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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						
	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6- 8/05
Right direction.....	30	35	32	33	32	28	32
Wrong track.....	67	61	65	64	64	66	65
Not sure.....	3	4	3	3	4	6	3
							1 Year Ago
	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05		3/7 - 9/05
Right direction.....	37	36	35	36	38		40
Wrong track.....	59	59	59	59	56		55
Not sure.....	4	5	6	5	6		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							
	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/31- 11/2/05	10/3- 5/05
Strongly approve.....	18	22	19	20	18	20	21
Somewhat approve.....	9	11	11	11	10	10	9
Lean toward approval.....	10	8	11	10	9	7	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	2	1	1	1	3	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	13	12	14	12	12	14
Somewhat disapprove.....	7	7	5	5	6	5	5
Strongly disapprove.....	41	37	41	38	43	42	39
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	1	-
Total Approve.....	37	40	40	42	37	37	39
Total Disapprove.....	60	57	59	57	61	59	58
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5

ALL ADULTS							
	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05	1 Year Ago 3/7 - 9/05
Strongly approve.....	20	23	21	22	24	21	25
Somewhat approve.....	11	10	12	11	11	11	12
Lean toward approval.....	8	9	10	10	11	12	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	13	15	13	13	15	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	5	5	6	7	7	6	6
Strongly disapprove.....	40	38	35	35	32	34	31
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total Approve.....	39	42	42	43	47	44	48
Total Disapprove.....	59	55	56	55	51	54	50
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.9

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.

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											
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
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
1 year ago 3/7-9/05.....	22	16	10	2	11	10	29	-	47	50	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											
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
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
1 year ago 3/7-9/05.....	17	16	11	3	10	11	32	-	44	53	3.7

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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 foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
ALL ADULTS											
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
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
1 year ago 3/7-9/05.....	32	11	9	2	11	8	27	-	52	46	4.2

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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											
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
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
1 year ago 3/7-9/05.....	29	9	7	2	9	7	37	-	45	53	3.8
Handling the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina											
ALL ADULTS											
3/6-8/06.....	20	11	9	2	13	9	35	1	40	57	3.5
11/7-9/05.....	24	12	8	2	12	8	33	1	44	53	3.8
10/3-5/05.....	26	13	8	2	13	9	28	1	48	49	4.0
9/16-18/05.....	24	11	11	2	13	7	31	1	46	51	3.9
9/6-8/05.....	27	12	7	1	10	7	35	1	46	52	3.8

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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						
	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06	12/5- 7/05	11/7- 9/05	10/3- 5/05	9/6 8/05
Strongly approve	4	5	6	5	5	5	5
Somewhat approve.....	15	19	17	15	17	18	16
Lean toward approval	11	12	11	10	10	11	11
Still have mixed feelings	2	2	2	3	2	3	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	20	17	20	19	18	17	21
Somewhat disapprove	18	18	17	19	18	17	19
Strongly disapprove.....	28	26	26	27	28	27	25
Not sure	2	1	1	2	2	2	1
Total Approve	31	35	34	31	32	35	32
Total Disapprove	66	61	63	65	64	61	65
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2

	ALL ADULTS						1 Year Ago
	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05	4/4- 6/05		3/7 - 9/05
Strongly approve	5	7	5	7	5		7
Somewhat approve.....	16	14	16	15	22		20
Lean toward approval	12	14	10	12	10		14
Still have mixed feelings	3	4	3	3	3		5
Lean toward disapproval.....	19	19	17	20	19		20
Somewhat disapprove	19	19	20	17	17		14
Strongly disapprove.....	24	22	27	24	22		18
Not sure	2	1	2	2	2		2
Total Approve	33	35	31	35	37		41
Total Disapprove	62	60	64	61	58		53
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5		3.7

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

	3/6- 8/06	2/6- 8/06	1/3- 5/06
Republicans.....	36	37	36
Democrats	47	47	49
(DO NOT READ) Neither.....	13	13	12
Not sure.....	4	3	3

