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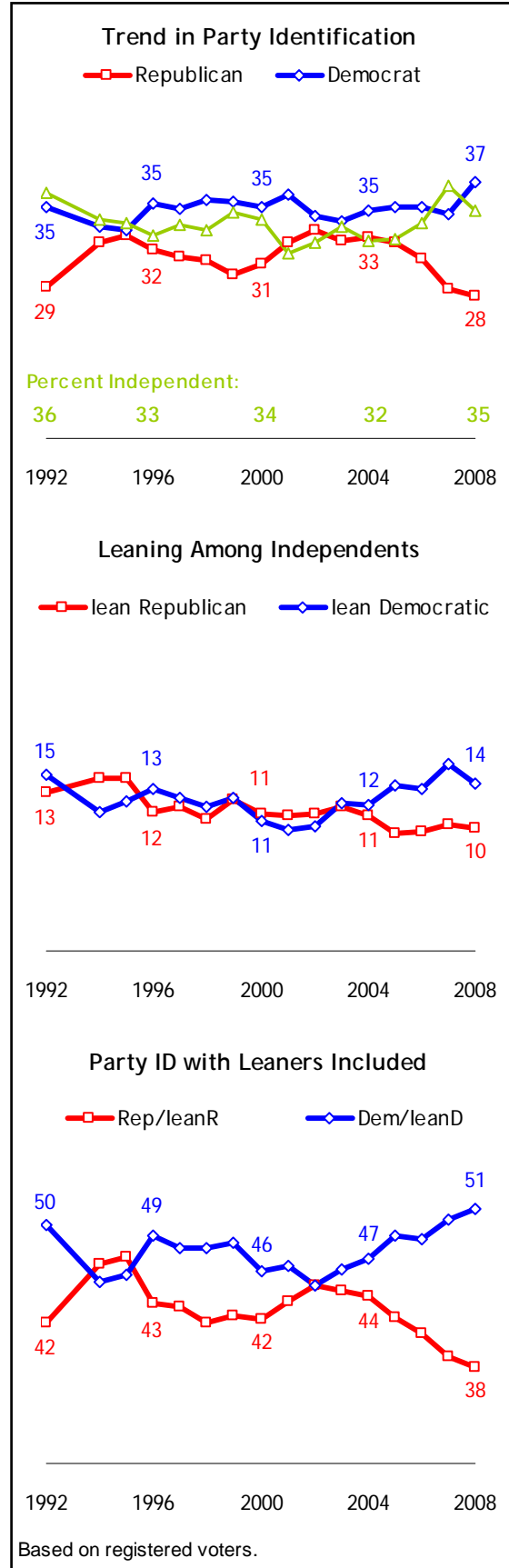
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Convention Backgrounder
A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PARTIES
IN 2008

As the 2008 conventions approach, the Democratic Party’s advantage in party identification remains as large as it has been over the past two decades, and the Democratic Party’s image remains substantially more positive than the GOP’s. The Democrats have a 13-point lead in party affiliation (51% vs. 38%) among registered voters, when independents who “lean” to either party are included. Four years ago, the Democrats held only a slim 47% to 44% lead by this same measure.

Over the past four years, the Democrats’ gains in party affiliation among younger voters have been particularly striking. In 2004, the Democrats had a 10-point lead among 18-29 year olds (50% to 40%); this more than doubled, to 25 points (58% to 33%), in polling conducted between January and August of 2008.

And while Democratic gains have occurred across all income and education groups, the change from 2004 is particularly notable among middle-income voters. In 2004, Americans with household incomes between \$30,000 and \$75,000 tilted Republican (48% Republican/lean Republican, 45%



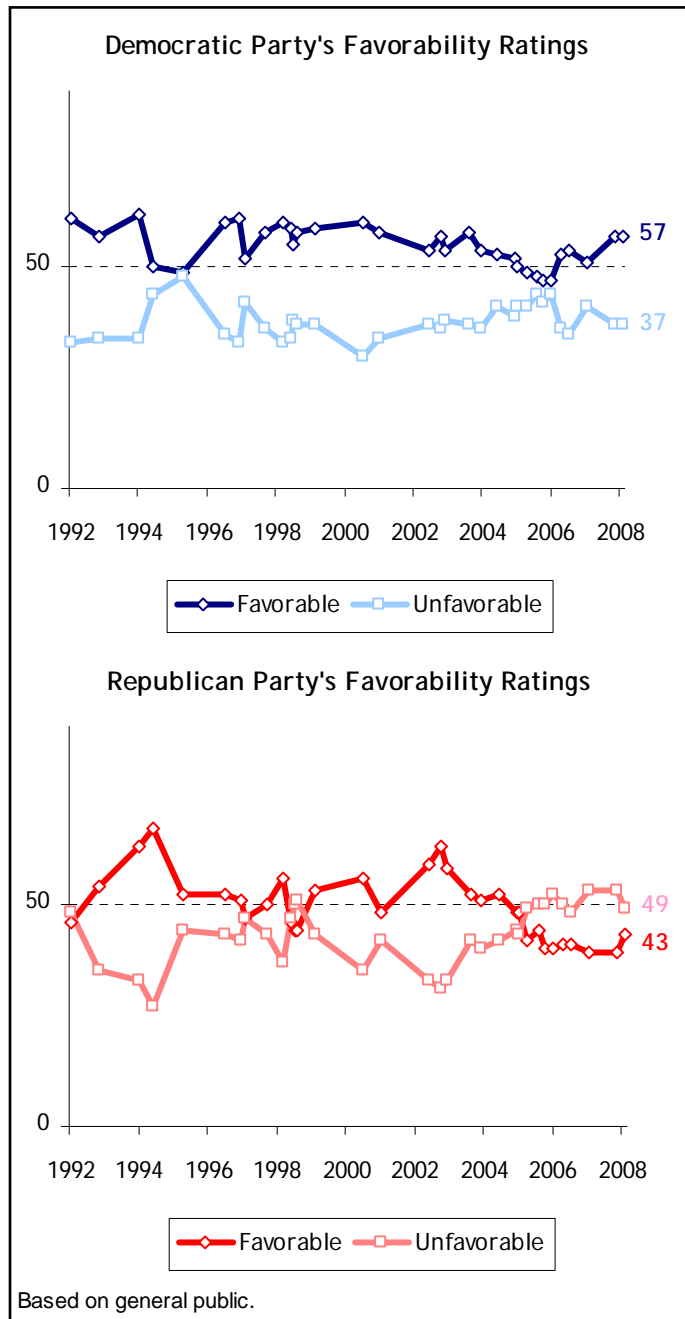
Democrat/lean Democrat). Today, the Democrats have built a substantial 14-point lead among these voters (53% to 39%).

