



Interviewing: October 26-29, 2006

Sample: 2,003 adults nationwide

Margin of error: ± 2.2

1,764 registered voters nationwide

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Margin of error: ± 2.3

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

Conducted, October 26-29, 19-22, & 5-8, 2006

N = 4,291 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 1.5\%$

N = 1,828 most likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 2.3\%$

Conducted October 26-29 & 19-22, 2006

N = 3,407 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 1.7\%$

N = 1,490 most likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 2.5\%$

Conducted October 26-29, 2006

N = 1,764 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 2.3\%$

N = 981 likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.1\%$

N = 807 most likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.5\%$

All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS

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

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>MLV</u>	<u>LV</u>
Yes, registered at this address.....	88	100	100	100	99	99
(VOL) Do not need to register in order to vote	-	-	-	-	1	1
No, not registered at this address	11	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure/ refused	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total Registered/ No need to register.....	88	100	100	100	100	100

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?

	10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06 & 10/5-8/06					10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Total Approve	39	80	31	10	38	39	80	32	9	38
Total Disapprove	53	15	60	84	57	53	15	59	84	58
Strongly approve	22	52	13	4	28	21	52	13	3	27
Somewhat approve	16	26	16	5	10	16	26	17	5	10
Lean approve	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	5	4	7	3	3	5	4	7	4	3
Lean disapprove	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	10	7	13	9	5	10	7	13	8	5
Strongly disapprove	42	7	45	74	52	43	8	44	75	52
Not sure	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	3	1

	10/26-29/06					
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	LV
Total Approve	41	84	31	9	38	39
Total Disapprove	53	12	60	85	58	57
Strongly approve	22	53	12	3	27	26
Somewhat approve	17	28	16	5	10	12
Lean approve	2	2	2	1	1	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	4	3	6	3	2	3
Lean disapprove	1	1	2	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	10	6	12	10	5	5
Strongly disapprove	42	6	46	75	52	51
Not sure	2	1	4	2	1	1

	REGISTERED VOTERS											
	10/19-22/06	10/5-8/06	9/27-30/06	9/21-24/06	8/25-27/06	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
Total Approve	37	41	43	40	39	39	37	36	39	41	46	42
Total Disapprove	53	54	48	50	55	51	57	60	56	54	51	55
Strongly approve	21	24	26	24	21	21	23	22	19	24	28	29
Somewhat approve	15	16	16	15	16	18	13	12	18	16	16	13
Lean approve	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	7	3	7	8	5	8	5	3	4	5	2	1
Lean disapprove	1	3	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1	2	1
Somewhat disapprove	10	11	11	10	8	11	10	8	11	11	9	10
Strongly disapprove	43	40	35	39	46	39	46	51	43	42	41	45
Not sure	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	1

(ASKED OF ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS.)

2. 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?

	10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06 & 10/5-8/06					10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Total Republicans.....	38	87	29	3	36	38	88	30	3	35
Total Democrats	50	8	51	93	57	51	7	52	94	59
Republicans	37	86	26	2	35	37	87	27	2	34
Lean Republican.....	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	3	-	1
Democrats.....	49	7	49	91	56	49	7	50	92	58
Lean Democrat	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	4	2	9	1	3	4	1	8	1	2
Not sure	7	3	11	3	4	7	3	11	3	4

	10/26-29/06					
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	LV
Total Republicans	39	90	29	2	35	36
Total Democrats	52	7	55	95	61	59
Republicans.....	38	88	27	2	34	35
Lean Republican	1	1	2	1	1	1
Democrats	50	6	52	93	59	57
Lean Democrat.....	2	1	3	2	1	2
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	5	2	10	1	2	3
Not sure/refused (DO NOT LEAN).....	4	2	7	2	2	2

	REGISTERED VOTERS											
	10/19- 22/06	10/5- 8/06	9/27- 30/06	9/21- 24/06	8/25- 27/06	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
Republicans.....	36	36	34	34	38	34	35	37	37	39	41	39
Lean Republican	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Democrats	48	47	47	47	49	47	48	49	47	47	50	49
Lean Democrat.....	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	3	5	6	7	5	6	6	5	7	7	9	12
Not sure/refused (DO NOT LEAN).....	11	8	11	9	4	9	7	8	9	7	-	-

(ASKED OF ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS.)

