PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS HURRICANE KATRINA SURVEY FINAL TOPLINE

September 6-7, 2005

N = 1,000 (103 Oversample of African Americans)

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

		Dis-	Don't			Dis-	Don't
	Approve a		<u>know</u>		Approve a		
September, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	2002			
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10 = 100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11 = 100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11 = 100
February, 2005	46	47	7 = 100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
January, 2005	50	43	7 = 100	August, 2002	67	21	12 = 100
2004				Late July, 2002	65	25	10 = 100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	July, 2002	67	21	12 = 100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	June, 2002	70	20	10 = 100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	2001			
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	August, 2001	50	32	18=100
2003				July, 2001	51	32	17=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	June, 2001	50	33	17 = 100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100
Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100	•			
Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100				
Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100				
June, 2003	62	27	11=100				
May, 2003	65	27	8=100				
April 10-16, 2003	72	22	6=100				
April 9, 2003	74	20	6=100				
April 2-7, 2003	69	25	6=100				
March 28-April 1, 2003	71	23	6=100				
March 25-27, 2003	70	24	6=100				
March 20-24, 2003	67	26	7=100				
March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100				
February, 2003	54	36	10=100				

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	DK/Ref.
a.	The economy	33	60	7=100
	July, 2005	38	53	9=100
	Mid-May, 2005	35	57	8=100
	February, 2005	43	50	7=100
	January, 2005	45	50	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	38	55	7=100
	Early September, 2004	44	49	7=100
	August, 2004	42	52	6=100
	July, 2004	42	52	6=100
	June, 2004	43	50	7=100
	Early April, 2004	39	53	8=100
	Mid-January, 2004	47	47	6=100
	September, 2003	43	48	9=100
	February, 2003	43	48	9=100
	January, 2003	47	45	8=100
	Early October, 2002	49	40	11=100
	June, 2002	53	36	11=100
	January, 2002	60	28	12=100
	Early September, 2001	47	44	9=100
	February, 2001	50	22	28=100
b.	The situation in Iraq	34	58	8=100
	July, 2005	35	57	8=100
	Mid-May, 2005	37	56	7=100
	February, 2005	40	53	7=100
	January, 2005	45	50	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	37	56	7=100
	Early September, 2004	47	45	8=100
	August, 2004	43	52	5=100
	July, 2004	42	53	5=100
	June, 2004	42	51	7=100
	Late April, 2004	44	48	8=100
	Early April, 2004	40	53	7=100
	Mid-January, 2004	59	37	4=100
	September, 2003	52	40	8=100
	April 10-16, 2003 ¹	77	17	6=100
	April 8-9, 2003	71	23	6=100
	April 9, 2003	76	18	6=100
	April 8, 2003	65	28	7=100
	April 2-7, 2003	73	21	6=100
	March 28-April 1, 2003	69	26	5=100
	March 25-27, 2003	73	23	4=100
	March 23-24, 2003	72	22	6=100
	March 20-22, 2003	70	23	7=100
	February, 2003	56	37	7=100

From March to April 2003 the item was worded: "... dealing with the war in Iraq?"

Q.2 CONTINUED A ₁		Approve	<u>Disapprove</u>	DK/Ref.
	January, 2003	56	36	8=100
	Early October, 2002	56	34	10=100
c.	Terrorist threats	49	41	10=100
	July, 2005	49	40	11=100
	Mid-May, 2005	57	35	8=100
	February, 2005	59	34	7=100
	January, 2005	62	33	5=100
	Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11=100
	Early September, 2004	62	32	6=100
	August, 2004	58	37	5=100
	July, 2004	54	40	6=100
	June, 2004	56	35	9=100
	Late April, 2004	55	36	9=100
	Early April, 2004	53	38	9=100
	Gallup: December, 2003	65	33	2 = 100
	September, 2003	64	28	8=100
	February, 2003	67	25	8=100
	January, 2003	69	23	8=100
	Early October, 2002	71	22	7=100
	June, 2002	74	18	8=100
	Mid-September, 2001 ²	85	6	9=100
	Clinton: Early September, 199	8 72	20	8=100
d.	The impact of Hurricane Katrina on			
	New Orleans and the Gulf Coast	38	52	10=100

