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# **Statewide Survey of Political Independents in Virginia**

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## Methodology

*The Washington Post*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The Post, Kaiser, and Harvard jointly design and analyze surveys examining public knowledge, perceptions, and misperceptions on major issues. The Post then reports the results as well as facts to dispel myths and misperceptions. Our hope is that this project contributes to a better understanding of public knowledge on major issues facing the country as well as more effective efforts by the media to educate, inform, and engage citizens in national debates.

The *Survey of Political Independents* is the 16<sup>th</sup> survey in this partnership series. A nationwide survey was conducted from May-June, 2007, and results are reported separately (national topline can be found at: [www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/pomr070107pkg.cfm](http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/pomr070107pkg.cfm)). This document reports results of a companion survey of Virginia residents, which was conducted by telephone from May 3 to June 3, 2007 among 1,708 randomly selected adults living in the state of Virginia, including small oversamples of randomly selected self-identified independents and Republicans to ensure at least 500 interviews in each group for analysis purposes. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Results are weighted to adjust for the additional interviews, and to ensure the data are reflective of the demographics of the actual adult population of Virginia in terms of age, race, ethnicity, sex, education, and region. Results are not weighted to any external estimate of party ID. The table below shows the number of interviews and margin of sampling error for key subgroups.

<i>Population</i>	<i>Number interviewed</i>	<i>Margin of sampling error</i>
Total	1,708	± 3 percentage points
Independents	551	± 5 percentage points
Democrats	516	± 5 percentage points
Republicans	507	± 5 percentage points

Representatives of The Washington Post, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. Each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name. The project team included Jon Cohen, *The Washington Post* director of polling and Jennifer Agiesta, polling analyst; Drew E. Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, Mollyann Brodie, vice president and director of public opinion and media research, and Elizabeth Hamel, associate director of public opinion and media research; and Robert J. Blendon, professor of health policy and political analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, and John M. Benson, managing director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program in the Harvard School of Public Health. Telephone interviews were carried out by ICR/International Communications Research.

Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (\*). (3) "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

1. What one issue or problem would you say is most important for the president and Congress to address at this time? Is there a second issue that you think is almost as important for the president and Congress to address? (OPEN-ENDED)

First mention

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
55	51	67	51	Iraq/War in Iraq
7	9	3	12	Immigration/illegal immigration
5	4	6	6	Gas prices/Energy
5	5	4	4	Economic issues
5	5	6	3	Health care
4	6	2	4	Frustration with government/Corruption
2	3	2	*	Environmental issues/pollution/global warming
2	1	*	5	Terrorism/National security
2	2	1	1	Foreign affairs/not Iraq
2	2	2	2	Education/schools
1	2	--	2	Budget deficit/national debt
1	1	1	3	Morality issues
1	1	*	1	Social Security
*	*	--	1	Taxes
*	--	*	*	Seniors/retirement issues (not Medicare)
*	*	--	--	Crime/violence
2	1	1	2	Nothing
2	4	2	1	Other
2	2	3	2	Don't know/Refused

Total Mentions

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
70	70	80	63	Iraq/War in Iraq
16	19	8	25	Immigration/illegal immigration
15	13	16	15	Gas prices/Energy
14	15	13	11	Economic issues
14	13	20	9	Health care
6	7	4	7	Frustration with government/Corruption
6	5	7	4	Education/schools
5	7	6	2	Environmental issues/pollution/global warming
4	4	*	8	Terrorism/National security
3	5	2	2	Foreign affairs/not Iraq
3	4	2	5	Budget deficit/national debt
3	2	3	5	Morality issues
3	3	3	4	Social Security
2	1	1	5	Taxes
1	*	1	*	Seniors/retirement issues (not Medicare)
1	1	*	1	Crime/violence
*	--	1	--	Katrina
2	1	1	2	Nothing
5	7	5	4	Other
2	2	3	2	Don't know/Refused

2. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Voters	
33	33	Democrat
27	30	Republican
29	30	Independent
*	1	Libertarian
1	1	Conservative
1	1	Other (vol)
2	2	None
5	2	Don't know
1	1	Refused
<b>N=1708</b>	<b>N=1423</b>	

