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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	19
Moderately Republican	20
Definitely Independent/neither	11
Moderately Democrat.....	27
Strongly Democrat	21
Refused/not sure.....	2
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Total Republican	39
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 41% Republican, 47% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 37% Republican, 50% Democrat.

POLITICAL STUDY

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

ALL ADULTS						
	<i>8/1- 3/05</i>	<i>7/11- 13/05</i>	<i>6/6- 8/05</i>	<i>5/2- 4/05</i>	<i>4/4- 6/05</i>	<i>3/7 - 9/05</i>
Right direction.....	37	36	35	36	38	40
Wrong track.....	59	59	59	59	56	55
Not sure.....	4	5	6	5	6	5
	<i>2/7 - 9/05</i>	<i>1/3 - 5/05</i>	<i>12/6 - 8/04</i>	<i>11/3 - 5/04</i>	<i>10/4 - 6/04</i>	<i>9/7 - 9/04</i>
	38	44	43	46	40	44
	58	51	52	51	56	52
	4	5	5	3	4	4
	<i>1st Quarter JFM 05</i>	<i>4th Quarter OND 04</i>	<i>3rd Quarter JAS 04</i>	<i>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</i>	<i>1st Quarter JFM 04</i>	1 Year Ago <i>8/3 - 5/04</i>
	41	43	42	39	44	39
	55	53	55	57	52	59
	4	4	3	4	4	2

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?

ALL ADULTS						
	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	3/7 - 9/05
Strongly approve	23	21	22	24	21	25
Somewhat approve.....	10	12	11	11	11	12
Lean toward approval	9	10	10	11	12	10
Still have mixed feelings	2	1	1	2	1	2
Lean toward disapproval	13	15	13	13	15	13
Somewhat disapprove	5	6	7	7	6	6
Strongly disapprove.....	38	35	35	32	34	31
Not sure	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total Approve	42	42	43	47	44	48
Total Disapprove	55	56	55	51	54	50
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9
REGISTERED VOTERS *						
	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04	11/3 - 5/04	10/4 - 6/04	9/7 - 9/04
Strongly approve	24	27	31	33	31	33
Somewhat approve.....	11	12	10	12	9	12
Lean toward approval	10	10	11	6	8	8
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	2	1	1	1
Lean toward disapproval	15	13	14	9	12	11
Somewhat disapprove	7	7	4	5	6	4
Strongly disapprove.....	32	30	28	34	33	31
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	45	49	51	51	48	52
Total Disapprove	54	49	47	48	51	46
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2
	1 st Quarter JFM 05	4 th Quarter OND 04	3 rd Quarter JAS 04	2 nd Quarter AMJ 04	1 st Quarter JFM 04	1 Year Ago 8/3 - 5/04
Strongly approve	26	32	32	27	30	30
Somewhat approve.....	12	10	11	11	10	10
Lean toward approval	10	8	9	10	10	9
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	2	2	1
Lean toward disapproval	14	12	11	13	16	13
Somewhat disapprove	6	5	4	6	5	5
Strongly disapprove.....	31	32	32	31	27	32
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	47	50	51	48	50	49
Total Disapprove	51	49	48	50	47	50
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.0

¹Mean 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.

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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?

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating ¹
Handling the economy											
ALL ADULTS											
8/1-3/05.....	20	13	8	2	14	11	31	1	41	56	3.6
7/11-13/05.....	19	15	8	2	14	12	30	-	42	56	3.7
6/6-8/05.....	20	17	6	2	11	13	30	1	43	54	3.7
5/2-4/05.....	18	15	10	2	12	12	31	-	43	54	3.7
4/4-6/05.....	16	17	8	3	11	9	35	1	42	54	3.6
3/7-9/05.....	22	16	10	2	11	10	29	-	47	50	3.9
2/7-9/05.....	18	14	10	1	14	10	33	-	43	56	3.6
1/3-5/05.....	23	16	9	1	12	11	28	-	47	51	3.9
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
12/6-8/04.....	25	15	8	1	13	6	31	1	48	51	3.9
11/3-5/04.....	25	14	8	1	10	7	34	1	48	51	3.9
10/4-6/04.....	25	13	8	2	9	9	34	-	47	51	3.8
9/7-9/04.....	27	15	8	1	9	7	33	-	50	49	4.0
1 st quarter JFM 05.....	21	15	10	2	12	10	30	-	46	52	3.8
4 th quarter OND 04.....	25	14	8	1	10	8	33	1	47	51	3.9
3 rd quarter JAS 04.....	27	14	8	1	9	8	33	-	49	50	3.9
2 nd quarter AMJ 04.....	23	13	8	2	11	10	32	1	45	53	3.8
1 st quarter JFM 04.....	22	15	10	2	11	9	30	1	47	50	3.9
1 year ago 8/3-5/04.....	26	14	7	1	8	10	33	1	46	52	3.8

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Q.3 (cont.)

