

Rural Tracker ... Total Time Series... October 24, 2006

Direction of the country

	Total answering	Right direction	Wrong track	(Don't know refused)	Right - Wrong
ALL RESPONDENTS					
10/24/06	(500)	33	58	9	-25
9/19/06	(529)	35	56	9	-21

Bush job approval

	Total Answering	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	(Don't know Refused)	Total approve	Total disapprove	Approve - disapprove
ALL RESPONDENTS									
10/24/06	(500)	26	19	10	40	5	45	49	-4
9/19/06	(529)	27	20	12	37	5	47	48	-2

Senate vote with candidate names

	Total answering	Dem cand	Lean Dem cand	Rep cand	Lean Rep cand	(Other cand)	Lean (Other cand)	(Und)	(Refused)	Total Dem cand	Total Rep cand	Total (Other cand)	Dem - Rep
ALL RESPONDENTS													
10/24/06	(314)	45	2	41	3	0	-	6	3	47	43	0	4
9/19/06	(334)	37	6	43	4	1	2	5	2	43	47	3	-4

Senate Strength of support

	Total Answering	Strong Dem	Weak Dem	Weak Rep	Strong Rep
ALL RESPONDENTS					
10/24/06	(314)	35	12	13	30
9/19/06	(334)	24	19	26	24

Congressional vote with candidate names

	Total answering	Dem incum cand	Lean Dem incum cand	Rep incum cand	Lean Rep incum cand	(Other cand)	Lean (Other cand)	(Und)	(Refused)	Total Dem cand	Total Rep cand	Total (Other cand)	Dem - Rep
ALL RESPONDENTS													
10/24/06	(293)	49	3	37	2	0	1	7	2	52	39	1	13
9/19/06	(299)	42	3	41	4	1	-	8	1	45	45	1	0

Congress strength of support

	Total Answering	Strong Dem	Weak Dem	Weak Rep	Strong Rep
ALL RESPONDENTS					
10/24/06	(293)	35	17	17	23
9/19/06	(299)	28	17	21	23

Combined strength of support

	Total Answering	Strong Dem	Weak Dem	Weak Rep	Strong Rep
ALL RESPONDENTS					
10/24/06	(500)	37	21	22	31
9/19/06	(529)	32	26	35	30

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Top two issues in vote for Congress

	Total answering	The war in Iraq	Medicare and Soc Sec	Taxes and spending	Moral values	Health care	Illegal immigration	Terror nat secur	Jobs and economy	Energy gas prices	(None of these)	(DK Ref)
ALL RESPONDENTS												
10/24/06	(500)	38	21	15	16	20	17	21	25	10	3	6
9/19/06	(529)	28	19	17	15	19	15	26	27	18	3	6

Forced choice, value statement pairs

I am so angry at the way things are going in this country, I will vote for change and new leadership beginning by voting against (incumbent Congressman).

OR Things in the country could be going better, but (incumbent Congressman) is different than most and deserves reelection.

	Total answering	1st stmt strng	1st not so strng	2nd not so strng	2nd stmt strng	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't Know Refused)	Total First statement	Total Second statement	First - Second
ALL RESPONDENTS											
10/24/06	(374)	27	10	20	31	-	4	8	37	51	-13
9/19/06	(419)	26	8	17	35	0	4	9	34	52	-18

Forced choice, value statement pairs

We have done as much as we can to stabilize Iraq and need to have a responsible plan that tries to get our troops home by next year.

OR We can win the war in Iraq and need to stay the course until we do.

	Total answering	1st stmt strng	1st not so strng	2nd not so strng	2nd stmt strng	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't Know Refused)	Total First statement	Total Second statement	First - Second
ALL RESPONDENTS											
10/24/06	(500)	51	9	5	31	-	2	2	60	36	24
9/19/06	(529)	49	6	5	36	0	2	2	55	41	15

Party ID

	Total answering	Strong Dem	Weak Dem	Ind lean Dem	Ind	Ind lean Rep	Weak Rep	Strong Rep	(DK Ref)
ALL RESPONDENTS									
10/24/06	(500)	24	11	12	7	8	15	23	0
9/19/06	(529)	21	11	11	8	8	13	27	1

Party ID collapsed

	Total answering	2-3-2 Dem	Ind	Rep	Dem - Rep	3-1-3 Dem	Ind	Rep	Dem - Rep
ALL RESPONDENTS									
10/24/06	(500)	34	27	38	-4	46	7	46	0
9/19/06	(529)	32	27	40	-8	43	8	48	-5

Ideology

	Total answering	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	(Don't know refused)
ALL RESPONDENTS					
10/24/06	(500)	14	38	45	4
9/19/06	(529)	15	36	44	5