

THE GRANITE STATE POLL

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BUSH APPROVAL RATINGS STEADY, NH SPLIT ON IRAQ AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

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DURHAM, NH – Despite an election victory, an improving economy, and a successful election in Iraq, President Bush’s job approval ratings in New Hampshire have remained unchanged. New Hampshire is split over the need for Social Security reform and the direction of US policy in Iraq.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Poll**,[?] conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. The Granite State Poll is sponsored by the University of New Hampshire. Five hundred forty-four (544) randomly selected adults were interviewed by telephone between February 1 and February 8, 2005. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/-4.2 percent.

(For more detailed results, visit the Survey Center web site at www.unh.edu/survey-center/presapp21405.pdf)

Presidential Approval

The administration of President George W. Bush has had several recent successes including reelection in November, elections in Iraq, and an economy that continues to grow. But these have not translated into significant improvements in how Bush is perceived in New Hampshire. In the most recent Granite State Poll, 52 percent of New Hampshire adults say they approve of the job Bush is doing as president, 43 percent disapprove, and 4 percent are neutral. These figures are essentially unchanged since October when 51 percent approved of Bush’s performance as president, 46 percent disapproved, and 4 percent were neutral. “Bush narrowly lost the election in New Hampshire and has not yet convinced Granite Staters that his presidency is doing a good job,” said Andrew Smith, Director of the UNH Survey Center.

New Hampshire narrowly supported John Kerry in the November election and remains deeply divided in how it perceives President Bush. Republicans and conservatives strongly approve of Bush’s performance as president while equally large majorities of Democrats and liberals disapprove.

Economic Approval Rating

While New Hampshire’s unemployment rate currently stands at 3.2 percent, New Hampshire residents are not giving Bush credit for the improving economy. In the most recent Granite State Poll, only 48 percent of New Hampshire residents say they approve of the job President Bush is doing handling the economy, 46 percent disapprove, and 5 percent are neutral. The percentage who approve of Bush’s handling of the economy is also unchanged since October, but considerably higher than February 2004, when only 41 percent approved of Bush’s handling of the economy.

[?] We ask that this copyrighted information be referred to as *the Granite State Poll*, sponsored by the University of New Hampshire.

Foreign Affairs

In his second Inaugural Address, President Bush laid out a visionary foreign policy based on expanding freedom throughout the world. However, this policy has been viewed skeptically by commentators from the political left and right as too idealistic and potentially interventionist. Bush's foreign policy framework is being used to explain US action in Iraq by linking it to broader foreign policy objectives. But despite this bold foreign policy vision, and a successful election in Iraq, New Hampshire adults remain deeply divided over the president's handling of foreign affairs. When asked about how the president is handling foreign affairs, only 47 percent of New Hampshire adults say they approve, 49 percent disapprove, and 4 percent are neutral, unchanged since before the November election.

Turning specifically to Iraq, 47 percent of Granite State adults approve of the way Bush has handled the situation there, 50 percent disapprove, and 3 percent are neutral. While these ratings are still negative, they represent a modest increase since October, 2004 when only 42 percent approved of the way Bush was handling the situation in Iraq. Support for the US having gone to war in Iraq is unchanged since October with 47 percent supporting the war, 47 percent opposing, and 6 percent neutral.

Further evidence of the split in opinion on Iraq can be seen that 43 percent of New Hampshire adults believe that the US should begin bringing troops home now that the elections have been concluded while 51 percent think that troops should stay until more stability has been established, and 6 percent think that whatever is needed should be done or that they don't know.

Social Security

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush discussed the need to reform the Social Security system and is currently touring the US pushing for Social Security reform. Bush has argued that Social Security is rapidly heading toward insolvency and needs a major overhaul while Democrats in Congress, and some Republicans, have said that Social Security is in much better shape and needs only minor reforms. In New Hampshire, 13 percent of adults think Social Security is in a state of crisis, 53 percent think it has major problems, 28 percent think it has minor problems, only 3 percent think it has no problems, and 3 percent don't know. It is important to note that there are no significant differences in how Republicans, Democrats, and Independents assess the current state of Social Security.

A key component of the reforms proposed by President Bush is the idea of private accounts that would allow individuals to invest part of their Social Security in stocks and bonds. New Hampshire residents are skeptical of this idea -- only 32 percent think it is a good idea, 54 percent believe it is a bad idea, and 14 percent say they don't know. By comparison, a recent *CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll* conducted February 4 to 6, 2005, found that 40 percent of Americans think that allowing people to invest part of their Social Security in stocks and bonds is a good idea, 55 percent think it is a bad idea, and 5 percent had no opinion.

