

DIAGEO | The Hotline

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Conducted By:



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Sample Size: 1,005 Registered Voters; Margin of Error: +/-3.1%
Sub-sample of 856 Actual Voters; Margin of Error: +/-3.4%

Note: Percentage less than 0.5 printed as *.

1a. I'd like to get your opinion about the way that things are going in your area today. Do you feel things in your area are generally going in the right direction, or do you think things are seriously off on the wrong track?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Right direction	54%	56%	53%	57%	56%
Wrong track	34%	32%	32%	34%	33%
Neither (DO NOT READ)	6%	8%	10%	3%	6%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%

1b. I'd like to get your opinion about the way that things are going in the country today. Do you feel things in the country are generally going in the right direction, or do you think things are seriously off on the wrong track?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Right direction	32%	46%	34%	24%	33%
Wrong track	55%	37%	53%	66%	55%
Neither (DO NOT READ)	8%	11%	7%	5%	8%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5%	7%	6%	4%	4%

2a. And what is the most important issue facing your area today? (OPEN-END)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Economy in general	19%	20%	15%	19%	19%
Unemployment/jobs	12%	9%	15%	13%	12%
High cost of living/ inflation	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Taxes	7%	7%	10%	5%	7%
Social Security	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Moral values	3%	6%	2%	*	2%
Gay marriage	*	1%	1%	-	*
Rebuilding New Orleans/Hurricane Katrina	*	1%	-	-	*
Middle class struggling	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
Outsourcing of jobs/ jobs sent overseas	1%	-	1%	2%	1%
Unfair trade practices/agreements	*	-	-	*	*
War in Iraq - Support	1%	2%	-	*	1%
War in Iraq - Oppose	4%	1%	3%	7%	4%
Wage issues	*	-	2%	-	-
Agricultural/farming	1%	-	2%	1%	1%
Corporate corruption	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Gas/fuel/oil prices	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
Terrorism	1%	1%	1%	-	1%
Fear of war/feelings of fear in this country	*	1%	-	-	*
Poor healthcare/ hospitals; high cost of health care	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Ethics/moral/religious/ family decline; dishonesty; lack of integrity	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Education/poor education/ access to education	6%	6%	7%	8%	6%
International issues/problems	*	1%	-	-	*
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/ politicians/candidates	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Crime/violence	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%
Poverty/hunger/homelessness	1%	1%	1%	*	*
Illegal drugs	4%	1%	5%	5%	4%
Medicare issues	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Immigration/illegal aliens	2%	2%	4%	*	2%
Environment/pollution	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Guns/gun control	*	1%	-	-	1%
Development/sprawl	1%	1%	2%	-	1%
Traffic	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Other: SPECIFY	10%	11%	11%	8%	10%
Don't know/Refused	6%	5%	4%	6%	5%

2b. And what is the most important issue facing the US today? (OPEN-END)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Economy in general	10%	7%	9%	14%	10%
Unemployment/jobs	3%	1%	6%	2%	3%
High cost of living/ inflation	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Taxes	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%
Social Security	2%	2%	-	3%	2%
Moral values	2%	3%	1%	-	1%
Gay marriage	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Rebuilding New Orleans/ Hurricane Katrina	*	-	-	1%	*
Middle class struggling	*	1%	-	-	*
Outsourcing of jobs/ jobs sent overseas	*	1%	1%	-	*
War in Iraq - Support	10%	17%	10%	7%	11%
War in Iraq - Oppose	27%	15%	24%	36%	27%
Wage issues	*	1%	-	-	*
Corporate corruption	*	-	-	1%	1%
Gas/fuel/oil prices	2%	2%	-	2%	2%
Terrorism	7%	14%	5%	3%	7%
Fear of war/feelings of fear in this country	1%	1%	-	*	*
Poor healthcare/hospitals; high cost of health care	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%
Ethics/moral/religious/ Family decline; dishonesty; lack of integrity	2%	3%	-	1%	2%
Education/poor education/ access to education	2%	2%	5%	*	2%
International issues/problems	1%	-	3%	-	1%
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/ politicians/candidates	1%	-	-	1%	1%
Crime/violence	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
Poverty/hunger/homelessness	1%	-	2%	2%	1%
Illegal drugs	*	1%	-	-	-
Medicare issues	1%	2%	-	2%	1%
Immigration/illegal aliens	4%	6%	5%	2%	4%
Environment/pollution	1%	*	2%	*	1%
Abortion - Pro-life	*	1%	-	-	*
Cost of prescription drugs	*	-	1%	1%	*
Other: SPECIFY	10%	8%	12%	9%	9%
Don't know/Refused	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%

