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**REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION**

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

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>
Yes.....	80
No .....	19
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?

	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>
Strongly Republican .....	19
Moderately Republican .....	21
Definitely Independent/neither .....	9
Moderately Democrat.....	26
Strongly Democrat .....	23
Refused/not sure.....	2
<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>49</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 41% Republican, 49% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 38% Republican, 50% Democrat.

**PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL STUDY**

1. 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					
	10/31- 11/2/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05
Strongly approve .....	20	21	20	23	21	22
Somewhat approve.....	10	9	11	10	12	11
Lean toward approval .....	7	9	8	9	10	10
Still have mixed feelings .....	3	3	1	2	1	1
Lean toward disapproval .....	12	14	14	13	15	13
Somewhat disapprove .....	5	5	5	5	6	7
Strongly disapprove.....	42	39	40	38	35	35
Not sure .....	1	-	1	-	-	1
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>55</b>
<i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup> .....</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.6</i>

	ALL ADULTS					R. VOTER*
	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04
Strongly approve.....	24	21	25	24	27	31
Somewhat approve.....	11	11	12	11	12	10
Lean toward approval .....	11	12	10	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings .....	2	1	2	1	1	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	13	15	13	15	13	14
Somewhat disapprove .....	7	6	6	7	7	4
Strongly disapprove .....	32	34	31	32	30	28
Not sure .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Disapprove.....</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
<i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup> .....</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter JFM 05	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter OND 04	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter JAS 04	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter AMJ 04	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter JFM 04	1 Year Ago 11/3 - 5/04
Strongly approve.....	26	32	32	27	30	33
Somewhat approve.....	12	10	11	11	10	12
Lean toward approval .....	10	8	9	10	10	6
Still have mixed feelings .....	1	1	1	2	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	11	13	16	9
Somewhat disapprove .....	6	5	4	6	5	5
Strongly disapprove .....	31	32	32	31	27	34
Not sure .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Disapprove.....</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
<i>Mean Rating<sup>1</sup> .....</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.1</i>

<sup>1</sup>Mean 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.

\* All results prior to 2005 reflect results among registered voters only.

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY APPROVE OF THE WAY GEORGE W. BUSH IS HANDLING HIS JOB AS PRESIDENT).**

2a. Why do you say you (Approve) of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

<b>POSITIVE (NET).....</b>	<b>64</b>
Approve of Bush's work/ agree with his policies .....	32
Approve of Bush/ like him (because he is Christian, values etc.).....	19
Agree with Iraq/ Afghanistan policy .....	9
Has improved national security .....	4
Has had to deal with a lot of issues.....	4
He is taking anti-terrorist measures.....	4
Cares about the country/ people .....	3
Economy doing well .....	2
Like his supreme court nominations.....	1
He is our President and we need to support him .....	-
Media is undermining his efforts.....	-
Other positive mentions .....	4
<b>NEGATIVE NET .....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Foreign affairs (SUBNET) .....</b>	<b>9</b>
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq) ...	3
- Wars/ Unrest throughout the world (incl. war unspecified) .....	3
- Immigration/ Letting too many people in/ Lack of security .....	1
- Foreign policy.....	1
- Too much focus on other countries/ Need to be tougher on other countries/ Not send so much money to other countries (worry about domestic issues) .....	-
- Other 'foreign affairs' mentions .....	1
Government spending/ deficit/ budget.....	3
<b>Economy (SUBNET) .....</b>	<b>1</b>
- Economic policy .....	1
- Economy (unsp.) (poor, stagnant, unspecified).....	-
- Taxes/ Taxes are too high .....	-
- Other 'economy' mentions .....	-
Abortion (pro-life/pro-choice).....	1
Do not agree with the way he is working/ his policies/ doing a bad job .....	1
Incompetent leader/ not qualified to be a president/ don't like him.....	1
Government/ politicians (other mentions)	1
Ineffective in dealing with hurricanes/ emergencies.....	1
Supreme court nominations/ other appointments.....	-
<b>Energy crisis (SUBNET) .....</b>	<b>-</b>
- Gas prices (oil prices) .....	-
- Other 'energy crisis' mentions .....	-
Not doing anything for the ordinary & poor Americans .....	-
Oil interests .....	-
Poor condition of the country/ overall bad state .....	-
Social Security .....	-

