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Interviews: 1,013 adults
Dates: September 9-12, 2005

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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,013 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction....	32	34	35	34	42	40	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track.....	57	52	52	51	48	47	11	71	
Mixed (VOL)	8	12	10	12	8	10	11	9	
Not sure	3	2	3	3	2	3	6	6	
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		41	39	39	36	36	36	33	
		46	48	49	50	48	48	50	
		11	10	10	12	14	14	14	
		2	3	2	2	2	2	3	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		41	47	56	41	43	38	42	
		49	43	30	48	47	50	44	
		5	6	9	8	6	8	9	
		5	4	5	3	3	4	4	
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
	49	62	36	43	44	42	40	52	
	38	22	47	42	42	43	42	31	
	8	13	14	13	14	12	14	14	
	5	3	3	2	-	3	4	3	
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>9/95</u>	
	53	62	70	72	43	45	48	27	
	28	20	15	11	39	36	36	50	
	15	14	12	11	14	15	12	17	
	4	4	3	6	4	4	4	6	

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- 2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	9	50-54	9	[139-140]
25-29	9	55-59	9	
30-34	11	60-64	8	

35-39.....	10	65-69.....	5
40-44.....	9	70-74.....	5
45-49.....	10	75 and over.....	6
		Refused.....	-

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>6/04+</u>	
Approve.....	40	46	47	48	50	50	88	45	[143]
Disapprove.....	55	49	47	46	45	44	7	49	
Not sure.....	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	6	
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		49	49	47	47	48	45	47	
		44	47	48	48	46	49	46	
		7	4	5	5	6	6	7	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		50	54	58	52	51	49	56	
		46	41	34	41	44	45	38	
		5	6	9	7	5	6	6	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-</u> <u>30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
		62	71	66	67	62	61	54	
		31	23	29	28	33	31	40	
		7	6	5	5	5	8	6	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>
		62	63	64	67	69	75	74	57
		33	31	30	27	23	18	20	22
		5	6	6	6	8	7	6	21

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

<u>9/05</u>		<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/05</u>
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Approve	40	39	43	41	46	63	41	[144]
Disapprove	55	54	51	53	50	25	53	
Not sure	5	7	6	6	4	12	6	
		<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		47	44	45	45	43	45	
		47	51	52	51	52	49	
		6	5	3	4	5	6	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
		41	45	49	48	50	43	
		53	51	45	46	44	52	
		6	4	6	6	5	6	
		<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		45	47	49	44	47	48	
		48	45	42	49	45	44	
		7	8	9	7	8	8	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>
		48	49	57	61	63	63	52
		43	43	34	30	27	25	27
		9	8	9	9	10	12	21

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>5/05</u>	[145]
Approve	36	45	42	42	44	46	82	42	
Disapprove	56	51	52	50	50	49	12	52	
Not sure	8	4	6	8	6	5	6	6	
	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	
	45	48	44	44	44	43	45	47	
	51	46	51	52	52	51	51	48	
	4	6	5	4	4	6	4	5	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>
	54	56	48	48	47	55	63	70	51
	41	37	47	48	46	39	31	24	42
	5	7	5	4	7	6	6	6	7
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>
	57	58	55	62	64	68	81	82	53
	36	35	34	28	28	26	13	12	20
	7	7	11	10	8	6	6	6	27

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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3d. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing?

<u>9/05</u> **		<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>
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Approve	43	53	51	50	52	53	48	63	66	56	[146]
Disapprove	51	43	42	46	43	42	47	31	27	38	
Not sure	6	4	7	4	5	5	5	6	7	5	
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
	56	60	66	64	66	67	73	75	75	76	
	39	34	28	28	27	26	22	20	18	19	
	5	6	6	8	7	7	5	5	7	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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3e. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	[147]
Approve	37	39	44	
Disapprove	58	55	52	
Not sure	5	6	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>9/05</u> **	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>4/92+</u>	[148]
Approve	29	28	33	39	41	40	39	61	15	
Disapprove	53	55	51	46	40	42	43	28	78	
Not sure	18	17	16	15	19	18	18	11	7	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	46	39	43	39	42	43	42	44	44	
	41	47	45	45	45	43	39	39	40	
	13	14	11	16	13	14	19	17	16	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
	40	34	43	54	57	47	43	45	48	
	44	48	41	29	29	34	33	32	35	
	16	18	16	17	14	19	24	23	17	
	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
	55	49	46	46	43	42	43	48	45	
	30	35	41	42	46	44	40	36	42	
	15	16	13	12	11	14	17	16	13	
	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>
	42	40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48	43
	45	49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39	43
	13	11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13	14

