



Interviewing: October 5-8, 2006
 Sample: 1,014 adults nationwide
 Margin of error: ± 3.0

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837 registered voters nationwide

Margin of error: ± 3.3

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

Conducted October 5-8, September 27-30, & 21-24, 2006

**N = 2,491 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 1.8\%$
 N = 997 most likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.1\%$**

Conducted September 27-30, & 21-24, 2006

**N = 1,680 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 2.3\%$
 N = 662 most likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.8\%$**

Conducted October 5-8, 2006

**N = 837 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.3\%$
 N = 321 most likely voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 5.4\%$**

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.....	86	100	98	99	100	100
(VOL) Do not need to register in order to vote	1	-	2	1	-	-
No, not registered at this address	13	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure/ refused	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Registered/ No need to register.....	87	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?

	10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06 & 9/21-24/06					10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Total Approve	41	80	32	14	43	42	79	34	14	42
Total Disapprove	51	14	57	80	52	51	14	58	81	54
Strongly approve	24	53	16	6	32	25	52	16	7	32
Somewhat approve	15	25	14	8	10	16	25	16	7	9
Lean approve	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	6	5	9	4	4	5	4	7	3	4
Lean disapprove	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	1
Somewhat disapprove	11	5	15	13	7	11	6	15	13	7
Strongly disapprove	38	7	42	65	44	38	8	42	64	45
Not sure	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1

	10/5-8/06					
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	LV
Total Approve	41	79	29	13	42	42
Total Disapprove	54	15	64	84	55	55
Strongly approve	24	51	14	7	33	32
Somewhat approve	16	27	15	5	9	10
Lean approve	1	2	-	1	-	-
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	3	3	5	1	2	2
Lean disapprove	3	1	2	4	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	11	6	17	11	5	5
Strongly disapprove	40	7	45	70	49	48
Not sure	2	3	1	2	1	1

	REGISTERED VOTERS										
	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	11/17-20/05
Total Approve	43	40	39	39	37	36	39	41	46	42	42
Total Disapprove	48	50	55	51	57	60	56	54	51	55	53
Strongly approve	26	24	21	21	23	22	19	24	28	29	27
Somewhat approve	16	15	16	18	13	12	18	16	16	13	14
Lean approve	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	7	8	5	8	5	3	4	5	2	1	4
Lean disapprove	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	2
Somewhat disapprove	11	10	8	11	10	8	11	11	9	10	7
Strongly disapprove	35	39	46	39	46	51	43	42	41	45	44
Not sure	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	1	1

2. **(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?

	10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06 & 9/21-24/06					10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Total Republicans.....	36	84	25	3	38	37	83	25	4	38
Total Democrats	49	10	48	89	50	49	12	50	88	51
Republicans	35	82	23	3	38	35	81	23	3	37
Lean Republican.....	2	2	2	-	1	2	2	2	-	1
Democrats.....	47	10	45	87	49	47	12	47	86	49
Lean Democrat	2	-	3	2	2	2	-	3	2	2
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	6	2	12	2	4	5	2	10	2	4
Not sure	9	3	15	6	7	9	3	15	6	7

	10/5-8/06					
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	LV
Total Republicans	38	85	26	4	41	40
Total Democrats	49	9	49	91	50	51
Republicans.....	36	83	23	3	40	39
Lean Republican	2	3	3	1	1	1
Democrats	47	9	47	87	49	49
Lean Democrat.....	2	-	2	4	1	1
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	5	2	11	1	3	4
Not sure/refused (DO NOT LEAN).....	8	3	14	4	6	5

	REGISTERED VOTERS									
	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	34	34	38	34	35	37	37	39	41	39
Lean Republican	1	1	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Democrats	47	47	49	47	48	49	47	47	50	49
Lean Democrat	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	6	7	5	6	6	5	7	7	9	12
Not sure/refused (DO NOT LEAN).....	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

	10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06 & 9/21-24/06					10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06				
	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	44	44	41	47	100	43	42	42	46	100
9	7	5	6	9	-	7	5	7	9	-
8	17	19	19	15	-	17	20	17	16	-
7	11	10	11	10	-	11	9	12	10	-
6	6	6	7	5	-	6	6	6	5	-
5	8	6	10	8	-	9	8	10	9	-
4	2	2	2	2	-	2	2	1	2	-
3	1	2	1	-	-	2	2	2	-	-
2	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-
1, not at all interested	3	3	2	2	-	3	4	1	3	-
Not sure	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10)	50	48	47	56	100	50	47	49	54	100
<i>Mean</i>	8.1	8.1	8	8.3	10	8	8	8.1	8.2	10

	10/5-8/06					
	REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>MLV</u>	<u>LV</u>
10, very interested	42	42	39	45	100	87
9	7	5	8	6	-	13
8	19	25	17	16	-	-
7	11	8	14	10	-	-
6	6	5	7	6	-	-
5	8	7	9	9	-	-
4	3	2	1	3	-	-
3	2	2	3	-	-	-
2	1	-	1	2	-	-
1, not at all interested	2	1	1	2	-	-
Not sure	1	2	-	-	-	-
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10).....	48	47	47	51	100	100
<i>Mean</i>	8	8.2	8	8.1	10	9.9

	REGISTERED VOTERS					
	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	44	48	44	41	50
9	7	6	10	7	7	6
8	15	17	15	14	16	16
7	10	11	8	9	12	10
6	5	7	3	6	4	3
5	10	7	7	9	9	7
4	1	2	2	3	2	1
3	2	1	2	3	2	1
2	1	-	1	1	1	1
1, not at all interested	4	2	3	3	3	3
Not sure	1	2	1	1	1	1
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10)	52	51	57	51	49	56
<i>Mean</i>	8	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.9	8.3

(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?

	10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06 & 9/21-24/06					10/5-8/06 & 9/27-30/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Bush	45	87	41	12	48	46	86	41	13	48
Kerry	39	7	37	75	49	39	7	38	74	48
Other candidate	3	1	6	2	4	3	1	6	3	4
Did not vote in 2004	8	4	11	7	-	7	4	9	6	-
Not sure	5	2	5	5	-	5	3	6	5	-

	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	85	39	12	48	47	46	44	45
Kerry	39	7	36	75	46	45	39	41	45
Other candidate	4	1	9	2	6	-	3	2	2
Did not vote in 2004	7	3	10	6	-	3	8	9	5
Not sure	6	4	6	6	-	4	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	33	35	34
Independent	29	25	26
Democrat	33	37	35
<i>Republicans with leaners</i>	40	42	42
<i>Democrats with leaners</i>	42	46	44
Strongly Republican	20	26	25
Moderately Republican	13	9	9
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	7	7	8
Independent/neither/do not lean	13	9	10
Independent/neither/lean Democrat	9	9	9
Moderately Democrat.....	13	9	8
Strongly Democrat	20	28	27
Refused/not sure.....	5	3	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?

High School or less	35
Some college.....	33
College Graduate	32
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Grade school or some high school.....	9
Graduated high school.....	26
Some community college or university but did not finish	19
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	13
Completed a four-year college or university degree.....	16
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

(ASK EVERYONE)

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

Total Union Household	18

Respondent a union member.....	12
Other in household a union member.....	6
No labor union member in household.....	81
Refused/not sure	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