3. Opinion of... George W. Bush

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	22%	46%	19%	4%	22%
Somewhat favorable	19%	32%	18%	8%	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%	9%	20%	14%	13%
Strongly unfavorable	43%	10%	42%	72%	44%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Haven't heard of	*	-	-	*	*
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1%	2%	-	1%	1%

4. Opinion of... US Congress

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	12%	9%	12%	15%	12%
Somewhat favorable	27%	27%	22%	29%	26%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%	30%	30%	20%	27%
Strongly unfavorable	21%	21%	21%	22%	23%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	7%	6%	9%	7%	6%
Haven't heard of	1%	1%	2%	1%	*
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%

[SPLIT SAMPLE Q5-7]

5a. Opinion of... Hillary Clinton

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	22%	4%	18%	41%	23%
Somewhat favorable	28%	13%	29%	39%	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%	10%	14%	8%	11%
Strongly unfavorable	30%	65%	28%	4%	30%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%
Haven't heard of	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%

5b. Opinion of... John McCain

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	19%	30%	22%	12%	20%
Somewhat favorable	31%	33%	30%	33%	34%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	9%	16%	15%	13%
Strongly unfavorable	8%	6%	4%	11%	8%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	12%	7%	7%	15%	11%
Haven't heard of	11%	7%	19%	9%	7%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	6%	7%	3%	5%	6%

6a. Opinion of... Nancy Pelosi

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	15%	4%	7%	29%	16%
Somewhat favorable	14%	7%	15%	20%	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%	8%	6%	4%	6%
Strongly unfavorable	16%	36%	12%	2%	18%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	11%	10%	14%	9%	11%
Haven't heard of	34%	30%	40%	32%	28%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%

6b. Opinion of... Bill Clinton

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	35%	7%	31%	60%	35%
Somewhat favorable	25%	14%	26%	29%	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	22%	17%	3%	12%
Strongly unfavorable	24%	50%	24%	4%	26%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	2%	4%	-	1%	2%
Haven't heard of	*	-	-	*	*
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%

7a. Opinion of... Barack Obama

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	22%	9%	20%	37%	25%
Somewhat favorable	18%	16%	18%	20%	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	3%	5%	3%	*	4%
Strongly unfavorable	5%	12%	5%	2%	6%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	9%	11%	11%	5%	9%
Haven't heard of	36%	41%	38%	31%	31%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	6%	7%	4%	5%	6%

7b. Opinion of... John Edwards

(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly favorable	14%	4%	10%	26%	15%
Somewhat favorable	22%	14%	23%	27%	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	17%	15%	9%	13%
Strongly unfavorable	13%	28%	11%	4%	15%
Heard of but can't rate (DO NOT READ)	15%	13%	18%	13%	14%
Haven't heard of	18%	20%	18%	15%	15%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly approve	18%	38%	13%	4%	18%
Somewhat approve	23%	37%	25%	10%	22%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	11%	19%	14%	14%
Strongly disapprove	42%	10%	40%	69%	42%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly approve	14%	31%	12%	3%	14%
Somewhat approve	17%	32%	17%	5%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	16%	15%	12%	13%
Strongly disapprove	52%	18%	54%	79%	52%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly approve	24%	48%	25%	6%	25%
Somewhat approve	20%	30%	22%	11%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	12%	15%	20%	15%
Strongly disapprove	35%	7%	35%	59%	35%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%

