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THE REPUBLICANS: NO SATISFACTION?
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Although there are many announced and yet-to-announce likely candidates for the 2008 Republican Party's nomination for president, Republican voters aren't happy yet: a majority - 57% - wishes there were more choices. A significant number don't think they'll win in 2008.

And when Republicans today look at their own party, they see divisions within its ranks. Most say their party has drifted from the principles of Ronald Reagan: seven in ten say the GOP has gone off on a different path. They do unite on many issues, however - and on their clear dislike of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

The lack of satisfaction with the current set of candidates is a change from past presidential elections. Republican primary voters were more satisfied with their primary candidates in 1996 and 1992.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION?

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Table with 4 columns: Response, Now, 3/1996, 2/1992. Rows: Yes, satisfied; No, want more choices.

Conservative primary voters are more likely to want more choices than moderates, and 62% of white evangelical primary voters also say they want more choices.

Historically, Republicans have been more satisfied with their candidates than Democrats. That's not true this year. A majority of Democratic primary voters say they are satisfied with their options for the nomination.

Moreover, six in ten voters nationwide expect a Democrat will win the presidential election in 2008. Half of Republican primary voters expect a Republican will win in 2008, but more than a third think a Democrat will win. Democratic primary voters are much more confident a candidate from their party will win.

WHO DO YOU EXPECT TO WIN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

(Among Registered Voters)

Table with 4 columns: Candidate, All Voters, Rep. Primary Voters, Dem. Primary Voters. Rows: A Democrat; A Republican.

Some of this is affected by views of the GOP candidates: Republicans who are satisfied with the choice of candidates running for their party's Presidential nomination are more likely to be optimistic that the party will hold the White House.

Most Republicans - especially moderate Republicans - say the party has veered from the principles set forth by former President Ronald Reagan. 64% say the GOP is now following a different course than the one charted for the party by the Gipper.

IS GOP STILL FOLLOWING RONALD REAGAN'S PRINCIPLES?

	All Reps	Conservative Reps	Moderate Reps
Yes	28%	34%	16%
No	64	58	75

A majority look at their party as being divided.

IS REPUBLICAN PARTY UNITED OR DIVIDED?

United	36%
Divided	57

This may be partly a result of the early jockeying for the Presidential nomination by different candidates espousing different ideas. But there may be some ideological rifts, too. Moderates (65%) are a bit more apt to see a divided party than conservatives (56%).

Whatever might happen, most Republicans plan to remain loyal to the party at the ballot box. If the 2008 elections were today, nearly eight in ten would still plan to vote Republican and less than one in ten would vote Democrat. Conservatives, especially, already know they're going to be voting Republican next year. Moderates, one in five of whom says it depends, might be more up for grabs.

IF 2008 ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY WOULD YOU VOTE FOR...?

(Among Registered Voters)

	All Voters	All Reps	Conserv. Reps	Moderate Reps
Republican candidate	32%	79%	84%	68%
Democratic candidate	51	7	4	11
It depends (vol.)	10	12	10	18

THE IDEAL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Republican primary voters want their nominee to be someone who opposes same-sex marriage, someone who would make abortions more difficult to obtain, and someone who would support another tax cut. While 39% say a candidate's position on same-sex marriage doesn't matter, only one in five say that about the issues of abortion and tax cuts.

2008 REPUBLICAN NOMINEE SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Same-Sex Marriage

Supports same-sex marriage	7%
Opposes same-sex marriage	52
Position doesn't matter	39

Abortion

Make abortion more difficult	53%
Would not change abortion policy	29
Position doesn't matter	17

Tax Cuts

Supports another tax cut	56%
Opposes another tax cut	20
Position doesn't matter	19

When asked to volunteer one issue they felt so strongly about that they would not vote for a presidential candidate who disagrees with them, the issues of abortion (15%) and the war with Iraq (12%) topped the list. Other mentions include immigration (7%) and same-sex marriage (3%). Those who name the war in Iraq support the U.S. presence there but are divided on the President's troop surge, while those who name abortion overwhelmingly oppose it.

ISSUE WOULD NOT VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE THAT DISAGREES WITH YOU

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Abortion	15%
War in Iraq	12
Immigration	7
Same-sex marriage	3
No issue	41

More specifically on the war in Iraq, 58% of Republican primary voters say they want a nominee who is flexible about when to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq, while 39% say they prefer someone who will commit to staying in Iraq until the U.S. succeeds, the President's position.

PREFER A PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WHO ...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Commits to staying in Iraq	39%
Flexible about when to withdraw troops	58

Looking further ahead to the general election, 52% of Republican primary voters think a candidate who opposes the Iraq war has a better chance of winning in November 2008, while 41% say a war supporter does. Nearly half of Republican primary voters who think invading Iraq was the right thing to do say a war opponent has a better shot of winning in 2008. Among voters nationwide, seven in 10 think an anti-war candidate has a better chance of winning the presidency.

But at this point in the election cycle, positions on the issues are more important to Republican primary voters than winning in November 2008 - nearly three in four say they are.

