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N=800 Likely Voters
Margin of Error \pm 3.46%

* Denotes result less than 0.5%.

^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample. **(DO NOT PAUSE)**

1. First, in what year were you born?

<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	18 - 24
9%	16%	8%	17%	15%	25 - 34
17%	17%	17%	16%	20%	35 - 44
26%	23%	24%	24%	22%	45 - 54
24%	19%	29%	18%	21%	55 - 64
21%	20%	21%	20%	17%	65 AND ABOVE
1%	1%	*	2%	1%	REFUSED

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%	4%	5%	18-24
13%	10%	15%	11%	14%	14%	15%	9%	10%	9%	12%	25-34
18%	18%	17%	19%	21%	15%	19%	17%	19%	16%	20%	35-44
24%	27%	22%	25%	20%	23%	23%	23%	20%	26%	23%	45-54
20%	21%	17%	21%	17%	21%	15%	24%	19%	24%	18%	55-64
20%	20%	20%	20%	21%	20%	21%	22%	24%	21%	20%	65 and above
1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	*	2%	REFUSED

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO

- C. Thinking back to 2004...Many people were not able to vote in the 2004 election for President between **(ROTATE)** George W. Bush, and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

(IF UNABLE/DID NOT VOTE, ASK:) Did you not vote because you were ineligible, too young, or was there some other reason?

90% VOTED
5% INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE
5% DID NOT VOTE
* CAN'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

10% TOTAL DID NOT VOTE

- D. I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for President in November: are you ...**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP:)** almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

95% ALMOST CERTAIN
5% PROBABLY **(IF QC:3-4, THANK AND TERMINATE)**

2. Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the COUNTRY are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>		
	42%	36%	35%	30%	25%	25%	23%	23%	16%	RIGHT DIRECTION	
	51%	55%	60%	64%	65%	66%	68%	68%	80%	WRONG TRACK	
	6%	9%	4%	7%	9%	9%	9%	9%	4%	DON'T KNOW (DNR)	
	1%	--	1%	--	1%	--	1%	--	1%	REFUSED (DNR)	
	<u>3/02</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	
	58%	39%	53%	39%	43%	42%	40%	40%	40%	38%	RIGHT DIRECTION
	35%	51%	39%	53%	49%	48%	54%	54%	54%	55%	WRONG TRACK
	5%	8%	7%	8%	6%	10%	5%	7%	5%	6%	DON'T KNOW
	2%	2%	1%	--	2%	--	1%	--	1%	--	REFUSED

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

(IF CHOICE, ASK) And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>							
	20%	18%	21%	12%	STRONGLY APPROVE						
	16%	19%	17%	20%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE						
	14%	14%	12%	14%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE						
	45%	46%	43%	51%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE						
	5%	2%	6%	2%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)						
	--	1%	--	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)						
	37%[^]	38%[^]	38%	33%[^]	TOTAL APPROVE						
	59%	60%	56%[^]	65%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE						
	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>						
	50%	49%	44%	39%	40%	TOTAL APPROVE					
	47%	47%	54% [^]	58%	57%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE					
	<u>3/02</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	
	79%	66%	66%	53%	55%	56%	53%	50%	49%	49%	TOTAL APPROVE
	18%	30%	31%	43%	42%	41%	45%	48%	49%	48%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

4. And, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

(IF CHOICE, ASK:) And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
8%	3%	5%	3%	STRONGLY APPROVE
28%	22%	23%	20%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
27%	29%	30%	29%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
32%	39%	36%	44%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
6%	5%	7%	4%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
--	1%	--	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
35%[^]	25%	28%	22%[^]	TOTAL APPROVE
59%	69%[^]	65%[^]	73%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

(ROTATE Q5-6)

5. **(And,)** if the election for President were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were... **(ROTATE)**

John McCain, Republican ...and...
Barack Obama, Democrat?

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Which way do you lean as of today, towards... **(REPEAT NAMES)**

<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
46%	39%	McCAIN
2%	5%	LEAN McCAIN
1%	5%	LEAN OBAMA
46%	43%	OBAMA
1%	5%	HARD UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
3%	1%	SOMEONE ELSE (Specify: _____) (DO NOT READ)
1%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
48%	43%^	TOTAL McCAIN
47%	48%	TOTAL OBAMA

6. **(And,)** if the election for President were being held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were... **(ROTATE)**

John McCain, Republican ...and...
Hillary Clinton, Democrat?

