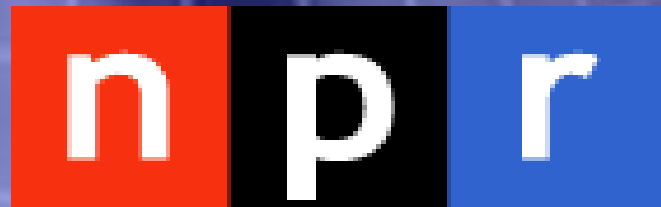


NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO NATIONAL SURVEY



DECEMBER 2005



PUBLIC OPINION
STRATEGIES

GREENBERG
QUINLAN
ROSNER
RESEARCH INC

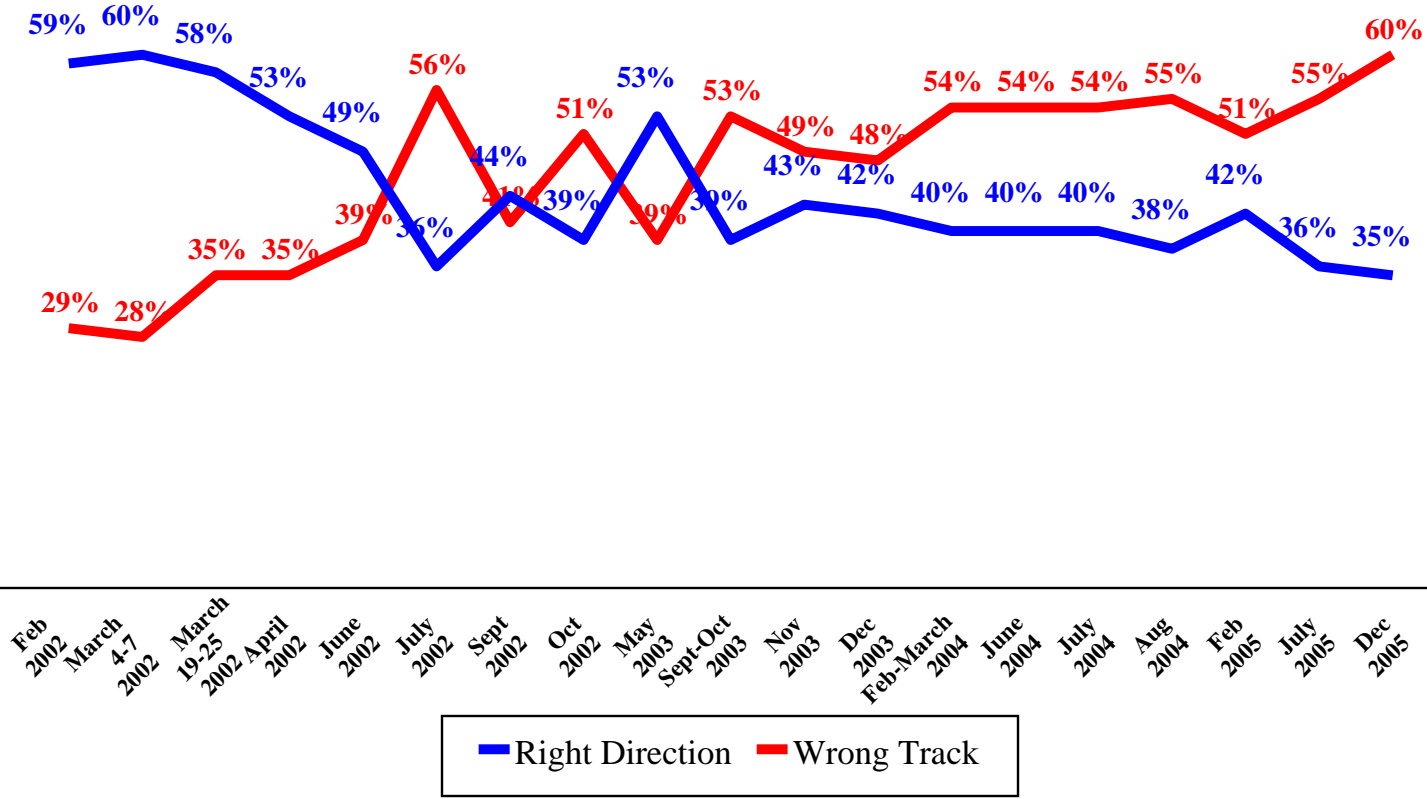


Methodology

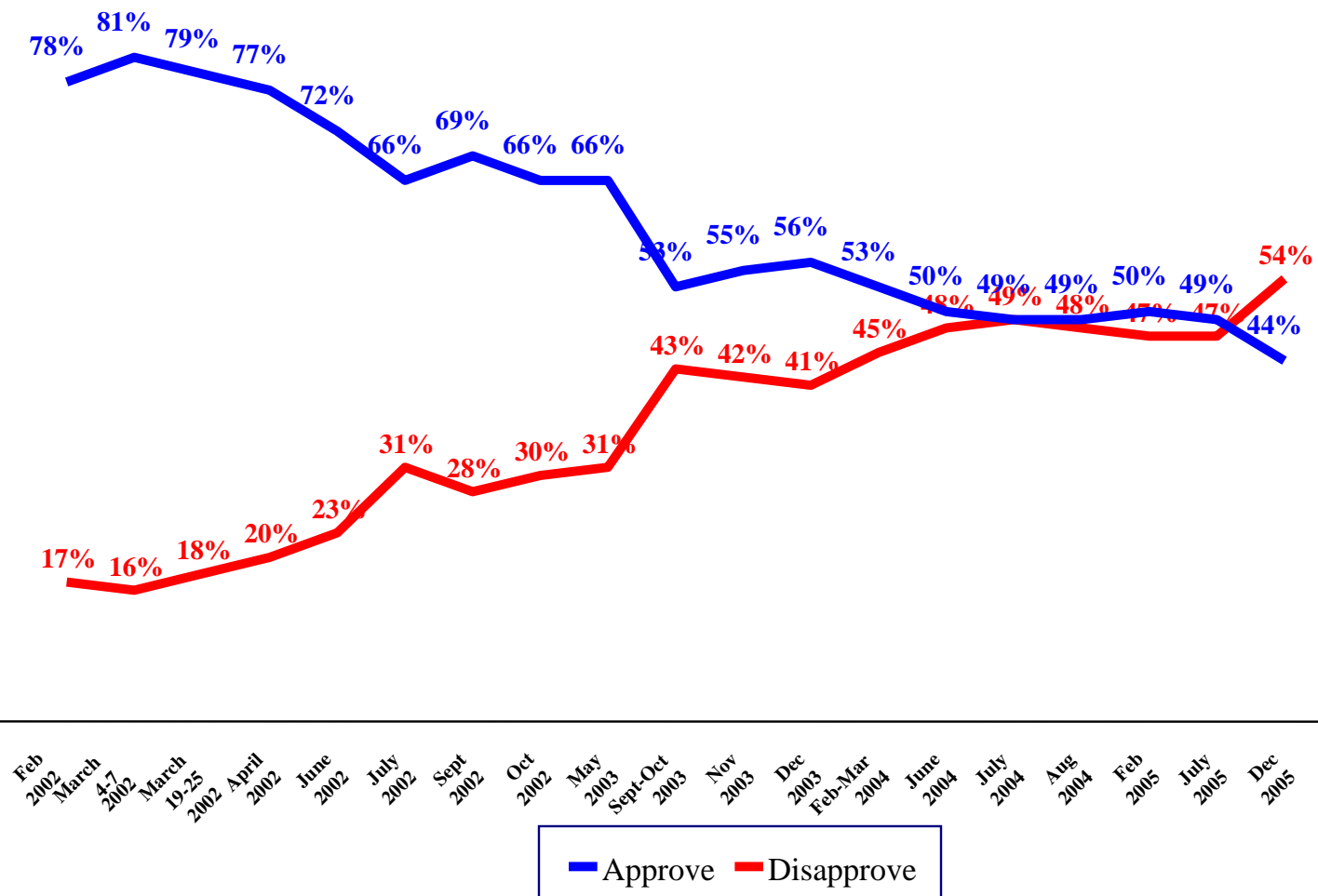
The reported results on public attitudes come from a national survey conducted by Public Opinion Strategies and Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research