*Q.2a Cont.*

Conservatism.....	-
Cronyism/ has appointed friends.....	-
<b>Education (SUBNET).....</b>	<b>-</b>
- Education (unspecified) .....	-
Has not kept his promises/ dishonest/ misrepresentation of facts .....	-
<b>NEUTRAL (NET) .....</b>	<b>14</b>
Agree with some of his policies and disagree with others .....	5
Better than the democrats/ alternative .....	2
He is not the only one responsible for faults/ congress also responsible/ natural calamities .....	2
He is doing okay.....	1
Other neutral mentions.....	4
Other.....	10
Not sure .....	4

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY DISAPPROVE OF THE WAY GEORGE W. BUSH IS HANDLING HIS JOB AS PRESIDENT).**

2b. Why do you say you (Disapprove) of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

<b>NEGATIVE NET .....</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Foreign affairs (SUBNET).....</b>	<b>55</b>
- Wars/ Unrest throughout the world (incl. war unspecified).....	27
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)...	25
- Too much focus on other countries/ Need to be tougher on other countries/ Not send so much money to other countries (worry about domestic issues) .....	2
- U.S. losing credibility in the world/ problems with our allies .....	2
- Foreign policy .....	1
- Immigration/ Letting too many people in/ Lack of security .....	1
- We should be focusing on Afghanistan instead of Iraq .....	1
- Terrorism/ Terrorist attacks (war on terrorism) .....	-
- Other 'foreign affairs' mentions .....	1
Do not agree with the way he is working/ his policies/ doing a bad job.....	16
<b>Economy (SUBNET).....</b>	<b>12</b>
- Economy (unsp.) (poor, stagnant, unspecified) .....	8
- Unemployment/ Lack of jobs (jobs leaving country/going overseas) .....	3
- Taxes/ Taxes are too high .....	2
- Cost of living is too high.....	1
- Not raising minimum wages.....	1
- Economic policy.....	-
- Corporate irresponsibility/ corruption/ fraud/ deception/ accounting scandal (e.g. Enron/ WorldCom/ Arthur Andersen) .....	-
- Other 'economy' mentions .....	1
Has not kept his promises/ dishonest/ misrepresentation of facts.....	11

<i>Q.2b Cont.</i>	
Incompetent leader/ not qualified to be a president/ don't like him .....	9
Ineffective in dealing with hurricanes/ emergencies .....	7
Government/ politicians (other mentions) ...	6
Supreme court nominations/ other appointments .....	6
Government spending/ deficit/ budget .....	5
Takes care of own interest/ does not care about people .....	4
<b>Energy crisis (SUBNET) .....</b>	<b>4</b>
- Gas prices (oil prices) .....	4
- Oil shortage .....	-
- Energy (unspecified) .....	-
- Other 'energy crisis' mentions .....	1
Not doing anything for the ordinary & poor Americans .....	4
Pro-rich policies/ favors corporate .....	3
Health care/ Coverage .....	3
Oil interests .....	3
Tax break for the rich .....	2
Cronyism/ has appointed friends .....	2
<b>Environment (SUBNET) .....</b>	<b>2</b>
- Environment/ Pollution (unspecified) .....	1
- Other 'environmental problem' mentions ..	1
- Environmental policy .....	1
<b>Education (SUBNET) .....</b>	<b>1</b>
- Education (unspecified) .....	1
- Lack of funding for schools .....	-
- Problems with public schools .....	-
Brings religion in politics .....	1
Poor condition of the country/ overall bad state .....	1
Social Security .....	1
Caters to the need of a small group of people/ does not represent whole of U.S. ...	1
Conservatism .....	1
Poverty/ Hunger/ Homelessness .....	1
Social services (welfare, childcare) .....	1
Abortion (pro-life/pro-choice) .....	1
Dislike his 'no child left behind campaign' ...	1
Won elections unfairly/ used contacts .....	-
High cost of prescription drugs/ drug coverage for seniors .....	-
Improve defense/ Military readiness (homeland security, national defense) .....	-
<b>NEUTRAL (NET) .....</b>	<b>1</b>
Agree with some of his policies and disagree with others .....	1
Other neutral mentions .....	-
<b>POSITIVE (NET) .....</b>	<b>-</b>
Agree with Iraq/ Afghanistan policy .....	-
Economy doing well .....	-
Other .....	10
Not sure .....	2