Currently 57% of Americans say they have a favorable opinion of the Democratic Party, while 37% express an unfavorable opinion. The Democratic Party's image has remained largely unchanged since the Party took control of Congress a year-and-a-half ago. In January 2007, 54% rated the party favorably, 35% unfavorably.

By comparison, just 43% of Americans offer a favorable opinion of the Republican Party, while 49% view the party unfavorably. While far less positive than the Democrats, this represents a slight uptick in GOP favorability from May of this year, when GOP favorability was at a historic low of 39%.

The following tables provide a detailed breakdown of party identification trends from 2004 to 2008, along with demographic profiles of Democrats and Republicans. These analyses are based on summary data of all registered voters interviewed by the Pew Research Center in each year. For 2008 (January-August), the base is 17,543 registered voters for a margin of error of plus-or-minus 1%.

This packet also includes breakdowns of opinions of Republicans, Democrats and independents on major issues from recent Pew surveys, and analyzes a number of measures from Pew's 2007 Political Values Study through a partisan prism.



2004-2008 Party Identification Trend - Full Party Breakout (Rep -- Dem -- Ind)

(Percentaged Horizontally, Based on Registered Voters)

	-----2004-----				-----2008-----					Dem Gain
	Repub- lican	Democ- rat	Indep/ Other/DK	Dem Advantage	Repub- lican	Democ- rat	Indep/ Other/DK	Dem Advantage		
	%	%	%		%	%	%			
TOTAL	33	35	32=100	+2	28	37	35=100	+9	+2	
SEX										
Male	35	30	35	-5	30	33	37	+3	+3	
Female	31	40	29	+9	26	41	33	+15	+1	
AGE										
18-29	29	33	38	+4	23	37	40	+14	+4	
30-49	35	33	32	-2	29	36	34	+7	+3	
50-64	31	36	33	+5	27	38	35	+11	+2	
65+	34	41	25	+7	31	39	30	+8	-2	
SEX BY AGE										
Men 18-29	31	28	40	-3	24	34	42	+10	+6	
Men 30-49	37	27	36	-10	32	32	36	0	+5	
Men 50-64	33	31	36	-2	29	32	38	+3	+1	
Men 65+	38	35	27	-3	32	35	33	+3	0	
Women 18-29	27	38	35	+11	22	40	38	+18	+2	
Women 30-49	33	38	29	+5	27	40	33	+13	+2	
Women 50-64	30	40	30	+10	26	43	32	+17	+3	
Women 65+	31	45	23	+14	30	43	27	+13	-2	
RACE										
White	38	30	32	-8	32	32	36	0	+2	
Non-White	11	56	33	+45	10	59	31	+49	+3	
Black	5	70	25	+65	5	74	21	+69	+4	
Hispanic	23	44	33	+21	19	48	33	+29	+4	
REGION										
East	29	37	34	+8	25	39	36	+14	+2	
Midwest	32	33	35	+1	28	35	37	+7	+2	
South	35	36	29	+1	30	37	33	+7	+1	
West	33	35	32	+2	27	38	35	+11	+3	
DETAILED REGION										
New England	21	34	45	+13	15	33	51	+18	-1	
Mid-Atlantic	31	40	29	+9	27	43	31	+16	+3	
Border	36	36	28	0	29	38	33	+9	+2	
Deep South	34	35	30	+1	32	35	33	+3	0	
South Central	36	33	31	-3	30	37	34	+7	+4	
Midwest Plains	36	30	34	-6	30	33	36	+3	+3	
Great Lakes	31	34	36	+3	27	36	37	+9	+2	
Mountain	39	28	33	-11	32	33	35	+1	+5	
Pacific	31	38	31	+7	25	40	35	+15	+2	
EDUCATION										
College grad	35	32	33	-3	29	34	36	+5	+2	
Some college	35	31	33	-4	28	35	37	+7	+4	
HS grad or less	30	39	31	+9	26	41	32	+15	+2	
DETAILED EDUCATION										
Post-grad	30	36	34	+6	26	38	36	+12	+2	
BS/BA	38	30	32	-8	32	32	37	0	+2	
Some college	35	31	33	-4	28	35	37	+7	+4	
HS grad	31	37	32	+6	28	39	32	+11	+2	
Less than HS	24	48	27	+24	19	48	33	+29	0	