3. Do you lean more towards the: (Democratic) or (Republican) party? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2)

Total who are neither Democrats nor Republicans

Total	Independent	
29	36	Democratic
30	29	Republican
32	30	Neither (vol)
7	5	Don't know
1	*	Refused
<b>N=685</b>	<b>N=551</b>	

#### Q2/Q3 Leaned Party Table

Total	Independent	
45	36	Democrat/Lean Democrat
39	29	Republican/Lean Republican
10	35	Non-lean Independent
*	--	Libertarian
*	--	Conservative
1	--	Non-lean Other
1	--	None
3	--	Don't know
1	--	Refused

Q4-Q12 held for future release.

13. Please tell me how important each of the following issues is to you PERSONALLY. (First/Next), would you say (INSERT ITEM) is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you PERSONALLY? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total respondent items

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				<b><i>a. The Economy</i></b>
36	37	35	34	Extremely important
48	49	47	50	Very important
13	13	16	12	Somewhat important
2	1	1	3	Not too important
1	--	*	1	Not at all important
*	--	*	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<b><i>b. Healthcare</i></b>
41	40	48	32	Extremely important
41	43	45	34	Very important
13	13	6	23	Somewhat important
3	2	*	7	Not too important
2	2	*	4	Not at all important
*	--	1	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<b><i>c. The situation in Iraq</i></b>
49	50	52	43	Extremely important
38	37	36	42	Very important
9	10	7	12	Somewhat important
1	1	2	1	Not too important
2	2	4	1	Not at all important
*	*	*	*	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<b><i>d. The US campaign against terrorism</i></b>
38	34	31	54	Extremely important
39	39	41	36	Very important
16	18	20	9	Somewhat important
3	4	4	1	Not too important
2	3	3	1	Not at all important
1	2	1	*	Don't know
*	*	*	*	Refused

Items e through g asked of one-half of respondents

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				<b><i>e. The federal budget deficit</i></b>
22	24	26	17	Extremely important
42	45	44	41	Very important
24	23	21	27	Somewhat important
6	6	3	10	Not too important
3	2	2	5	Not at all important
2	1	4	1	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<b><i>f. Global warming</i></b>
22	23	36	10	Extremely important
29	31	36	19	Very important
26	26	20	30	Somewhat important
12	12	2	20	Not too important
10	8	4	19	Not at all important
2	*	2	2	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<b><i>g. Illegal immigration</i></b>
26	24	21	34	Extremely important
33	35	30	34	Very important
28	27	29	25	Somewhat important
8	9	12	4	Not too important
4	2	7	2	Not at all important
1	1	*	*	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
<b>N=852</b>	<b>N=291</b>	<b>N=229</b>	<b>N=275</b>	

Items h through j asked of one-half of respondents

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				<b><i>h. Taxes</i></b>
25	27	24	28	Extremely important
41	40	40	40	Very important
25	27	26	25	Somewhat important
6	4	9	3	Not too important
1	2	1	2	Not at all important
1	--	--	2	Don't know
*	--	*	--	Refused
				<b><i>i. Corruption in government</i></b>
40	41	36	39	Extremely important
37	35	41	36	Very important
16	18	15	18	Somewhat important
4	4	5	4	Not too important
2	*	2	1	Not at all important
2	2	1	2	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
				<b><i>j. Social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage</i></b>
16	12	15	27	Extremely important
24	22	25	23	Very important
25	24	28	20	Somewhat important
16	21	18	14	Not too important
17	20	14	15	Not at all important
1	*	1	2	Don't know
*	1	--	*	Refused
<b>N=856</b>	<b>N=260</b>	<b>N=287</b>	<b>N=232</b>	

Q13 Extremely Important Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
49	50	52	43	The situation in Iraq
41	40	48	32	Healthcare
40	41	36	39	Corruption in government
38	34	31	54	The US campaign against terrorism
36	37	35	34	The economy
26	24	21	34	Illegal immigration
25	27	24	28	Taxes
22	24	26	17	The federal budget deficit
22	23	36	10	Global warming
16	12	15	27	Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage

Q14-Q15b held for future release.