for National Public Radio (NPR) December 15, 17-18, 2005. The firms, together with NPR, developed questions to inform a news segment for Morning Edition. This is our seventeenth survey in the NPR series.

The sample of potential respondents was generated by random digit dial methodology. The sample size for this survey was 800 likely voters with a margin of error of $\pm 3.46\%$.

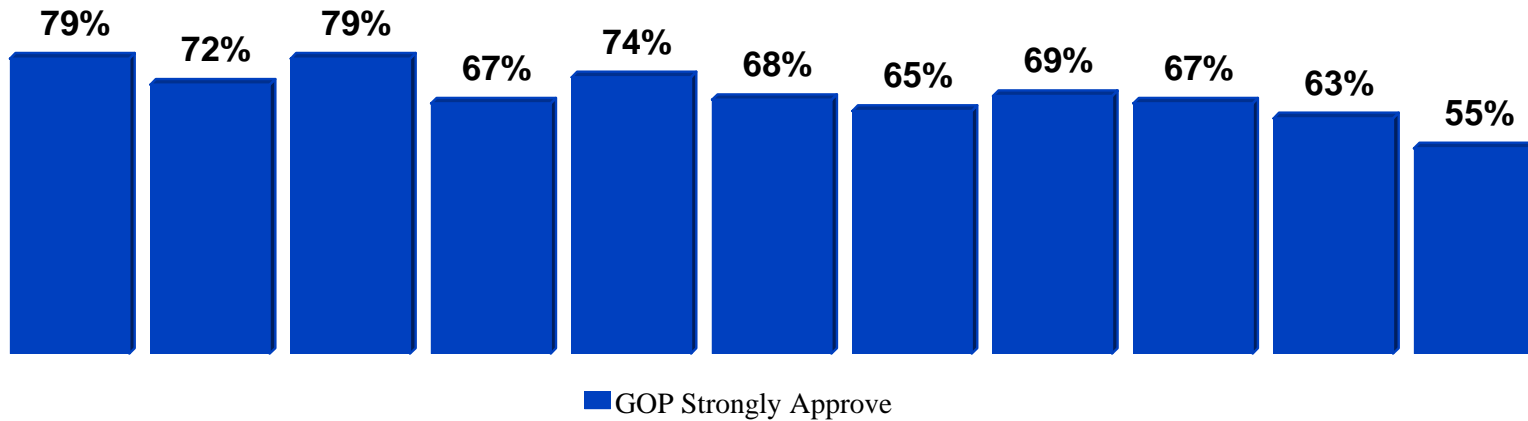
National Right Direction/Wrong Track Trend



