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ROTATE Q.3 AND Q.4

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>				
				January, 1998	43	41	16=100
				November, 1997	41	43	16=100
June, 2006	30	53	17=100	August, 1997	42	44	14=100
March, 2006	32	50	18=100	June, 1997	33	50	17=100
January, 2006	33	52	15=100	May, 1997	40	44	16=100
Early November, 2005	33	50	17=100	April, 1997	40	44	16=100
Early October, 2005	32	52	16=100	February, 1997	44	42	14=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15=100	January, 1997	38	47	15=100
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15=100	November, 1996	40	43	17=100
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17=100	July, 1996	38	48	14=100
Early February, 2004	41	42	17=100	June, 1996	36	50	14=100
January, 2003	48	37	15=100	April, 1996	39	46	15=100
June, 2002	50	34	16=100	March, 1996	35	51	14=100
May, 2002	49	34	17=100	February, 1996	33	53	14=100
February, 2002	56	24	20=100	January, 1996	36	54	10=100
Early September, 2001	43	39	18=100	October, 1995	36	51	13=100
June, 2001	40	40	20=100	September, 1995	36	50	14=100
May, 2001	45	36	19=100	August, 1995	38	45	17=100
April, 2001	45	30	25=100	June, 1995	41	45	14=100
January, 2001	43	36	21=100	April, 1995	44	43	13=100
July, 2000	36	46	18=100	March, 1995	43	39	18=100
May, 2000	40	42	18=100	December, 1994	52	28	20=100
March, 2000	38	43	19=100				
February, 2000	40	43	17=100				
January, 2000	39	41	20=100				
December, 1999	38	42	20=100				
October, 1999	34	50	16=100				
Late September, 1999	34	46	20=100				
August, 1999	40	44	16=100				
July, 1999	36	45	19=100				
June, 1999	37	46	17=100				
May, 1999	38	44	18=100				
March, 1999	38	47	15=100				
February, 1999	37	51	12=100				
January, 1999	38	50	12=100				
Early December, 1998	38	49	13=100				
November, 1998	41	48	11=100				
Early September, 1998	44	37	19=100				
Early August, 1998	43	37	20=100				
June, 1998	42	38	20=100				
May, 1998	40	41	19=100				
April, 1998	41	40	19=100				
March, 1998	43	39	18=100				
		Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>				

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
June, 2006	32	50	18=100
March, 2006	34	46	20=100
January, 2006	34	48	18=100
Early November, 2005	36	44	20=100
Early October, 2005	32	48	20=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

On a different subject...

Q.10 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?

IF ANSWERED '3' OTHER OR '9' DON'T KNOW IN Q.10, ASK:

Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>		<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
June, 2006	39	51	10=100	June, 1998	44	46	10=100
April, 2006	41	51	8=100	March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 2006	41	50	9=100	February, 1998	41	50	9=100
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8=100	January, 1998	41	51	8=100
2004 Election				August, 1997	45	48	7=100
June, 2004	41	48	11=100	1996 Election			
2002 Election				November, 1996 ¹	44	48	8=100
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100	October, 1996	42	49	9=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100	Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100	Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
June, 2002	44	46	10=100	July, 1996	46	47	7=100
February, 2002	46	45	9=100	June, 1996	44	50	6=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100	March, 1996	44	49	7=100
2000 Election				January, 1996	46	47	7=100
Early November, 2000	42	48	10=100	October, 1995	48	48	4=100
Early October, 2000	43	47	10=100	August, 1995	50	43	7=100
July, 2000	43	47	10=100	1994 Election			
February, 2000	44	47	9=100	November, 1994	45	43	12=100
October, 1999	43	49	8=100	Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
June, 1999	40	50	10=100	Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
1998 Election				September, 1994	48	46	6=100
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100	July, 1994	45	47	8=100
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100				
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100				
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100				
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100				

¹ November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

ASK ALL:

Q.11 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district – national issues, local or state issues, the candidate’s political party, or the candidate’s character or experience? **[IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

	National <u>Issues</u>	State/Local <u>Issues</u>	Political <u>Party</u>	Character/ <u>Experience</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>None</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
June, 2006	30	26	6	33	2	*	3=100
Early November, 2002	23	38	7	26	2	*	4=100
Early October, 2002	28	35	5	25	2	1	4=100
June, 2002	26	30	5	33	2	1	3=100
Early October, 2000	21	42	9	21	1	1	5=100
July, 2000	18	40	6	32	1	1	2=100
Late October, 1998	20	39	5	27	3	2	4=100
Early October, 1998	23	36	7	28	1	*	5=100
Early September, 1998	22	34	5	33	2	*	4=100
Early August, 1998	20	38	5	31	2	*	4=100
June, 1998	22	37	4	32	1	1	3=100
March, 1998	18	37	6	35	1	1	2=100
November, 1996	23	38	6	25	2	*	6=100
October, 1996	19	45	7	26	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	25	38	6	24	2	*	5=100
Early September, 1996	18	42	6	30	1	*	3=100
November, 1994	22	38	5	30	1	*	4=100
Late October, 1994	22	38	3	29	3	1	4=100
Early October, 1994	22	27	5	39	2	1	4=100
CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986	22	25	6	40	1	1	5=100
CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986	20	23	9	41	3	*	4=100

