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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

POLITICAL STUDY (Most Important Problem)

(Q1b. ASKED OF HALF OF RESPONDENTS)

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

	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>		<u>7/9- 11/07</u>	<u>4/10- 12/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)	42		49	47	48	44
War (Subnet).....	30		32	33	38	24
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	14		17	20	27	13
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	16		16	13	11	11
Immigration	4		8	5	3	6
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	3		6	4	4	11
Other foreign affairs issues	5		3	4	3	3
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)	33		29	31	28	31
Political Leaders.....	7		8	6	9	9
Energy Crisis.....	1		3	5	0	4
Morality	8		2	7	5	5
Education	2		3	1	2	3
Crime/Drugs.....	4		1	3	4	5
Environment.....	2		1	3	3	1
Other Domestic Issues.....	9		10	6	4	6
ECONOMY (NET)	15		9	6	13	9
Economy (unspecified).....	7		6	3	8	6
Unemployment, lack of jobs	4		2	1	4	2
Other economy issues	4		1	2	1	1
OTHER	7		7	11	9	7
Nothing.....	-		0	1	-	0
Not sure	3		6	3	1	7
	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)	42	47	36	35	40	32
War (Subnet).....	22	19	21	23	19	18
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	14	13	13	12	13	7
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	8	7	8	11	6	10
Immigration	9	13	3	3	4	2
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	7	7	7	5	10	6
Other foreign affairs issues	3	8	5	5	7	7
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)	29	29	37	33	26	40
Political Leaders.....	9	8	12	8	5	5
Energy Crisis.....	8	6	4	8	4	5
Morality	4	6	7	8	6	8
Education	3	1	1	2	3	3
Crime/Drugs.....	1	2	3	2	2	2
Environment.....	1	1	1	-	-	1
Other Domestic Issues.....	3	6	9	5	6	16
ECONOMY (NET)	14	14	18	24	28	19
Economy (unspecified).....	9	6	9	11	8	8
Unemployment, lack of jobs	2	4	4	4	10	6
Other economy issues	3	4	5	9	10	5
OTHER	11	7	7	7	3	4
Nothing.....	-	-	-	-	1	-
Not sure	3	3	2	1	1	4

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	ALL ADULTS
Yes	79
No	21

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	22
Democrat	30
Independent	28
None of these	18
(DK/NS)	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 Democrat	19
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	19
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	13
Independent	14
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republican	35
Total Democrat	49

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	8
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	35
Somewhat conservative	22
Very conservative	14
Refused	5
Total Liberal.....	23
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	32
35-49	29
50-64	23
65+	15
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	48
- Part time.....	15
Not employed.....	15
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure.....	-

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

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, did not finish	22
Completed technical school or a community college	13
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	57
No	42
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	18
2	31
3	18
4	15
5	10
6+	6
(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	34
Under 6.....	23
6-12	15
13-17	12
NO CHILDREN.....	64
Refused/not sure	2

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

Yes	48
No	50
(DK/NS)	2

(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	32
1 time	15
2 times	12
3 times	7
4 times	6
5 to 9 times	7
10 to 14 times	5
15 to 19 times	1
20 to 24 times	2
25 times or more	1
(DK/NS)	12
Active Investors (5 times or more).....	17

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	42
Catholic	25
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Some other religion	6
None	21
(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	77
Hispanic	14
Black	11
Asian	4
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	6
(DK/NS)	1

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	3
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	4
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
(DK/NS)	21

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	36
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	32
Suburban	49
Rural	19

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female.....	52