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT IN CHOOSING REPUBLICAN NOMINEE?

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Agrees with you on the issues	73%
Can win in November 2008	25

More than half of Republican primary voters think a presidential candidate who has never changed his or her positions on the issues has a better chance of winning the election than someone who has changed their views. Democrats and other voters nationwide disagree. They say a candidate who has changed some of his or her positions on issues has a better shot of winning in 2008.

WHO HAS A BETTER CHANCE TO WIN?

(Among Registered Voters)

	All Voters	Rep. Primary Voters
Has never changed mind on issues	39%	53%
Has changed some of their positions	54	42

While President Bush may be unpopular among the public as a whole, seven in ten Republican primary voters approve of the job he is doing as president. Views of this group are mixed, however, on whether the Republican nominee in 2008 should continue Bush's policies or not. Just 39% say the nominee should continue his policies, but 39% think the nominee should change to more conservative policies.

SHOULD REPUBLICAN NOMINEE ...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Continue Bush's policies	39%
Change to more conservative policies	39
Change to less conservative policies	19

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AND THE RACE FOR THE NOMINATION

If the race for the Republican nomination came down to Arizona Senator John McCain and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Republican primary voters would pick Giuliani by a 9-point margin. However, this is a narrower margin than last month, when Giuliani lead McCain by 21 points.

PREFERENCE IF GOP NOMINATION WERE JUST MCCAIN V. GIULIANI

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	Now	2/2007
Giuliani	43%	50%
McCain	34	29
Neither	11	13

At this point, both conservatives and moderates choose Giuliani over McCain. But among white evangelicals, McCain, who has been actively courting the group, has the edge.

PREFERENCE IF GOP NOMINATION WERE JUST MCCAIN V. GIULIANI
(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	All	Conservatives	Moderates	White Evang.
Giuliani	43%	44%	43%	34%
McCain	34	35	30	42
Neither	11	12	11	15

Republican primary voters admit they do not know a lot about either Giuliani or McCain's positions on the issues at this early stage of the campaign. Still, 60% claim they know at least some about Giuliani's positions, while 73% say that about McCain.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES?
(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	A lot	Some	Not much/ Nothing
Giuliani	17%	43	39
McCain	22%	51	26

On the matter of candidate qualities, majorities of Republican primary voters think McCain and Giuliani have the right kind of experience to be a good president. They also think both share the values of most Republicans: 58% think McCain does, and 54% think Giuliani does. But Giuliani, who was Mayor of New York City on 9/11, has an advantage on handling an international crisis.

MCCAIN AND GIULIANI: QUALITIES
(Among Republican Primary Voters)

McCain:

Has right experience to be President	68%
Shares values of most Republicans	58%
Confidence in dealing w/ int'l crisis	53%

Giuliani:

Has right experience to be President	63%
Shares values of most Republicans	54%
Confidence in dealing w/ int'l crisis	60%

Republican primary voters have generally positive overall opinions of both Rudy Giuliani and John McCain. Giuliani is viewed favorably by 48%, while 33% view McCain favorably. Still, both remain unknown to many nationwide.

OPINION OF ...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	McCain	Giuliani	Romney	Hagel
Favorable	33%	48%	13%	5%
Not favorable	21	12	10	9
Undecided	23	25	22	10
Don't know enough yet	23	15	54	75

Two other candidates in the race are still unfamiliar to voters. 76% of Republican primary voters are undecided or haven't heard enough about former Governor Mitt Romney to offer an opinion of him, and among those who can, opinion is divided: 13% have a favorable opinion of him, while 10% view him unfavorably.

85% of Republican primary voters are undecided or haven't heard enough about Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel. Those with an opinion are slightly more inclined to view Hagel unfavorably.

It's not clear whether Republican voters know much about Giuliani's personal life. But just under half of registered voters nationwide think most people would vote for a presidential candidate that has been divorced more than once - as do 53% of Republican primary voters. Giuliani has been married three times.

Mitt Romney is Mormon, and just a third of American voters think most people would support a Mormon for President. Opinions are similar among Republican primary voters.

WOULD MOST PEOPLE VOTE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO WAS...

(Among Registered Voters)

<u>Divorced More than Once</u>			<u>A Mormon</u>	
	All Voters	Rep. Primary Voters	All Voters	Rep. Primary Voters
Yes	47%	53%	33%	39%
No	42	39	54	51

Voters think the best age for Presidents of the United States is in their 50s, and 57% of Republican primary voters agree. The current top contenders for the Republican nomination are older than that. Rudy Giuliani is 62 years old and John McCain is 70.

BEST AGE FOR A U.S. PRESIDENT

(Among Registered Voters)

	All Voters	Republican Primary Voters
30s	5%	3%
40s	26	22
50s	55	57
60s	9	15
70s	0%	0%

REPUBLICANS ON THE ISSUES

On specific policy issues, most Republicans adhere to one of the central tenets of conservative ideology: that the government is generally doing too many things better left to individuals. Most Americans agree. But Republicans are more likely than Americans as a whole, to believe that the 2001 tax cuts should be made permanent; that the U.S. should intervene in dictatorships to change those nations to democracies; that abortion should not be permitted; and that same sex couples should not get any legal recognition for their relationship.

