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Interview dates: September 6-8, 2005
Interviews: 1,002 adults, 831 registered voters
Margin of error: ±3.1 for all adults, ±3.4 for registered voters

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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..... | 76 |
| No | 23 |
| Refused/not sure | 1 |

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 | 23 |
| Definitely Independent/neither | 9 |
| Moderately Democrat..... | 28 |
| Strongly Democrat | 20 |
| Refused/not sure..... | 1 |
| Total Republican | 42 |
| Total Democrat..... | 48 |

* 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, 45% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 42% Republican, 51% 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 | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | <u>9/6-8/05</u> | <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> |
| Right direction..... | 32 | 37 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 38 |
| Wrong track..... | 65 | 59 | 59 | 59 | 59 | 56 |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | | | | |
| | <u>3/7 - 9/05</u> | <u>2/7 - 9/05</u> | <u>1/3 - 5/05</u> | <u>12/6 - 8/04</u> | <u>11/3 - 5/04</u> | <u>10/4 - 6/04</u> |
| | 40 | 38 | 44 | 43 | 46 | 40 |
| | 55 | 58 | 51 | 52 | 51 | 56 |
| | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | | | |
| | <u>1st Quarter JFM 05</u> | <u>4th Quarter OND 04</u> | <u>3rd Quarter JAS 04</u> | <u>2nd Quarter AMJ 04</u> | <u>1st Quarter JFM 04</u> | 1 Year Ago <u>9/7 - 9/04</u> |
| | 41 | 43 | 42 | 39 | 44 | 44 |
| | 55 | 53 | 55 | 57 | 52 | 52 |
| | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

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 | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 9/6- 8/05 | 8/1- 3/05 | 7/11- 13/05 | 6/6- 8/05 | 5/2- 4/05 | 4/4- 6/05 |
| Strongly approve | 20 | 23 | 21 | 22 | 24 | 21 |
| Somewhat approve..... | 11 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Lean toward approval | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Still have mixed feelings | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Lean toward disapproval | 14 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 40 | 38 | 35 | 35 | 32 | 34 |
| Not sure | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Total Approve | 39 | 42 | 42 | 43 | 47 | 44 |
| Total Disapprove | 59 | 55 | 56 | 55 | 51 | 54 |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> ¹ | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.7 |

| | ALL ADULTS | | | REGISTERED VOTERS * | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 3/7 - 9/05 | 2/7 - 9/05 | 1/3 - 5/05 | 12/6 - 8/04 | 11/3 - 5/04 | 10/4 - 6/04 |
| Strongly approve | 25 | 24 | 27 | 31 | 33 | 31 |
| Somewhat approve..... | 12 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 9 |
| Lean toward approval | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 8 |
| Still have mixed feelings | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Lean toward disapproval | 13 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 12 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 6 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 31 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 34 | 33 |
| Not sure | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Approve | 48 | 45 | 49 | 51 | 51 | 48 |
| Total Disapprove | 50 | 54 | 49 | 47 | 48 | 51 |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> ¹ | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 |

| | 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 9/7 - 9/04 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Strongly approve | 26 | 32 | 32 | 27 | 30 | 33 |
| Somewhat approve..... | 12 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| Lean toward approval | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| Still have mixed feelings | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Lean toward disapproval | 14 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 11 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 31 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 27 | 31 |
| Not sure | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Approve | 47 | 50 | 51 | 48 | 50 | 52 |
| Total Disapprove | 51 | 49 | 48 | 50 | 47 | 46 |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> ¹ | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |

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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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6-8/05..... | 20 | 14 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 33 | 1 | 41 | 57 | 3.6 |
| 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 |
| 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 9/7-9/04..... | 27 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 33 | - | 50 | 49 | 4.0 |

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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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6-8/05..... | 17 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 35 | 1 | 38 | 59 | 3.4 |
| 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 |
| 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 9/7-9/04..... | 21 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 34 | 1 | 46 | 51 | 3.7 |

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Q.3 (cont.)

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6-8/05..... | 27 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 36 | - | 43 | 55 | 3.7 |
| 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 |
| 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 9/7-9/04..... | 42 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 29 | - | 54 | 44 | 4.4 |

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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 the situation in Iraq | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6-8/05..... | 22 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 46 | - | 37 | 62 | 3.3 |
| 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 |
| 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 9/20-22/04..... | 31 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 33 | - | 49 | 49 | 4.0 |
| Handling Social Security | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL ADULTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6-8/05..... | 16 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 36 | 3 | 35 | 61 | 3.3 |
| 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 |

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.

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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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 the relief effort
for victims of Hurricane
Katrina**

| ALL ADULTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 9/6-8/05..... | 27 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 35 | 1 | 46 | 52 | 3.8 |

Handling gas prices

| ALL ADULTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 9/6-8/05..... | 12 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 51 | 1 | 27 | 70 | 2.8 |

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.