Q.3 Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on domestic policy or the war on terrorism? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS "HURRICANE RELIEF" ENTER AS "DOMESTIC POLICY"]

		<u>Jan 2005</u>	<u>Aug 2002</u>	<u>Jan 2002</u>
56	Domestic policy	40	29	33
25	War on terrorism	44	43	52
1	Neither (VOL.)	1	1	*
12	Both (VOL.)	13	22	13
6	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

Q.4 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE.]

	closery. [INSERT TIEM, KANDOMIZE.]	X 7	E-1.1	Maria	NT . 4 . 4 . 11	1
		Very	•		Not at all	
		Closely		Closely	-	DK/Ref
a.	News about the current situation in Iraq	32	40	20	7	1=100
	July, 2005	43	37	13	6	1=100
	June, 2005	41	39	12	7	1=100
	Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*=100
	Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2 = 100
	February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*=100
	January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*=100
	December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1 = 100
	Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1 = 100
	Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1 = 100
	August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1 = 100
	July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*=100
	June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1=100
	April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*=100
	Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1=100
	Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*=100
	December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1=100
	November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1=100
	October, 2003	38	40	14	7	1=100
	September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1=100
	Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1=100
	Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1=100
	June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*=100
	May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*=100
	April 11-16, 2003 ³	47	40	10	2	1=100
	April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1=100
	March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1=100
	March 13-16, 2003 ⁴	62	27	6	4	1=100
	February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1=100
	January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2=100
	December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1=100
	Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1=100
	Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1=100
	Early September, 2002	48	29	15	6	2=100
	Early Septemoer, 2002	40	29	13	Ü	2-100
b.	The high price of gasoline these days	71	19	7	3	*=100
	Mid-May, 2005	58	27	9	5	1=100
	Mid-March, 2005	50	32	13	5	*=100
	Mid-October, 2004	64	22	8	5	1=100
	August, 2004	52	29	10	8	1=100
	July, 2004	56	25	11	7	1=100
	June, 2004	58	26	9	6	1=100

From March 20 to April 16, 2003 the story was listed as "News about the war in Iraq."

From October 2002 to March 13-16, 2003 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq." In Early September 2002 the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq."

Q.4 CONTINUED		Fairly	Not too	Not at all	1
<u>C</u>	losely	Closely	Closely	Closely	DK/Ref
April, 2004	46	30	15	8	1=100
Early April, 2004	58	23	10	8	1=100
Mid-March, 2004	47	27	14	10	2 = 100
September, 2003	45	27	15	11	1=100
March, 2003	52	27	11	9	1=100
February, 2003	53	25	12	9	1=100
June, 2001	56	31	7	5	1=100
May, 2001	61	26	6	6	1=100
Early October, 2000	56	25	12	6	1=100
June, 2000 ⁵	61	25	9	5	*=100
March, 2000	58	28	10	4	*=100
October, 1990	62	26	8	4	*=100
September, 1990	56	28	11	5	*=100
August, 1990	57	27	10	5	1=100
c. The impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans					
and the Gulf Coast	70	21	7	2	*=100
July, 2005 (Hurricanes affecting the Gulf Coast)	38	37	17	8	*=100
Early October, 2002 (Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana)	38	34	18	10	*=100
d. The nomination of John Roberts as Chief Justice					
of the Supreme Court	18	26	25	29	2 = 100
July, 2005 (Retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor)	24	29	24	22	1=100

Q.5 How much of a problem has the rising price of gasoline been for you and your family lately [**READ**]?

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A very serious problem

A somewhat serious problem

A minor problem

Not a problem at all

^{*} Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

In August 1990 through June 2000 the story was listed as "Recent increases in the price of gasoline."

