

The Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation-Harvard University: Statewide Survey of Political Independents in Virginia

Methodology

The Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation-Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The partners jointly design and analyze surveys examining public knowledge, perceptions and misperceptions on major issues.

The *Survey of Political Independents*, the 16th in this series, was conducted by telephone from May 3 to June 3, 2007 among 1,708 randomly selected adults living in the state of Virginia, including additional interviews with randomly selected self-identified independents and Republicans to ensure at least 500 interviews in each group for analysis purposes. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. A nationwide survey was conducted at the same time, and results are reported separately (results from that survey can be found at: [Hwww.washingtonpost.com/independents](http://www.washingtonpost.com/independents)H). This document reports results of the Virginia survey only.

Results are weighted to adjust for the additional interviews, and to ensure the data are reflective of the demographics of the actual adult population of Virginia in terms of age, race, ethnicity, sex, education and region. The table below shows the number of interviews and margin of sampling error for key subgroups.

<i>Population</i>	<i>Number interviewed</i>	<i>Margin of sampling error</i>
Total	1,708	± 3 percentage points
Independents	551	± 5 percentage points
Democrats	516	± 5 percentage points
Republicans	507	± 5 percentage points

Representatives of *The Washington Post*, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. Each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name.

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Telephone interviews were conducted by ICR of Media, Pa.

Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). (3) "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

1. What one issue or problem would you say is most important for the president and Congress to address at this time? Is there a second issue that you think is almost as important for the president and Congress to address? (OPEN-ENDED)

First mention

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
55	51	67	51	Iraq/War in Iraq
7	9	3	12	Immigration/illegal immigration
5	4	6	6	Gas prices/Energy
5	5	4	4	Economic issues
5	5	6	3	Health care
4	6	2	4	Frustration with government/Corruption
2	3	2	*	Environmental issues/pollution/global warming
2	1	*	5	Terrorism/National security
2	2	1	1	Foreign affairs/not Iraq
2	2	2	2	Education/schools
1	2	--	2	Budget deficit/national debt
1	1	1	3	Morality issues
1	1	*	1	Social Security
*	*	--	1	Taxes
*	--	*	*	Seniors/retirement issues (not Medicare)
*	*	--	--	Crime/violence
2	1	1	2	Nothing
2	4	2	1	Other
2	2	3	2	Don't know/Refused

Total Mentions

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
70	70	80	63	Iraq/War in Iraq
16	19	8	25	Immigration/illegal immigration
15	13	16	15	Gas prices/Energy
14	15	13	11	Economic issues
14	13	20	9	Health care
6	7	4	7	Frustration with government/Corruption
6	5	7	4	Education/schools
5	7	6	2	Environmental issues/pollution/global warming
4	4	*	8	Terrorism/National security
3	5	2	2	Foreign affairs/not Iraq
3	4	2	5	Budget deficit/national debt
3	2	3	5	Morality issues
3	3	3	4	Social Security
2	1	1	5	Taxes
1	*	1	*	Seniors/retirement issues (not Medicare)
1	1	*	1	Crime/violence
*	--	1	--	Katrina
2	1	1	2	Nothing
5	7	5	4	Other
2	2	3	2	Don't know/Refused

2. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Voters	
33	33	Democrat
27	30	Republican
29	30	Independent
*	1	Libertarian
1	1	Conservative
1	1	Other (vol)
2	2	None
5	2	Don't know
1	1	Refused
N=1708	N=1423	

3. Do you lean more towards the: (Democratic) or (Republican) party? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2)

Total who are neither Democrats nor Republicans

Total	Independent	
29	36	Democratic
30	29	Republican
32	30	Neither (vol)
7	5	Don't know
1	*	Refused
N=685	N=551	

Q2/Q3 Leaned Party Table

Total	Independent	
45	36	Democrat/Lean Democrat
39	29	Republican/Lean Republican
10	35	Non-lean Independent
*	--	Libertarian
*	--	Conservative
1	--	Non-lean Other
1	--	None
3	--	Don't know
1	--	Refused

4. Have you always thought of yourself as an independent, or have you thought of yourself as a (Democrat) or a (Republican) in the past? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total independents

Independent	
62	Always an independent
17	Thought of self as a Democrat in past
12	Thought of self as a Republican in past
6	Thought of self as both Democrat and Republican in past (vol)
3	Don't know
*	Refused
N=551	

5. Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

Total Republicans

Republican	
63	A strong Republican
34	A not very strong Republican
3	Don't know
*	Refused
N=507	

6. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

Total Democrats

Democrat	
63	A strong Democrat
34	A not very strong Democrat
2	Don't know
1	Refused
N=516	

Q2/Q3/Q5/Q6 Political party Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
33	--	100	--	Democrat (net)
21	--	63	--	Strong
11	--	34	--	Not strong
1	--	2	--	Neither
27	--	--	100	Republican (net)
17	--	--	63	Strong
9	--	--	34	Not strong
1	--	--	3	Neither
29	100	--	--	Independent (net)
10	36	--	--	Lean Democrat
8	29	--	--	Lean Republican
10	35	--	--	No lean
*	--	--	--	Libertarian
1	--	--	--	Conservative
1	--	--	--	Other
2	--	--	--	None
5	--	--	--	Don't know
1	--	--	--	Refused

7. In politics, do you ever think of yourself as an independent, or not?

Total non-independents

Total	Democrat	Republican	
43	45	43	Yes
53	53	56	No
3	2	1	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused
N=1157	N=516	N=507	

Q2/Q7 Independent Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
71	--	100	100	Not an independent (net)
31	--	45	43	Ever think of self as independent
38	--	53	56	Never think of self as independent
29	100	--	--	Independent

8. People give different reasons for describing themselves as independents. For each of the following, please tell me if it is a reason why you think of yourself as an independent, or not. First/Next is (INSERT). Is that a reason you're independent, or not? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS; ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)
9. (IF A REASON) Is that a major reason you call yourself an independent, or a minor reason?