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	<i>Mean- Rating¹</i>
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
ALL ADULTS											
8/1-3/05.....	15	14	8	2	12	8	39	2	37	60	3.3
7/11-13/05.....	15	15	11	1	15	8	34	1	42	56	3.5
6/6-8/05.....	17	13	10	2	10	10	37	1	40	57	3.4
5/2-4/05.....	16	16	9	2	15	10	31	1	41	56	3.6
4/4-6/05.....	15	12	11	3	12	10	36	1	38	58	3.4
3/7-9/05.....	17	16	11	3	10	11	32	-	44	53	3.7
2/7-9/05.....	15	14	12	1	12	9	37	-	41	58	3.4
1/3-5/05.....	18	14	11	1	14	9	33	-	43	56	3.6
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
12/6-8/04.....	21	17	10	2	10	8	32	-	48	50	3.8
11/3-5/04.....	21	17	9	1	9	8	35	-	46	52	3.7
10/4-6/04.....	20	15	8	2	11	8	36	-	43	55	3.6
9/20-22/04.....	21	16	11	1	10	8	32	1	48	50	3.8
9/7-9/04.....	21	15	10	2	8	9	34	1	46	51	3.7
1 st quarter JFM 05.....	17	14	11	2	12	10	34	-	42	55	3.6
4 th quarter OND 04.....	20	16	9	2	10	8	35	-	45	53	3.7
3 rd quarter JAS 04.....	21	15	10	2	9	8	35	-	46	52	3.7
2 nd quarter AMJ 04.....	17	15	10	2	12	9	34	1	42	55	3.6
1 st quarter JFM 04.....	17	16	12	2	13	8	31	1	45	52	3.7
1 year ago 8/3-5/04.....	21	15	9	1	12	8	34	-	45	54	3.7

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	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	<i>Mean- Rating¹</i>
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
ALL ADULTS											
8/1-3/05.....	29	11	8	1	13	8	30	-	47	51	4.0
7/11-13/05.....	31	12	8	2	15	7	25	-	51	48	4.2
6/6-8/05.....	29	11	6	1	13	9	30	1	45	52	3.9
5/2-4/05.....	31	10	8	2	13	9	26	1	49	48	4.1
4/4-6/05.....	29	14	6	2	12	8	29	-	49	49	4.1
3/7-9/05.....	32	11	9	2	11	8	27	-	52	46	4.2
2/7-9/05.....	31	10	6	2	15	8	28	-	47	51	4.0
1/3-5/05.....	32	12	6	2	12	7	29	-	50	48	4.1
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
12/6-8/04.....	35	11	7	2	12	6	27	-	53	45	4.3
11/3-5/04.....	39	8	7	-	11	6	29	-	54	46	4.3
(FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER 2004 - ASKED OF ONLY HALF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)											
10/4-6/04.....	36	5	9	1	12	6	31	-	50	49	4.1
9/7-9/04.....	42	8	4	1	10	6	29	-	54	44	4.4
1 st quarter JFM 05.....	32	11	7	2	13	7	28	-	50	48	4.1
4 th quarter OND 04.....	36	9	8	1	11	6	29	-	53	46	4.2
3 rd quarter JAS 04.....	39	8	5	1	11	6	30	-	52	47	4.3
2 nd quarter AMJ 04.....	35	9	8	2	14	6	26	-	52	46	4.3
1 st quarter JFM 04.....	37	11	8	1	13	6	23	1	56	43	4.5
1 year ago 8/3-5/04.....	38	7	6	-	12	7	30	-	51	49	4.2

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Q.3 (cont.)