6. Now I'm going to read you some words that might be used to describe a person. As I read each word, please tell me whether you think the word describes George W. Bush, or not.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Likeable			
ALL ADULTS			
3/6-8/06.....	59	40	1
11/7-9/05.....	52	47	1
8/1-3/05.....	63	36	1
1/10-12/05.....	66	33	1
REGISTERED VOTERS			
10/18-20/04.....	67	32	1
10/4-6/04.....	68	31	1
9/7-9/04.....	70	30	-
8/3-5/04.....	67	32	1
7/5-7/04.....	66	33	1
Honest			
ALL ADULTS			
3/6-8/06.....	44	54	2
11/7-9/05.....	42	57	1
8/1-3/05.....	48	50	2
1/10-12/05.....	53	45	2
REGISTERED VOTERS			
10/18-20/04.....	53	46	1
10/4-6/04.....	53	45	2
9/7-9/04.....	56	43	1
8/3-5/04.....	53	45	2
7/5-7/04.....	53	46	1
Strong			
ALL ADULTS			
3/6-8/06.....	57	42	1
11/7-9/05.....	54	46	-
8/1-3/05.....	64	35	1
1/10-12/05.....	65	34	1
REGISTERED VOTERS			
9/7-9/04.....	73	27	-
8/3-5/04.....	70	29	1
Intelligent			
ALL ADULTS			
3/6-8/06.....	53	46	1
8/1-3/05.....	56	43	1
1/10-12/05.....	62	37	1
REGISTERED VOTERS			
9/7-9/04.....	63	36	1
8/3-5/04.....	63	37	-
7/5-7/04.....	63	36	1
Arrogant			
ALL ADULTS			
3/6-8/06.....	57	41	2
8/1-3/05.....	56	43	1
1/10-12/05.....	49	50	1
REGISTERED VOTERS			
7/5-7/04.....	52	47	1

Q.6 (cont.)	Yes	No	Not Sure
Dependable			
ALL ADULTS			
3/6-8/06.....	46	53	1
8/1-3/05.....	55	43	2
1/10-12/05.....	57	42	1

IRAQ STUDY

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

1. How likely is it that a stable, democratic government will be established in Iraq?

	<u>3/6-8/06</u>	<u>8/22-24/05</u>	<u>2/7-9/05</u>	<u>1/10-12/05</u>	<u>12/6-8/04</u>	<u>4/16-18/04</u>	<u>4/5-7/04</u>
Very likely.....	12	11	10	9	9	11	10
Somewhat likely.....	36	40	41	37	38	44	40
Not too likely.....	33	30	31	33	32	31	33
Not at all likely.....	16	16	16	20	19	13	16
A stable, democratic government has already been established in Iraq (VOL).....	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not sure.....	3	3	2	1	2	1	1
Total Likely.....	48	51	50	46	47	55	50
Total Not Likely.....	49	46	48	53	51	44	49

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

2. How likely is it that civil war will break out in Iraq?

Very likely.....	39
Somewhat likely.....	39
Not too likely.....	12
Not at all likely.....	5
A civil war has already broken out in Iraq (VOL).....	1
Not sure.....	4
Total Likely.....	77
Total Not Likely.....	17

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	79
No	20
Refused/not sure	1

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	29
Democrat	35
Independent	20
None of these.....	14
Not sure	2

(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	22
Definitely Independent/neither	8
Moderately Democrat.....	28
Strongly Democrat	22
Refused/not sure.....	2
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Total Republican	39
Total Democrat.....	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	29
50-64	24
65 and over.....	15
Refused/not sure	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	50
- Part time	13
Not employed	16
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure	1

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

Grade school or some high school	10
Completed high school	22
Some community college or university, but did not finish	20
Completed technical school or a community college	14
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	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	56
No.....	43
Refused/not sure	1

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

1	19
2	33
3	17
4	18
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	34
Under 6.....	17
6-12	15
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN.....	64
Refused/not sure	2

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

Yes	50
No	46
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.....	40
1 time.....	14
2 times.....	13
3 times.....	6
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	5
10 to 14 times.....	4
15 to 19 times.....	-
20 to 24 times.....	-
25 times or more	4
Refused/not sure	9
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	13

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

Yes	41
No	56
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	21
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	5
No religion	19
Refused/not sure	3

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.....	2
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	2
Refused	2

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

Under \$15,000.....	12
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	5
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	4
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	13
Refused/not sure	23

REGION:

Northeast.....	19
Midwest	23
South.....	36
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	33
Suburban.....	45
Rural.....	22

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female	52