		-----2004-----				-----2008-----				
		Repub- lican	Demo- crat	Indep/ Other/DK	Dem Advantage	Repub- lican	Demo- crat	Indep/ Other/DK	Dem Advantage	Dem Gain
INCOME										
	\$75,000+	40	29	31	-11	34	32	34	-2	+3
	\$30,000-\$74,999	35	34	31	-1	28	39	34	+11	+5
	<\$30,000	23	45	32	+22	20	46	34	+26	+1
DETAILED INCOME		%	%	%		%	%	%		
	\$100,000+	40	29	31	-11	35	31	34	-4	+2
	\$75,000-\$99,999	40	29	31	-11	34	33	33	-1	+4
	\$50,000-\$74,999	38	31	31	-7	30	36	34	+6	+5
	\$30,000-\$49,999	33	35	32	+2	26	40	34	+14	+5
	\$20,000-\$29,999	25	42	33	+17	24	43	33	+19	+1
	<\$20,000	22	47	31	+25	17	48	35	+31	+1
COMMUNITY TYPE		%	%	%		%	%	%		
	Urban	26	42	32	+16	23	44	34	+21	+2
	Suburban	36	32	32	-4	29	35	36	+6	+3
	Rural	35	33	31	-2	32	33	35	+1	0
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE										
	Total White Prot.	44	27	29	-17	40	26	34	-14	-1
	White evangelical Prot.	53	22	25	-31	48	21	30	-27	-1
	White mainline Prot.	36	31	33	-5	32	31	37	-1	0
	White, non-Hisp Catholic	34	33	33	-1	29	35	36	6	+2
UNION HOUSEHOLD										
	Yes	26	43	31	+17	20	43	37	+23	0
	No	34	34	32	0	28	35	37	+7	+1
HOME OWNER										
	Yes	36	33	31	-3	31	34	35	+3	+1
	No	22	42	35	+20	18	45	37	+27	+3
MARITAL STATUS										
	Married	39	30	31	-9	34	32	34	-2	+2
	Divorced/Separated	26	41	34	+15	19	43	37	+24	+2
	Widowed	29	46	25	+17	26	45	30	+19	-1
	Never married	22	41	37	+19	20	45	35	+25	+4
	Living with partner	--	--	--	--	19	43	38	--	--
MARITAL STATUS BY SEX										
	Married women	37	34	29	-3	33	35	32	+2	+1
	Married men	40	26	33	-14	35	29	36	-6	+3
	Unmarried women	23	46	30	+23	19	47	34	+28	+1
	Unmarried men	26	36	38	+10	22	39	39	+17	+3
PARENT OR GUARDIAN										
	Yes	36	33	32	-3	33	34	34	+1	+1
	No	31	36	32	+5	26	39	36	+13	+3
WHITE RESPONDENTS										
SEX	Male	40	26	35	-14	34	28	38	-6	+2
	Female	36	34	30	-2	31	35	34	+4	+1
AGE	18-29	37	25	38	-12	29	29	43	0	+4
	30-49	40	28	32	-12	34	30	36	-4	+2
	50-64	36	31	33	-5	31	33	36	+2	+2
	65+	37	37	26	0	34	35	31	+1	-2
REGION	East	32	33	35	+1	28	34	38	+6	+1
	Midwest	36	29	35	-7	31	32	37	+1	+3
	South	43	28	29	-15	37	28	35	-9	0
	West	38	32	30	-6	31	34	35	+3	+2
EDUCATION	College grad	39	29	32	-10	33	31	36	-2	+2
	Some college	41	26	33	-15	33	29	38	-4	+3
	HS grad or less	35	33	31	-2	32	34	34	+2	+1
INCOME	\$75,000+	44	26	30	-18	37	29	34	-8	+3
	\$30,000-\$74,999	40	28	31	-12	32	32	36	0	+4
	<\$30,000	29	38	33	+9	25	37	37	+12	-1

2004-2008 Party Identification Trend - Leanners Included (Rep/lean-R -- Dem/lean-D)											
(Percentaged Horizontally, Based on Registered Voters)											
	-----2004-----				-----2008-----				Dem Gain	(2008 N)	
	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem	No leaning	Dem Advantage	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem	No leaning	Dem Advantage			
	%	%	%		%	%	%				
TOTAL	44	47	9=100	+3	38	51	11=100	+13	+4	17543	
SEX											
Male	48	43	9	-5	42	47	11	+5	+4	8308	
Female	40	51	9	+11	34	55	11	+21	+4	9235	
AGE											
18-29	40	50	9	+10	33	58	10	+25	+8	1710	
30-49	47	45	8	-2	39	50	10	+11	+5	5416	
50-64	44	48	8	+4	38	51	11	+13	+3	5647	
65+	42	50	9	+8	40	49	11	+9	-1	4408	
SEX BY AGE											
Men 18-29	44	48	8	+4	36	55	9	+19	+7	930	
Men 30-49	52	40	8	-12	45	45	10	0	+5	2643	
Men 50-64	48	44	8	-4	43	46	11	+3	+2	2688	
Men 65+	47	45	8	-2	43	45	11	+2	0	1922	
Women 18-29	37	53	10	+16	29	60	10	+31	+7	780	
Women 30-49	43	49	8	+6	34	56	10	+22	+7	2773	
Women 50-64	40	51	8	+11	34	55	10	+21	+4	2959	
Women 65+	38	53	9	+15	37	52	10	+15	-1	2486	
RACE											
White	50	42	8	-8	44	46	10	+2	+4	14391	
Non-White	18	70	12	+52	15	73	12	+58	+3	3152	
Black	9	83	8	+74	7	86	8	+79	+3	1776	
Hispanic	34	56	10	+22	27	62	11	+35	+6	926	
REGION											
East	40	52	9	+12	34	55	11	+21	+3	3194	
Midwest	45	46	10	+1	38	50	12	+12	+4	4513	
South	46	45	8	-1	41	49	10	+8	+4	6405	
West	43	48	8	+5	37	53	10	+16	+5	3431	
DETAILED REGION											
New England	36	54	10	+18	30	55	15	+25	+1	918	
Mid-Atlantic	40	51	8	+11	34	56	10	+22	+5	2722	
Border	47	46	7	-1	40	50	10	+10	+4	2001	
Deep South	46	45	9	-1	44	47	10	+3	+2	2207	
South Central	49	42	9	-7	41	48	11	+7	+6	1751	
Midwest Plains	47	43	10	-4	41	47	12	+6	+4	1542	
Great Lakes	43	47	10	+4	37	51	12	+14	+4	2971	
Mountain	51	41	8	-10	43	48	9	+5	+7	1204	
Pacific	40	52	8	+12	35	55	10	+20	+3	2227	
EDUCATION											
College grad	47	47	7	0	41	50	10	+9	+3	7199	
Some college	48	44	9	-4	39	50	11	+11	+6	4541	
HS grad or less	40	50	10	+10	36	53	11	+17	+3	5716	
DETAILED EDUCATION											
Post-grad	42	51	7	9	38	53	9	+15	+2	3020	
BS/BA	50	44	7	-6	43	47	10	+4	+3	4179	
Some college	48	44	9	-4	39	50	11	+11	+6	4541	
HS grad	43	48	10	+5	38	52	11	+14	+4	4786	
Less than HS	32	57	11	+25	27	60	13	+33	+3	930	

