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POLITICAL STUDY

NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

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

	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	<u>9/11- 13/06</u>	<u>8/7- 9-06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<u>5/1- 3/06</u>	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>
Right direction.....	31	33	26	30	26	23	28	30
Wrong track	64	63	71	67	70	73	69	67
Not sure	5	4	3	3	4	4	3	3

	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>5/1- 3/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Right direction.....	35	32	33	32	68	23	28
Wrong track	61	65	64	64	29	73	66
Not sure	4	3	3	4	3	4	6

1b. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)	44	42	47	36	35	40	32
War (Subnet).....	24	22	19	21	23	19	18
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq).....	13	14	13	13	12	13	7
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	11	8	7	8	11	6	10
Immigration	6	9	13	3	3	4	2
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	11	7	7	7	5	10	6
Other foreign affairs issues	3	3	8	5	5	7	7
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)	31	29	29	37	33	26	40
Political Leaders.....	9	9	8	12	8	5	5
Energy Crisis.....	4	8	6	4	8	4	5
Morality	5	4	6	7	8	6	8
Education	3	3	1	1	2	3	3
Crime/Drugs.....	5	1	2	3	2	2	2
Environment.....	1	1	1	1	-	-	1
Other Domestic Issues.....	6	3	6	9	5	6	16
ECONOMY (NET)	9	14	14	18	24	28	19
Economy (unspecified).....	6	9	6	9	11	8	8
Unemployment, lack of jobs	2	2	4	4	4	10	6
Other economy issues	1	3	4	5	9	10	5
OTHER	7	11	7	7	7	3	4
Nothing.....	0	-	-	-	-	1	-
Not sure	7	3	3	2	1	1	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?

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>			<u>9/11-13/06</u>			
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTER S</u>	
Strongly approve.....	19	21	25	19	21	24	
Somewhat approve.....	10	9	7	9	9	8	
Lean toward approval	8	8	7	11	11	9	
Still have mixed feelings	2	2	2	1	1	-	
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	10	9	15	14	14	
Somewhat disapprove	6	6	5	8	7	4	
Strongly disapprove	42	43	45	37	37	41	
Not sure	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Total Approve.....	38	38	39	39	41	40	
Total Disapprove.....	59	59	58	60	57	59	
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	
	<u>8/7- 9-06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<u>5/1- 3/06</u>	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>
Strongly approve.....	16	18	15	15	18	18	22
Somewhat approve.....	10	9	8	7	8	9	11
Lean toward approval	7	9	11	10	10	10	8
Still have mixed feelings	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	16	14	12	12	13
Somewhat disapprove	7	8	5	6	8	7	7
Strongly disapprove	44	43	42	46	42	41	37
Not sure	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Total Approve.....	33	36	35	33	36	37	40
Total Disapprove.....	64	63	63	65	62	60	57
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.6
	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/31- 11/2/05</u>	High <u>1/4- 21/02</u>	Low <u>5/1- 3/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Strongly approve.....	19	20	18	20	54	15	21
Somewhat approve.....	11	11	10	10	16	7	9
Lean toward approval	11	10	9	7	10	10	9
Still have mixed feelings	1	1	1	3	2	2	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	14	12	12	11	14	14
Somewhat disapprove	5	5	6	5	2	6	5
Strongly disapprove	41	38	43	42	5	46	39
Not sure	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Total Approve.....	40	42	37	37	80	33	39
Total Disapprove.....	59	57	61	59	18	65	58
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	5.7	3.1	3.5

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?

