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Interview dates: July 10-14, 2008  
Interviews: 1,000 adults; 803 registered voters  
466 Democrats/Lean Democrat; 399 Republican /Lean Republican  
Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.5 for registered voters;  
+-4.5 for Democrats; +-4.9 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>7/10- 14/08</u>	<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>
Right direction .....	16	17	24	22	25	27	30
Wrong track .....	77	76	71	73	71	68	66
Not sure.....	7	7	5	5	4	5	4

  

	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>	<b>High</b> <u>1/18- 21/02</u>	<b>Low</b> <u>7/10- 14/08</u>	<b>1 Year Ago</b> <u>7/9- 11/07</u>
Right direction	25	26	28	27	68	16	26
Wrong track .....	70	70	67	68	29	77	69
Not sure.....	5	4	5	5	3	7	5

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>7/10- 14/08</u>		<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>
Strongly approve.....	9		10	12	12	13	12	16
Somewhat approve.....	9		9	8	9	8	10	11
Lean toward approval .....	10		10	7	9	9	12	10
Still have mixed feelings .....	3		2	3	3	3	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14		16	16	11	16	12	16
Somewhat disapprove .....	8		8	11	11	9	9	5
Strongly disapprove.....	45		44	42	44	41	42	40
Not sure .....	2		1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total Disapprove.....</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9		2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3

	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>8/6- 8/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	12	12	14	15
Somewhat approve.....	9	9	9	9
Lean toward approval .....	11	10	11	11
Still have mixed feelings .....	3	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	15	14
Somewhat disapprove .....	6	9	7	7
Strongly disapprove.....	45	45	42	42
Not sure .....	-	1	-	-
<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Disapprove.....</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2

	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>1 Year Ago</b>
	<u>1/4- 21/02</u>	<u>7/10- 14/08</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	54	9	14
Somewhat approve.....	16	9	8
Lean toward approval .....	10	10	10
Still have mixed feelings .....	2	3	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	11	14	15
Somewhat disapprove .....	2	8	6
Strongly disapprove.....	5	45	45
Not sure .....	-	2	1
<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Disapprove.....</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	5.7	2.9	3.1

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?

	<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>	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Dis-approve</b>	<u>Mean-Rating<sup>1</sup></u>
<b>Handling the economy</b>											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	8	10	6	2	12	14	46	2	<b>24</b>	<b>72</b>	2.7
6/12-16/08.....	7	9	8	2	14	11	48	1	<b>24</b>	<b>72</b>	2.7
4/7-9/08.....	12	9	6	2	12	15	43	1	<b>27</b>	<b>70</b>	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	12	11	7	1	10	14	44	1	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	3.0
2/4-6/08.....	12	12	6	2	13	14	41	-	<b>29</b>	<b>68</b>	3.0
1/7-9/08.....	13	13	7	2	12	14	38	1	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	3.2
12/3-5/07.....	16	13	7	3	14	13	33	1	<b>36</b>	<b>60</b>	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	13	14	6	1	13	16	36	1	<b>32</b>	<b>65</b>	3.2
10/1-3/07.....	15	13	5	2	15	15	34	1	<b>34</b>	<b>64</b>	3.3
9/10-12/07.....	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	3.4
8/6-8/07.....	20	13	8	2	11	15	31	-	<b>41</b>	<b>57</b>	3.6
<b>High</b>											
1/18-21/02*.....	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	<b>71</b>	<b>27</b>	5.1
<b>Low</b>											
6/12-16/08.....	7	9	8	2	14	11	48	1	<b>24</b>	<b>72</b>	2.7
<b>1 Year Ago</b>											
7/9-11/07.....	18	13	6	2	13	11	36	1	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	3.4

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\*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>	<b><u>Total Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Total Dis-approve</u></b>	<u>Mean-Rating<sup>1</sup></u>
<b>Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy</b>											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	10	12	8	2	15	12	39	2	<b>30</b>	<b>66</b>	3.0
6/12-16/08.....	9	13	6	2	13	14	42	1	<b>28</b>	<b>68</b>	2.9
4/7-9/08.....	9	11	7	4	13	13	42	1	<b>27</b>	<b>67</b>	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	11	16	8	2	13	10	39	1	<b>34</b>	<b>63</b>	3.2
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	<b>27</b>	<b>68</b>	2.9
1/7-9/08.....	11	13	9	2	11	11	41	2	<b>34</b>	<b>63</b>	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	14	15	8	3	12	10	37	1	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	12	12	9	2	13	11	40	1	<b>34</b>	<b>64</b>	3.1
10/1-3/07.....	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	<b>31</b>	<b>66</b>	3.0
9/10-12/07.....	12	15	8	3	10	12	39	1	<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>	3.2
8/6 -8/07.....	13	15	8	2	12	11	38	1	<b>36</b>	<b>61</b>	3.3
<b><u>High</u></b>											
1/18-21/02* .....	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	<b>66</b>	<b>31</b>	4.9
<b><u>Low</u></b>											
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	<b>27</b>	<b>68</b>	2.9
<b><u>1 Year Ago</u></b>											
7/9 -11/07.....	15	11	7	2	13	11	40	1	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	3.2