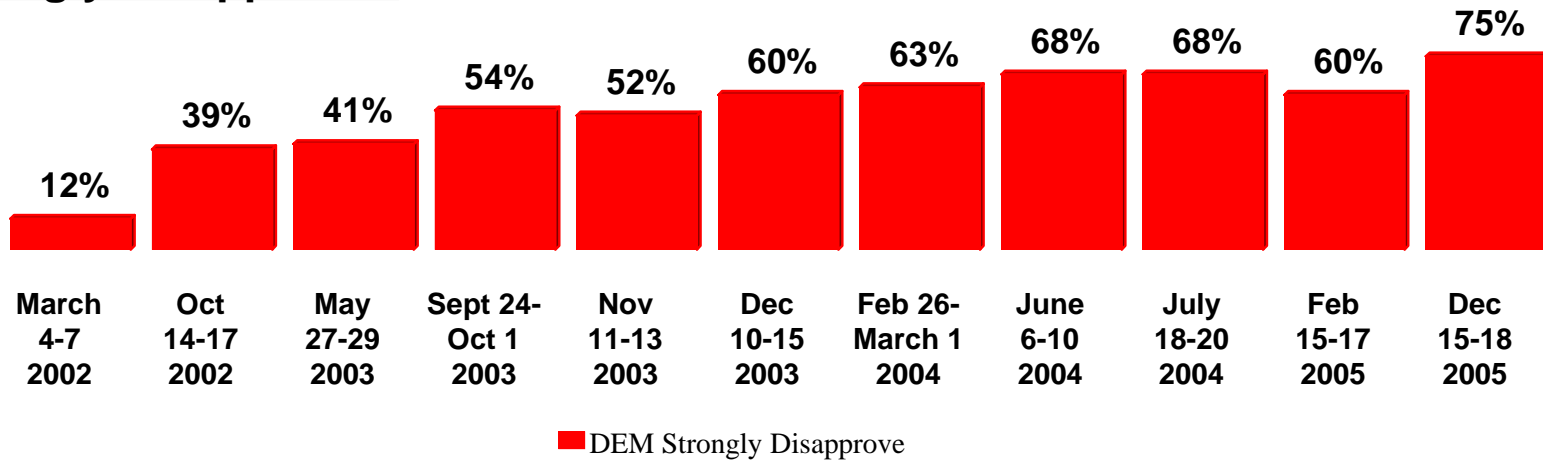
Bush Approval Trend



Presidential Job Approval by Republican Strongly Approve



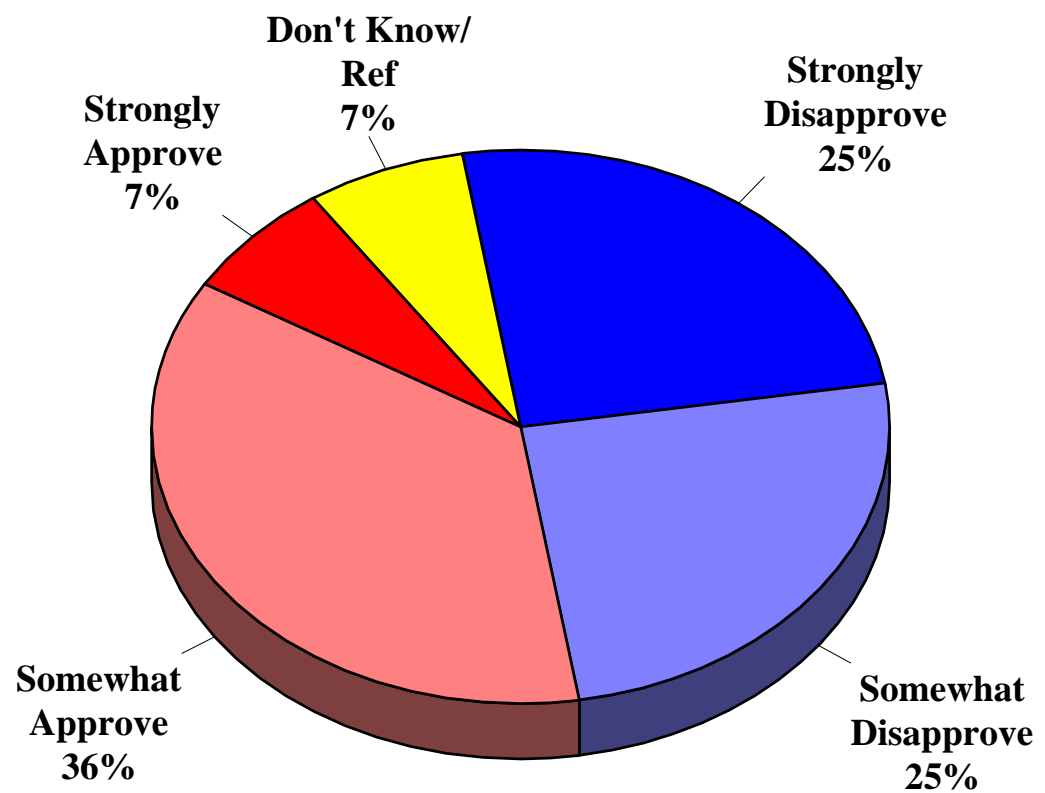
Presidential Job Approval by Democrat Strongly Disapprove



And, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President?

“And, do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?”