Handling the economy	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	<i>Mean-Rating¹</i>
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	19	13	8	2	14	11	33	-	40	58	3.6
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	21	12	6	2	13	11	35	-	40	58	3.6
10/2-4/06 (LV)	26	11	6	2	11	10	34	-	42	56	3.7
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	18	13	8	1	14	11	34	1	39	60	3.5
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	20	13	8	1	13	10	35	-	41	58	3.6
9/11-13/06 (LV)	23	11	6	1	11	10	38	-	40	59	3.5
8/7-9/06.....	16	14	7	1	13	11	38	-	37	61	3.4
7/10-12/06.....	17	13	8	1	12	11	37	1	38	60	3.4
6/5-7/06.....	18	14	7	2	14	10	35	-	38	60	3.5
5/1-3/06.....	17	11	9	2	11	15	35	-	37	61	3.4
4/3-5/06.....	17	13	8	2	13	13	34	-	39	59	3.5
3/6-8/06.....	19	12	9	1	10	11	36	2	40	57	3.5
2/6-8/06.....	18	15	7	2	14	11	33	-	40	58	3.6
1/3-5/06.....	16	15	7	2	15	10	35	-	39	59	3.5
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
11/7-9/05.....	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3
1 Year Ago											
10/3-5/05.....	19	14	7	1	11	12	36	-	40	58	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.

*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	15	13	8	3	13	10	38	-	36	61	3.3
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	16	12	8	2	12	10	40	-	36	62	3.3
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	17	12	8	2	11	7	43	-	37	61	3.3
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	14	14	8	1	14	9	39	1	36	62	3.3
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	16	12	9	1	13	9	40	-	36	62	3.3
9/11-13/06 (LV)	16	13	7	-	13	7	44	-	35	64	3.2
8/7-9/06.....	11	14	9	1	9	11	45	-	34	64	3.1
7/10-12/06.....	14	13	9	1	14	9	39	1	36	62	3.3
6/5-7/06.....	12	17	9	2	11	9	40	-	38	60	3.3
5/1-3/06.....	13	14	9	3	9	9	42	1	36	60	3.2
4/3-5/06.....	13	15	9	3	10	12	38	-	37	60	3.3
3/6-8/06.....	14	15	7	1	13	8	41	1	36	62	3.3
2/6-8/06.....	16	14	9	2	13	11	35	-	39	58	3.5
1/3-5/06.....	12	14	9	2	14	11	38	-	35	62	3.2
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
8/7-9/06.....	11	14	9	1	9	11	45	-	34	64	3.1
1 Year Ago											
10/3-5/05.....	17	14	8	3	9	12	36	1	39	57	3.5

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Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	25	10	7	1	11	8	37	1	42	56	3.6
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	25	10	6	2	11	8	38	-	42	56	3.6
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	29	9	5	1	10	7	39	-	43	56	3.7
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	27	10	7	2	13	9	32	-	44	54	3.8
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	30	10	7	1	12	8	32	-	46	53	3.9
9/11-13/06 (LV)	32	9	5	1	11	5	37	-	47	53	3.9
8/7-9/06.....	23	10	7	1	13	7	39	-	40	58	3.5
7/10-12/06.....	27	11	7	2	12	9	32	-	44	53	3.8
6/5-7/06.....	23	10	5	2	13	9	37	1	39	59	3.5
5/1-3/06.....	24	11	9	2	12	8	34	-	43	54	3.7
4/3-5/06.....	26	8	6	2	11	11	36	-	40	58	3.6
3/6-8/06.....	28	10	5	1	14	8	33	1	43	55	3.8
2/6-8/06.....	30	10	7	2	13	9	28	1	47	50	4.0
1/3-5/06.....	27	10	7	1	14	8	33	-	44	54	3.8
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
6/5-7/06.....	23	10	5	2	13	9	37	1	39	59	3.5
1 Year Ago											
10/3-5/05.....	29	11	6	1	12	9	32	-	46	52	3.9