On all these issues, Republicans who call themselves conservatives - as opposed to moderates - are even more likely to stake out the conservative position. This is particularly the case on social issues.

Immigration, however, continues to divide the GOP. Given a choice between a policy that permits illegal immigrants to seek legal status, or one that deports them, Republicans split on the question.

REPUBLICANS ON THE ISSUES

	All	Republicans
The Government...		
Should do more	41%	35%
Is doing too much	52	62
The 2001 tax cuts should be...		
Allowed to expire	43%	67
Made permanent	40	20
The U.S. should		
Change dictatorships to democracies	15%	33%
Stay out of other nations	68	48
Illegal immigrants should be...		
Given chance for legal status	60%	49%
Deported	36	45
Same sex couples should...		
Be allowed to marry	28%	14%
Be allowed civil unions	32	30
No legal recognition	35	53
Abortion should be...		
Generally available	34%	19%
Under stricter limits	41	37
Not permitted	23	41

And there is at least one thing that seems to find almost all Republicans in agreement - dislike for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

and her husband, former President Bill Clinton. Conservative Republicans hold each of them in particularly low regard.

VIEWS OF THE CLINTONS

	All Reps	Conserv. Reps	Moderate Reps
Views of Hillary Clinton			
Favorable	8%	3%	18%
Unfavorable	85	91	74
No opinion	7	6	8
Views of Bill Clinton			
Favorable	15%	11%	24%
Unfavorable	76	82	61
No opinion	9	7	15

REPUBLICANS AND THE PRESIDENT

Although the President's job approval rating among Americans overall has risen in this poll, it is still quite low. But among members of his party, and especially the most conservative Republicans, the President receives rave reviews on his job performance and on handling specific issues. Conservative Republicans offer especially strong support for the President on two issues that are important to their party: taxes and terrorism.

This month's increase in the President's job approval rating (now 34%, up from 29% last month) is due almost entirely to an improvement in his approval rating among members of his party; 75% of Republicans now approve, up from 65% last month.

BUSH'S JOB APPROVAL RATING

	Now	2/2007	1/2007
Among all:			
Approve	34%	29%	28%
Disapprove	58	61	64
Among Republicans:			
Approve	75%	65%	63%
Disapprove	17	27	29

The President fares particularly well among the most conservative members of his party: 82% of conservative Republicans and 84% of white evangelical Republicans approve of the job he is doing as president.

In fact when it comes to handling specific issues the President receives higher marks from Republicans now than he did last month -- across the board. 82% of Republicans now approve of his handling of terrorism, up from 73% in February. 78% approve of his handling of the economy (up from 67%), 70% approve of how he is handling foreign

policy (up from 54%), and 61% approve of his dealings with Iraq (up from 50%).

BUSH JOB APPROVAL RATINGS

	All	Among Republicans	
	Now	Now	2/2007
Terrorism	45%	82%	73%
Economy	38%	78%	67%
Foreign policy	32%	70%	54%
Iraq	28%	61%	50%

Among conservative Republicans, the President's approval ratings are even higher. 68% of conservative Republicans approve of how he is handling Iraq, 86% approve of his handling of terrorism, and 85% approve of the economy.

There is also widespread satisfaction among Republicans with how the President has handled some signature Republican issues such as abortion and taxes. 62% are satisfied with how he has managed the budget deficit. In particular, the President receives accolades from conservative Republicans on his handling of taxes -- 83% of them are satisfied.

74% of Republicans think the President's judicial appointments have been about right. 80% of conservative Republicans and 77% of white evangelical Republicans agree.

Republicans' views of the President's personal qualities, unlike the views of Americans overall, are also strongly positive. 72% of Republicans have a favorable view of the President, rising to 82% among conservative Republicans. Just 30% of Americans overall share this view.

And while Americans overall think the President is out of touch with their own priorities, that is not the case for Republicans. 69% think President Bush shares their priorities for the country (rising to 78% among conservative Republicans) -- compared to 29% of Americans overall. The percentage of Republicans who feel this way has risen since January, from 60%.

DOES BUSH SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

	All	All Reps.	Conservative Reps.
Yes	29%	69%	78%
No	66	25	17

But Republicans' support for the Bush Administration falls short of enthusiasm. Just one in 10 say they feel enthusiastic about it, while 63% are satisfied. Views of conservative Republicans are similar.

LOOKING AT THE PARTIES AND PARTISANS

Overall, Americans view the Republican Party today very unfavorably: 58% have a negative view of it, approaching the most negative rating ever found in this poll (59%, during the 1998 Clinton impeachment). Democrats are seen more positively, but only by comparison. Opinions of them are mixed.