Total independents

Independent

a. I'm not very interested in politics

27 Reason (net)
 18 Major
 8 Minor
 * Dk/Ref
 71 Not a reason
 1 Don't know
 * Refused

b. I am not comfortable with either the (Democratic) or (Republican) party

66 Reason (net)
 46 Major
 19 Minor
 1 Dk/Ref
 32 Not a reason
 2 Don't know
 * Refused

c. I vote for candidates, not parties

86 Reason (net)
 71 Major
 15 Minor
 * Dk/Ref
 12 Not a reason
 2 Don't know
 * Refused

d. I don't like putting a label on my political views

62 Reason (net)
 38 Major
 22 Minor
 1 Dk/Ref
 37 Not a reason
 1 Don't know
 * Refused

e. I vote on the issues, not a party line

88 Reason (net)
 75 Major
 12 Minor
 1 Dk/Ref
 11 Not a reason
 1 Don't know
 * Refused

f. On some issues I agree with the (Democrats), on others I agree with the (Republicans)

80 Reason (net)
 52 Major
 27 Minor
 1 Dk/Ref
 17 Not a reason
 2 Don't know
 * Refused

Q8/Q9 Major Reason Table

Independent

- 75 I vote on the issues, not a party line
- 71 I vote for candidates, not parties
- 52 On some issues I agree with the (Democrats), on others I agree with the (Republicans)
- 46 I am not comfortable with either the (Democratic) or (Republican) party
- 38 I don't like putting a label on my political views
- 18 I'm not very interested in politics

10. How satisfied are you with the way this country's political system is working? Would you say very satisfied, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	29	22	58	Satisfied (NET)
5	4	2	12	Very satisfied
29	26	20	47	Mostly satisfied
63	69	76	41	Dissatisfied (NET)
33	36	36	24	Mostly dissatisfied
31	33	40	17	Very dissatisfied
1	2	1	*	Don't know
1	*	1	1	Refused

11. How much confidence do you have in the Government in Washington to make the right decisions for the country's future - a lot, some, not much or none at all?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
50	49	42	65	A lot/Some (NET)
10	7	5	19	A lot
40	42	37	46	Some
49	49	57	34	Not much/None (NET)
30	29	36	23	Not much
18	20	21	11	None at all
1	1	1	*	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

12. How much confidence do you have in your STATE government to make the right decisions for your state's future – a lot, some, not much or none at all?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
23	22	23	28	A lot
51	53	53	49	Some
18	19	16	16	Not much
6	6	6	6	None at all
2	*	3	1	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

13. Please tell me how important each of the following issues is to you PERSONALLY. (First/Next), would you say (INSERT ITEM) is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you PERSONALLY? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total respondent items

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				a. The Economy
36	37	35	34	Extremely important
48	49	47	50	Very important
13	13	16	12	Somewhat important
2	1	1	3	Not too important
1	--	*	1	Not at all important
*	--	*	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				b. Healthcare
41	40	48	32	Extremely important
41	43	45	34	Very important
13	13	6	23	Somewhat important
3	2	*	7	Not too important
2	2	*	4	Not at all important
*	--	1	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				c. The situation in Iraq
49	50	52	43	Extremely important
38	37	36	42	Very important
9	10	7	12	Somewhat important
1	1	2	1	Not too important
2	2	4	1	Not at all important
*	*	*	*	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				d. The US campaign against terrorism
38	34	31	54	Extremely important
39	39	41	36	Very important
16	18	20	9	Somewhat important
3	4	4	1	Not too important
2	3	3	1	Not at all important
1	2	1	*	Don't know
*	*	*	*	Refused

Items e through g asked of one-half of respondents

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				e. The federal budget deficit
22	24	26	17	Extremely important
42	45	44	41	Very important
24	23	21	27	Somewhat important
6	6	3	10	Not too important
3	2	2	5	Not at all important
2	1	4	1	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				f. Global warming
22	23	36	10	Extremely important
29	31	36	19	Very important
26	26	20	30	Somewhat important
12	12	2	20	Not too important
10	8	4	19	Not at all important
2	*	2	2	Don't know

--	--	--	--	Refused
				<i>g. Illegal immigration</i>
26	24	21	34	Extremely important
33	35	30	34	Very important
28	27	29	25	Somewhat important
8	9	12	4	Not too important
4	2	7	2	Not at all important
1	1	*	*	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
N=852	N=291	N=229	N=275	

Items h through j asked of one-half of respondents

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				<i>h. Taxes</i>
25	27	24	28	Extremely important
41	40	40	40	Very important
25	27	26	25	Somewhat important
6	4	9	3	Not too important
1	2	1	2	Not at all important
1	--	--	2	Don't know
*	--	*	--	Refused
				<i>i. Corruption in government</i>
40	41	36	39	Extremely important
37	35	41	36	Very important
16	18	15	18	Somewhat important
4	4	5	4	Not too important
2	*	2	1	Not at all important
2	2	1	2	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<i>j. Social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage</i>
16	12	15	27	Extremely important
24	22	25	23	Very important
25	24	28	20	Somewhat important
16	21	18	14	Not too important
17	20	14	15	Not at all important
1	*	1	2	Don't know
*	1	--	*	Refused
N=856	N=260	N=287	N=232	

Q13 Extremely Important Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
49	50	52	43	The situation in Iraq
41	40	48	32	Healthcare
40	41	36	39	Corruption in government
38	34	31	54	The US campaign against terrorism
36	37	35	34	The economy
26	24	21	34	Illegal immigration
25	27	24	28	Taxes
22	24	26	17	The federal budget deficit
22	23	36	10	Global warming
16	12	15	27	Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage

14. Do you think there are important differences between the Democratic and Republican parties, or are both parties pretty much the same?

Total Independent Democrat Republican

66	58	72	75	Important differences between the Democratic and Republican parties
31	39	25	24	Both parties pretty much the same
2	2	2	1	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused

15. For each of the following, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression. (First/Next), (INSERT). (ROTATE ITEMS – a,b,c,d OR b,a,d,c)