11. And do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strongly approve	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%
Somewhat approve	21%	30%	20%	16%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	30%	28%	27%	34%	31%
Strongly disapprove	33%	28%	35%	35%	33%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	11%	7%	14%	9%	9%

12. In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people are not able to vote because they are sick or they just do not have the time. With that in mind, were you able to vote in the 2006 election for United States Congress and other offices?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Yes, voted	85%	88%	79%	88%	100%
No, did not vote	15%	12%	21%	12%	-
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	-	1%	-	-

[ASK OF ACTUAL VOTERS - Q.13-17 ONLY IF Q.12=1]

13. Thinking about all the candidates you voted for this year, which best describes the candidates for whom you voted?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Almost all Republicans	19%	47%	12%	1%	19%
Mostly Republicans, but a few Democrats	12%	25%	15%	1%	12%
A few more Republicans Than Democrats	3%	6%	5%	1%	3%
The same number of Republicans and Democrats	10%	9%	19%	5%	10%
A few more Democrats than Republicans	4%	2%	7%	4%	4%
Mostly Democrats, but a few Republicans	17%	3%	16%	28%	17%
Almost all Democrats	30%	4%	18%	56%	30%
Other (DO NOT READ)	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%

14. Thinking specifically about the race for U.S. Congress in your district where you live, did you vote for (ROTATE) the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Republican candidate	39%	78%	46%	7%	39%
Democratic candidate	54%	16%	43%	90%	54%
Other party candidate (DO NOT READ)	1%	1%	1%	-	1%
Neither (DO NOT READ)	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4%	4%	8%	1%	4%

[ASK OF DEMOCRATIC VOTERS - Q.15 ONLY IF Q.14=2]

15. Was there a time before the election that you were supporting a Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, but changed your mind?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Yes, there was a time	16%	41%	30%	10%	16%
No, there was not	83%	58%	67%	90%	83%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	4%	*	1%

[ASK OF REPUBLICAN VOTERS - ASK Q.16 ONLY IF Q.14=1]

16. Was there a time before the election that you were supporting a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, but changed your mind?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Yes, there was a time	11%	10%	16%	8%	11%
No, there was not	88%	89%	83%	84%	88%
Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	1%	8%	2%

[SPLIT SAMPLE Q.17]

17a. Still thinking about the election for U.S. Congress, what one issue mattered most to you when deciding how to vote? (READ LIST) (IF "ALL", ASK:) If you absolutely had to choose, which one issue would you say was most important?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Economy/jobs/ unemployment	12%	9%	12%	13%	12%
Healthcare	6%	3%	10%	5%	6%
Gas prices	2%	3%	-	2%	2%
The War in Iraq	18%	9%	10%	29%	18%
Education	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%
The environment	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Corruption in government	8%	11%	7%	7%	8%
Social Security/Medicare	5%	3%	5%	5%	5%
Immigration	6%	8%	10%	2%	6%
Terrorism/Homeland Security	8%	18%	1%	3%	8%
All of the above (DO NOT READ)	19%	18%	25%	16%	19%
None of the above (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Other (specify) (DO NOT READ)	7%	7%	10%	6%	7%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%

17b. Still thinking about the election for U.S. Congress, what one issue mattered most to you when deciding how to vote? (READ LIST) (IF "ALL", ASK:) If you absolutely had to choose, which one issue would you say was most important?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Economy/jobs/ unemployment	9%	8%	12%	9%	9%
Healthcare	6%	2%	5%	9%	6%
Moral values	9%	18%	5%	4%	9%
Taxes	4%	6%	5%	2%	4%
Gas prices	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
The War in Iraq	16%	7%	19%	21%	16%
Education	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%
The environment	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%
Corruption in government	6%	3%	7%	6%	6%
Social Security/Medicare	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%
Immigration	7%	13%	7%	4%	7%
Terrorism/Homeland Security	7%	15%	3%	3%	7%
All of the above (DO NOT READ)	17%	13%	16%	20%	17%
None of the above (DO NOT READ)	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Other (specify) (DO NOT READ)	3%	5%	-	1%	3%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%

