -           | 49               | 49                       | 4.0                          |
| <b>Low</b>                                |                     |                          |                            |                                 |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                  |                          |                              |
| 12/4-6/06.....                            | 15                  | 6                        | 6                          | 2                               | 10                                 | 8                                | 53                          | -           | 27               | 71                       | 2.8                          |
| <b>1 Year Ago</b>                         |                     |                          |                            |                                 |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                  |                          |                              |
| 1/8-10/07.....                            | 13                  | 9                        | 7                          | 2                               | 11                                 | 9                                | 48                          | 1           | 29               | 68                       | 2.9                          |

<sup>1</sup>Mean 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>1/7-<br/>9/08</u> | <u>12/3-<br/>5/07</u>  | <u>11/5-<br/>7/07</u>               | <u>10/1-<br/>3/07</u>               | <u>9/11-<br/>13/07</u>                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Strongly approve .....               | 4                    | 5                      | 6                                   | 4                                   | 3                                          |
| Somewhat approve .....               | 12                   | 9                      | 9                                   | 10                                  | 11                                         |
| Lean toward approval.....            | 10                   | 11                     | 10                                  | 8                                   | 12                                         |
| Still have mixed feelings.....       | 3                    | 4                      | 4                                   | 4                                   | 3                                          |
| Lean toward disapproval .....        | 17                   | 19                     | 18                                  | 24                                  | 20                                         |
| Somewhat disapprove.....             | 18                   | 20                     | 21                                  | 19                                  | 17                                         |
| Strongly disapprove .....            | 34                   | 31                     | 31                                  | 30                                  | 33                                         |
| Not sure.....                        | 2                    | 1                      | 1                                   | 1                                   | 1                                          |
| <b>Total Approve .....</b>           | <b>26</b>            | <b>25</b>              | <b>25</b>                           | <b>22</b>                           | <b>26</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Disapprove .....</b>        | <b>69</b>            | <b>70</b>              | <b>70</b>                           | <b>73</b>                           | <b>71</b>                                  |
| <i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup> .....</i> | 2.9                  | 2.9                    | 2.9                                 | 2.9                                 | 2.9                                        |
|                                      | <u>8/6-<br/>8/07</u> | <u>7/9-<br/>11/07</u>  | <u>5/7-<br/>9/07</u>                | <u>4/2-<br/>4/07</u>                | <u>3/5-<br/>7/07</u>                       |
| Strongly approve .....               | 5                    | 4                      | 6                                   | 9                                   | 4                                          |
| Somewhat approve .....               | 9                    | 11                     | 15                                  | 15                                  | 15                                         |
| Lean toward approval.....            | 11                   | 10                     | 14                                  | 16                                  | 14                                         |
| Still have mixed feelings.....       | 3                    | 3                      | 4                                   | 2                                   | 3                                          |
| Lean toward disapproval .....        | 21                   | 15                     | 18                                  | 16                                  | 21                                         |
| Somewhat disapprove.....             | 17                   | 19                     | 13                                  | 15                                  | 16                                         |
| Strongly disapprove .....            | 33                   | 36                     | 29                                  | 26                                  | 26                                         |
| Not sure.....                        | 1                    | 2                      | 1                                   | 1                                   | 1                                          |
| <b>Total Approve .....</b>           | <b>25</b>            | <b>24</b>              | <b>35</b>                           | <b>40</b>                           | <b>33</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Disapprove .....</b>        | <b>72</b>            | <b>70</b>              | <b>60</b>                           | <b>57</b>                           | <b>63</b>                                  |
| <i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup> .....</i> | 2.9                  | 2.8                    | 3.3                                 | 3.5                                 | 3.3                                        |
|                                      | <u>2/5-<br/>7/07</u> | <u>1/16-<br/>18/07</u> | <b>High</b><br><u>2/7-<br/>9/05</u> | <b>Low</b><br><u>10/1-<br/>3/07</u> | <b>1 Year Ago</b><br><u>1/8-<br/>10/07</u> |
| Strongly approve .....               | 5                    | 5                      | 6                                   | 4                                   | 4                                          |
| Somewhat approve .....               | 14                   | 14                     | 21                                  | 10                                  | 17                                         |
| Lean toward approval.....            | 15                   | 15                     | 17                                  | 8                                   | 11                                         |
| Still have mixed feelings.....       | 6                    | 5                      | 3                                   | 4                                   | 4                                          |
| Lean toward disapproval .....        | 19                   | 19                     | 21                                  | 24                                  | 23                                         |
| Somewhat disapprove.....             | 16                   | 16                     | 15                                  | 19                                  | 15                                         |
| Strongly disapprove .....            | 23                   | 25                     | 16                                  | 30                                  | 23                                         |
| Not sure.....                        | 2                    | 1                      | 1                                   | 1                                   | 3                                          |
| <b>Total Approve .....</b>           | <b>34</b>            | <b>34</b>              | <b>44</b>                           | <b>22</b>                           | <b>32</b>                                  |
| <b>Total Disapprove .....</b>        | <b>58</b>            | <b>60</b>              | <b>52</b>                           | <b>73</b>                           | <b>62</b>                                  |
| <i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup> .....</i> | 3.4                  | 3.3                    | 3.8                                 | 2.9                                 | 3.3                                        |