Q.12 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

	(VOL.)		(VOL.)
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Congressperson <u>not running</u> DK/Ref
June, 2006	51	32	1 16=100
April, 2006	57	28	1 14=100
February, 2006	59	28	1 12=100
Mid-September, 2005	57	25	1 17=100
Early October, 2002	58	19	2 21=100
June, 2002	58	23	1 18=100
Early November, 2000	59	16	2 23=100
October, 2000	60	17	1 22=100
July, 1999	66	23	* 11=100
Late October, 1998	64	19	1 16=100
Early October, 1998	58	20	2 20=100
Early September, 1998	63	20	1 16=100
March, 1998	63	21	1 15=100
January, 1998	66	23	0 11=100
August, 1997	66	22	0 12=100

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	(VOL.)			
			Congressperson	(VOL)
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>not running</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21=100
October, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26=100
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17=100
November, 1994	58	25	1	16=100
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13=100
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14=100

Q.13 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

	(VOL)		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2006	29	57	14=100
April, 2006	34	53	13=100
February, 2006	36	49	15=100
September, 2005	36	48	16=100
Early October, 2002	39	38	23=100
June, 2002	45	37	18=100
October, 2000	40	34	26=100
July, 1999	41	47	12=100
Late October, 1998	41	37	22=100
Early October, 1998	39	39	22=100
Early September, 1998	46	37	17=100
March, 1998	45	41	14=100
January, 1998	44	43	13=100
August, 1997	45	42	13=100
Early September, 1996	43	43	14=100
November, 1994	31	51	18=100
Late October, 1994	31	56	13=100
Early October, 1994	28	56	16=100

Q.14 Thinking about the congressional elections that will be held this November, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

		<i>Gallup</i>		
		June	June	Oct
		<u>2002</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1994</u>
38	More	41	38	34
40	Less	33	45	44
18	Same (VOL)	23	15	20
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.15 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

	Yes, will be <u>a factor</u>	No, <u>will not</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2006	58	39	3=100
April, 2006	56	39	5=100
June, 2004	43	51	6=100
Early November, 2002	48	49	3=100
Early October, 2002	42	55	3=100
Early September, 2002	44	51	5=100
June, 2002	47	50	3=100
February, 2002	46	49	5=100
Early October, 2000	46	50	4=100
July, 2000	46	49	5=100
Late October, 1998	46	50	4=100
Early October, 1998	47	49	4=100
Early September, 1998	41	56	3=100
Early August, 1998	44	53	3=100
June, 1998	45	51	4=100

NO QUESTION 16

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote FOR George W. Bush, as a vote AGAINST George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	Not a <u>factor</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2006	15	38	44	3=100
April, 2006	17	34	46	3=100
February, 2006	18	31	47	4=100
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6=100
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6=100
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5=100
February, 2002	34	9	50	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6=100
Clinton: Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3=100
Clinton: Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2=100
Clinton: Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
Clinton: June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
Clinton: March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
Clinton: Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
Clinton: November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
CBS/NYT Bush: 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
CBS/NYT Reagan: 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

On another subject...

Q.18 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

		Early					Early	Early	Early	Gallup		
		April	Nov	June	July	Aug	Oct	Sept	Aug	Nov	April	Oct
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1994</u>
7	More	7	11	16	21	13	24	24	18	25	10	9
45	Less	41	27	22	16	23	23	17	15	13	24	38
42	Same	47	54	57	56	60	49	55	62	59	58	50
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Ref.	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK IF "LESS" – (2 IN Q.18) [N=557]:

Q.19 Who do you think is most to blame for this [READ AND ROTATE]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

April 2006

56	Republican leaders in Congress	56
17	Democratic leaders in Congress	14
24	Both/Neither/Someone else (VOL)	26
<u>3</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)	<u>4</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.20 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 – OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] an issue that is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important to you? ... How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY "Is [ITEM] very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you personally?]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,215]:

