

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

**Conducted April 27-30, 2006 (Cook)  
N = 1,003 adults nationwide, Margin of Error:  $\pm$  3.1%**

**All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

**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?

	4/27-30/2006				4/6-9/06	2/23-26/06	1/22-25/06	12/8-11/05	11/17-20/05
	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>				
<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>
Strongly approve .....	21	51	10	4	18	23	27	27	26
Somewhat approve.....	12	26	9	1	18	16	18	14	14
Lean approve.....	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	2
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean.....	3	3	4	3	5	5	2	1	5
Lean disapprove.....	1	-	2	-	1	1	2	1	2
Somewhat disapprove.....	8	6	7	9	11	11	9	11	7
Strongly disapprove.....	50	12	64	80	43	41	40	43	43
Not sure .....	2	-	2	2	2	1	1	1	2

2. 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

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>
10, very interested.....	47	42	47	54
9.....	7	9	6	6
8.....	15	17	16	14
7.....	10	13	11	8
6.....	4	4	3	5
5.....	8	10	7	6
4.....	1	2	1	1
3.....	1	-	2	2
2.....	1	-	1	1
1, not at all interested.....	4	2	5	2
Not sure.....	1	1	-	2
<b>Total Highly Interested (9 and 10).....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>60</b>
<i>Mean.....</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8.5</i>

3. 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?

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	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>			
Democrats.....	<b>48</b>	8	46	92	46	47	51	49
Republicans.....	<b>37</b>	87	21	5	36	38	39	38
Other (VOL).....	<b>6</b>	2	14	1	8	7	10	13
Not sure/refused.....	<b>9</b>	2	20	2	10	8	-	-

4. November is a long way off and things can change, but generally speaking, do you think you will vote to re-elect your current Member of Congress in the House of Representative, or will you consider voting for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>
Definitely vote to reelect.....	<b>25</b>	36	20	21
Will consider voting for someone else.....	<b>36</b>	37	41	31
Definitely vote for someone else.....	<b>20</b>	12	17	29
Not sure/refused.....	<b>19</b>	15	22	20

5. Which ONE issue will matter most in deciding how you will vote for U.S. House? **(RANDOMIZE:)**

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>
Immigration.....	12	17	10	7
Health care .....	12	8	14	14
Jobs and the economy.....	19	14	21	22
Gasoline prices.....	12	12	12	9
Iraq.....	16	11	15	22
Terrorism .....	7	15	5	4
Education.....	11	8	11	12
Other (VOL).....	6	8	6	6
Not sure.....	6	6	6	5

6. Will one reason for your vote for a particular candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in your district be: **(ROTATE:)** To express support for President Bush, to express opposition to President Bush, OR will President Bush not be a factor when it comes to your vote for the U.S. House?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>
To express support for Bush .....	16	41	6	1
To express opposition to Bush.....	30	8	33	52
Bush will not be a factor .....	50	48	59	43
Not sure.....	4	3	2	4

7. Still thinking about the election for U.S Congress in this November, will you vote for the—  
**(ROTATE:)** Democratic or Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from your district?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>
Will vote for the Democratic candidate.....	44	8	40	87
Will vote for the Republican candidate.....	32	78	17	2
Other/Depends (vol).....	11	7	22	5
Not sure.....	13	7	22	6

<b>REGISTERED VOTERS/ PARTY AFFILIATION</b>
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D1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>
Yes, registered at this address.....	88	89	89	92
(VOL) Do not need to register in order to vote .....	1	1	-	2
No, not registered at this address .....	10	10	11	6
Not sure/ refused .....	1	-	-	-
<b>Total Registered/ No need to register.....</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>93</b>

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?

<b>Republican .....</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Independent .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Democrat .....</b>	<b>32</b>
<i>Republicans with leaners .....</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Democrats with leaners .....</i>	<i>42</i>
Strongly Republican .....	17
Moderately Republican .....	16
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	6
Independent/neither/do not lean.....	15
Independent/neither/lean Democrat .....	10
Moderately Democrat.....	13
Strongly Democrat .....	19
Refused/not sure.....	5

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**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
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Mean.....	45.9

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

<b>High School or less .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Some college.....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>College Graduate .....</b>	<b>35</b>
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Grade school or some high school.....	6
Graduated high school.....	24
Some community college or university but did not finish .....	20
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	15
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.....	78
Black .....	10
Hispanic .....	9
Asian.....	1
American Indian.....	-
Other .....	1
(VOL) Mixed .....	-
Refused .....	1

**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