



1101 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 200
 Washington, DC 20036
 (202) 463-7300

Interview dates: September 10-12, 2007
 Interviews: 1,000 adults; 811 registered voters
 Margin of error: ± 3.1 for all adults; ± 3.4 for registered voters

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
 CONDUCTED BY IPSOS PUBLIC AFFAIRS
 PROJECT #81-5681-13**

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

POLITICAL STUDY

NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

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

	<u>9/10- 12/07</u>		<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>	<u>6/4- 6/07</u>	<u>5/7- 9/07</u>	<u>4/2- 4/07</u>	<u>3/5- 7/07</u>	<u>2/5- 7/07</u>
Right direction	28		27	26	21	25	27	29	28
Wrong track.....	67		68	69	75	71	70	68	68
Not sure.....	5		5	5	4	4	3	3	4
	<u>1/16- 18/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>12/4- 6/06</u>	<u>11/13- 15/06</u>	<u>10/20- 25/06</u>	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	High <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	Low <u>6/4- 6/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>9/11- 13/06</u>
Right direction	29	28	28	34	29	31	68	21	33
Wrong track.....	66	67	68	61	66	64	29	75	63
Not sure.....	5	5	4	5	5	5	3	4	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?

	<u>9/10-12/07</u>							<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	14							15	14
Somewhat approve.....	9							9	8
Lean toward approval.....	11							11	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	2							2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	15							14	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	7							7	6
Strongly disapprove.....	42							42	45
Not sure.....	-							-	1
Total Approve.....	33							35	33
Total Disapprove.....	64							62	65
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1							3.2	3.1
	<u>6/4-6/07</u>	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/16-18/07</u>	<u>1/8-10/07</u>	<u>12/4-6/06</u>	<u>11/13-15/06</u>
Strongly approve.....	14	17	16	17	15	16	14	14	16
Somewhat approve.....	9	7	8	10	8	10	10	9	10
Lean toward approval.....	9	11	10	8	9	10	8	10	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	1	3	3	1	3	2	2	4	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	11	14	16	13	12	15	13	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	6	6	6	8	7	8	6	7
Strongly disapprove.....	48	44	43	42	43	42	42	44	42
Not sure.....	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1
Total Approve.....	32	35	35	35	32	36	32	33	36
Total Disapprove.....	66	61	62	65	65	61	65	64	62
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
	<u>10/20-25/06</u>			<u>10/2-4/06</u>					
	<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	<u>ALL</u>	REGIS- TERED VOTERS	LIKELY VOTERS	High 1/4- 21/02	Low 6/4- 6/07	1 Year Ago 9/11- 13/06
Strongly approve.....	19	20	23	19	21	25	54	14	19
Somewhat approve.....	8	8	7	10	9	7	16	9	9
Lean toward approval.....	10	9	8	8	8	7	10	9	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	13	12	9	12	10	9	11	12	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	5	5	4	6	6	5	2	6	8
Strongly disapprove.....	42	44	48	42	43	45	5	48	37
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Total Approve.....	37	37	38	38	38	39	80	32	39
Total Disapprove.....	61	61	61	59	59	58	18	66	60
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	5.7	3.0	3.5

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 economy	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-Rating¹
9/10-12/07.....	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	37	60	3.4
8/6-8/07.....	20	13	8	2	11	15	31	-	41	57	3.6
7/9-11/07.....	18	13	6	2	13	11	36	1	37	60	3.4
6/4-6/07.....	16	14	7	3	13	11	35	1	37	59	3.4
5/7-9/07.....	18	14	9	2	13	9	34	1	41	56	3.6
4/2-4/07.....	20	12	6	2	14	13	33	-	38	60	3.5
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
High											
1/18-21/02*.....	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
11/7-9/05.....	17	14	6	1	10	10	41	1	37	61	3.3
1 Year Ago											
9/11-13/06.....	18	13	8	1	14	11	34	1	39	60	3.5

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.

*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q.3 (Cont.)	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	<i>Mean-Rating¹</i>
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
9/10-12/07.....	12	15	8	3	10	12	39	1	35	62	3.2
8/6 -8/07.....	13	15	8	2	12	11	38	1	36	61	3.3
7/9 -11/07.....	15	11	7	2	13	11	40	1	33	64	3.2
6/4-6/07.....	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1
5/7-9/07.....	13	13	8	3	12	9	41	1	35	62	3.2
4/2-4/07.....	13	14	7	3	12	9	42	-	34	63	3.2
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
6/4-6/07.....	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1
1 Year Ago											
9/11-13/06.....	14	14	8	1	14	9	39	1	36	62	3.3

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.