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 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 9/6 8/05 | 8/1- 3/05 | 7/11- 13/05 | 6/6- 8/05 | 5/2- 4/05 | 4/4- 6/05 | 3/7 - 9/05 | 2/7 - 9/05 | 1/3 - 5/05 | |
| Strongly approve..... | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 | |
| Somewhat approve..... | 16 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 21 | |
| Lean toward approval..... | 11 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 12 | |
| Still have mixed feelings..... | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | |
| Lean toward disapproval..... | 21 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 19 | |
| Somewhat disapprove..... | 19 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
| Strongly disapprove..... | 25 | 24 | 22 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 18 | 16 | 18 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Total Approve..... | 32 | 33 | 35 | 31 | 35 | 37 | 41 | 44 | 41 | |
| Total Disapprove..... | 65 | 62 | 60 | 64 | 61 | 58 | 53 | 52 | 53 | |
| <i>Mean Rating¹.....</i> | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | |

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.

HURRICANE STUDY

1. Which comes closest to your view? .

| | |
|--|----|
| The federal government should have been better prepared to cope with the effects of a disaster of the magnitude caused by Hurricane Katrina | 69 |
| The federal government was as prepared as it reasonably could have been to cope with a disaster of the magnitude caused by Hurricane Katrina | 30 |
| Not sure | 1 |

2. How confident are you in the federal government's ability to handle a major disaster in the future?

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Very confident | 19 |
| Somewhat confident..... | 37 |
| Not too confident | 27 |
| Not at all confident..... | 17 |
| Not sure..... | - |
| Total Confident | 56 |
| Total Not Confident | 44 |

3. How much blame does each of the following deserve for the problems in the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina? A lot, a good amount, only a little, or none at all?

RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A LOT OR A GOOD AMOUNT OF BLAME

| | <u>A Lot</u> | <u>A Good Amount</u> | <u>Only A Little</u> | <u>None At All</u> | <u>Not Sure</u> | Total A Lot/ Good Amount | Total Little/ None |
|--|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| The state governments in the affected areas..... | 44 | 30 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 74 | 25 |
| The local governments in the affected areas..... | 42 | 25 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 67 | 32 |
| The U.S. government | 38 | 25 | 28 | 9 | - | 63 | 36 |
| President Bush | 32 | 22 | 29 | 16 | 1 | 55 | 45 |
| Local residents in the affected areas..... | 29 | 20 | 32 | 18 | 1 | 48 | 51 |

4. I'm going to read some ways that people have been feeling about the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina, and I'd like you to tell me whether the statement represents your very deepest feeling, a feeling that was somewhat deep, whether the statement crossed your mind, or whether it never occurred to you.

RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY DEEPEST OR SOMEWHAT DEEP FEELING

| | <u>Very Deepest Feeling</u> | <u>Feeling That Was Somewhat Deep</u> | <u>Crossed Your Mind</u> | <u>Never Occurred To You</u> | <u>Not Sure</u> | Total Very Deepest/ Somewhat Deep |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Felt angry that relief for the hurricane victims came so slowly..... | 51 | 16 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 67 |
| Felt ashamed that this could happen in our country..... | 40 | 15 | 15 | 29 | 1 | 55 |
| Wondered whether the government could really help you if you became a victim of a disaster..... | 26 | 17 | 30 | 26 | 1 | 44 |
| Felt the government would have responded faster if the victims weren't mostly black and poor..... | 26 | 10 | 18 | 45 | 1 | 36 |
| Were worried about how this disaster might affect your own life, job, and future..... | 19 | 13 | 32 | 35 | 1 | 33 |
| Felt less safe than you did before Hurricane Katrina..... | 16 | 14 | 23 | 46 | 1 | 30 |
| Wished you didn't have to hear any more news about the disaster..... | 13 | 12 | 24 | 50 | 1 | 26 |

- 5a. Have you already donated money to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, or not?

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Yes | 63 |
| No..... | 37 |
| Not sure..... | - |

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.5a THAT THEY HAVE DONATED.)

- 5b. And please tell me how much money you did donate to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| \$1-\$25 | 23 |
| \$26-\$50 | 15 |
| \$51-\$100 | 20 |
| More than \$100 | 21 |
| Not sure..... | 21 |
| <hr/> | |
| <i>Mean</i> | \$183 |
| <i>Median</i> | \$74 |

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.5a THAT THEY HAVE DONATED.)

5c. Do you plan to donate any additional money to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, or not?

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Yes | 68 |
| No..... | 27 |
| Not sure..... | 5 |

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.5c THAT THEY PLAN TO DONATE ADDITIONAL MONEY.)

5d. And please tell me how much additional money you plan to donate to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| \$1-\$25 | 15 |
| \$26-\$50 | 13 |
| \$51-\$100 | 19 |
| More than \$100 | 19 |
| Not sure..... | 34 |
| <hr/> | |
| <i>Mean</i> | \$247 |
| <i>Median</i> | \$80 |

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.5a THAT THEY HAVE NOT DONATED.)

5e. Do you expect to donate money to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, or not?

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Yes | 59 |
| No..... | 39 |
| Not sure..... | 2 |

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.5e THAT THEY EXPECT TO DONATE.)

