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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?

Right direction Wrong track Not sure	<u>2/4-</u> <u>6/08</u> 25 71 4		<u>1/7-</u> <u>9/08</u> 27 68 5	<u>12/3-</u> <u>5/07</u> 30 66 4	<u>11/5-</u> <u>7/07</u> 25 70 5	10/1- 3/07 26 70 4	9/10- 12/07 28 67 5	<u>8/6-</u> <u>8/07</u> 27 68 5
Right direction Wrong track	7/9- 11/07 26 69 5	6/4- 6/07 21 75 4	<u>5/7-</u> <u>9/07</u> 25 71 4	4/2- 4/07 27 70 3	<u>3/5-</u> <u>7/07</u> 29 68 3	High 1/18- 21/02 68 29 3	Low 6/4- 6/07 21 75 4	1 Year Ago 2/5- 7/07 28 68 4

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?

Strongly approve	2/4- 6/08 13 8 9 3 16 9 41 1	1/7- 9/08 12 10 12 2 12 9 42 1 1 34 63	12/3- 5/07 16 11 10 1 16 5 40 1 36 61	11/5- 7/07 12 9 11 3 14 6 45 	10/1- 3/07 12 9 10 2 12 9 45 1
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup>	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.0
Strongly approve  Somewhat approve  Lean toward approval  Still have mixed feelings  Lean toward disapproval  Somewhat disapprove  Strongly disapprove  Not sure	9/10- 12/07 14 9 11 2 15 7 42	8/6- 8/07 15 9 11 2 14 7 42	7/9- 11/07 14 8 10 1 15 6 45	6/4- 6/07 14 9 9 1 12 6 48 1	5/7- 9/07 17 7 11 3 11 6 44
Total Approve	33	<i>35</i>	<i>33</i>	32	<i>35</i>
Total Disapprove  Mean Rating <sup>1</sup>	<b>64</b> 3.1	<b>62</b> 3.2	<i>65</i>	<b>66</b>	<b>61</b> 3.2
Mean Rating	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.∠
Strongly approve	4/2- 4/07 16 8 10 3 14 6 43 - <b>35</b> <b>62</b>	3/5- 7/07 17 10 8 1 16 6 42 - <b>35</b> <b>65</b>	High 1/4- 21/02 54 16 10 2 11 2 5	Low 2/4-6/08 13 8 9 3 16 9 41 1 30 66	1 Year Ago 2/5- 7/07 15 8 9 3 13 8 43 1
Mean Rating <sup>1</sup>	3.2	3.2	5.7	3.1	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?

	Strongly Approve	Some- what Approve	Lean Toward <u>Approval</u>	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Lean Toward Dis- approval	Some- what Dis- approve	Strongly Dis- approve	Not Sure	Total <u>Approve</u>	Total Dis- approve	Mean- <u>Rating</u> 1
Handling the economy											
2/4-6/08	12	12	6	2	13	14	41		29	68	3.0
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	<i>57</i>	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	<i>35</i>	1	37	59	3.4
5/7-9/07	18	14	9	2	13	9	34	1	41	<i>56</i>	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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
<u>Low</u>											
2/4-6/08	12	12	6	2	13	14	41	-	29	68	3.0
1 Year Ago											
2/5-7/07	20	15	8	2	14	11	30	-	42	55	3.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Mean 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.)		Some-	Lean	Still Have	Lean Toward	Some- what	Ctrongly			Total	
	Strongly Approve	what Approve	Toward Approval	Mixed Feelings	Dis- approval	Dis- approve	Strongly Dis- approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Dis- approve	Mean- Rating <sup>1</sup>
Handling domestic issues like health care, education, the environment and energy				<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>				
2/4-6/08	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
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	<i>62</i>	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	<i>62</i>	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
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low	0	44	7		44	40	4.4		07	00	0.0
2/4-6/08	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
1 Year Ago			40		40		00		0.5	0.4	0.0
2/5-7/07	11	14	10	3	12	11	38	1	35	61	3.2