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling the situation in Iraq											
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	19	9	8	2	8	9	45	-	36	62	3.2
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	21	9	7	1	8	8	46	-	37	62	3.2
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	23	8	6	1	5	7	50	-	37	61	3.2
9/11-13/06 (ALL)	20	9	9	1	9	8	44	-	38	61	3.3
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	22	9	9	-	10	7	43	-	40	59	3.4
9/11-13/06 (LV)	25	7	9	1	8	4	46	-	41	58	3.4
8/7-9/06.....	18	8	7	2	8	8	49	-	33	65	3.0
7/10-12/06.....	20	11	7	1	8	7	44	2	38	59	3.4
6/5-7/06.....	17	9	7	2	8	7	49	1	33	64	3.1
5/1-3/06.....	18	10	9	2	9	6	45	1	37	60	3.3
4/3-5/06.....	22	8	6	1	8	8	47	-	35	63	3.2
3/6-8/06.....	21	10	7	2	9	7	43	1	39	58	3.4
2/6-8/06.....	24	7	7	1	10	7	43	1	38	60	3.4
1/3-5/06.....	23	9	7	2	10	6	43	-	39	58	3.5
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
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
8/7-9/06.....	18	8	7	2	8	8	49	-	33	65	3.0
1 Year Ago											
10/3-5/05.....	21	9	7	2	8	6	47	-	37	61	3.3

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

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?

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>			<u>9/11-13/06</u>			
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	
Strongly approve	4	4	4	6	5	3	
Somewhat approve.....	12	10	10	13	12	11	
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	11	10	10	9	
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	2	2	2	2	
Lean toward disapproval	19	19	17	20	19	18	
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	17	17	16	17	16	
Strongly disapprove.....	34	36	39	32	35	41	
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-	-	
Total Approve	27	25	24	29	27	23	
Total Disapprove	69	72	73	68	70	75	
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	
	<u>8/7- 9/06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>6/5- 7/06</u>	<u>5/1- 3/06</u>	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>3/6- 8/06</u>	<u>2/6- 8/06</u>
Strongly approve	3	5	5	2	4	4	5
Somewhat approve.....	16	12	12	12	15	15	19
Lean toward approval.....	10	10	7	11	11	11	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
Lean toward disapproval	23	16	20	19	17	20	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	15	22	22	18	17	18	18
Strongly disapprove.....	30	31	31	34	33	28	26
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-	2	1
Total Approve	29	27	24	25	30	31	35
Total Disapprove	69	68	73	71	67	66	61
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3
	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>12/5- 7/05</u>	<u>11/7- 9/05</u>	<u>10/31- 11/2/05</u>	High <u>2/7- 9/05</u>	Low <u>6/5- 7/06</u>	1 Year Ago <u>10/3- 5/05</u>
Strongly approve	6	5	18	5	6	5	5
Somewhat approve.....	17	15	10	17	21	12	18
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	9	10	17	7	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	1	2	3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval	20	19	12	18	21	20	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	17	19	6	18	15	22	17
Strongly disapprove.....	26	27	43	28	16	31	27
Not sure.....	1	2	1	2	1	-	2
Total Approve	34	31	37	32	44	24	35
Total Disapprove	63	65	61	64	52	73	61
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.8	2.9	3.3

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LIKELY VOTER STUDY

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

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Yes	82	100	100
No	18	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

[REMAINING QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]

B. How often would you say you vote? **(READ LIST)**

	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Always	62	70
Nearly always ...	25	25
Part of the time .	9	3
Seldom.....	2	1
Never	2	1
Refused	-	-

1a. Sometimes things come up and people are not able to vote. In the 2004 election for President, did you happen to vote?

	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Yes.....	92	96
No	8	4
Refused	-	-

[ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT VOTE IN THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]

1b. Why not?

	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Did not live in the state/district at the time.....	1	1
Too young to vote at the time	1	-
Not registered, too busy, something came up.....	1	1
Other.....	4	2
Refused	1	-
Yes voted.....	92	96

2. On November 7th, the Congressional elections will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the upcoming Congressional election? You can use any number between 1 and 10, to indicate how strongly you feel about your likelihood to vote.