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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5. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[149]
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+	36	14	6	13	31	-	
September 2004+	36	13	6	12	33	-	
August 2004+	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[150]
September 2005	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	

December 2002	21	26	22	15	14	2
September 2002	15	30	26	13	13	3
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3
December 2000	18	26	23	14	18	1
July 2000+	15	28	24	16	15	2

High

December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3
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Low

March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2
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The Democratic Party

[151]

September 2005	11	26	29	18	14	2
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1
December 2004	18	26	22	19	14	1
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1
August 2004+	17	24	23	16	19	1
July 2004+	16	25	24	19	14	2
September 2003	11	29	22	19	16	3
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3
December 2002	13	27	27	16	15	2
September 2002	12	26	30	17	12	3
December 2001	18	30	26	14	9	3
December 2000	23	23	18	16	18	2
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1

High

January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2
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Low

December 1994	10	23	25	24	16	2
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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Red Cross							[152]
September 2005	62	21	7	5	4	1	
Michael Chertoff							[153]
September 2005	4	9	20	9	8	50	
John Roberts							[154]
September 2005	17	15	23	9	5	31	
The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA							[155]
September 2005	9	18	17	24	26	6	

6. And when you think about the future of the country, would you say that you are mainly hopeful and optimistic or mainly worried and pessimistic?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>11/98</u> ¹	
Mainly hopeful and optimistic.....	53	69	79	58	[156]
Mainly worried and pessimistic.....	44	28	18	39	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	

¹ November 1998 comparative data comes from a survey conducted on behalf of the Shell Corporation.

7. How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right--just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>6/05</u> ¹	<u>7/04</u> ²	<u>7/03</u> ²	<u>7/02</u> ²	<u>9/27/01</u> ³	
Just about always	4	4	4	4	5	13	[157]
Most of the time.....	27	26	36	32	33	51	
Only some of the time.....	62	65	56	60	57	35	
Never (VOL)	7	5	3	3	4	1	
Not sure.....	-	-	1	1	1	-	
		<u>8/00</u> ⁴	<u>8/99</u> ⁵	<u>8/97</u> ³	<u>11/95</u> ³	<u>9/90</u> ⁶	<u>6/85</u> ⁶
		2	7	2	3	7	6
		28	21	20	22	35	32
		62	67	76	67	55	58
		7	5	-	6	2	3
		1	1	1	1	1	1
		<u>1982</u> ⁶	<u>1970</u> ⁶	<u>1958</u> ⁶			
		2	6	16			
		23	47	57			
		69	44	23			
		4	-	0			
		2	2	4			

¹ Survey conducted by Gallup Organization.

² Survey conducted by CBS News/New York Times.

³ Survey conducted by ABC News/Washington Post.

⁴ Survey conducted by Hart/Teeter for the Council for Excellence in Government.

⁵ Survey conducted by Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Harvard University.

⁶ Survey data from The National Election Studies, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan.

ASKED OF ALL BLACKS AND HISPANICS, AND ONE HALF OF ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS

- Q. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD (A RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Being easygoing and likable							[163]
September 2005 *	30	19	23	11	16	1	
July 2005.....	29	21	22	13	13	2	
January 2005.....	36	21	18	10	14	1	
August 2004+	37	18	17	11	16	1	