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Q.3 (Cont.)					Lean	Some-					
	Strongly Approve	Some- what <u>Approve</u>	Lean Toward Approval	Still Have Mixed Feelings	Toward Dis- approval	what Dis- approve	Strongly Dis- approve	Not Sure	Total Approve	Total Dis- approve	Mean- Rating¹
Handling foreign policy issues and the war on terrorism	<u>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</u>	<u>pp</u>	<u> </u>	<u>. 55gs</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	шристо	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u></u>
2/4-6/08	22	13	3	2	10	10	40	-	38	60	3.4
1/7-9/08	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	41	56	3.6
12/3-5/07	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	42	55	3.7
11/5-7/07	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	40	56	3.6
10/1-3/07	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	36	62	3.3
9/10-12/07	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	40	57	3.5
8/6-8/07	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	38	60	3.5
7/9-11/07	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	3.4
6/4-6/07	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	3.3
5/7-9/07	23	10	8	2	12	6	39	-	41	57	3.5
4/2-4/07	23	8	6	2	13	8	39	1	37	60	3.4
3/5-7/07	22	9	7	1	12	8	41	-	38	61	3.4
<u>High</u>											
1/18-21/02* Low	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	6.1
12/4-6/06	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	3.3
1 Year Ago											
2/5-7/07	21	9	7	2	14	8	39	-	36	61	3.4

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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 <sup>1</sup>
Handling the situation in Iraq	- 1-1	- <del> </del>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Spp. 2.2			<u> </u>	<u></u>
2/4-6/08	19	9	6	2	9	9	46	-	33	64	3.1
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
<u>High</u>											
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											
2/5-7/07	16	6	8	3	9	7	51	-	30	67	2.9

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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?

Strongly approve	2/4- 6/08 3 9 9 3 21 20 34 1 <b>22</b> <b>74</b> 2.8		1/7- 9/08 4 12 10 3 17 18 34 2 26 69 2.9	12/3- 5/07 5 9 11 4 19 20 31 1 25 70 2.9	11/5- 7/07 6 9 10 4 18 21 31 1 25 70 2.9
Strongly approve	10/1- 3/07 4 10 8 4 24 19 30 1	9/11- 13/07 3 11 12 3 20 17 33 1 26 71 2.9	8/6- 8/07 5 9 11 3 21 17 33 1 25 72 2.9	7/9- 11/07 4 11 10 3 15 19 36 2 <b>24</b> <b>70</b> 2.8	5/7- 9/07 6 15 14 4 18 13 29 1 35 60 3.3
Strongly approve	4/2- 4/07 9 15 16 2 16 15 26 1 40 57 3.5	3/5- 7/07 4 15 14 3 21 16 26 1 33 63 3.3	High 2/7- 9/05 6 21 17 3 21 15 16 1 44 52 3.8	Low 10/1- 3/07 3 9 9 3 21 20 34 1 22 74 2.8	1 Year Ago 2/5- 7/07 5 14 15 6 19 16 23 2 34 58 3.4

#### PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	All <u>Adults</u>
Yes	76
No	23
(DK/NS)	1

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

## **INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

	ALL ADULTS
Republican	24
Democrat	35
Independent	24
None of these	14
(DK/NS)	3

(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?

	ALL ADULTS
Strongly Democrat	24
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	17
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	11
Independent	10
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republicans	36
Total Democrats	52

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)?

Very Liberal Somewhat Liberal Moderate Very Conservative Somewhat Conservative	8 14 32 16 26
Refused	4
Total Liberal Total Conservative	22 42

#### **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 30 35-49 26 50-64 27 65+ 16 (DK/NS) 1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	60
Full time	46
Part time	14
Not employed	18
Retired	22
(DK/NS)	-

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

Grade school or some high school	11
Completed high school	40
Some community college or university, did not finish	16
Completed technical school or a community college	7
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	14
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 41 (DK/NS) -

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

#### (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	20
6-12	20
13-17	15
NO CHILDREN	61
(DK/NS)	1
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	31
Any children 6 to 17	28

D7. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes 49 No 50 (DK/NS) 1

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes 39 No 58 (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	44
Catholic	25
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
Some other religion	4
None	22
(DK/NS)	2

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	41
More than once a week	15
Once a week	26
Less than once a week (Net)	36
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	22
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	73
Hispanic	13
Black	12
Asian	4
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	2

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

Under \$15,000	13
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	3
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	5
\$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	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	17
(DK/NS)	14

**REGION:** 

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:** 

Urban	27
Suburban	55
Rural	18

**GENDER:** 

Male 49 Female 51