

2006 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION, GENERIC CANDIDATE PREFERENCE

(Based on Registered Voters)

	<u>Republican / Lean Republican</u>	<u>Democrat / Lean Democrat</u>	<u>Other / Undecided</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
	%	%	%	
Total	39	51	10=100	(1,215)
Sex				
Male	42	47	11	(589)
Female	36	55	9	(626)
Race				
White	43	46	11	(1024)
Non-white	20	73	7	(180)
Black	5	89	6	(111)
Race and Sex				
White Men	46	42	12	(496)
White Women	41	50	9	(528)
Age				
Under 30	36	56	8	(128)
30-49	41	50	9	(395)
50-64	37	51	12	(366)
65+	38	52	10	(311)
Sex and Age				
Men under 50	42	47	11	(262)
Women under 50	37	56	7	(261)
Men 50+	41	47	12	(323)
Women 50+	34	56	10	(354)
Education				
College Grad.	42	50	8	(462)
Some College	41	52	7	(304)
H.S. Grad or less	35	53	12	(446)
Family Income				
\$75,000+	43	48	9	(331)
\$50,000-\$74,999	45	46	9	(178)
\$30,000-\$49,999	38	53	9	(244)
\$20,000-\$29,999	36	54	10	(129)
<\$20,000	26	64	10	(178)

Question: If the 2006 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

	<u>Republican / Lean Republican</u>	<u>Democrat / Lean Democrat</u>	<u>Other / Undecided</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
	%	%	%	
Total	39	51	10=100	(1,215)
Region				
Northeast	33	55	12	(219)
Midwest	40	51	9	(290)
South	43	49	8	(438)
West	36	53	11	(268)
Religious Affiliation				
Total Protestant	43	49	8	(702)
- White Evangelical	58	35	7	(289)
- White Non-Evangelical	40	49	11	(297)
- Black Protestant	5	91	4	(88)
Total Catholic	41	47	12	(293)
- White Non-Hispanic	43	45	12	(239)
Secular	20	67	13	(127)
Party ID				
Republican	92	5	3	(385)
Democrat	2	96	2	(421)
Independent	32	47	21	(354)
Party and Ideology				
Conservative Republican	94	4	2	(271)
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	86	10	4	(110)
Conservative/Mod. Dem.	3	94	3	(257)
Liberal Democrat	1	98	1	(144)
Presidential Approval				
Approve	81	12	7	(456)
Disapprove	11	80	9	(658)
Use of Force in Iraq				
Right Decision	66	25	9	(587)
Wrong Decision	11	80	9	(558)

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES

*Percent saying the issue is “very important” to them personally**

	<u>Education</u>	<u>Economy</u>	<u>Health</u> <u>care</u>	<u>Social</u> <u>Security</u>	<u>Iraq</u>	<u>Terrorism/</u> <u>Security</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
	%	%	%	%		%	%	%
Total	82	80	79	75	74	74	68	66
Sex								
Male	79	80	73	72	74	70	68	62
Female	85	79	86	78	74	78	68	70
Age								
Under 50	84	81	81	71	72	74	68	64
50+	79	79	78	80	78	73	69	69
Education								
College grad.	80	78	72	60	73	67	63	55
Some college	83	81	77	75	74	69	63	65
H.S. or less	84	81	86	86	76	81	75	74
Family Income								
\$75,000+	74	82	70	61	67	65	65	52
\$30,000-\$74,999	86	83	81	77	79	80	74	71
<\$30,000	84	72	84	87	74	73	62	74
Party ID								
Republican	75	80	69	72	72	84	74	52
Democrat	86	80	89	79	78	69	66	78
Independent	83	78	79	71	72	72	63	63
'06 Cong. Vote								
Rep./Lean Rep.	76	80	68	70	70	83	72	52
Dem./Lean Dem.	87	81	88	81	78	67	67	76
Religious Affiliation								
Total Protestant	82	77	78	75	74	76	66	66
- White Evangelical	78	78	79	76	75	80	68	66
- White Mainline	82	78	72	70	71	71	59	62
Total Catholic	82	84	84	82	76	76	79	69
- White Non-Hispanic	82	84	87	81	79	77	78	64
Religious Attendance								
Weekly or more	85	80	80	78	77	81	68	70
Monthly or yearly	86	82	78	74	73	72	72	64
Less often or never	73	76	79	72	72	65	64	62

Survey form – see third page for sample size

* Based on registered voters.