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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>	<b><u>Total Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Total Dis-approve</u></b>	<u>Mean-Rating<sup>1</sup></u>
<b>Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism</b>											
<u>7/10-14/08</u>	19	11	4	2	15	11	36	2	<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>	3.4
6/12-16/08.....	18	12	6	2	10	9	42	1	<b>36</b>	<b>61</b>	3.3
4/7-9/08.....	20	10	8	4	14	10	33	1	<b>38</b>	<b>58</b>	3.5
3/3-5/08.....	22	12	6	2	13	9	35	1	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	3.6
2/4-6/08.....	22	13	3	2	10	10	40	-	<b>38</b>	<b>60</b>	3.4
1/7-9/08.....	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
12/3-5/07.....	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	<b>42</b>	<b>55</b>	3.7
11/5-7/07.....	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
10/1-3/07.....	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	<b>36</b>	<b>62</b>	3.3
9/10-12/07.....	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	3.5
8/6-8/07.....	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	<b>38</b>	<b>60</b>	3.5
<b><u>High</u></b>											
1/18-21/02*.....	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	<b>86</b>	<b>12</b>	6.1
<b><u>Low</u></b>											
12/4-6/06.....	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	<b>35</b>	<b>64</b>	3.3
<b><u>1 Year Ago</u></b>											
7/9-11/07.....	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	<b>38</b>	<b>59</b>	3.4

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Q3. (Cont.)

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<b>Handling the situation in Iraq</b>											
<i>7/10-14/08</i>	17	8	6	2	10	9	47	1	<b>30</b>	<b>66</b>	3.0
6/12-16/08.....	17	7	5	2	9	7	51	2	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>	2.9
4/7-9/08.....	16	7	7	3	8	12	46	1	<b>31</b>	<b>65</b>	3.0
3/3-5/08.....	16	8	6	2	9	9	49	1	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	3.0
2/4-6/08.....	19	9	6	2	9	9	46	-	<b>33</b>	<b>64</b>	3.1
1/7-9/08.....	17	9	7	2	10	7	47	1	<b>32</b>	<b>65</b>	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	21	8	7	2	10	7	44	1	<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>	3.3
11/5-7/07.....	16	8	8	2	9	9	47	1	<b>32</b>	<b>65</b>	3.0
10/1-3/07.....	15	8	6	2	9	9	51	-	<b>29</b>	<b>68</b>	2.9
9/10-12/07.....	17	7	9	2	7	9	49	-	<b>33</b>	<b>65</b>	3.0
8/6-8/07.....	15	9	9	1	8	11	47	-	<b>32</b>	<b>66</b>	3.0
<b>High</b>											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	4.0
<b>Low</b>											
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	2.8
<b>1 Year Ago</b>											
7/9-11/07.....	14	9	8	1	10	6	51	1	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	2.9

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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>7/10-14/08</u>		<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>
Strongly approve .....	3		4	4	4	3	4	5
Somewhat approve .....	7		12	11	13	9	12	9
Lean toward approval.....	8		6	8	7	9	10	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	2		3	5	3	3	3	4
Lean toward disapproval .....	22		19	19	21	21	17	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	20		19	19	20	20	18	20
Strongly disapprove.....	35		35	32	30	34	34	31
Not sure.....	3		2	2	2	1	2	1
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6		2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9

	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/11-13/07</u>	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<b>High</b> <u>2/7-9/05</u>	<b>Low</b> <u>7/10-14/08</u>	<b>1 Year Ago</b> <u>7/9-11/07</u>
Strongly approve .....	6	4	3	5	6	3	4
Somewhat approve .....	9	10	11	9	21	7	11
Lean toward approval.....	10	8	12	11	17	8	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	4	3	3	3	2	3
Lean toward disapproval .....	18	24	20	21	21	22	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	21	19	17	17	15	20	19
Strongly disapprove.....	31	30	33	33	16	35	36
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	3	2
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.8	2.6	2.8

**PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY**

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	80
No	20
(DK/NS)	-

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

**INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	26
Democrat	34
Independent	23
None of these	16
(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	22
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	13
Strongly Republican	16
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	14
Independent	12
(DK/NS)	1
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>47</b>

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	7
Somewhat Liberal	12
Moderate	30
Very Conservative	18
Somewhat Conservative	28
Refused	5
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>46</b>



**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	28
35-49	25
50-64	27
65+	18
(DK/NS)	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	58
Full time	47
Part time	11
Not employed	17
Retired	24
(DK/NS)	1

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	16
Completed technical school or a community college	8
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	15
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	40
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	14
2	29
3	20
4	20
5	10
6+	6
(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	22
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	60
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
<b>Any children 12 or younger</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Any children 6 to 17</b>	<b>25</b>

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

Yes	44
No	53
(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	46
Catholic	24
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Some other religion	4
None	20
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	42
More than once a week	12
Once a week	30
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	20
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	76
Hispanic	13
Black	12
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	3

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

Under \$15,000	10
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	19
(DK/NS)	16

**REGION:**

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban	27
Suburban	53
Rural	20

**GENDER:**

Male	47
Female	53