	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
10, completely certain you will vote	69	81
9	9	9
8	8	4
7	4	2
6	1	1
5	4	1
4	-	-
3	1	-
2	1	-
1, completely certain you will NOT vote.....	3	2
Refused.....	-	-
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Total likely (8-10).....	86	94
Total not likely (1-3)	14	6

3. How much interest do you have in following news about the upcoming Congressional election? A great deal, quite a bit, only some, very little, or no interest at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
A great deal	40	59
Quite a bit	30	41
Only some	20	-
Very little.....	7	-
No interest at all.....	3	-
Refused	-	-
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Total Great deal/quite a bit.....	70	100
Total very little/none.....	10	-

- 4a. Have you already voted in the upcoming November Congressional election by going to an early voting location or by mailing in an early voting or absentee ballot or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
Yes.....	8	7
No	92	93
Refused	-	-

ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY VOTED

4b. Do you plan to vote early or will you vote on election day?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
Will vote early.....	16	17
Will vote on election day	72	73
Will not vote	1	1
Refused.....	3	2
Already voted	8	7

5. Do you happen to know where people in your neighborhood go to vote, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
Yes.....	83	100
No	16	-
Refused	1	-

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE STUDY

[ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]

1a. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives were held today, would you vote for the **(ROTATE)** Democratic or Republican candidate in your congressional district?

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>		<u>9/11-13/06</u>		<u>8/7-9/06</u>	<u>7/10-12/06</u>
	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>		
Democratic Candidate.....	49	48	47	50	51	47
Lean Democratic	4	3	4	3	4	3
Lean Republican	4	4	4	3	5	4
Republican Candidate.....	34	36	35	36	32	36
Other Candidate (VOL)	1	2	1	2	1	3
Undecided (VOL).....	5	4	5	4	5	4
None/Will not vote (VOL).....	2	2	2	1	1	2
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	1	1
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Total Democratic Candidate.....	54	51	51	53	55	51
Total Republican Candidate.....	38	41	39	39	37	40

[ASKED OF THOSE WHO WILL VOTE FOR EITHER THE DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE]

1b. In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>		<u>9/11-13/06</u>		<u>8/7-9/06</u>	<u>7/10-12/06</u>
	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>		
Definitely will vote for Democratic candidate.....	32	34	27	30	25	23
Probably will vote for Democratic candidate.....	15	14	19	19	18	15
Could change mind (Democrat).....	12	9	11	9	18	17
Definitely will vote for Republican candidate.....	18	22	18	23	14	17
Probably will vote for Republican candidate.....	12	12	14	12	11	12
Could change mind (Republican)	10	9	10	7	13	13
Not sure.....	1	-	1	-	1	3

[ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS]

2. Will your vote for Congress be at least in part to **(RANDOMIZE** - show opposition to President Bush, show support for President Bush), or will President Bush not be a factor in your vote for Congress?

	<u>10/2-4/06</u>		<u>9/11-13/06</u>		<u>8/7-9/06</u>	<u>7/10-12/06</u>
	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>		
Show opposition to President Bush.....	25	26	25	29	29	20
Show support for President Bush.....	16	17	16	16	12	15
President Bush will not be a factor.....	57	56	58	54	56	63
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	3	2

(ASKED OF ALL ADULTS)

3. No matter how you will vote in November, if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>10/2-4/06</u>		<u>9/11-13/06</u>		<u>8/7-9/06</u>	
		<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>		<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Republicans.....	34	34	36	36	38	38	33
Democrats.....	53	55	53	53	52	54	52
(DO NOT READ)							
Neither.....	8	7	7	8	7	6	10
Not sure.....	5	4	4	3	3	2	5
	<u>7/10-12/06</u> ¹	<u>6/5-7/06</u>	<u>5/1-3/06</u>	<u>4/3-5/06</u>	<u>3/6-8/06</u>	<u>2/6-8/06</u>	<u>1/3-5/06</u>
Republicans.....	36	32	34	33	36	37	36
Democrats.....	53	52	51	49	47	47	49
(DO NOT READ)							
Neither.....	7	12	13	15	13	13	12
Not sure.....	4	4	2	3	4	3	3

¹ Prior to July 2006, question was phrased as "And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?"

ELECTION ISSUES STUDY

1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally? For each issue, please tell me if it is extremely important, very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not at all important to you personally.

How important to you personally is...