		-----2004-----				-----2008-----					
		Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem	No leaning	Dem Advantage	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem	No leaning	Dem Advantage	Dem Gain	(2008 N)
INCOME		%	%	%		%	%	%			
	\$75,000+	53	41	6	-12	46	46	8	0	+5	5547
	\$30,000-\$74,999	48	45	7	-3	39	53	9	+14	+8	5930
	<\$30,000	32	58	10	+26	27	61	11	+34	+3	3433
DETAILED INCOME											
	\$100,000+	52	42	7	-10	47	45	8	-2	+3	3335
	\$75,000-\$99,999	54	40	6	-14	45	48	8	+3	+8	2212
	\$50,000-\$74,999	51	43	6	-8	41	51	8	+10	+8	2854
	\$30,000-\$49,999	45	47	8	+2	36	54	9	+18	+7	3076
	\$20,000-\$29,999	35	56	9	+21	32	58	10	+26	+2	1460
	<\$20,000	30	60	10	+30	24	63	12	+39	+3	1973
COMMUNITY TYPE											
	Urban	35	56	9	+21	32	58	11	+26	+2	4751
	Suburban	48	44	9	-4	40	49	11	+9	+5	7301
	Rural	47	43	9	-4	43	45	12	+2	+2	3069
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE											
	Total White Prot.	57	36	7	-21	53	37	10	-16	+1	7843
	White evangelical Prot.	66	28	6	-38	62	30	8	-32	+2	3947
	White mainline Prot.	49	43	8	-6	44	45	11	+1	+2	3896
	White, non-Hisp Catholic	47	45	8	-2	40	49	10	+9	+4	3146
UNION HOUSEHOLD											
	Yes	36	56	8	+20	30	58	12	+28	+2	581
	No	46	46	9	0	39	50	11	+11	+4	3217
HOME OWNER											
	Yes	47	44	8	-3	43	47	10	+4	+3	5579
	No	32	59	9	+27	26	62	12	+36	+3	1491
MARITAL STATUS											
	Married	51	40	8	-11	45	45	10	0	+5	9643
	Divorced/Separated	36	54	9	+18	29	60	11	+31	+6	2296
	Widowed	36	55	9	+19	32	55	13	+23	0	1363
	Never married	32	59	9	+27	28	61	11	+33	+2	2002
	Living with partner	0	0	0	0	29	61	10	+32	+61	858
MARITAL STATUS BY SEX											
	Married women	48	43	9	-5	42	49	10	+7	+6	4659
	Married men	55	38	7	-17	49	40	11	-9	+2	4984
	Unmarried women	31	59	9	+28	26	62	13	+36	+3	3930
	Unmarried men	38	52	10	+14	33	56	11	+23	+4	2730
PARENT OR GUARDIAN											
	Yes	48	44	8	-4	41	47	12	+6	+3	1579
	No	42	49	9	+7	35	53	13	+18	+4	3855
WHITE RESPONDENTS											
SEX	Male	54	38	8	-16	49	41	10	-8	+3	6857
	Female	46	45	9	-1	40	50	10	+10	+5	7534
AGE	18-29	49	42	9	-7	41	50	10	+9	+8	1200
	30-49	53	39	8	-14	46	44	10	-2	+5	4283
	50-64	49	43	8	-6	43	46	10	+3	+3	4754
	65+	45	46	8	+1	44	45	11	+1	-1	3921
REGION	East	44	48	8	+4	38	51	11	+13	+3	2688
	Midwest	49	42	9	-7	42	46	12	+4	+4	3903
	South	56	37	8	-19	50	40	10	-10	+3	4977
	West	49	44	7	-5	42	49	9	+7	+5	2823
EDUCATION	College grad	51	43	6	-8	45	46	9	+1	+3	6096
	Some college	55	37	8	-18	45	44	11	-1	+7	3674
	HS grad or less	47	43	10	-4	42	46	11	+4	+3	4584
INCOME	\$75,000+	57	38	5	-19	50	42	8	-8	+4	4771
	\$30,000-\$74,999	54	40	6	-14	44	47	9	+3	+7	4895
	<\$30,000	39	51	10	+12	35	53	12	+18	+2	2580

Demographic Profiles of the Parties								
(Percentaged Vertically, Based on Registered Voters)								
		All voters	----- Full Party ID -----			---Party w/leaners ---		
			Repub-licans	Demo-crats	Ind/Other/DK	Rep/Lean Rep	Dem/Lean Dem	
SEX		%	%	%	%	%	%	
Male		47	50	41	50	52	43	
Female		53	50	59	50	48	57	
		100	100	100	100	100	100	
RACE								
White		79	93	67	82	92	71	
Non-White		21	7	33	18	8	29	
Black		11	2	23	7	2	19	
Hispanic		9	6	11	8	6	10	
AGE								
18-29		15	13	15	18	13	17	
30-49		37	39	36	37	39	37	
50-64		28	28	28	28	28	28	
65+		19	21	20	16	20	18	
SEX BY AGE								
Men 18-29		8	7	7	9	7	8	
Men 30-49		18	20	15	19	21	16	
Men 50-64		13	14	11	15	15	12	
Men 65+		8	10	8	8	9	7	
Women 18-29		8	6	8	8	6	9	
Women 30-49		20	19	21	19	18	21	
Women 50-64		15	14	17	14	13	16	
Women 65+		11	11	12	8	10	11	
REGION								
East		19	17	20	19	17	20	
Midwest		25	25	23	26	25	24	
South		36	39	36	34	38	35	
West		20	20	21	20	20	21	
COMMUNITY TYPE								
Urban		33	27	39	32	28	37	
Suburban		49	52	45	50	52	47	
Rural		18	21	16	18	20	16	
DETAILED REGION								
New England		5	3	5	8	4	6	
Mid-Atlantic		16	15	19	14	15	18	
Border		11	12	11	11	12	11	
Deep South		12	14	12	12	14	11	
South Central		10	11	10	9	11	9	
Midwest Plains		8	9	7	8	9	8	
Great Lakes		17	16	16	18	16	17	
Mountain		7	8	6	7	7	6	
Pacific		14	12	15	14	13	15	
DETAILED EDUCATION								
Post-grad		13	12	14	14	13	14	
BS/BA		19	22	16	20	22	18	
Some college		25	25	23	26	25	24	
HS grad		34	35	36	32	34	34	
Less than HS		9	6	11	8	6	10	
EDUCATION								
College grad		33	34	30	34	35	31	
Some college		25	25	23	26	25	24	
HS grad or less		43	40	47	40	40	44	