Total Approve: 43%
Total Disapprove: 51%*



** Denotes Rounding*

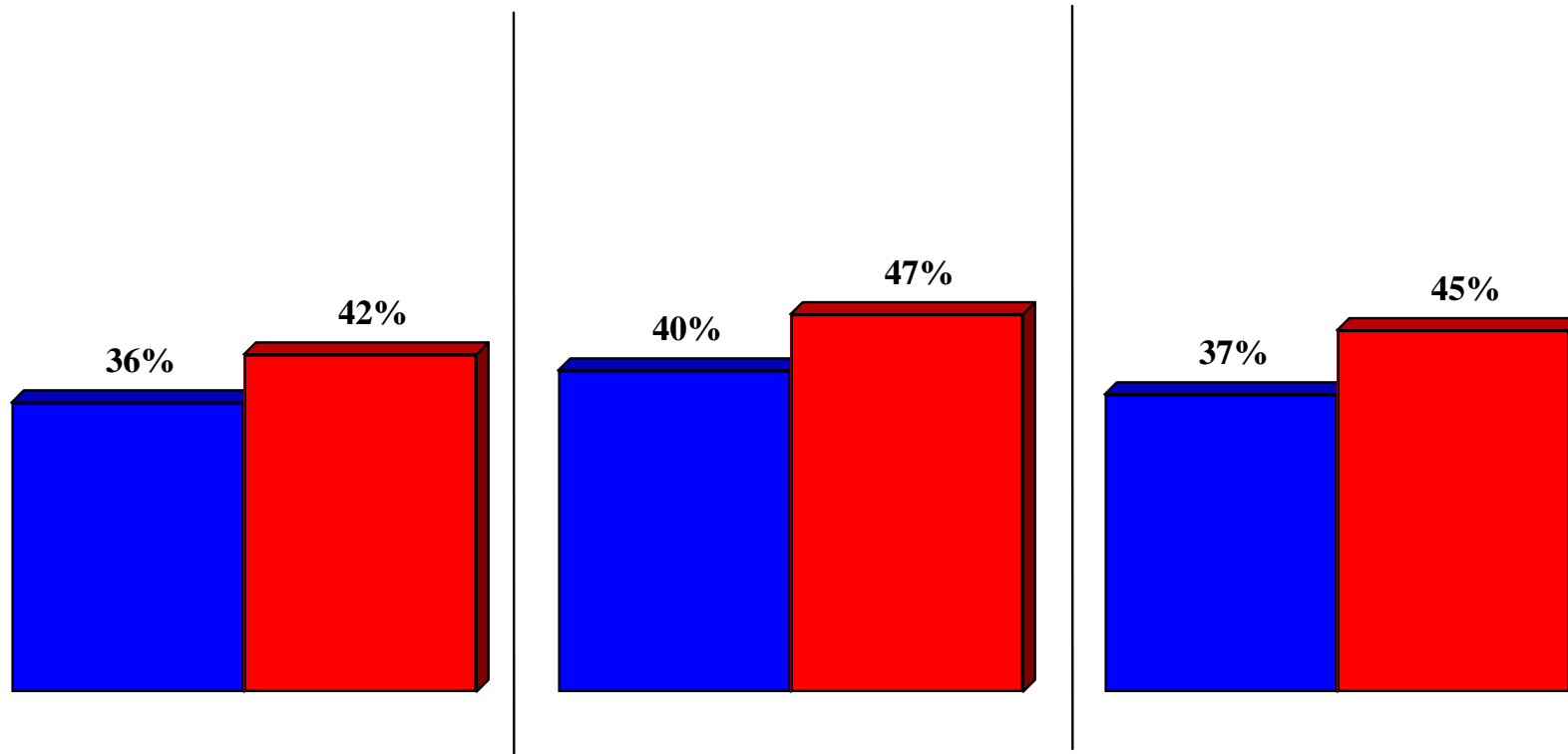
Generic Ballot Trend

“If the 2006 elections for United States Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote...the Republican candidate...or...the Democratic candidate...in this district?”

February 2005

July 2005

December 2005

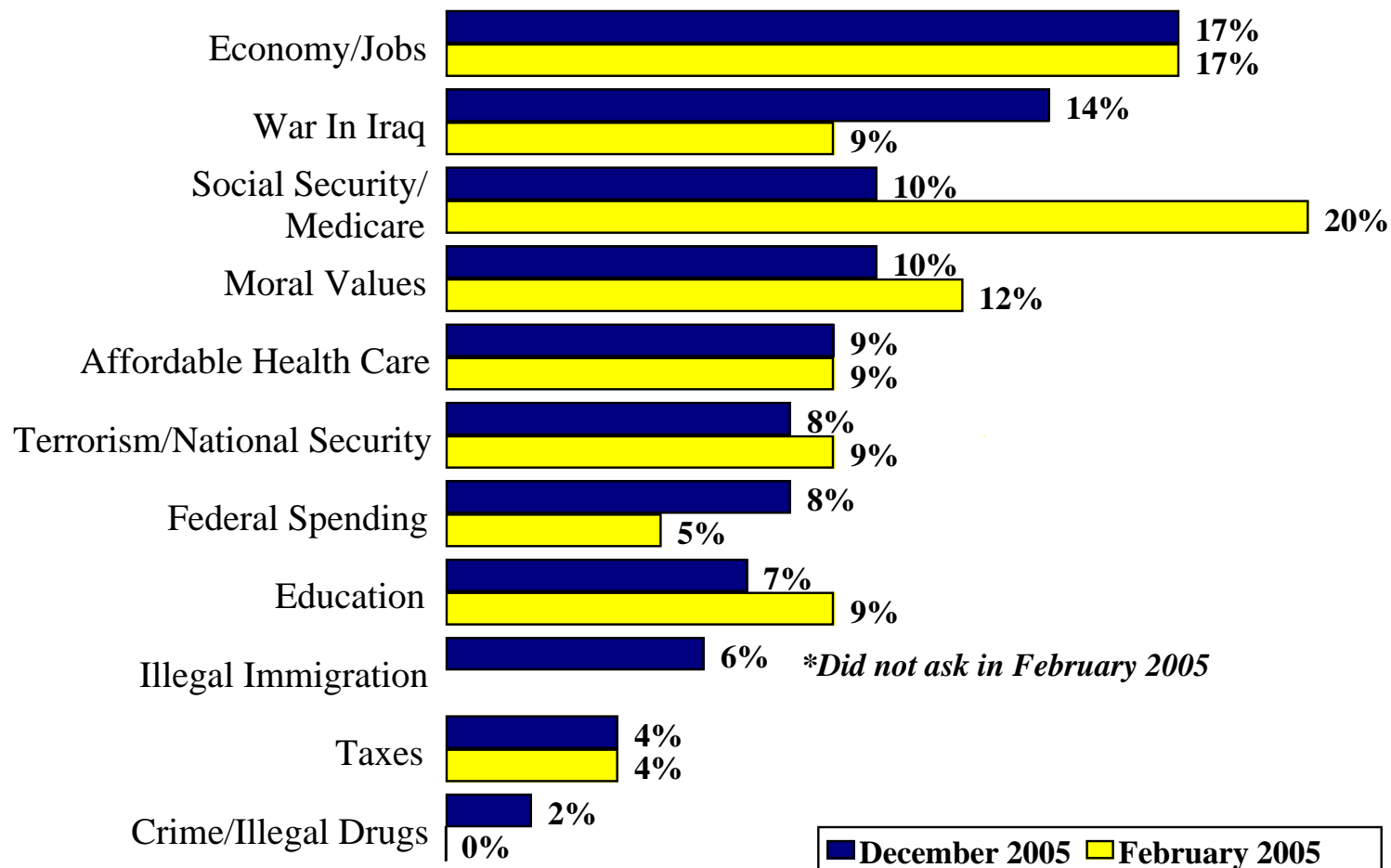


■ Republican Candidate ■ Democratic Candidate

Top Issues For Congressional Elections

“And, which ONE of the following issue areas would be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for a candidate for Congress?”