TABLE RANKED BY % TOTAL EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT AMONG ALL ADULTS

	<u>EXTREMELY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>MODER- ATELY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>TOTAL EXTREMELY /VERY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>TOTAL SLIGHTLY/ NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT</u>
The economy								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	32	52	12	3	1	-	84	3
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	32	52	12	3	1	-	85	3
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	33	55	9	2	1	-	88	2
The situation in Iraq								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	39	46	11	2	2	-	84	5
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	39	48	10	2	1	-	87	3
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	43	47	8	2	-	-	90	2
Terrorism								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	39	44	11	4	2	-	83	5
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	39	45	11	4	1	-	83	5
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	40	45	11	3	1	-	85	4
Health care								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	35	47	11	5	1	1	82	6
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	36	45	12	4	2	1	82	6
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	37	45	12	5	1	-	82	5
Social Security								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	30	44	17	7	2	-	74	9
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	30	44	17	7	2	-	74	9
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	30	46	17	5	2	-	76	7

Q.1. (cont.)	<u>EXTREMELY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>MODER- ATELY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>TOTAL EXTREMELY /VERY IMPORTANT</u>	<u>TOTAL SLIGHTLY / NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT</u>
Political corruption								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	28	41	17	9	5	-	69	14
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	29	41	18	9	3	-	70	12
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	33	43	17	6	1	-	75	8
Gas prices								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	25	42	21	8	4	-	68	11
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	25	42	22	7	4	-	67	11
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	22	42	25	7	4	-	64	11
Taxes								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	23	45	22	8	2	-	68	10
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	24	45	21	8	2	-	69	10
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	26	45	22	6	1	-	71	8
Immigration								
(10/2-4/06) ALL ADULTS	20	38	24	12	6	-	58	18
(10/2-4/06) REGISTERED VOTERS	19	38	25	12	6	-	57	18
(10/2-4/06) LIKELY VOTERS ...	21	38	26	10	5	-	59	15
Same-sex marriage								
(10/2-4/06) All Adults	16	20	12	12	39	1	35	51
(10/2-4/06) Registered Voters	17	20	12	11	39	1	37	50
(10/2-4/06) Likely Voters	18	19	12	11	39	1	37	50

2. And who do you trust to do a better job of handling ...?

	<u>DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS</u>	<u>BOTH EQUALLY</u>	<u>NEITHER</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
Terrorism					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	41	41	8	4	6
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	43	41	7	3	6
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	44	42	7	3	4
Handling the situation in Iraq					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	47	37	9	3	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	48	38	8	2	4
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	49	40	6	2	3
9/11-13/06 (ALL).....	44	39	1	10	6
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	44	41	1	10	4
9/11-13/06 (LV).....	46	40	1	9	4
4/06.....	42	39	3	12	4
Handling the economy					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	50	36	7	3	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	51	36	7	2	4
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	51	38	6	2	3
9/11-13/06 (ALL).....	52	34	2	7	5
9/11-13/06 (RV).....	52	36	1	7	4
9/11-13/06 (LV).....	53	38	1	5	3
Taxes					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	49	37	8	2	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	50	37	7	2	4
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	50	38	8	1	3
Health care					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	56	27	11	2	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	58	27	10	2	3
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	58	28	10	2	2
Social Security					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	52	30	11	3	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	53	31	11	2	3
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	54	32	9	2	3
Same-sex marriage					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	44	35	10	3	8
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	44	35	10	2	9
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	44	35	11	2	8
Immigration					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	44	36	13	3	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	44	36	12	4	4
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	42	38	13	4	3
Gas prices					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	52	27	14	3	4
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	52	27	14	3	4
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	52	29	15	2	2
Political corruption					
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	40	25	24	6	5
10/2-4/06 (RV).....	41	25	24	5	5
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	41	23	28	4	4

3. If you had to choose, which of the following issues would you say is MOST important to you personally?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
The situation in Iraq	19	20	22
Terrorism	17	17	19
The economy	16	15	14
Healthcare	14	14	13
Immigration	8	8	8
Political corruption.....	6	6	7
Social Security	6	7	7
Gas prices.....	5	5	3
Same-sex marriage.....	5	4	3
Taxes	3	3	3
Refused	1	1	1