		----- Full Party ID -----				---Party w/leaners ---	
		All voters	Repub-licans	Democ-rats	Ind/Other/DK	Rep/Lean Rep	Dem/Lean Dem
DETAILED INCOME		%	%	%		%	%
	\$100,000+	20	25	16	20	25	17
	\$75,000-\$99,999	14	17	12	14	17	13
	\$50,000-\$74,999	19	20	18	19	20	18
	\$30,000-\$49,999	21	19	22	21	20	22
	\$20,000-\$29,999	11	9	12	11	9	12
	<\$20,000	15	9	19	16	10	18
INCOME							
	\$75,000+	34	42	29	34	41	30
	\$30,000-\$74,999	40	39	40	40	40	40
	<\$30,000	26	18	31	26	18	30
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE							
	Total white Prot.	41	60	29	40	57	30
	White evangelical Prot.	21	37	12	18	34	12
	White mainline Prot.	20	23	17	22	23	18
	White, non-Hisp Catholic	17	18	16	18	18	17
UNION HOUSEHOLD							
	Yes	15	11	18	16	12	17
	No	85	89	82	84	88	83
HOME OWNER							
	Yes	75	84	69	74	83	69
	No	25	16	31	26	17	31
MARITAL STATUS							
	Married	57	69	49	56	67	50
	Divorced/Separated	14	10	17	16	11	17
	Widowed	7	6	8	6	6	7
	Never married	15	11	18	15	11	18
	Living with partner	6	4	7	7	5	8
MARITAL STATUS BY SEX							
	Married women	28	33	27	26	31	27
	Married men	28	35	22	29	36	22
	Unmarried women	25	17	32	24	17	30
	Unmarried men	19	15	19	21	16	20
PARENT OR GUARDIAN							
	Yes	34	40	31	32	38	31
	No	66	60	69	68	62	69
WHITE RESPONDENTS							
SEX	Male	47	50	41	50	52	42
	Female	53	50	59	50	48	58
AGE	18-29	14	12	13	17	13	15
	30-49	36	38	34	36	38	35
	50-64	29	28	31	29	29	30
	65+	21	22	23	18	21	20
REGION	East	19	17	21	20	17	22
	Midwest	26	25	26	27	25	27
	South	34	38	30	33	38	30
	West	20	20	22	20	19	22
EDUCATION	College grad	34	35	33	34	35	34
	Some college	25	25	23	27	25	24
	HS grad or less	41	40	44	39	40	42
INCOME	\$75,000+	37	42	33	35	42	34
	\$30,000-\$74,999	40	40	40	40	40	41
	<\$30,000	23	18	27	24	18	26
(N)		17543	5113	6318	6112	7006	8672

Political and Social Issues by Party

		Total	Rep	Dem	Ind/ Other/DK	Rep-Dem Difference
		%	%	%	%	
Economic Issues						
How would you rate economic conditions in this country today? (7-08)	Excellent/Good	10	20	4	9	+16
	Only fair/Poor	89	80	94	89	-14
	DK/Ref(VOL)	1	*	2	2	
Do you think something can be done to deal with the problem of rising prices, or do you feel that we'll have to continue living with inflation because not much can be done about it? (7-08)						
	Something can be done	72	74	74	69	0
	Not much can be done	23	22	21	25	+1
	DK/Ref(VOL)	5	4	5	6	
Which of these comes closer to your view? (7-08)	The federal government cannot fix the economy easily these days because the US is part of a global economy	26	31	20	28	+11
	The government still has the power to fix the economy	68	65	75	64	-10
	DK/Ref(VOL)	6	4	5	8	
Which comes closer to your view about the tax cuts passed under President Bush over the past few years? (11-07)	All tax cuts should remain in place	30	61	10	24	+51
	Tax cuts for wealthy should be repealed, while others stay in place	38	24	49	40	-25
	All of the tax cuts should be repealed	22	8	32	25	-24
	DK/Ref(VOL)	10	7	9	11	
Trade						
Do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA and the policies of the WTO have been a good thing or a bad thing for the US? (4-08)						
	Good thing	35	42	34	33	+8
	Bad thing	48	43	50	49	-7
	DK	17	15	16	18	
Energy and the Environment						
Which one of the following should be a more important priority for this country?... (6-08)	Protecting the environment	34	19	43	35	-24
	Developing new sources of energy	60	77	52	56	+25
	DK/Ref(VOL)	6	4	5	9	
Would you favor or oppose oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska? (6-08)						
	Favor	50	75	36	47	+39
	Oppose	43	20	56	46	-36
	DK/Ref(VOL)	7	5	8	7	
Do you favor or oppose promoting the increased use of nuclear power? (late 2-08)						
	Favor	44	59	34	44	+25
	Oppose	48	33	59	47	-26
	DK/Ref(VOL)	8	8	7	9	
Do you favor or oppose promoting spending more on subway, rail, and bus systems? (late 2-08)						
	Favor	72	65	73	74	-8
	Oppose	23	28	23	21	+5
	DK/Ref(VOL)	5	7	4	5	