15. For each of the following, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression. (First/Next), (INSERT). (ROTATE ITEMS – a,b,c,d OR b,a,d,c)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				<b>c. The Democratic party nationally</b>
55	53	86	25	Favorable (NET)
16	7	37	3	Strongly favorable
39	46	49	22	Somewhat favorable
40	42	13	73	Unfavorable (NET)
21	26	10	31	Somewhat unfavorable
19	16	3	42	Strongly unfavorable
4	5	1	2	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused
				<b>d. The Republican party nationally</b>
43	34	22	80	Favorable (NET)
10	3	4	25	Strongly favorable
33	30	18	55	Somewhat favorable
53	60	76	19	Unfavorable (NET)
27	33	31	15	Somewhat unfavorable
26	27	45	4	Strongly unfavorable
4	5	3	*	Don't know
*	1	--	*	Refused

16. Overall, which party, the (Democratic) or the (Republican), does a better job representing your views on (INSERT ITEM)? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS; ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total independents

**Independent**

	<b><i>a. The Economy</i></b>
36	Democratic
36	Republican
5	Both (vol)
15	Neither (vol)
6	Don't know
*	Refused
	<b><i>b. Healthcare</i></b>
49	Democratic
18	Republican
4	Both (vol)
21	Neither (vol)
8	Don't know
*	Refused
	<b><i>c. The situation in Iraq</i></b>
40	Democratic
29	Republican
5	Both (vol)
18	Neither (vol)
7	Don't know
*	Refused
	<b><i>d. The US campaign against terrorism</i></b>
26	Democratic
40	Republican
6	Both (vol)
19	Neither (vol)
9	Don't know
*	Refused

Items e through g asked of one-half of respondents

**Independent**

	<b><i>e. The federal budget deficit</i></b>
33	Democratic
26	Republican
3	Both (vol)
31	Neither (vol)
7	Don't know
*	Refused
	<b><i>f. Global warming</i></b>
51	Democratic
17	Republican
4	Both (vol)
18	Neither (vol)
10	Don't know
1	Refused
	<b><i>g. Illegal immigration</i></b>
30	Democratic
28	Republican
4	Both (vol)
25	Neither (vol)
13	Don't know
*	Refused
<b>N=291</b>	



Items h through j asked of one-half of respondents

**Independent**

	<b><i>h. Taxes</i></b>
<b>30</b>	Democratic
<b>43</b>	Republican
<b>3</b>	Both (vol)
<b>11</b>	Neither (vol)
<b>13</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	Refused
	<b><i>i. Corruption in government</i></b>
<b>41</b>	Democratic
<b>14</b>	Republican
<b>9</b>	Both (vol)
<b>26</b>	Neither (vol)
<b>11</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	Refused
	<b><i>j. Social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage</i></b>
<b>38</b>	Democratic
<b>29</b>	Republican
<b>2</b>	Both (vol)
<b>17</b>	Neither (vol)
<b>13</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>N=260</b>	

Q17 held for future release.

18. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own personal feelings about American politics today. The first is (INSERT), does this describe your own personal feelings about American politics today or not? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
				<b>a. Angry</b>
49	53	55	37	Does describes your feelings
50	46	43	62	Does not describe your feelings
1	1	2	1	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused
				<b>b. Hopeful</b>
63	57	66	66	Does describes your feelings
36	41	33	33	Does not describe your feelings
1	1	1	1	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused
				<b>c. Inspired</b>
19	16	21	23	Does describes your feelings
79	83	77	75	Does not describe your feelings
2	1	2	2	Don't know
*	--	*	--	Refused
				<b>d. Frustrated</b>
81	83	84	76	Does describes your feelings
18	15	15	23	Does not describe your feelings
1	1	1	1	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused
				<b>e. Pessimistic</b>
51	56	54	48	Does describes your feelings
44	39	41	51	Does not describe your feelings
5	4	5	2	Don't know
*	*	--	--	Refused
				<b>f. Proud</b>
32	25	28	44	Does describes your feelings
65	71	71	53	Does not describe your feelings
3	4	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused

Q18 Feelings about Politics Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
81	83	84	76	Frustrated
63	57	66	66	Hopeful
51	56	54	48	Pessimistic
49	53	55	37	Angry
32	25	28	44	Proud
19	16	21	23	Inspired

19. In general, do you think the two-party system does a pretty good job of addressing the issues that are most important to people like you, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
44	40	45	55	Does a pretty good job addressing issues
53	58	53	43	Does not do a good job
2	2	2	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

Q20-Q23 held for future release.