Q.6 How have you been getting most of your news about the impact of Hurricane Katrina? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]

		News-					Don't Know/
	<u>Television</u>	papers	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Magazines</u>	<u>Internet</u>	(VOL)	<u>Refused</u>
September, 2005	89	35	17	*	21	3	*
June, 2005 ⁶	74	44	22	5	24	2	1
December, 2004	74	46	21	4	24	2	3
October, 2003	80	50	18	4	20	2	1
August, 2003	79	46	15	3	18	2	1
Early July, 2003	79	45	16	5	19	1	*
March, 2003 (War in Iraq)	89	24	19	*	11	2	*
February, 2003	83	42	19	4	15	3	*
January, 2003	81	44	22	4	17	2	1
January, 2002	82	42	21	3	14	2	*
Mid-September, 2001 (Terror Attacks	90	11	14	*	5	1	1
Early September, 2001	74	45	18	6	13	1	*
February, 2001	76	40	16	4	10	2	1
October, 1999	80	48	19	5	11	2	*
January, 1999	82	42	18	4	6	2	*
January, 1996	88	61	25	8		2	*
September, 1995	82	63	20	10		1	1
January, 1994	83	51	15	10		5	1
September, 1993	83	60	17	9		3	*
January, 1993	83	52	17	5		1	1
Early January, 1991	82	40	15	4		1	*

IF '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN Q.6 ASK:

Q.6a Have you been getting most of your news about the disaster from [READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 8 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

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						Early	
BAS	ED ON TOTAL:	June	Dec	Oct	Aug	July	Jan
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	2003	2003	2003	2002
19	Local news programming	13	15	17	17	17	16
14	ABC Network news	12	11	12	12	12	11
8	CBS Network news	9	9	8	10	11	11
12	NBC Network news	12	14	13	15	14	15
31	CNN Cable news	18	20	20	26	27	28
9	MSNBC Cable news	5	6	6	7	9	8
22	The Fox News Cable Channel	16	19	17	18	22	16
3	CNBC Cable news	2	3	7	3	3	4
3	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4	3	4	4	3	2

In June 2005 and earlier the question was worded "news about national and international issues," except in March 2003, when the question was worded "news about the war in Iraq," and in Mid-September 2001, when the question was worded "news about the terrorist attacks." In September 1995, question wording did not include "international." In Early January 1991 the question asked about "the latest developments in the Persian Gulf."

⁷ In October 2003, CNBC Cable news item was not asked due to programming error.

ASK ALL:

Q.7 In general, how would you rate the job the press has done in covering the impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast [READ]

New C	Orleans and the Gulf Coast [READ]	
		Terrorist Attacks
		Sept 2001
28	Excellent	56
37	Good	33
18	Only fair	6
15	Poor	3
_2	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>
100		100

Q.8 Do you think news organizations are giving too much, too little, or the right amount of coverage to the impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast?

		Terrorist Attacks
		Early Oct
		<u>2001</u>
21	Too much coverage	32
13	Too little coverage	2
62	Right amount of coverage	63
4	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

Q.9 Have you yourself felt depressed because of what's happened in areas affected by the hurricane?

				Don't know/
		Yes	<u>No</u>	Refused
September, 2005		58	41	1=100
April 2-7, 2003	(Iraq War)	36	63	1=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	(Iraq War)	41	58	1=100
March 25-27, 2003	(Iraq War)	40	59	1=100
March 23-24, 2003	(Iraq War)	35	63	2 = 100
March 20-22, 2003	(Iraq War)	30	69	1=100
Early November, 2001 ⁸	(Terror Attack)	24	75	1=100
Mid-October, 2001	(Terror Attack)	31	66	3=100
Early October, 2001	(Terror Attack)	42	57	1=100
Mid-September, 2001	(Terror Attack)	71	27	2 = 100
Late January, 1991	(Gulf War)	50	49	1=100

In Early November and Mid-October 2001 the question was worded "...concerns about terrorist attacks or the war against terrorism?" In Early October and Mid-September 2001, the question was worded "...the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?"