Republicans, people under 35 years old, and upper income residents are most likely to think that investing part of Social Security in the stock and bond markets is a good idea while Democrats and people over 65 are most likely to think it is a bad idea.

Right Track – Wrong Track

While there has been little change in President Bush's job approval ratings, New Hampshire residents are increasingly optimistic about the overall direction of the country. Fifty-three percent of New Hampshire residents think that

things in this country are generally going in the right direction, 40 percent think they are on the wrong track, and 7 percent don't know. This represents a significant improvement since October when 46 percent of New Hampshire adults said they thought the country was headed in the right direction, 50 percent believed things were off on the wrong track, and 4 percent didn't know.

Subgroup Analysis

Bush gets his highest approval ratings from Republicans, conservatives, people who have lived in New Hampshire 6 to 10 years, Catholics, and people who attend church weekly. Democrats, liberals, union households, those making less than \$30,000 annually, and people with post-graduate educations have the most unfavorable opinion of Bush.

Republicans, conservatives, and upper income residents are most supportive of the war in Iraq while Democrats, liberals, lower income residents, people with post-graduate educations, and non-religious residents are most opposed. Democrats, liberals, and young people are most interested in bringing US troops home quickly from Iraq.

Granite State Poll Methodology

These findings are based on the most recent Granite State Poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center from February 1 to February 8, 2005. A random sample of 544 New Hampshire adults was interviewed by telephone. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to plus or minus 4.2 percent. Results reported for other subgroups have potential for somewhat larger variation than those for the entire population.

The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, and region of the state. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

Presidential Approval

“GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling his job as president?”

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. '05	52%	4%	43%	(533)
Oct. '04	51	3	46	(567)
July '04	46	4	50	(503)
Apr. '04	48	6	46	(536)
Feb. '04	47	5	48	(505)
Oct. '03	56	4	40	(502)
June '03	64	5	31	(511)
Apr. '03	71	6	23	(503)
Feb. '03	65	4	30	(646)
June '02	75	5	21	(658)
Apr. '02	81	6	13	(685)
Feb. '02	87	4	9	(724)
Oct. '01	92	2	6	(687)

Presidential Approval - Economy

"GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling THE ECONOMY?"

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. '05	48%	5%	46%	(534)
Oct. '04	48	3	49	(568)
July '04	49	5	47	(499)
Apr. '04	43	6	51	(538)
Feb. '04	41	5	54	(506)
Oct. '03	46	4	50	(499)
June '03	51	3	45	(512)
Apr. '03	56	6	38	(502)
Feb. '03	51	6	43	(644)
June '02	62	6	32	(644)
Apr. '02	70	7	23	(688)
Feb. '02	69	6	25	(725)
Oct. '01	75	8	18	(684)

Presidential Approval - Foreign Affairs

"GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling FOREIGN AFFAIRS?"

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. '05	47%	4%	49%	(533)
Oct. '04	48	3	49	(568)
July '04	41	3	56	(499)
Apr. '04	48	5	48	(539)
Feb. '04	44	4	52	(507)
Oct. '03	53	3	44	(501)
June '03	63	3	34	(512)
Apr. '03	72	3	25	(506)
Feb. '03	60	4	36	(646)
June '02	69	5	26	(644)
Apr. '02	76	5	19	(690)
Feb. '02	86	4	10	(722)
Oct. '01	88	4	7	(685)

Presidential Approval - Handling of Situation in Iraq

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?"

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. '05	47%	3%	50%	(535)
July '04	42	3	55	(501)
Apr. '04	49	4	47	(540)
Feb. '04	44	3	53	(509)
Oct. '03	54	3	42	(500)
June '03	64	4	32	(513)
Apr. '03	79	2	18	(503)
Feb. '03	56	7	37	(646)

Support for War in Iraq

“Do you support or oppose the United States having gone to war with Iraq?”

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. '05	47%	6%	47%	(537)
July '04	47	6	47	(498)
Apr. '04	59	4	37	(536)
Feb. '04	54	3	33	(509)
Oct. '03	65	5	30	(496)
June '03	69	4	20	(513)
Apr. '03	77	4	20	(506)

Bring Home Troops?

“Now that Iraq has held elections, do you think the United States should start bringing some troops home or should U.S. troops stay until more stability is established?”

