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POLITICAL STUDY

NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/10-12/07</u>	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	<u>6/4-6/07</u>
Right direction.....	27	30	25	26	28	27	26	21
Wrong track.....	68	66	70	70	67	68	69	75
Not sure.....	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	4

	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/16-18/07</u>	High <u>1/18-21/02</u>	Low <u>6/4-6/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>1/8-10/07</u>
Right direction.....	25	27	29	28	29	68	21	28
Wrong track.....	71	70	68	68	66	29	75	67
Not sure.....	4	3	3	4	5	3	4	5

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

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?

	<u>1/7-9/08</u>			<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	12			16	12	12
Somewhat approve.....	10			11	9	9
Lean toward approval.....	12			10	11	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	2			1	3	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	12			16	14	12
Somewhat disapprove.....	9			5	6	9
Strongly disapprove.....	42			40	45	45
Not sure.....	1			1	-	1
Total Approve.....	34			36	32	31
Total Disapprove.....	63			61	65	66
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1			3.3	3.0	3.0
	<u>9/10-12/07</u>	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	<u>6/4-6/07</u>	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	<u>4/2-4/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	14	15	14	14	17	16
Somewhat approve.....	9	9	8	9	7	8
Lean toward approval.....	11	11	10	9	11	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	2	1	1	3	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	15	14	15	12	11	14
Somewhat disapprove.....	7	7	6	6	6	6
Strongly disapprove.....	42	42	45	48	44	43
Not sure.....	-	-	1	1	1	-
Total Approve.....	33	35	33	32	35	35
Total Disapprove.....	64	62	65	66	61	62
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.2
	<u>3/5-7/07</u>	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/16-18/07</u>	High <u>1/4-21/02</u>	Low <u>10/1-3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>1/8-10/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	17	15	16	54	12	14
Somewhat approve.....	10	8	10	16	9	10
Lean toward approval.....	8	9	10	10	10	8
Still have mixed feelings.....	1	3	2	2	2	2
Lean toward disapproval.....	16	13	12	11	12	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	8	7	2	9	8
Strongly disapprove.....	42	43	42	5	45	42
Not sure.....	-	1	1	-	1	1
Total Approve.....	35	32	36	80	31	32
Total Disapprove.....	65	65	61	18	66	65
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.2	3.1	3.3	5.7	3.0	3.1

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?

Handling the economy	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
1/7-9/08.....	13	13	7	2	12	14	38	1	33	64	3.2
12/3-5/07.....	16	13	7	3	14	13	33	1	36	60	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	13	14	6	1	13	16	36	1	32	65	3.2
10/1-3/07.....	15	13	5	2	15	15	34	1	34	64	3.3
9/10-12/07.....	16	13	8	2	13	12	35	1	37	60	3.4
8/6-8/07.....	20	13	8	2	11	15	31	-	41	57	3.6
7/9-11/07.....	18	13	6	2	13	11	36	1	37	60	3.4
6/4-6/07.....	16	14	7	3	13	11	35	1	37	59	3.4
5/7-9/07.....	18	14	9	2	13	9	34	1	41	56	3.6
4/2-4/07.....	20	12	6	2	14	13	33	-	38	60	3.5
3/5-7/07.....	20	13	8	1	15	10	32	1	41	57	3.6
2/5-7/07.....	20	15	8	2	14	11	30	-	42	55	3.7
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
11/5-7/07.....	13	14	6	1	13	16	36	1	32	65	3.2
1 Year Ago											
1/8-10/07.....	20	16	7	1	16	10	29	1	43	55	3.8

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.

*Asked only of Registered Voters

Q.3 (Cont.)	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Some-what Approve</u>	<u>Lean Toward Approval</u>	<u>Still Have Mixed Feelings</u>	<u>Lean Toward Dis-approval</u>	<u>Some-what Dis-approve</u>	<u>Strongly Dis-approve</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	<i>Mean-Rating¹</i>
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy											
1/7-9/08.....	11	13	9	2	11	11	41	2	34	63	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	14	15	8	3	12	10	37	1	37	59	3.4
11/5-7/07.....	12	12	9	2	13	11	40	1	34	64	3.1
10/1-3/07.....	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
9/10-12/07.....	12	15	8	3	10	12	39	1	35	62	3.2
8/6-8/07.....	13	15	8	2	12	11	38	1	36	61	3.3
7/9-11/07.....	15	11	7	2	13	11	40	1	33	64	3.2
6/4-6/07.....	12	11	9	2	13	11	41	1	32	66	3.1
5/7-9/07.....	13	13	8	3	12	9	41	1	35	62	3.2
4/2-4/07.....	13	14	7	3	12	9	42	-	34	63	3.2
3/5-7/07.....	13	14	9	2	14	12	35	1	37	61	3.4
2/5-7/07.....	11	14	10	3	12	11	38	1	35	61	3.2
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
10/1-3/07.....	12	11	8	2	12	12	43	-	31	66	3.0
1 Year Ago											
1/8-10/07.....	13	14	11	2	12	11	36	1	38	59	3.3

