Interviews: <u>805 registered voters</u>
Dates: <u>September 30-October 2, 2006</u>

**FINAL** 

48 Male 52 Female

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

## The margin of error for 805 interviews is ± 3.5%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

A. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

			7/06		High	Low
	9/30-		All	Reg.		
	<u>10/2/06</u> +	<u>9/8-11/06</u> +	<u>Adults</u>	Voters+	<u>11/01</u>	<u>4/06</u>
Approve	39	42	39	40	88	36
Disapprove	56	53	56	55	7	57
Not sure	5	5	5	5	5	5

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All <u>Adults</u> 37 58 5	Reg. <u>Voters</u> + 38 57 5	4/06 36 57 7	3/06 37 58 5	1/06 39 54 7	12/05 39 55 6	11/05 38 57 5
10/05	<u>9/05</u>	7/05	5/05	4/05	<u>2/05</u>	1/05
39	40	46	47	48	50	50
54	55	49	47	46	45	44
7	5	5	6	6	5	6
12/04	10/04+	9/04+	8/04+	7/04+	6/04+	5/04+
49	49	47	47	48	45	47
44	47	48	48	46	49	46
7	4	5	5	6	6	7
3/04	<u>1/04</u>	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	<u>9/03</u>	7/03
50	54	58	52	51	49	56
46	41	34	41	44	45	38
5	6	9	7	5	6	6
5/03+ 62 31 7	4/03 71 23 6	3/29- <u>30/03</u> 66 29 5	3/23/03 67 28 5	3/17/03 62 33 5	2/03 <sup>1</sup> 61 31 8	1/03 54 40 6
10/02+	9/02	7/02	6/02	5/02	4/02	4/01
63	64	67	69	75	74	57
31	30	27	23	18	20	22
6	6	6	8	7	6	21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

B. Has what you have seen and heard over the past few weeks made you feel more favorable, less favorable, or had no effect on your feelings about possibly having the Democrats become the majority party in Congress? +

More favorable	34
Less favorable	23
No effect	37
Have not seen/heard enough to say (VOL)	4
Not sure	

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C. Has what you have seen and heard over the past few weeks made you feel more favorable, less favorable, or had no effect on your feelings about possibly having the Republicans maintain the majority in Congress? +

More favorable	18
Less favorable	41
No effect	35
Have not seen/heard enough to say (VOL)	4
Not sure	2

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D. Of the following issues, please tell me which one or two are going to be most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress in November. (IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:) Well, if you had to pick just one or two, which would they be? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The war in Iraq	36
Job creation and economic growth	23
Terrorism	22
Illegal immigration	20
Health care	19
Social Security and Medicare	16
Moral values	15
The cost of gas and energy <sup>1</sup>	11
Other (VOL)	1
All equally (VOL)	9
None of these (VOL)	-
Not sure	-

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September 8-11, 2006-	+	
The war in Iraq	27	[158-159]
Job creation and economic growth	20	>
Terrorism	20	
Illegal immigration	22	
Health care	22	
Social Security and Medicare	14	
Moral values	13	
The cost of gas and energy <sup>1</sup>	23	
Other (VOL)	1	
All equally (VOL)	8	
None of these (VOL)	-	
Not sure	-	

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E. Do you think the war in Iraq is helping the United States in its ability to win the war on terrorism, hurting the United States in its ability to win the war on terrorism, or not making a difference either way in the war on terrorism?

	9/30- <u>10/2/06</u> +	<u>9/8-11/06</u> +	
Helping the U.S. in its ability to win the war on terrorism	32	33	[175]
Hurting the U.S. in its ability to win the war on terrorism	46	32	
Not making a difference either way	19	32	
Not sure	3	3	

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21. Do you think that America's safety from terrorism depends upon our success in the war in Iraq, or does it NOT depend upon our success in the war in Iraq? +

Depends upon our success in Iraq	37	[176]
Does NOT depend upon our success in Iraq	57	
Not sure	6	

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## Getting near the end of the survey . . .

22. Do you think Iraq is in a civil war, or do you think Iraq is NOT in a civil war? +

Iraq is in a civil war	61	[177]
Iraq is not in a civil war	29	
Not sure	10	

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23. This week, Congress approved a new law to deal with how terrorism suspects are treated. This law prevents the United States from using torture to get information from terrorist suspects, allows these suspects to be held indefinitely without being charged of a crime, and prevents them from challenging their imprisonment in U.S. courts.

Supporters say this is a good law because it protects suspects from being harmed and makes it more likely that U.S. troops will not be harmed if they are captured.

Opponents of the law say that it is NOT a good law because it denies suspects the constitutional protections that other criminals receive, and compromises some of our most strongly held democratic ideals and our image around the world.

In general, do you approve of this new law or do you disapprove of it? +

Approve	43	[178]
Disapprove	47	
Not sure	10	

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## <u>FACTUALS</u>: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else? +

48	[179]
38	
4	
2	
1	
6	
1	
	4 2 1

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F2. Are you currently employed? (IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? +

Currently Employed		
Professional/ manager	24	[180-214]
White-collar worker	22	
Blue-collar worker	15	
Farmer, rancher	-	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	3	
Homemaker	5	
Retired	26	
Unemployed, looking for work	3	
Other	-	
Not sure	2	

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F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school? +

Grade school	1	[215-216]
Some high school	3	
High school graduate	26	
Some college, no degree	18	
Vocational training/2-year college	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	22	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	12	
Doctoral/law degree	4	
Not sure/refused	-	

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F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? +

Not very strong Democrat	trong Democrat	19	[217]
•	ot very strong Democrat	7	
	dependent/lean Democrat	17	
Strictly independent	trictly independent	15	
Independent/lean Republican	dependent/lean Republican	12	
Not very strong Republican 8		8	
Strong Republican	trong Republican	17	
Other 3		3	
Not sure/nothing 2	Not sure/nothing	2	

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F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? +

Liberal	22	[218]
Moderate	39	
Conservative	36	
Not sure	3	

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F6. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced? +

15	[219]
3	
63	
2	
8	
8	
-	
1	
	3 63 2 8 8

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F7. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union? +

Labor union member	13	[220]
Labor union household	5	
Non-union household	80	
Not sure	2	

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F8. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	4	[222]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	19	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	11	
More than \$100,000	16	
Not sure/refused	14	

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