	Strongly Ap- prove	Some- what Ap- prove	Lean Toward Ap- proval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disap- proval	Some- what Disap- prove	Strongly Disap- prove	Not Sure	Total Ap- prove	Total Disap- prove	Mean- Rating ¹
Handling the situation in Iraq											
ALL ADULTS											
8/1-3/05.....	22	8	8	2	10	8	41	1	38	59	3.4
7/11-13/05.....	24	8	8	1	11	7	41	-	40	59	3.5
6/6-8/05.....	23	10	8	2	9	5	42	1	41	56	3.5
5/2-4/05.....	25	10	8	2	8	7	40	-	43	55	3.6
4/4-6/05.....	22	12	9	1	8	9	39	-	43	56	3.5
3/7-9/05.....	29	9	7	2	9	7	37	-	45	53	3.8
2/7-9/05.....	25	9	8	1	10	9	38	-	42	57	3.6
1/3-5/05.....	24	12	8	2	8	7	39	-	44	54	3.7
REGISTERED VOTERS											
12/6-8/04.....	27	12	10	1	8	7	35	-	48	50	3.9
11/3-5/04.....	31	10	7	1	7	5	39	-	48	51	3.8
(PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2004 - ASKED OF ONLY HALF THE REGISTERED VOTERS)											
10/4-6/04.....	32	7	7	2	9	5	38	-	46	52	3.8
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
1 st quarter JFM 05.....	26	10	8	1	9	8	38	-	44	54	3.7
4 th quarter OND 04.....	30	10	8	1	8	6	37	-	48	51	3.9
3 rd quarter JAS 04 ³	38	10	6	1	12	6	27	-	54	45	4.4
2 nd quarter AMJ 04 ²	27	9	8	3	11	5	37	-	44	53	3.8
1 year ago 8/3-5/04.....	34	11	6	1	12	7	29	-	51	48	4.2
Handling Social Security											
ALL ADULTS											
8/1-3/05.....	17	9	7	2	12	12	39	2	33	63	3.2
7/11-13/05.....	18	8	10	2	11	11	39	1	35	61	3.3
6/6-8/05.....	19	11	7	2	12	9	38	2	37	59	3.4
5/2-4/05.....	17	12	8	2	11	9	40	1	38	60	3.3
4/4-6/05.....	15	9	11	4	10	9	40	2	36	58	3.3
3/7-9/05.....	17	9	11	4	10	8	38	3	37	56	3.4
2/22-24/05.....	19	9	11	5	15	7	34	-	39	56	3.5

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²This item was asked only in May and June (773 registered voters).

³This item was asked only in August and September (1,073 registered voters).

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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?

ALL ADULTS								
	<u>8/1- 3/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>6/6- 8/05</u>	<u>5/2- 4/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	<u>3/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>2/7 - 9/05</u>	<u>1/3 - 5/05</u>
Strongly approve	5	7	5	7	5	7	6	8
Somewhat approve	16	14	16	15	22	20	21	21
Lean toward approval.....	12	14	10	12	10	14	17	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	4	3	3	3	5	3	4
Lean toward disapproval	19	19	17	20	19	20	21	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	19	20	17	17	14	15	16
Strongly disapprove	24	22	27	24	22	18	16	18
Not sure	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2
Total Approve	33	35	31	35	37	41	44	41
Total Disapprove	62	60	64	61	58	53	52	53
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7

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PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS STUDY

5. Now I'm going to read you some words that might be used to describe a person. As I read each word, please tell me whether you think the word describes George W. Bush, or not.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Likeable			
ALL ADULTS			
8/1-3/05.....	63	36	1
1/10-12/05.....	66	33	1
REGISTERED VOTERS			
10/18-20/04.....	67	32	1
10/4-6/04.....	68	31	1
9/7-9/04.....	70	30	-
8/3-5/04.....	67	32	1
7/5-7/04.....	66	33	1
Honest			
ALL ADULTS			
8/1-3/05.....	48	50	2
1/10-12/05.....	53	45	2
REGISTERED VOTERS			
10/18-20/04.....	53	46	1
10/4-6/04.....	53	45	2
9/7-9/04.....	56	43	1
8/3-5/04.....	53	45	2
7/5-7/04.....	53	46	1
Strong			
ALL ADULTS			
8/1-3/05.....	64	35	1
1/10-12/05.....	65	34	1
REGISTERED VOTERS			
9/7-9/04.....	73	27	-
8/3-5/04.....	70	29	1

Q.5 cont'd.

Intelligent

ALL ADULTS

8/1-3/05.....	56	43	1
1/10-12/05.....	62	37	1

REGISTERED VOTERS

9/7-9/04.....	63	36	1
8/3-5/04.....	63	37	-
7/5-7/04.....	63	36	1

Arrogant

ALL ADULTS

8/1-3/05.....	56	43	1
1/10-12/05.....	49	50	1

REGISTERED VOTERS

7/5-7/04.....	52	47	1
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Dependable

ALL ADULTS

8/1-3/05.....	55	43	2
1/10-12/05.....	57	42	1

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	27
50-64	24
65 and over	17
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	53
- Part time.....	11
Not employed	14
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	6
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	21
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14
Refused/not sure	1

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	57
No.....	42
Refused/not sure	1

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

1	18
2	32
3	19
4	16
5	10
6 or more	4
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	35
Under 6.....	17
6-12	17
13-17	13
NO CHILDREN	64
Refused/not sure	1

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

Yes	51
No.....	48
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.....	33
1 time.....	13
2 times.....	14
3 times.....	8
4 times.....	4
5 to 9 times.....	7
10 to 14 times.....	5
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	2
Refused/not sure	12
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	16

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

Yes	37
No.....	61
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	21
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	3
No religion	23
Refused/not sure	2

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.....	-
Other.....	1
Refused	1

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

Under \$15,000.....	14
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	6
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	12
Refused/not sure	17

REGION:

Northeast.....	19
Midwest	23
South.....	35
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	29
Suburban.....	51
Rural.....	20

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52