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Q.3 (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism											
<i>1/7-9/08.....</i>	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	41	56	3.6
<i>12/3-5/07.....</i>	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	42	55	3.7
<i>11/5-7/07.....</i>	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	40	56	3.6
<i>10/1-3/07.....</i>	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	36	62	3.3
<i>9/10-12/07.....</i>	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	40	57	3.5
<i>8/6-8/07.....</i>	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	38	60	3.5
<i>7/9-11/07.....</i>	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	3.4
<i>6/4-6/07.....</i>	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	3.3
<i>5/7-9/07.....</i>	23	10	8	2	12	6	39	-	41	57	3.5
<i>4/2-4/07.....</i>	23	8	6	2	13	8	39	1	37	60	3.4
<i>3/5-7/07.....</i>	22	9	7	1	12	8	41	-	38	61	3.4
<i>2/5-7/07.....</i>	21	9	7	2	14	8	39	-	36	61	3.4
High											
<i>1/18-21/02*</i>	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
Low											
<i>12/4-6/06.....</i>	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
1 Year Ago											
<i>1/8-10/07.....</i>	22	10	5	1	15	9	36	2	37	60	3.5

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Q3. (Cont.)	Strongly Approve	Some-what Approve	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis-approval	Some-what Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis-approve	Mean-Rating ¹
Handling the situation in Iraq											
1/7-9/08.....	17	9	7	2	10	7	47	1	32	65	3.1
12/3-5/07.....	21	8	7	2	10	7	44	1	35	62	3.3
11/5-7/07.....	16	8	8	2	9	9	47	1	32	65	3.0
10/1-3/07.....	15	8	6	2	9	9	51	-	29	68	2.9
9/10-12/07.....	17	7	9	2	7	9	49	-	33	65	3.0
8/6-8/07.....	15	9	9	1	8	11	47	-	32	66	3.0
7/9-11/07.....	14	9	8	1	10	6	51	1	31	67	2.9
6/4-6/07.....	14	7	7	2	7	8	54	1	28	69	2.8
5/7-9/07.....	17	9	8	2	7	7	50	-	33	64	3.0
4/2-4/07.....	19	8	6	3	9	6	49	-	33	64	3.1
3/5-7/07.....	16	8	8	1	11	8	48	-	32	66	3.0
2/5-7/07.....	16	6	8	3	9	7	51	-	30	67	2.9
1/16-18/07.....	17	6	9	2	14	4	48	-	32	65	3.1
High											
9/20-22/04.....	31	9	9	2	10	6	33	-	49	49	4.0
Low											
12/4-6/06.....	15	6	6	2	10	8	53	-	27	71	2.8
1 Year Ago											
1/8-10/07.....	13	9	7	2	11	9	48	1	29	68	2.9

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*Asked only of Registered Voters

4. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Congress is handling its job?

(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?

	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/11-13/07</u>
Strongly approve	4	5	6	4	3
Somewhat approve	12	9	9	10	11
Lean toward approval.....	10	11	10	8	12
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	4	4	4	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	17	19	18	24	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	18	20	21	19	17
Strongly disapprove	34	31	31	30	33
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	1
Total Approve	26	25	25	22	26
Total Disapprove	69	70	70	73	71
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	<u>8/6-8/07</u>	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	<u>4/2-4/07</u>	<u>3/5-7/07</u>
Strongly approve	5	4	6	9	4
Somewhat approve	9	11	15	15	15
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	14	16	14
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	4	2	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	21	15	18	16	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	17	19	13	15	16
Strongly disapprove	33	36	29	26	26
Not sure.....	1	2	1	1	1
Total Approve	25	24	35	40	33
Total Disapprove	72	70	60	57	63
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.3
	<u>2/5-7/07</u>	<u>1/16-18/07</u>	High <u>2/7-9/05</u>	Low <u>10/1-3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>1/8-10/07</u>
Strongly approve	5	5	6	4	4
Somewhat approve	14	14	21	10	17
Lean toward approval.....	15	15	17	8	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	6	5	3	4	4
Lean toward disapproval.....	19	19	21	24	23
Somewhat disapprove.....	16	16	15	19	15
Strongly disapprove	23	25	16	30	23
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	3
Total Approve	34	34	44	22	32
Total Disapprove	58	60	52	73	62
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.4	3.3	3.8	2.9	3.3

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