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		%	%	%	%	<u>Difference</u>
Energy and the Environment cont...						
Do you favor or oppose promoting increasing taxes on gasoline to encourage carpooling and conservation? <i>(late 2-08)</i>	Favor	22	15	29	20	-14
	Oppose	75	84	69	74	+15
	DK/Ref(VOL)	3	1	2	6	
Do you favor or oppose giving tax cuts to energy companies to do more exploration for oil? <i>(late 2-08)</i>	Favor	42	52	39	38	+13
	Oppose	53	43	56	56	-13
	DK/Ref(VOL)	5	5	5	6	
Do you favor or oppose requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks, and SUVs? <i>(late 2-08)</i>	Favor	90	91	90	90	+1
	Oppose	8	8	9	8	-1
	DK/Ref(VOL)	2	1	1	2	
Do you favor or oppose increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology? <i>(late 2-08)</i>	Favor	81	83	80	81	+3
	Oppose	14	11	17	14	-6
	DK/Ref(VOL)	5	6	3	5	
Do you favor or oppose increasing federal funding for research on ethanol? <i>(late 2-08)</i>	Favor	57	59	56	58	+3
	Oppose	35	34	36	33	-2
	DK/Ref(VOL)	8	7	8	9	
Is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not? <i>(4-08)</i>	Yes	71	49	84	73	-35
	No	21	42	10	19	+32
	Mixed/Some (VOL)	3	3	1	3	
	DK/Ref(VOL)	5	6	5	5	
In your view is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a problem? <i>(4-08)</i>	Very/Somewhat serious	73	51	85	75	-34
	Not too/Not a problem	24	47	12	21	+35
	DK/Ref(VOL)	3	2	3	4	
Iraq						
Do you think the US made the right or wrong decision in using military force against Iraq? <i>(6-08)</i>	Right decision	39	70	20	34	+50
	Wrong decision	55	25	75	57	-50
	DK/Ref(VOL)	6	5	5	9	
Do you think the US should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the US should bring its troops home as soon as possible? <i>(6-08)</i>	Keep troops in Iraq	43	75	24	40	+51
	Bring troops home	52	23	72	53	-49
	DK/Ref(VOL)	5	2	4	7	
Afghanistan						
Do you think the US made the right or wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan? <i>(2-08)</i>	Right decision	65	85	53	54	+32
	Wrong decision	24	7	35	22	-28
	DK/Ref(VOL)	11	8	12	14	
Do you think the US and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the US and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible? <i>(late 2-08)</i>	Keep troops in Afghanistan	61	79	52	59	+27
	Remove their troops	32	14	41	33	-27
	DK/Ref(VOL)	7	7	7	8	

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		%	%	%	%	<u>Difference</u>
Terrorism and Civil Liberties						
What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? (late 2-08)	That they have gone too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties	36	23	47	33	-24
	That they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country	47	56	39	47	+17
	Both (VOL)	3	1	4	4	
	Neither (VOL)	6	10	4	7	
	DK/Ref(VOL)	8	10	6	9	
Do you think it is generally right or generally wrong for the govt. to monitor telephone and email communications of Americans suspected of having terrorist ties without first obtaining permission from the courts? (late 2-08)						
	Generally right	52	74	39	51	+35
	Generally wrong	44	21	57	45	-36
	DK/Ref(VOL)	4	5	4	4	
Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified? (late 2-08)	Often justified	17	31	12	13	+19
	Sometimes justified	31	35	26	33	+9
	Rarely justified	20	17	22	20	-5
	Never justified	30	14	38	31	-24
	DK/Ref(VOL)	2	3	2	3	
Government Funding for Religious Organizations						
Allowing churches to apply, along with other organizations, for govt. funding to provide social services? (8-08)						
	Favor	65	62	68	63	-6
	Oppose	32	34	28	34	+6
	DK	3	4	3	3	
Gay Marriage, Civil Unions, Adoption						
Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? (8-08)						
	Favor	39	20	51	43	-31
	Oppose	52	72	41	45	+31
	DK	9	7	8	12	
Allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give many of the same rights as married couples? (8-08)						
	Favor	54	40	60	60	-20
	Oppose	40	56	34	31	+22
	DK	6	4	5	9	
Allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children? (8-08)						
	Favor	47	30	56	52	-26
	Oppose	47	64	38	40	+26
	DK	7	6	6	8	
Abortion						
Do you think abortion should be... (8-08)	Legal in all cases	18	10	23	20	-13
	Legal in most cases	38	32	42	39	-10
	Illegal in most cases	27	37	18	26	+19
	Illegal in all cases	13	18	12	10	+6
	(VOL) Don't know/Refused	4	3	5	6	

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		%	%	%	%	<u>Difference</u>
Health Insurance						
The US government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes? (8-08)	Favor	61	41	80	60	-39
	Oppose	35	56	17	36	+39
	DK	4	3	3	5	
Affirmative Action						
Affirmative action programs designed to help blacks, women and other minorities get better jobs and education? (1-07)	Favor	67	52	84	64	-32
	Oppose	28	45	12	30	+33
	DK	5	3	4	6	
Gun Control						
Would you favor or oppose a law that banned the sale of handguns? (4-08)	Favor	36	23	44	36	-21
	Oppose	59	73	50	59	+23
	DK	5	4	6	5	
What do you think is more important...to protect the right of Americans to own guns? Or to control gun ownership? (4-08)						
	Protect right of Americans to own guns	37	59	23	38	+36
	Control gun ownership	58	38	73	55	-35
	DK	5	3	4	7	
Death Penalty						
Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? (8-07)						
	Favor	65	82	52	63	+30
	Oppose	30	15	42	31	-27
	DK	5	3	6	6	

Political and Social Values by Party

From the Pew Research Center's January 2007 Political Values Survey

		Total	Rep	Dem	Ind/ Other/DK	Rep-Dem Difference
		%	%	%	%	
(For each of the following statements, do) you completely agree with it , mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?						
People like me do not have a say about what the government does	Agree	47	40	47	52	-7
	Disagree	51	58	52	47	+6
	DK	2	2	1	1	
Generally speaking elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly	Agree	80	79	80	82	-1
	Disagree	17	19	18	16	+1
	DK	2	2	2	2	
Most elected officials care what people like me think	Agree	35	42	35	30	+7
	Disagree	62	55	62	67	-7
	DK	3	2	3	3	
Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things	Agree	76	84	74	72	+10
	Disagree	23	14	24	27	-10
	DK	2	2	2	1	
Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control	Agree	29	19	32	33	-13
	Disagree	68	77	64	64	+13
	DK	3	4	4	2	
Hard work offers little guarantee of success	Agree	30	17	35	33	-18
	Disagree	69	81	63	65	+18
	DK	2	2	2	2	
The federal government should run ONLY those things that cannot be run at the local level	Agree	76	81	73	75	+8
	Disagree	19	16	19	21	-3
	DK	5	2	8	5	
When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful	Agree	66	66	68	64	-2
	Disagree	31	32	27	32	+5
	DK	4	2	5	4	
The federal government controls too much of our daily lives	Agree	63	59	68	61	-9
	Disagree	35	38	30	36	+8
	DK	3	3	2	3	
The government is really run for the benefit of all the people	Agree	46	60	42	40	+12
	Disagree	51	37	56	57	-19
	DK	3	3	2	3	
It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can not take care of themselves	Agree	68	54	79	67	-25
	Disagree	30	44	18	29	+26
	DK	3	2	2	3	
The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt	Agree	52	31	68	54	-37
	Disagree	43	64	28	40	+36
	DK	5	6	4	6	
The government should guarantee every citizen enough to eat and a place to sleep	Agree	66	43	82	68	-39
	Disagree	32	56	17	28	+39
	DK	3	1	2	4	

