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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

ECONOMY STUDY

A. Does your household own or rent your primary residence?

Own 77
Rent 23
DK/NS -

1. How would you rate the condition of your personal finances?

Excellent 11
Good 42
Only fair 32
Poor 14
DK/NS 1

2. How much do you worry about each of the following?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	(NOT READ) Do not have a job	(NOT READ) Do not have any stocks/retirement investments	DK/NS
Losing your job	16	12	15	39	18	NA	-
Being unable to pay your bills	25	21	19	35	NA	NA	-
Being unable to pay your monthly mortgage / rent payment	20	15	16	48	NA	NA	1
Seeing the value of your stocks and retirement investments drop	30	29	14	17	NA	9	1
(ONLY ASKED AMONGST HOMEOWNERS:) Seeing the value of your home drop	22	26	22	30	NA	NA	-

3. Do you think the U.S. economy is now in a recession, or not?

Yes (in a recession) 61
No 36
DK/NS 3

4. Do you think each of the following deserves a lot, some, only a little, or none of the blame for the country's economic problems?

	A lot of the blame	Some of the blame	Only a little of the blame	None of the blame	DK/NS
President Bush	44	30	14	12	-
The U.S. Congress	37	43	13	5	2
Mortgage lenders	56	28	9	4	3
Wall Street	20	41	18	14	7
The Federal Reserve	19	42	18	16	5
Consumers	22	40	21	16	1

5. How much confidence do you have in (INSERT ITEM)'s ability to turn around the country's economy?

	A great deal of confidence	Some confidence	Only a little confidence	No confidence at all	DK/NS
President Bush	7	21	29	42	1
The U.S. Congress	8	33	37	21	1
The Federal Reserve	10	45	31	11	3

6. People have suggested various ways that the government could act to try to fix the economy. How much do you think each of the following would help fix the country's economic problems; a great deal, some, only a little, or no help at all?

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	No help at all	DK/NS
Cutting taxes	36	32	18	13	1
Putting more money into the hands of poor people	29	27	26	17	1
Increasing spending on domestic programs like health care, education, and housing	43	27	16	14	-
Pulling out of Iraq	48	20	13	18	1

7. As you may know, the president and Congress are considering providing tax rebate checks of several hundred dollars to people to help improve the economy. If you receive a tax rebate, what will you do with the money? Will you..

Pay off bills	45
Save or invest it	32
Spend it	19
Donate it to charity	4
DK/NS	-

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	76
No	23
(DK/NS)	1

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

INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	24
Democrat	35
Independent	24
None of these	14
(DK/NS)	3

(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	24
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	17
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	11
Independent	10
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republicans	36
Total Democrats	52

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	32
Very Conservative	16
Somewhat Conservative	26
Refused	4
Total Liberal	22
Total Conservative	42

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	60
Full time	46
Part time	14
Not employed	18
Retired	22
(DK/NS)	-

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

Grade school or some high school	11
Completed high school	40
Some community college or university, did not finish	16
Completed technical school or a community college	7
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	14
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	11
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	59
No	41
(DK/NS)	-

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

1	18
2	29
3	21
4	16
5	10
6+	5
(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	20
6-12	20
13-17	15
NO CHILDREN	61
(DK/NS)	1
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	31
Any children 6 to 17	28

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

Yes	49
No	50
(DK/NS)	1

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	39
No	58
(DK/NS)	3

D9. 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	44
Catholic	25
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
Some other religion	4
None	22
(DK/NS)	2

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	41
More than once a week	15
Once a week	26
Less than once a week (Net)	36
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	22
Never	21
(DK/NS)	2

D10. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)

D11. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	73
Hispanic	13
Black	12
Asian	4
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	2

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

Under \$15,000	13
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	3
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	5
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	17
(DK/NS)	14

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	27
Suburban	55
Rural	18

GENDER:

Male	49
Female	51