24. Thinking ahead to November 2008, how seriously would you consider voting for (READ ITEM) candidate for president? Very seriously, somewhat seriously, not too seriously, or not seriously at all? (SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
					<b>a. A Republican</b>
49	50	48	16	89	Seriously (NET)
22	24	13	2	58	Very seriously
27	26	36	14	31	Somewhat seriously
45	44	43	81	8	Not Seriously (NET)
13	13	16	20	4	Not too seriously
32	31	27	61	4	Not seriously at all
2	2	2	2	1	Would not consider/No chance (vol)
4	5	6	1	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
					<b>b. A Democratic</b>
61	59	62	94	23	Seriously (NET)
36	37	27	75	6	Very seriously
25	22	35	19	18	Somewhat seriously
34	34	29	5	72	Not Seriously (NET)
12	12	14	3	23	Not too seriously
21	22	15	2	50	Not seriously at all
1	1	1	--	2	Would not consider/No chance (vol)
4	5	7	1	3	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
					<b>c. An independent</b>
56	55	74	49	47	Seriously (NET)
18	19	32	13	8	Very seriously
38	36	43	36	40	Somewhat seriously
37	37	17	48	46	Not Seriously (NET)
18	19	10	24	22	Not too seriously
19	18	7	24	24	Not seriously at all
1	2	1	*	1	Would not consider/No chance (vol)
5	6	7	2	5	Don't know
*	*	*	--	*	Refused

25. Putting aside for a moment the question of who the nominees might be...Would you prefer the next president to be (a Democrat), (a Republican), or something else? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
39	37	24	86	5	Democrat
27	30	13	1	79	Republican
10	11	24	3	5	Independent (vol)
5	4	6	3	2	party doesn't matter/depends on candidate (vol)
1	1	2	--	*	Libertarian (vol)
1	*	1	1	1	Anyone who is not a Democrat or Republican (vol)
*	1	1	*	--	Green party (vol)
*	1	*	--	1	Conservative (vol)
*	*	--	*	--	A female (vol)
2	2	4	*	1	Other (vol)
1	1	3	--	1	None (vol)
12	12	19	5	6	Don't know
1	1	2	*	1	Refused

26. Do you prefer a (Democrat/Republican) strongly, or somewhat?

Total who prefer a Democrat/Republican president next time

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
42	36	78	2	Democrat strongly
17	29	21	3	Democrat somewhat
14	22	*	27	Republican somewhat
27	12	1	67	Republican strongly
*	--	*	1	Don't know
*	*	*	*	Refused
<b>N=1124</b>	<b>N=214</b>	<b>N=452</b>	<b>N=412</b>	

27. Which way are you leaning, (a Democrat) or (a Republican)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total who didn't know/refused to say which party the next president should be from

Total	Independent	
18	22	A Democrat
21	16	A Republican
27	35	Neither (vol)
24	19	Don't know
10	9	Refused
<b>N=235</b>	<b>N=121</b>	

Q25/Q26/Q27 Combination Table

Total	Voters	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
41	40	29	88	5	Prefer/Lean Democrat for next president (net)
28	28	14	68	1	Prefer Democrat strongly
11	9	11	18	3	Prefer Democrat somewhat
2	3	5	2	*	Lean Democrat
*	*	--	*	*	Don't know
*	*	--	*	*	Refused
30	33	16	3	82	Prefer/Lean Republican for next president (net)
18	20	5	1	56	Prefer Republican strongly
10	10	8	*	23	Prefer Republican somewhat
3	3	3	2	4	Lean Republican
*	*	--	--	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
10	11	24	3	5	Prefer independent for next president
1	1	2	--	*	Prefer Libertarian
*	1	1	*	--	Prefer Green party
*	1	*	--	1	Prefer Conservative
*	*	--	*	--	Prefer a female
1	*	1	1	1	Prefer anyone who isn't a Democrat or Republican
5	4	6	3	2	Party doesn't matter/depends on the candidate
2	2	4	*	1	Something else
1	1	3	--	1	None
8	7	13	1	3	Don't know/Refused

Q28-Q32 held for future release.

33. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
44	41	29	69	Excellent/Good (NET)
6	7	1	14	Excellent
38	35	28	55	Good
55	58	70	30	Not so good/Poor (NET)
37	36	47	24	Not so good
18	22	23	6	Poor
1	1	1	1	Don't know
*	--	--	--	Refused

Q34 held for future release.

35. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you (are getting ahead financially), have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or (are falling behind financially)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
33	32	26	46	Getting ahead financially
50	50	54	43	Have just enough money to maintain your standard of living
16	17	19	10	Falling behind financially
1	1	1	*	Don't know
*	*	*	1	Refused

36. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not?

37. Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	32	11	68	Yes, worth fighting (net)
24	22	5	51	Strongly
10	10	5	17	Somewhat
*	*	1	--	Don't know/Refused
60	62	84	29	No, not worth fighting (net)
11	11	11	11	Somewhat
48	51	72	19	Strongly
*	--	1	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	Refused
5	6	4	3	Don't know/Refused

38. Do you think the U.S. goal of bringing stability to Iraq is still possible, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
37	33	18	64	Yes, still possible
58	60	77	32	No, not possible
5	7	4	4	Don't know
*	*	*	--	Refused

39. Do you think (the United States must win the war in Iraq in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success), or do you think (the war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Iraq?) (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
34	33	17	55	The United States must win the war in Iraq in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success
55	55	73	36	The war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Iraq
11	10	10	9	Don't know
1	2	*	*	Refused

Q40-Q50 held for future release.

51. Who would you say has been the best U.S. president in the modern era... John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, the first George Bush, Bill Clinton, or George W. Bush? (ROTATE ITEMS 1-9, 9-1)

Total independents

**Independent**

18	John Kennedy
1	Lyndon Johnson
4	Richard Nixon
4	Gerald Ford
4	Jimmy Carter
33	Ronald Reagan
3	The first George Bush
25	Bill Clinton
1	George W. Bush
6	Don't know
1	Refused

52. And which of these has been the WORST U.S. president in the modern era... [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY IN SAME ORDER AS Q60: John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, the first George Bush, Bill Clinton, or George W. Bush?]

Total independents

**Independent**

*	John Kennedy
3	Lyndon Johnson
12	Richard Nixon
1	Gerald Ford
14	Jimmy Carter
2	Ronald Reagan
3	The first George Bush
11	Bill Clinton
46	George W. Bush
6	Don't know
1	Refused

53. How do you personally feel about the Bush administration's policies -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry? (ROTATE SCALE 1-4, 4-1)

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
33	27	9	69	Enthusiastic/Satisfied (NET)
5	3	1	12	Enthusiastic
28	24	8	57	Satisfied but not enthusiastic
65	71	89	31	Dissatisfied/Angry (NET)
38	41	44	25	Dissatisfied but not angry
27	30	45	6	Angry
1	1	2	*	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

Q54-Q61 held for future release.

62. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
81	83	81	87	Yes
18	16	19	13	No
*	*	--	--	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

Q63-Q64 held for future release.

65. As you may know, around half the public does not vote in presidential elections. How about you--did you vote in the last presidential election in 2004, when George W. Bush ran against John Kerry, or did you not have a chance to vote that time?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
73	77	71	79	Voted
24	22	27	15	Did not vote
3	1	2	5	Too young to vote (vol)
*	*	--	1	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

66. Which candidate did you vote for?

Total who voted for president in 2004

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
48	46	10	92	George W. Bush
44	43	84	7	John Kerry
*	1	*	--	Ralph Nader (vol)
2	3	1	--	Other candidate (vol)
*	*	1	--	Did not vote (vol)
2	4	1	*	Don't know
4	4	3	1	Refused
<b>N=1431</b>	<b>N=475</b>	<b>N=424</b>	<b>N=450</b>	