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
					a. The Democratic party in your state
64	64	66	88	40	Favorable (NET)
16	16	10	33	4	Strongly favorable
48	48	56	54	36	Somewhat favorable
30	32	27	10	56	Unfavorable (NET)
20	20	19	5	37	Somewhat unfavorable
10	12	7	5	19	Strongly unfavorable
5	4	7	3	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	*	Refused
					b. The Republican party in your state
54	54	53	29	88	Favorable (NET)
12	14	5	4	31	Strongly favorable
42	40	49	25	57	Somewhat favorable
41	42	39	67	10	Unfavorable (NET)
25	24	25	36	9	Somewhat unfavorable
16	18	14	31	1	Strongly unfavorable
5	4	7	3	1	Don't know
1	*	1	*	1	Refused
					c. The Democratic party nationally
55	53	53	86	25	Favorable (NET)
16	15	7	37	3	Strongly favorable
39	39	46	49	22	Somewhat favorable
40	44	42	13	73	Unfavorable (NET)
21	22	26	10	31	Somewhat unfavorable
19	22	16	3	42	Strongly unfavorable
4	3	5	1	2	Don't know
*	*	*	--	*	Refused
					d. The Republican party nationally
43	43	34	22	80	Favorable (NET)
10	10	3	4	25	Strongly favorable
33	33	30	18	55	Somewhat favorable
53	54	60	76	19	Unfavorable (NET)
27	27	33	31	15	Somewhat unfavorable
26	27	27	45	4	Strongly unfavorable
4	2	5	3	*	Don't know
*	*	1	--	*	Refused

16. Overall, which party, the (Democratic) or the (Republican), does a better job representing your views on (INSERT ITEM)? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS; ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total independents

Independent	
	a. The Economy
36	Democratic
36	Republican
5	Both (vol)

15	Neither (vol)
6	Don't know
*	Refused
<i>b. Healthcare</i>	
49	Democratic
18	Republican
4	Both (vol)
21	Neither (vol)
8	Don't know
*	Refused
<i>c. The situation in Iraq</i>	
40	Democratic
29	Republican
5	Both (vol)
18	Neither (vol)
7	Don't know
*	Refused
<i>d. The US campaign against terrorism</i>	
26	Democratic
40	Republican
6	Both (vol)
19	Neither (vol)
9	Don't know
*	Refused

Items e through g asked of one-half of respondents

Independent

<i>e. The federal budget deficit</i>	
33	Democratic
26	Republican
3	Both (vol)
31	Neither (vol)
7	Don't know
*	Refused
<i>f. Global warming</i>	
51	Democratic
17	Republican
4	Both (vol)
18	Neither (vol)
10	Don't know
1	Refused
<i>g. Illegal immigration</i>	
30	Democratic
28	Republican
4	Both (vol)
25	Neither (vol)
13	Don't know
*	Refused

N=291

Items h through j asked of one-half of respondents

Independent

<i>h. Taxes</i>	
30	Democratic
43	Republican
3	Both (vol)
11	Neither (vol)
13	Don't know

*	Refused
	<i>i. Corruption in government</i>
41	Democratic
14	Republican
9	Both (vol)
26	Neither (vol)
11	Don't know
*	Refused
	<i>j. Social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage</i>
38	Democratic
29	Republican
2	Both (vol)
17	Neither (vol)
13	Don't know
1	Refused
N=260	

17. Do you think the (Democratic party and its leaders) or the (Republican party and its leaders) are better able to manage the federal government effectively?
(ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total independents

	Independent
34	Democratic party and its leaders
21	Republican party and its leaders
6	Both (vol)
27	Neither (vol)
12	Don't know
*	Refused

18. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own personal feelings about American politics today. The first is (INSERT), does this describe your own personal feelings about American politics today or not?
(SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
49	53	55	37	<i>a. Angry</i>
50	46	43	62	Does describes your feelings
1	1	2	1	Does not describe your feelings
*	*	*	--	Don't know
				Refused
63	57	66	66	<i>b. Hopeful</i>
36	41	33	33	Does describes your feelings
1	1	1	1	Does not describe your feelings
*	--	--	--	Don't know
				Refused
19	16	21	23	<i>c. Inspired</i>
79	83	77	75	Does describes your feelings
2	1	2	2	Does not describe your feelings
*	--	*	--	Don't know
				Refused
81	83	84	76	<i>d. Frustrated</i>
18	15	15	23	Does describes your feelings
1	1	1	1	Does not describe your feelings
*	*	--	--	Don't know
				Refused
51	56	54	48	<i>e. Pessimistic</i>
				Does describes your feelings

44	39	41	51	Does not describe your feelings
5	4	5	2	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused
				f. Proud
32	25	28	44	Does describes your feelings
65	71	71	53	Does not describe your feelings
3	4	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused

Q18 Feelings about Politics Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
81	83	84	76	Frustrated
63	57	66	66	Hopeful
51	56	54	48	Pessimistic
49	53	55	37	Angry
32	25	28	44	Proud
19	16	21	23	Inspired

19. In general, do you think the two-party system does a pretty good job of addressing the issues that are most important to people like you, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
44	40	45	55	Does a pretty good job addressing issues
53	58	53	43	Does not do a good job
2	2	2	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

20. Do you think our political system would get (better), get (worse), or stay about the same if it were easier for people to run for president as independents? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
44	57	39	37	Better
14	9	12	18	Worse
36	28	43	39	Stay about the same
1	*	*	1	Depends (vol)
5	5	5	4	Don't know
*	--	*	*	Refused

21. Do you think our political system would get (better), get (worse), or stay about the same if there were no political parties at all? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
19	28	17	13	Better
56	46	56	67	Worse
18	17	22	16	Stay about the same
*	*	*	*	Depends (vol)
6	9	4	4	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

22. For future presidential elections, would you support or oppose changing to a system in which the president is elected by direct popular vote, instead of by the electoral college?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican
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69	73	78	56	Support
26	22	19	38	Oppose
5	5	3	6	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused

23. Thinking about the 2008 presidential election campaign so far, would you say that you're...very interested, somewhat interested, not too interested, or not interested at all?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
85	83	91	86	Interested (NET)
52	46	63	49	Very interested
33	36	27	38	Somewhat interested
14	17	9	14	Not Interested (NET)
8	11	6	9	Not too interested
6	5	3	5	Not interested at all
1	1	*	--	Don't know
*	--	*	--	Refused