3. 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

	10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06 & 10/5-8/06					10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>MLV</u>	REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>MLV</u>
10, very interested	46	43	41	55	100	47	44	41	58	100
9	7	8	7	7	-	8	8	7	7	-
8	16	19	17	13	-	15	18	17	12	-
7	10	11	12	8	-	10	11	11	8	-
6	5	7	6	4	-	5	7	6	3	-
5	8	7	9	7	-	8	7	9	6	-
4	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	3	1	-
3	2	1	2	1	-	2	1	2	1	-
2	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-
1, not at all interested	2	1	2	2	-	2	1	2	2	-
Not sure	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10)	53	51	48	62	100	54	52	48	65	100
<i>Mean</i>	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.5	10	8.2	8.3	7.9	8.6	10

	10/26-29/06					
	REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>MLV</u>	<u>LV</u>
10, very interested	48	45	41	61	100	86
9	8	10	6	8	-	14
8	16	17	18	12	-	-
7	10	11	12	7	-	-
6	5	7	6	3	-	-
5	7	7	7	6	-	-
4	2	1	3	1	-	-
3	2	1	3	-	-	-
2	1	-	1	1	-	-
1, not at all interested	2	1	2	1	-	-
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10).....	56	55	47	69	100	100
<i>Mean</i>	8.3	8.3	8	8.8	10	9.9

	REGISTERED VOTERS							
	10/19-22/06	10/5-8/06	9/27-30/06	9/21-24/06	8/25-27/06	7/28-30/06	6/1-4/06	4/27-30/06
10, very interested	45	42	45	44	48	44	41	50
9.....	7	7	7	6	10	7	7	6
8.....	15	19	15	17	15	14	16	16
7.....	11	11	10	11	8	9	12	10
6.....	5	6	5	7	3	6	4	3
5.....	9	8	10	7	7	9	9	7
4.....	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	1
3.....	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1
2.....	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1
1, not at all interested	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	3
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10).....	52	48	52	51	57	51	49	56
<i>Mean.....</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>8.3</i>

(ASKED OF ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS.)

4. Did you vote in the election for President in 2004? **(IF YES, ASK:)** Did you vote for **(ROTATE:)** the Democratic candidate John Kerry, or the Republican candidate George W. Bush Or did you vote for another candidate, or did you not happen to vote in the 2004 Presidential election?

	10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06 & 10/5-8/06					10/26-29/06 & 10/19-22/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Bush.....	46	89	40	11	45	46	90	41	10	44
Kerry.....	40	4	40	77	52	41	4	41	78	53
Other candidate	3	1	5	3	3	3	1	4	3	3
Did not vote in 2004.....	6	3	9	5	-	6	3	9	5	-
Not sure	5	2	5	4	-	4	2	5	4	-

	10/26-29/06						10/19-22/06	10/5-8/06	9/27-30/06	9/21-24/06	6/1-4/06
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	LV	REGISTERED VOTERS				
Bush.....	45	91	39	9	43	43	46	45	46	44	45
Kerry.....	43	3	44	81	54	51	39	39	39	41	45
Other candidate	3	1	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	2
Did not vote in 2004.....	6	4	8	4	-	2	7	7	8	9	5
Not sure.....	4	1	6	2	-	3	5	6	4	4	3

PARTY AFFILIATION

D2. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS)** 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	<u>MLV</u>	<u>LV</u>
Republican	30	29	29
Independent	33	27	28
Democrat	32	41	39
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<i>Republicans with leaners</i>	37	34	35
<i>Democrats with leaners</i>	43	51	50
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Strongly Republican	18	24	22
Moderately Republican	12	5	7
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	7	5	5
Independent/neither/do not lean	15	12	12
Independent/neither/lean Democrat	11	10	11
Moderately Democrat.....	13	13	13
Strongly Democrat	19	28	26
Refused/not sure.....	5	3	3

D21. How often do you personally have the time to vote in the primary elections or participate in political caucuses when parties select their candidates for office—all the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?

	<u>10/26 – 29/06</u>	<u>11/17 – 20/05</u>
All the time	39	39
Most of the time	27	25
Some of the time.....	21	22
Never.....	12	13
Refused/not sure.....	1	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY PERSONALLY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME IN D21.)

D22. And do you generally participate in primary elections or party caucuses with the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	ALL ADULTS	<u>10/26 – 29/06</u>			<u>11/17 – 20/05</u>
		R	I	D	ALL ADULTS
Total Republican Primary/It depends	48	95	47	8	49
Total Democratic Primary/It depends	56	7	65	94	55
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Republican party	37	90	26	1	38
Democratic party	45	2	43	87	45
(VOL) Depends	11	5	21	7	10
Not sure	6	3	10	5	7

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?

High School or less	30
Some college.....	30
College Graduate	40
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Grade school or some high school.....	5
Graduated high school.....	24
Some community college or university but did not finish	17
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	13
Completed a four-year college or university degree.....	22
Completed post-graduate degree, such as a Master's or Ph.D or professional school such as law or medicine.	18
Refused/not sure.....	1

(ASKED OF ALL RESPONDENTS.)

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