Republicans continue to view their own party very favorably. The one in five Republicans who hold a negative view of their own party are as likely to be conservative as moderate, but they do not see themselves as strong Republicans. Meanwhile, partisan battle lines are holding strong: Republicans view the Democratic Party very unfavorably.

VIEWS OF THE PARTIES

	All	Reps .	Dems.	Inds.
Views of REPUBLICAN PARTY				
Favorable	34%	80%	11%	24%
Unfavorable	58	18	84	62
Views of DEMOCRATIC PARTY				
Favorable	47%	12%	84%	39%
Unfavorable	43	81	13	44

Those battle lines mark more than just political fights. When rank-and-file Republicans look at their Democratic counterparts, most see differences that go beyond politics. 53% of Republicans say that people who are Democrats don't just disagree with them on political choices, but also do not share their other goals and values in life. This is especially true of those who call themselves conservative Republicans, and also of those who think of themselves as strongly Republican.

DO DEMOCRATS SHARE YOUR VALUES BEYOND POLITICS?

(Among Republicans)

	All	Conservatives	Moderates
Yes, Dems share other values	43%	34%	63%
No, Dems don't share values	53	62	34

When Democrats look at Republicans, there is much the same skeptical view. Half say Republicans don't share their life values outside of politics.

DO REPUBLICANS SHARE YOUR VALUES BEYOND POLITICS?

(Among Democrats)

	All	Liberals	Moderates
Yes, Dems share other values	46%	45%	53%
No, Dems don't share values	51	53	46

Republicans still favor their own party on dealing with the issue that Americans list as the top problem: Iraq. And Republicans see their party as the one that shares their values. These feelings are not

shared by Americans as a whole. More Americans - 46% - think the Democratic Party shares their values than think the Republican party does - 41%.

Republicans are not isolated: they say they have close friends on the other side of the political divide. However, those who consider themselves to be "strongly" Republican in their allegiance to the party, as opposed to just somewhat Republican, are less likely to have friends of different party views.

REPUBLICANS: ANY CLOSE FRIENDS WHO ARE DEMOCRATS?

	All	Strongly Rep.	Somewhat Rep.
Yes	71%	66%	77%
No	23	30	12

Democrats are less likely to have friends from the opposing party than are Republicans. 64% of Democrats report having a close Republican friend. Part of this may be due to geography: more Democrats live in big cities, which have high proportions of Democrats. As with Republicans, though, those seeing themselves as stronger Democrats are less likely to have Republican friends.

DEMOCRATS: ANY CLOSE FRIENDS WHO ARE REPUBLICANS?

	All	Strongly Dem	Somewhat Dem
Yes	64%	58%	72%
No	27	29	24

The Republican Party's ranks hold a few converts: one in four Republicans say they were once Democrats. Those who say this tend to be a bit older, and from the South - a region that has famously shifted its partisan voting patterns toward the GOP over the last generation.

Three in ten Democrats say they were once Republicans. In contrast to those who changed toward the GOP, these Democrats skew younger.

Asked to describe the party, "conservative" is the first word that comes to mind when Republicans are asked to describe their party (it is volunteered by 16%) and 10% of all Americans cite it first. While Republicans are inclined to say something either positive about the party or simply that it is "good" (13%), or "principled" and "strong" in fighting for its beliefs (6%), while Americans overall are more likely than Republicans to equate the party with "rich" people or "big business" (10%).

The Democrats, by contrast, are most often associated with the word "liberal," (13% name it) especially by Republicans (17%). Republicans are more likely than Americans overall to associate Democrats with "taxes" (8%). Democrats also associate themselves with the word "liberal" (11%), and another top response is "middle-" or "working class" (8%).

REPUBLICANS TODAY: WHO ARE THEY?

This poll oversampled people who called themselves Republicans, providing an insight into who Republicans are and what their political perspective is. Here are some demographic and political descriptions.

Politically

-- Republicans' views are less middle-of-the-road than those of Democrats; Republicans are far less likely than Democrats to describe themselves as moderate. In addition, 35% of Republicans say they are very conservative, but just 7% of Democrats call themselves very liberal.

-- Republicans and Democrats have similarly strong ties to their party; 60% of Republicans consider themselves "strong" Republicans, and 56% of Democrats describe themselves as "strong" Democrats.

-- By a large margin, Republicans are more apt than Democrats to listen to political radio shows. 38% of Republicans report they watch Fox News, making it Republicans' most-watched channel of those tested in this poll.

REPUBLICANS' POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

	Reps.	Dems.
Strong Rep/Dem	60%	56%
Very conservative/liberal	35%	7%
Moderate	30%	42%
Registered to vote	93%	90%
Always/usually vote Rep/Dem	79%	76%
Listen to political talk radio	39%	26%
Watch Fox News	38%	8%
Watch CNN	15%	34%
Visit political blog websites	17%	16%

Demographically

-- Republicans are overwhelmingly white.

-- Three in 10 live in a rural area.

-- Two-thirds are married, and four in ten have children under 18.

-- They are more religious than Democrats. More than half attend religious services every week or nearly every week (compared to four in 10 Democrats). Nearly two thirds are Protestant, and just under half are white evangelicals.