24. Thinking ahead to November 2008, how seriously would you consider voting for (READ ITEM) candidate for president? Very seriously, somewhat seriously, not too seriously, or not seriously at all? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
					a. A Republican
49	50	48	16	89	Seriously (NET)
22	24	13	2	58	Very seriously
27	26	36	14	31	Somewhat seriously
45	44	43	81	8	Not Seriously (NET)
13	13	16	20	4	Not too seriously
32	31	27	61	4	Not seriously at all
2	2	2	2	1	Would not consider/No chance (vol)
4	5	6	1	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
					b. A Democratic
61	59	62	94	23	Seriously (NET)
36	37	27	75	6	Very seriously
25	22	35	19	18	Somewhat seriously
34	34	29	5	72	Not Seriously (NET)
12	12	14	3	23	Not too seriously
21	22	15	2	50	Not seriously at all
1	1	1	--	2	Would not consider/No chance (vol)
4	5	7	1	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
					c. An independent
56	55	74	49	47	Seriously (NET)
18	19	32	13	8	Very seriously
38	36	43	36	40	Somewhat seriously
37	37	17	48	46	Not Seriously (NET)
18	19	10	24	22	Not too seriously
19	18	7	24	24	Not seriously at all
1	2	1	*	1	Would not consider/No chance (vol)
5	6	7	2	5	Don't know
*	*	*	--	*	Refused

25. Putting aside for a moment the question of who the nominees might be...Would you prefer the next president to be (a Democrat), (a Republican), or something else? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
39	37	24	86	5	Democrat
27	30	13	1	79	Republican
10	11	24	3	5	Independent (vol)
5	4	6	3	2	party doesn't matter/depends on candidate (vol)
1	1	2	--	*	Libertarian (vol)
1	*	1	1	1	Anyone who is not a Democrat or Republican (vol)
*	1	1	*	--	Green party (vol)
*	1	*	--	1	Conservative (vol)
*	*	--	*	--	A female (vol)
2	2	4	*	1	Other (vol)
1	1	3	--	1	None (vol)
12	12	19	5	6	Don't know
1	1	2	*	1	Refused

26. Do you prefer a (Democrat/Republican) strongly, or somewhat?

Total who prefer a Democrat/Republican president next time

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
42	36	78	2	Democrat strongly
17	29	21	3	Democrat somewhat
14	22	*	27	Republican somewhat
27	12	1	67	Republican strongly
*	--	*	1	Don't know
*	*	*	*	Refused
N=1124	N=214	N=452	N=412	

27. Which way are you leaning, (a Democrat) or (a Republican)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total who didn't know/refused to say which party the next president should be from

Total	Independent	
18	22	A Democrat
21	16	A Republican
27	35	Neither (vol)
24	19	Don't know
10	9	Refused
N=235	N=121	

Q25/Q26/Q27 Combination Table

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
41	40	29	88	5	Prefer/Lean Democrat for next president (net)
28	28	14	68	1	Prefer Democrat strongly
11	9	11	18	3	Prefer Democrat somewhat
2	3	5	2	*	Lean Democrat
*	*	--	*	*	Don't know
*	*	--	*	*	Refused
30	33	16	3	82	Prefer/Lean Republican for next president (net)
18	20	5	1	56	Prefer Republican strongly
10	10	8	*	23	Prefer Republican somewhat
3	3	3	2	4	Lean Republican
*	*	--	--	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
10	11	24	3	5	Prefer independent for next president
1	1	2	--	*	Prefer Libertarian
*	1	1	*	--	Prefer Green party
*	1	*	--	1	Prefer Conservative
*	*	--	*	--	Prefer a female
1	*	1	1	1	Prefer anyone who isn't a Democrat or Republican
5	4	6	3	2	Party doesn't matter/depends on the candidate
2	2	4	*	1	Something else
1	1	3	--	1	None
8	7	13	1	3	Don't know/Refused

28. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of presidential candidates on the Democratic side so far – are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

Total independents

Independent	
56	Satisfied (NET)
10	Very satisfied
45	Somewhat satisfied
36	Dissatisfied (NET)
22	Somewhat dissatisfied
15	Very dissatisfied
7	Don't know
1	Refused

29. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of presidential candidates on the Republican side so far – are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

Total independents

Independent	
43	Satisfied (NET)
4	Very satisfied
39	Somewhat satisfied
49	Dissatisfied (NET)
30	Somewhat dissatisfied
19	Very dissatisfied
8	Don't know
*	Refused

30. Next, I'm going to read you a list of personal characteristics or qualities that some people find important when deciding how to vote for president. For each, please say how important it is to you. (First/Next) is (READ ITEM). Is that an absolutely essential quality in a presidential candidate, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS; ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				a. Someone who speaks his or her mind, regardless of the political consequences
26	26	20	32	Absolutely essential
46	46	51	42	Very important
20	24	19	19	Somewhat important
5	4	8	4	Not too important
2	1	1	2	Not important at all
*	*	1	*	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused
				b. Someone who has extensive experience in elected office
13	11	13	16	Absolutely essential
38	32	41	37	Very important
32	39	29	31	Somewhat important
12	12	12	11	Not too important
4	5	4	5	Not important at all
*	*	*	*	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused
				c. Someone who is inspiring
18	15	18	20	Absolutely essential
47	45	52	42	Very important
28	33	23	31	Somewhat important
5	4	4	5	Not too important
2	1	2	2	Not important at all
1	1	*	*	Don't know
*	--	*	--	Refused
				d. Someone who works well with both (Democrats) and (Republicans)
34	38	32	34	Absolutely essential
49	49	55	43	Very important
13	11	12	18	Somewhat important
2	2	1	2	Not too important
1	*	1	2	Not important at all
*	*	*	*	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused
				e. Someone who has strong religious faith
15	11	10	26	Absolutely essential
32	30	32	35	Very important
23	24	24	22	Somewhat important
14	16	16	9	Not too important
14	18	17	7	Not important at all
1	1	1	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused
				f. Someone who is honest and trustworthy
52	51	49	59	Absolutely essential
43	45	47	38	Very important
3	3	3	3	Somewhat important
1	1	*	--	Not too important
*	--	*	*	Not important at all
*	*	1	--	Don't know
*	--	*	*	Refused
				g. Someone who is a strong and decisive leader
40	37	37	49	Absolutely essential
51	51	53	46	Very important
8	11	8	3	Somewhat important
1	1	1	1	Not too important
*	*	1	*	Not important at all
*	--	*	--	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

Q30 Absolutely Essential Summary

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
52	51	49	59	Someone who is honest and trustworthy
40	37	37	49	Someone who is a strong and decisive leader
34	38	32	34	Someone who works well with both (Democrats) and (Republicans)
26	26	20	32	Someone who speaks his or her mind, regardless of the political consequences
18	15	18	20	Someone who is inspiring
15	11	10	26	Someone who has strong religious faith
13	11	13	16	Someone who has extensive experience in elected office

