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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

POLITICAL STUDY

NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

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

Right direction	3/5- 7/07 29 68 3		2/5- 7/07 28 68 4	<u>1/16-</u> <u>18/07</u> 29 66 5	<u>1/8-</u> 10/07 28 67 5	12/4- 6/06 28 68 4	11/13- 15/06 34 61 5	10/20- 25/06 29 66 5	<u>10/2-</u> <u>4/06</u> 31 64 5
Right direction	9/11- 13/06 33 63 4	8/7- <u>9-06</u> 26 71 3	7/10 <u>-</u> 12/06 30 67 3	6/5- <u>7/06</u> 26 70 4	5/1- 3/06 23 73 4	4/3- <u>5/06</u> 28 69 3	High 1/18- 21/02 68 29 3	5/1- 3/06 23 73 4	1 Year Ago 3/6-8/06 30 67 3

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?

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	<u>3/5-</u>				<u>2/5-</u>	<u> 1/16-</u>	<u> 1/8-</u>	<u>12/4-</u>	<u>11/13-</u>
	<u>7/07</u>				<u>7/07</u>	<u> 18/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>15/06</u>
Strongly approve	17				15	16	14	14	16
Somewhat approve	10				8	10	10	9	10
Lean toward approval	8				9	10	8	10	10
Still have mixed feelings	1				3	2	2	4	1
_		_					15		
Lean toward disapproval	16	_			13	12		13	13
Somewhat disapprove	6				8	7	8	6	7
Strongly disapprove	42				43	42	42	44	42
Not sure	_				1	1	1	-	1
Total Approve	35				32	36	32	33	36
Total Disapprove	65				65	61	65	64	62
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Mean Rating ¹	3.2				3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
		10/20-25/06	<u> </u>		10/2-4/06			9/11-13/06	
		Regis-			REGIS-			REGIS-	
		TERED	LIKELY		TERED	LIKELY		TERED	LIKELY
	<u>All</u>	VOTERS	VOTERS	<u>All</u>	VOTERS	VOTERS	<u>All</u>	VOTERS	VOTERS
Strongly approve	19	20	23	19	21	25	19	21	24
Somewhat approve	8	8	7	10	9	7	9	9	8
Lean toward approval	10	9	8	8	8	7	11	11	9
Still have mixed feelings	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	-
	13	12		12	10			14	14
Lean toward disapproval			9			9	15		
Somewhat disapprove	5	5	4	6	6	5	8	7	4
Strongly disapprove	42	44	48	42	43	45	37	37	41
Not sure	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	37	37	38	38	38	39	39	41	40
Total Disapprove	61	61	61	59	59	58	60	57	59
Mean Rating ¹	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
							High	Low	1 Year
		8/7-	7/10-	6/5-	5/1-	4/3-	1/4-	1/8-	Ago
		<u>9-06</u>	12/06	<u>7/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>5/06</u>	21/02	10/07	3/6-8/06
Strongly approve		16	<u>12,00</u>	15	<u>5755</u> 15	18	54	14	18
Somewhat approve		10	9	8	7	8	16	10	9
Lean toward approval		7	9	11	10	10	10	8	10
			3				_		
Still have mixed feelings		2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval		14	12	16	14	12	11	15	12
Somewhat disapprove		7	8	5	6	8	2	8	7
Strongly disapprove		44	43	42	46	42	5	42	41
Not sure		-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Total Approve		33	36	35	33	36	80	32	37
Total Disapprove		64	63	63	65	62	18	65	60
Mean Rating ¹		3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	5.7	3.1	3.3
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3. And when it comes to (READ ISSUE) do you approve or disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way George W. Bush is handling that issue? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK:) Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (IF HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OR NOT SURE, ASK:) If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

Handling the	Strongly Approve	Some- what <u>Approve</u>	Lean Toward <u>Approval</u>	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis- approval	Some- what Dis- approve	Strongly Dis- approve	Not <u>Sure</u>	Total <u>Approve</u>	Total Dis- approve	Mean- <u>Rating</u> 1
economy											
3/5-7/07	20	13	8	1	15	10	32	1	41	57	3.6
2/5-7/07	20	15	8	2	14	11	30	-	42	55	3.7
1/8-10/07	20	16	7	1	16	10	29	1	43	55	3.8
12/4-6/06	18	14	6	3	16	12	31	-	38	58	3.6
11/13-15/06	24	12	7	1	15	10	30	1	43	55	3.8
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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
<u>Low</u>											
11/7-9/05	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3
1 Year Ago											
3/6-8/06	19	12	9	1	10	11	36	2	40	57	3.5

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly	Some- what	Lean Toward	Still Have Mixed	Lean Toward Dis-	Some- what Dis-	Strongly Dis-	Not	Total	Total Dis-	Mean-
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Approval</u>	<u>Feelings</u>	approval	<u>approve</u>	<u>approve</u>	<u>Sure</u>	<u>Approve</u>	approve	Rating ¹
Handling											
domestic issues											
like health care, education, the											
environment and											
energy											
3/5-7/07	13	14	9	2	14	12	35	1	37	61	3.4
2/5-7/07	11	14	10	3	12	11	38	1	35	61	3.2
1/8-10/07	13	14	11	2	12	11	36	1	38	59	3.3
12/4-6/06	13	14	7	2	15	12	37	-	33	64	3.2
11/13-15/06	13	15	8	1	13	11	38	1	36	62	3.3
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	<i>4</i> 5	-	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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
<u>Low</u>											
12/4-6/06	13	14	7	2	15	12	37	-	33	64	3.2
<u>1 Year Ago</u>											
3/6-8/06	14	15	7	1	13	8	41	1	36	62	3.3