Q.10 Have you yourself felt angry because of what's happened in areas affected by the hurricane?

Terrorist Attacks

		Early Oct
		<u>2001</u>
50	Yes	87
50	No	12
*	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

- Q.11 Do you, yourself, have a close personal friend or relative who was directly affected by the hurricane, or not?
 - 24 Yes
 - 75 No
 - Don't Know/Refused 1
 - 100
- Q.12 How concerned are you that the impact of Hurricane Katrina will cause a nationwide economic recession? [READ]
 - 46 Very concerned
 - 34 Somewhat concerned
 - 11 Not too concerned
 - 7 Not at all concerned
 - <u>2</u> 100 Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

ROTATE Q.13 Q.14

- Q.13 How would you rate the job state and local governments in Louisiana and Mississippi have been doing responding to Hurricane Katrina? [READ]
 - 9 Excellent
 - 32 Good
 - 29 Only fair
 - 22 Poor
 - 8 Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]
 - 100
- Q.14 How would you rate the job the federal government has been doing responding to Hurricane Katrina? [READ]
 - 8 Excellent
 - 30 Good
 - 29 Only fair
 - 29
 - $\frac{4}{100}$ Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

IF 'ONLY FAIR' OR 'POOR' (3,4 IN Q.14) ASK [N=603]:

- 0.15 From what you've seen and read, what was the biggest reason why the FEDERAL government did not do a good job responding to this emergency [READ AND RANDOMIZE]
 - 33 Lack of planning for this type of emergency
 - 29 Lack of coordination among government agencies
 - 32 Poor leadership in Washington
 - 6 [VOL. DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

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ASK ALL:

- In your opinion, did President Bush do all he could to get relief efforts going quickly or do you think he Q.16 could have done more?
 - 28 Did all he could
 - 67 Could have done more
 - $\frac{5}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

- Q.17 Thinking about the people who stayed in New Orleans during the storm and became stranded by the flooding, do you think... [READ AND ROTATE]
 - 29 Most stayed behind because they wanted to

- 62 Most stayed behind because they didn't have a way to leave the city
- [VOL. DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

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- Q.18 In your view, did this disaster show that racial inequality remains a major problem in this country, or don't you think this was a particularly important lesson of the disaster?
 - 38 Showed that racial inequality remains a major problem
 - 50 Not a particularly important lesson of the disaster
 - 12 Don't know/Refused

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- Do you think the severity of Hurricane Katrina is the result of global climate change, or is Hurricane 0.19 Katrina just the kind of severe weather event that happens from time to time?
 - 25 Result of global climate change
 - 66 Just happens from time to time
 - Don't know/Refused 9

100

Q.20 Have you or anyone in your household made a donation to help those affected by the hurricane, are you planning to do so, or is this something you don't think you will do right now?

		Earthquake/Tsunami in Indian Ocean Jan 2005
56	Yes, have made a donation	30
28	Planning to do so	30
15	No, don't think will donate right now	37
_1	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>3</u>
100		$1\overline{0}0$

NO QUESTION 21

- Q.22 Has what you've seen, heard and read in the wake of Hurricane Katrina made you more optimistic about human nature or more pessimistic about human nature?
 - More optimistic
 - 22 More pessimistic
 - 9 Made no difference (**VOL.**)
 - 10 Don't know/Refused
 - 100

NO QUESTIONS 23 - 25

- Q.26 Were you, personally, surprised by incidents of violence and looting in New Orleans during the disaster, or didn't this surprise you?
 - 44 Surprised
 - 55 Not surprised
 - 1 Don't know/Refused
 - 100
- Q.27 Do you think the people who took things from businesses and homes in New Orleans were... [**READ AND ROTATE**]
 - 41 Mostly ordinary people trying to survive during an emergency
 - 35 Mostly criminals trying to take advantage of the situation
 - 18 [VOL. DO NOT READ] Both/Depends
 - 6 [VOL. DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused
 - 100
- Q.28 Do you think the people who committed violent acts in New Orleans were... [READ AND ROTATE]
 - 27 Mostly ordinary people who became desperate during an emergency
 - Mostly criminals trying to take advantage of the situation
 - 9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Both/Depends
 - 7 [VOL. DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused
 - 100

- Q.29 Has the government's response to this disaster affected your confidence in the government's ability to handle a major terrorist attack, or not? [IF YES: Has it made you more confident or less confident?]
 - 7 Yes, more confident
 - 42 Yes, less confident
 - 46 No
 - 5 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

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- Q.30 Most of the people stranded in New Orleans following the hurricane were African-American. Do you think the government's response to the situation would have been faster if most of the victims had been white, or don't you think this would have made any difference?
 - Yes, would have been faster
 - No, wouldn't have made any difference
 - 6 Don't know/Refused

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On a different subject for a moment...

- Q.31 From what you've heard or read, do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm John Roberts as the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
 - 35 Should
 - 19 Should not
 - 46 Don't know/Refused

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- Q.32 From what you've heard or read, are you concerned that John Roberts is too conservative, too liberal, or aren't you concerned about his ideology?
 - 20 Concerned that he is too conservative
 - 5 Concerned that he is too liberal
 - 39 Not concerned about his ideology
 - 36 Don't know/Refused

100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

					(VOL)	(VOL)	
					No	Other	
Trend		Republican	Democrat	Independent	<u>Preference</u>	Party	Don't know
	September, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
	July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
	June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2 = 100
	Mid-May, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
	Late March, 2005	29	32	36	2	*	1=100
	Mid-March, 2005	30	34	29	4	*	3=100
	February, 2005	31	32	30	4	1	2=100
	January, 2005	32	33	30	4	*	1=100
	December, 2004	31	34	30	3	*	2 = 100
	Mid-October, 2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100

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Trend		Danuhliaan	Damagnat	Indonandant			Don't Imorr
1 rena	Lata Santambar 2004	Republican 29	Democrat 30	Independent 31	<u>Preference</u>	Party *	Don't know
	Late September, 2004	29 29	30	30	6	*	4=100 5=100
	Mid-September, 2004				5 3	*	
	Early September, 2004	30	33	31	(VOL)	(VOL)	3=100
					(VOL) No	Other	
Yearly	Totals	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Preference	Party	Don't know
Tearty	2004	30	33	30	4	<u>r arty</u> *	3=100
	2004	30	33	31	5	*	3=100
	2003	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
	2002	29	34	29	5	1 *	3=100
		29 31	34 32	29 28	<i>5</i>		3=100 3=100
	2001 Post-Sept 11					<i>1</i> *	
	2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	<i>35</i>	<i>30</i>	5	*	2=100
	2000	28	33	29	6		4=100
	1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
	1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
	1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100
			No Preference/				
		Republican	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Other/DK		
	1996	29	33	33	5=100		
	1995	32	30	34	4=100		
	1994	30	32	34	4=100		
	1993	27	34	34	5=100		
	1992	28	33	35	4=100		
	1991	31	32	33	4=100		
	1990	31	33	30	6=100		
				Independent/			
		Republican	Democrat 1	No Pref/Oth/DI	<u>X</u>		
	1989	33	33	34=100			
	1987	26	35	39=100			

IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	Republican Negative N	Democrat	Refused to lean
September, 2005	10	15	15=40%
July, 2005	9	15	11=35%
June, 2005	10	16	12=38%
Mid-May, 2005	9	13	14=36%
Late March, 2005	13	17	9=39%
December, 2004	14	12	9=35%
August, 2003	12	16	14=42%
August, 2002	12	13	13=38%
September, 2000	11	13	15=39%
Late September, 1999	14	15	16=45%
August, 1999	15	15	12=42%