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**RT Strategies National Omnibus Poll
Thomas Riehle and Lance Tarrance, Partners**

**And
Cook Political Report/RT Strategies Poll**

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COOK POLITICAL STUDY

We're talking to people about political leaders and issues facing the country today.

- Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President? **(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:)** Is that strongly **(APPROVE/DISAPPROVE)**, or only somewhat? **(IF NOT SURE/REFUSED/MIXED, ASK:)** Well, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove when it comes to his performance as President?

	ALL ADULTS	4/6-9/2006			2/23- 26/06	1/22- 25/06	12/8- 11/05	11/17- 20/05
		R	I	D	ALL ADULTS			
Total Approve	37	74	36	8	40	47	42	41
Total Disapprove	56	18	58	88	54	50	55	52
Strongly approve	18	40	13	4	23	27	27	26
Somewhat approve	18	31	21	4	16	18	14	14
Lean approve.....	1	2	3	-	1	2	1	2
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	5	6	5	3	5	2	1	5
Lean disapprove.....	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Somewhat disapprove.....	11	8	12	13	11	9	11	7
Strongly disapprove	43	9	44	74	41	40	43	43
Not sure	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

2. Now, thinking about the election for U.S Congress in this November, regardless of how you might plan to vote in your own district, which party would you like to see in control of Congress after the congressional elections in November— **(ROTATE:)** the Democrats or the Republicans?

	ALL ADULTS	4/6-9/2006			2/23- 26/06	1/22- 25/06	12/8- 11/05
		R	I	D	ALL ADULTS		
Democrats	46	5	38	94	47	51	49
Republicans	36	88	28	3	38	39	38
Other (VOL)	8	3	15	2	7	10	13
Not sure/refused	10	3	19	2	8	-	-

(SPLIT FORM A.)

3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing? **(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:)** Is that strongly **(APPROVE/DISAPPROVE)**, or only somewhat? **(IF NOT SURE/REFUSED/MIXED, ASK:)** Well, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove when it comes to the performance of the Republicans in Congress?

	ALL ADULTS	R	I	D
Total Approve	38	78	36	8
Total Disapprove	51	14	53	84
Strongly approve.....	12	30	8	1
Somewhat approve.....	24	45	27	6
Lean approve.....	1	2	2	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean.....	7	7	7	6
Lean disapprove.....	1	-	2	1
Somewhat disapprove.....	20	8	21	28
Strongly disapprove.....	30	6	29	55
Not sure.....	4	2	5	2

(SPLIT FORM B.)

4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing? **(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:)** Is that strongly **(APPROVE/DISAPPROVE)**, or only somewhat? **(IF NOT SURE/REFUSED/MIXED, ASK:)** Well, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove when it comes to the performance of the Democrats in Congress?

	ALL ADULTS	R	I	D
Total Approve	38	14	40	59
Total Disapprove	47	71	48	26
Strongly approve.....	10	1	4	27
Somewhat approve.....	24	12	29	30
Lean approve.....	3	1	7	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean.....	8	9	7	9
Lean disapprove.....	2	1	3	2
Somewhat disapprove.....	23	29	21	21
Strongly disapprove.....	22	40	24	3
Not sure.....	7	5	5	6

5. And now looking ahead to the 2008 election for President, if that election were today and the candidates were — **(ROTATE:)** Hillary Clinton, the Democrat or John McCain, the Republican—for whom would you vote?

		4/6-9/2006			2/23-26/06
	ALL ADULTS	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	ALL ADULTS
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	39	4	35	73	37
John McCain, the Republican	44	83	44	15	47
Other	7	8	10	3	5
Not sure/refused	9	5	11	9	11

REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION / OVERSAMPLE

D1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS	R	I	D
Yes, registered at this address.....	81	86	78	85
(VOL) Do not need to register in order to vote	1	0	2	0
No, not registered at this address	18	13	19	14
Not sure/ refused	1	1	1	0
Total Registered/ No need to register.....	82	87	80	86

D2. In national politics do you consider yourself (**RANDOMIZE:**) a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these? (**IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN ASK:**) Do you consider yourself strongly (Democratic/Republican) or only moderately (Democratic/Republican). (**IF INDEPENDENT/NONE OF THESE, ASK:**) Do lean more toward the (**ROTATE:**) Democratic or Republican Party?

Republican	29
Independent	32
Democrat	32
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<i>Republicans with leaners</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Democrats with leaners</i>	<i>41</i>
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Strongly Republican	16
Moderately Republican	13
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	8
Independent/neither/do not lean	15
Independent/neither/lean Democrat	9
Moderately Democrat	13
Strongly Democrat	18
Refused/not sure	7

D3. How closely do you follow national politics or policy discussions in Washington—very closely, somewhat closely, or not much at all?

Very closely	26
Somewhat closely	52
Not much at all	20
Refused/not sure	1

DEMOGRAPHICS / OVERSAMPLE

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only:

D4. Into which of the following categories does your age fall?

18-29.....	18
30-34.....	10
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	10
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	7
60-64.....	7
65 and older	18
Refused/not sure.....	1
<i>Mean</i>	<i>45.9</i>

D5. What is the last year of school you completed?

High School or less	36
Some college	28
College Graduate.....	36
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Grade school or some high school	7
Graduated high school	29
Some community college or university but did not finish	17
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	10
Completed a four-year college or university degree	19
Completed post-graduate degree, such as a Master's or Ph.D or professional school such as law or medicine.	17
Refused/not sure	1

D8. How would you describe your political views?

	<u>4/6- 9/06</u>	<u>2/23- 26/06</u>	<u>1/22- 25/06</u>	<u>12/8- 11/05</u>	<u>11/17- 20/05</u>
Total Conservative	38	42	40	38	38
Total Liberal	23	25	22	24	27

Very conservative	14	14	14	17	14
Somewhat conservative ...	24	28	26	21	24
Moderate.....	35	30	35	35	32
Somewhat liberal.....	16	17	15	16	19
Very liberal.....	7	8	8	8	8
Refused/not sure	4	4	3	3	2

D9. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? **(IF NOT HISPANIC, ASK:)** Is your ethnicity white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White.....	78
Black	10
Hispanic	9
Asian	1
American Indian.....	-
Other	1
(VOL) Mixed	-
Refused	1

D10. For statistical purposes only, in which of the following categories does your total annual household income fall?

Under \$25,000	18
Between \$25,000 to \$49,999	26
Between \$50,000 to \$74,999	18
Between \$75,000 to \$99,999	11
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	9
Over \$150,000	6
Refused.....	13

REGION:

NORTHEAST	New England.....	5
	Mid Atlantic States	16
MIDWEST	Great Lakes	13
	Farm Belt.....	8
SOUTH	Deep South	15
	Outer South.....	20
WEST	Mountain	10
	Pacific.....	13

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban	32
Suburban	48
Rural	20

GENDER:

Male	48
Female.....	52