

CONGRESSIONAL MIDTERM TREND, 2002-2006

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All Registered	46	43	11	-3	38	49	13	11	6	3,055
Gender										
Male	51	39	11	-12	42	46	12	4	7	1,440
Female	43	47	11	4	35	52	13	17	5	1,615
Age										
18-29	40	49	10	9	29	56	15	27	7	263
30-49	50	40	10	-10	42	46	12	4	6	1,027
50-64	45	43	11	-2	39	49	12	10	6	947
65+	46	43	11	-3	36	52	12	16	9	774
Race/Ethnicity										
White	52	37	11	-15	43	44	13	1	7	2,601
Black	10	85	5	75	6	82	12	76	-3	266
Hispanic^	35	55	9	20	33	51	16	18	-4	148
Education										
Post graduate	47	45	8	-2	35	55	10	20	10	474
College graduate	54	37	8	-17	47	42	11	-5	5	715
Some college	48	42	10	-6	39	46	15	7	4	798
High School or	42	46	12	4	35	52	13	17	6	1,063
Household income										
\$100,000 +	60	37	3	-23	47	42	11	-5	5	532
\$75 to 99,999	55	39	6	-16	43	49	8	6	10	393
\$50 to 74,999	53	38	9	-15	42	48	10	6	10	470
\$30 to 49,999	46	43	11	-3	40	48	12	8	5	586
\$20 to 29,999	39	49	12	10	35	53	12	18	4	281
Under \$20,000	29	59	12	30	20	66	14	46	7	356
Region										
Northeast	40	48	12	8	32	54	14	22	6	631
Midwest	44	42	14	-2	36	50	14	14	8	811
South	49	42	9	-7	42	45	13	3	3	1,053
West	51	40	9	-11	40	49	11	9	9	560
Urbanicity										
Rural	49	39	12	-10	43	45	12	2	6	669
Suburban	50	39	11	-11	41	47	13	6	8	1,552
Urban	36	55	9	19	31	55	14	24	0	834
Labor household										
Yes	33	55	12*	22	30	56	14	26	1	446
No	49	41	11	-8	40	48	12	8	7	2,591

^English language interviewing only.

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Party Identification										
Republican	94	4	2	-90	91	5	4	-86	1	999
Democrat	6	92	2	86	2	93	4	91	1	1,027
Independent	37	40	23	3	30	46	24	16	6	886
Ideology										
Conservative	68	25	7	-43	65	24	11	-41	-1	1263
Moderate	38	49	12	11	25	62	13	37	13	1202
Liberal	16	74	10	58	9	80	10	71	6	487
Party & Ideology										
Conserv Repub	97	2	1	-95	94	3	3	-91	1	713
Mod/Lib Repub	91	6	3	-85	85	10	5	-75	4	274
Cons/Mod Dem	7	91	2	84	3	92	5	89	1	687
Liberal Democrat	3	96	1	93	0	98	2	98	2	309
Religion										
Protestant	51	41	9	-10	44	45	12	1	4	1,751
Wh. evangelical	65	25	9	-40	60	28	12	-32	3	704
White mainline	49	40	11	-9	44	46	10	2	6	747
Black	8	89	4	81	5	84	11	79	-5	229
Catholic	45	45	10	0	33	53	13	20	8	744
Wh., non-Hisp.	49	40	10	-9	35	52	13	17	12	633
Secular	35	50	15	15	23	56	20	33	6	298
Attend church/services										
Weekly	53	36	11*	-17	48	40	12	-8	4	1334
Monthly/Few-year	41	48	11	7	34	56	10	22	8	941
Seldom/Never	34	51	15	17	28	56	16	28	5	740

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30-49	53	37	10	-16	45	42	13	-3	5	504
50-64	49	41	10	-8	43	47	10	4	6	461
65+	49	40	11	-9	41	49	10	8	9	341
Female	43	47	11	4	35	52	13	17	5	1,615
18-29	31	59	10	28	26	60	14	34	1	144
30-49	47	44	9	-3	39	49	12	10	5	523
50-64	42	45	12	3	35	51	14	16	6	486
65+	44	46	10	2	32	54	14	22	8	433
<u>Age/Marital/Parent</u>										
18-29	40	49	10	9	29	56	15	27	7	263
Single w/o kids	41	48	10	7	26	61	12	35	13	124
Married	46	41	13	-5	43	40	17	-3	-1	98
30-49	50	40	10	-10	42	46	12	4	6	1,027
Single w/o kids	47	43	9	-4	26	58	15	32	15	173
Mar. w/o kids	51	38	11	-13	38	50	12	12	12	141
Married w/ kids	58	34	7	-24	50	38	12	-12	4	605
50-64	45	43	11	-2	39	49	12	10	6	947
Married	48	40	12	-8	42	45	13	3	5	658
Not married	43	47	11	4	31	58	11	27	11	289
65+	46	43	11	-3	36	52	12	16	9	774
Married	51	39	10	-12	43	47	10	4	8	412
Not married	44	46	11	2	29	56	15	27	10	362
<u>Sex/Marital/Parent</u>										
Mothers	47	44	10	-3	38	49	13	11	5	547
Married mom	57	34	9	-23	45	42	13	-3	8	417
Working mom	45	45	11	0	34	52	13	18	7	385
Single mom	23	65	12	42	16	71	13	55	6	130
Fathers	49	39	12	-10	46	42	12	-4	3	463
Married dads	53	37	10	-16	48	41	12	-7	4	405
Working dads	50	38	12	-12	47	41	11	-6	3	416

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