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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?

	ALL ADULTS
Yes.....	77
No	22
Refused/not sure	1

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	21
Moderately Republican	20
Definitely Independent/neither	9
Moderately Democrat.....	30
Strongly Democrat	19
Refused/not sure.....	1
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Total Republican	41
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 42% Republican, 49% Democrat. For the respondents asked later in the survey, the results were 40% Republican, 50% Democrat.

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

1a. 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?

	<u>9/16- 18/05</u>	<u>8/29- 31/05</u>
The economy and jobs	25	14
The situation in Iraq.....	19	29
Energy and gas prices.....	17	24
Terrorism	11	9
Health care	10	7
Education	7	5
Social Security.....	5	5
Taxes.....	2	3
(NOT READ) Recovery from Hurricane Katrina....	1	N/A
(NOT READ) Other.....	1	3
Not sure	2	1

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

1b. I'm going to read you a list of **nine** 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?

Recovery from Hurricane Katrina	29
The situation in Iraq.....	19
The economy and jobs	16
Energy and gas prices.....	14
Terrorism	6
Health care	5
Social Security.....	4
Education	3
Taxes.....	1
(NOT READ) Other	2
Not sure.....	1

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?

	ALL ADULTS					
	9/16- 18/05	9/6- 8/05	8/1- 3/05	7/11- 13/05	6/6- 8/05	5/2- 4/05
Strongly approve	23	20	23	21	22	24
Somewhat approve.....	9	11	10	12	11	11
Lean toward approval	8	8	9	10	10	11
Still have mixed feelings	2	1	2	1	1	2
Lean toward disapproval	13	14	13	15	13	13
Somewhat disapprove	6	5	5	6	7	7
Strongly disapprove.....	38	40	38	35	35	32
Not sure	1	1	-	-	1	-
Total Approve	40	39	42	42	43	47
Total Disapprove	57	59	55	56	55	51
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8

	ALL ADULTS				REGISTERED VOTERS *	
	4/4- 6/05	3/7 - 9/05	2/7 - 9/05	1/3 - 5/05	12/6 - 8/04	11/3 - 5/04
Strongly approve	21	25	24	27	31	33
Somewhat approve.....	11	12	11	12	10	12
Lean toward approval	12	10	10	10	11	6
Still have mixed feelings	1	2	1	1	2	1
Lean toward disapproval	15	13	15	13	14	9
Somewhat disapprove	6	6	7	7	4	5
Strongly disapprove.....	34	31	32	30	28	34
Not sure	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total Approve	44	48	45	49	51	51
Total Disapprove	54	50	54	49	47	48
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1

¹Mean 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.

* All results prior to 2005 reflect results among registered voters only.

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?

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Disapproval	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina											
ALL ADULTS											
9/16-18/05.....	24	11	11	2	13	7	31	1	46	51	3.9
9/6-8/05.....	27	12	7	1	10	7	35	1	46	52	3.8
Handling gas prices											
ALL ADULTS											
9/16-18/05.....	12	9	8	2	14	9	44	2	30	67	3.0
9/6-8/05.....	12	9	6	2	11	8	51	1	27	70	2.8

¹Mean 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.

4. Which comes closest to your view? .

	<u>9/16-18/05</u>	<u>9/6-8/05</u>
The federal government should have been better prepared to cope with the effects of a disaster of the magnitude caused by Hurricane Katrina	70	69
The federal government was as prepared as it reasonably could have been to cope with a disaster of the magnitude caused by Hurricane Katrina	28	30
Not sure	2	1

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

5a. How confident are you in the federal government's ability to handle a major disaster in the future?

	<u>9/16-18/05</u>	<u>9/6-8/05</u>
Very confident.....	19	19
Somewhat confident.....	35	37
Not too confident	25	27
Not at all confident.....	20	17
Not sure.....	1	-
Total Confident	54	56
Total Not Confident	45	44

(ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

5b. How confident are you in the federal government's ability to handle the aftermath of a major terrorist attack in the future?

Very confident	16
Somewhat confident.....	42
Not too confident	25
Not at all confident.....	17
Not sure.....	-
Total Confident	58
Total Not Confident	42

6. How confident are you in your state and local government's ability to handle a major disaster in the future?

Very confident	17
Somewhat confident.....	47
Not too confident	23
Not at all confident.....	11
Not sure.....	2
Total Confident	64
Total Not Confident	34

7. Have any victims of the hurricane disaster been relocated, at least temporarily, to your own city or community?

Yes	55
No.....	38
Not sure.....	7

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.7 THAT DISASTER VICTIMS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED TO THEIR COMMUNITY.)

8. Thinking about the situation of those hurricane victims that have been relocated to your area, how concerned are you about each of the following?

RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT CONCERNED

	<u>Very Con- cerned</u>	<u>Some- what Con- cerned</u>	<u>Not too Con- cerned</u>	<u>Not At All Con- cerned</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Total Con- cerned</u>	<u>Total Not Con- cerned</u>
The cost to your local government of providing social services like education, welfare and housing to hurricane victims living in your area	16	27	29	27	1	44	56
The living conditions at refugee shelters in your area	15	24	24	31	6	39	55
The risk that shelters for hurricane victims will bring increased crime to your area	11	17	31	40	1	28	72
The possibility that relocated hurricane victims will take jobs away from local residents	10	14	31	45	-	24	76

9. How do you think the slow government response to Hurricane Katrina will affect race relations in the United States in the long term? Would you say it will...

