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 Interviews: 1,000 adults; 785 registered voters
 522 Democrats/Lean Democrat; 352 Republican /Lean Republican
 Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.5 for registered voters;
 +-4.3 for Democrats; +5.2 for Republicans

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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?

	<u>6/12-16/08</u>	<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>3/3-5/08</u>	<u>2/4-6/08</u>	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>
Right direction	17	24	22	25	27	30	25
Wrong track	76	71	73	71	68	66	70
Not sure.....	7	5	5	4	5	4	5
					High	Low	1 Year Ago
	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/10-12/07</u>	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	<u>1/18-21/02</u>	<u>6/12-16/08</u>	<u>6/4-6/07</u>
Right direction	26	28	27	26	68	17	21
Wrong track	70	67	68	69	29	76	75
Not sure.....	4	5	5	5	3	7	4

[IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED “RIGHT DIRECTION” TO Qu. 1, ASK Qu. 2aa.]

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

	<u>6/12-16/08</u>	<u>4/10-12/07</u>
Improving/ growing economy	11	26
Good leadership	22	24
Things are improving (general)	46	14
War is going well/ we are winning the war	7	8
We are free	3	4
Other	9	23
Nothing	7	1
(DK/NS)	7	12

[IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED “WRONG TRACK” TO Qu. 1, ASK Qu. 2bb.]

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

	<u>6/12-16/08</u>	<u>4/10-12/07</u>
Economy Mentions (Net)	60	20
Gas prices	31	5
Economy is declining	31	10
Cost of living	19	3
Unemployment/ loss of jobs to other countries	7	0
Housing/ mortgage concerns	4	1
Other economy mentions	1	0
Poor leadership	23	28
War/ the war in Iraq	20	34
Things are getting worse (general)	10	3
Loss of moral values	6	10
Health care	4	3
Violence/ crime rate	3	5
Social issues (incl. abortion, gay marriage)	2	4
Foreign policy/ foreign issues	2	2
Environmental concerns	2	2
Taxes	1	1
Immigration/ illegal aliens	1	4
Corruption	1	3
Other	11	20
Nothing	0	0
(DK/NS)	3	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?

	<u>6/12-16/08</u>		<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>3/3-5/08</u>	<u>2/4-6/08</u>
Strongly approve.....	10		12	12	13
Somewhat approve.....	9		8	9	8
Lean toward approval.....	10		7	9	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	2		3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	16		16	11	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	8		11	11	9
Strongly disapprove.....	44		42	44	41
Not sure.....	1		1	1	1
Total Approve.....	29		28	30	30
Total Disapprove.....	67		68	66	66
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9		3.0	3.0	3.1
	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/10-12/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	12	16	12	12	14
Somewhat approve.....	10	11	9	9	9
Lean toward approval.....	12	10	11	10	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	1	3	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	16	14	12	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	9	5	6	9	7
Strongly disapprove.....	42	40	45	45	42
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-
Total Approve.....	34	36	32	31	33
Total Disapprove.....	63	61	65	66	64
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.1
	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	High <u>1/4-21/02</u>	Low <u>4/7-9/08</u>	1 Year Ago <u>6/4-6/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	15	14	54	12	14
Somewhat approve.....	9	8	16	8	9
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	10	7	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	1	2	3	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	15	11	16	12
Somewhat disapprove.....	7	6	2	11	6
Strongly disapprove.....	42	45	5	42	48
Not sure.....	-	1	-	1	1
Total Approve.....	35	33	80	28	32
Total Disapprove.....	62	65	18	68	66
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.2	3.1	5.7	3.0	3.0

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-Rating ¹
6/12-16/08.....	7	9	8	2	14	11	48	1	24	72	2.7
4/7-9/08.....	12	9	6	2	12	15	43	1	27	70	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	12	11	7	1	10	14	44	1	31	67	3.0
2/4-6/08.....	12	12	6	2	13	14	41	-	29	68	3.0
1/7-9/08.....	13	13	7	2	12	14	38	1	33	64	3.2
12/3-5/07.....	16	13	7	3	14	13	33	1	36	60	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	13	14	6	1	13	16	36	1	32	65	3.2
10/1-3/07.....	15	13	5	2	15	15	34	1	34	64	3.3
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
High 1/18-21/02*.....	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low 6/12-16/08.....	7	9	8	2	14	11	48	1	24	72	2.7
1 Year Ago 6/4-6/07.....	16	14	7	3	13	11	35	1	37	59	3.4