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Which way do you lean as of today, towards...**(REPEAT NAMES)**

<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
46%	41%	McCAIN
2%	5%	LEAN McCAIN
2%	4%	LEAN CLINTON
44%	41%	CLINTON
3%	4%	HARD UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
3%	2%	SOMEONE ELSE (Specify: _____) (DO NOT READ)
--	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
48%	46%	TOTAL McCAIN
45%^	45%	TOTAL CLINTON

And, still talking about the campaign for President... **(ROTATE Q7-8)**

7. Which of the following presidential candidates would do the best job handling the U.S. economy?
Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF BOTH/NEITHER, ASK:) If you had to choose just one candidate, which candidate would do the best job handling the U.S. economy? **(REPEAT CHOICES)**

43% John McCain

...or...

47% Barack Obama?

* **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**

4% **NEITHER (DO NOT READ)**

* **SOMETHING ELSE (DO NOT READ) (SPECIFY: _____)**

5% **DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)**

* **REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

8. Which of the following presidential candidates would do the best job handling the U.S. economy?
Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF BOTH/NEITHER, ASK:) If you had to choose just one candidate, which candidate would do the best job handling the U.S. economy? **(REPEAT CHOICES)**

40% John McCain

...or...

48% Hillary Clinton?

1% **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**

5% **NEITHER (DO NOT READ)**

* **SOMETHING ELSE (DO NOT READ) (SPECIFY: _____)**

5% **DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)**

* **REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

Changing topics...

9. I am going to read you a list of issues that some people say the President and Congress has failed to address. Which of these are you most concerned about? (**RANDOMIZE**)

(**IF ALL/NONE, ASK:**) Well, if you had to choose just one, which one are you most concerned about?

(**IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:**) And which of the following is NEXT issue you are most concerned about? (**REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE**)

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
28%	16%	43% [^]	Failure to end the war in Iraq
15%	11%	26%	Failure to pass a comprehensive immigration bill
13%	19%	32%	Failure to provide health care coverage for people who don't have it
2%	8%	10%	Failure to protect the housing market from the sub-prime mortgage disaster
23%	24%	47%	Failure to lower high gas prices and reduce dependence on foreign oil ...or...
12%	12%	24%	Failure to stop companies from moving jobs overseas
7%	*	7%	ALL OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
1%	2%	3%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	*	*	SOMETHING ELSE (DO NOT READ/SPECIFY: _____)
*	*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

And, thinking now about the economy...

10. Which of these is the single most important economic issue facing you and your family? If it's a different economic issue than the ones on the list, just tell me that. Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And which of the following is NEXT issue you are most concerned about? **(REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)**

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
11%	12%	23%	Health care costs
5%	3%	8%	Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay
4%	5%	9%	Personal debt, like credit card or mortgage debt
5%	6%	10% [^]	Difficulty saving for retirement
19%	18%	37%	The price of gasoline
17%	14%	31%	Rising prices or inflation
11%	6%	17%	High taxes
3%	2%	5%	Concern about keeping your job
4%	3%	7%	The housing market
6%	11%	17%	Job losses to China and India
5%	6%	11%	The federal deficit ...or...
7%	5%	12%	The growing gap between the rich and everyone else
*	1%	1%	Something Else (DO NOT READ/SPECIFY: _____)
4%	*	4%	All of them (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	2%	None (DO NOT READ)
*	*	*	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

Still thinking about the presidential elections... **(Q11-28 ROTATE BLOCKS OF 3)**

Based upon what you have heard so far during the presidential campaign, do you think the following candidate DOES or DOES NOT have a plan to fix the economy?

	DOES	DOES NOT	DK/REF (DNR)
The (FIRST/NEXT) is...(RANDOMIZE)			
11.	John McCain 45%	46%	9%
12.	Hillary Clinton 59%	36%	5%
13.	Barack Obama 57%	36%	7%

(HALF SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A) (N=397)

Based upon what you have heard so far during the presidential campaign, do you think the following candidate DOES or DOES NOT have a plan to solve the housing mortgage and foreclosure crisis?

	DOES	DOES NOT	DK/REF (DNR)
The (FIRST/NEXT) is...(RANDOMIZE)			
14.	John McCain 23%	55%	22%
15.	Hillary Clinton 38%	44%	18%
16.	Barack Obama 34%	47%	19%

(HALF SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A) (N=397)

Based upon what you have heard so far during the presidential campaign, do you think the following candidate DOES or DOES NOT have a plan to lower gas prices?

	DOES	DOES NOT	DK/REF (DNR)
The (FIRST/NEXT) is...(RANDOMIZE)			
17.	John McCain 25%	60%	15%
18.	Hillary Clinton 42%	49%	9%
19.	Barack Obama 34%	56%	10%

(HALF AMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B) (N=403)

Based upon what you have heard so far during the presidential campaign, do you think the following candidate DOES or DOES NOT have a plan to keep health care costs under control?

