



THE WINSTON GROUP

**NEW MODELS .NATIONAL BRAND SURVEY AGGREGATES**  
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**N=1000 RV**

B. In thinking about this year's election for Congress, based on scale of 1 to 9, where 1 is that you will not be voting and 9 is that you will absolutely be voting, how likely are you to vote in the election?

**MEAN: 8.36**

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction	<b>32</b>
2. Don't Know/Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )	<b>9</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>59</b>

2. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing as President?

1. Approve	<b>40</b>
2. Don't Know/Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )	<b>5</b>
3. Disapprove	<b>55</b>

Please tell me for each of the following whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that group or person. **(IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:)** Would you say you have a strongly **(FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE)** impression or just a somewhat **(FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE)** impression? **(ROTATE)**

	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NAME ID</b>
3. Republicans in the US Senate	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100</b>
4. Democrats in the US Senate	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100</b>
5. Mark Foley	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>87</b>

6. Which of the following issues would you say is the most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? **(ROTATE)**

1. Education	<b>9</b>
2. Social Security	<b>7</b>
3. Retirement and Investments	<b>1</b>
4. Terrorism	<b>10</b>
5. Health Care/Prescription Drugs	<b>8</b>
6. The Economy	<b>13</b>
7. Jobs	<b>2</b>
8. Taxes	<b>4</b>
9. Crime and Safety	<b>2</b>
10. Environment	<b>3</b>

11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs/Iraq	23
12. National Deficit	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	2
15. Immigration	7
16. Other <b>(SPECIFY)</b>	3
17. Don't Know/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	4

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle the issue of **(ROTATE LIST BELOW)**, **(ROTATE)** the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>
7. Education	37	53
8. Social Security	36	53
9. Health Care/Prescription Drugs	33	56
10. The economy	43	48
11. Jobs	40	48
12. War in Iraq	43	46
13. Energy and Gas Prices	35	53
14. War on Terror	46	44

**(ROTATE 15-17 WITH 18-20)**

15. In the last couple of weeks, have you seen, read or heard anything that US Senate Republicans were doing?

1. Yes <b>(GO TO Q16)</b>	54
2. No <b>(GO TO Q18)</b>	44
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ) (GO TO Q18)</b>	2

16. What was it?

1. Mark Foley Investigation	31
2. Iraq	21
3. Immigration/Border	15
4. Geneva Convention/Torture	7
5. Terrorism	6
6. High Gas/Oil	4
7. Upcoming Election	4
8. Economy	4
9. Taxes	3
10. Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
11. Education/NCLB	3
12. Democrats are Obstructionists	3
13. Health Care/RX	3
14. General GOP Negative	3
15. Social Security	2
16. Deficit/Budget	2
17. Environment/ANWR	1
18. Abortion	1
19. McCain	1
20. Jobs/Minimum wage	1
21. NSA Wiretapping	1
22. Frist	1

23. Other	<b>3</b>
24. DK/Refused	<b>10</b>
17. Did it make you more favorable or less favorable to US Senate Republicans?	
1. More Favorable	<b>33</b>
2. Less Favorable	<b>52</b>
3. No Difference <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>15</b>
18. In the last couple of weeks have you seen, read or heard anything that US Senate Democrats were doing?	
	<b>40</b>
1. Yes <b>(GO TO Q19)</b>	<b>57</b>
2. No <b>(GO TO Q21)</b>	<b>2</b>
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)(GO TO Q21)</b>	
19. What was it?	
1. Iraq	<b>24</b>
2. Politics as usual/Infighting	<b>19</b>
3. Foley	<b>15</b>
4. Immigration/Border	<b>8</b>
5. Upcoming Election	<b>6</b>
6. Health Care/RX	<b>5</b>
7. High Gas/Oil	<b>4</b>
8. Negative	<b>4</b>
9. Economy	<b>3</b>
10. Terrorism	<b>3</b>
11. Education/NCLB	<b>3</b>
12. Social Security	<b>2</b>
13. Geneva/Torture	<b>2</b>
14. Taxes	<b>2</b>
15. Jobs/Minimum Wage	<b>2</b>
16. Hillary Clinton	<b>2</b>
17. Defense/Security	<b>2</b>
18. Deficit/Budget	<b>1</b>
19. Abortion	<b>1</b>
20. Ted Kennedy	<b>1</b>
21. Civil Rights	<b>1</b>
22. Pelosi	<b>1</b>
23. Iran	<b>1</b>
24. NSA Wiretapping	<b>1</b>
25. Environment/ANWR	<b>1</b>
26. Other	<b>3</b>
27. DK/Refused	<b>16</b>
20. Did it make you more favorable or less favorable to US Senate Democrats?	
1. More Favorable	<b>44</b>
2. Less Favorable	<b>42</b>
3. No Difference <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>14</b>
21. If the elections were held today for US Senate in your state, would you be more likely to vote for <b>(ROTATE)</b> the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate? <b>(IF UNDECIDED ASK:)</b>	

would you be leaning toward **(ROTATE)** the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

1. Republican	<b>40</b>
2. Lean Republican	<b>2</b>
3. Undecided	<b>4</b>
4. Lean Democrat	<b>3</b>
5. Democrat	<b>49</b>
6. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>	<b>52</b>