	<u>Feb. '05</u>
Bring Home Troops	43%
Stay Until More Stability Established	51
Whatever is Needed	3
Don't Know	3
(N)	(535)

Right Track - Wrong Track

“Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?”

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N=)</u>
Feb. '05	53%	40%	7%	(535)
Oct. '04	46	50	4	(574)
July '04	48	43	10	(500)
Apr. '04	44	48	8	(535)
Feb. '04	43	49	8	(503)
Oct. '03	51	43	6	(487)
June '03	56	38	5	(511)

Condition of Social Security

"Let's change topics and talk for a moment about Social Security. Which of these statements do you think best describes the Social Security system ... it is in a state of crisis ... it has major problems ... it has minor problems ... or it does not have any problems?"

	<u>Feb. '05</u>
State of Crisis	13%
Major Problems	53
Minor Problems	28
No Problems	3
Don't Know	3
(N)	(543)

Invest Social Security in Stocks and Bonds

"As you may know, one idea to address concerns with the Social Security system would allow people who retire in future decades to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market and bonds, but would reduce the guaranteed benefits they get when they retire. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?"

	<u>Feb. '05</u>
Good Idea	32%
Bad Idea	54
Don't Know	14
(N)	(538)

Presidential Approval Rating - Overall

STATEWIDE	<u>Approve</u> 52%	<u>Neutral</u> 4%	<u>Disapprove</u> 43%	<u>(N=)</u> 533
Registered Democrat	15	2	83	112
Undeclared	52	3	45	174
Registered Republican	88	2	9	152
Democrat	14	2	84	206
Independent	50	11	39	87
Republican	91	3	6	219
Liberal	15	2	83	113
Moderate	51	3	46	228
Conservative	83	4	13	154
Union household	43	1	56	71
Non-union	54	4	41	458
5 years or less in NH	46	4	50	64
6 to 10 years	58	1	41	42
11 to 20 years	50	5	45	121
More than 20 years	54	4	42	299
18 to 34	52	4	45	91
35 to 49	54	3	42	196
50 to 64	48	5	47	158
65 and over	58	3	40	73
Male	53	3	44	262
Female	52	5	43	272
High school or less	58	8	34	158
Some college	58	3	39	133
College graduate	51	3	46	151
Post-graduate	36	1	62	87
Less than \$30K	38	10	53	82
\$30K to \$60K	54	3	43	129
\$60K to \$75K	56	2	42	62
\$75K to \$100K	67	1	32	60
More than \$100K	59	1	40	80
Married	58	4	38	370
Divorced/separated	40	6	54	85
Never married	41	4	55	74
Protestant	58	6	36	208
Catholic	63	2	35	175
Other	34	2	64	137
Attend 1 or more/week	62	7	32	137
1-2 times a month	55	2	44	79
Less often	58	4	39	148
Never	40	3	57	158
Northern NH	59	4	37	70
Western NH	46	4	50	50
Central/Lakes	54	4	42	84
Hillsborough County	53	5	41	164
Seacoast	50	3	47	165
1st Cong. District	55	4	41	274
2nd Cong. District	50	4	45	259

Presidential Approval Rating - Economy

STATEWIDE	<u>Approve</u> 48%	<u>Neutral</u> 5%	<u>Disapprove</u> 46%	<u>(N=)</u> 534
Registered Democrat	11	7	82	114
Undeclared	51	2	47	174
Registered Republican	84	2	14	152
Democrat	12	5	83	206
Independent	46	10	45	87
Republican	86	2	12	220
Liberal	16	5	80	111
Moderate	47	5	49	231
Conservative	78	2	20	153
Union household	36	5	59	72
Non-union	51	5	44	459
5 years or less in NH	44	12	44	64
6 to 10 years	58	4	38	42
11 to 20 years	46	5	49	123
More than 20 years	49	4	47	300
18 to 34	48	10	43	91
35 to 49	49	4	46	196
50 to 64	46	2	52	159
65 and over	52	6	41	73
Male	49	6	46	261
Female	48	5	47	273
High school or less	52	7	41	159
Some college	53	5	43	134
College graduate	48	5	47	150
Post-graduate	38	4	58	88
Less than \$30K	39	8	53	82
\$30K to \$60K	44	5	51	130
\$60K to \$75K	49	5	46	61
\$75K to \$100K	62	1	37	61
More than \$100K	58	5	37	80
Married	52	4	43	371
Divorced/separated	44	4	52	83
Never married	36	11	53	75
Protestant	54	3	43	207
Catholic	57	6	37	175
Other	33	6	61	137
Attend 1 or more/week	59	5	36	138
1-2 times a month	50	3	47	79
Less often	49	4	46	150
Never	39	6	54	157
Northern NH	62	2	37	69
Western NH	43	5	53	50
Central/Lakes	51	4	45	84
Hillsborough County	46	7	46	164
Seacoast	45	6	49	167
1st Cong. District	50	6	44	276
2nd Cong. District	47	5	48	258