		Total	Rep	Dem	Ind/ Other/DK	Rep-Dem Difference
		%	%	%	%	
(For each of the following statements, do) you completely agree with it , mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?						
The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business	Agree	73	80	72	70	+12
	Disagree	23	18	23	26	-5
	DK	4	2	5	4	
Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good	Agree	58	58	58	57	0
	Disagree	36	36	34	36	+2
	DK	7	6	8	6	
Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest	Agree	35	51	32	28	+19
	Disagree	61	47	64	69	-17
	DK	3	2	4	3	
There is too much power concentrated in the hands of a few big companies	Agree	77	63	84	79	-21
	Disagree	22	35	14	20	+21
	DK	2	3	1	1	
Business corporations make too much profit	Agree	64	52	73	65	-19
	Disagree	31	44	21	31	+23
	DK	5	3	7	4	
I am concerned business corporations are collecting to much information about people like me	Agree	75	60	82	78	-22
	Disagree	23	36	16	19	+20
	DK	3	4	1	3	
I am concerned that the government is collecting to much information about people like me	Agree	59	40	68	63	-28
	Disagree	38	57	30	33	+27
	DK	3	3	2	4	
Dealing with a federal government agency is often not worth the trouble	Agree	55	56	51	58	+5
	Disagree	40	38	44	38	-6
	DK	5	5	5	4	
As Americans we can always find a way to solve our problems	Agree	59	73	52	55	+21
	Disagree	38	25	44	40	-19
	DK	4	3	3	5	
I do not believe that there are any real limits to growth in this country today	Agree	58	71	54	53	+17
	Disagree	38	27	43	41	-16
	DK	4	2	3	7	
There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment	Agree	81	60	95	83	-35
	Disagree	17	38	3	15	+35
	DK	2	2	2	2	
People should be willing to pay higher prices in order to protect the environment	Agree	60	47	65	64	-18
	Disagree	38	51	33	33	+18
	DK	3	2	2	4	
We should put more emphasis on fuel conservation than on developing new oil supplies	Agree	68	58	76	67	-18
	Disagree	26	38	18	25	+20
	DK	6	4	6	8	
I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done	Agree	78	67	87	76	-20
	Disagree	18	29	9	17	+20
	DK	5	4	4	6	

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(For each of the following statements, do) you completely agree with it , mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?						
I do not pay attention to whether a candidate calls him or herself a liberal or a conservative	Agree	61	49	63	66	-15
	Disagree	34	45	30	30	+15
	DK	6	6	8	4	
I am very patriotic	Agree	93	98	89	92	+9
	Disagree	6	2	8	7	-6
	DK	1	0	3	1	
We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country	Agree	43	61	33	39	+28
	Disagree	54	37	63	57	-26
	DK	4	2	4	4	
I think its all right for blacks and whites to date each other	Agree	83	78	84	86	-6
	Disagree	13	17	13	10	+4
	DK	4	4	3	4	
We should make every possible effort to improve the position of blacks and other minorities	Agree	29	15	40	30	-25
	Disagree	67	84	54	67	+30
	DK	4	1	6	3	
In the past few years there has not been much real improvement in the position of black people in this country	Agree	40	21	51	42	-30
	Disagree	53	70	43	49	+27
	DK	8	8	6	9	
Discrimination against blacks is rare today	Agree	32	42	26	30	+16
	Disagree	64	53	70	65	-17
	DK	5	5	4	5	
We should restrict and control people coming into our country to live more than we do now	Agree	78	85	76	75	+9
	Disagree	19	12	21	21	-9
	DK	4	3	3	4	
It is my belief that we should get even with any country that tries to take advantage of the US	Agree	37	43	40	32	+3
	Disagree	56	50	54	60	-4
	DK	7	7	6	8	
Occasional acts of terrorism in the US will be part of life in the future	Agree	72	73	71	71	+2
	Disagree	23	23	22	24	+1
	DK	5	4	7	5	
Freedom of speech should not extend to groups that are sympathetic to terrorists	Agree	46	54	45	41	+9
	Disagree	50	41	50	55	-9
	DK	5	5	4	5	
The police should be allowed to search the houses of people who might be sympathetic to terrorists without a court order	Agree	35	47	30	32	+17
	Disagree	63	51	68	66	-17
	DK	2	2	1	2	
The best way to ensure peace is through military strength	Agree	51	73	43	44	+30
	Disagree	45	24	54	51	-30
	DK	4	3	3	5	

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		%	%	%	%	<u>Difference</u>
(For each of the following statements, do) you completely agree with it , mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?						
American lives are worth more than the lives of people in other countries	Agree	23	26	19	23	+7
	Disagree	73	68	78	72	-10
	DK	4	6	3	4	
We all should be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong	Agree	48	63	42	44	+21
	Disagree	46	31	53	50	-22
	DK	6	6	5	6	
I often worry about the chances of nuclear war	Agree	54	48	58	55	-10
	Disagree	45	51	40	45	+11
	DK	1	1	2	0	
Most of the countries that have gotten help from America end up resenting us	Agree	67	68	72	63	-4
	Disagree	28	29	24	30	+5
	DK	5	3	4	7	
Its best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs	Agree	90	90	88	92	+2
	Disagree	8	9	8	6	+1
	DK	2	1	3	2	
We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home	Agree	74	65	84	73	-19
	Disagree	23	33	12	24	+21
	DK	3	2	4	4	
The growing number of newcomers from other countries threaten traditional American customs and values	Agree	50	60	44	48	16
	Disagree	44	36	49	46	+13
	DK	6	4	7	7	
Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed	Agree	91	83	96	91	-13
	Disagree	8	15	4	8	+11
	DK	1	2	1	1	
The tax system is unfair to people like me	Agree	46	38	53	46	-15
	Disagree	49	57	44	48	+13
	DK	5	5	3	5	
Labor unions are necessary to protect the working person	Agree	67	54	81	62	-27
	Disagree	29	41	16	34	+25
	DK	4	5	2	5	
Today it is really true that the rich just get richer while the poor get poorer	Agree	71	50	87	71	-37
	Disagree	26	46	12	26	+34
	DK	3	4	1	3	
Poor people have become too dependent on government assistance programs	Agree	69	85	59	66	+26
	Disagree	27	11	37	29	-26
	DK	4	3	4	5	
I often do not have enough money to make ends meet	Agree	39	27	45	41	-18
	Disagree	59	70	53	57	+17
	DK	2	3	2	2	