June 2004+	32	21	22	11	13	1	
January 2001.....	36	23	21	9	10	1	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							[159]
September 2005 *	28	15	17	13	27	-	
July 2005	29	19	18	10	23	1	
January 2005.....	32	20	18	11	19	-	
June 2004+.....	32	18	17	13	20	-	
November 2003.....	36	18	17	10	19	1	
July 2003.....	42	17	16	8	16	-	
May 2003.....	47	17	15	8	13	1	
January 2003.....	34	22	21	11	12	-	
July 2002.....	38	24	19	9	10	-	
January 2002.....	49	24	17	5	5	-	
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-	
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1	
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4	
Having the ability to handle a crisis							[161]
September 2005 *	23	18	18	14	27	-	
January 2005.....	33	23	16	10	18	-	
January 2001.....	20	27	29	11	11	2	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people							[158]
September 2005 *	23	16	15	16	30	-	
July 2005.....	21	19	18	13	28	1	
January 2005.....	29	18	16	13	23	1	
June 2004+.....	24	16	22	13	25	-	
November 2003.....	29	17	19	9	25	-	
May 2003.....	34	17	19	9	20	1	
January 2003.....	27	22	19	12	19	1	
July 2002.....	33	23	21	10	12	1	
January 2002.....	44	21	20	6	8	1	
April 2001.....	26	20	21	15	17	1	
January 2001.....	21	21	27	14	16	1	
December 1999.....	22	24	28	10	12	4	

* Asked of all blacks and Hispanics in Q.2b and Q.2c. Asked only of FORM A White/Asian/Other/Not Sure respondents in Q.2c.

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Q.8 (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Being a world leader in dealing with other countries							[164]
September 2005 *	19	17	21	14	29	-	
July 2005.....	18	23	21	13	25	-	
January 2005.....	19	22	22	11	26	-	
July 2003.....	30	21	19	9	22	1	
May 2003.....	38	19	15	8	18	1	
January 2003.....	25	24	23	11	17	-	
Appointing competent and qualified people to serve in							

government positions							[162]
September 2005 *	15	21	25	15	23	1	
Being sensitive to the needs of minorities							[160]
September 2005 *	15	18	22	14	30	1	
January 2005.....	19	20	26	14	20	1	
January 2001.....	16	20	28	14	19	3	

* Asked of all blacks and Hispanics. Asked only of FORM A White/Asian/Other/Not Sure respondents.

ASKED OF ALL BLACKS AND HISPANICS, AND ONE HALF OF ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS

Q. Please tell me whether you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the Bush administration's handling of each of the following items. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT SATISFIED

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
			<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>		
The war on terrorism.....	20	28	17	33	2	[168]
Economic growth and job creation.....	16	30	22	30	2	[166]
The war in Iraq.....	15	23	15	46	1	[165]
The response to Hurricane Katrina.....	13	25	16	42	4	[169]
Changes to the Social Security system.....	6	22	20	40	12	[167]

** Asked of all Blacks and Hispanics. Asked only of FORM B White/Asian/Other/Not Sure.

10a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. **(IF "ALL," ASK Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?)**

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.10a.)

10b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY

	<u>Q.10a Top Priority</u>	<u>Q.10a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities</u>	
Dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina..	33	49	[170-173]
Job creation and economic growth	14	28	
The war in Iraq.....	12	30	
Terrorism.....	11	24	
Social Security.....	7	17	
The cost and the supply of energy.....	7	20	
Illegal immigration	7	15	
The budget deficit.....	6	15	
Other (VOL).....	-	1	
All equally (VOL)	3	Skip to Q.10c	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	
Not sure	-	-	

	<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Top/Second Priorities</u>
Job creation and economic growth.....	19	34
The war in Iraq.....	23	40
Terrorism and homeland security.....	17	31
Social Security.....	7	21
The budget deficit.....	5	11
Other (VOL).....	-	1
All equally (VOL).....	4	1
None of these (VOL).....	-	-
Not sure.....	-	-

10c. Which do you think should be a greater priority for the United States--repairing and rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region OR rebuilding Iraq and establishing a democratic form of government there, or are both equally important?

