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Interview Schedule

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N=1000 Likely Voters
Margin of Error \pm 3.10%

* Denotes result less than 0.5%

^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO

C. Many people were not able to vote in the 2004 election for President between **(ROTATE)** George W. Bush, and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

98% VOTED
2% INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE

D. As you may know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2002. Many were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
91%	87%	VOTED
9%	13%	TOTAL NOT VOTED
--	3%	INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE
7%	8%	DID NOT VOTE
2%	3%	CAN'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

E. Now what are the chances of you voting in the election for Congress this year: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
84%	88%	ALMOST CERTAIN
16%	12%	PROBABLY

1. Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the COUNTRY are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
31%	32%	RIGHT DIRECTION
61%	64%	WRONG TRACK
7%	3%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
--	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ROTATE Q2 & Q3 NOTE: ROTATION ORDER:)

2. If the 2006 elections for United States Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote...
(ROTATE)

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Well, if the election for Congress were held today and you had to decide right now in your own district where you live which candidate would you lean...**(ROTATE)**

the Republican candidate

...or...

the Democratic candidate

...in this district?

<u>7/06*</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
37%	34%	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
4%	6%	LEAN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
5%	6%	LEAN DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
43%	45%	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
8%	8%	UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
41%	40%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
48%	51%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT

* Note: Trend included 2% for Other candidate.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President?

(IF CHOICE, ASK) And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
24%	22%	STRONGLY APPROVE
17%	20%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
10%	12%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
45%	44%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
3%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
--	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
42%^	43%^	TOTAL APPROVE
55%	56%	TOTAL DISAPPROVE

4. Thinking about the elections in November...

And how interested are you in the November elections for such offices as U.S. Congress? Please rate your interest from one to ten, with one meaning that you have no interest in this election and ten meaning that you are extremely interested. Of course, you can choose any number between one and ten.

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>		<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
58%	47%	10	78%	76%	8-10
8%	10%	9	18%	21%	5-7
12%	19%	8	3%	2%	1-4
7%	10%	7			
3%	5%	6			
8%	6%	5			
1%	1%	4			
1%	*	3			
--	*	2			
1%	1%	1			
--	*	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED			
8.7	8.5	MEAN			

Thinking about issues...

5. And, which ONE of the following issue areas would be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for a candidate for Congress? Is it.... **(RANDOMIZE)**

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
NA	7%	Education
9%	5%	Social Security and Medicare
10%	6%	Taxes and spending
12%	9%	Moral values
17%	13%	The economy and jobs
9%	8%	Health care
10%	15%	Terrorism and National Security
NA	3%	Energy and gas prices
14%	23%	The war in Iraq
NA	1%	Crime and Illegal Drugs ...or...
8%	7%	Illegal Immigration
2%	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
3%	3%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

6. And if the election for United States Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote ...
(ROTATE FIRST TWO CHOICES)

INCLUDE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE NAME FOR CORRESPONDING CD
INCLUDE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE NAME FOR CORRESPONDING CD

(IF GOP/DEM CHOICE, ASK:) And, would you DEFINITELY vote (choice) or just PROBABLY (choice)?

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Which way do you lean as of today? Do you lean toward... (REPEAT AND ROTATE CANDIDATE NAMES:) (candidate name) ...or...(candidate name)?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
40%	29%	DEFINITELY GOP CANDIDATE
NA	11%	PROBABLY GOP CANDIDATE
3%	2%	LEAN GOP CANDIDATE
3%	2%	LEAN DEM CANDIDATE
NA	9%	PROBABLY DEM CANDIDATE
47%	39%	DEFINITELY DEM CANDIDATE
1%	1%	OTHER/THIRD PARTY (DO NOT READ)
5%	5%	HARD UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
1%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
43%	43%^	TOTAL GOP CANDIDATE
49%^	50%	TOTAL DEM CANDIDATE

(IF Q6:1-3,7-9, ASK:) (RESULTS SHOWN OFF OF TOTAL N SIZE N=1000)

7. Even though you are not supporting the (Democratic incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Democratic incumbent/candidate) in the election for Congress this year - Is there...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP:)

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>		
9%	8%	A FAIR CHANCE	
9%	6%	A SMALL CHANCE	
10%	10%	JUST A VERY SLIGHT CHANCE	...OR...
19%	25%	NO CHANCE AT ALL...	

...that you might support that candidate?

3%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
--	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

18%	14%	TOTAL CHANCE
29%	35%	TOTAL NO CHANCE

(IF Q6:4-9, ASK:) (RESULTS SHOWN OFF OF TOTAL N SIZE N=1000)

8. Even though you are not supporting the (Republican incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican incumbent/candidate) in the election for Congress this year - Is there...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP:)

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>		
8%	6%	A FAIR CHANCE	
8%	8%	A SMALL CHANCE	
10%	9%	JUST A VERY SLIGHT CHANCE	...OR...
28%	34%	NO CHANCE AT ALL...	

...that you might support that candidate?

2%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
--	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

16%	14%	TOTAL CHANCE
38%	42%^	TOTAL NO CHANCE

9. Thinking more about the congressional elections that will be held this November, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
54%	50%	MORE ENTHUSIASTIC
26%	28%	LESS ENTHUSIASTIC
18%	20%	SAME/NO DIFFERENCE (DO NOT READ)
2%	1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
--	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking again about issues...