Ranked By December 2005



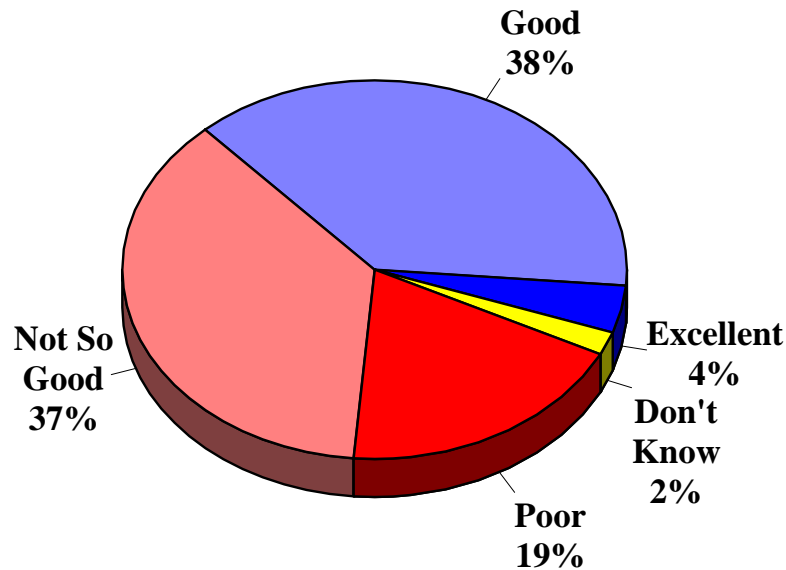
■ December 2005 ■ February 2005

State Of The Economy

“Now I would like to talk you about the state of the economy. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?”

July 2005

Total Excellent/Good: 42%
Total Not So Good/Poor: 56%



December 2005

Total Excellent/Good: 47%
Total Not So Good/Poor: 52%*



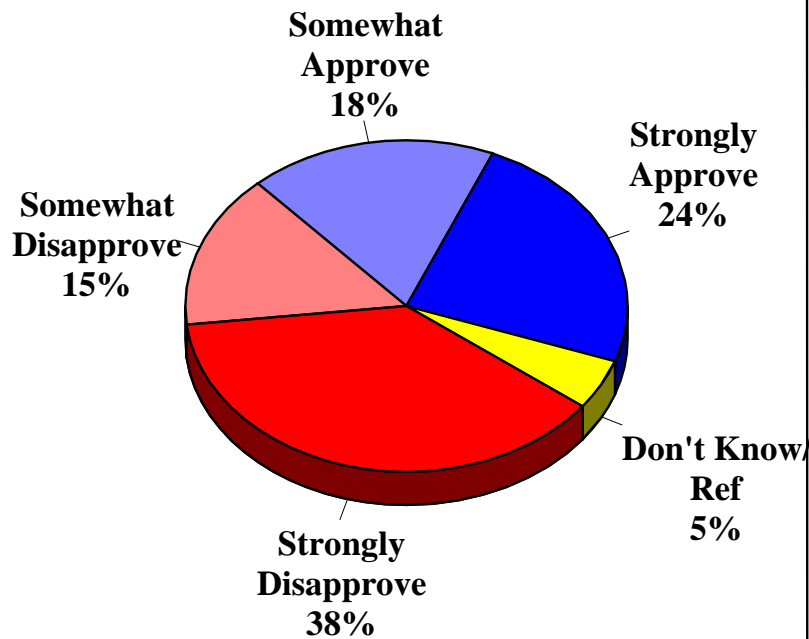
**Denotes Rounding*

Presidential Approval Ratings

“Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?”

