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Interviews: 1,000 adults, 858 registered voters
Margin of error: ±3.1 for all adults, ±3.3 for registered voters

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION

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

Yes	82
No.....	18
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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Strongly Republican	19
Moderately Republican	24
Definitely Independent/neither	7
Moderately Democrat.....	27
Strongly Democrat	22
Refused/not sure.....	1
Total Republican	42
Total Democrat.....	49

* Half the respondents were asked party identification in this location, the other half were asked at the end of the survey with the other demographic questions. Results for the respondents who were asked the question early were 44% Republican, 48% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 41% Republican, 50% Democrat.

LOOK-AHEAD STUDY

1. I'm going to read you a list of eight issues and I'm going to read the list twice. Please tell me which ONE should be the highest priority for President Bush and the U.S. Congress in the next few months?

The situation in Iraq.....	29
Energy and gas prices.....	24
The economy and jobs.....	14
Terrorism.....	9
Health care.....	7
Education.....	5
Social Security.....	5
Taxes.....	3
(NOT READ) Other.....	3
Not sure.....	1

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO MENTION AN ISSUE IN Q.1.)

2/3. And when it comes to (ISSUE MENTIONED IN Q.1), how confident are you that [PRESIDENT BUSH (Q.2)/the U.S. CONGRESS (Q.3)] will be able to handle this issue effectively?

	Very Con- fident	Some- what Con- fident	Not Too Con- fident	Not at All Con- fident	Not Sure	Total Con- fident	Total Not Con- fident
All who mention an issue in Q.1							
PRESIDENT BUSH.....	17	24	22	36	1	41	58
THE U.S. CONGRESS.....	6	39	35	19	1	45	54
<i>Among Those Who Say ... Is Highest Priority:</i>							
Situation in Iraq¹							
PRESIDENT BUSH.....	19	19	13	48	1	38	61
THE U.S. CONGRESS.....	7	38	34	20	1	45	54
Energy and gas prices²							
PRESIDENT BUSH.....	7	28	30	34	1	35	65
THE U.S. CONGRESS.....	2	43	37	18	-	45	55
The economy and jobs³							
PRESIDENT BUSH.....	10	25	24	38	3	35	61
THE U.S. CONGRESS.....	3	44	32	18	3	47	49
Terrorism⁴							
PRESIDENT BUSH.....	65	25	9	1	-	90	10
THE U.S. CONGRESS.....	14	55	26	5	-	69	31

¹ 303 respondents

² 225 respondents

³ 128 respondents

⁴ 116 respondents

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	29
50-64	23
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	66
- Full time.....	52
- Part time.....	14
Not employed	14
Retired.....	20
Refused/not sure	-

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

Grade school or some high school	4
Completed high school	22
Some community college or university, but did not finish	21
Completed technical school or a community college	14
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	25
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	13
Refused/not sure	1

D4. Are you currently married:

Yes	63
No.....	37
Refused/not sure	-

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

1	20
2	31
3	18
4	17
5	8
6 or more	5
Refused/not sure	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	40
Under 6.....	21
6-12	21
13-17	15
NO CHILDREN	59
Refused/not sure	1

D7a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	41
No.....	57
Refused/not sure	2

D7b. 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.....	49
Catholic	22
Mormon	3
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
Other non-Christian religion.....	4
No religion	20
Refused/not sure	1

D8a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D8b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D8a.)

D8b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	12
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	-
Refused	1

D9. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	9
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	9
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	9
\$100,000 or more	14
Refused/not sure	15

REGION:

Northeast.....	20
Midwest	23
South.....	35
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	30
Suburban.....	48
Rural.....	22

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52