I'm going to ask you about a number of issues that are being debated in the Congress and with the President. For each one, based on what you have heard recently, does it make you more likely to support **(ROTATE)** the Democrats or the Republicans for Congress?

(IF REPUBLICANS/DEMOCRATS, ASK:) And, are you **STRONGLY** likely to support (CHOICE) or only **SOMEWHAT** likely to support (CHOICE)?

	Dems Strng	Dems Smwt	Reps Smwt	Reps Strng	Both (DNR)	Neither (DNR)	DK/REF (DNR)
The (first/next) issue is...(RANDOMIZE:)							
10. The illegal immigration issue							
	26%	15%	17%	23%	1%	6%	11%
	41%			41%^			
7/06	24%	17%	17%	24%	1%	6%	11%
	41%			41%			
11. The war in Iraq							
	44%	7%	14%	28%	*	2%	4%
	51%			42%			
7/06	41%	8%	13%	31%	1%	2%	5%
	49%			44%			
12. The state of the economy							
	36%	13%	15%	28%	*	2%	5%
	49%			43%			
7/06	35%	14%	13%	30%	—	3%	5%
	49%			42%^			
13. The war on terrorism							
	37%	8%	13%	34%	*	3%	4%
	46%^			47%			
14. The way things are going in Congress							
	39%	12%	18%	19%	*	4%	8%
	51%			37%			

Changing topics slightly...

15. As you may know, Republican Congressman Mark Foley of Florida resigned last week because he sent sexually inappropriate e-mails and instant messages to teenage boys who served as pages in the Congress...Now I am going to read you two statements and after I read them please tell me which statement comes closest to your own opinion...(ROTATE)

(SOME/OTHER) People say the Foley incident is wrong and disgusting but also shows Republican leaders more interested in holding on to power than in protecting teenage pages. It is the kind of partisan bickering that dominates Washington that makes me want to vote for change.

...while...

(OTHER/SOME) People say this is an isolated incident of wrong-doing. They say what Foley did was wrong and disgusting, but he has resigned and Republican leaders have called for an FBI investigation. They say this incident does not affect how they will vote in November.

(PROMPT:) Which statement comes closest to your own point of view?

42% People say the Foley incident is wrong and disgusting but also shows Republican leaders more interested in holding on to power than in protecting teenage pages. It is the kind of partisan bickering that dominates Washington that makes me want to vote for change.

53% People say this is an isolated incident of wrong-doing. They say what Foley did was wrong and disgusting, but he has resigned and Republican leaders have called for an FBI investigation. They say this incident does not affect how they will vote in November.

3% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE **(DO NOT READ)**

2% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

16. First, in what year were you born?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
3%	3%	18 - 24
14%	13%	25 - 34
15%	16%	35 - 44
22%	23%	45 - 54
21%	25%	55 - 64
22%	20%	65 AND ABOVE
2%	1%	REFUSED

17. And in politics today, do you consider yourself.. **(ROTATE)**

a Republican,
a Democrat,
or something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:) Would you call yourself a STRONG (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (REPUBLICAN/ DEMOCRAT)?

(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the Republican or to the Democratic party?

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
24%	24%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
12%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
9%	8%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
6%	14%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
12%	9%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
10%	8%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
27%	26%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
--	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
45%	42%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
49%	42%^	TOTAL DEMOCRAT

18. And do you consider yourself to be...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

conservative,
moderate
...or...
liberal

(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:) And would you consider yourself to be VERY (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL), or just SOMEWHAT (CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)?

20% VERY CONSERVATIVE
20% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

39% MODERATE

10% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
9% VERY LIBERAL

1% UNDECIDED/NOT SURE(DO NOT READ)
1% REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
36%	40%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
20%	19%	TOTAL LIBERAL
40%	39%	MODERATE

19. And what was the last grade you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)

1% SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
2% SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
23% GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
2% TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
20% SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
29% GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
22% GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
* REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
27%	27% [^]	HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
26%	22%	SOME COLLEGE
47%	51%	COLLEGE+

20. And, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President... **(ROTATE FIRST TWO CANDIDATES)**

(IF REFUSED, ASK) I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. In order to help me do the best research possible, would you now please reconsider and tell me how you voted? **(READ AND ROTATE IF NECESSARY:)**

ELECTION

<u>11/04</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/06</u>	
54%	49%	50%	George W. Bush
46%	46%	43%	John Kerry
			...OR...
	--	2%	Ralph Nader
	2%	1%	SOMEONE ELSE (DO NOT READ) (Specify: _____)
	--	2%	DID NOT VOTE (DO NOT READ)
4%	2%		REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

21. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ CHOICES)**

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
6%	6%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
83%	83%	WHITE
6%	6%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
--	1%	ASIAN AMERICAN
2%	2%	OTHER
2%	2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

22. Gender **(BY OBSERVATION)**

<u>7/06</u>	<u>10/13</u>	
48%	48%	MALE
52%	52%	FEMALE

23. And finally, it is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about the issues we discussed and possibly call you for a brief interview?

57% YES
41% NO
2% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

IF YES, COLLECT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER
