



**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL  
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**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

**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        |              |                |              |               |               |               |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | 4/3-<br>5/06      | 3/6-<br>8/06 | 2/6-<br>8/06   | 1/3-<br>5/06 | 12/5-<br>7/05 | 11/7-<br>9/05 | 10/3-<br>5/05 |
| Right direction..... | 28                | 30           | 35             | 32           | 33            | 32            | 28            |
| Wrong track.....     | 69                | 67           | 61             | 65           | 64            | 64            | 66            |
| Not sure.....        | 3                 | 3            | 4              | 3            | 3             | 4             | 6             |
|                      | <b>1 Year Ago</b> |              |                |              |               |               |               |
|                      | 9/6-<br>8/05      | 8/1-<br>3/05 | 7/11-<br>13/05 | 6/6-<br>8/05 | 5/2-<br>4/05  |               | 4/4-<br>6/05  |
| Right direction..... | 32                | 37           | 36             | 35           | 36            |               | 38            |
| Wrong track.....     | 65                | 59           | 59             | 59           | 59            |               | 56            |
| Not sure.....        | 3                 | 4            | 5              | 6            | 5             |               | 6             |

**(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS)**

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

|  | <u>4/3-<br/>5/06</u> | <u>1/3-<br/>5/06</u> | <u>10/3-<br/>5/05</u> | <u>7/11-<br/>13/05</u> | <u>4/4-<br/>6/05</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)</b> .....                                 | <b>47</b>            | <b>39</b>            | <b>35</b>             | <b>40</b>              | <b>32</b>            |
| War (Subnet) .....   | 19                   | 25                   | 23                    | 19                     | 18                   |
| - War with Iraq (any mentions about<br>Iraq) .....                 | 13                   | 15                   | 12                    | 13                     | 7                    |
| - Wars, unrest throughout the world .....                          | 7                    | 9                    | 11                    | 6                      | 10                   |
| Immigration .....  | 13                   | 3                    | 3                     | 4                      | 2                    |
| Terrorism, terrorist attacks .....                                 | 7                    | 7                    | 5                     | 10                     | 6                    |
| Immigration, letting too many people in,<br>lack of security ..... | 13                   | 3                    | 3                     | 4                      | 2                    |
| Other foreign affairs issues .....                                 | 8                    | 1                    | 5                     | 7                      | 7                    |
| <b>DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)</b> .....                                 | <b>29</b>            | <b>41</b>            | <b>33</b>             | <b>26</b>              | <b>40</b>            |
| Political Leaders .....  | 8                    | 14                   | 8                     | 5                      | 5                    |
| Energy Crisis .....  | 6                    | 7                    | 8                     | 4                      | 5                    |
| Morality .....   | 6                    | 5                    | 8                     | 6                      | 8                    |
| Crime/Drugs .....  | 2                    | 4                    | 2                     | 2                      | 2                    |
| Education .....  | 1                    | 2                    | 2                     | 3                      | 3                    |
| Environment .....  | 1                    | -                    | -                     | -                      | 1                    |
| Other Domestic Issues .....  | 6                    | 11                   | 5                     | 6                      | 16                   |
| <b>ECONOMY (NET)</b> .....   | <b>14</b>            | <b>21</b>            | <b>24</b>             | <b>28</b>              | <b>19</b>            |
| Economy (unspecified) .....  | 6                    | 11                   | 11                    | 8                      | 8                    |
| Unemployment, lack of jobs .....                                   | 4                    | 5                    | 4                     | 10                     | 6                    |
| Other economy issues .....   | 4                    | 7                    | 9                     | 10                     | 5                    |
| <b>OTHER</b> .....   | <b>7</b>             | <b>11</b>            | <b>7</b>              | <b>3</b>               | <b>4</b>             |
| Nothing .....  | -                    | -                    | -                     | 1                      | -                    |
| Not sure .....   | 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?