Q65/Q66 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
72	77	70	79	Voted in 2004 presidential election (net)
35	35	7	73	George W. Bush
32	33	60	5	John Kerry
*	*	*	--	Ralph Nader
1	2	1	--	Other candidate
25	22	28	15	Did not vote
3	1	2	5	Too young to vote
*	*	--	1	Don't know
*	*	--	*	Refused

67. What about in the 2006 Congressional elections for the House and Senate that were held just this past November, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
60	61	58	66	Voted
37	38	40	29	Did not vote
2	1	1	3	Too young to vote (vol)
1	1	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

68. Did you vote for the (Democratic) candidate or the (Republican) candidate in your Congressional district? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total who voted in the 2006 congressional elections

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
48	50	89	8	Democratic candidate
42	37	7	87	Republican candidate
1	1	*	1	Other candidate (vol)
1	2	--	*	Did not vote (vol)
5	8	2	3	Don't know
3	3	3	1	Refused
<b>N=1206</b>	<b>N=398</b>	<b>N=352</b>	<b>N=385</b>	

Q67/Q68 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
59	60	58	66	Voted in 2006 Congressional election (net)
29	30	52	5	Democratic candidate
25	22	4	58	Republican candidate
*	*	*	*	Other candidate
37	39	40	29	Did not vote
2	1	1	3	Too young to vote
1	1	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused



69. And which candidate did you vote for in last year's Senate election, (Jim Webb, the Democrat) or (George Allen, the Republican)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

Total who voted in 2006 congressional election

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
52	58	90	10	Jim Webb, the Democrat
41	32	6	85	George Allen, the Republican
1	1	*	*	Other candidate (vol)
2	3	*	3	Did not vote (vol)
2	3	*	1	Don't know
2	2	3	1	Refused
<b>N=1206</b>	<b>N=398</b>	<b>N=352</b>	<b>N=385</b>	

Q67/Q69 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
58	59	58	65	Voted in 2006 Congressional election (net)
31	35	52	7	Jim Webb
24	19	4	56	George Allen
*	1	*	*	Other candidate
38	40	40	31	Did not vote
2	1	1	3	Too young to vote
1	1	1	2	Don't know
*	--	--	*	Refused

Q70-Q75 held for future release.

## Demographics

76. What is your age?

77. IF REFUSED: Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of 18-29, 30-49, 50-64 or 65+?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
21	16	24	23	18-29
41	44	36	41	30-49
24	24	25	24	50-64
14	16	14	13	65+

78. Are you...?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
54	58	44	62	Married and living with your spouse
5	4	5	4	Living with a partner but not married
2	2	3	2	Separated
11	10	12	8	Divorced
7	5	8	6	Widowed
21	20	27	17	Or never married
1	1	1	1	Refused

79. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
35	35	36	36	Yes
64	65	63	64	No
--	--	--	--	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused

80. What is the last grade of school you completed?

81. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
3	3	3	3	8th grade or less
11	11	11	9	Some high school
31	31	32	28	Graduated high school
25	21	25	28	Some college
17	19	16	19	Graduated college (net)
3	2	3	3	Associate's degree
12	15	10	14	Bachelor's degree
2	2	3	2	Other
*	--	*	--	DK/Refused
13	15	13	13	Post Graduate

82. What, if anything, is your religion?

83. What would that be?

84. Is that a Christian religion or not?

85. Is that a Protestant denomination, or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
53	47	58	58	Protestant
13	16	13	16	Catholic
12	9	10	14	Christian (Non-Protestant)
5	6	5	3	Other Non-Christian
13	18	11	7	None
2	2	2	--	Don't know
2	2	2	2	Refused

86. Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Total Christians

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
51	44	56	52	Yes
46	53	42	46	No
2	4	2	2	Don't know
*	*	--	1	Refused
<b>N=1388</b>	<b>N=413</b>	<b>N=413</b>	<b>N=461</b>	