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(For each of the following statements, do) you completely agree with it , mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?						
I am pretty well satisfied with the way things are going for me financially	Agree	64	80	59	57	+21
	Disagree	35	18	40	40	-22
	DK	2	2	1	2	
Prayer is an important part of my daily life	Agree	76	86	70	75	+16
	Disagree	23	13	28	24	-15
	DK	1	1	2	1	
I never doubt the existence of God	Agree	82	93	80	76	+13
	Disagree	15	6	17	20	-11
	DK	3	1	3	4	
School boards ought to have the right to fire teachers who are known homosexuals	Agree	28	39	21	25	+18
	Disagree	67	55	75	69	-20
	DK	5	6	4	6	
Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries	Agree	43	46	42	42	+4
	Disagree	53	51	53	54	-2
	DK	4	4	5	4	
Women should return to their traditional roles in society	Agree	19	24	18	16	+6
	Disagree	76	71	78	79	-7
	DK	5	5	4	5	
AIDS might be Gods punishment for immoral sexual behavior	Agree	20	28	20	14	+8
	Disagree	75	66	76	81	-10
	DK	5	7	4	4	
I have old-fashioned values about family and marriage	Agree	78	89	70	78	+19
	Disagree	18	7	27	18	-20
	DK	3	4	3	4	
There are clear guidelines about whats good or evil that apply to everyone regardless of their situation	Agree	81	88	77	80	+11
	Disagree	17	11	22	18	-11
	DK	2	1	2	2	
I feel it is my duty as a citizen to always vote	Agree	96	97	97	95	0
	Disagree	3	2	3	4	-1
	DK	1	1	0	1	
I am interested in keeping up with national affairs	Agree	93	93	93	92	0
	Disagree	6	6	7	7	-1
	DK	1	1	1	1	
I am pretty interested in following local politics	Agree	87	88	90	83	-2
	Disagree	12	11	10	15	+1
	DK	1	1	0	2	
Most issues discussed in Washington do not affect me personally	Agree	26	28	29	22	-1
	Disagree	72	70	70	76	0
	DK	2	2	1	2	
I feel guilty when I do not get a chance to vote	Agree	71	71	75	68	-4
	Disagree	20	18	18	23	0
	DK	9	11	6	9	

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		%	%	%	%	<u>Difference</u>
(For each of the following statements, do) you completely agree with it , mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?						
Sometimes I vote for a candidate without really knowing enough about him or her	Agree	44	42	48	42	-6
	Disagree	55	56	51	56	+5
	DK	1	2	0	1	
I am worried that science is going too far and is hurting society rather than helping it	Agree	30	28	33	29	-5
	Disagree	66	67	64	67	+3
	DK	4	5	3	5	
Technology is making life too complicated for me	Agree	29	28	31	28	-3
	Disagree	70	70	68	71	+2
	DK	1	2	1	1	

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	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6=100
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6=100
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11=100
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11=100
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7=100
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11=100
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8=100
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10=100
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9=100
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9=100
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6=100
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10=100
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5=100
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8=100
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7=100
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9=100
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8=100
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5=100
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4=100
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5=100
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7=100
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6=100
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6=100
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6=100
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5=100
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3=100
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6=100
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4=100
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9=100
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6=100

Would you say your overall opinion of the Republican Party is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7=100
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8=100
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10=100
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9=100
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7=100
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10=100
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6=100
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9=100
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9=100
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8=100
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6=100
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9=100
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6=100
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9=100
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6=100
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8=100
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10=100
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7=100
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4=100
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5=100
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6=100
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6=100
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7=100
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7=100
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6=100
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6=100
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5=100
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4=100
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6=100
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4=100
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11=100
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6=100

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?
 IF "INDEPENDENT" OR VOLUNTEERED "NO PREFERENCE" "OTHER" OR "DON'T KNOW" IN PARTY,
 ASK:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

<u>2008 Surveys</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent No pref/DK</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>	<u>Rep/ lean R</u>	<u>Dem/ lean D</u>
August 10	29	35	35	12	15	41	50
July 27	27	38	35	12	13	39	52
June 29	29	39	32	11	13	41	52
June 1	29	38	32	7	12	36	51
May 25	26	36	37	13	15	39	51
April 27	28	38	34	10	14	38	52
March 22	26	39	34	9	13	35	52
February 24	26	38	36	11	16	38	53
February 19	28	37	35	9	13	37	50
February 2	28	37	36	11	13	38	50
January 13	25	33	41	12	18	37	51
<u>Annual Totals</u>							
2008 (Jan-Aug)	27.8	37.3	34.9	10.2	13.9	38.0	51.2
2007	28.4	34.7	37.0	10.5	15.5	38.8	50.2
2006	31.0	35.2	33.9	9.8	13.4	40.8	48.6
2005	32.3	35.2	32.5	9.8	13.8	42.1	49.0
2004	32.7	34.9	32.4	11.2	12.1	43.9	47.0
2003	32.4	34.0	33.7	12.0	12.2	44.4	46.2
2002	33.4	34.5	32.2	11.4	10.3	44.7	44.8
2001	32.3	36.3	31.4	11.2	10.1	43.5	46.4
2000	30.5	35.3	34.2	11.4	10.7	41.9	46.0
1999	29.6	35.7	34.7	12.6	12.7	42.2	48.4
1998	30.8	35.8	33.3	10.9	12.0	41.7	47.9
1997	31.1	35.1	33.7	11.9	12.8	43.1	47.9
1996	31.7	35.5	32.8	11.6	13.4	43.3	48.9
1995	32.9	33.2	33.9	14.4	12.5	47.2	45.7
1994	32.3	33.6	34.2	14.3	11.5	46.6	45.1
1992	28.5	35.1	36.4	13.1	14.6	41.6	49.8

Note: Columns combining partisans and leaners may vary slightly from individual columns due to rounding.