-- Their educational levels are similar to those of Democrats.

-- Republicans have higher incomes than Democrats.

DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF REPUBLICANS

	Reps .	Dems .
Male	50%	47%
Female	50	53
Married	68%	48%
Have children under 18	40%	29%
Northeast	20%	22%
Midwest	21	26
South	35	30
West	24	22
High school or less	45%	45%
Some college	31	30
College graduate or more	25	26
Age:		
18-29	22%	23%
30-44	31	24
45-64	29	34
65 or older	18	19
Income:		
Under \$50k	33%	56%
\$50k-\$100k	45	32
\$100k or more	15	10
White	97%	62%
Black	-	27
Hispanic	5%	10%
Rural	30%	24%
Protestant	65%	50%
Catholic	20	22
White evangelical	45%	17%
Attend religious services weekly/almost weekly	53%	40%

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1362 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone March 7-11, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher. An oversample of Republicans was also conducted for this poll, for a total of 698 interviews among this group. The results were then weighted in proportion to the average party distributions in previous 2007 CBS News and CBS News/New York Times Polls. The margin of error for Republicans is plus or minus four percentage points. The margin of error for the 603 registered Republican primary voters is plus or minus five percentage points.

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q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	Total	*** Party ID ***			Feb07b
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	34	75	8	28	29
Disapprove	58	17	88	60	61
DK/NA	8	8	4	12	10

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling foreign policy?

Approve	32	70	10	26	25
Disapprove	60	25	83	64	66
DK/NA	8	5	7	10	9

q5 How about the economy? Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

Approve	38	78	13	34	35
Disapprove	53	18	80	52	56
DK/NA	9	4	7	14	9

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

Approve	28	61	6	24	23
Disapprove	66	32	91	68	71
DK/NA	6	7	3	8	6

q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the campaign against terrorism?

Approve	45	82	24	38	40
Disapprove	48	16	67	52	53
DK/NA	7	2	9	10	7

ROTATE BETWEEN q10 AND q11

q10 In general, is your opinion of the Republican party favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	34	80	11	24	34
Not favorable	58	18	84	62	56
DK/NA	8	2	5	14	10

q11 In general, is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	47	12	84	39	48
Not favorable	43	81	13	44	41
DK/NA	10	7	3	17	11

ROTATE BETWEEN q12 AND q13

q12 When you think about the Republican party, what is the first word that comes to mind?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Personal word - negative	12	3	15	14
Conservative	10	16	7	9
Liars /illegal/corruption	9	2	13	10
Good/positive word	5	13	1	3
Rich/ upper class/	7	1	13	6
President/ George W. Bush	5	4	5	5
Confused/disorganized	5	2	7	5
Bad/the bad people/Not my	4	6	4	3
Business/ big business	3	1	4	3
Personal word	3	4	2	3
Strong/fights for its beliefs	2	6	1	1
Taxes/tax cuts/ spending	2	2	1	3
Reasonable/unreasonable	2	3	1	1
Iraq/ war / wars/ military	2	4	3	1
Other policies	2	2	2	1
Other	10	14	8	16
DK/NA	17	17	16	19

q13 When you think about the Democratic party, what is the first word that comes to mind?

Liberals	13	17	11	12
Bad/negative word	12	18	4	15
Good/positive word	11	2	17	11
Middle class / for middle	5	0	8	5
Confused/disorganized	5	3	7	5
Taxes/tax raising/spending	3	8	1	2
Liars/illegal/corruption	3	5	2	2
Other policies	3	2	5	2
Personal word	3	4	3	4
Reasonable/unreasonable	2	1	5	1
Government/more government	2	3	3	1
Weak/ wimps/ anti-fighting	2	3	2	1
Hillary Clinton	2	3	2	3
Change	2	1	3	1
Other	12	13	6	12
DK/NA	20	17	21	23

q14 Which comes closer to your view? Government should do more to solve national problems, or government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals?

Government should do more	41	35	50	37	Jul00a
Government is doing too much	52	62	45	52	36
DK/NA	7	3	5	11	54
					10

q15 Many of the tax cuts passed in 2001 were temporary and are set to expire in a few years. Should those tax cuts be made permanent or should they be allowed to expire?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan07a
	%	%	%	%	%
Made permanent	43	67	30	39	39
Allowed to expire	40	20	55	40	39
Depends (vol.)	5	3	4	7	7
DK/NA	12	10	11	14	15

q16 Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

					May06a
Present level	30	32	27	30	39
Increased	18	14	23	16	22
Decreased	48	51	46	48	34
DK/NA	4	3	4	6	5

q17 If you had to choose, what do you think should happen to most illegal immigrants who have lived and worked in the United States for at least two years: They should be given a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status, OR They should be deported back to their native country?

Offered chance to keep job	60	49	68	59	61
Deported	36	45	27	37	35
DK/NA	4	6	5	4	4

q18 Should the United States try to change a dictatorship to a democracy where it can, OR should the United States stay out of other countries' affairs?