		<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not too</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK/</u>
		<u>Important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>Ref</u>
a.	The nation's economy	80	17	1	1	1=100
b.	The situation in Iraq	74	20	2	2	2=100
c.	Immigration	58	29	7	5	1=100
d.	Gay marriage	34	17	12	33	4=100
e.	Global warming	44	31	10	11	4=100

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=588]:

f.F1	Terrorism and homeland security	74	19	4	2	1=100
g.F1	A Constitutional amendment to ban flag burning	49	18	10	22	1=100
h.F1	The federal budget deficit	56	30	8	4	2=100
i.F1	Education	82	15	2	1	*=100

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
j.F1 The job situation	66	23	6	4	1=100
k.F1 Environmental policy	52	36	8	3	1=100
l.F1 Eliminating the inheritance tax	44	25	13	13	5=100
BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=627]:					
m.F2 Government surveillance programs in the U.S.	44	29	13	11	3=100
n.F2 Abortion	43	26	12	15	4=100
o.F2 Health care	79	16	4	1	*=100
p.F2 Taxes	68	23	6	2	1=100
q.F2 Social Security	75	21	3	1	*=100
r.F2 Energy policy	64	29	3	2	2=100
s.F2 Increasing the minimum wage	52	26	14	8	*=100

QUESTIONS 28-29 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.37 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	----- FAVOR -----			----- OPPOSE -----			Don't know
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12=100
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10=100
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11=100
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7=100
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11=100
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12=100
March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9=100
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7=100
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8=100
October, 2003	31	9	21	58	33	25	12=100
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9=100
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8=100
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8=100

IF OPPOSE GAY MARRIAGE (3,4 IN Q.37), ASK:

Q.38 There has been a proposal to change the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage. Do you think amending the Constitution to ban gay marriage is a good idea, or a bad idea?

		July <u>2005</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	July <u>2004</u>	March <u>2004</u>
33	Favor	36	29	32	32
55	Oppose	53	60	56	59
33	Good idea / Pro-Constitutional amendment	29	35	31	36
19	Bad idea / Anti-Constitutional amendment	22	22	22	21
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	3	2
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.39 Congress is currently debating immigration policy. Which of these proposals do you favor? (READ AND ROTATE; READ RESPONSE NUMBER TO CLARIFY OPTIONS)

40	Focusing MOSTLY on strong border protection and stiffer penalties on people who enter the U.S. illegally
	OR
56	Increasing border protection and ALSO creating a way for some illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

QUESTIONS 41-45 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL) No <u>Preference</u>	(VOL) Other <u>Party</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
June, 2006	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100
December, 2005	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
Late November, 2005	27	34	29	5	1	4=100
Early November, 2005	28	34	31	5	*	2=100
Late October, 2005	29	33	31	5	*	2=100
Early October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100

PARTY CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL) No <u>Preference</u>	(VOL) Other <u>Party</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
<i>Yearly Totals</i>						
2005	30	33	31	4	*	2=100
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	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/		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Other/DK</u>		
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		
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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	Refused <u>to lean</u>
June, 2006	10	16	11=37%
April, 2006	12	17	10=39%
March, 2006	11	14	13=38%
February, 2006	11	16	10=37%
January, 2006	10	16	14=40%
December, 2005	10	16	11=37%
Late November, 2005	9	13	17=39%
Early November, 2005	11	14	13=38%
Late October, 2005	11	15	12=38%
Early October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 6-7, 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%

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.68 How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=618]:

									(RVs)	
		April	Mid- Sept	Late March	July	Aug	May	May	Sept	
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
6	Excellent	6	4	8	12	6	6	10	6	
36	Good	41	44	43	49	51	49	50	43	
44	Only fair	41	41	36	33	37	38	32	44	
10	Poor	10	8	9	4	5	5	5	5	
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Ref. (VOL)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.69 How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=728]:

									(RVs)	
		April	Mid- Sept	Late March	July	Aug	May	May	Sept	
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
4	Excellent	5	3	3	6	5	5	8	11	
30	Good	35	32	30	43	33	39	39	52	
51	Only fair	48	49	51	40	51	43	40	32	
13	Poor	11	14	14	8	9	10	7	4	
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (1 IN PARTY OR 1 IN PARTYLN) [N=618]:

Q.70 Thinking about this year's congressional elections, do you think the Republican Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

		Feb	Dec
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
19	Better	23	17
18	Worse	17	20
58	About the same	56	55
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100

ASK IF DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT (2 IN PARTY OR 2 IN PARTYLN) [N=728]:

Q.71 Thinking about this year's congressional elections, do you think the Democratic Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

		Feb	Dec
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
59	Better	64	62
2	Worse	2	1
35	About the same	28	31
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100