[ASK ALL]

18. Please tell me in your own words, what the term "corruption in politics" means to you? (OPEN-END)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Mislead the public	10%	10%	12%	10%	10%
Distort/mislead/misrepresent own positions	8%	6%	9%	9%	8%
Lying/not telling the truth to voters	8%	6%	9%	10%	8%
Looking out for yourself, not the public	7%	9%	9%	5%	7%
Distortions about opponent	6%	7%	5%	5%	6%
Accepting special interest money	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%
Immoral/makes immoral decisions	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%
Money laundering	4%	4%	1%	5%	3%
Scandal	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Not disclosing full information	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Breaking campaign promises	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Negative campaigning	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%
False/irresponsible Advertising	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Disorganized government/ Slow response to public needs	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Support the interests of corporations	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Cover-up	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
Mislead the public on national issues such as Iraq	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Leaking false information	1%	1%	2%	*	1%

Q.18 (CONT.) Please tell me in your own words, what the term "corruption in politics" means to you? (OPEN-END)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Using unauthorized endorsements	1%	1%	2%	*	1%
Personal attacks	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Not disclosing full information on national issues such as Iraq	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Raising and not reporting money/skirting campaign finance rules	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Getting kickbacks/"back door" deals	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Taking bribes	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Giving unfair tax breaks	*	*	*	1%	1%
Funneling money	*	-	-	1%	*
Other (specify)	19%	20%	18%	19%	18%
Don't know/Refused	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%

[ASK OF REPUBLICAN VOTERS - Q.19 ONLY IF Q.14=1]

19. Did you vote for the Republican candidate in your district where you live because you are: very satisfied with George W. Bush's policies, somewhat satisfied with George W. Bush's policies, or for some other reason?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Very satisfied with George W. Bush's policies	23%	29%	11%	4%	23%
Somewhat satisfied with George W. Bush's policies	23%	24%	19%	28%	23%
Some other reason	48%	44%	53%	56%	48%
None of the above (DO NOT READ)	5%	2%	16%	4%	5%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2%	1%	-	8%	2%

[ASK OF DEMOCRATIC VOTERS - Q.20 ONLY IF Q.14=2]

20. Did you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district where you live because you are: very dissatisfied with George W. Bush's policies, somewhat dissatisfied with George W. Bush's policies, or for some other reason?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Very dissatisfied with George W. Bush's policies	46%	23%	40%	51%	46%
Somewhat dissatisfied with George W. Bush's policies	11%	13%	12%	11%	11%
Some other reason	36%	54%	41%	32%	36%
None of the above (DO NOT READ)	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%

[ASK OF ALL ACTUAL VOTERS - Q.21-22 ONLY IF Q.12=1]

21. When did you decide who to vote for this year for U.S. Congress?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
On Election Day	8%	9%	7%	6%	8%
On Monday, the day before the election	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%
The weekend before the election	4%	3%	8%	3%	4%
The week before the election	12%	11%	18%	11%	12%
Sometime this fall, September or October	29%	33%	28%	26%	29%
This year, over the summer	14%	12%	10%	17%	14%
This year, before the summer	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%
Last year, before 2006	17%	16%	9%	22%	17%
Other (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5%	3%	7%	5%	5%

22. There's been a lot of talk about negative campaigning this year. Which parties' candidates do you think have run more negative campaigns - (ROTATE) the Democrats, the Republicans, or both parties equally?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Democrats	13%	29%	10%	2%	13%
Republicans	23%	5%	20%	41%	23%
Both parties equally	58%	60%	66%	50%	58%
Not a problem for either party (DO NOT READ)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%

[ASK ALL]