					Dec06a
Change	15	33	7	10	18
Stay out	68	48	78	74	66
Depends (vol.)	11	14	9	11	11
DK/NA	6	5	6	5	5

q19 Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, OR gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, OR there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

					Oct06d
Allowed to legally marry	28	14	36	30	28
Civil unions	32	30	27	37	29
No legal recognition	35	53	30	28	38
DK/NA	5	3	7	5	5

q20 Which of these comes closest to your view? Abortion should be generally available to those who want it, or abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now, or abortion should not be permitted?

					Jan06b
Generally available	34	19	46	34	38
Available but limits	41	37	40	43	38
Should not be permitted	23	41	13	18	21
DK/NA	2	2	1	5	2

q21 Is your opinion of George W. Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George W. Bush yet to have an opinion?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb07a
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	30	72	7	23	32
Not favorable	55	13	84	57	50
Undecided	13	15	8	15	15
Haven't heard enough	2	1	1	3	2
Refused	0	0	0	2	1

q23 Is your opinion of Bill Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Bill Clinton yet to have an opinion?

					Oct04f*
Favorable	48	15	74	47	48
Not favorable	38	76	11	37	38
Undecided	11	9	11	13	10
Haven't heard enough	2	0	2	2	3
Refused	1	0	2	1	1

*Trend is among registered voters.

q25 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party is more likely to make the right decisions about the war in Iraq?

					Oct06a
Republican	32	75	7	25	34
Democratic	45	9	77	41	45
Both (vol.)	1	1	1	1	2
Neither (vol.)	9	5	6	13	6
DK/NA	13	10	9	20	13

q26 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party comes closer to sharing your moral values?

Republican	41	87	11	36	38
Democratic	46	6	80	43	47
Both (vol.)	2	3	1	2	2
Neither (vol.)	4	2	3	7	6
DK/NA	7	2	5	12	7

q27 Which comes closest to your feelings about the Bush administration -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

Enthusiastic	4	11	1	2
Satisfied, not enthusiastic	30	63	10	26
Dissatisfied but not angry	36	21	41	43
Angry	28	5	46	27
DK/NA	2	0	2	2

q30 Do you think George W. Bush has the same priorities for the country as you have, or not?

					Jan07c
Has	29	69	7	22	28
Does not have	66	25	89	73	69
DK/NA	5	6	4	5	3

q31 Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with how George W. Bush is handling the federal budget deficit? Would you say you are very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Very satisfied	7	20	1	4
Somewhat satisfied	22	42	9	20
Somewhat dissatisfied	26	20	31	25
Very dissatisfied	34	8	50	38
DK/NA	11	10	9	13

q32 Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with how George W. Bush is handling taxes? Would you say you are very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)?

Very satisfied	16	41	5	10
Somewhat satisfied	26	36	11	33
Somewhat dissatisfied	21	12	29	21
Very dissatisfied	28	7	48	24
DK/NA	9	4	7	12

q33 Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with how George W. Bush is handling the issue of abortion? Would you say you are very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)?

Very satisfied	16	38	5	11
Somewhat satisfied	21	31	16	18
Somewhat dissatisfied	19	9	28	18
Very dissatisfied	22	7	38	19
DK/NA	22	15	13	34

q34 Do you think George W. Bush's nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court have been more conservative than you would like, not conservative enough, or about right?

					Dec05a
More conservative	24	4	40	24	25
Not conservative enough	17	12	23	15	15
About right	44	74	23	42	50
DK/NA	15	10	14	19	10

q35 If the 2008 election for President were being held today, would you probably vote for the Republican candidate or would you probably vote for the Democratic candidate?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
Republican	32	79	3	25
Democratic	51	7	90	46
Other (Vol.)	0	0	0	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	1	0	0	1
Depends (Vol.)	10	12	3	16
DK/NA	6	2	4	11

ROTATE BETWEEN q36 AND q37

q36 Is your opinion of Rudy Giuliani favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rudy Giuliani yet to have an opinion?

	REGISTERED VOTERS *** Party ID ***				Rep. Prim. Voters	Feb07a
	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	%	%
Favorable	34	51	25	30	48	41
Not favorable	18	10	23	20	12	18
Undecided	27	24	28	29	25	25
Haven't heard enough	20	15	24	21	15	16
Refused	1	0	0	0	0	0

q37 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	25	32	16	29	33	31
Not favorable	22	18	28	19	21	20
Undecided	27	28	26	27	23	28
Haven't heard enough	25	21	30	24	23	21
Refused	1	1	0	1	0	0

q38 Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	9	15	5	10	13	7
Not favorable	15	9	19	16	10	8
Undecided	18	21	13	20	22	14
Haven't heard enough	57	56	61	55	54	70
Refused	1	0	2	1	1	1

q90 Is your opinion of Chuck Hagel favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Chuck Hagel yet to have an opinion?

