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Interview dates: July 5-7, 2005  
Interviews: 1,000 adults, 848 registered voters  
Margin of error: ±3.1 for all adults, ±3.4 for registered voters

**ASSOCIATED PRESS FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT STUDY  
CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
RELEASE DATE: JULY 8, 2005  
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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?

Yes .....	80
No.....	20
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?

	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>
Strongly Republican .....	20
Moderately Republican .....	26
Definitely Independent/neither .....	10
Moderately Democrat.....	25
Strongly Democrat .....	17
Refused/not sure.....	2
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<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>42</b>

\* 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 45% Republican, 43% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 47% Republican, 42% Democrat.

<b>FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT STUDY</b>
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1. How much do you worry about the size of the federal budget deficit?

A lot.....	32
Some.....	38
Not much.....	18
Not at all.....	11
Not sure.....	1
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<b>Total A Lot/Some.....</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total Not Much/Not At All.....</b>	<b>29</b>

2. If you had to choose, which one of the following four plans would you prefer to balance the federal budget?

Cut government spending, even if that means cuts in government services.....	35
Cut taxes to strengthen the economy and erase the deficit.....	25
Raise taxes, while maintaining government services at their current levels.....	18
Do nothing, and wait for the economy to strengthen and erase the deficit.....	8
Raise taxes and cut spending.....	1
(NOT READ) Other.....	7
(NOT READ) None.....	4
Not sure.....	2

<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 .....	31
35-49 .....	27
50-64 .....	24
65 and over .....	17
Refused/not sure .....	1

D2. Are you employed:

<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED .....</b>	<b>61</b>
- Full time.....	47
- Part time.....	14
Not employed .....	16
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 .....	20
Completed technical school or a community college .....	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree ....	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	14
Refused/not sure .....	-

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes .....	56
No.....	43
Refused/not sure .....	1

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

1 .....	19
2 .....	33
3 .....	18
4 .....	17
5 .....	9
6 or more .....	3
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?

<b>ANY CHILDREN – NET .....</b>	<b>36</b>
Under 6.....	17
6-12 .....	18
13-17 .....	16
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Refused/not sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>

D7a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D7b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D7a.)**

D7b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White .....	79
Black .....	9
Hispanic.....	6
Asian.....	2
American Indian.....	2
Other.....	1
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 .....	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000 .....	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000 .....	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000 .....	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000 .....	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	9
\$100,000 or more .....	13
Refused/not sure .....	19

**REGION:**

Northeast.....	19
Midwest .....	24
South.....	35
West .....	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban.....	30
Suburban.....	49
Rural.....	21

**GENDER:**

Male .....	48
Female .....	52