**Economy/Jobs/Spending**

22. Generally speaking, would you say the economy is headed in the right direction, or is it seriously headed off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction	<b>47</b>
2. Don't Know/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>6</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>46</b>

**BELIEF STATEMENTS**

I am going to read a series of statements. For each, please tell me if you believe or do not believe the statement. **(ROTATE STATEMENTS)**

23. The economy is getting stronger as job creation continues and gas prices are going down.

1. Believe	<b>59</b>
2. Do Not Believe	<b>38</b>
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>3</b>

24. We are safer now than we were when the September 11 attacks occurred.

1. Believe	<b>51</b>
2. Do Not Believe	<b>47</b>
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>2</b>

25. We should not set a timetable for leaving Iraq because that would embolden the terrorists.

1. Believe	<b>61</b>
2. Do Not Believe	<b>36</b>
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>4</b>

26. By passing port security measures, we have made significant steps in making the country safer.

1. Believe	<b>57</b>
2. Do Not Believe	<b>40</b>
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	<b>3</b>

27. Focusing on border security first has been a good first step to dealing with immigration.

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Believe                           | <b>60</b> |
| 2. Do Not Believe                    | <b>36</b> |
| 3. DK/Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> ) | <b>4</b>  |

I am going to read a series of issues to you. On a scale of 1-9, with 1 being that it will not make any difference at all in how you vote in the November elections for Congress, and 9 being that it will be the most important issue in how you vote, how important or not important are each of the following: **(ROTATE LIST)**

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| 28. War in Iraq and war on terror                                | <b>7.61</b> |
| 29. Gas prices   | <b>6.17</b> |
| 30. Immigration and border security                              | <b>6.49</b> |
| 31. The recent allegations against former Congressman Mark Foley | <b>4.58</b> |
| 32. The economy and jobs   | <b>7.23</b> |

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only --

33. What are the two main sources of your news about national issues such as politics, Iraq, the economy, education, and health care? **(DO NOT READ – ALLOW THEM TO VOLUNTEER A RESPONSE AND CODE AS FOLLOWS)**

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|---|-----------|
| 1. ABC News   | <b>6</b>  |
| 2. NBC News   | <b>7</b>  |
| 3. CBS News   | <b>5</b>  |
| 4. Local TV news  | <b>31</b> |
| 5. CNN News   | <b>18</b> |
| 6. MSNBC/CNBC News  | <b>3</b>  |
| 7. Fox News   | <b>17</b> |
| 8. CSpan  | <b>1</b>  |
| 9. Daily newspaper  | <b>53</b> |
| 10. News magazines such as Time, US News, and Newsweek  | <b>6</b>  |
| 11. Opinion magazines like Weekly Standard  | <b>--</b> |
| 12. Websites of news organizations such as cnn.com, msnbc.com, nytimes.com, and TV station websites | <b>8</b>  |
| 13. News Pages of Internet Service Providers such as Yahoo News and MSN News                        | <b>5</b>  |
| 14. Opinion websites like Drudge Report or slate.com  | <b>--</b> |
| 15. National Public Radio   | <b>8</b>  |
| 16. Religious radio shows   | <b>--</b> |
| 17. Talk radio like Rush Limbaugh   | <b>3</b>  |
| 18. General radio news station  | <b>5</b>  |
| 19. Public television news shows like McNeil Lehrer   | <b>--</b> |
| 20. Comedy Shows like the Daily Show with Jon Stewart   | <b>--</b> |
| 21. Late Night TV Shows like Jay Leno   | <b>--</b> |
| 22. Morning TV shows like Today, Good Morning America   | <b>1</b>  |
| 23. Political Talk Shows on cable, such as CNN's Crossfire and MSNBC's Hardball                     | <b>1</b>  |

24. Sunday News Shows such as NBC's Meet the Press and ABC's This Week	--
25. Other	10
26. DK/Refused	3
34. In what year were you born?	
1. 18-34	11
2. 35-44	14
3. 45-54	25
4. 55-64	19
5. 65+	28
35. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself <b>(ROTATE)</b> a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?	
1. Republican	36
2. Democrat	36
3. Independent	25
4. Other	2
5. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	1
36. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs?	
1. Liberal	19
2. Moderate	46
3. Conservative	34
4. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	1
37. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?	
1. Yes	32
2. No	68
3. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	1
38. What is your current marital status?	
1. Single, never married	15
2. Married	66
3. Separated	1
4. Divorced	9
5. Widowed	9
6. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	1
39. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...	
1. Less than 15K	6
2. 15K-30K	12
3. 30K-50K	21
4. 50K-75K	18
5. 75K-100K	12
6. Over 100K	14
7. DK/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>	17

40. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical/Fundamentalist Protestant	16
2. Mainline Protestant	17
3. Catholic	26
4. Jewish	2
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	5
7. Other	22
8. DK/Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )	10

41. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	5
2. African-American	7
3. Asiatic	2
4. White	84
5. Other ( <b>SPECIFY</b> )	1
6. DK/Refused ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )	2

Gender: (**BY OBSERVATION**)

1. Male	47
2. Female	53

What type of area do you live in? (**TAKEN FROM SAMPLE**)

1. Urban	28
2. Suburban	51
3. Rural	21

Region: (**Region taken from sample information**)

1. Northeast	20
2. South	30
3. Midwest	19
4. Plains/Mountains	18
5. West Coast	13