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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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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

POLITICAL STUDY (Most Important Problem)

[Q1b. ASKED OF HALF (500) of 1,000 respondents]

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

| | <u>7/10-14/08</u> | <u>4/7-9/08</u> | <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> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ECONOMY (NET) | 44 | 39 | 20 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 13 |
| Economy (unspecified) | 31 | 32 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Unemployment, lack of jobs | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Other economy issues | 8 | 2 | - | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET) | 15 | 25 | 40 | 42 | 49 | 47 | 48 |
| War (Subnet) | 10 | 17 | 21 | 30 | 32 | 33 | 38 |
| - War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq) | 4 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 27 |
| - Wars, unrest throughout the world | 6 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 11 |
| Immigration | 2 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Terrorism, terrorist attacks | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Other foreign affairs issues | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET) | 34 | 25 | 28 | 33 | 29 | 31 | 28 |
| Political Leaders | 3 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| Energy Crisis | 22 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Morality | 1 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| Education | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Crime/Drugs | 1 | - | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Environment | 0 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Other Domestic Issues | 5 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| OTHER | 3 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Nothing | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 1 | - |
| Not sure | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| | <u>10/2-4/06</u> | <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) | 44 | 42 | 47 | 36 | 35 | 40 | 32 |
| War (Subnet) | 24 | 22 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 19 | 18 |
| - War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq) | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 7 |
| - Wars, unrest throughout the world | 11 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 10 |
| Immigration | 6 | 9 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Terrorism, terrorist attacks | 11 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 6 |
| Other foreign affairs issues | 3 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET) | 31 | 29 | 29 | 37 | 33 | 26 | 40 |
| Political Leaders | 9 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| Energy Crisis | 4 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Morality | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Education | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Crime/Drugs | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Environment | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Other Domestic Issues | 6 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 16 |
| ECONOMY (NET) | 9 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 24 | 28 | 19 |
| Economy (unspecified) | 6 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 8 |
| Unemployment, lack of jobs | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| Other economy issues | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| OTHER | 7 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Nothing | 0 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Not sure | 7 | 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 | 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 |
| Total Republicans | 40 |
| Total Democrats | 47 |

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 |
| Total Liberal | 19 |
| Total Conservative | 46 |

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 | |
| Any children 12 or younger | 31 |
| Any children 6 to 17 | 25 |

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 |