23. Which of the following best describes your reaction to the outcome of the 2006 elections this year - pleased, upset, or doesn't it matter to you one way or the other? (IF PLEASED/UPSET, ASK:) Would you say you are very pleased/upset or somewhat pleased/upset by the outcome of the elections this year?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Very pleased	32%	8%	27%	56%	35%
Somewhat pleased	23%	17%	27%	26%	23%
Somewhat upset	16%	31%	15%	5%	17%
Very upset	11%	26%	6%	2%	12%
Doesn't matter one way or the other	14%	14%	20%	9%	11%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	4%	5%	1%	3%

[ROTATE Q.24-25]

24. In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic party won control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Happy	59%	20%	57%	92%	60%
Unhappy	29%	67%	23%	3%	29%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	12%	13%	20%	5%	11%

Question and Results - PRIOR to Senate elections results:

Pre25. In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic party gained seats in the U.S. Senate?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Happy	61%	21%	59%	92%	62%
Unhappy	26%	66%	25%	1%	27%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	13%	13%	16%	7%	11%

Question and Results - AFTER Senate elections results:

Post25. In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic party won control of the U.S. Senate?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Happy	59%	21%	54%	95%	59%
Unhappy	29%	67%	19%	2%	30%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	12%	12%	27%	3%	11%

26. Based on the results of the election, would you say you are more optimistic about the direction of the country than you were before the election, more pessimistic, or has it not changed your outlook at all? (IF OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC, ASK: Are much more optimistic/pessimistic or somewhat more optimistic/pessimistic?)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much more optimistic	28%	11%	21%	48%	30%
Somewhat more optimistic	17%	10%	18%	23%	17%
Somewhat more pessimistic	10%	20%	10%	3%	11%
Much more pessimistic	12%	27%	8%	2%	12%
Not changed outlook at all	29%	30%	39%	21%	26%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%

Question and Results - PRIOR to Senate elections results:

Pre27. Looking ahead to the next couple of years, what do you expect from Congress now that the Democrats have gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives, and gained seats in the U.S. Senate? (OPEN-END)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
A better economy/ Improve the economy	5%	4%	7%	5%	5%
I expect gridlock/ stalemate on important important issues	2%	4%	-	-	2%
Higher taxes/raise taxes/more tax increases	7%	14%	11%	1%	8%
Not to raise taxes/ lower taxes	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Taxes/do something about taxes/tax laws should be changed/ take away tax cuts for the wealthy	1%	-	-	2%	1%
Change in direction of war in Iraq/end the war in Iraq/ Expect them to withdraw soldiers	21%	13%	18%	30%	22%
Honesty/to be more honest with the public	1%	1%	-	3%	1%
Make changes to Medicare	1%	1%	-	2%	2%
Make changes to Medicaid	1%	-	2%	2%	1%
Gas prices/lower gas prices	2%	1%	-	3%	2%
Changes to healthcare/improving healthcare	4%	2%	3%	6%	4%
Positive changes/ changes for the better	12%	8%	8%	15%	10%
I expect them to do their jobs/to do a good job/to get the work done improving the country	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Work together/work with the president/ make a bipartisan effort	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%
Not a whole lot of change/not much/very little change	5%	6%	7%	4%	5%
Partisan conflict/					

attack bush/attack republicans	3%	7%	7%	-	3%
Bigger/more liberal government/more spending	2%	5%	-	1%	2%
Bring a better balance/place check on bush's power/reverse effects of					
One party government	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%
let's wait and see what happens/hard to say yet	1%	1%	2%	-	1%
Keep their promises/keep their word/follow through on what they said	1%	-	-	3%	1%
Raise the minimum wage	4%	2%	2%	8%	4%
Changes/improvements for education	1%	1%	-	2%	1%
immigration/address the immigration issue	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Create more jobs/Stop outsourcing of jobs	2%	-	-	5%	2%
Focus on the environmental issues	1%	-	3%	1%	1%
More help for the elderly	*	1%	-	-	*
More to be for the middle class	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Protect social security/resolve social security	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Balancing the budget/less spending	2%	-	2%	4%	2%
accountability/hold investigations/Ending corruption in Washington	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%
Mess up what's in place now/create confusion/trouble/no plan of action	2%	5%	-	1%	2%
Change in energy policy/look into energy policy	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
Expand stem cell research	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Other	7%	10%	4%	6%	7%
Don't know/refused	12%	9%	19%	9%	11%