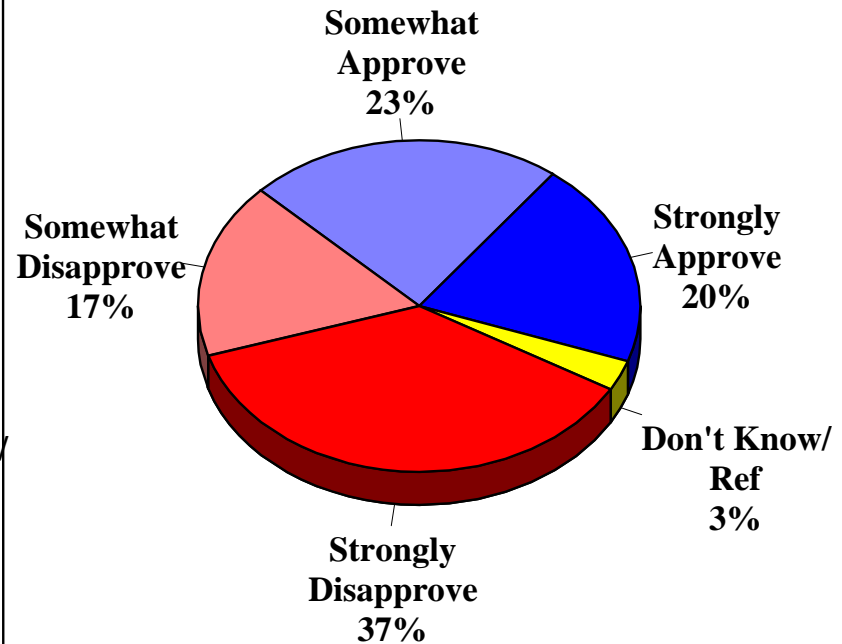
July 2005

Total Approve: 43%*
Total Disapprove: 53%



December 2005

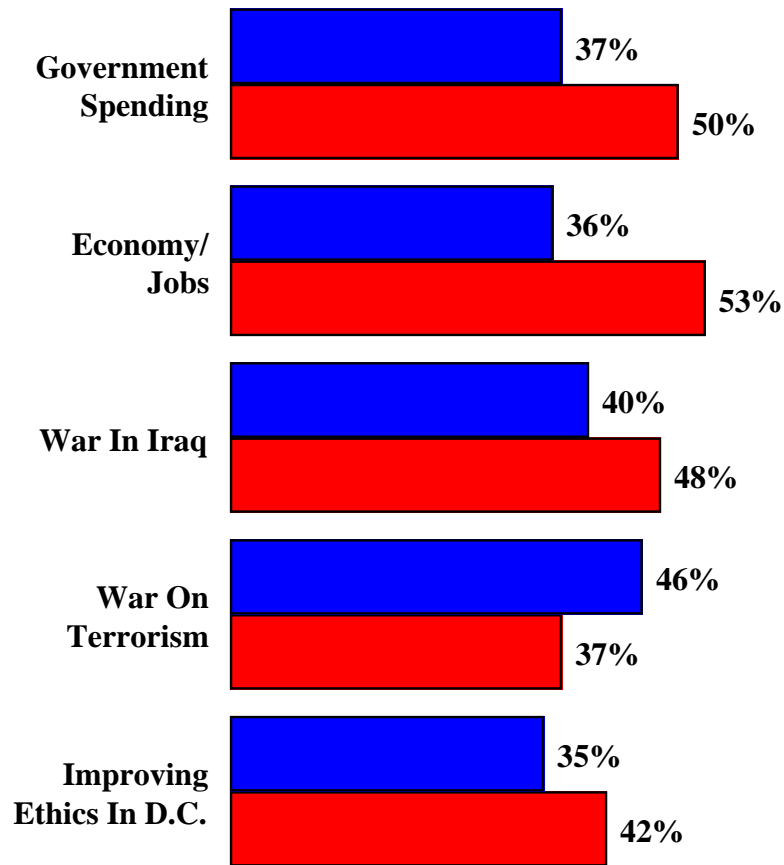
Total Approve: 43%
Total Disapprove: 54%



*Denotes Rounding

“Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you think the Republican Party or Democratic Party would do a better job handling that particular issue.”

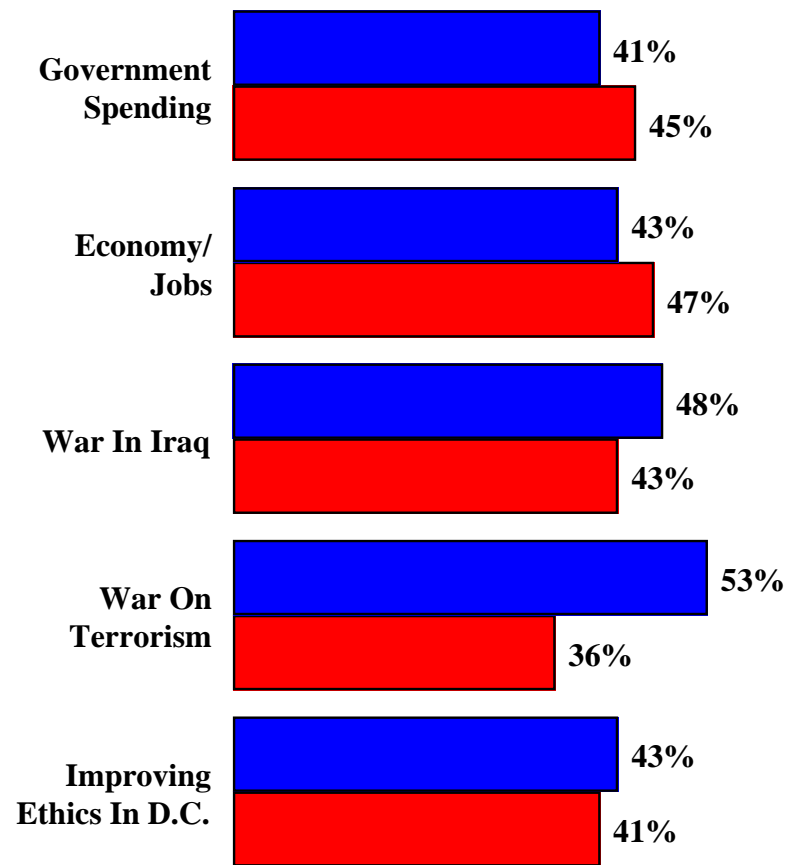
**Split Sample
N=398**



■ Republican Party ■ Democratic Party

“Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you think George W. Bush or the Democratic Party would do a better job handling that particular issue.”

