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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?

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>
Yes.....	78
No .....	22
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 .....	18
Moderately Republican .....	26
Definitely Independent/neither .....	8
Moderately Democrat.....	27
Strongly Democrat .....	20
Refused/not sure.....	1
<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>47</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 46% Republican, 46% 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?

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>						
	<i>12/5- 7/05</i>	<i>11/7- 9/05</i>	<i>10/3- 5/05</i>	<i>9/6- 8/05</i>	<i>8/1- 3/05</i>	<i>7/11- 13/05</i>	<i>6/6- 8/05</i>
Right direction.....	33	32	28	32	37	36	35
Wrong track .....	64	64	66	65	59	59	59
Not sure .....	3	4	6	3	4	5	6
	<i>5/2- 4/05</i>	<i>4/4- 6/05</i>	<i>3/7 - 9/05</i>	<i>2/7 - 9/05</i>	<i>1/3 - 5/05</i>	<b>1 Year Ago</b>	
	<i>12/6 - 8/04</i>						
Right direction.....	36	38	40	38	44	43	
Wrong track .....	59	56	55	58	51	52	
Not sure .....	5	6	5	4	5	5	

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						
	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/31- 11/2/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05
Strongly approve .....	20	18	20	21	20	23	21
Somewhat approve.....	11	10	10	9	11	10	12
Lean toward approval .....	10	9	7	9	8	9	10
Still have mixed feelings .....	1	1	3	3	1	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	12	14	14	13	15
Somewhat disapprove .....	5	6	5	5	5	5	6
Strongly disapprove.....	38	43	42	39	40	38	35
Not sure .....	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>
<i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6

	ALL ADULTS						REG. VOTERS*
							1 Year Ago
	6/6- 8/05	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 .....	22	24	21	25	24	27	31
Somewhat approve.....	11	11	11	12	11	12	10
Lean toward approval .....	10	11	12	10	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings .....	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	13	13	15	13	15	13	14
Somewhat disapprove .....	7	7	6	6	7	7	4
Strongly disapprove.....	35	32	34	31	32	30	28
Not sure .....	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
<i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1

<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.

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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 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Handling the economy</b>											
<b>ALL ADULTS</b>											
12/5-7/05.....	21	13	8	1	11	13	32	1	42	55	3.7
11/7-9/05.....	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3
10/3-5/05.....	19	14	7	1	11	12	36	-	40	58	3.5
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
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS *</b>											
<b>1 year ago 12/6-8.....</b>	25	15	8	1	13	6	31	1	48	51	3.9

<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.

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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	<b>Total Ap- prove</b>	<b>Total Disap- prove</b>	<i>Mean- Rating<sup>1</sup></i>
<b>Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy</b>											
<b>ALL ADULTS</b>											
12/5-7/05.....	14	16	9	1	12	11	36	1	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
11/7-9/05.....	15	16	8	1	10	11	39	-	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
10/3-5/05.....	17	14	8	3	9	12	36	1	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	3.5
9/6-8/05.....	17	15	7	1	13	11	35	1	<b>38</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
8/1-3/05.....	15	14	8	2	12	8	39	2	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	3.3
7/11-13/05.....	15	15	11	1	15	8	34	1	<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>	3.5
6/6-8/05.....	17	13	10	2	10	10	37	1	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	3.4
5/2-4/05.....	16	16	9	2	15	10	31	1	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
4/4-6/05.....	15	12	11	3	12	10	36	1	<b>38</b>	<b>58</b>	3.4
3/7-9/05.....	17	16	11	3	10	11	32	-	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	3.7
2/7-9/05.....	15	14	12	1	12	9	37	-	<b>41</b>	<b>58</b>	3.4
1/3-5/05.....	18	14	11	1	14	9	33	-	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS *</b>											
<b>1 year ago</b> <b>12/6-8/04....</b>	21	17	10	2	10	8	32	-	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	3.8

<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.

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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	<b>Total Ap- prove</b>	<b>Total Disap- prove</b>	<i>Mean- Rating<sup>1</sup></i>
<b>Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism</b>											
<b>ALL ADULTS</b>											
12/5-7/05.....	28	11	6	2	11	7	35	-	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	3.8
11/7-9/05.....	25	10	7	2	12	9	35	-	<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>	3.7
10/3-5/05.....	29	11	6	1	12	9	32	-	<b>46</b>	<b>52</b>	3.9
9/6-8/05.....	27	10	6	2	11	8	36	-	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	3.7
8/1-3/05.....	29	11	8	1	13	8	30	-	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	4.0
7/11-13/05.....	31	12	8	2	15	7	25	-	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	4.2
6/6-8/05.....	29	11	6	1	13	9	30	1	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	3.9
5/2-4/05.....	31	10	8	2	13	9	26	1	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	4.1
4/4-6/05.....	29	14	6	2	12	8	29	-	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	4.1
3/7-9/05.....	32	11	9	2	11	8	27	-	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	4.2
2/7-9/05.....	31	10	6	2	15	8	28	-	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	4.0
1/3-5/05.....	32	12	6	2	12	7	29	-	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	4.1
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS *</b>											
<b>1 year ago 12/6-8/04.....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4.3</b>

<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.