	DOES	DOES NOT	DK/REF (DNR)
The (FIRST/NEXT) is...(RANDOMIZE)			
20.	John McCain 32%	55%	13%
21.	Hillary Clinton 59%	35%	6%
22.	Barack Obama 52%	38%	11%

(HALF SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B) (N=403)

Based upon what you have heard so far during the presidential campaign, do you think the following candidate DOES or DOES NOT have a plan to make America's economy more competitive?

	DOES	DOES NOT	DK/REF (DNR)
The (FIRST/NEXT) is...(RANDOMIZE)			
23.	John McCain 41%	46%	14%
24.	Hillary Clinton 52%	37%	10%
25.	Barack Obama 50%	39%	10%

Based upon what you have heard so far during the presidential campaign, do you think the following candidate DOES or DOES NOT have a plan to provide tax relief to the middle class?

	DOES	DOES NOT	DK/REF (DNR)
The (FIRST/NEXT) is...(RANDOMIZE)			
26.	John McCain 31%	55%	14%
27.	Hillary Clinton 49%	41%	10%
28.	Barack Obama 50%	38%	12%

Next, I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

(HALF SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE C Q29-32, RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS) (N=411)

29. On the economy... **(ROTATE)**

(SOME/OTHER) people say fixing the economy requires both immediate action and longer term action to keep and create jobs. To start, we need stop all federal taxes on gasoline from Memorial Day to Labor Day to make gas more affordable, provide new guaranteed federal mortgages for people facing foreclosure and new funds to protect student loans. In the long term, we need to cut middle class taxes, double the federal tax credit for children, and make permanent the research and development tax incentives needed to create the new ideas and technology that will help keep and create jobs in America.

...or...

(OTHER/SOME) people say this economy has worked well for CEOs but not for the middle class, and we need a big change in direction. Income is down, but the cost for food, gas, health care and college are through the roof. We should repeal the special tax breaks for companies moving jobs overseas and for the oil companies. We need to cut middle class taxes across the board, limit drug prices and make health care affordable. We should partner with business to rebuild our highways and transportation infrastructure, and invest in clean alternative energy to create the jobs of the future.

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

34%	MAKE GAS MORE AFFORDABLE/CUT MIDDLE CLASS TAXES
59%	CHANGE IN DIRECTION/ REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE/INVEST IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
5%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

30. On Iraq... **(ROTATE)**

(SOME/OTHER) people say there has been military and political progress in Iraq, and that to withdraw now would cost more in lives and create more instability in the Middle East. Just recently, Osama bin Laden said, quote, "Iraq is the perfect base to set up the jihad to liberate Palestine," unquote. Iraq is the central battleground in the war against radical Islamic extremism, and because there have been no terrorist attacks in the United States for seven years, it is a war America is winning. The war in Iraq will be over soon, and the insurgency should be handled by Iraqis instead of Americans. But, we need to rely on the judgment of our military commanders in Iraq, instead of the politicians in Washington on when to withdraw American troops.

...or...

(OTHER/SOME) people say the war in Iraq has cost us trillions of dollars while our economy has weakened, and has made America less secure. We must strengthen America's security by starting to reduce our troops in Iraq in a responsible way, force the Iraqi government to use its oil money to pay for reconstruction and work with other nations to bring stability. We need to invest the money we are currently spending in Iraq to restore our military, deal with Afghanistan and strengthen America's own economy and security.

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

- 36% PROGRESS IN IRAQ/RELY ON JUDGMENT OF MILITARY COMMANDERS
 - 59% IRAQ HAS COST TRILLIONS/INVEST IN OUR OWN COUNTRY

 - 4% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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31. On foreign trade... **(ROTATE)**

(SOME/OTHER) people say competition from China, India, and other countries will not end, so we must ensure America can compete and we can keep and create jobs here. We should trade freely and fairly with other countries, but when other countries break the rules, we must enforce the rules. We must also make the research and development tax incentives permanent to create the ideas and technology that will create a new generation of jobs. Taxes on U.S. businesses are the second highest in the world, and we cannot keep our jobs unless these taxes are lowered. We must invest significantly more in education and job training to prepare U.S. workers for the new jobs that will be created by new businesses.

...or...

(OTHER/SOME) people say for too long time big businesses and big politicians in Washington have not worried about American jobs. They think NAFTA is good and have done nothing about unsafe products from China. They give tax breaks to companies that move jobs overseas. We need a change starting with a trade policy that opens foreign markets to American businesses to support good American jobs and enforce labor and environmental standards to dumping. To start, we need to renegotiate NAFTA, invest in job training and research, and get health care costs down so American companies can compete and win.