						Jan07a
Favorable	4	4	4	3	5	4
Not favorable	6	8	4	6	9	6
Undecided	14	11	13	16	10	8
Haven't heard enough	76	75	78	73	75	82
Refused	0	2	1	2	1	0

q39 Is your opinion of Hillary Rodham Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Hillary Rodham Clinton yet to have an opinion?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jan07c
Favorable	35	8	59	32	37
Not favorable	43	85	18	38	34
Undecided	18	7	20	25	25
Haven't heard enough	3	0	3	5	4
Refused	1	0	0	0	0

q42 Is there any one issue you feel so strongly about that you would NOT vote for a candidate for president who disagrees with you on that issue? IF YES, ASK: Which issue is that?

	REGISTERED VOTERS				Rep.
	Total	*** Party ID ***			Prim.
		Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters
	%	%	%	%	%
War in Iraq	15	10	15	18	12
Abortion	9	18	5	7	15
Immigration	4	6	2	5	7
Economy	2	0	3	1	1
Health Care	2	1	3	3	2
Gay/Same-Sex Marriage	2	3	3	0	3
Other	13	16	11	15	14
No Issue	47	43	53	43	41
DK/NA	6	3	5	8	5

q45 Think about past elections in which you have voted, including national and statewide elections. Would you say you always vote Republican, usually vote Republican, vote about equally for both parties, usually vote Democratic, or always vote Democratic?

Always Republican	7	23	0	2
Usually Republican	24	58	1	21
Equally for both	31	17	22	50
Usually Democrat	25	0	51	18
Always Democrat	11	0	25	5
Never vote (Vol.)	0	1	0	0
DK/NA	2	1	1	4

q46 Next year, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic presidential primary or caucus, or a Republican primary or caucus or aren't you likely to vote in a primary or caucus at all?

Democratic primary	43	5	81	34
Republican primary	29	77	2	18
Aren't likely to vote	18	12	9	32
Never vote (vol.)	0	1	0	0
DK/NA	10	5	8	16

q47 Thinking for a moment about the people who consider themselves Democrats, which of these comes closer to your view? 1) People who consider themselves Democrats feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals. OR 2) People who consider themselves Democrats feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably do not share many of my other values or goals, either.

TOTAL REPUBLICANS	
Different politics same values	43
Different politics diff. values	53
DK/NA	4

q48 Thinking for a moment about the people who consider themselves Republicans, which of these comes closer to your view? 1) People who consider themselves Republicans feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals. OR 2) People who consider themselves Republicans feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably do not share many of my other values or goals, either.

TOTAL DEMOCRATS

	%
Different politics same values	46
Different politics diff. values	51
DK/NA	3

q49 Suppose the race for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 2008 comes down to a choice between John McCain and Rudy Giuliani. Who would you most like to see nominated -- McCain or Giuliani, or neither of these two candidates?

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

	%	Feb07a
John McCain	34	29
Rudy Giuliani	43	50
Neither/Other	11	13
Undecided (vol.)	8	4
DK/NA	4	4

q50 Do you think John McCain shares the same values as most Republicans, or doesn't he share the same values?

Shares same values	58
Doesn't share values	23
DK/NA	19

q51 Do you think Rudy Giuliani shares the same values as most Republicans, or doesn't he share the same values?

Shares same values	54
Doesn't share values	26
DK/NA	20

q52 Do you think Mitt Romney shares the same values as most Republicans or doesn't he share the same values?

Shares same values	34
Doesn't share values	9
DK/NA	57

ROTATE BETWEEN q53-q55 AND q56-q58

q53 How much would you say you know so far about Rudy Giuliani's positions on the issues -- a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

A lot	17
Some	43
Not much	28
Nothing	11
DK/NA	1

q54 Do you think Rudy Giuliani has the right kind of experience to be a good president, or not?

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

	%
Has	63
Does not have	22
Don't know/No answer	15

q55 Do you have confidence in Rudy Giuliani's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	60
Uneasy	26
Don't know/No answer	14

q56 How much would you say you know so far about John McCain's positions on the issues -- a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

A lot	22
Some	51
Not much	19
Nothing	7
DK/NA	1

q57 Do you think John McCain has the right kind of experience to be a good president, or not?

Has	68
Does not have	19
DK/NA	13

q58 Do you have confidence in John McCain's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	53
Uneasy	31
Don't know/No answer	16

q59 Would you rather see the next Republican presidential nominee generally continue George W. Bush's policies, change to more conservative policies, or change to less conservative policies?

Continue Bush's policies	39
Change to more conservative	39
Change to less conservative	19
DK/NA	3

q60 Which of the following is MORE important to you -- choosing a Republican nominee who agrees with your positions on most issues, or choosing a nominee who can win in November?

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

	%
Agrees with issues	73
Win in November	25
DK/NA	2

q61 Should the 2008 Republican nominee for President be someone who supports gay marriage, someone who opposes gay marriage, or doesn't the nominee's position on gay marriage matter?