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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	<b>Total Ap- prove</b>	<b>Total Disap- prove</b>	<i>Mean- Rating<sup>1</sup></i>
<b>Handling the situation in Iraq</b>											
<b>ALL ADULTS</b>											
12/5-7/05.....	25	8	8	1	9	5	44	-	<b>41</b>	<b>58</b>	3.5
11/7-9/05.....	21	8	7	1	8	8	46	1	<b>37</b>	<b>62</b>	3.2
10/3-5/05.....	21	9	7	2	8	6	47	-	<b>37</b>	<b>61</b>	3.3
9/6-8/05.....	22	8	7	1	8	8	46	-	<b>37</b>	<b>62</b>	3.3
8/1-3/05.....	22	8	8	2	10	8	41	1	<b>38</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
7/11-13/05.....	24	8	8	1	11	7	41	-	<b>40</b>	<b>59</b>	3.5
6/6-8/05.....	23	10	8	2	9	5	42	1	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	3.5
5/2-4/05.....	25	10	8	2	8	7	40	-	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	3.6
4/4-6/05.....	22	12	9	1	8	9	39	-	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>	3.5
3/7-9/05.....	29	9	7	2	9	7	37	-	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	3.8
2/7-9/05.....	25	9	8	1	10	9	38	-	<b>42</b>	<b>57</b>	3.6
1/3-5/05.....	24	12	8	2	8	7	39	-	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	3.7
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>											
<b>1 year ago</b> 12/6-8/04....	27	12	10	1	8	7	35	-	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	3.9
<b>Handling Social Security</b>											
<b>ALL ADULTS</b>											
12/5-7/05.....	14	13	10	3	12	11	35	2	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>	3.4
11/7-9/05.....	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
10/3-5/05.....	18	11	6	3	14	11	34	3	<b>35</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
9/6-8/05.....	16	10	8	2	14	11	36	3	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	3.3
8/1-3/05.....	17	9	7	2	12	12	39	2	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	3.2
7/11-13/05.....	18	8	10	2	11	11	39	1	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	3.3
6/6-8/05.....	19	11	7	2	12	9	38	2	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
5/2-4/05.....	17	12	8	2	11	9	40	1	<b>38</b>	<b>60</b>	3.3
4/4-6/05.....	15	9	11	4	10	9	40	2	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	3.3
3/7-9/05.....	17	9	11	4	10	8	38	3	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>	3.4
2/22-24/05.....	19	9	11	5	15	7	34	-	<b>39</b>	<b>56</b>	3.5

<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.

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

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

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

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						
	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05
Strongly approve .....	5	5	5	5	5	7	5
Somewhat approve.....	15	17	18	16	16	14	16
Lean toward approval .....	10	10	11	11	12	14	10
Still have mixed feelings .....	3	2	3	2	3	4	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	19	18	17	21	19	19	17
Somewhat disapprove .....	19	18	17	19	19	19	20
Strongly disapprove.....	27	28	27	25	24	22	27
Not sure .....	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>
<i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> .....	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2

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

<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.



<b>CORRUPTION STUDY</b>
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1. How serious a problem is political corruption in the United States today? Would you say

Very serious.....	51
Somewhat serious .....	37
Not too serious.....	8
Not at all serious .....	3
Not sure .....	1
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<b>Total Serious.....</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total Not Serious .....</b>	<b>11</b>

2. How widespread do you think corruption is in public service in America? Would you say

Hardly anyone is involved .....	1
A small number of people are involved .....	20
A moderate number of people are involved..	39
A lot of people are involved .....	28
Almost everyone is involved.....	10
Not sure.....	2
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<b>Total Hardly Anyone/A Small Number .....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total A Lot/Almost Everyone .....</b>	<b>38</b>

3. In general, which elected officials would you say are more ETHICAL?

Democrats .....	36
Republicans .....	33
Both equally .....	10
Neither is ethical .....	15
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 .....	28
50-64 .....	24
65 and over .....	16
Refused/not sure .....	1

D2. Are you employed:

<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED .....</b>	<b>61</b>
- Full time.....	49
- Part time.....	13
Not employed .....	17
Retired.....	21
Refused/not sure .....	-

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

Grade school or some high school .....	7
Completed high school .....	25
Some community college or university, but did not finish .....	22
Completed technical school or a community college .....	13
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree ....	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	13
Refused/not sure .....	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes .....	59
No.....	41
Refused/not sure .....	-

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

1 .....	19
2 .....	35
3 .....	18
4 .....	15
5 .....	8
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?

<b>ANY CHILDREN – NET .....</b>	<b>37</b>
Under 6.....	21
6-12 .....	16
13-17 .....	13
<b>NO CHILDREN .....</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Refused/not sure .....</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Yes .....	52
No.....	46
Refused/not sure .....	2

**(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.....	32
1 time.....	18
2 times.....	12
3 times.....	9
4 times.....	6
5 to 9 times.....	8
10 to 14 times.....	5
15 to 19 times.....	1
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more .....	2
Refused/not sure .....	6
<b>Active Investors (5 times or more).....</b>	<b>16</b>

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

Yes .....	40
No.....	57
Refused/not sure .....	3

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 .....	48
Catholic .....	22
Mormon .....	1
Jewish .....	2
Muslim .....	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	3
No religion .....	21
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.....	12
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	-
Other.....	1
Refused .....	-

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 .....	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000 .....	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000 .....	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000 .....	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000 .....	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	10
\$100,000 or more .....	13
Refused/not sure .....	14

**REGION:**

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

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

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

**GENDER:**

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