Question and Results - AFTER Senate elections results:

Post27. Looking ahead to the next couple of years, what do you expect from Congress now that the Democrats won control of both houses of Congress? (OPEN-END)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
A better economy/ improve the economy	7%	4%	9%	7%	6%
I expect gridlock/ stalemate on important issues	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Higher taxes/raise taxes/more tax increases	7%	16%	10%	*	8%
Not to raise taxes/ lower taxes	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Taxes/do something about taxes/tax laws should be changed/ take away tax cuts for the wealthy	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Change in direction of war in Iraq/end the war in Iraq/ expect them to withdraw soldiers	21%	8%	20%	32%	22%
Honesty/to be more honest with the public	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Make changes to Medicare	2%	-	1%	3%	2%
Make changes to Medicaid	*	-	-	1%	*
Gas prices/lower gas prices	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Changes to healthcare/improving healthcare	7%	4%	4%	10%	7%
Positive changes/ changes for the better	9%	4%	10%	12%	9%
I expect them to do their jobs/to do a good job/to get the work done improving the country	5%	2%	6%	5%	5%
Work together/work with the president/ Make a bipartisan effort	3%	6%	5%	1%	4%
Not a whole lot of change/not much/very little change	6%	12%	5%	3%	7%
Partisan conflict/ attack bush/attack					

Republicans	3%	6%	2%	1%	3%
Bigger/more liberal government/more spending	2%	5%	2%	-	2%
Bring a better balance/place check on Bush's power/reverse effects of one party government	4%	2%	4%	6%	4%
Let's wait and see what happens/hard to say yet	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Keep their promises/keep their word/follow through on what they said	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Raise the minimum wage	4%	1%	3%	6%	4%
Changes/improvements for education	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Immigration/address the immigration issue	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Create more jobs/stop outsourcing of jobs	2%	*	4%	2%	1%
Focus on the environmental issues	2%	-	2%	3%	2%
More help for the elderly	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
More to be for the middle class	1%	-	-	3%	2%
Protect social security/resolve social security	*	*	-	*	*
balancing the Budget/less spending	1%	-	-	2%	1%
Accountability/hold investigations/ending corruption in Washington	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Mess up what's in place now/create confusion/trouble/no plan of action	3%	9%	1%	-	3%
Change in energy policy/look into energy policy	*	-	-	*	*
Expand stem cell research	*	-	-	1%	*
Other	8%	11%	8%	7%	9%
Don't know/Refused	11%	9%	11%	11%	11%

Questions and Results - PRIOR to Senate elections results:

Now, please tell me whether you think each of the following are likely to get better, worse, or stay about the same, now that the Democrats have gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives and gained seats in the U.S. Senate. [IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:] Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse? (ROTATE)

Pre28a. The economy

(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	16%	4%	11%	24%	17%
Somewhat better	26%	6%	18%	49%	28%
Somewhat worse	17%	34%	26%	2%	16%
Much worse	7%	19%	3%	2%	7%
Stay the same	27%	34%	36%	20%	28%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7%	4%	6%	2%	5%

Pre28b. The situation in Iraq

(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	12%	3%	10%	23%	13%
Somewhat better	30%	16%	26%	40%	31%
Somewhat worse	11%	21%	15%	4%	12%
Much worse	11%	17%	8%	10%	11%
Stay the same	26%	33%	28%	17%	25%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	9%	9%	12%	6%	8%

Pre29a. Homeland security

(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	14%	2%	19%	20%	14%
Somewhat better	29%	15%	23%	44%	29%
Somewhat worse	10%	29%	7%	2%	11%
Much worse	9%	25%	9%	-	9%
Stay the same	27%	20%	36%	28%	27%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	10%	9%	7%	6%	10%