Rebuilding New Orleans/Gulf Coast.....	60	[174]
Rebuilding Iraq/establishing democratic government.	5	
Both equally important.....	34	
Not sure.....	1	

11. I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Gas prices ¹	30	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	6	38	35	[175-176]
The federal budget deficit ²	18	20	19	16	13	14	11	9	9	
Unemployment.....	16	24	23	41	48	41	25	13	11	
The trade deficit ³	8	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6	6	
Pension security.....	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	6	7	6	5	4	5	6	10	8	
Federal taxes.....	6	7	6	9	6	7	8	11	14	
All equally important (VOL).....	8	11	10	13	14	15	11	7	10	
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	

	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	
Gas prices ¹	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The federal budget deficit ²	18	30	24	33	31	25	26	26	
Unemployment.....	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	40	
The trade deficit ³	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	8	
Pension security.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	8	
Federal taxes.....	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	11	
All equally important (VOL).....	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	4	
None (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	

	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>
Gas prices ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal budget deficit ²	31	28	28	28	28	24	22	21
Unemployment	37	40	44	44	44	46	46	37
The trade deficit ³	6	8	7	8	8	10	8	8
Pension security	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Inflation	8	6	4	7	7	6	7	11
Federal taxes	10	11	9	7	5	5	5	7
All equally important (VOL)	4	4	5	3	5	5	8	10
None (VOL)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3

¹ Between July 2002 and January 2001, the item was phrased, "Energy prices."

² Between January 2005 and March 2001, the item was phrased, "The federal budget." Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

³ Prior to April 2001, the item was phrased, "The U.S. trade deficit."

- 12a. How much confidence would you say that you have in the United Nations--a great deal of confidence, quite a lot of confidence, not very much confidence, or none at all?

	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>5/05</u>	<u>9/95</u> ¹	
A great deal of confidence	7	9	10	[177]
Quite a lot of confidence	26	21	41	
Not very much confidence	44	47	36	
No confidence at all	21	20	14	
Not sure	2	3	NA	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Comparative data comes from a Gallup/CNN/USA Today survey.

- 12b. Do you think that the United States is adequately prepared for a nuclear, biological, or chemical attack, or not?

	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>6/02</u>	
Adequately prepared	19	23	[178]
Not adequately prepared	75	66	
Not sure	6	11	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12c. Do you think that, as a country, we are more safe, about as safe, or less safe than we were before September eleventh?

	<u>9/05</u> **	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
More safe	31	41	38	[179]
About as safe	37	31	41	
Less safe	31	27	20	
Not sure	1	1	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

On another topic . . .

- 13a. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

	All Adults			Whites			Blacks			
	9/05	10/95	9/94	9/05	10/95	9/94	9/05	10/95	9/94	
Very good.....	8	2	4	9	1	4	3	3	5	[180]
Fairly good.....	55	32	45	58	33	45	45	28	39	
Fairly bad.....	20	41	31	19	42	32	28	35	26	
Very bad.....	10	20	15	7	18	13	19	30	26	
Mixed (VOL).....	5	4	4	5	5	5	3	3	3	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	

13b. Over the course of the past five years, do you feel that race relations between blacks and whites have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	All Adults			Whites		Blacks		
	9/05	10/95	7/90	9/05	10/95	9/05	10/95	
Have gotten better.....	32	13	37	32	12	32	17	[208]
Have gotten worse.....	11	48	22	10	50	11	37	
Have stayed about the same.....	56	38	39	56	37	56	44	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath . . .

14. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

Approve.....	48	[209]
Disapprove.....	48	
Not sure.....	4	

SEPTEMBER 12, 2001	
In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the terrorist attacks against the United States in New York City and Washington, D.C.?	
Approve.....	80
Disapprove.....	8
Not sure.....	12

SEPTEMBER 1992 – President George H. W. Bush	
Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush has handled the response to Hurricane Andrew?	
Approve.....	64
Disapprove.....	29
Not sure.....	7

15. I'm going to read you several things that could happen. For each one, please tell me whether you think that this is extremely likely, quite likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY OR QUITE LIKELY

	Extremely Likely	Quite Likely	Just Somewha t Likely	Not That Likely	Not Sure	
Gas prices will continue to rise.....	35	24	21	18	2	[212]
Government will need to make a larger commitment of resources to develop						

alternative energy sources, such as nuclear power plants	29	21	29	17	4	[214]
Government will need to make a larger commitment of resources to deal with issues of poverty and race in America.....	24	20	27	26	3	[213]
There will be an economic recession	19	21	33	24	3	[215]
The government will have to reduce the number of National Guard troops in Iraq to devote more money and manpower to cleaning up the areas hit by the hurricane.....	16	15	24	43	2	[211]
Terrorists will take advantage of the situation with Hurricane Katrina to carry out another attack on the United States	14	14	32	38	2	[210]