31. Some people think the government in Washington (is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and private businesses). Others disagree and think the government (should do more to solve our country's biggest problems). Which of these two views is closer to your own? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
50	56	36	65	Washington is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and private businesses
43	38	57	31	The government should do more to solve our country's biggest problems
5	5	7	3	Don't know
1	1	*	*	Refused

32. Would you rather see religion have greater influence in politics and public life than it does now, less influence, or about the same influence as it does now?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	27	31	46	Greater influence
33	40	38	19	Less influence
30	32	29	33	About the same influence
2	2	2	1	Don't know
*	*	*	*	Refused

33. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
44	41	29	69	Excellent/Good (NET)
6	7	1	14	Excellent
38	35	28	55	Good
55	58	70	30	Not so good/Poor (NET)
37	36	47	24	Not so good
18	22	23	6	Poor
1	1	1	1	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused

34. Based on what you know or may have heard, do you think the globalization of the world economy is (mostly good for the United States), (mostly bad for the United States), or doesn't make much difference? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	34	32	41	Mostly good
30	32	29	28	Mostly bad
27	25	32	23	Doesn't make much difference
1	--	*	1	Haven't heard of globalization (vol)
8	8	7	7	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

35. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you (are getting ahead financially), have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or (are falling behind financially)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
33	32	26	46	Getting ahead financially
50	50	54	43	Have just enough money to maintain your standard of living
16	17	19	10	Falling behind financially
1	1	1	*	Don't know
*	*	*	1	Refused

36. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not?

37. Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	32	11	68	Yes, worth fighting (net)
24	22	5	51	Strongly
10	10	5	17	Somewhat
*	*	1	--	Don't know/Refused
60	62	84	29	No, not worth fighting (net)
11	11	11	11	Somewhat
48	51	72	19	Strongly
*	--	1	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
5	6	4	3	Don't know/Refused

38. Do you think the U.S. goal of bringing stability to Iraq is still possible, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
37	33	18	64	Yes, still possible
58	60	77	32	No, not possible
5	7	4	4	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

39. Do you think (the United States must win the war in Iraq in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success), or do you think (the war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Iraq?) (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
34	33	17	55	The United States must win the war in Iraq in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success
55	55	73	36	The war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Iraq
11	10	10	9	Don't know
1	2	*	*	Refused

40. As it conducts the war on terrorism, do you think the United States government is or is not doing enough to protect the civil liberties of American citizens?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
48	45	32	70	Doing enough
47	49	63	25	Not doing enough
5	6	4	5	Don't know
*	*	*	*	Refused

41. Do you think illegal immigrants who are living and working in the United States now (should be offered a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status), or do you think they (should be deported back to their native country)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
56	55	65	50	Should be offered a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status
35	36	28	44	Should be deported back to their native country
7	8	6	6	Don't know
1	1	1	*	Refused

42. Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws in this country?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
58	60	74	41	Favor
38	36	23	57	Oppose
3	3	3	2	Don't know
1	1	*	*	Refused

43. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
64	64	48	81	Favor
30	30	44	17	Oppose
5	5	7	2	Don't know
1	1	1	*	Refused

44. Compared to before September 11, 2001, do you think the country today is safer from terrorism or less safe from terrorism?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
49	48	36	69	Safer
39	40	52	23	Less Safe
9	10	9	6	No difference (vol)
3	2	3	2	Don't know
*	--	*	*	Refused

45. When it comes to health care, do you think the presidential candidates should focus more on (lowering the cost of health care and insurance), or (expanding health insurance coverage to people who are currently uninsured)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
44	46	32	58	Lowering the cost of health care and insurance
43	40	58	30	Expanding health insurance coverage to people who are uninsured
7	7	8	3	Both (vol)
3	2	1	5	Neither (vol)
3	3	1	4	Don't know
1	1	--	1	Refused

46. In order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance, would you be willing to pay more – either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes – or would you not be willing to pay more?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
40	40	50	31	Willing to pay more
55	55	47	64	Not willing to pay more
4	4	2	4	Don't know
1	1	1	*	Refused

47. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
54	61	65	37	Legal (NET)
18	18	25	9	Legal in all cases
36	43	40	28	Legal in most cases
40	31	30	59	Illegal (NET)
24	19	19	36	Illegal in most cases
15	12	12	22	Illegal in all cases
4	6	3	3	Don't know
2	2	1	1	Refused

48. Do you think same-sex couples should be (allowed legally to marry), should be (allowed legally to form civil unions, but not marry), or should not be allowed to obtain legal recognition of their relationships? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
26	25	39	14	Should be allowed to marry
28	38	25	27	Should be allowed legally to form civil unions but not marry

39	31	32	56	Should not be allowed to obtain legal recognition of their relationships
5	5	4	3	Don't know
1	1	--	*	Refused

49. Which of the following do you think would be the best way to finance presidential campaigns... (a system of public financing funded by the federal government), (a system of private financing funded by donations from individuals and political groups) or a combination of the two? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
14	19	12	9	Public financing
26	21	24	33	Private financing
54	56	59	53	Combination of the two
2	1	1	1	Other (vol)
3	3	3	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

50. How important is it to you that the Commonwealth of Virginia increases the amount it spends on transportation projects — extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
27	28	27	27	Extremely important
27	26	31	22	Very important
32	31	30	36	Somewhat important
7	7	6	8	Not too important
6	6	5	7	Not at all important
1	2	1	*	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

51. Who would you say has been the best U.S. president in the modern era... John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, the first George Bush, Bill Clinton, or George W. Bush? (ROTATE ITEMS 1-9, 9-1)

Total independents

Independent	
18	John Kennedy
1	Lyndon Johnson
4	Richard Nixon
4	Gerald Ford
4	Jimmy Carter
33	Ronald Reagan
3	The first George Bush
25	Bill Clinton
1	George W. Bush
6	Don't know
1	Refused

52. And which of these has been the WORST U.S. president in the modern era... [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY IN SAME ORDER AS Q60: John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, the first George Bush, Bill Clinton, or George W. Bush?]