Total respondents

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
41	32	45	47	Born-again Christian
37	39	34	41	Christian, not born-again
2	3	2	2	Christian, don't know if born-again
*	*	--	1	Christian, refused born-again
19	26	19	10	None, other

87. Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
14	10	14	18	More than once a week
30	27	30	34	Once a week
14	15	15	14	Once or twice a month
16	19	16	14	A few times a year
13	16	14	12	Seldom
10	12	10	6	Never
*	1	*	*	Don't know
1	1	1	2	Refused

88. At present, are you yourself employed part-time or full-time, or are you retired or something else?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
14	15	13	14	Employed part time
51	51	49	52	Employed full time
18	18	18	17	Retired
4	4	3	5	Homemaker (vol)
4	2	6	4	Unemployed (vol)
2	1	2	2	Student (vol)
3	4	4	1	Disability (vol)
2	2	2	2	Self employed (vol)
1	1	1	2	Other (vol)
2	1	1	1	Refused

89. Are you, or is any other adult in your household a member of a labor union?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
8	7	9	7	Yes
90	91	89	91	No
1	1	2	1	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

90. Is that you, or someone in your household?

Total with someone in the household in labor union

<b>Total</b>	
<b>55</b>	Respondent
<b>38</b>	Someone else in the household
<b>5</b>	Both respondent and someone else
<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>N=121</b>	

89/90 Combination table

<b>Total</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	Household member in Labor union (net)
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	Respondent
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Someone else in the household
<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	Both respondent and someone else
<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>91</b>	No one in Labor union
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused

91. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan? This would include any private insurance plan through your employer or that you purchase yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid?

<b>Total</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	
<b>87</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>90</b>	Yes
<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	No
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>*</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused

92. Are you, or is anyone in your household, serving in the military or a military veteran, or not?

<b>Total</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	
<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39</b>	Yes
<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	No
<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused

93. Is that you, or someone in your household?

Total with someone in the household in the military

<b>Total</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	
<b>43</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	Respondent
<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	Someone else in the household
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	Both respondent and someone else
<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	Refused
<b>N=586</b>	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=140</b>	<b>N=206</b>	

92/93 Combination Table

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
32	32	28	39	Household member in military (net)
14	16	9	16	Respondent
17	14	18	19	Someone else in the household
2	2	1	3	Both respondent and someone else
67	66	72	60	No one in military
*	1	--	--	Don't know
1	1	1	1	Refused

94. Are you a U.S. citizen or not?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
97	95	97	99	Yes
2	4	3	*	No
*	--	--	--	Don't know
1	1	*	1	Refused

95. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

96. Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?

97. Are you white, black, or some other race?

Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
94	95	93	93	Non-Hispanic (NET)
68	74	53	83	White
18	13	33	3	Black
1	1	2	2	Asian
1	1	*	1	Native American
2	3	2	1	Mixed
1	2	2	*	Something else
3	3	1	3	Unspecified
6	5	7	7	Hispanic (NET)
4	3	4	6	White
1	--	2	*	Black
1	2	1	2	Hispanic (no race given)

98. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources? (READ LIST)

99. Is that 100 to under 150 thousand, 150 to under 200 thousand or 200 thousand or more? PROBE: Your best estimate is fine.

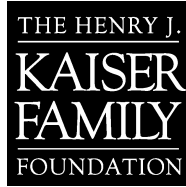
Total	Independent	Democrat	Republican	
11	12	14	7	Under 20 thousand dollars
13	12	14	8	20 to under 35 thousand
13	13	13	13	35 to under 50 thousand
18	18	19	17	50 to under 75 thousand
13	14	12	14	75 to under 100 thousand
20	19	17	28	100 thousand or more (net)
12	10	11	16	100 to under 150 thousand
5	5	3	7	150 to under 200 thousand
3	3	3	5	200 thousand or more
4	3	5	3	Don't know
8	9	7	9	Refused

INTERVIEWER: In what language was this interview conducted?

<b>Total</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	All Spanish
<b>*</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	Mostly Spanish
<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	Part Spanish/Part English
<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2</b>	Mostly English
<b>98</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	All English

Gender recorded by interviewer

<b>Total</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	
<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>54</b>	Male
<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>46</b>	Female



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