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REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes.....	81
No	19
Refused/not sure	-

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

(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>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>
Strongly Republican	22
Moderately Republican	21
Definitely Independent/neither.....	8
Moderately Democrat.....	24
Strongly Democrat	23
Refused/not sure.....	2
Total Republican	43
Total Democrat	47

DRUG SAFETY STUDY

DS-1. Overall, how confident are you in the safety of prescription drugs sold in the United States? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident.....	36
Somewhat confident	48
Not too confident.....	10
Not at all confident	5
Not sure	1
Total Confident	83
Total Not Confident	16

DS-2. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is responsible for ensuring the safety of prescription drugs in the United States. How confident are you in the ability of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ensure the safety of prescription drugs sold in the United States? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident.....	27
Somewhat confident	50
Not too confident.....	16
Not at all confident	7
Not sure	-
Total Confident	76
Total Not Confident	23

DS-3. At any time in the past year, did you take any drugs that were prescribed for you by a doctor, or not?

Yes	74
No.....	26
Refused/not sure	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.DS-3 THAT THEY TOOK DRUGS PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR.)

DS-4. Thinking of the most recent time you started taking a prescription drug that you hadn't taken before, did you and your doctor discuss the risks or side effects of the drug, or not?

Yes	62
No.....	36
Refused/not sure	2

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.DS-3 THAT THEY TOOK DRUGS PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR.)

DS-5. And did you and your pharmacist discuss the risks or side effects of the drug, or not?

Yes	45
No.....	54
Refused/not sure	1

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.DS-3 THAT THEY TOOK DRUGS PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR.)

DS-6. And did you read any information pamphlets that came with the drug, or not?

Yes	85
No.....	14
Refused/not sure	1

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.DS-3 THAT THEY TOOK DRUGS PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR.)

DS-7. As you may know, the painkiller Vioxx was recently withdrawn from the market because it was associated with an increased risk of heart attack and stroke, and questions have been raised about other drugs on the market. Since these steps were taken, have you asked a doctor or pharmacist to reassess the drugs being prescribed to you, or not?

Yes	14
No.....	86
Refused/not sure	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.DS-3 THAT THEY TOOK DRUGS PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR.)

DS-8. Please tell me whether you have used any of the following prescription painkillers at any time in the past year.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Celebrex.....	11	89	-
Bextra	5	95	-
Vioxx	10	90	-

DS-9. Some want the federal government to make it easier for people to buy prescription drugs from Canada or other countries at lower cost. Others oppose that, arguing that the safety of prescription drugs from other countries cannot be assured. Do you favor or oppose the federal government making it easier for people to buy prescription drugs from other countries?

Favor	68
Oppose.....	27
Not sure	5

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	31
35-49	27
50-64	26
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	-

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	63
- Full time.....	51
- Part time.....	12
Not employed	15
Retired.....	22
Refused/not sure	-

(Q.D3 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME IN Q.D2.)

D3. We would also like to have just a general idea of what type of occupation you have. Which one of the following best describes your current job?

Professional	17
Senior executive or manager	7
Clerical or administrative	7
Sales or services	10
A skilled trade or technical occupation.....	9
Blue-collar work or laborer.....	7
Farming or fishing	-
Other (VOL)	5
Refused/not sure	1
Not Employed Full/Part Time (Q.D2)	37

D4. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	27
Some college but did not finish.....	21
Completed a two year college degree	10
Completed a four year college degree.....	20
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	15
Refused/not sure	-

D5. Are you currently married?

Yes	56
No.....	44
Refused/not sure	-

D6. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	22
2	34
3	17
4	15
5	7
6 or more	4
Refused/not sure	1

(Q.D7a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D6.)

D7a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D7b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D7c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN – NET	33
Under 6.....	19
6-12	15
13-17	12
NO CHILDREN	66
Refused/not sure	1

D8. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	51
No.....	47
Refused/not sure	2

(Q.D9 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY OWN STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D8.)

D9. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments - buying or selling stocks or stock mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan?

	<u>INVESTORS</u>
None.....	38
1 time.....	21
2 times.....	10
3 times.....	5
4 times.....	5
5 to 9 times.....	9
10 to 14 times.....	3
15 to 19 times.....	-
20 to 24 times.....	1
25 times or more	2
Refused/not sure	6
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Active Investors (5 times or more).....	16

D10. Do you own your home, or do you rent?

Own.....	70
Rent.....	28
Refused/not sure	2

D11a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	36
No.....	62
Refused/not sure	2

D11b. 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.....	45
Catholic	21
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	23
Refused/not sure	2

D12a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D12b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)

D12b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	80
Black.....	8
Hispanic.....	7
Asian.....	1
American Indian.....	2
Other.....	1
Refused	1

D13. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2003?

Under \$15,000.....	10
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	5
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	6
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	11
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	7
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	15

REGION:

Northeast.....	20
Midwest.....	22
South.....	36
West.....	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	31
Suburban.....	47
Rural.....	22

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female.....	52