Pre29b. Ethical standards in Congress

(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	13%	4%	6%	29%	14%
Somewhat better	27%	15%	23%	34%	26%
Somewhat worse	11%	21%	15%	3%	11%
Much worse	10%	16%	14%	4%	9%
Stay the same	32%	39%	39%	23%	34%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7%	5%	4%	8%	6%

Questions and Results - AFTER Senate elections results:

Now, please tell me whether you think each of the following are likely to get better, worse, or stay about the same, now that the Democrats won control of both houses of Congress. [IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:] Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse?

Post28a. The economy

(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	12%	2%	13%	20%	12%
Somewhat better	28%	11%	30%	42%	27%
Somewhat worse	15%	32%	13%	3%	15%
Much worse	10%	21%	11%	1%	10%
Stay the same	28%	28%	29%	28%	30%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7%	6%	4%	7%	5%

Post28b. The situation in Iraq
 (IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat
 better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	21%	11%	20%	30%	21%
Somewhat better	31%	14%	30%	44%	32%
Somewhat worse	7%	18%	7%	1%	6%
Much worse	10%	23%	6%	3%	10%
Stay the same	23%	25%	32%	17%	21%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	8%	10%	7%	5%	8%

Post29a. Homeland security
 (IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat
 better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	13%	1%	13%	22%	14%
Somewhat better	24%	15%	28%	33%	24%
Somewhat worse	10%	24%	5%	3%	11%
Much worse	10%	20%	12%	-	9%
Stay the same	34%	32%	38%	34%	35%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	8%	9%	4%	8%	7%

Post29b. Ethical standards in Congress
 (IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat
 better/worse? (ROTATE)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	20%	8%	10%	33%	20%
Somewhat better	24%	6%	29%	39%	25%
Somewhat worse	6%	12%	10%	1%	6%
Much worse	11%	23%	5%	3%	11%
Stay the same	33%	41%	42%	19%	31%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7%	10%	3%	6%	7%

As you may be aware, Donald Rumsfeld recently resigned from his position as the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Please tell me whether you think each of the following are likely to get better, worse, or stay about the same, now that Donald Rumsfeld has resigned from his position as the U.S. Secretary of Defense. [IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:] Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse? (ROTATE)

30a. The situation in Iraq
(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	20%	8%	14%	34%	21%
Somewhat better	36%	32%	37%	41%	37%
Somewhat worse	5%	12%	3%	2%	5%
Much worse	5%	8%	5%	2%	5%
Stay the same	23%	30%	28%	17%	23%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	9%	9%	13%	3%	8%

30b. The war on terrorism
(IF BETTER/WORSE, ASK:) Will it get much better/worse or somewhat better/worse?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Much better	16%	9%	11%	24%	17%
Somewhat better	28%	22%	24%	35%	28%
Somewhat worse	4%	7%	2%	3%	4%
Much worse	6%	11%	8%	2%	6%
Stay the same	36%	40%	40%	28%	36%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	9%	11%	15%	7%	8%

31. Now thinking about the next election for president in 2008, if the election for U.S. President were held today, would you be voting for the (ROTATE) Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Republican candidate	27%	68%	14%	2%	27%
Democratic candidate	40%	4%	26%	78%	40%
Neither (DO NOT READ)	7%	5%	14%	4%	6%
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	26%	24%	46%	16%	27%

[ROTATE Q.31-33]

32. Now, suppose the general election for president in 2008 were being held today between (ROTATE) Republican John McCain and Democrat Hillary Clinton, for whom would you vote? (IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED ASK:) Which way would you lean as of today?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
McCain	43%	81%	49%	13%	44%
Lean McCain	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Clinton	37%	5%	29%	66%	36%
Lean Clinton	3%	2%	2%	5%	4%
Undecided	11%	6%	13%	11%	10%
Refused to answer	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%