Presidential Approval Rating - Foreign Affairs

STATEWIDE	<u>Approve</u> 47%	<u>Neutral</u> 4%	<u>Disapprove</u> 49%	<u>(N=)</u> 533
Registered Democrat	14	2	84	114
Undeclared	48	3	49	174
Registered Republican	83	1	15	150
Democrat	11	3	86	207
Independent	40	11	49	87
Republican	86	1	12	218
Liberal	14	3	83	113
Moderate	45	2	52	229
Conservative	77	2	21	152
Union household	38	1	61	72
Non-union	49	5	46	458
5 years or less in NH	43	6	50	65
6 to 10 years	53	1	46	42
11 to 20 years	44	7	50	123
More than 20 years	49	2	49	297
18 to 34	42	9	49	92
35 to 49	52	3	45	195
50 to 64	43	1	56	158
65 and over	51	5	44	73
Male	46	4	50	261
Female	48	4	48	272
High school or less	49	8	43	158
Some college	54	4	42	132
College graduate	49	3	49	151
Post-graduate	32	0	68	88
Less than \$30K	34	7	59	83
\$30K to \$60K	47	3	50	130
\$60K to \$75K	51	2	47	62
\$75K to \$100K	62	1	37	61
More than \$100K	53	0	46	80
Married	53	2	45	369
Divorced/separated	36	6	57	83
Never married	33	10	57	75
Protestant	54	5	41	206
Catholic	54	3	42	176
Other	31	2	67	137
Attend 1 or more/week	56	7	37	136
1-2 times a month	52	1	46	79
Less often	50	3	47	150
Never	35	3	62	157
Northern NH	52	2	46	69
Western NH	47	0	53	50
Central/Lakes	47	4	48	84
Hillsborough County	46	7	47	162
Seacoast	46	3	50	168
1st Cong. District	50	4	45	276
2nd Cong. District	44	4	52	257

Presidential Approval Rating - Handling of Iraq

STATEWIDE	<u>Approve</u> 47%	<u>Neutral</u> 3%	<u>Disapprove</u> 50%	<u>(N=)</u> 535
Registered Democrat	11	4	85	114
Undeclared	51	1	48	176
Registered Republican	78	2	19	150
Democrat	9	2	89	207
Independent	47	6	47	87
Republican	83	3	14	219
Liberal	14	2	84	113
Moderate	45	3	52	229
Conservative	74	1	25	154
Union household	35	1	64	72
Non-union	48	4	48	460
5 years or less in NH	45	3	52	65
6 to 10 years	52	1	47	42
11 to 20 years	42	3	55	123
More than 20 years	48	4	48	298
18 to 34	43	3	54	92
35 to 49	49	2	49	195
50 to 64	45	3	52	159
65 and over	46	8	47	73
Male	47	3	50	261
Female	46	4	50	274
High school or less	51	6	44	160
Some college	53	5	42	132
College graduate	44	1	55	151
Post-graduate	35	2	64	88
Less than \$30K	33	6	62	85
\$30K to \$60K	43	4	53	130
\$60K to \$75K	49	0	51	62
\$75K to \$100K	68	1	31	61
More than \$100K	54	0	46	79
Married	52	3	45	369
Divorced/separated	34	6	60	84
Never married	37	3	60	76
Protestant	51	4	45	208
Catholic	56	3	42	176
Other	32	2	66	138
Attend 1 or more/week	55	7	39	139
1-2 times a month	50	0	50	79
Less often	50	5	45	149
Never	36	1	64	158
Northern NH	54	1	45	71
Western NH	48	2	50	50
Central/Lakes	47	5	48	84
Hillsborough County	46	4	50	163
Seacoast	43	4	53	167
1st Cong. District	47	5	48	275
2nd Cong. District	46	2	52	260