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

40% ENFORCE RULES/LOWER TAXES ON BUSINESSES/INVEST IN EDUCATION
AND JOB TRAINING

55% CHANGE TRADE POLICY/OPEN FOREIGN MARKETS/SUPPORT GOOD
AMERICAN JOBS

4% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

32. On taxes... **(ROTATE)**

(SOME/OTHER) people say we must cut taxes on the middle class and double the federal tax credit for dependents for every family in America. We must permanently ban internet taxes and ban new cell phone taxes. We must stop corporate welfare by removing the tax loopholes that are costly and unfair. And, it is time to reduce the pressure to raise taxes by once and for all ending the tens of billions of dollars of our tax money that is squandered by Congress on useless pork-barrel projects.

...or...

(OTHER/SOME) people say with such financial pressure on pressures on families, we need to focus completely on middle class tax relief and making sure government works for them, not the special interests. We should limit the influence of lobbyists and repeal the special interest tax breaks for oil companies and repeal President Bush's tax breaks for those earning over two hundred thousand dollars so that we can really help the middle class. We should extend tax credits for children, make college costs tax deductible and cut taxes across the board for the middle class.

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

- 34% DOUBLE TAX CREDITS FOR DEPENDENTS/STOP CORPORATE WELFARE/END PORK-BARREL PROJECTS
 - 56% MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF/MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT WORKS
 - 9% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
 - * REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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(HALF SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE D Q33-36, RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS) (N=389)

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(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

Q29	Q33	
<u>Non-Partisan</u>	<u>Partisan</u>	
34%	37%	MAKE GAS MORE AFFORDABLE/CUT MIDDLE CLASS TAXES
59%	58%	CHANGE IN DIRECTION/ REBUILD INFRASTRUCUTRE/INVEST IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
5%	5%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
2%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

29/33. Combined

36%	MAKE GAS MORE AFFORDABLE/CUT MIDDLE CLASS TAXES
59%	CHANGE IN DIRECTION/ REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE/INVEST IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
5%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW
1%	REFUSED

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(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

Q30	Q34	
<u>Non-Partisan</u>	<u>Partisan</u>	
36%	39%	PROGRESS IN IRAQ/RELY ON JUDGMENT OF MILITARY COMMANDERS
59%	57%	IRAQ HAS COST TRILLIONS/INVEST IN OUR OWN COUNTRY
4%	4%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

30/34. Combined

37%	PROGRESS IN IRAQ/RELY ON JUDGMENT OF MILITARY COMMANDERS
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4%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW
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(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

Q31	Q35	
<u>Non-Partisan</u>	<u>Partisan</u>	
40%	42%	ENFORCE RULES/LOWER TAXES ON BUSINESSES/INVEST IN EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING
55%	53%	CHANGE TRADE POLICY/OPEN FOREIGN MARKETS/SUPPORT GOOD AMERICAN JOBS
4%	5%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

31/35. Combined

41%	ENFORCE RULES/LOWER TAXES ON BUSINESSES/INVEST IN EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING
54%	CHANGE TRADE POLICY/OPEN FOREIGN MARKETS/SUPPORT GOOD AMERICAN JOBS
4%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW
*	REFUSED

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(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

Q32	Q36	
<u>Non-Partisan</u>	<u>Partisan</u>	
34%	39%	DOUBLE TAX CREDITS FOR DEPENDENTS/STOP CORPORATE WELFARE/END PORK-BARREL PROJECTS
56%	54%	MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF/MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT WORKS
9%	6%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

32/36. Combined

36%	DOUBLE TAX CREDITS FOR DEPENDENTS/STOP CORPORATE WELFARE/END PORK-BARREL PROJECTS
55%	MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF/MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT WORKS
8%	BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW
1%	REFUSED

Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

37. In politics today, do you consider yourself... **(ROTATE)**

a Republican,
 a Democrat,
 or something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:) Would you call yourself a STRONG (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (REPUBLICAN/ DEMOCRAT)?