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Question: As I name some issues that are in the news these days, please tell me how important the issue is to you personally. First, is [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] an issue that is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important to you?

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MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES (continued)

	<i>Percent saying the issue is "very important" to them personally*</i>							
	Energy <u>Policy</u> %	Immi- <u>gration</u> %	Budget <u>deficit</u> %	Environ. <u>policy</u> %	Minimum <u>wage</u> %	Flag <u>burning</u> %	Gov't <u>surveillance</u> %	Inheritance <u>tax</u> %
Total	64	58	56	52	52	49	44	44
Sex								
Male	65	58	50	52	44	48	46	45
Female	62	57	61	53	59	49	42	42
Age								
Under 50	60	55	50	49	56	44	42	38
50+	67	60	62	58	48	53	47	50
Education								
College grad.	63	49	52	48	33	28	39	34
Some college	66	60	52	55	48	43	49	40
H.S. or less	64	63	61	54	68	67	45	53
Family Income								
\$75,000+	62	50	51	45	32	35	37	37
\$30,000-\$74,999	64	61	56	53	53	53	49	46
<\$30,000	62	58	59	58	70	55	42	49
Party ID								
Republican	56	64	47	30	36	60	33	54
Democrat	66	52	62	64	67	44	52	37
Independent	67	57	55	58	48	44	47	45
'06 Cong. Vote								
Rep./Lean Rep.	57	64	48	33	38	56	33	51
Dem./Lean Dem.	70	52	63	65	64	43	55	38
Religious Affiliation								
Total Protestant	64	58	55	48	51	53	45	46
- White Evangelical	56	60	55	42	50	64	38	47
- White Mainline	67	58	50	53	36	43	45	42
Total Catholic	67	61	51	51	51	56	46	45
- White Non-Hispanic	66	60	54	48	44	58	37	49
Religious Attendance								
Weekly or more	60	60	56	51	51	57	46	46
Monthly or yearly	70	58	55	50	49	45	46	41
Less often or never	63	54	57	59	57	41	39	44

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MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES (continued)

	<i>Percent saying the issue is "very important" to them personally*</i>			Sample Size for issues asked on...		
	<u>Abortion</u>	<u>Global warming</u>	<u>Gay marriage</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Form 1</u>	<u>Form 2</u>
	%	%	%	1,215	588	627
Total	44	44	34			
Sex				589	283	306
Male	38	41	33	626	305	321
Female	48	46	34			
Age						
Under 50	43	45	35	523	255	268
50+	44	42	32	677	323	354
Education						
College grad.	32	44	29	462	229	233
Some college	52	40	37	304	142	162
H.S. or less	47	45	35	446	217	229
Family Income						
\$75,000+	35	39	32	331	163	168
\$30,000-\$74,999	45	44	35	422	199	223
<\$30,000	48	46	32	307	156	151
Party ID						
Republican	50	23	43	385	171	214
Democrat	39	56	31	421	223	198
Independent	41	49	28	354	168	186
'06 Cong. Vote						
Rep./Lean Rep.	50	26	41	487	218	269
Dem./Lean Dem.	40	56	30	606	306	300
Religious Affiliation						
Total Protestant	47	37	38	702	334	368
- White Evangelical	67	30	50	289	140	149
- White Mainline	27	40	25	297	143	154
Total Catholic	39	50	29	293	137	156
- White Non-Hispanic	42	44	31	239	110	129
Religious Attendance						
Weekly or more	56	39	45	526	239	287
Monthly or yearly	29	45	25	383	193	190
Less often or never	42	49	27	295	152	143
Survey form	Form 2	Total	Total			

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