Improve race relations	21
Harm race relations	35
Have no effect on race relations	39
Not sure	5

NOTE: Q.10a AND Q.10b ASKED OF ONE HALF OF RESPONDENTS AND Q.11a AND Q.11b ASKED OF THE OTHER HALF OF RESPONDENTS.

(Q.10a AND Q.10b ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

10a. As you may know, the U.S. Congress is expected to appropriate up to 200 billion dollars to help the affected areas recover from Hurricane Katrina. What best describes how you feel about federal spending on the recovery from Hurricane Katrina?

We are spending too much.....	24
We are spending the right amount ...	52
We should spend more.....	15
Not sure.....	9

10b. How confident are you that the money appropriated for recovery from Katrina is being spent wisely?

Very confident	8
Somewhat confident.....	42
Not too confident	31
Not at all confident.....	18
Not sure.....	1
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Total Confident	50
Total Not Confident	49

(Q.11a AND Q.11b ASKED OF HALF THE RESPONDENTS.)

11a. As you may know, the U.S. Congress has appropriated 260 billion dollars to fight the war and help rebuild Iraq. What best describes how you feel about federal spending on the rebuilding of Iraq?

We are spending too much.....	65
We are spending the right amount ...	27
We should spend more.....	6
Not sure.....	2

11b. How confident are you that the money appropriated to rebuild Iraq is being spent wisely?

Very confident	7
Somewhat confident.....	28
Not too confident	31
Not at all confident.....	33
Not sure.....	1
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Total Confident	35
Total Not Confident	64

12. There are many people in this country who choose to live in areas and homes that are known to be especially susceptible to destruction by natural disasters such as landslides, earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding. In general, when these disasters strike these areas, do you think the government should give money to local residents to help them recover, or do you think the residents of these areas should live there solely at their own risk?

Government should give money	50
Residents should live at own risk	45
Not sure	5

13. Should the government prohibit people from building new homes in areas that are known to be especially susceptible to destruction by natural disasters, or should people be free to build new homes in these areas?

Prohibit building new homes.....	39
Free to build new homes in these areas	57
Not sure.....	4

14. As you may know, a new federal bankruptcy law takes effect on October 17 that will make it more difficult for many people to seek bankruptcy protection. In light of the large numbers of people that may need to seek bankruptcy protection as a result of Hurricane Katrina, do you think the U.S. Congress should delay the implementation of the new bankruptcy law, or should the implementation of the law proceed as planned?

Yes, delay implementation	61
No, implementation should proceed as planned.....	34
(NOT READ) Law should be repealed	1
Not sure.....	4

15. If you had to choose, which one of the following options do you think is the best way for the government to pay for the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina?

Cut spending on Iraq	42
Delay or cancel additional tax cuts	29
Add to the federal debt and gradually pay it back	14
Cut spending for other domestic programs like education, welfare, transportation, and health care	11
Not sure	4

16. Over the next six months, do you expect that increases in the price of gasoline will cause financial hardship for you or your family, or not? (IF YES, ASK:) Do you expect that will be a serious hardship, or not serious?

	9/16- 18/05	9/6- 8/05	8/9- 11/05*	4/18- 20/05*	6/7- 9/04
Will Cause Financial Hardship	65	70	64	51	54
- Serious hardship.....	39	41	37	30	30
- Not a serious hardship.....	25	28	26	20	23
- Not sure how serious	1	1	1	1	1
Will Not Cause Financial Hardship.....	34	30	35	48	46
Not sure	1	-	1	1	-

* These results are from studies conducted by Ipsos for the AP and AOL.

17. Do you expect that the sharp increase in the price of gas that occurred after Hurricane Katrina will be short-lived, or will it be a long-term increase?

Short-lived	41
Long-term increase.....	58
Not sure.....	1

18. Over the next six months, do you expect that increases in the price of food will cause financial hardship for you or your family, or not? **(IF YES, ASK:)** Do you expect that will be a serious hardship, or not serious?

Will Cause Financial Hardship.....	44
- Serious hardship.....	27
- Not a serious hardship.....	17
- Not sure how serious.....	-
Will Not Cause Financial Hardship.....	55
Not sure.....	1

19. Have you personally ever visited New Orleans, or not?

Yes	37
No.....	63
Not sure.....	-

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	30
50-64	23
65 and over	16
Refused/not sure	-

D2. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	7
Completed high school	24
Some community college or university, but did not finish	21
Completed technical school or a community college	11
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	23
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	14
Refused/not sure	-

D3. Are you currently married?

Yes	56
No.....	43
Refused/not sure	1

D4a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	43
No.....	55
Refused/not sure	2

D4b. 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	25
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim.....	1
Other non-Christian religion.....	3
No religion	18
Refused/not sure	1

D5a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

(Q.D5b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D5a.)

D5b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	71
Black.....	11
Hispanic.....	13
Asian.....	4
American Indian.....	-
Other.....	1
Refused	-

D6 Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2004?

Under \$15,000.....	11
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	7
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	15
Refused/not sure	14

REGION:

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

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	34
Suburban.....	48
Rural.....	18

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52