33. Now, suppose the general election for president in 2008 were being held today between (ROTATE) Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, for whom would you vote? (IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED ASK:) Which way would you lean as of today?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
McCain	36%	69%	38%	12%	37%
Lean McCain	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Obama	33%	5%	25%	60%	34%
Lean Obama	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Undecided	22%	17%	27%	20%	20%
Refused to answer	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%

34. Now, suppose the general election for president in 2008 were being held today between (ROTATE) Republican John McCain and Democrat John Edwards, for whom would you vote? (IF UNDECIDED/REFUSED ASK:) Which way would you lean as of today?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
McCain	38%	72%	37%	16%	39%
Lean McCain	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%
Edwards	33%	5%	28%	60%	33%
Lean Edwards	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Undecided	19%	15%	26%	16%	18%
Refused to answer	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%

35. And do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? (IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:) Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or not so strong (Republican/Democrat)? (IF INDEPENDENT ASK:) Would you say that you lean toward Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Strong Republican	18%	57%	-	-	19%
Not so strong Republican	8%	25%	-	-	8%
Independent, leans Republican	6%	18%	-	-	5%
Independent, leans Democratic	19%	-	100%	-	17%
Not so strong Democrat	7%	-	-	16%	7%
Strong Democrat	7%	-	-	18%	7%
Other (DO NOT READ)	26%	-	-	66%	27%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5%	-	-	-	4%
	6%	-	-	-	5%

36. What is your marital status? Are you... (READ LIST)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Single	16%	12%	18%	19%	14%
Married	61%	71%	58%	56%	64%
Divorced	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%
Separated	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Widowed	11%	8%	12%	12%	10%
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%

37. How many children under the age of 18, if any, do you have living at home?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
None	70%	70%	71%	74%	72%
One	12%	9%	12%	12%	10%
Two	10%	12%	11%	8%	10%
Three	4%	6%	4%	3%	4%
Four or more	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%

38. What is your age please?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
18-24	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%
25-34	9%	9%	9%	7%	7%
35-44	14%	14%	15%	14%	14%
45-54	19%	18%	23%	18%	19%
55-64	21%	20%	25%	21%	23%
65-74	16%	17%	15%	17%	17%
75 +	12%	13%	7%	14%	12%
Don't know/Refused	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%

39. What is the last grade of formal education you have completed? (DNR LIST)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Less than high school	5%	3%	5%	6%	3%
High school graduate	24%	17%	29%	28%	22%
Some college/ vocational school	25%	28%	25%	22%	25%
College graduate	30%	35%	27%	27%	32%
Post graduate	13%	14%	13%	14%	14%
Don't know/Refused	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%

40. How would you describe the area in which you live - do you live in a large city with over a million people, in a smaller city, in a suburb near a city, in a small town, or in a rural area?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Large city	16%	14%	15%	19%	16%
Smaller city	17%	16%	15%	20%	17%
Suburb	20%	20%	17%	20%	21%
Small town	26%	27%	29%	26%	25%
Rural	18%	20%	23%	14%	18%
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%

41. For statistical purposes only, could you please tell me your ethnic background?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
White/Caucasian	78%	91%	79%	69%	79%
Hispanic/Latino	5%	3%	5%	7%	4%
African-American/Black	10%	1%	7%	19%	9%
Asian American/Asian	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native American	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Other (Specify)	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%

42. Finally, would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian?

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Yes	41%	54%	40%	34%	40%
No	52%	40%	56%	60%	53%
Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	7%	6%	4%	7%	7%

A. Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
Male	47%	47%	57%	43%	48%
Female	53%	53%	43%	57%	52%

B. REGION (BY PREFIX)

	TOTAL	Rep	Ind	Dem	Actual Voter
West (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV, WA, OR, CA, AK, HI)	20%	24%	17%	20%	21%
South (DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL, KY, TN, AL, MS, AR, LA, OK, TX)	35%	35%	32%	35%	32%
Midwest (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI, MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	26%	27%	24%	25%	27%
Northeast (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA)	19%	15%	27%	19%	20%