- 16a. Now I'm going to read you several things that have bothered some people about the handling of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Please tell me which one or two of these things, if any, bothered you the most. **(IF MORE THAN TWO OR "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two that bothered you the MOST, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The lack of planning and preparation to deal with the crisis	39	[216]
The state and local governments' response.....	31	>
Looting in New Orleans	24	
The federal government's response.....	23	
How poor people were treated.....	21	
Not having enough military and National Guard manpower to deal with the crisis	12	
Lack of attention to the long-term environmental impact	10	
None/other (VOL)	1	
Not sure	1	

- 16b. Now I'm going to read you several things that some people have applauded about the handling of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Please tell me which one or two of these things, if any, you have applauded the most. **(IF MORE THAN TWO OR "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two that you have applauded the MOST, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The generosity of private companies and the American people	61	[217]
The work done by private humanitarian groups, such as the Red Cross	49	>
The performance of the military and National Guard.....	22	
The news media's coverage of the crisis	16	
How the storm's victims dealt with the aftermath	7	
The response by the federal government.....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure	-	

17. Do you think that, in general, the government is spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

Too much time.....	3	[218]
Too little time.....	37	
The right amount of time.....	55	

Not sure 5

18a. Do you think that the Federal Emergency Management Agency, also called FEMA, should remain a part of the Department of Homeland Security, or should it return to its former status as an independent agency?
**

Should be part of Department of Homeland Security ...	20	[219]
Should be an independent agency.....	61	
Not sure	19	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

18b. Do you think that the federal government is doing enough or is not doing enough to deal with the environmental problems caused by Hurricane Katrina? **

Doing enough.....	32	[220]
Not doing enough	47	
Not sure	21	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

19. When it comes to the aid and services that are given to victims of Hurricane Katrina, should we give Hurricane Katrina victims the same kinds of aid and services that we have given to victims of other hurricanes and natural disasters, or should we be taking extra steps and giving more assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina?

Should give same kinds of aid and services.....	42	[221]
Should take extra steps and give more assistance.....	55	
Not sure	3	

20. Some people have estimated that the cost of relief, recovery, and rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina could reach as high as two hundred billion dollars. Which one or two of the following actions do you think should be taken to help pay for the hurricane relief efforts. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Reduce Iraq war spending.....	45	[222]
Repeal income tax cuts that are scheduled to take effect next year.....	27	>
Keep the estate tax in place	15	
Cut federal spending in other areas, such as education.....	12	
Increase the deficit.....	8	
Raise income taxes.....	7	
None of these (VOL).....	8	
Not sure	6	

21. Has the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina made you more confident or less confident in the federal government's ability to deal with another terrorist attack, or has it not affected your confidence in how the federal government would deal with another terrorist attack?

More confident.....	6	[223]
Less confident.....	47	
Has not affected confidence	45	
Not sure	2	

22a. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view about people who had to be evacuated from New Orleans' convention center and Superdome to the Houston Astrodome?

Statement A: These people not leaving was a result of poor planning and their failure to heed warnings about the hurricane.

Statement B: These people were caught up in circumstances beyond their control and they did not have the resources necessary to get out of the city.

Statement A /poor planning and failure to heed warnings	19	[224]
Statement B /caught up in circumstances/no resources to get out.....	66	
Some of both (VOL)	14	
Not sure	1	

22b. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement.

The Bush administration would have moved with greater urgency and speed if the affected areas had been mostly white suburban communities rather than inner-city, mostly African-American communities.

	All			
	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	
Strongly agree	22	16	52	[225]
Somewhat agree	15	14	18	
Somewhat disagree.....	13	14	11	
Strongly disagree.....	47	53	16	
Not sure	3	3	3	

23a. Do you have any close personal friends or relatives who were directly affected by Hurricane Katrina?

Yes	25	[226]
No.....	75	
Not sure	-	

23b. How vulnerable is the area in which you live to natural disasters, such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wild fires, avalanches, or mudslides--very vulnerable, somewhat vulnerable, not that vulnerable, or not at all vulnerable?