Total independents

Independent

*	John Kennedy
3	Lyndon Johnson
12	Richard Nixon
1	Gerald Ford
14	Jimmy Carter
2	Ronald Reagan
3	The first George Bush
11	Bill Clinton
46	George W. Bush
6	Don't know
1	Refused

53. How do you personally feel about the Bush administration's policies -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry? (ROTATE SCALE 1-4, 4-1)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
33	27	9	69	Enthusiastic/Satisfied (NET)
5	3	1	12	Enthusiastic
28	24	8	57	Satisfied but not enthusiastic
65	71	89	31	Dissatisfied/Angry (NET)
38	41	44	25	Dissatisfied but not angry
27	30	45	6	Angry
1	1	2	*	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

54. How much attention do you normally pay to what's going on in national government and politics? A lot of attention, some attention, not much attention, or no attention at all?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
50	54	50	53	A lot of attention
40	38	41	40	Some
7	6	7	7	Not much
2	1	2	*	No attention at all
*	*	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused

READ IF INDEPENDENTS: I'll now read a list of potential 2008 presidential candidates. Please tell me if you would definitely vote for them in the November 2008 general election if they were a nominee, if you would consider voting for them or if you would definitely NOT vote for them?

(ROTATE PLACEMENT OF Q55/56 WITH Q57/58)

55. [First if (INSERT) / Next, how about (INSERT), if he/she] were the Democratic nominee for president, would you definitely vote for (him/her) in November 2008, would you consider voting for (him/her) or would you definitely not vote for (him/her)? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total independents

Independent

a. Hillary Clinton

14 Would definitely vote for
 40 Would consider voting for
 44 Would definitely not vote for
 1 Don't know
 * Refused

b. Barack Obama

13 Would definitely vote for
 55 Would consider voting for
 27 Would definitely not vote for
 5 Don't know
 * Refused

c. John Edwards

8 Would definitely vote for
 45 Would consider voting for
 41 Would definitely not vote for
 6 Don't know
 * Refused

d. Al Gore

13 Would definitely vote for
 38 Would consider voting for
 47 Would definitely not vote for
 3 Don't know
 * Refused

56. Are there any other Democratic candidates that you'd definitely vote for in November 2008 if he or she were the party's nominee? (OPEN-ENDED, MULTIPLE ANSWERS ACCEPTED)

Total independents

Independent

4 Bill Richardson
 1 Joe Lieberman
 1 Joe Biden
 1 Dennis Kucinich
 * Christopher Dodd
 1 John Kerry
 * Bill Clinton
 5 Other
 74 No other candidates
 13 Don't know
 * Refused

READ: And on the other side...

57. If (INSERT) / Next, how about (INSERT), if he] were the Republican nominee for president, would you definitely vote for him in November 2008, would you consider voting for him or would you definitely not vote for him? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total independents

Independent

a. Rudy Giuliani

12 Would definitely vote for
 45 Would consider voting for
 40 Would definitely not vote for
 3 Don't know
 * Refused

	<i>b. John McCain</i>
8	Would definitely vote for
50	Would consider voting for
36	Would definitely not vote for
6	Don't know
*	Refused
	<i>c. Mitt Romney</i>
3	Would definitely vote for
36	Would consider voting for
50	Would definitely not vote for
11	Don't know
*	Refused
	<i>d. Fred Thompson</i>
5	Would definitely vote for
39	Would consider voting for
43	Would definitely not vote for
13	Don't know
1	Refused
	<i>e. Newt Gingrich</i>
1	Would definitely vote for
25	Would consider voting for
68	Would definitely not vote for
6	Don't know
1	Refused

58. Are there any other Republican candidates that you'd definitely vote for in November 2008 if he or she were the party's nominee? (OPEN-ENDED, MULTIPLE ANSWERS ACCEPTED)

Total Independents

	Independent
1	Colin Powell
1	Condoleezza Rice
1	Mike Huckabee
1	Ron Paul
*	Chuck Hagel
*	Michael Bloomberg
1	Arlen Specter
*	Sam Brownback
*	Tom Tancredo
4	Other
80	No other candidates
12	Don't know
*	Refused

READ THIS STATEMENT IF NOT INDEPENDENT: I'll now read a list of potential 2008 independent presidential candidates. For each, please tell me if you would definitely vote for him in the November 2008 general election if he were on the ballot in your state, if you would consider voting for him or if you would definitely NOT vote for him?

59. If (NAME) were an independent candidate for president in 2008, would you definitely vote for him, would you consider voting for him or would you definitely not vote for him? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	<i>a. Michael Bloomberg</i>
2	4	1	1	Would definitely vote for

33	38	31	33	Would consider voting for
51	47	54	54	Would definitely not vote for
13	11	13	11	Don't know
1	*	1	1	Refused
				b. Chuck Hagel
1	3	1	*	Would definitely vote for
29	38	27	26	Would consider voting for
46	37	51	53	Would definitely not vote for
22	22	20	20	Don't know
1	*	1	1	Refused

60. How much information, if any, about politics and government do you get from each of the following? (First/Next INSERT ITEM). Is it a lot, some, not too much or none at all? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				a. From television news
53	52	56	54	A lot
34	36	32	34	Some
8	7	9	7	Not too much
4	5	4	5	None at all
*	--	--	*	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused
				b. From the radio
20	20	18	22	A lot
36	41	34	33	Some
24	22	27	23	Not too much
20	17	21	22	None at all
*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	--	*	*	Refused
				c. From print newspapers
33	34	39	30	A lot
37	37	35	38	Some
17	17	17	16	Not too much
13	12	9	16	None at all
*	--	--	*	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused
				d. From the Internet
22	25	22	21	A lot
27	26	29	29	Some
17	15	18	17	Not too much
34	34	31	33	None at all
*	--	*	--	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

Q60 Media Usage "A Lot" Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
53	52	56	54	From television news
33	34	39	30	From print newspapers
22	25	22	21	From the Internet
20	20	18	22	From the radio

61. How much information, if any, about politics and government do you get from each of following online sources—a lot, some, not too much or none at all? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total who get any information about politics and government from the Internet

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				a. Blogs or online political journals
7	10	7	5	A lot
20	19	22	19	Some
15	15	18	11	Not too much
58	55	54	65	None at all
*	1	*	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				b. Video-sharing sites such as YouTube
2	2	2	3	A lot
13	11	17	11	Some
13	14	16	7	Not too much
71	72	65	77	None at all
1	1	1	1	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				c. Social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook
2	1	4	1	A lot
7	6	10	4	Some
7	8	9	5	Not too much
48	51	44	55	None at all
*	1	*	*	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused
				d. Newspaper or television network websites
30	34	32	26	A lot
39	36	40	40	Some
14	15	15	12	Not too much
17	15	13	21	None at all
--	--	--	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
N=1129	N=372	N=348	N=342	