**Split Sample
N=402**

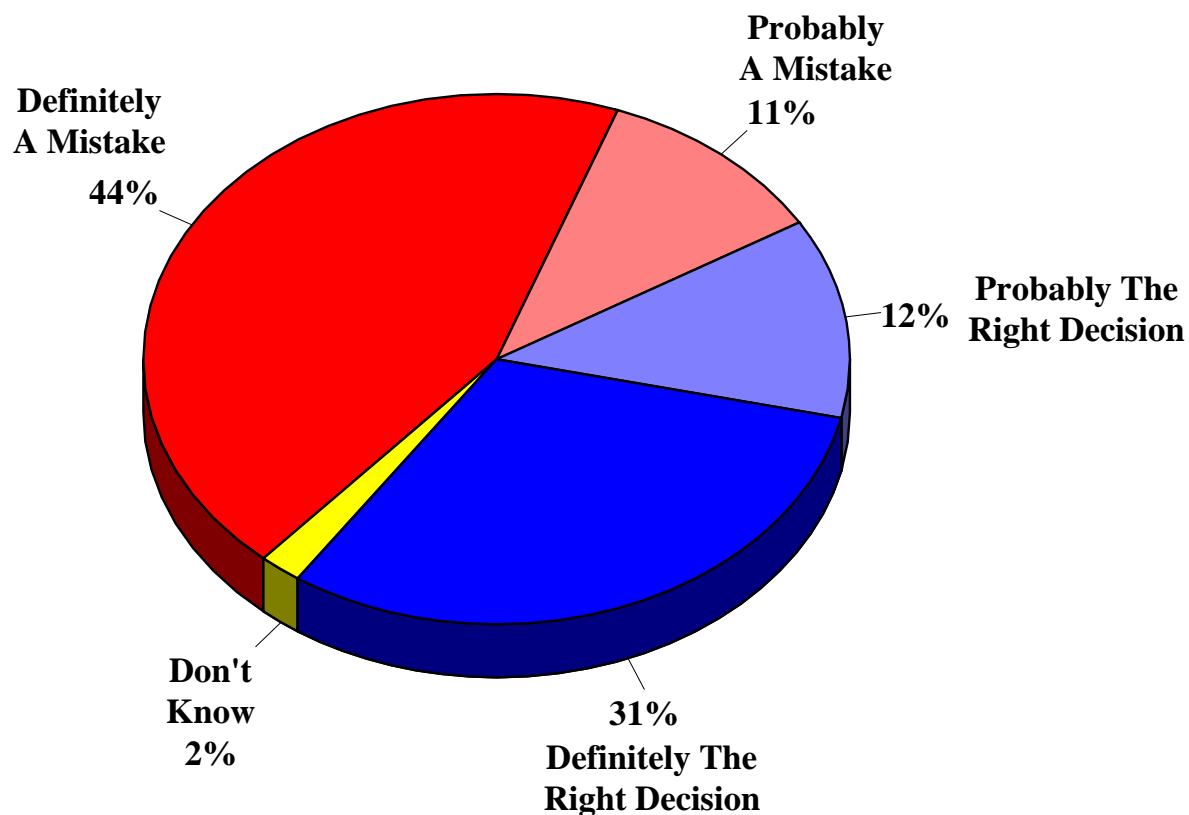


■ George W. Bush ■ Democratic Party

Iraq: Right Decision/Mistake

“Do you think the U.S. made the right decision in going to war in Iraq or made a mistake and never should have gone to war in Iraq?”

Total Right Decision: 43%
Total Mistake: 54%*



And when voters are read two different viewpoints on Iraq...

“Republicans say that while there are problems, we are making progress in Iraq and now is no time to cut and run. Republicans say it is more important to fight terrorists overseas before they come to America. Republicans also say that the Democratic Party cannot even agree on what needs to be done in Iraq, because some leading Democrats call for immediate withdrawal of all troops, and others want to set a date to get out, whether the job in Iraq is done or not. Republicans say that unity and leadership in America will help create a less dangerous Middle East, and that will help create a safer America.

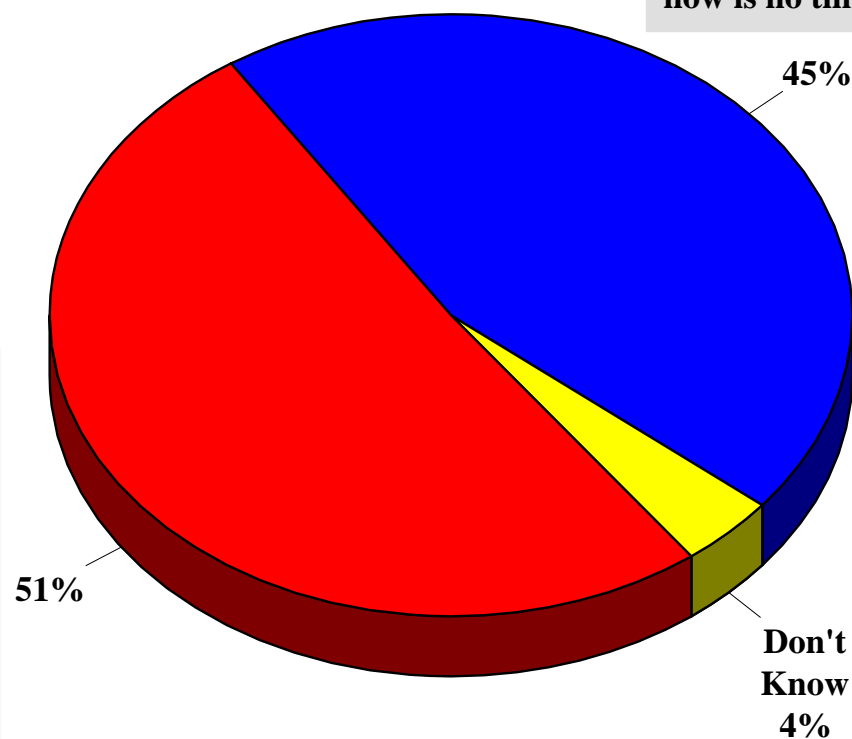
...while...

Democrats say the Bush Administration has no plan for success in Iraq. After three years, few Iraqi forces are prepared to fight and billions of U.S. reconstruction aid has been wasted. Democrats believe we need a new direction. 2006 must be a turning point. Rather than bogging American forces down in Iraq for many years, Democrats want significant reductions in U.S. forces by the end of 2006, with benchmarks for success. Our troops have done everything that was asked of them in Iraq. We must now shift responsibilities to the Iraqi government and military and countries in the region, like Saudi Arabia, who can best bring long-term stability.”

Iraq: Partisan Messaging

“Which statement comes closest to your own point of view?”

Republicans say that while there are problems, we are making progress in Iraq and now is no time to cut and run

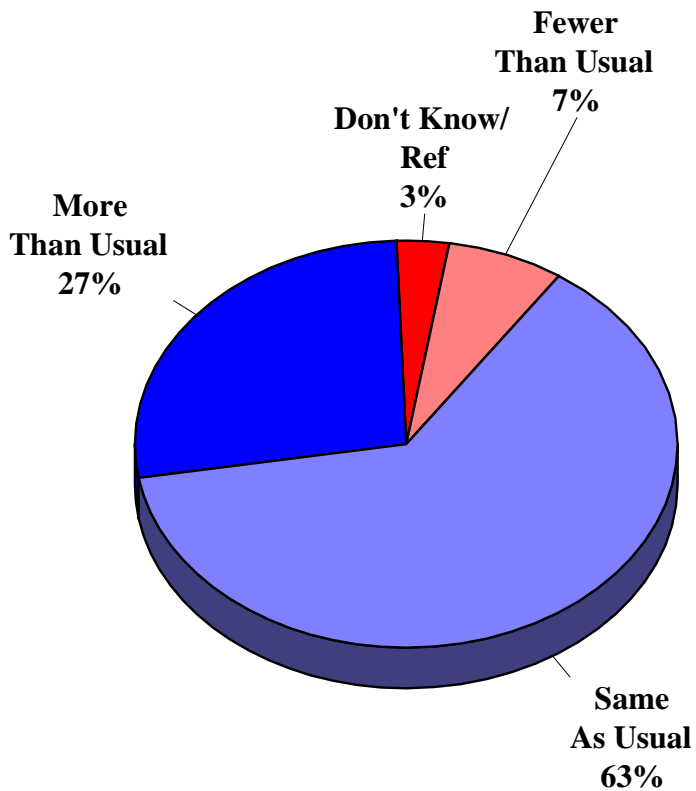


Democrats say the Bush Administration has no plan for success in Iraq. After three years, few Iraqi forces are prepared to fight and billions of U.S. reconstruction aid has been wasted. Democrats believe we need a new direction

Ethics In Washington, D.C.