Support / Oppose War with Iraq

STATEWIDE	<u>Support</u> 47%	<u>Neutral</u> 6%	<u>Oppose</u> 47%	(N=) 537
Registered Democrat	17	2	82	112
Undeclared	45	8	47	177
Registered Republican	78	4	18	152
Democrat	14	4	81	205
Independent	42	10	48	89
Republican	80	5	15	220
Liberal	17	1	82	113
Moderate	43	6	51	231
Conservative	76	5	20	154
Union household	42	6	52	72
Non-union	48	6	46	462
5 years or less in NH	49	12	39	66
6 to 10 years	57	5	38	42
11 to 20 years	35	4	61	123
More than 20 years	50	5	45	300
18 to 34	47	9	45	92
35 to 49	51	6	42	195
50 to 64	45	3	53	159
65 and over	40	6	54	75
Male	50	7	44	264
Female	45	5	50	273
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Western NH	42	5	53	51
Central/Lakes	44	8	49	85
Hillsborough County	46	5	49	163
Seacoast	49	5	46	168
1st Cong. District	49	8	43	275
2nd Cong. District	45	3	51	262

After Elections, Start Bringing Home Troops or Stay Until Stability Established

	<u>Bring Home</u> 43%	<u>Stability Established</u> 51%	<u>Whatever Needed</u> 3%	<u>Don't Know</u> 3%	<u>(N=)</u> 535
STATEWIDE					
Registered Democrat	55	40	3	2	111
Undeclared	42	52	3	3	177
Registered Republican	25	67	3	4	152
Democrat	59	35	3	3	204
Independent	43	53	3	1	89
Republican	27	67	3	3	220
Liberal	55	39	2	4	113
Moderate	44	50	4	2	231
Conservative	33	62	2	3	154
Union household	50	47	4	0	70
Non-union	42	52	3	3	460
5 years or less in NH	46	48	2	4	66
6 to 10 years	36	62	3	0	42
11 to 20 years	47	45	4	4	122
More than 20 years	42	53	2	3	298
18 to 34	64	33	1	2	92
35 to 49	42	52	3	2	194
50 to 64	38	56	4	3	160
65 and over	37	56	2	5	74
Male	36	58	3	3	263
Female	49	44	3	3	272
High school or less	49	47	1	3	159
Some college	45	52	2	2	132
College graduate	38	55	3	3	152
Post-graduate	39	50	7	4	89
Less than \$30K	51	42	3	4	83
\$30K to \$60K	48	47	3	2	130
\$60K to \$75K	43	53	1	3	61
\$75K to \$100K	34	63	2	1	60
More than \$100K	35	58	4	3	80
Married	40	54	4	2	370
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Never married	52	44	2	2	76
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Other	44	51	1	4	138
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1-2 times a month	48	47	3	2	79
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Never	45	50	3	2	159
Northern NH	44	42	12	3	71
Western NH	32	57	4	7	51
Central/Lakes	44	52	2	3	84
Hillsborough County	44	50	2	4	161
Seacoast	44	54	1	1	168
1st Cong. District	44	53	2	1	273
2nd Cong. District	42	49	4	5	262

Condition of Social Security

	<u>State of Crisis</u> 13%	<u>Major Problems</u> 53%	<u>Minor Problems</u> 28%	<u>No Problems</u> 3%	<u>Don't Know</u> 3%	<u>(N=)</u> 543
STATEWIDE						
Registered Democrat	16	48	31	3	2	114
Undeclared	12	52	33	1	2	177
Registered Republican	12	58	24	2	4	151
Democrat	15	47	31	5	2	208
Independent	11	53	26	4	7	89
Republican	11	59	26	1	3	219
Liberal	14	47	30	6	3	113
Moderate	9	55	31	1	4	230
Conservative	16	58	22	2	2	155
Union household	18	50	26	3	2	72
Non-union	12	53	28	3	4	466
5 years or less in NH	16	57	18	6	3	68
6 to 10 years	4	61	22	9	5	42
11 to 20 years	14	46	33	2	5	122
More than 20 years	13	54	28	3	2	304
18 to 34	14	58	19	3	6	93
35 to 49	15	55	24	3	3	198
50 to 64	13	50	31	4	1	160
65 and over	5	46	40	4	4	73
Male	13	48	32	4	3	265
Female	13	57	24	2	4	278
High school or less	18	48	24	6	4	162
Some college	12	56	27	1	4	136
College graduate	10	55	28	4	2	153
Post-graduate	8	53	35	2	2	89
Less than \$30K	14	54	25	7	1	86
\$30K to \$60K	12	56	24	3	5	130
\$60K to \$75K	18	54	25	3	0	62
\$75K to \$100K	12	56	27	0	4	61
More than \$100K	8	50	36	3	3	80
Married	12	54	28	3	3	374
Divorced/separated	15	51	29	2	3	86
Never married	12	48	29	5	6	77
Protestant	13	54	27	3	3	211
Catholic	13	55	27	4	2	177
Other	11	50	30	3	6	139
Attend 1 or more/week	15	57	22	5	2	140
1-2 times a month	19	54	24	1	1	80
Less often	12	52	29	2	4	153
Never	9	49	35	4	3	158
Northern NH	7	43	43	5	2	72
Western NH	10	60	23	6	0	51
Central/Lakes	12	50	30	2	6	85
Hillsborough County	13	55	23	4	5	163
Seacoast	16	54	26	2	3	170
1st Cong. District	17	52	27	2	3	280
2nd Cong. District	9	54	29	4	4	262

