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Interview dates: July 10-14, 2008
Interviews: 1,000 adults; 803 registered voters
466 Democrats/Lean Democrat; 399 Republican /Lean Republican
Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.5 for registered voters;
+-4.5 for Democrats; +4.9 for Republicans

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

POLITICAL STUDY

NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>7/10- 14/08</u>	<u>6/12- 16/08</u>	<u>4/7- 9/08</u>	<u>3/3- 5/08</u>	<u>2/4- 6/08</u>	<u>1/7- 9/08</u>	<u>12/3- 5/07</u>
Right direction	16	17	24	22	25	27	30
Wrong track	77	76	71	73	71	68	66
Not sure.....	7	7	5	5	4	5	4
	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>7/10- 14/08</u>	1 Year Ago <u>7/9- 11/07</u>
Right direction	25	26	28	27	68	16	26
Wrong track	70	70	67	68	29	77	69
Not sure.....	5	4	5	5	3	7	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>7/10- 14/08</u>		<u>6/12- 16/08</u>	<u>4/7- 9/08</u>	<u>3/3- 5/08</u>	<u>2/4- 6/08</u>	<u>1/7- 9/08</u>	<u>12/3- 5/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	9		10	12	12	13	12	16
Somewhat approve.....	9		9	8	9	8	10	11
Lean toward approval	10		10	7	9	9	12	10
Still have mixed feelings	3		2	3	3	3	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14		16	16	11	16	12	16
Somewhat disapprove	8		8	11	11	9	9	5
Strongly disapprove	45		44	42	44	41	42	40
Not sure	2		1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Approve.....	28		29	28	30	30	34	36
Total Disapprove.....	67		67	68	66	66	63	61
Mean Rating ¹	2.9		2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3

	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	12	12	14	15
Somewhat approve.....	9	9	9	9
Lean toward approval	11	10	11	11
Still have mixed feelings	3	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	15	14
Somewhat disapprove	6	9	7	7
Strongly disapprove	45	45	42	42
Not sure	-	1	-	-
Total Approve.....	32	31	33	35
Total Disapprove.....	65	66	64	62
Mean Rating ¹	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2

High	Low	1 Year Ago
<u>1/4- 21/02</u>	<u>7/10- 14/08</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>
54	9	14
16	9	8
10	10	10
2	3	1
11	14	15
2	8	6
5	45	45
-	2	1
80	28	33
18	67	65
5.7	2.9	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?

	<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>	<u>Mean- Rating</u> ¹
Handling the economy											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	8	10	6	2	12	14	46	2	24	72	2.7
6/12-16/08.....	7	9	8	2	14	11	48	1	24	72	2.7
4/7-9/08.....	12	9	6	2	12	15	43	1	27	70	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	12	11	7	1	10	14	44	1	31	67	3.0
2/4-6/08.....	12	12	6	2	13	14	41	-	29	68	3.0
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
6/12-16/08.....	7	9	8	2	14	11	48	1	24	72	2.7
1 Year Ago											
7/9-11/07.....	18	13	6	2	13	11	36	1	37	60	3.4

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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>	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Dis- approve</u>	<u>Mean- Rating¹</u>
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	10	12	8	2	15	12	39	2	30	66	3.0
6/12-16/08.....	9	13	6	2	13	14	42	1	28	68	2.9
4/7-9/08.....	9	11	7	4	13	13	42	1	27	67	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	11	16	8	2	13	10	39	1	34	63	3.2
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
1/7-9/08.....	11	13	9	2	11	11	41	2	34	63	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	14	15	8	3	12	10	37	1	37	59	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	12	12	9	2	13	11	40	1	34	64	3.1
10/1-3/07.....	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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
<u>Low</u>											
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
<u>1 Year Ago</u>											
7/9 -11/07	15	11	7	2	13	11	40	1	33	64	3.2