| ALL ADULTS                            |              |              |              |              |               |               |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                                       | 4/3-<br>5/06 | 3/6-<br>8/06 | 2/6-<br>8/06 | 1/3-<br>5/06 | 12/5-<br>7/05 | 11/7-<br>9/05 | 10/31-<br>11/2/05 |
| Strongly approve.....                 | 18           | 18           | 22           | 19           | 20            | 18            | 20                |
| Somewhat approve .....                | 8            | 9            | 11           | 11           | 11            | 10            | 10                |
| Lean toward approval .....            | 10           | 10           | 8            | 11           | 10            | 9             | 7                 |
| Still have mixed feelings .....       | 2            | 2            | 2            | 1            | 1             | 1             | 3                 |
| Lean toward disapproval.....          | 12           | 12           | 13           | 12           | 14            | 12            | 12                |
| Somewhat disapprove .....             | 8            | 7            | 7            | 5            | 5             | 6             | 5                 |
| Strongly disapprove .....             | 42           | 41           | 37           | 41           | 38            | 43            | 42                |
| Not sure .....                        | -            | 1            | -            | -            | 1             | 1             | 1                 |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>             | <b>36</b>    | <b>37</b>    | <b>40</b>    | <b>40</b>    | <b>42</b>     | <b>37</b>     | <b>37</b>         |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>          | <b>62</b>    | <b>60</b>    | <b>57</b>    | <b>59</b>    | <b>57</b>     | <b>61</b>     | <b>59</b>         |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> ..... | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.6          | 3.4          | 3.5           | 3.3           | 3.4               |

| ALL ADULTS                            |               |              |              |                |              |              |                               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|                                       | 10/3-<br>5/05 | 9/6-<br>8/05 | 8/1-<br>3/05 | 7/11-<br>13/05 | 6/6-<br>8/05 | 5/2-<br>4/05 | 1 Year<br>Ago<br>4/4-<br>6/05 |
| Strongly approve.....                 | 21            | 20           | 23           | 21             | 22           | 24           | 21                            |
| Somewhat approve .....                | 9             | 11           | 10           | 12             | 11           | 11           | 11                            |
| Lean toward approval .....            | 9             | 8            | 9            | 10             | 10           | 11           | 12                            |
| Still have mixed feelings .....       | 3             | 1            | 2            | 1              | 1            | 2            | 1                             |
| Lean toward disapproval.....          | 14            | 14           | 13           | 15             | 13           | 13           | 15                            |
| Somewhat disapprove .....             | 5             | 5            | 5            | 6              | 7            | 7            | 6                             |
| Strongly disapprove .....             | 39            | 40           | 38           | 35             | 35           | 32           | 34                            |
| Not sure .....                        | -             | 1            | -            | -              | 1            | -            | -                             |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>             | <b>39</b>     | <b>39</b>    | <b>42</b>    | <b>42</b>      | <b>43</b>    | <b>47</b>    | <b>44</b>                     |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>          | <b>58</b>     | <b>59</b>    | <b>55</b>    | <b>56</b>      | <b>55</b>    | <b>51</b>    | <b>54</b>                     |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> ..... | 3.5           | 3.5          | 3.6          | 3.6            | 3.6          | 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.