Very vulnerable	24	[227]
Somewhat vulnerable	30	
Not that vulnerable.....	25	
Not at all vulnerable.....	20	
Not sure	1	

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the Supreme Court . . .

24. As you may know, President Bush recently nominated John Roberts to serve as the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose John Roberts' serving as the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or do you not know enough about him to say?

Strongly support	22	[228]
Somewhat support	16	
Somewhat oppose	10	
Strongly oppose	10	

Do not know enough to say.....	41
Not sure	1

25. How much confidence do you have that if he is confirmed by the Senate to sit on the Supreme Court that John Roberts will reflect your views about most issues--a great deal of confidence, quite a bit of confidence, some confidence, very little confidence, or no confidence at all? If you have no opinion, please just say so.

A great deal of confidence.....	13	[229]
Quite a bit of confidence	12	
Some confidence.....	19	
Very little confidence.....	13	
No confidence at all.....	9	
No opinion	32	
Not sure	2	

Over the past twenty years, nominees for the U.S. Supreme Court have refused to discuss their views on specific issues, such as whether a woman has the constitutional right to be able to have an abortion, during their confirmation hearings in the U.S. Senate.

26. Please tell me which statement comes closer to your view about whether a Supreme Court nominee should publicly state his or her position on critical issues before the Court.

Statement A: A nominee SHOULD be required to state his or her positions on these issues so that senators have this information to decide whether to confirm this person for life.

Statement B: A nominee should NOT be required to state his or her positions on these issues as judges should be selected based on their experience and overall qualifications, not their positions on issues that may come before the Court later.

	<u>9/05</u> **	<u>7/05</u>	
Statement A /should be required.....	36	43	[230]
Statement B /should not be required.....	57	53	
Depends (VOL)	3	3	
Not sure	4	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

27. Democrats in the Senate say that they need to see more documents from John Roberts' career in government before they are willing to vote on his nomination. Do you think that the White House should have to provide Senate Democrats with more documents, or do you think that Senate Democrats have enough information now to vote? If you have no opinion, please just say so. **

White House should provide more documents ...	41	[231]
Senate Democrats have enough information.....	31	
No opinion	25	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28. As you may know, when Sandra Day O'Connor steps down from the Supreme Court it will leave one woman and one member of a racial minority on the Court. Do you think that President Bush should select nominees for the Supreme Court based ONLY on who he thinks would be the best person for the job, or do you think that he should keep balance and diversity on the Court by nominating a woman or a member of a racial minority?

Should ONLY select best person for the job.....	55	[232]
Should keep balance/diversity on Court by nominating woman/minority.....	39	
Not sure.....	6	

Now turning to the economy . . .

29. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
Economy has gotten better.....	17	20	31	30	29	29	37	39	[233]
Economy has gotten worse.....	45	42	28	34	36	33	31	28	
Economy has stayed about the same....	37	37	40	35	34	37	30	31	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		35	35	43	45	38	27	23	
		33	34	23	27	29	41	42	
		31	29	34	27	31	30	34	
		1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u> ¹	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	
		18	6	7	17	6	2	3	
		44	65	57	44	73	78	74	
		36	28	35	38	20	19	22	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
		6	8	9	11	8	3	3	
		67	57	64	54	64	73	72	
		26	33	26	35	27	23	24	
		1	2	1	-	1	1	1	
		<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>
		6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18
		57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23
		35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57
		2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

30. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>9/05</u> *	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
Economy will get better.....	16	28	43	43	43	42	44	50	53	[234]
Economy will get worse.....	49	30	17	10	13	16	18	10	10	
Economy will stay about the same	32	36	36	33	33	34	35	37	33	
Not sure	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	3	3	
		<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
		49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39	
		15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18	

33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39
3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4
<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>
41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19
20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22
37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57
2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2
<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>
21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27
21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21
52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49
6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3
<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>
29	44	43	21	23	20	23	33
16	16	19	27	24	29	27	21
52	36	34	50	51	48	47	44
3	4	4	2	2	3	3	2
<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>			
39	50	53	32	31			
15	9	10	20	24			
43	39	35	45	40			
3	2	2	3	5			