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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											
3/5-7/07	22	9	7	1	12	8	41	-	38	61	3.4
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2/5-7/07	21	9	7	2	14	8	39	-	36	61	3.4
1/8-10/07	22	10	5	1	15	9	36	2	37	60	3.5
12/4-6/06	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
11/13-15/06	23	12	5	1	10	9	39	1	40	58	3.6
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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
12/4-6/06	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
1 Year Ago											
3/6-8/06	28	10	5	1	14	8	33	1	43	55	3.8

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q3. (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											
3/5-7/07	16	8	8	1	11	8	48	-	32	66	3.0
2/5-7/07	16	6	8	3	9	7	51	-	30	67	2.9
1/16-18/07	17	6	9	2	14	4	<i>4</i> 8	-	32	<i>65</i>	3.1
1/8-10/07	13	9	7	2	11	9	<i>4</i> 8	1	29	68	2.9
12/4-6/06	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8
11/13-15/06	15	10	7	2	8	9	<i>4</i> 8	1	31	66	3.0
10/2-4/06 (ALL)	19	9	8	2	8	9	<i>4</i> 5	-	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
<u>High</u>											
9/20-22/04	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
12/4-6/06	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	_	27	71	2.8
1 Year Ago											
3/6-8/06	21	10	7	2	9	7	43	1	39	58	3.4

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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?

							10/20-25/06	<u>5</u>
	<u>3/5-</u>	<u>2/5-</u>	<u>1/8-</u>	12/4-	11/13-		REGIS- TERED	LIKELY
	7/07	7/07	10/07	6/06	15/06	<u>All</u>	VOTERS	<u>Voters</u>
Strongly approve	4	5	4	5	4	3	3	4
Somewhat approve	15	14	17	13	13	11	9	9
Lean toward approval	14	15	11	9	9	11	10	10
Still have mixed feelings	3	6	4	4	2	2	3	2
Lean toward disapproval	21	19	23	19	20	20	19	18
Somewhat disapprove	16	16	15	17	17	16	16	19
Strongly disapprove	26	23	23	32	33	36	39	43
Not sure	1	. 2	3	- 1	2	1	1	-
Total Approve	33	34	32	27	26	25	23	23
Total Disapprove	63	58	62	67	70	72	74	<i>7</i> 5
Mean Rating ¹	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6
			1	<u>10/2-4/06</u>			<u>9/11-13/06</u>	
				REGIS-	Luzery		REGIS-	Luzery
			<u>All</u>	TERED Voters	Likely Voters	Διι	tered <u>Voters</u>	Likely Voters
Strongly approve			4	4	4	<u>All</u> 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	<i>7</i> 5
Mean Rating ¹			2.9	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.6
						High	Low	1 Year
	8/7-	7/10-	6/5-	5/1-	4/3-	2/7-	6/5-	Ago
Otro and a series	<u>9-06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>5/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>3/6-8/06</u>
Strongly approve	3	5	5	2	4	6	5	4
Somewhat approve	16	12	12	12	15	21	12	15
Lean toward approval Still have mixed feelings	10 2	10 3	7 3	11 3	11	17 3	7 3	11 2
Lean toward disapproval	23	ა 16	3 20	3 19	3 17	21	20	20
Somewhat disapprove	15	22	20	18	17	15	22	18
Strongly disapprove	30	31	31	34	33	16	31	28
Not sure	1	1	-	1	-	10	-	2
	29	27	24		30	44	24	
Total Approve Total Disapprove	69	68	73	25 71	30 67	52	24 73	31 66
Mean Rating ¹	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.8	2.9	3.1

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	ALL
	A DULTS
Yes	82
No	18
Refused/not sure	_

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED
	VOTERS
Republican	32
Democrat	34
Independent	23
None of these	10
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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	17
Moderately Republican	15
Lean Republican	11
Definitely Independent/neither	9
Lean Democrat	13
Moderately Democrat	12
Strongly Democrat	
Refused/not sure	11
Total Republican Total Democrat	43 47

3. 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)?

Very liberal	15 34 27 14
Total Liberal Total Conservative	21 41

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:
D 10.	AIC VUU.

18-34	30%
35-49	26%
50-64	26%
65+	17%
(DK/NS)	1%

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	61%
- Full time	49%
- Part time	12%
Not employed	15%
Retired	23%
(DK/NS)	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	21%
university, did not finish	
Completed technical school or a	13%
community college	
Completed a university or Bachelor's	19%
degree	
Completed a post-graduate degree	17%
such as a Master's or Ph.D.	
(DK/NS)	1%

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	61%
No	38%
(DK/NS)	1%

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

1	17%
2	31%
3	19%
4	18%
5	10%
6+	4%
(DK/NS)	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)	38%
Under 6	22%
6-12	20%
13-17	13%
NO CHILDREN	61%
(DK/NS)	1%
Summary	
Any children 12 or	30%
younger	
Any children 6 to 17	28%

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

Yes	51%
No	46%
(DK/NS)	3%

(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?

None	33%
1 time	17%
2 times	13%
3 times	7%
4 times	5%
5 to 9 times	8%
10 to 14 times	4%
15 to 19 times	2%
20 to 24 times	2%
25 times or more	4%
(DK/NS)	5%
Active Investors (5	20%
times or more)	

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

Yes	38%
No	60%
(DK/NS)	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	47%
Catholic	27%
Mormon	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Some other religion	3%
None	17%
(DK/NS)	2%

D12a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D12c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)

D12b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	69%
Black	11%
Hispanic	13%
Asian	3%
(NOT READ) American	1%
Indian	
(NOT READ) Other	1%
(DK/NS)	2%

D13. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2006?

Under \$15,000	12%
\$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	7%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	11%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8%
\$100,000 or more	15%
(DK/NS)	16%

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	30%
Suburban	50%
Rural	20%

GENDER:

Male	48%
Female	52%