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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

ISSUES 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?

Right direction	26%
Wrong track	70%
(DK/NS)	4%

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

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)	47%
War (subnet)	33%
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	20%
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	13%
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	4%
Other foreign affairs issues	10%
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)	31%
Morality	7%
Political Leaders	6%
Energy Crisis	5%
Environment	3%
Crime/Drugs	3%
Education	1%
Other Domestic Issues	6%
ECONOMY (NET)	6%
Economy (unspecified)	3%
Unemployment, lack of jobs	1%
Other economy issues	2%
OTHER	11%
Nothing, nothing else	1%
(DK/NS)	3%

[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT GET ASKED Qu. 1B AND "RIGHT DIRECTION" TO Qu. 1, ASK Qu. 2a.]

2a. WHY do you say things in this country are heading in the right direction?

Improving/ growing economy	26%
Good leadership	24%
Things are improving (general)	14%
War is going well/ we are winning the war	8%
We are free	4%
Other	23%
Nothing	1%
(DK/NS)	12%

[IF RESPONDENT DID NOT GET ASKED Qu. 1B AND "WRONG TRACK" TO Qu. 1, ASK Qu. 2b.]

2b. WHY do you say things in this country are off on the wrong track?

War/ the war in Iraq	34%
Poor leadership	25%
Economy is declining	9%
Loss of moral values	8%
Gas prices	5%
Immigration/ illegal aliens	4%
Violence/ crime rate	4%
Social issues (incl. abortion, gay marriage)	4%
Corruption	3%
Cost of living	3%
Things are getting worse (general)	3%
Health care	3%
Other	32%
(DK/NS)	3%

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

A. 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	25
Democrat	36
Independent	27
None of these	12
Not sure	-

(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	12
Moderately Republican	13
Lean Republican	11
Definitely Independent/neither	13
Lean Democrat	15
Moderately Democrat	14
Strongly Democrat	22
Refused/not sure	-
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Total Republican	36
Total Democrat	51

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)?**

	ALL ADULTS
Very liberal	9
Somewhat liberal	14
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	23
Very conservative	13
Refused	5
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Total Liberal	24
Total Conservative	36

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	25%
50-64	28%
65+	15%
(DK/NS)	2%

STATISTICS

Mean	46.0
Median	45.9

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	60%
- Full time	48%
- Part time	12%
Not employed	16%
Retired	22%
(DK/NS)	2%

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

Grade school or some high school	7%
Completed high school	22%
Some community college or university, did not finish	24%
Completed technical school or a community college	11%
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	21%
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14%
(DK/NS)	1%
Summary	
Total High School or Less	29%
Total Some College	35%
Total College Degree	36%

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	54%
No	44%
(DK/NS)	2%

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

1	18%
2	30%
3	20%
4	20%
5	6%
6+	4%
(DK/NS)	2%
Summary	
Mean	2.9
Median	2.1

(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)	37%
Under 6	21%
6-12	15%
13-17	13%
NO CHILDREN	61%
(DK/NS)	2%
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	29%
Any children 6 to 17	24%

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

Yes	41%
No	56%
(DK/NS)	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	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	-
Some other religion	5%
None	20%
(DK/NS)	3%

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	68%
Black	11%
Hispanic	13%
Asian	3%
(NOT READ) American Indian	1%
(NOT READ) Other	1%
(DK/NS)	3%

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	2%
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6%
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8%
\$100,000 or more	15%
(DK/NS)	20%

REGION:

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	37%
West	22%

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31%
Suburban	50%
Rural	19%

GENDER:

Male	48%
Female	52%

ZZ5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	39%
More than once a week	13%
Once a week	26%
Less than once a week (Net)	40%
A few times a month	17%
A few times a year	23%
Never	18%
(DK/NS)	3%