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

PARKS STUDY

1. As you may know, many national parks have increased entry and visitor fees, some to more than twenty dollars per car. The parks are allowed to use these fees to pay for projects like improving roads and fixing buildings in need of repair. Do you favor or oppose these higher entrance and visitor fees? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	29
Somewhat favor.....	35
Somewhat oppose.....	17
Strongly oppose.....	18
Not sure.....	1

Total Favor	64
Total Oppose.....	35

2. Do you favor or oppose increasing development inside national park boundaries, such as grooming snowmobile trails or constructing cell phone towers? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	15
Somewhat favor.....	26
Somewhat oppose.....	20
Strongly oppose.....	37
Not sure.....	2

Total Favor	41
Total Oppose.....	57

3. **(ORDER OF STATEMENTS ROTATED)** Some people favor increasing development just outside the boundaries of national parks, such as building residential subdivisions and resort hotels, because they say it creates more recreational opportunities and amenities for park visitors to enjoy. Other people who oppose such development say it can harm the environment inside the parks, increasing pollution and damaging views. What about you?

Do you favor or oppose increasing development just outside the boundaries of national parks, such as building residential subdivisions and resort hotels? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	11
Somewhat favor.....	23
Somewhat oppose.....	22
Strongly oppose.....	43
Not sure.....	1

Total Favor	33
Total Oppose.....	65

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	29
50-64	25
65 and over.....	15
Refused/not sure	-

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	62
- Full time.....	50
- Part time	11
Not employed	16
Retired.....	23
Refused/not sure	-

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 did not finish	24
Completed technical school or a community college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	23
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	58
No	42
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	18
2	33
3	19
4	18
5	6
6 or more	5
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.....	18
6-12	16
13-17	15
NO CHILDREN.....	65
Refused/not sure	1

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.....	3
Other.....	1
Refused	1

D11. 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	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	15
Refused/not sure	13

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	30
Suburban.....	50
Rural.....	20

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female	52