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<br>Ap-<br>prove | Some-<br>what<br>Ap-<br>prove | Lean<br>Toward<br>Ap-<br>proval | Still<br>Have<br>Mixed<br>Feelings | Lean<br>Toward<br>Disap-<br>proval | Some-<br>what<br>Disap-<br>prove | Strongly<br>Disap-<br>prove | Not<br>Sure | <b>Total<br/>Ap-<br/>prove</b> | <b>Total<br/>Disap-<br/>prove</b> | <i>Mean-<br/>Rating<sup>1</sup></i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Handling the economy</b>     |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| <b>ALL ADULTS</b>               |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| 4/3-5/06.....                   | 17                       | 13                            | 8                               | 2                                  | 13                                 | 13                               | 34                          | -           | <b>39</b>                      | <b>59</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 3/6-8/06.....                   | 19                       | 12                            | 9                               | 1                                  | 10                                 | 11                               | 36                          | 2           | <b>40</b>                      | <b>57</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 2/6-8/06.....                   | 18                       | 15                            | 7                               | 2                                  | 14                                 | 11                               | 33                          | -           | <b>40</b>                      | <b>58</b>                         | 3.6                                 |
| 1/3-5/06.....                   | 16                       | 15                            | 7                               | 2                                  | 15                                 | 10                               | 35                          | -           | <b>39</b>                      | <b>59</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 12/5-7/05.....                  | 21                       | 13                            | 8                               | 1                                  | 11                                 | 13                               | 32                          | 1           | <b>42</b>                      | <b>55</b>                         | 3.7                                 |
| 11/7-9/05.....                  | 17                       | 14                            | 6                               | 1                                  | 10                                 | 10                               | 41                          | 1           | <b>37</b>                      | <b>61</b>                         | 3.3                                 |
| 10/3-5/05.....                  | 19                       | 14                            | 7                               | 1                                  | 11                                 | 12                               | 36                          | -           | <b>40</b>                      | <b>58</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 9/6-8/05.....                   | 20                       | 14                            | 7                               | 1                                  | 11                                 | 13                               | 33                          | 1           | <b>41</b>                      | <b>57</b>                         | 3.6                                 |
| 8/1-3/05.....                   | 20                       | 13                            | 8                               | 2                                  | 14                                 | 11                               | 31                          | 1           | <b>41</b>                      | <b>56</b>                         | 3.6                                 |
| 7/11-13/05.....                 | 19                       | 15                            | 8                               | 2                                  | 14                                 | 12                               | 30                          | -           | <b>42</b>                      | <b>56</b>                         | 3.7                                 |
| 6/6-8/05.....                   | 20                       | 17                            | 6                               | 2                                  | 11                                 | 13                               | 30                          | 1           | <b>43</b>                      | <b>54</b>                         | 3.7                                 |
| 5/2-4/05.....                   | 18                       | 15                            | 10                              | 2                                  | 12                                 | 12                               | 31                          | -           | <b>43</b>                      | <b>54</b>                         | 3.7                                 |
| <b>1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....</b> | 16                       | 17                            | 8                               | 3                                  | 11                                 | 9                                | 35                          | 1           | <b>42</b>                      | <b>54</b>                         | 3.6                                 |

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|   | Strongly<br>Ap-<br>prove | Some-<br>what<br>Ap-<br>prove | Lean<br>Toward<br>Ap-<br>proval | Still<br>Have<br>Mixed<br>Feelings | Lean<br>Toward<br>Disap-<br>proval | Some-<br>what<br>Disap-<br>prove | Strongly<br>Disap-<br>prove | Not<br>Sure | <b>Total<br/>Ap-<br/>prove</b> | <b>Total<br/>Disap-<br/>prove</b> | <i>Mean-<br/>Rating<sup>1</sup></i> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy</b> |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| <b>ALL ADULTS</b>   |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| 4/3-5/06.....   | 13                       | 15                            | 9                               | 3                                  | 10                                 | 12                               | 38                          | -           | <b>37</b>                      | <b>60</b>                         | 3.3                                 |
| 3/6-8/06.....   | 14                       | 15                            | 7                               | 1                                  | 13                                 | 8                                | 41                          | 1           | <b>36</b>                      | <b>62</b>                         | 3.3                                 |
| 2/6-8/06.....   | 16                       | 14                            | 9                               | 2                                  | 13                                 | 11                               | 35                          | -           | <b>39</b>                      | <b>58</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 1/3-5/06.....   | 12                       | 14                            | 9                               | 2                                  | 14                                 | 11                               | 38                          | -           | <b>35</b>                      | <b>62</b>                         | 3.2                                 |
| 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                                 |
| <b>1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....</b>   | 15                       | 12                            | 11                              | 3                                  | 12                                 | 10                               | 36                          | 1           | <b>38</b>                      | <b>58</b>                         | 3.4                                 |

