



Interviewing: July 28-30, 2006
 Sample: 1,002 adults nationwide
 Margin of error: ± 3.1
 809 registered voters nationwide
 Margin of error: ± 3.2

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All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS

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

	ALL ADULTS	R	I	D
Yes, registered at this address.....	79	85	76	81
(VOL) Do not need to register in order to vote	2	1	2	1
No, not registered at this address	19	13	22	17
Not sure/ refused	1	1	-	1
Total Registered/ No need to register.....	81	86	78	83

COOK POLITICAL STUDY –ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS (D1-1:2)

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

1. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS)** 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?

	7/28-30/06				6/1-4/06	4/27-30/06	4/6-9/06	2/23-26/06	1/22-25/06	12/8-11/05	11/17-20/05
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	REGISTERED VOTERS						
Total Approve.....	39	80	29	14	37	36	39	41	46	42	42
Total Disapprove.....	51	15	58	78	57	60	56	54	51	55	53
Strongly approve.....	21	48	13	3	23	22	19	24	28	29	27
Somewhat approve.....	18	30	14	10	13	12	18	16	16	13	14
Lean approve	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	8	5	10	6	5	3	4	5	2	1	4
Lean disapprove	1	-	2	2	-	1	2	1	2	1	2
Somewhat disapprove	11	6	10	17	10	8	11	11	9	10	7
Strongly disapprove.....	39	9	46	59	46	51	43	42	41	45	44
Not sure.....	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1

2. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS)** Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? **(IF RIGHT/WRONG, ASK:)** Do you feel strongly about that, or only somewhat? **(IF NOT SURE/REFUSED, ASK:)** Do you lean more toward right direction or wrong track?

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<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>				
Total Right Direction.....	27	55	20	9	27	34	37	36
Total Wrong Track	63	30	72	84	61	59	60	61
Strongly right direction	12	24	10	2	11	17	18	22
Somewhat right direction	13	28	8	6	15	14	16	12
Lean right direction	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/ do not lean	8	11	6	7	9	5	2	2
Lean wrong track.....	1	1	1	-	3	2	2	2
Somewhat wrong track	16	12	18	19	14	16	17	15
Strongly wrong track	45	17	52	65	45	41	41	44
Not sure.....	3	4	2	-	2	2	1	1

3. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS)** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is 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 Congress?

7/28-30/06					6/1-4/06
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>	
Total Approve.....	28	46	18	22	27
Total Disapprove.....	57	40	65	67	56
Strongly approve.....	4	8	2	2	5
Somewhat approve.....	22	33	15	19	21
Lean approve.....	2	4	1	1	2
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean.....	11	11	13	9	13
Lean disapprove	2	2	3	2	2
Somewhat disapprove.....	23	19	25	25	22
Strongly disapprove.....	33	19	38	40	32
Not sure.....	4	4	4	3	4

4. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS.)** Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections, and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are.

Scale 1 to 10, or Not Sure/Refused

	7/28-30/06				6/1-4/06	4/27-30/06
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	REGISTERED VOTERS	
10, very interested.....	44	39	44	49	41	50
9.....	7	9	6	7	7	6
8.....	14	16	15	10	16	16
7.....	9	10	10	7	12	10
6.....	6	6	7	5	4	3
5.....	9	10	10	8	9	7
4.....	3	2	2	5	2	1
3.....	3	4	3	3	2	1
2.....	1	-	-	2	1	1
1, not at all interested.....	3	3	3	2	3	3
Not sure.....	1	2	1	1	1	1
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10).....	51	48	49	56	49	56
<i>Mean.....</i>	7.9	7.9	7.9	8	7.9	8.3

5. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS.)** Now, thinking about the election for U.S. Congress in 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? **(IF OTHER/NOT SURE/REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean, more toward **(ROTATE:)** the Democrats or the Republicans?

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	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	REGISTERED VOTERS					
Democrats.....	47	8	45	90	48	49	47	47	50	49
Lean Democrat.....	2	1	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Republicans.....	34	80	26	3	35	37	37	39	41	39
Lean Republican.....	2	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	6	4	10	2	6	5	7	7	9	12
Not sure/refused (DO NOT LEAN).....	9	6	12	4	7	8	9	7	-	-

PARTY AFFILIATION (ASK EVERYONE)

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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	ALL ADULTS
Republican	30	28
Independent	35	36
Democrat	32	31
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<i>Republicans with leaners</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Democrats with leaners.....</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>39</i>
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Strongly Republican	18	16
Moderately Republican.....	12	12
Independent/neither/lean Republican	8	8
Independent/neither/do not lean	18	20
Independent/neither/lean Democrat	9	8
Moderately Democrat	13	12
Strongly Democrat.....	19	19
Refused/not sure	4	5

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all registered voters 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.....	12
30-34.....	10
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	11
50-54.....	10
55-59.....	8
60-64.....	8
65 and older	21
Refused/not sure	1
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Mean.....	48.3

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

High School or less	34
Some college.....	30
College Graduate	20
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Grade school or some high school.....	7
Graduated high school.....	27
Some community college or university but did not finish	18
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	12
Completed a four-year college or university degree.....	20
Completed post-graduate degree, such as a Master's or Ph.D or professional school such as law or medicine.....	15
Refused/not sure.....	1

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.....	81
Black	10
Hispanic.....	7
Asian.....	1
American Indian.....	-
Other.....	1
(VOL) Mixed	-
Refused	1

REGION:

NORTHEAST	New England.....	6
	Mid Atlantic States.....	17
MIDWEST	Great Lakes	14
	Farm Belt.....	8
SOUTH	Deep South	15
	Outer South.....	20
WEST	Mountain	9
	Pacific.....	12

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	30
Suburban.....	49
Rural	21

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female.....	52