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO IN Q1. SAY THAT THEY HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OF THE WAY GEORGE W. BUSH IS HANDLING HIS JOB AS PRESIDENT).**

2c. Why do you say you (Have mixed feelings) of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

<b>NEUTRAL (NET)</b> .....	<b>39</b>
Agree with some of his policies and disagree with others.....	14
Better than the democrats/ alternative .....	7
Other neutral mentions .....	19
<b>NEGATIVE NET</b> .....	<b>33</b>
<b>Foreign affairs (SUBNET)</b> .....	<b>15</b>
- Wars/ Unrest throughout the world (incl. war unspecified).....	8
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)...	4
- Foreign policy .....	2
- Immigration/ Letting too many people in/ Lack of security.....	1
Do not agree with the way he is working/ his policies/ doing a bad job.....	8
Dislike his 'no child left behind campaign' ...	8
<b>Economy (SUBNET)</b> .....	<b>6</b>
- Unemployment/ Lack of jobs (jobs leaving country/going overseas) .....	3
- Economy (unsp.) (poor, stagnant, unspecified) .....	2
- Taxes/ Taxes are too high .....	1
- Other 'economy' mentions .....	1
<b>Education (SUBNET)</b> .....	<b>2</b>
- Other 'education' mentions .....	2
Government spending/ deficit/ budget .....	1
Ineffective in dealing with hurricanes/ emergencies .....	1
<b>POSITIVE (NET)</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Approve of Bush's work/ agree with his policies.....	6
Other.....	10
Not sure .....	11

**CURRENT EVENTS STUDY**

1. As you may know, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is retiring, and President Bush has nominated Samuel Alito to replace her. Is your opinion of Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about Samuel Alito yet to have an opinion?

	Samuel Alito	Harriet Miers	John Roberts	
	<u>10/31-11/2/05</u>	<u>10/3-5/05</u>	<u>8/29-31/05</u>	<u>7/19-20/05</u>
Favorable.....	20	19	34	25
Unfavorable .....	14	13	16	14
Haven't heard enough to have an opinion.....	64	67	49	59
Not sure.....	2	1	1	2

2. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Samuel Alito as a Supreme Court Justice? Do you feel strongly or not strongly about that?

	Samuel Alito	Harriet Miers	John Roberts <sup>1</sup>	
	<u>10/31-11/2/05</u>	<u>10/3-5/05</u>	<u>8/29-31/05</u>	<u>7/19-20/05</u>
<b>Total Should Confirm</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>
- Feel strongly.....	22	19	36	36
- Do NOT feel strongly .....	16	22	16	11
<b>Total Should NOT Confirm</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
- Feel strongly.....	13	13	17	16
- Do NOT feel strongly .....	9	14	7	8
Not sure.....	40	32	24	29

<sup>1</sup> For John Roberts, the question was worded "Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not vote to confirm John Roberts Jr. as a Supreme Court Justice?"

**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 .....	23
65 and over .....	16
Refused/not sure .....	1

D2. Are you employed:

<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED .....</b>	<b>66</b>
- Full time.....	56
- Part time.....	10
Not employed .....	13
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure .....	1

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

Grade school or some high school .....	7
Completed high school .....	24
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 ....	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	15
Refused/not sure .....	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes .....	58
No.....	42
Refused/not sure .....	-

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

1 .....	19
2 .....	33
3 .....	21
4 .....	16
5 .....	7
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>37</b>
Under 6.....	18
6-12 .....	19
13-17 .....	15
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Refused/not sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>

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

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

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.....	44
Catholic .....	24
Mormon .....	1
Jewish .....	2
Muslim.....	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	5
No religion .....	23
Refused/not sure .....	1

D8. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	25
Moderate .....	35
Conservative .....	38
Not sure.....	2

D9a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D9b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D9a.)**

D9b. 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

D10. 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 .....	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000 .....	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000 .....	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000 .....	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	10
\$100,000 or more .....	12
Refused/not sure .....	18

**REGION:**

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

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban.....	32
Suburban .....	50
Rural.....	18

**GENDER:**

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