5f. And please tell me how much money you expect to donate to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina? (

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| \$1-\$25 | 24 |
| \$26-\$50 | 18 |
| \$51-\$100 | 23 |
| More than \$100 | 11 |
| Not sure..... | 24 |
| <hr/> | |
| <i>Mean</i> | \$121 |
| <i>Median</i> | \$45 |

5. SUMMARY: DONATED/WILL DONATE TO HELP VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Already Donated (NET)..... | 62 |
| - Already donated and plan to donate more..... | 42 |
| - Already donated and do not plan to donate more..... | 17 |
| - Already donated and not sure if will donate more..... | 3 |
| Did Not Donate (NET)..... | 37 |
| - Have not donated and expect to donate..... | 22 |
| - Have not donated and do not expect to donate..... | 15 |
| - Have not donated and not sure if will donate..... | 1 |
| Not Sure..... | - |

6. As you may know, much the City of New Orleans was built below sea level. Some people say that New Orleans is an important historic city that should be re-built as it existed before the hurricane, and that existing levee systems can be rebuilt and strengthened to protect the city. Others say that the parts of New Orleans that lie below sea level should be abandoned and should be rebuilt on other sites above sea level, because if they are re-built below sea level, they may be susceptible to damage by future storms, even if the levees are strengthened. Which comes closest to your view?

| | |
|---|----|
| New Orleans should be re-built as it existed before the hurricane while strengthening the levees, including re-building on sites below sea level..... | 42 |
| The parts of New Orleans that lie below sea level should be abandoned, and should be re-built above sea level | 54 |
| Not sure | 4 |

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| GAS PRICES STUDY |
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7. Over the next six months, do you expect that increases in the price of gasoline will cause financial hardship for you or your family, or not? **(IF YES, ASK:)** Do you expect that will be a serious hardship, or not serious?

| | <u>9/6- 8/05</u> | <u>8/9- 11/05*</u> | <u>4/18- 20/05*</u> | <u>6/7- 9/04</u> |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Will Cause Financial Hardship..... | 70 | 64 | 51 | 54 |
| - Serious hardship..... | 41 | 37 | 30 | 30 |
| - Not a serious hardship..... | 28 | 26 | 20 | 23 |
| - Not sure how serious | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Will Not Cause Financial Hardship..... | 30 | 35 | 48 | 46 |
| Not sure | - | 1 | 1 | - |

* Results are from studies conducted by Ipsos for the AP and AOL.

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| DEMOGRAPHICS |
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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 | 30 |
| 50-64 | 23 |
| 65 and over | 15 |
| Refused/not sure | 1 |

D2. Are you employed:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| TOTAL EMPLOYED | 65 |
| - Full time..... | 55 |
| - Part time..... | 10 |
| Not employed | 15 |
| Retired..... | 20 |
| Refused/not sure | - |

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

| | |
|--|----|
| Grade school or some high school | 6 |
| Completed high school | 22 |
| 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 | 24 |
| Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. | 13 |
| Refused/not sure | - |

D4. Are you currently married?

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Yes | 52 |
| No..... | 48 |
| Refused/not sure | - |

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

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| 1 | 21 |
| 2 | 34 |
| 3 | 19 |
| 4 | 13 |
| 5 | 7 |
| 6 or more | 5 |
| 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 | 37 |
| Under 6..... | 20 |
| 6-12 | 16 |
| 13-17 | 14 |
| NO CHILDREN | 62 |
| Refused/not sure | 1 |

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

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Yes | 52 |
| No..... | 47 |
| 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..... | 36 |
| 1 time..... | 14 |
| 2 times..... | 12 |
| 3 times..... | 9 |
| 4 times..... | 8 |
| 5 to 9 times..... | 9 |
| 10 to 14 times..... | 4 |
| 15 to 19 times..... | 1 |
| 20 to 24 times..... | 1 |
| 25 times or more | 2 |
| Refused/not sure | 4 |
| Active Investors (5 times or more)..... | 16 |

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

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Yes | 39 |
| No..... | 59 |
| 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 | 50 |
| Catholic | 22 |
| Mormon | 2 |
| Jewish | 2 |
| Muslim | - |
| Other non-Christian religion..... | 3 |
| No religion | 20 |
| 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..... | 12 |
| Hispanic..... | 12 |
| Asian..... | 4 |
| American Indian..... | - |
| Other..... | - |
| Refused | 1 |

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

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Under \$15,000..... | 13 |
| \$15,000 to less than \$20,000 | 5 |
| \$20,000 to less than \$25,000 | 8 |
| \$25,000 to less than \$30,000 | 5 |
| \$30,000 to less than \$40,000 | 9 |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000 | 10 |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 | 16 |
| \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 | 10 |
| \$100,000 or more | 14 |
| Refused/not sure | 10 |

REGION:

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Northeast..... | 20 |
| Midwest | 22 |
| South..... | 36 |
| West | 22 |

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Urban..... | 30 |
| Suburban..... | 51 |
| Rural..... | 19 |

GENDER:

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Male | 48 |
| Female | 52 |