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|  | <u>Strongly<br/>Ap-<br/>prove</u> | <u>Some-<br/>what<br/>Ap-<br/>prove</u> | <u>Lean<br/>Toward<br/>Ap-<br/>proval</u> | <u>Still<br/>Have<br/>Mixed<br/>Feelings</u> | <u>Lean<br/>Toward<br/>Disap-<br/>proval</u> | <u>Some-<br/>what<br/>Disap-<br/>prove</u> | <u>Strongly<br/>Disap-<br/>prove</u> | <u>Not<br/>Sure</u> | <b><u>Total<br/>Ap-<br/>prove</u></b> | <b><u>Total<br/>Disap-<br/>prove</u></b> | <i><u>Mean-<br/>Rating<sup>1</sup></u></i> |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism</b> |                                   |   |   |  |  |  |                                      |                     |                                       |  |  |
| <b>ALL ADULTS</b>  |                                   |   |   |  |  |  |                                      |                     |                                       |  |  |
| 4/3-5/06.....  | 26                                | 8                                       | 6   | 2  | 11   | 11   | 36                                   | -                   | <b>40</b>                             | <b>58</b>                                | 3.6  |
| 3/6-8/06.....  | 28                                | 10                                      | 5   | 1  | 14   | 8  | 33                                   | 1                   | <b>43</b>                             | <b>55</b>                                | 3.8  |
| 2/6-8/06.....  | 30                                | 10                                      | 7   | 2  | 13   | 9  | 28                                   | 1                   | <b>47</b>                             | <b>50</b>                                | 4.0  |
| 1/3-5/06.....  | 27                                | 10                                      | 7   | 1  | 14   | 8  | 33                                   | -                   | <b>44</b>                             | <b>54</b>                                | 3.8  |
| 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  |
| <b>1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....</b>                                | 29                                | 14                                      | 6   | 2  | 12   | 8  | 29                                   | -                   | <b>49</b>                             | <b>49</b>                                | 4.1  |

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Q.3 (cont.)

|  | Strongly<br>Ap-<br>prove | Some-<br>what<br>Ap-<br>prove | Lean<br>Toward<br>Ap-<br>proval | Still<br>Have<br>Mixed<br>Feelings | Lean<br>Toward<br>Disap-<br>proval | Some-<br>what<br>Disap-<br>prove | Strongly<br>Disap-<br>prove | Not<br>Sure | <b>Total<br/>Ap-<br/>prove</b> | <b>Total<br/>Disap-<br/>prove</b> | <i>Mean-<br/>Rating<sup>1</sup></i> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Handling the situation in Iraq</b>                              |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| <b>ALL ADULTS</b>  |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| 4/3-5/06.....  | 22                       | 8                             | 6                               | 1                                  | 8                                  | 8                                | 47                          | -           | <b>35</b>                      | <b>63</b>                         | 3.2                                 |
| 3/6-8/06.....  | 21                       | 10                            | 7                               | 2                                  | 9                                  | 7                                | 43                          | 1           | <b>39</b>                      | <b>58</b>                         | 3.4                                 |
| 2/6-8/06.....  | 24                       | 7                             | 7                               | 1                                  | 10                                 | 7                                | 43                          | 1           | <b>38</b>                      | <b>60</b>                         | 3.4                                 |
| 1/3-5/06.....  | 23                       | 9                             | 7                               | 2                                  | 10                                 | 6                                | 43                          | -           | <b>39</b>                      | <b>58</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 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                                 |
| <b>1 year ago 4/4-6/05.....</b>                                    | 22                       | 12                            | 9                               | 1                                  | 8                                  | 9                                | 39                          | -           | <b>43</b>                      | <b>56</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| <b>Handling the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina</b> |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| <b>ALL ADULTS</b>  |                          |                               |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                  |                             |             |                                |                                   |                                     |
| 4/3-5/06.....  | 15                       | 14                            | 8                               | 3                                  | 11                                 | 10                               | 38                          | 1           | <b>37</b>                      | <b>59</b>                         | 3.4                                 |
| 3/6-8/06.....  | 20                       | 11                            | 9                               | 2                                  | 13                                 | 9                                | 35                          | 1           | <b>40</b>                      | <b>57</b>                         | 3.5                                 |
| 11/7-9/05.....   | 24                       | 12                            | 8                               | 2                                  | 12                                 | 8                                | 33                          | 1           | <b>44</b>                      | <b>53</b>                         | 3.8                                 |
| 10/3-5/05.....   | 26                       | 13                            | 8                               | 2                                  | 13                                 | 9                                | 28                          | 1           | <b>48</b>                      | <b>49</b>                         | 4.0                                 |
| 9/16-18/05.....  | 24                       | 11                            | 11                              | 2                                  | 13                                 | 7                                | 31                          | 1           | <b>46</b>                      | <b>51</b>                         | 3.9                                 |
| 9/6-8/05.....  | 27                       | 12                            | 7                               | 1                                  | 10                                 | 7                                | 35                          | 1           | <b>46</b>                      | <b>52</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.