Q60/61 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				a. Blogs or online political journals
4	6	5	3	A lot
13	13	15	13	Some
10	10	12	7	Not too much
38	36	37	43	None at all
*	1	*	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
35	34	32	33	Do not get political information from the Internet
				b. Video-sharing sites such as YouTube
2	2	1	2	A lot
8	8	11	7	Some
8	9	11	5	Not too much
47	47	45	52	None at all
1	1	1	1	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
35	34	32	33	Do not get political information from the Internet
				c. Social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook

2	1	4	1	A lot
7	6	10	4	Some
7	8	9	5	Not too much
48	51	44	55	None at all
*	1	*	*	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused
35	34	32	33	Do not get political information from the Internet <i>d. Newspaper or television network websites</i>
20	22	22	18	A lot
25	24	28	27	Some
9	10	10	8	Not too much
11	10	9	14	None at all
--	--	--	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
35	34	32	33	Do not get political information from the Internet

62. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
81	83	81	87	Yes
18	16	19	13	No
*	*	--	--	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

63. In presidential elections, would you say you...? (ROTATE SCALE 1-5, 5-1)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
17	5	44	1	Always vote Democratic
21	21	39	1	Mostly vote Democratic
22	44	12	9	Vote for Republicans and Democrats about equally
22	19	1	50	Mostly vote Republican
10	1	1	33	Always vote Republican
6	4	3	6	Don't vote/Haven't voted (vol)
2	5	*	*	Don't know
1	1	--	*	Refused

64. And in STATE elections, would you say you...? (ROTATE SCALE 1-5, 5-1, SAME ORDER AS IN Q63)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
15	7	39	1	Always vote Democratic
19	18	39	*	Mostly vote Democratic
29	50	17	18	Vote for Republicans and Democrats about equally
18	14	1	46	Mostly vote Republican
9	2	*	28	Always vote Republican
6	5	3	7	Don't vote/Haven't voted (vol)
3	3	1	*	Don't know
1	2	--	*	Refused

65. As you may know, around half the public does not vote in presidential elections. How about you--did you vote in the last presidential election in 2004, when George W. Bush ran against John Kerry, or did you not have a chance to vote that time?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
73	77	71	79	Voted
24	22	27	15	Did not vote

3	1	2	5	Too young to vote (vol)
*	*	--	1	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

66. Which candidate did you vote for?

Total who voted for president in 2004

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
48	46	10	92	George W. Bush
44	43	84	7	John Kerry
*	1	*	--	Ralph Nader (vol)
2	3	1	--	Other candidate (vol)
*	*	1	--	Did not vote (vol)
2	4	1	*	Don't know
4	4	3	1	Refused
N=1431	N=475	N=424	N=450	

Q65/Q66 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
72	77	70	79	Voted in 2004 presidential election (net)
35	35	7	73	George W. Bush
32	33	60	5	John Kerry
*	*	*	--	Ralph Nader
1	2	1	--	Other candidate
25	22	28	15	Did not vote
3	1	2	5	Too young to vote
*	*	--	1	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

67. What about in the 2006 Congressional elections for the House and Senate that were held just this past November, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
60	61	58	66	Voted
37	38	40	29	Did not vote
2	1	1	3	Too young to vote (vol)
1	1	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

68. Did you vote for the (Democratic) candidate or the (Republican) candidate in your Congressional district? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total who voted in the 2006 congressional elections

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
48	50	89	8	Democratic candidate
42	37	7	87	Republican candidate
1	1	*	1	Other candidate (vol)
1	2	--	*	Did not vote (vol)
5	8	2	3	Don't know
3	3	3	1	Refused
N=1206	N=398	N=352	N=385	

Q67/Q68 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
59	60	58	66	Voted in 2006 Congressional election (net)
29	30	52	5	Democratic candidate
25	22	4	58	Republican candidate
*	*	*	*	Other candidate
37	39	40	29	Did not vote
2	1	1	3	Too young to vote
1	1	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

69. And which candidate did you vote for in last year's Senate election, (Jim Webb, the Democrat) or (George Allen, the Republican)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total who voted in 2006 congressional election

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
52	58	90	10	Jim Webb, the Democrat
41	32	6	85	George Allen, the Republican
1	1	*	*	Other candidate (vol)
2	3	*	3	Did not vote (vol)
2	3	*	1	Don't know
2	2	3	1	Refused
N=1206	N=398	N=352	N=385	

Q67/Q69 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
58	59	58	65	Voted in 2006 Congressional election (net)
31	35	52	7	Jim Webb
24	19	4	56	George Allen
*	1	*	*	Other candidate
38	40	40	31	Did not vote
2	1	1	3	Too young to vote
1	1	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

70. Have you ever voted for an independent or third party candidate in a presidential or statewide election?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
30	48	21	24	Yes
66	49	75	73	No
3	3	4	2	Don't know
1	*	*	1	Refused

71. Have you or are you seriously considering volunteering any of your time or contributing money to a presidential candidate in 2008, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
23	21	28	24	Yes
74	76	69	73	No
3	3	3	3	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

72. Would you say your views on most political matters are...?

(ROTATE SCALE 1-5, 5-1)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
27	23	48	7	Liberal (NET)
7	6	14	1	Very liberal
20	17	34	6	Somewhat liberal
32	39	32	22	Moderate
38	35	18	71	Conservative (NET)
25	28	12	39	Somewhat conservative
14	7	7	31	Very conservative
*	*	*	--	Don't think in those terms (vol)
2	2	2	*	Don't know
1	1	--	1	Refused

(ROTATE PLACEMENT OF QUESTIONS Q73 AND Q74)

73. How about on most social issues, would you say your views are...? (ROTATE SCALE 1-5, 5-1, SAME ORDER AS IN Q72)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
31	31	50	10	Liberal (NET)
11	8	22	3	Very liberal
19	23	28	7	Somewhat liberal
29	37	31	22	Moderate
36	29	16	66	Conservative (NET)
23	20	11	38	Somewhat conservative
14	9	5	28	Very conservative
*	1	*	--	Don't think in those terms (vol)
2	2	2	*	Don't know
1	1	--	1	Refused

74. How about on most fiscal issues – such as taxes and government spending would you say your views are...? (ROTATE SCALE 1-5, 5-1, SAME ORDER AS IN Q72)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
20	18	34	6	Liberal (NET)
7	6	10	2	Very liberal
14	12	24	4	Somewhat liberal
31	34	38	20	Moderate
45	45	25	72	Conservative (NET)
25	27	18	34	Somewhat conservative
20	18	7	38	Very conservative
*	*	*	--	Don't think in those terms (vol)
2	2	2	1	Don't know
1	1	--	1	Refused

75. In politics, do you think of yourself as (INSERT) or not? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				a. A libertarian
19	21	23	13	Yes
72	71	67	81	No
8	7	9	5	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused
				b. A progressive
40	41	54	29	Yes
50	49	38	62	No
9	9	8	7	Don't know

1 1 1 1 Refused

Demographics

76. What is your age?

77. IF REFUSED: Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of 18-29, 30-49, 50-64 or 65+?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
21	16	24	23	18-29
41	44	36	41	30-49
24	24	25	24	50-64
14	16	14	13	65+

78. Are you...?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
54	58	44	62	Married and living with your spouse
5	4	5	4	Living with a partner but not married
2	2	3	2	Separated
11	10	12	8	Divorced
7	5	8	6	Widowed
21	20	27	17	Or never married
1	1	1	1	Refused

79. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	35	36	36	Yes
64	65	63	64	No
--	--	--	--	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused

80. What is the last grade of school you completed?

81. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
3	3	3	3	8th grade or less
11	11	11	9	Some high school
31	31	32	28	Graduated high school
25	21	25	28	Some college
17	19	16	19	Graduated college (net)
3	2	3	3	Associate's degree
12	15	10	14	Bachelor's degree
2	2	3	2	Other
*	--	*	--	DK/Refused
13	15	13	13	Post Graduate

82. What, if anything, is your religion?
 83. What would that be?
 84. Is that a Christian religion or not?
 85. Is that a Protestant denomination, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
53	47	58	58	Protestant
13	16	13	16	Catholic
12	9	10	14	Christian (Non-Protestant)
5	6	5	3	Other Non-Christian
13	18	11	7	None
2	2	2	--	Don't know
2	2	2	2	Refused

86. Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Total Christians

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
51	44	56	52	Yes
46	53	42	46	No
2	4	2	2	Don't know
*	*	--	1	Refused
N=1388	N=413	N=413	N=461	

Total respondents

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
41	32	45	47	Born-again Christian
37	39	34	41	Christian, not born-again
2	3	2	2	Christian, don't know if born-again
*	*	--	1	Christian, refused born-again
19	26	19	10	None, other

87. Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
14	10	14	18	More than once a week
30	27	30	34	Once a week
14	15	15	14	Once or twice a month
16	19	16	14	A few times a year
13	16	14	12	Seldom
10	12	10	6	Never
*	1	*	*	Don't know
1	1	1	2	Refused

88. At present, are you yourself employed part-time or full-time, or are you retired or something else?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
14	15	13	14	Employed part time
51	51	49	52	Employed full time
18	18	18	17	Retired
4	4	3	5	Homemaker (vol)
4	2	6	4	Unemployed (vol)
2	1	2	2	Student (vol)
3	4	4	1	Disability (vol)
2	2	2	2	Self employed (vol)

1	1	1	2	Other (vol)
2	1	1	1	Refused

89. Are you, or is any other adult in your household a member of a labor union?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
8	7	9	7	Yes
90	91	89	91	No
1	1	2	1	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

90. Is that you, or someone in your household?

Total with someone in the household in labor union

Total	
55	Respondent
38	Someone else in the household
5	Both respondent and someone else
1	Refused
N=121	

89/90 Combination table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
8	7	9	7	Household member in Labor union (net)
4	3	6	4	Respondent
3	3	3	3	Someone else in the household
*	1	*	*	Both respondent and someone else
90	91	89	91	No one in Labor union
1	1	2	1	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

91. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan? This would include any private insurance plan through your employer or that you purchase yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
87	84	88	90	Yes
11	14	12	9	No
1	1	--	*	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused

92. Are you, or is anyone in your household, serving in the military or a military veteran, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
32	32	28	39	Yes
67	66	72	60	No
*	1	--	--	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused

93. Is that you, or someone in your household?

Total with someone in the household in the military

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
43	51	32	42	Respondent
51	43	66	49	Someone else in the household
6	6	2	9	Both respondent and someone else
--	--	--	--	Refused
N=586	N=200	N=140	N=206	

92/93 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
32	32	28	39	Household member in military (net)
14	16	9	16	Respondent
17	14	18	19	Someone else in the household
2	2	1	3	Both respondent and someone else
67	66	72	60	No one in military
*	1	--	--	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused

94. Are you a U.S. citizen or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
97	95	97	99	Yes
2	4	3	*	No
*	--	--	--	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

95. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

96. Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?

97. Are you white, black, or some other race?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
94	95	93	93	Non-Hispanic (NET)
68	74	53	83	White
18	13	33	3	Black
1	1	2	2	Asian
1	1	*	1	Native American
2	3	2	1	Mixed
1	2	2	*	Something else
3	3	1	3	Unspecified
6	5	7	7	Hispanic (NET)
4	3	4	6	White
1	--	2	*	Black
1	2	1	2	Hispanic (no race given)

98. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources? (READ LIST)

99. Is that 100 to under 150 thousand, 150 to under 200 thousand or 200 thousand or more? PROBE: Your best estimate is fine.

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
11	12	14	7	Under 20 thousand dollars
13	12	14	8	20 to under 35 thousand
13	13	13	13	35 to under 50 thousand
18	18	19	17	50 to under 75 thousand
13	14	12	14	75 to under 100 thousand
20	19	17	28	100 thousand or more (net)

12	10	11	16	100 to under 150 thousand
5	5	3	7	150 to under 200 thousand
3	3	3	5	200 thousand or more
4	3	5	3	Don't know
8	9	7	9	Refused

INTERVIEWER: In what language was this interview conducted?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
1	1	1	*	All Spanish
*	--	--	--	Mostly Spanish
*	1	--	--	Part Spanish/Part English
1	3	*	2	Mostly English
98	95	99	98	All English

Gender recorded by interviewer

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
48	53	38	54	Male
52	47	62	46	Female