(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the Republican or to the Democratic party?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>			
41% [^]	42%	35%	43%	38%	45% [^]	35%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN		
44%	51%	44%	51%	42% [^]	50% [^]	45% [^]	TOTAL DEMOCRAT		
24%	20%	19%	21%	20%	23%	17%	STRONG REPUBLICAN		
10%	13%	10%	15%	9%	14%	12%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN		
8%	9%	6%	7%	9%	7%	6%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS		
14%	6%	19%	5%	19%	4%	19%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT		
10%	12%	8%	10%	8%	8%	9%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS		
11%	13%	12%	14%	9%	13%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT		
23%	26%	24%	27%	26%	30%	27%	STRONG DEMOCRAT		
*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)		
1%	--	1%	--	1%	--	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)		
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
41%	39%	45%	40%	45%	39%	45%	39% [^]	45%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
37%	44%	45%	41%	48%	43%	49%	43% [^]	49%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
25%	26%	23%	26%	27%	25%	25%	24%	26%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
11%	7%	14%	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
5%	6%	8%	5%	8%	6%	9%	5%	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
21%	15%	9%	17%	8%	16%	7%	17%	6%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	5%	12%	7%	11%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
9%	11%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	8%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
18%	25%	23%	27%	25%	28%	26%	27%	25%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	1%	1%	1%	*	--	*	*	1%	DON'T KNOW
*	1%	*	1%	*	2%	--	1%	--	REFUSED

38. And do you consider yourself to be...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

conservative,
 moderate
 ...or...
 liberal

(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:) And would you consider yourself to be VERY (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL), or just SOMEWHAT (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>			
42%	40%	39%	38%	39%	40%	35% [^]	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE		
17%	18%	18%	18%	20%	19%	21%	TOTAL LIBERAL		
18%	15%	18%	N/A	19%	N/A	17%	VERY CONSERVATIVE		
24%	25%	21%	N/A	20%	N/A	19%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE		
38%	39%	39%	42%	38%	39%	39%	MODERATE		
11%	11%	12%	N/A	12%	N/A	13%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL		
6%	7%	6%	N/A	8%	N/A	8%	VERY LIBERAL		
2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	UNDECIDED/NOT SURE (DNR)		
1%	--	*	--	1%	--	--	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)		
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
43%	40%	37%	39%	41%	40%	41%	41%	40%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
16%	19%	20%	16%	19%	23%	18%	17% [^]	17%	TOTAL LIBERAL

39. And what was the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)**

<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
1%	--	*	*	1%	--	*	--	1%	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
30%	25%	25%	22%	24%	25%	22%	25%	21%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
25%	24%	25%	23%	26%	27%	24%	27%	22%	SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
26%	30%	29%	27%	27%	25%	27%	26%	30%	GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
12%	13%	15%	18%	15%	18%	21%	17%	20%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
*	1%	*	1%	*	--	1%	1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
35%	28%	29%	27%	29%	29%	26%^	29%^	24%^	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
27%	27%	27%	27%	29%	28%	26%	29%	25%	SOME COLLEGE
38%	43%	44%	45%	42%	43%	48%	42%^	50%	COLLEGE +

40. And how often would you say that you attend religious services...
(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

<u>5/08</u>	
10%	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK
25%	WEEKLY
6%	ALMOST EVERY WEEK
14%	ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
28%	A FEW TIMES A YEAR
	...OR...
15%	NEVER
1%	DK/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

36%^ FREQUENTLY
21%^ OCCASIONALLY
42%^ RARELY

<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	
43%	39%^	42%	37%^	FREQUENTLY
16%	20%	16%	20%	OCCASIONALLY
33%	39%	27%	40%	RARELY

41. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? (**READ PUNCHES 1-4, ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE**)

(**IF OTHER , ASK:**) Now I realize you just said your main ethnic or racial heritage doesn't fall into any of the categories I just mentioned...but if you had to choose JUST ONE of these categories, which is ONE would you choose?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
77%	79%	78%	77%	77%	77%	78%	WHITE
6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	8%	5%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
2%	--	2%	--	1%	1%	1%	ASIAN AMERICAN
3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	OTHER (DO NOT READ) (SPECIFY: _____)
2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	79%	80%	79%	WHITE
7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
*	*	1%	*	*	1%	--	1%	--	ASIAN AMERICAN
2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	OTHER
2%	2%	--	2%	1%	1%	--	1%	1%	REFUSED

42. And, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President in 2004... (**ROTATE**)

(**IF REFUSED, ASK**) I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. In order to help me do the best research possible, would you now please reconsider and tell me how you voted? (**READ AND ROTATE IF NECESSARY:**)

<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	
48%	49%	49%	44%	George W. Bush
				...OR...
46%	44%	45%	42%	John Kerry
2%	2%	2%	2%	SOMEONE ELSE (DO NOT READ)
--	1%	--	9%	DID NOT VOTE (DO NOT READ)
4%	3%	4%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

43. Gender (**BY OBSERVATION**)

48% MALE
52% FEMALE

44. And finally, it is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about the issues we discussed and possibly call you for a brief interview?

53% YES
44% NO
2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

IF YES, COLLECT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER
