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 Interviews: 1,005 adults; 749 registered voters
 489 Democrats/Lean Democrat; 369 Republican /Lean Republican
 Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.6 for registered voters;
 +-4.4 for Democrats; +5.1 for Republicans

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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>4/7-9/08</u>		<u>3/3-5/08</u>	<u>2/4-6/08</u>	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>
Right direction.....	24		22	25	27	30	25	26
Wrong track	71		73	71	68	66	70	70
Not sure	5		5	4	5	4	5	4
						High	Low	1 Year Ago
	<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>1/18-21/02</u>	<u>6/4-6/07</u>	<u>4/2-4/07</u>
Right direction	28	27	26	21	25	68	21	27
Wrong track	67	68	69	75	71	29	75	70
Not sure	5	5	5	4	4	3	4	3

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>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>3/3-5/08</u>	<u>2/4-6/08</u>	<u>1/7-9/08</u>	<u>12/3-5/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	12	12	13	12	16
Somewhat approve.....	8	9	8	10	11
Lean toward approval.....	7	9	9	12	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	3	3	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	16	11	16	12	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	11	11	9	9	5
Strongly disapprove.....	42	44	41	42	40
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1
Total Approve.....	28	30	30	34	36
Total Disapprove.....	68	66	66	63	61
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3
	<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>
Strongly approve.....	12	12	14	15	14
Somewhat approve.....	9	9	9	9	8
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	11	11	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	2	2	2	1
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	15	14	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	9	7	7	6
Strongly disapprove.....	45	45	42	42	45
Not sure.....	-	1	-	-	1
Total Approve.....	32	31	33	35	33
Total Disapprove.....	65	66	64	62	65
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1
	<u>6/4-6/07</u>	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	High <u>1/4-21/02</u>	Low <u>4/7-9/08</u>	1 Year Ago <u>4/2-4/07</u>
Strongly approve.....	14	17	54	12	16
Somewhat approve.....	9	7	16	8	8
Lean toward approval.....	9	11	10	7	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	1	3	2	3	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	12	11	11	16	14
Somewhat disapprove.....	6	6	2	11	6
Strongly disapprove.....	48	44	5	42	43
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-
Total Approve.....	32	35	80	28	35
Total Disapprove.....	66	61	18	68	62
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	3.0	3.2	5.7	3.0	3.2

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
4/7-9/08.....	12	9	6	2	12	15	43	1	27	70	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	12	11	7	1	10	14	44	1	31	67	3.0
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	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
High											
1/18-21/02*	34	22	15	2	11	5	10	-	71	27	5.1
Low											
4/7-9/08.....	12	9	6	2	12	15	43	1	27	70	2.9
1 Year Ago											
4/2-4/07.....	20	12	6	2	14	13	33	-	38	60	3.5

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											
4/7-9/08	9	11	7	4	13	13	42	1	27	67	2.9
3/3-5/08.....	11	16	8	2	13	10	39	1	34	63	3.2
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	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
High											
1/18-21/02*	28	22	16	3	15	4	12	-	66	31	4.9
Low											
2/4-6/08.....	9	11	7	4	11	13	44	1	27	68	2.9
1 Year Ago											
4/2-4/07.....	13	14	7	3	12	9	42	-	34	63	3.2

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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>4/7-9/08</i>	20	10	8	4	14	10	33	1	38	58	<i>3.5</i>
<i>3/3-5/08.....</i>	22	12	6	2	13	9	35	1	40	57	<i>3.6</i>
<i>2/4-6/08.....</i>	22	13	3	2	10	10	40	-	38	60	<i>3.4</i>
<i>1/7-9/08.....</i>	21	12	7	2	13	8	36	1	41	56	<i>3.6</i>
<i>12/3-5/07.....</i>	26	10	6	2	13	9	34	-	42	55	<i>3.7</i>
<i>11/5-7/07.....</i>	22	11	6	3	12	8	37	1	40	56	<i>3.6</i>
<i>10/1-3/07.....</i>	20	9	6	1	11	10	42	1	36	62	<i>3.3</i>
<i>9/10-12/07.....</i>	22	11	7	2	11	8	38	1	40	57	<i>3.5</i>
<i>8/6-8/07.....</i>	21	12	6	1	12	11	36	1	38	60	<i>3.5</i>
<i>7/9-11/07.....</i>	21	10	7	2	12	7	40	1	38	59	<i>3.4</i>
<i>6/4-6/07.....</i>	20	9	6	2	12	10	41	-	35	63	<i>3.3</i>
<i>5/7-9/07.....</i>	23	10	8	2	12	6	39	-	41	57	<i>3.5</i>
High											
<i>1/18-21/02*</i>	64	12	10	2	6	3	3	1	86	12	<i>6.1</i>
Low											
<i>12/4-6/06.....</i>	20	9	6	1	16	8	40	-	35	64	<i>3.3</i>
1 Year Ago											
<i>4/2-4/07.....</i>	23	8	6	2	13	8	39	1	37	60	<i>3.4</i>