*Asked only of Registered Voters

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											
9/10-12/07.....	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	40	57	3.5
8/6-8/07.....	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	38	60	3.5
7/9-11/07.....	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	3.4
6/4-6/07.....	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	3.3
5/7-9/07.....	23	10	8	2	12	6	39	-	41	57	3.5
4/2-4/07.....	23	8	6	2	13	8	39	1	37	60	3.4
3/5-7/07.....	22	9	7	1	12	8	41	-	38	61	3.4
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
High											
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											
9/11-13/06.....	27	10	7	2	13	9	32	-	44	54	3.8

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.
*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											
9/10-12/07.....	17	7	9	2	7	9	49	-	33	65	3.0
8/6-8/07.....	15	9	9	1	8	11	47	-	32	66	3.0
7/9-11/07.....	14	9	8	1	10	6	51	1	31	67	2.9
6/4-6/07.....	14	7	7	2	7	8	54	1	28	69	2.8
5/7-9/07.....	17	9	8	2	7	7	50	-	33	64	3.0
4/2-4/07.....	19	8	6	3	9	6	49	-	33	64	3.1
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	48	-	32	65	3.1
1/8-10/07.....	13	9	7	2	11	9	48	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	48	1	31	66	3.0
10/2-4/06 (ALL).....	19	9	8	2	8	9	45	-	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
High											
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											
9/11-13/06.....	20	9	9	1	9	8	44	-	38	61	3.3

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.
*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?

	<u>9/11-13/07</u>								<u>8/6-8/07</u>
Strongly approve	3								5
Somewhat approve	11								9
Lean toward approval.....	12								11
Still have mixed feelings.....	3								3
Lean toward disapproval	20								21
Somewhat disapprove.....	17								17
Strongly disapprove.....	33								33
Not sure.....	1								1
Total Approve	26								25
Total Disapprove	71								72
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9								2.9
	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/16-18/07</u>	<u>1/8-10/07</u>	<u>12/4-6/06</u>	<u>11/13-15/06</u>
Strongly approve	4	6	9	4	5	5	4	5	4
Somewhat approve	11	15	15	15	14	14	17	13	13
Lean toward approval.....	10	14	16	14	15	15	11	9	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	4	2	3	6	5	4	4	2
Lean toward disapproval	15	18	16	21	19	19	23	19	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	13	15	16	16	16	15	17	17
Strongly disapprove.....	36	29	26	26	23	25	23	32	33
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	2
Total Approve	24	35	40	33	34	34	32	27	26
Total Disapprove	70	60	57	63	58	60	62	67	70
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.9
	<u>10/20-25/06</u>			<u>10/2-4/06</u>					1 Year Ago
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	<u>ALL</u>	<u>REGIS-TERED VOTERS</u>	<u>LIKELY VOTERS</u>	High <u>2/7-9/05</u>	Low <u>6/5-7/06</u>	<u>9/11-13/06</u>
Strongly approve	3	3	4	4	4	4	6	5	6
Somewhat approve	11	9	9	12	10	10	21	12	13
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	10	11	10	11	17	7	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2
Lean toward disapproval	20	19	18	19	19	17	21	20	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	16	19	16	17	17	15	22	16
Strongly disapprove.....	36	39	43	34	36	39	16	31	32
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
Total Approve	25	23	23	27	25	24	44	24	29
Total Disapprove	72	74	75	69	72	73	52	73	68
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.8	2.9	3.1

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes.....	81
No	19
Refused/not sure.....	-

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	23
Democrat	33
Independent	25
None of these	18
(DK/NS)	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?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Strongly Democrat	20
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	13
Independent	15
(DK/NS)	1
<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	
Total Republican	36
Total Democrat	48

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)?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Very liberal.....	8
Somewhat liberal	14
Moderate.....	34
Somewhat conservative.....	16
Very conservative	24
Refused	4
<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	
Total Liberal.....	22
Total Conservative.....	39

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	26
50-64	27
65+	16
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	57
Full time	44
Part time	13
Not employed	19
Retired	24
(DK/NS)	-

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

Grade school or some high school	8
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, did not finish	19
Completed technical school or a community college	12
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	15
(DK/NS)	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	58
No	41
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	20
2	32
3	16
4	16
5	9
6+	5
(DK/NS)	2

(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)	35
Under 6	19
6-12	17
13-17	13
NO CHILDREN	63
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	29
Any children 6 to 17	24

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

Yes	48
No	49
(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	15
2 times	11
3 times	6
4 times	5
5 to 9 times	6
10 to 14 times	5
15 to 19 times	1
20 to 24 times	1
25 times or more	3
(DK/NS)	14
Active Investors (5 times or more)	16

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

Yes	39
No	58
(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	46
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Some other religion	3
None	20
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	38
More than once a week	14
Once a week	25
Less than once a week (Net)	40
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	25
Never	19
(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	68
Black	11
Hispanic	13
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American	1
Indian	
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	3

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

Under \$15,000	13
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	5
\$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)	18

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	23
South	36
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	32
Suburban	49
Rural	19

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52