



Interviewing: September 27-30, 2006

Sample: 2,003 adults nationwide

Margin of error: ± 2.2

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Margin of error: ± 2.4

**RT Strategies National Omnibus Poll
Thomas Riehle, Partner
And
Cook Political Report/RT Strategies Poll**

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.....	82	100	99	100	100	100
(VOL) Do not need to register in order to vote	-	-	1	-	-	-
No, not registered at this address	17	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure/ refused	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Registered/ No need to register.....	83	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?

	9/21-24/06 & 9/27-30/06					9/27-30/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Total Approve	41	80	33	15	43	43	78	38	16	42
Total Disapprove	49	13	54	78	51	48	14	51	77	52
Strongly approve	25	55	17	5	32	26	54	19	6	32
Somewhat approve	15	23	14	9	10	16	23	17	8	9
Lean approve	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Neither/not sure/mixed (vol)/do not lean	7	6	10	5	5	7	6	8	6	5
Lean disapprove	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	3	1
Somewhat disapprove	11	5	13	14	9	11	5	13	16	10
Strongly disapprove	37	7	40	62	42	35	8	38	58	41
Not sure	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	1

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

	9/21-24/06 & 9/27-30/06					9/27-30/06				
	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	MLV
Total Republicans.....	36	84	24	3	37	35	81	24	3	35
Total Democrats	49	10	48	88	51	48	14	52	85	51
Democrats.....	47	10	44	87	49	47	14	48	84	49
Lean Democrat	2	-	4	1	2	2	-	4	1	2
Republicans	34	82	22	3	36	34	79	22	3	34
Lean Republican.....	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	1
Other (VOL) (DO NOT LEAN).....	6	2	12	2	5	6	1	8	3	5
Not sure	10	3	16	6	7	11	4	15	9	9

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

	9/21-24/06 & 9/27-30/06					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	45	44	42	49	100	45	42	46	47	100
9	7	5	5	10	-	7	6	5	11	-
8	16	16	20	15	-	15	15	17	16	-
7	11	12	9	10	-	10	11	10	9	-
6	6	7	6	5	-	5	6	5	3	-
5	8	6	11	7	-	10	9	11	7	-
4	2	2	2	1	-	1	2	1	1	-
3	1	3	1	-	-	2	3	2	0	-
2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
1, not at all interested	3	4	2	2	-	4	6	2	3	-
Not sure	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	0	0	-
Total Highly Interested (9 and 10)	51	49	47	59	100	52	48	51	58	100
<i>Mean</i>	8.1	8	8	8.5	10	8	7.8	8.1	8.3	10

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

	9/21-24/06 & 9/27-30/06					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>
Bush.....	45	88	42	12	47	46	87	43	15	47
Kerry.....	40	7	38	75	50	39	8	39	73	51
Other candidate.....	2	-	4	2	2	3	-	4	3	2
Did not vote in 2004.....	8	4	11	7	-	8	4	9	5	-
Not sure.....	4	1	5	4	-	4	1	6	3	-

REGISTERED VOTERS		
	9/21- 24/06	6/1- 4/06
Bush.....	44	45
Kerry.....	41	45
Other candidate.....	2	2
Did not vote in 2004.....	9	5
Not sure.....	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	31	33	30
Independent	30	27	28
Democrat	33	36	38
<i>Republicans with leaners</i>	38	39	36
<i>Democrats with leaners</i>	41	44	46
Strongly Republican.....	20	26	23
Moderately Republican.....	12	8	7
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	6	6	6
Independent/neither/do not lean.....	16	14	14
Independent/neither/lean Democrat.....	8	8	8
Moderately Democrat.....	14	13	14
Strongly Democrat.....	19	23	24
Refused/not sure.....	5	3	4

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	36
Some college.....	28
College Graduate	34
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Grade school or some high school.....	7
Graduated high school.....	29
Some community college or university but did not finish	15
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	13
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.	14
Refused/not sure.....	2

(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

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