“When it comes to ethics in Washington, D.C., do you think that the ethics and corruption issues with the current Congress are more than usual, about the same as usual, or fewer than usual?”

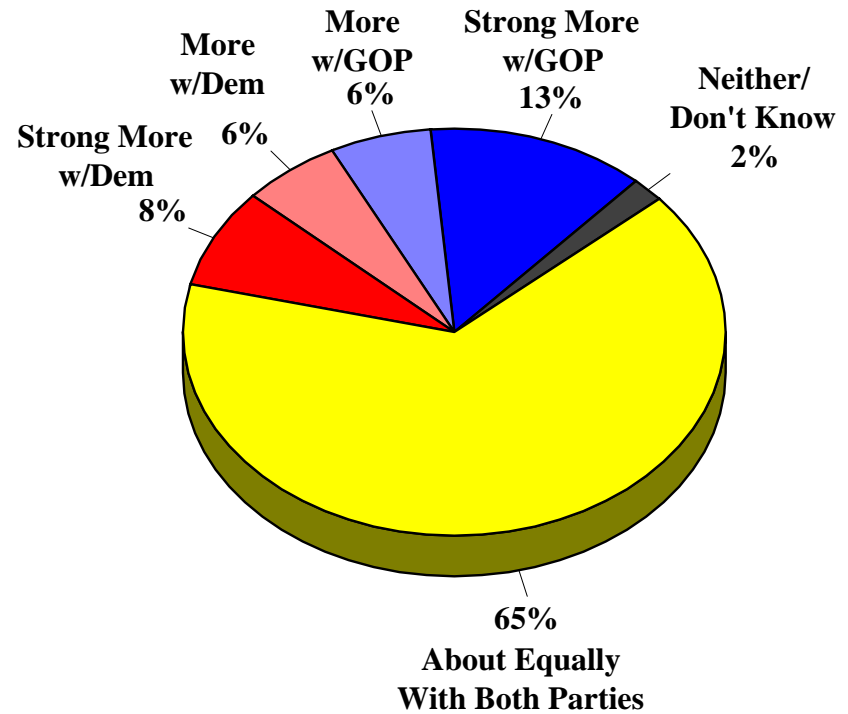
Split Sample
N=398



“In Washington, D.C. today, do you think the problems with ethics and corruption are...more with the Republicans ...or...more with the Democrats...today or about equally with both parties?”

Split Sample
N=402

Total More With Republicans: 19%
Total More With Democrats: 14%



**Denotes Rounding*

And when voters are read two different viewpoints on ethics...

“Democrats say that Republicans have created a culture of corruption in Washington today, with lobbyists winning favors as never before. The number of lobbyists has doubled in five years, the Republican leaders of the House and Senate are under indictment or investigation, and up to ten Republican Members of Congress are also under investigation for taking lobbyist paid trips and favors. Democrats say it is time to clean up this corrupt Congress.

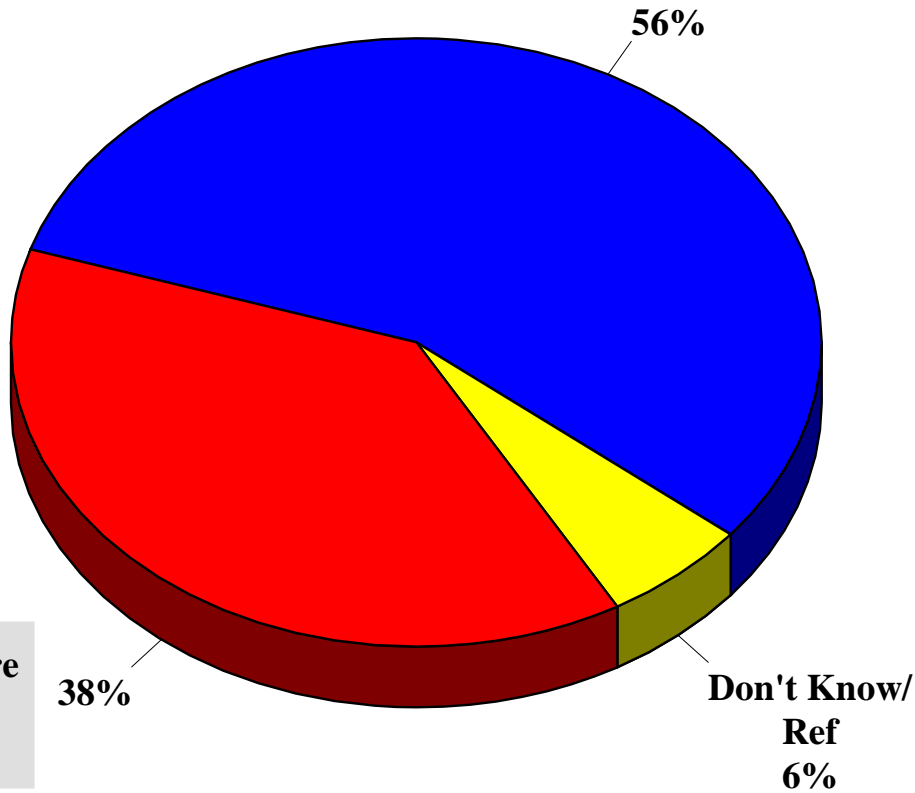
...while...

Republicans say there are a few individuals in both political parties who have been caught up in scandals. Republicans say Democratic leaders such as Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid have ethics problems of their own. Republicans say ethical problems are the fault of the individual in both parties who do wrong, not the fault of one political party or the other. Republicans say individual Congressmen should be punished, but the election should be decided on issues, not a few bad cases.”

Ethics: Partisan Messaging

“Which statement comes closest to your own point of view?”

Republicans say there are a few individuals in both political parties who have been caught up in scandals



Democrats say there is a culture of Republican corruption in Washington, D.C. today

“Now, on a different topic, when you greet friends at this time of year, are you personally more likely to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays?"”