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											
6/12-16/08.....	9	13	6	2	13	14	42	1	28	68	2.9
4/7-9/08.....	9	11	7	4	13	13	42	1	27	67	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	11	16	8	2	13	10	39	1	34	63	3.2
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
1/7-9/08.....	11	13	9	2	11	11	41	2	34	63	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	14	15	8	3	12	10	37	1	37	59	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	12	12	9	2	13	11	40	1	34	64	3.1
10/1-3/07.....	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
1 Year Ago											
6/4-6/07.....	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1

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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											
6/12-16/08.....	18	12	6	2	10	9	42	1	36	61	3.3
4/7-9/08.....	20	10	8	4	14	10	33	1	38	58	3.5
3/3-5/08.....	22	12	6	2	13	9	35	1	40	57	3.6
2/4-6/08.....	22	13	3	2	10	10	40	-	38	60	3.4
1/7-9/08.....	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	41	56	3.6
12/3-5/07.....	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	42	55	3.7
11/5-7/07.....	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	40	56	3.6
10/1-3/07.....	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	36	62	3.3
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
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											
6/4-6/07.....	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	3.3

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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											
6/12-16/08.....	17	7	5	2	9	7	51	2	29	67	2.9
4/7-9/08.....	16	7	7	3	8	12	46	1	31	65	3.0
3/3-5/08.....	16	8	6	2	9	9	49	1	31	67	3.0
2/4-6/08.....	19	9	6	2	9	9	46	-	33	64	3.1
1/7-9/08.....	17	9	7	2	10	7	47	1	32	65	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	21	8	7	2	10	7	44	1	35	62	3.3
11/5-7/07.....	16	8	8	2	9	9	47	1	32	65	3.0
10/1-3/07.....	15	8	6	2	9	9	51	-	29	68	2.9
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
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											
6/4-6/07.....	14	7	7	2	7	8	54	1	28	69	2.8

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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?

	<u>6/12-16/08</u>		<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>3/3-5/08</u>	<u>2/4-6/08</u>
Strongly approve	4		4	4	3
Somewhat approve	12		11	13	9
Lean toward approval.....	6		8	7	9
Still have mixed feelings.....	3		5	3	3
Lean toward disapproval	19		19	21	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	19		19	20	20
Strongly disapprove	35		32	30	34
Not sure	2		2	2	1
Total Approve	23		23	24	22
Total Disapprove	72		71	72	74
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.8		2.9	2.9	2.8
	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/11-13/07</u>
Strongly approve	4	5	6	4	3
Somewhat approve	12	9	9	10	11
Lean toward approval.....	10	11	10	8	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	4	4	4	3
Lean toward disapproval	17	19	18	24	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	18	20	21	19	17
Strongly disapprove	34	31	31	30	33
Not sure	2	1	1	1	1
Total Approve.....	26	25	25	22	26
Total Disapprove	69	70	70	73	71
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	High <u>2/7-9/05</u>	Low <u>10/1-3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>6/07</u>
Strongly approve	5	4	6	3	NA
Somewhat approve	9	11	21	9	NA
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	17	9	NA
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	3	3	NA
Lean toward disapproval	21	15	21	21	NA
Somewhat disapprove.....	17	19	15	20	NA
Strongly disapprove	33	36	16	34	NA
Not sure	1	2	1	1	NA
Total Approve	25	24	44	22	NA
Total Disapprove	72	70	52	74	NA
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9	2.8	3.8	2.8	NA

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	80
No	19
(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	23
Democrat	37
Independent	23
None of these	15
(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?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Strongly Democrat	25
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	12
Independent	10
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republicans	35
Total Democrats	53

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	6
Somewhat Liberal	15
Moderate	30
Very Conservative	16
Somewhat Conservative	27
Refused	6
Total Liberal	21
Total Conservative	43

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	29
35-49	26
50-64	24
65+	20
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	61
Full time	49
Part time	12
Not employed	15
Retired	24
(DK/NS)	-

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

Grade school or some high school	11
Completed high school	38
Some community college or university, did not finish	14
Completed technical school or a community college	9
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	15
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	12
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	57
No	43
(DK/NS)	-

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

1	19
2	27
3	20
4	18
5	8
6+	7
(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)	40
Under 6	22
6-12	20
13-17	13
NO CHILDREN	58
(DK/NS)	1
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	34
Any children 6 to 17	28

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

Yes	44
No	51
(DK/NS)	5

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	48
Catholic	22
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Some other religion	5
None	19
(DK/NS)	2

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)	39
A few times a month	16
A few times a year	23
Never	20
(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	76
Hispanic	14
Black	13
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	2
(DK/NS)	1

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

Under \$15,000	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	4
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	15
(DK/NS)	15

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	29
Suburban	51
Rural	20

GENDER:

Male	49
Female	51