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Interviews: 1,000 adults, 849 registered voters
Margin of error: ±3.1 for all adults, ±3.4 for registered voters

**ASSOCIATED PRESS: SOCIAL SECURITY STUDY
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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

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

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

(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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	21
Moderately Republican	21
Definitely Independent/neither	8
Moderately Democrat.....	25
Strongly Democrat	24
Refused/not sure.....	1
Total Republican	42
Total Democrat	49

* Half the respondents were asked party identification in this location, the other half were asked at the end of the survey with the other demographic questions. Results for the respondents who were asked the question early were 38% Republican, 50% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 45% Republican, 49% Democrat.

SOCIAL SECURITY STUDY

1. Some have said that the Social Security program in its present form will run out of money at some point to pay all of the promised benefits. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree.....	70
Disagree.....	27
Not sure.....	3

2. Would you personally be willing to accept reduced Social Security benefits in retirement if that meant benefits for poorer retirees would not be reduced, or not?

Yes.....	40
No.....	56
Not sure.....	4

3. Who do you trust more to handle the issue of Social Security?

	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>2/22- 24/05</u>
Democrats.....	48	43
Republicans.....	36	37
(NOT READ) Neither.....	15	16
Not sure.....	1	4

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	31
35-49	28
50-64	24
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	64
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	12
Not employed	17
Retired.....	19
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	9
Completed high school	23
Some community college or university, but did not finish	24
Completed technical school or a community college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	19
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	53
No.....	47
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	21
2	33
3	18
4	16
5	8
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	-

(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.....	18
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	63
Refused/not sure	-

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

Yes	48
No.....	51
Refused/not sure	1

(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?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	34
1 time.....	13
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	7
5 to 9 times.....	10
10 to 14 times.....	3
15 to 19 times.....	3
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	3
Refused/not sure	7
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	20

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

Yes	40
No.....	58
Refused/not sure	2

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	47
Catholic	23
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	7
No religion	18
Refused/not sure	1

D10a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D10b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D10a.)

D10b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	-
Refused	1

D11. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	15

REGION:

Northeast.....	20
Midwest	23
South.....	35
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	33
Suburban.....	47
Rural.....	20

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52