

## PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL TREND IN DETAIL

	<i>December, 2004</i>			<i>May, 2006</i>			(N)
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
	%	%	%			%	
<b>Total</b>	48	44	8=100	33	56	11	(3204)
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	53	41	6	35	56	9	(1406)
Female	45	46	9	30	57	13	(1798)
<b>Race</b>							
White	55	38	7	37	52	11	(2593)
Non-white	22	68	10	15	73	12	(556)
Black	18	73	9	9	81	10	(348)
Hispanic*	45	46	9	29	57	14	(175)
<b>Race and Sex</b>							
White Men	59	36	6	39	53	8	(1141)
White Women	51	40	9	35	52	13	(1452)
<b>Age</b>							
Under 30	40	52	8	29	58	13	(444)
30-49	49	43	8	34	54	12	(1110)
50-64	51	43	6	32	60	8	(901)
65+	53	37	10	33	54	13	(666)
<b>Sex and Age</b>							
Men under 50	50	43	7	35	55	10	(733)
Women under 50	43	48	9	30	56	14	(821)
Men 50+	57	38	5	34	59	7	(640)
Women 50+	47	43	10	31	57	12	(927)
<b>Education</b>							
College Grad.	47	47	6	35	37	8	(1080)
Some College	50	41	9	34	54	12	(808)
H.S. Grad	48	44	8	30	58	12	(1046)
Less than H.S.	47	43	10	30	54	16	(241)
<b>Family Income</b>							
\$75,000+	52	44	4	37	55	8	(827)
\$50,000-\$74,999	59	37	4	38	54	8	(479)
\$30,000-\$49,999	53	41	6	32	58	10	(589)
\$20,000-\$29,999	45	46	9	28	61	11	(319)
<\$20,000	36	54	10	23	63	14	(412)

\* The designation of Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

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

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Total</b>	48	44	8=100	33	56	11	(3204)
<b>Region</b>							
Northeast	39	54	7	27	61	12	(569)
Midwest	48	43	9	32	56	12	(827)
South	56	38	6	36	54	10	(1210)
West	46	44	10	33	57	10	(598)
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>							
Total Protestant	53	39	8	37	53	10	(1802)
- White Evangelical	77	19	4	55	36	9	(713)
- White non-Evangelical	49	41	10	34	56	10	(718)
Total Catholic	49	44	7	33	55	12	(698)
- White Catholic	51	43	6	34	56	10	(554)
Seculars	28	62	10	17	71	12	(354)
<b>Party ID</b>							
Republican	89	7	4	69	21	10	(965)
Democrat	17	76	7	9	85	6	(1035)
Independent	45	46	9	26	62	12	(906)
<b>Party and Ideology</b>							
Conservative Rep.	93	4	3	78	15	7	(600)
Moderate/Liberal Rep.	81	14	5	56	33	11	(333)
Conservative/Mod Dem.	22	71	7	12	81	7	(611)
Liberal Democrat	6	89	5	6	92	2	(370)
<b>Church Attendance</b>							
Weekly or more	58	35	7	41	48	11	(1389)
Monthly or less	47	47	6	30	60	10	(917)
Seldom or never	36	53	11	24	64	12	(852)
<b>Labor Union</b>							
Union household	38	58	4	24	67	9	(442)
Non-union household	50	42	8	34	55	11	(2725)

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

	<u>App-rove</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>		<u>App-rove</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
<b>2005</b>				<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	<b>2002</b>			
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
<b>2004</b>				August, 2002	67	21	12=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
August, 2004	46	45	9=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
July, 2004	46	46	8=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
June, 2004	48	43	9=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
May, 2004	44	48	8=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100	<b>2001</b>			
Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
February, 2004	48	44	8=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100	Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100	Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
<b>2003</b>				August, 2001	50	32	18=100
December, 2003	57	34	9=100	July, 2001	51	32	17=100
November, 2003	50	40	10=100	June, 2001	50	33	17=100
October, 2003	50	42	8=100	May, 2001	53	32	15=100
September, 2003	55	36	9=100	April, 2001	56	27	17=100
Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100	March, 2001	55	25	20=100
Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100	February, 2001	53	21	26=100

**IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (1,2 IN Q.1)**

Q.1a Do you (approve/disapprove) very strongly, or not so strongly?

		Early							
		April	Dec	March	Dec	Nov	Sept	June	April
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
33	Approve	35	38	49	48	50	55	70	56
19	Very strongly	23	26	32	34	34	35	46	34
12	Not so strongly	11	11	16	12	14	18	21	20
2	Don't know (VOL)	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2
56	Disapprove	55	54	46	44	40	36	20	27
45	Very strongly	45	42	36	35	30	27	8	18
10	Not so strongly	10	11	10	8	9	9	12	9
1	Don't know (VOL)	*	1	*	1	1	*	0	*
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ABOUT THIS SURVEY**

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International among a nationwide sample of 3,204 adults, 18 years of age or older, from April 27 to May 22, 2006. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 2 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.