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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

POLITICAL STUDY (Most Important Problem)

[Q1b. ASKED OF HALF OF 535 of 1,027 respondents]

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

	<u>1/7- 9/08</u>	<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)	40	42	49	47	48	44
War (Subnet).....	21	30	32	33	38	24
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	8	14	17	20	27	13
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	13	16	16	13	11	11
Immigration	8	4	8	5	3	6
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	4	3	6	4	4	11
Other foreign affairs issues	3	5	3	4	3	3
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)	28	33	29	31	28	31
Political Leaders.....	5	7	8	6	9	9
Energy Crisis.....	3	1	3	5	0	4
Morality	5	8	2	7	5	5
Education	3	2	3	1	2	3
Crime/Drugs.....	2	4	1	3	4	5
Environment.....	1	2	1	3	3	1
Other Domestic Issues.....	8	9	10	6	4	6
ECONOMY (NET)	20	15	9	6	13	9
Economy (unspecified).....	15	7	6	3	8	6
Unemployment, lack of jobs	4	4	2	1	4	2
Other economy issues	-	4	1	2	1	1
OTHER	9	7	7	11	9	7
Nothing.....	-	-	0	1	-	0
Not sure	3	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?

	<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	25
Democrat	30
Independent	25
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?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Strongly Democrat	20
Moderately Democrat	10
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	12
Lean Republican	14
Independent	13
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republicans	39
Total Democrats	46

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	9
Somewhat Liberal	13
Moderate	33
Very Conservative	14
Somewhat Conservative	26
Refused	5
Total Liberal	22
Total Conservative	40

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	25
50-64	29
65+	16
(DK/NS)	1

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

Grade school or some high school	9
Completed high school	25
Some community college or university, did not finish	20
Completed technical school or a community college	10
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	16
(DK/NS)	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	62
No	37
(DK/NS)	1

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

1	17
2	30
3	17
4	20
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)	41
Under 6	23
6-12	20
13-17	13
NO CHILDREN	58
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	33
Any children 6 to 17	29

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

Yes	51
No	47
(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	43
Catholic	28
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
Some other religion	4
None	19
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	43
More than once a week	15
Once a week	28
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	21
Never	19
(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	4
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	2
(DK/NS)	2

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

Under \$15,000	12
\$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	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	14
(DK/NS)	17

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	36
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	30
Suburban	54
Rural	16

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52