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Margin of error: ±3.1 for all adults, ±3.5 for registered voters

**ASSOCIATED PRESS: JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS 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.....	77
No	23
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	19
Moderately Republican	26
Definitely Independent/neither	7
Moderately Democrat.....	29
Strongly Democrat	18
Refused/not sure.....	1
Total Republican	45
Total Democrat	47

* 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 48% Republican, 43% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 41% Republican, 50% Democrat.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS STUDY

1. Generally speaking, do you think that federal judges in this country are too conservative, too liberal, or about right?

Too conservative	24
Too liberal.....	30
About right.....	37
Not sure.....	9

2. Would you like the federal judges nominated by President Bush to have political views that are...

Very conservative	13
Somewhat conservative	34
Somewhat liberal.....	29
Very liberal	11
(NOT READ) Moderate, middle of the road	6
Not sure.....	7
Total Conservative	47
Total Liberal	39

3. In President Bush's second term, he may have the opportunity to appoint several new justices to the U.S. (United States) Supreme Court. How comfortable are you that George W. Bush would nominate the right kind of justices to the Supreme Court?

Very comfortable	29
Somewhat comfortable.....	23
Not too comfortable	14
Not at all comfortable	32
Not sure.....	2
Total Comfortable.....	52
Total Not Comfortable.....	46

4. As you may know, the president nominates federal judges, but the appointments must be approved by the U.S. Senate. Do you think the Senate should ...

Give the president's judicial nominees the benefit of the doubt and approve them without a lot of scrutiny	18
Take an assertive role in examining each nominee.....	78
Not sure	4

5. Do you think judges usually base their decisions...

Mostly on their interpretation of the law	51
Mostly on their personal beliefs and political opinions	43
Not sure	6

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	29
50-64	22
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	62
- Full time.....	51
- Part time.....	11
Not employed	15
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure	1

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

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	26
Some community college or university, but did not finish	23
Completed technical school or a community college	10
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	55
No.....	45
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	20
2	32
3	16
4	16
5	9
6 or more	6
Refused/not sure	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	36
Under 6.....	18
6-12	19
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	63
Refused/not sure	1

D7a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	38
No.....	59
Refused/not sure	3

D7b. 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	22
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim.....	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	21
Refused/not sure	2

D8a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D8b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D8a.)

D8b. 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

D9. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$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	9
\$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	13
Refused/not sure	18

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	33
Suburban.....	49
Rural.....	18

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52