Supports gay marriage	7
Opposes gay marriage	52
Position doesn't matter	39
DK/NA	2

q62 Should the 2008 Republican nominee for President be someone who would try to make abortions more difficult to get, or someone who would not try to change current abortion policy, or doesn't the nominee's position on abortion matter?

Make abortions more difficult	53
Not try to change	29
Position doesn't matter	17
DK/NA	1

q63 Should the 2008 Republican nominee for President be someone who supports another tax cut right now, or someone who opposes another tax cut right now, or doesn't the nominee's position on taxes matter?

Supports tax cut	56
Opposes tax cut	20
Position doesn't matter	19
DK/NA	5

q64 Would you describe the Republican party today as united or divided?

TOTAL REPUBLICANS

United	36
Divided	57
DK/NA	7

q65 Would you describe the Republican party today as following the same principles as Ronald Reagan, or has the Republican Party gone off in a different direction?

Following Reagan's principles	28
Different direction	64
DK/NA	8

q66 Which is more important to you in a presidential nominee -- someone who commits to staying in Iraq until the U.S. succeeds, or someone who is flexible about when to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq?

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	
	%
Commits to winning	39
Flexible	58
DK/NA	3

q68 Who do you think has a better chance of winning the presidential election in 2008 -- a candidate who supports the war in Iraq or a candidate who opposes the war in Iraq?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep. Prim. Voters
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Supports war	23	41	12	19	41
Opposes war	71	52	84	73	52
DK/NA	6	7	4	8	7

q69 Who do you think has a better chance of winning the presidential election in 2008 -- a candidate who has never changed his or her positions on the issues, or a candidate who has changed some of his or her positions on the issues?

Never changed	39	50	35	35	53
Changed some	54	44	59	56	42
DK/NA	7	6	6	9	5

q70 Do you think most people would vote for a presidential candidate who has been divorced more than once, or not?

Would	47	49	46	48	53
Would not	42	39	43	43	39
DK/NA	11	12	11	9	8

q71 Do you think most people would vote for a presidential candidate who is a Mormon, or not?

Would	33	37	28	35	39
Would not	54	50	58	52	51
DK/NA	13	13	14	13	0

q72 Are you generally satisfied with the candidates now running for the Democratic nomination for President, or do you wish there were more choices?

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		Aug03b
Satisfied	57	33
More choices	39	57
DK/NA	4	10

q73 Are you generally satisfied with the candidates now running for the Republican nomination for President, or do you wish there were more choices?

	REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	Mar96a
	%	%
Satisfied	40	50
More choices	57	46
DK/NA	3	4

q92 In general, what is the best age for a president of the United States -- in their 30s, in their 40s, in their 50s, in their 60s, or in their 70s?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.	
	*** Party ID ***				Prim.	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters	Jul96a
	%	%	%	%	%	%
30s	5	4	6	3	3	3
40s	26	17	32	29	22	26
50s	55	61	51	54	57	48
60s	9	14	6	9	15	15
70s	0	0	0	0	0	2
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	3	6

q94 Regardless of how you intend to vote for President in 2008, who do you expect to finally win the 2008 Presidential election -- a Democrat or a Republican?

Democrat	61	38	78	61	36
Republican	26	47	13	22	50
DK/NA	13	15	9	17	14

q95 Do any of your close friends think of themselves as Democrats?

	TOTAL REPUBLICANS
Yes	71
No	23
DK/NA	6

q96 Was there any time when you thought of yourself as a Democrat?

Yes	28
No	72
DK/NA	0

q97 Was there any time when you thought of yourself as a Republican?

	TOTAL DEMOCRATS
Yes	28
No	71
DK/NA	1

q98 Do any of your close friends think of themselves as Republicans?

Yes	64
No	27
DK/NA	9

q99 How often do you visit political blog websites on the Internet -- frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Frequently	4	6	4	4
Occasionally	14	11	12	16
Rarely	24	26	29	17
Never	58	57	55	62
DK/NA	0	0	0	1

q100 Do you frequently listen to political call-in shows on the radio, or don't you?

Yes	30	39	26	29
Yes but not frequently (vol.)	14	14	14	15
No	55	47	60	57
DK/NA	1	0	0	0

q101 Do you frequently watch cable news? If so, which network do you watch?

Yes, CNN	26	15	34	25
Yes, Fox News	18	38	8	15
Yes, MSNBC	6	3	8	5
Yes, other network (vol.)	7	3	10	7
Yes, combination (vol.)	19	13	19	22
No	23	28	18	25
DK/NA	1	0	3	1

q104 Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

Every week	31	41	26	28
Almost every week	12	12	14	11
Once or twice a month	14	14	12	15
A few times a year	24	20	27	23
Never	19	13	20	23
DK/NA	0	0	1	0

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Total Respondents	1362		3 pts.
Total Republicans	698	362	4 pts.
Total Democrats	294	472	6 pts.
Total Independents	370	528	5 pts.
Registered Voters	1266	1202	3 pts.
Republican Primary Voters (RVS)	603	348	4 pts.
Democratic Primary Voters (RVS)	362	511	5 pts.