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	Good Idea 32%	Bad Idea 54%	Don't Know 14%	(N=) 538
STATEWIDE				
Registered Democrat	11	79	9	114
Undeclared	34	52	14	176
Registered Republican	49	33	17	149
Democrat	14	77	8	207
Independent	34	49	18	87
Republican	51	32	18	217
Liberal	12	78	10	112
Moderate	33	53	13	229
Conservative	46	39	15	153
Union household	30	61	9	72
Non-union	33	52	15	462
5 years or less in NH	38	47	16	68
6 to 10 years	29	56	15	42
11 to 20 years	33	57	10	121
More than 20 years	32	53	14	300
18 to 34	44	42	13	93
35 to 49	31	56	13	197
50 to 64	33	53	14	157
65 and over	21	63	16	74
Male	34	53	12	262
Female	31	54	15	276
High school or less	27	57	16	161
Some college	37	46	17	134
College graduate	34	55	11	152
Post-graduate	33	56	11	89
Less than \$30K	31	58	11	85
\$30K to \$60K	26	58	16	130
\$60K to \$75K	29	50	21	62
\$75K to \$100K	44	48	8	61
More than \$100K	44	50	6	80
Married	35	52	13	371
Divorced/separated	26	57	18	85
Never married	31	55	14	76
Protestant	33	51	16	210
Catholic	36	53	11	176
Other	28	59	13	137
Attend 1 or more/week	33	53	14	138
1-2 times a month	31	58	10	79
Less often	35	51	14	151
Never	31	56	13	158
Northern NH	33	56	10	72
Western NH	38	49	13	51
Central/Lakes	31	57	12	83
Hillsborough County	30	50	20	161
Seacoast	34	55	11	170
1st Cong. District	34	54	12	278
2nd Cong. District	31	54	15	259

U.S. Right Track / Wrong Track

STATEWIDE	<u>Right Direction</u> 53%	<u>Wrong Track</u> 40%	<u>Don't Know</u> 7%	<u>(N=)</u> 535
Registered Democrat	18	73	8	113
Undeclared	56	38	6	173
Registered Republican	82	14	4	150
Democrat	18	73	9	203
Independent	54	41	4	88
Republican	87	9	4	219
Liberal	21	71	8	111
Moderate	51	42	7	228
Conservative	80	17	3	153
Union household	41	50	9	72
Non-union	55	38	6	459
5 years or less in NH	51	39	10	66
6 to 10 years	60	40	0	42
11 to 20 years	51	46	3	122
More than 20 years	53	39	8	299
18 to 34	59	37	4	90
35 to 49	53	42	5	196
50 to 64	52	42	6	158
65 and over	50	39	11	73
Male	53	39	8	261
Female	53	41	6	274
High school or less	57	39	4	157
Some college	60	35	5	135
College graduate	51	39	9	151
Post-graduate	41	52	7	88
Less than \$30K	42	52	6	83
\$30K to \$60K	48	45	7	129
\$60K to \$75K	57	37	6	62
\$75K to \$100K	68	29	3	61
More than \$100K	63	30	6	79
Married	57	36	6	373
Divorced/separated	44	48	8	83
Never married	45	47	7	74
Protestant	56	37	7	207
Catholic	62	31	7	175
Other	41	54	5	138
Attend 1 or more/week	59	35	6	137
1-2 times a month	61	35	4	80
Less often	54	38	8	151
Never	45	48	7	155
Northern NH	59	33	8	71
Western NH	46	47	7	50
Central/Lakes	53	42	5	84
Hillsborough County	53	41	6	163
Seacoast	53	40	7	168
1st Cong. District	55	37	8	277
2nd Cong. District	51	43	5	258