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Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	19	11	4	2	15	11	36	2	35	62	3.4
6/12-16/08.....	18	12	6	2	10	9	42	1	36	61	3.3
4/7-9/08.....	20	10	8	4	14	10	33	1	38	58	3.5
3/3-5/08.....	22	12	6	2	13	9	35	1	40	57	3.6
2/4-6/08.....	22	13	3	2	10	10	40	-	38	60	3.4
1/7-9/08.....	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	41	56	3.6
12/3-5/07.....	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	42	55	3.7
11/5-7/07.....	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	40	56	3.6
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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*.....	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
<u>Low</u>											
12/4-6/06.....	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
<u>1 Year Ago</u>											
7/9-11/07.....	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	3.4

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Handling the situation in Iraq											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	17	8	6	2	10	9	47	1	30	66	3.0
6/12-16/08.....	17	7	5	2	9	7	51	2	29	67	2.9
4/7-9/08.....	16	7	7	3	8	12	46	1	31	65	3.0
3/3-5/08.....	16	8	6	2	9	9	49	1	31	67	3.0
2/4-6/08.....	19	9	6	2	9	9	46	-	33	64	3.1
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
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8
1 Year Ago											
7/9-11/07.....	14	9	8	1	10	6	51	1	31	67	2.9

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

4. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Congress is handling its job?

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK:) Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? **(IF HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OR NOT SURE, ASK:)** If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

	<u>7/10- 14/08</u>		<u>6/12- 16/08</u>	<u>4/7- 9/08</u>	<u>3/3- 5/08</u>	<u>2/4- 6/08</u>	<u>1/7- 9/08</u>	<u>12/3- 5/07</u>
Strongly approve	3		4	4	4	3	4	5
Somewhat approve	7		12	11	13	9	12	9
Lean toward approval.....	8		6	8	7	9	10	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2		3	5	3	3	3	4
Lean toward disapproval	22		19	19	21	21	17	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	20		19	19	20	20	18	20
Strongly disapprove.....	35		35	32	30	34	34	31
Not sure.....	3		2	2	2	1	2	1
Total Approve	18		23	23	24	22	26	25
Total Disapprove	77		72	71	72	74	69	70
Mean Rating ¹	2.6		2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9

	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/11- 13/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	High 2/7- 9/05	Low 7/10- 14/08	1 Year Ago 7/9- 11/07
Strongly approve	6	4	3	5	6	3	4
Somewhat approve	9	10	11	9	21	7	11
Lean toward approval.....	10	8	12	11	17	8	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	4	3	3	3	2	3
Lean toward disapproval	18	24	20	21	21	22	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	21	19	17	17	15	20	19
Strongly disapprove.....	31	30	33	33	16	35	36
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	3	2
Total Approve	25	22	26	25	44	18	24
Total Disapprove	70	73	71	72	52	77	70
Mean Rating ¹	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.8	2.6	2.8

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	80
No	20
(DK/NS)	-

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	26
Democrat	34
Independent	23
None of these	16
(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	22
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	13
Strongly Republican	16
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	14
Independent	12
(DK/NS)	1
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Total Republicans	40
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	7
Somewhat Liberal	12
Moderate	30
Very Conservative	18
Somewhat Conservative	28
Refused	5
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Total Liberal	19
Total Conservative	46

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	28
35-49	25
50-64	27
65+	18
(DK/NS)	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	58
Full time	47
Part time	11
Not employed	17
Retired	24
(DK/NS)	1

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

Grade school or some high school	11
Completed high school	38
Some community college or university, did not finish	16
Completed technical school or a community college	8
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	15
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	11
(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	14
2	29
3	20
4	20
5	10
6+	6
(DK/NS)	1

(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN (NET)	38
Under 6	22
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	60
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	31
Any children 6 to 17	25

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

Yes	44
No	53
(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	46
Catholic	24
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Some other religion	4
None	20
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	42
More than once a week	12
Once a week	30
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	20
Never	21
(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	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	3

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

Under \$15,000	10
\$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	7
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	19
(DK/NS)	16

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	27
Suburban	53
Rural	20

GENDER:

Male	47
Female	53