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| <b>PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY</b> |
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A. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

|         | <u><b>ALL ADULTS</b></u> |
|---------|--------------------------|
| Yes     | 80                       |
| No      | 19                       |
| (DK/NS) | 1                        |

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

**INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

|               | <u><b>ALL ADULTS</b></u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Republican    | 25                       |
| Democrat      | 30                       |
| Independent   | 25                       |
| None of these | 18                       |
| (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><b>ALL ADULTS</b></u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly Democrat     | 20                       |
| Moderately Democrat   | 10                       |
| Lean Democrat         | 16                       |
| Strongly Republican   | 13                       |
| Moderately Republican | 12                       |
| Lean Republican       | 14                       |
| Independent           | 13                       |
| (DK/NS)               | 2                        |
| Total Republicans     | 39                       |
| Total Democrats       | 46                       |

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><b>ALL ADULTS</b></u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Very Liberal          | 9                        |
| Somewhat Liberal      | 13                       |
| Moderate              | 33                       |
| Very Conservative     | 14                       |
| Somewhat Conservative | 26                       |
| Refused               | 5                        |
| Total Liberal         | 22                       |
| Total Conservative    | 40                       |



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| <b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> |
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**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   | 29 |
| 35-49   | 25 |
| 50-64   | 29 |
| 65+     | 16 |
| (DK/NS) | 1  |

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

|                                                              |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Grade school or some high school                             | 9  |
| Completed high school                                        | 25 |
| Some community college or university, did not finish         | 20 |
| Completed technical school or a community college            | 10 |
| Completed a university or Bachelor's degree                  | 20 |
| Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. | 16 |
| (DK/NS)                                                      | -  |

D4. Are you currently married?

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Yes     | 62 |
| No      | 37 |
| (DK/NS) | 1  |

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

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| 1       | 17 |
| 2       | 30 |
| 3       | 17 |
| 4       | 20 |
| 5       | 10 |
| 6+      | 5  |
| (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                              | 20        |
| 13-17                             | 13        |
| NO CHILDREN                       | 58        |
| (DK/NS)                           | 2         |
| Summary                           |           |
| <b>Any children 12 or younger</b> | <b>33</b> |
| <b>Any children 6 to 17</b>       | <b>29</b> |

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

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Yes     | 51 |
| No      | 47 |
| (DK/NS) | 2  |

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

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Yes     | 40 |
| No      | 58 |
| (DK/NS) | 2  |

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          | 43 |
| Catholic            | 28 |
| Mormon              | 2  |
| Jewish              | 1  |
| Muslim              | -  |
| Some other religion | 4  |
| None                | 19 |
| (DK/NS)             | 3  |

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| At least once a week (Net)  | 43 |
| More than once a week       | 15 |
| Once a week                 | 28 |
| Less than once a week (Net) | 35 |
| A few times a month         | 15 |
| A few times a year          | 21 |
| Never                       | 19 |
| (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                      | 76 |
| Hispanic                   | 13 |
| Black                      | 12 |
| Asian                      | 4  |
| (NOT READ) American Indian | 2  |
| (NOT READ) Other           | 2  |
| (DK/NS)                    | 2  |

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Under \$15,000                  | 12 |
| \$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  | 10 |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000  | 7  |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000  | 15 |
| \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 | 10 |
| \$100,000 or more               | 14 |
| (DK/NS)                         | 17 |

**REGION:**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Northeast | 19 |
| Midwest   | 22 |
| South     | 36 |
| West      | 23 |

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| Urban    | 30 |
| Suburban | 54 |
| Rural    | 16 |

**GENDER:**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Male   | 48 |
| Female | 52 |