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REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

	ALL ADULTS
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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	18
Moderately Republican	26
Definitely Independent/neither	8
Moderately Democrat.....	27
Strongly Democrat	20
Refused/not sure.....	1
Total Republican	44
Total Democrat.....	47

* 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?

	ALL ADULTS						
	<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
							1 Year Ago
	<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>		<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	-	-
Total Approve	42	37	37	39	39	42	42
Total Disapprove	57	61	59	58	59	55	56
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	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	-	-	-
Total Approve	43	47	44	48	45	49	51
Total Disapprove	55	51	54	50	54	49	47
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1

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											
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
REGISTERED VOTERS *											
1 year ago 12/6-8.....	25	15	8	1	13	6	31	1	48	51	3.9

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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											
12/5-7/05.....	14	16	9	1	12	11	36	1	39	59	3.4
11/7-9/05.....	15	16	8	1	10	11	39	-	39	59	3.4
10/3-5/05.....	17	14	8	3	9	12	36	1	39	57	3.5
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 *											
1 year ago 12/6-8/04....	21	17	10	2	10	8	32	-	48	50	3.8

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Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
ALL ADULTS											
12/5-7/05.....	28	11	6	2	11	7	35	-	45	53	3.8
11/7-9/05.....	25	10	7	2	12	9	35	-	42	56	3.7
10/3-5/05.....	29	11	6	1	12	9	32	-	46	52	3.9
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 *											
1 year ago 12/6-8/04.....	35	11	7	2	12	6	27	-	53	45	4.3

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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											
12/5-7/05.....	25	8	8	1	9	5	44	-	41	58	3.5
11/7-9/05.....	21	8	7	1	8	8	46	1	37	62	3.2
10/3-5/05.....	21	9	7	2	8	6	47	-	37	61	3.3
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											
1 year ago 12/6-8/04....	27	12	10	1	8	7	35	-	48	50	3.9
Handling Social Security											
ALL ADULTS											
12/5-7/05.....	14	13	10	3	12	11	35	2	38	57	3.4
11/7-9/05.....	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	37	59	3.4
10/3-5/05.....	18	11	6	3	14	11	34	3	35	59	3.4
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

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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						
	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
Total Approve	31	32	35	32	33	35	31
Total Disapprove	65	64	61	65	62	60	64
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	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
Total Approve	35	37	41	44	41
Total Disapprove	61	58	53	52	53
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7

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CORRUPTION STUDY

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

Total Serious.....	88
Total Not Serious	11

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

Total Hardly Anyone/A Small Number	21
Total A Lot/Almost Everyone	38

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:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	61
- 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?

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

- 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
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	16

- 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