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      |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                       | <u>4/3-5/06</u> | <u>3/6-8/06</u> | <u>2/6-8/06</u> | <u>1/3-5/06</u> | <u>12/5-7/05</u> | <u>11/7-9/05</u> | <u>10/3-5/05</u> |
| Strongly approve.....                 | 4               | 4               | 5               | 6               | 5                | 5                | 5                |
| Somewhat approve.....                 | 15              | 15              | 19              | 17              | 15               | 17               | 18               |
| Lean toward approval.....             | 11              | 11              | 12              | 11              | 10               | 10               | 11               |
| Still have mixed feelings.....        | 3               | 2               | 2               | 2               | 3                | 2                | 3                |
| Lean toward disapproval.....          | 17              | 20              | 17              | 20              | 19               | 18               | 17               |
| Somewhat disapprove.....              | 17              | 18              | 18              | 17              | 19               | 18               | 17               |
| Strongly disapprove.....              | 33              | 28              | 26              | 26              | 27               | 28               | 27               |
| Not sure.....                         | -               | 2               | 1               | 1               | 2                | 2                | 2                |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>             | <b>30</b>       | <b>31</b>       | <b>35</b>       | <b>34</b>       | <b>31</b>        | <b>32</b>        | <b>35</b>        |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>          | <b>67</b>       | <b>66</b>       | <b>61</b>       | <b>63</b>       | <b>65</b>        | <b>64</b>        | <b>61</b>        |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> ..... | 3.0             | 3.1             | 3.3             | 3.3             | 3.2              | 3.2              | 3.3              |

|                                       | ALL ADULTS      |                 |                   |                 |                 |  | 1 Year Ago      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
|                                       | <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> |
| Strongly approve.....                 | 5               | 5               | 7                 | 5               | 7               |  | 5               |
| Somewhat approve.....                 | 16              | 16              | 14                | 16              | 15              |  | 22              |
| Lean toward approval.....             | 11              | 12              | 14                | 10              | 12              |  | 10              |
| Still have mixed feelings.....        | 2               | 3               | 4                 | 3               | 3               |  | 3               |
| Lean toward disapproval.....          | 21              | 19              | 19                | 17              | 20              |  | 19              |
| Somewhat disapprove.....              | 19              | 19              | 19                | 20              | 17              |  | 17              |
| Strongly disapprove.....              | 25              | 24              | 22                | 27              | 24              |  | 22              |
| Not sure.....                         | 1               | 2               | 1                 | 2               | 2               |  | 2               |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>             | <b>32</b>       | <b>33</b>       | <b>35</b>         | <b>31</b>       | <b>35</b>       |  | <b>37</b>       |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>          | <b>65</b>       | <b>62</b>       | <b>60</b>         | <b>64</b>       | <b>61</b>       |  | <b>58</b>       |
| <i>Mean Rating</i> <sup>1</sup> ..... | 3.2             | 3.3             | 3.4               | 3.2             | 3.4             |  | 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.

5. And if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?

|                            | <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.....           | 33              | 36              | 37              | 36              |
| Democrats.....             | 49              | 47              | 47              | 49              |
| (DO NOT READ) Neither..... | 15              | 13              | 13              | 12              |
| Not sure.....              | 3               | 4               | 3               | 3               |



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

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Democrats .....          | 41 |
| Republicans.....         | 41 |
| Both equally (VOL) ..... | 4  |
| Neither (VOL) .....      | 11 |
| Not sure.....            | 3  |

