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Interview dates: July 31-August 4, 2008  
 Interviews: 1,002 adults; 833 registered voters  
 521 Democrats/Lean Democrat; 381 Republican /Lean Republican  
 Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.4 for registered voters;  
 +-4.3 for Democrats; +5.0 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>7/31/08- 8/4/08</u>	<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>
Right direction .....	18	16	17	24	22	25	27
Wrong track .....	76	77	76	71	73	71	68
Not sure.....	6	7	7	5	5	4	5

  

	<u>12/3- 5/07</u>	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/10- 12/07</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>8/6- 8/07</u>
Right direction	30	25	26	28	68	16	27
Wrong track .....	66	70	70	67	29	77	68
Not sure.....	4	5	4	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>7/31/08- 8/4/08</u>	<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>
Strongly approve .....	13	9	10	12	12	13	12
Somewhat approve.....	7	9	9	8	9	8	10
Lean toward approval .....	11	10	10	7	9	9	12
Still have mixed feelings .....	2	3	2	3	3	3	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	13	14	16	16	11	16	12
Somewhat disapprove .....	6	8	8	11	11	9	9
Strongly disapprove.....	47	45	44	42	44	41	42
Not sure .....	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1

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

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><u>Total Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Total Dis-approve</u></b>	<u>Mean-Rating<sup>1</sup></u>
<b>Handling the economy</b>											
7/31-8/4/08.....	12	7	7	2	10	13	48	1	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	2.8
7/10-14/08.....	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
<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>											
8/6-8/07.....	20	13	8	2	11	15	31	-	<b>41</b>	<b>57</b>	3.6

<sup>1</sup>Mean 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>	<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>											
7/31/08-8/4/08.....	14	11	7	3	12	10	42	1	31	64	3.1
7/10-14/08.....	10	12	8	2	15	12	39	2	30	66	3.0
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
<b>High</b>											
1/18-21/02* .....	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
<b>Low</b>											
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
<b>1 Year Ago</b>											
8/6 -8/07.....	13	15	8	2	12	11	38	1	36	61	3.3

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<b>Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism</b>											
<i>7/31/08-8/4/08.....</i>	24	10	7	2	11	8	37	1	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
<b>7/10-14/08.....</b>	19	11	4	2	15	11	36	2	<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>	3.4
<b>6/12-16/08.....</b>	18	12	6	2	10	9	42	1	<b>36</b>	<b>61</b>	3.3
<b>4/7-9/08.....</b>	20	10	8	4	14	10	33	1	<b>38</b>	<b>58</b>	3.5
<b>3/3-5/08.....</b>	22	12	6	2	13	9	35	1	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	3.6
<b>2/4-6/08.....</b>	22	13	3	2	10	10	40	-	<b>38</b>	<b>60</b>	3.4
<b>1/7-9/08.....</b>	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
<b>12/3-5/07.....</b>	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	<b>42</b>	<b>55</b>	3.7
<b>11/5-7/07.....</b>	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	3.6
<b>10/1-3/07.....</b>	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	<b>36</b>	<b>62</b>	3.3
<b>9/10-12/07.....</b>	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	3.5
<b><u>High</u></b>											
<b>1/18-21/02* .....</b>	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	<b>86</b>	<b>12</b>	6.1
<b><u>Low</u></b>											
<b>12/4-6/06.....</b>	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	<b>35</b>	<b>64</b>	3.3
<b><u>1 Year Ago</u></b>											
<b>8/6-8/07.....</b>	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	<b>38</b>	<b>60</b>	3.5

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<b>Handling the situation in Iraq</b>											
7/31/08-8/4/08.....	21	8	6	1	9	9	44	2	34	62	3.2
7/10-14/08.....	17	8	6	2	10	9	47	1	30	66	3.0
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
<b>High</b>											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
<b>Low</b>											
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8
<b>1 Year Ago</b>											
8/6-8/07.....	15	9	9	1	8	11	47	-	32	66	3.0

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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>7/31/08- 8/4/08</u>	<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>
Strongly approve .....	4	3	4	4	4	3	4
Somewhat approve .....	8	7	12	11	13	9	12
Lean toward approval.....	7	8	6	8	7	9	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	2	3	5	3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval .....	22	22	19	19	21	21	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	20	19	19	20	20	18
Strongly disapprove.....	37	35	35	32	30	34	34
Not sure.....	2	3	2	2	2	1	2
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9

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

**PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY**

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	83
No	16
(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	25
Democrat	35
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	23
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	17
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	13
Lean Republican	12
Independent	9
(DK/NS)	1
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>52</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	8
Somewhat Liberal	14
Moderate	35
Very Conservative	16
Somewhat Conservative	22
Refused	5
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>38</b>



<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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**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	25
50-64	26
65+	18
(DK/NS)	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	59
Full time	49
Part time	10
Not employed	17
Retired	24
(DK/NS)	-

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

Grade school or some high school	9
Completed high school	41
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.	11
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	61
No	38
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	15
2	31
3	20
4	17
5	8
6+	7
(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)	38
Under 6	22
6-12	18
13-17	15
NO CHILDREN	61
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
<b>Any children 12 or younger</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Any children 6 to 17</b>	<b>27</b>

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

Yes	47
No	51
(DK/NS)	2

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

Yes	40
No	58
(DK/NS)	2

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	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Some other religion	5
None	20
(DK/NS)	2

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	37
More than once a week	12
Once a week	25
Less than once a week (Net)	40
A few times a month	16
A few times a year	24
Never	20
(DK/NS)	3

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	75
Hispanic	13
Black	11
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	2

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	4
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	17
(DK/NS)	17

**REGION:**

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	36
West	23

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban	28
Suburban	53
Rural	19

**GENDER:**

Male	48
Female	52