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

31. How much do you think that Hurricane Katrina will affect the nation's economy--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or not at all? *

Affect the nation's economy a great deal.....	36	[235]
Affect the nation's economy quite a bit.....	30	
Affect the nation's economy some.....	28	
Affect the nation's economy very little	4	
Will not affect the nation's economy at all.....	1	
Not sure	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

32. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	[236]
Worth it.....	37	44	40	44	44	40	43	
Not worth it.....	51	49	51	48	49	52	48	
Depends (VOL).....	5	4	4	4	3	3	6	
Not sure	7	3	5	4	4	5	3	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>		
	41	40	43	43	40	42		
	50	52	49	47	51	47		
	4	3	4	4	5	5		

	5	5	4	6	4	6
	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	50	52	53	45	45	
	45	40	37	42	46	
	1	2	5	6	3	
	4	5	5	6	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

33. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	
Maintain current troop level	36	41	40	43	[237]
Reduce number of troops	55	48	53	49	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	4	5	4	4	
Not sure	5	6	3	4	
		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05¹</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
		41	42	45	
		50	48	41	
		4	6	9	
		5	4	5	

¹Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . ."

34. Based on the events and conditions in Iraq, how important is it that America maintain its military and economic commitment there until Iraq is able to fully govern and police itself--extremely important, very important, only somewhat important, or not important?

	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
Extremely important.....	25	31	[238]
Very important.....	25	26	
Only somewhat important.....	32	27	
Not important	15	15	
Not sure	3	1	

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

- 35a. Do you currently have a retirement or pension plan to which your employer contributes money?

	All <u>Adults</u>	Employed <u>Adults</u>	Retired <u>Adults</u>	
Yes, have retirement or pension plan	49	61	32	CONTINUE [239]
No, do not have retirement or pension plan....	49	38	62	Skip to
Not sure.....	2	1	6	Factuals

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE A RETIREMENT OR PENSION PLAN IN Q.35a.)

- 35b. How confident are you that your full retirement or pension plan will still be available to you when you retire--very confident, mostly confident, only somewhat confident, or not confident?

	All <u>Adults</u>	Employed <u>Adults</u>	Retired <u>Adults</u>	
Very confident.....	43	40	60	[240]

Mostly confident.....	21	20	11
Only somewhat confident.....	22	24	15
Not confident.....	12	15	5
Not sure.....	2	1	9

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	88	[241]
Not registered.....	11	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	40	[242]
John Kerry.....	38	
Someone else.....	2	
Refused (VOL).....	3	
Did Not Vote	16	
Not sure.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	22	[243-244]
White-collar worker.....	23	
Blue-collar worker.....	18	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	24	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[251-252]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	28	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	22	[253]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11	
Strictly independent.....	18	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	16	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	1	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	25	[254]
Moderate.....	35	
Conservative.....	35	
Not sure.....	5	

F7a. Are you currently single and never married, single and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	18	[255]
Single, living with partner.....	5	
Married.....	61	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	6	
Divorced.....	9	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

F7b. Are you the parent or primary guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes.....	36	[256]
No.....	64	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

F8a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	54	CONTINUE	[257]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	1	Skip to Q.F9	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	9		
None.....	9	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[258]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	48	
Not sure	6	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F8a).....	26	

F9. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never	16	[259]
Once a year	6	
A few times a year	20	
Once a month	8	
About twice a month	11	
Once a week or more often	37	
Not sure	2	

F10. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	9	[260]
Labor union household.....	5	
Nonunion household.....	85	
Not sure.....	1	

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[261]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	19	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	13	
Not sure/refused	14	

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The sample was drawn in the following manner: 300 geographic points were randomly selected proportionate to the population of each region and, within each region, by size of place. The 16 interviews that normally would have been conducted in areas of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi affected by Hurricane Katrina were instead conducted in other areas of similar types in those same states.

Individuals were selected by a method that gave all telephone numbers, listed and unlisted, an equal chance of being included. One adult, 18 years or older, was selected from each household by a procedure to provide a balance of respondents by sex. The data's margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Sample tolerances for subgroups are larger.