7. Who do you trust to do a better job of handling the situation in Iraq?

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Democrats .....          | 42 |
| Republicans.....         | 39 |
| Both equally (VOL) ..... | 3  |
| Neither (VOL) .....      | 12 |
| Not sure.....            | 4  |

**REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION**

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

|                       | <b>ALL<br/>ADULTS</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes.....              | 84                    |
| No .....              | 16                    |
| Refused/not sure..... | -                     |

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

**INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

|                    | <b>REGISTERED<br/>VOTERS</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Republican .....   | 26                           |
| Democrat.....      | 31                           |
| Independent .....  | 34                           |
| None of these..... | 8                            |
| Not sure.....      | 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?

|   | <b>REGISTERED<br/>VOTERS</b> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Strongly Republican .....                   | 14                           |
| Moderately Republican.....                  | 26                           |
| Definitely Independent/neither.....         | 9                            |
| Moderately Democrat.....                    | 32                           |
| Strongly Democrat.....                      | 18                           |
| Refused/not sure.....                       | 1                            |
| <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> |                              |
| <b>Total Republican .....</b>               | <b>40</b>                    |
| <b>Total Democrat .....</b>                 | <b>50</b>                    |

**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>64</b> |
| - Full time.....           | 47        |
| - Part time .....          | 17        |
| Not employed .....         | 13        |
| Retired.....               | 22        |
| Refused/not sure .....     | 1         |

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

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Grade school or some high school .....                               | 6  |
| Completed high school .....  | 23 |
| Some community college or university, but<br>did not finish.....     | 21 |
| Completed technical school or a community<br>college .....           | 12 |
| Completed a university or Bachelor's degree ....                     | 22 |
| Completed a post-graduate degree such<br>as a Master's or Ph.D. .... | 15 |
| Refused/not sure .....   | 1  |

D4. Are you currently married?

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Yes .....              | 57 |
| No .....               | 42 |
| Refused/not sure ..... | 1  |

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

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| 1 .....                | 17 |
| 2 .....                | 33 |
| 3 .....                | 18 |
| 4 .....                | 18 |
| 5 .....                | 9  |
| 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>39</b> |
| Under 6.....                    | 21        |
| 6-12 .....                      | 17        |
| 13-17 .....                     | 14        |
| <b>NO CHILDREN.....</b>         | <b>60</b> |
| Refused/not sure .....          | 1         |

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

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Yes .....              | 51 |
| No .....               | 47 |
| 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?

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
|  | <b><u>INVESTORS</u></b> |
| None.....                                      | 33                      |
| 1 time.....                                    | 15                      |
| 2 times.....                                   | 16                      |
| 3 times.....                                   | 6                       |
| 4 times.....                                   | 3                       |
| 5 to 9 times.....                              | 8                       |
| 10 to 14 times.....                            | 4                       |
| 15 to 19 times.....                            | 1                       |
| 20 to 24 times.....                            | 1                       |
| 25 times or more.....                          | 4                       |
| Refused/not sure .....                         | 9                       |
| <hr/>  |                         |
| <b>Active Investors (5 times or more).....</b> | <b>18</b>               |

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

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Yes .....              | 38 |
| No .....               | 60 |
| 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 .....                  | 45 |
| Catholic.....                     | 23 |
| Mormon .....                      | 1  |
| Jewish.....                       | 1  |
| Muslim .....                      | 1  |
| Other non-Christian religion..... | 4  |
| No religion .....                 | 23 |
| 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.....           | 69 |
| Black.....           | 11 |
| Hispanic.....        | 13 |
| Asian.....           | 3  |
| American Indian..... | 1  |
| Other.....           | 2  |
| Refused .....        | 1  |

D11. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2005?

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Under \$15,000.....                   | 14 |
| \$15,000 to less than \$20,000 .....  | 4  |
| \$20,000 to less than \$25,000 .....  | 6  |
| \$25,000 to less than \$30,000 .....  | 3  |
| \$30,000 to less than \$40,000 .....  | 10 |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000 .....  | 9  |
| \$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 .....  | 23 |
| South .....    | 36 |
| West .....     | 22 |

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Urban.....    | 30 |
| Suburban..... | 49 |
| Rural.....    | 21 |

**GENDER:**

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