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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											
4/7-9/08	16	7	7	3	8	12	46	1	31	65	3.0
3/3-5/08.....	16	8	6	2	9	9	49	1	31	67	3.0
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
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											
4/2-4/07.....	19	8	6	3	9	6	49	-	33	64	3.1

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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>4/7-9/08</u>		<u>3/3-5/08</u>	<u>2/4-6/08</u>	<u>1/7-9/08</u>
Strongly approve	4		4	3	4
Somewhat approve	11		13	9	12
Lean toward approval.....	8		7	9	10
Still have mixed feelings.....	5		3	3	3
Lean toward disapproval	19		21	21	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	19		20	20	18
Strongly disapprove	32		30	34	34
Not sure	2		2	1	2
Total Approve	23		24	22	26
Total Disapprove	71		72	74	69
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.9		2.9	2.8	2.9
	<u>12/3-5/07</u>	<u>11/5-7/07</u>	<u>10/1-3/07</u>	<u>9/11-13/07</u>	<u>8/6-8/07</u>
Strongly approve	5	6	4	3	5
Somewhat approve	9	9	10	11	9
Lean toward approval.....	11	10	8	12	11
Still have mixed feelings.....	4	4	4	3	3
Lean toward disapproval	19	18	24	20	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	20	21	19	17	17
Strongly disapprove	31	31	30	33	33
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1
Total Approve.....	25	25	22	26	25
Total Disapprove	70	70	73	71	72
Mean Rating ¹	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	<u>7/9-11/07</u>	<u>5/7-9/07</u>	High <u>2/7-9/05</u>	Low <u>10/1-3/07</u>	1 Year Ago <u>4/2-4/07</u>
Strongly approve	4	6	6	3	9
Somewhat approve	11	15	21	9	15
Lean toward approval.....	10	14	17	9	16
Still have mixed feelings.....	3	4	3	3	2
Lean toward disapproval	15	18	21	21	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	19	13	15	20	15
Strongly disapprove	36	29	16	34	26
Not sure	2	1	1	1	1
Total Approve	24	35	44	22	40
Total Disapprove	70	60	52	74	57
<i>Mean Rating</i> ¹	2.8	3.3	3.8	2.8	3.5

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	75
No	25
(DK/NS)	-

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	32
Independent	22
None of these	19
(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	12
Lean Democrat	16
Strongly Republican	12
Moderately Republican	13
Lean Republican	12
Independent	13
(DK/NS)	2
Total Republicans	37
Total Democrats	49

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	8
Somewhat Liberal	13
Moderate	33
Very Conservative	15
Somewhat Conservative	26
Refused	5
Total Liberal	21
Total Conservative	41

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	28
50-64	25
65+	16
(DK/NS)	1

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	61
Full time	49
Part time	12
Not employed	16
Retired	22
(DK/NS)	1

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

Grade school or some high school	13
Completed high school	39
Some community college or university, did not finish	13
Completed technical school or a community college	10
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	14
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	11
(DK/NS)	-

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	61
No	39
(DK/NS)	-

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

1	15
2	31
3	16
4	19
5	11
6+	6
(DK/NS)	2

(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	23
6-12	20
13-17	15
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	46
No	51
(DK/NS)	3

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

Yes	43
No	53
(DK/NS)	4

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	47
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Some other religion	5
None	19
(DK/NS)	2

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	37
More than once a week	13
Once a week	24
Less than once a week (Net)	39
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	25
Never	23
(DK/NS)	1

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	13
Asian	4
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(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	3
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	16
(DK/NS)	16

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	31
Suburban	51
Rural	18

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52