4. Which comes closest to your feelings about the Bush administration?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Enthusiastic.....	10	10	13
Satisfied, but not enthusiastic	29	29	27
Dissatisfied, but not angry.....	30	29	27
Angry	30	31	32
Refused	1	1	1

5. Which comes closest to your feelings about the Republican leadership in Congress?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Enthusiastic.....	5	5	6
Satisfied, but not enthusiastic	31	32	30
Dissatisfied, but not angry.....	42	39	35
Angry	20	23	28
Refused	2	1	1

6. Who do you trust to do a better job of protecting the country?

	<u>DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS</u>	<u>BOTH EQUALLY</u>	<u>NEITHER</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	42	41	5	8	4
10/2-4/06 (RV)	43	41	4	8	4
10/2-4/06 (LV).....	45	43	4	6	2
9/11-13/06 (ALL).....	42	41	3	9	5
9/11-13/06 (RV)	41	42	3	9	5
9/11-13/06 (LV).....	43	41	4	8	4
8/15-17/06	37	32	4	22	5
8/7-9/06	42	35	5	13	5
4/06.....	41	41	4	11	3

5. How important will recent disclosures of corruption and scandal in Congress be to your vote in November?

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Not at all important.....	18	19	21
Slightly important	15	15	15
Moderately important	19	18	16
Very important.....	25	25	24
Extremely important.....	22	23	24
Refused	1	-	-

[ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS INDICATING THEY VOTED IN THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]

7. In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for...?

	<u>REGIS- TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
George W. Bush, the Republican.....	45	44
John Kerry, the Democrat	44	45
Ralph Nader, the Independent candidate	2	2
Refused, not sure who voted for	1	1
Too young to vote at the time.....	-	-
Refused.....	8	8

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? *

	REGISTERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS
Republican	28	30
Democrat	36	36
Independent	25	25
None of these.....	10	8
Not sure	1	1

(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	LIKELY VOTERS
Strongly Republican	16	17
Moderately Republican	22	23
Definitely Independent/neither	7	7
Moderately Democrat.....	29	26
Strongly Democrat	25	25
Refused/not sure.....	1	2
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Total Republican	38	41
Total Democrat	54	51

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	30
35-49	27
50-64	23
65 and over.....	17
Refused/not sure	3

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED.....	59
- Full time.....	48
- Part time	11
Not employed	17
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure	2

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

Grade school or some high school	5
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, but did not finish.....	23
Completed technical school or a community college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	2

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	60
No	37
Refused/not sure	3

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

1	17
2	33
3	18
4	15
5	9
6 or more	5
Refused/not sure	3

(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.....	19
6-12	18
13-17	11
NO CHILDREN.....	59
Refused/not sure	4

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

Yes	47
No	49
Refused/not sure	4

(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.....	35
1 time.....	14
2 times.....	10
3 times.....	8
4 times.....	6
5 to 9 times.....	8
10 to 14 times.....	5
15 to 19 times.....	2
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more.....	2
Refused/not sure	9
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Active Investors (5 times or more).....	17

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

Yes	37
No	57
Refused/not sure	6

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	45
Catholic.....	21
Mormon	2
Jewish.....	1
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	21
Refused/not sure	6

D9c. How often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	15
Once a week.....	25
A few times a month	12
A few times a year	22
Never	21
Refused	5

D10. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE", ASK:) Would you say you are very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>
Very liberal	8	9	8
Somewhat liberal	14	14	15
Moderate	31	32	31
Somewhat conservative	25	23	23
Very conservative.....	15	16	18
Refused.....	7	6	5

Total Liberal	22	22	24
Total Conservative	40	39	40

D11a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D10c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D10a.)

D11b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White.....	67
Black	11
Hispanic	12
Asian.....	3
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	1
Refused	5

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2005?

Under \$15,000	13
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$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	9
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	16

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31
Suburban	49
Rural	20

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52