

TIME MAGAZINE/SRBI – March 15-17, 2005 Survey
FINAL DATA-March 18, 2005 (Q1-Q11b & Demographics)

BASE=1010 Adults Except Where Noted

Q1. TO BEGIN WITH, HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES FOR PRESIDENT BUSH TO DEAL WITH IN HIS SECOND TERM?
 1) *WAR IN IRAQ*

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	37	38	14	9	3	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	45	39	8	5	3	*

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 2) *JOBS AND THE ECONOMY*

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	37	50	10	2	1	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	37	48	12	1	1	*

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 3) *MORAL VALUES ISSUES, SUCH AS ABORTION AND GAY MARRIAGE*

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	19	26	22	30	3	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	19	27	21	30	2	-

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 4) *SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM*

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	31	41	16	10	2	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	30	45	14	8	2	*

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 5) *EDUCATION*

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	35	49	12	3	1	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	35	50	12	2	*	*

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 6) *HOMELAND SECURITY*

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	38	46	12	3	1	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	36	47	12	3	2	-

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 7) TAX REFORM

	(Base)	Extremely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	19	42	27	9	3	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	17	44	25	8	6	*

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 8) BUILDING DEMOCRACY IN OTHER COUNTRIES

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
EXTREMELY CRITICAL	9%
VERY IMPORTANT	26%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	36%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	27%
DON'T KNOW	2%

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 9) CUTTING THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET DEFICIT

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
EXTREMELY CRITICAL	30%
VERY IMPORTANT	42%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	21%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	4%
DON'T KNOW	3%

Q2. IN GENERAL, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE WAY PRESIDENT BUSH IS HANDLING HIS JOB AS PRESIDENT?
 BASE: Registered Voters (7/20/04-10/21/04)/Total Respondents (12/13/04-3/17/05)

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	53	43	4	-
1/12 - 1/13	(995)	53	43	3	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	49	43	6	2
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	53	44	2	1
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	49	49	2	*
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	50	46	3	1
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	53	43	4	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	56	41	3	*
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	55	42	3	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	51	45	3	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	50	46	3	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	50	47	4	*

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Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DI SAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?

A) *HANDLING THE ECONOMY*

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	(Base)	Approve	Di sapprove	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	44	51	5	-
1/12 - 1/13	(999)	51	44	5	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	46	49	5	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	52	45	2	*
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	48	48	4	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	46	49	5	*
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	43	54	3	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	44	52	4	*

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B) *HIS EMPHASIS ON MORAL VALUES AND RELIGION*

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20/04-10/21/04)/Total Respondents (12/13/04-3/17/05)

	(Base)	Approve	Di sapprove	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	56	36	8	-
1/12 - 1/13	(996)	56	36	8	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	58	32	9	1
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	61	33	5	1
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	57	35	7	1
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	60	32	7	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	56	37	7	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	55	38	7	*

Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DI SAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?

C) *HANDLING THE SITUATION IN IRAQ*

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20/04-10/21/04)/Total Respondents (12/13/04-3/17/05)

	(Base)	Approve	Di sapprove	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	47	50	3	-
1/12 - 1/13	(999)	45	51	4	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	48	48	3	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	51	45	3	-
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	50	46	3	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	48	48	3	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	45	52	3	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	41	55	5	*

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D) HANDLING THE WAR ON TERRORISM

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20/04-10/21/04)/Total Respondents (12/13/04-3/17/05)

	(Base)	Approve	Di sapprove	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	63	34	3	-
1/12 - 1/13	(998)	56	40	4	-
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	57	39	3	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	61	37	2	-
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	59	38	3	1
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	55	40	4	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	56	41	3	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	51	46	3	*

Q3. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING IN EACH OF THESE AREAS?

E) HANDLING OF SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES

	(Base)	Approve	Di sapprove	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	37	54	8	-
1/12 - 1/13	(994)	40	49	11	-

Q4. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, OR ARE THEY OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20/04-10/21/04)/Total Respondents (12/13/04-3/17/05)

	(Base)	Right Di recti on	Wrong Track	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	44	51	5	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	46	49	5	*
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	40	50	10	*
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	-	-	-	-
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	43	51	6	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	46	49	5	*
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	45	50	4	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	-	-	-	-
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	44	51	5	*
7/20 - 7/22	(1059)	42	52	6	*

Q4A. DO YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES WAS RIGHT OR WRONG IN GOING TO WAR WITH IRAQ?

BASE: Registered Voters (7/20/04-10/21/04)/Total Respondents (12/13/04-3/17/05)

	(Base)	Right	Wrong	(VOL) Don' t Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	47	47	6	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	42	51	6	1
12/13 - 12/14	(1009)	-	-	-	-
10/19 - 10/21	(1059)	-	-	-	-
10/14 - 10/15	(1000)	-	-	-	-
10/6 - 10/7	(1024)	45	49	5	1
9/21 - 9/23	(1014)	48	46	6	*
9/7 - 9/9	(1013)	52	43	5	*
8/31 - 9/2	(1128)	52	41	6	*
8/24 - 8/26	(1026)	50	43	6	1
8/3 - 8/5	(1001)	47	47	5	*
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Q4B. RECENTLY, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN TAKING STEPS TOWARD DEMOCRACY. DO YOU THINK THAT THESE STEPS TOWARD DEMOCRACY RESULTED MORE FROM PRESIDENT BUSH'S EFFORTS AND THE INVASION OF IRAQ, OR MORE FOR OTHER REASONS, SUCH AS THE DEATH OF YASSER ARAFAT?

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
MORE FROM PRESIDENT BUSH	46%
MORE FOR OTHER REASONS, SUCH AS THE DEATH OF YASSER ARAFAT	38%
BOTH	6%
DON'T KNOW	11%

Q5. PRESIDENT BUSH SAID THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE OVERHAULED IMMEDIATELY TO AVERT A CRISIS IN THE FUTURE. OTHERS SAY THAT THE SYSTEM CAN BE SAVED WITH RELATIVELY SMALL CHANGES AND THAT THIS IS JUST A SCARE TACTIC. WHICH VIEW IS CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN - IS THERE A CRISIS OR IS THIS JUST A SCARE TACTIC?

	(Base)	Crisis	Scare Tactic	Neither	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	43	48	3	6	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	45	44	3	7	*

Q7B. PRESIDENT BUSH FAVORS CHANGING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO INVEST PART OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAX IN STOCKS AND BONDS. DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED CHANGE TO SOCIAL SECURITY?

	(Base)	Favor	Oppose	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	40	52	8	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	44	47	9	*

Q7C. WHAT IF UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH'S PROPOSED SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN FOR PERSONAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS, YOU WOULD GET LESS GUARANTEED MONEY FROM SOCIAL SECURITY WHEN YOU RETIRE, BUT YOU ALSO GET THE MONEY YOU INVESTED IN YOUR PERSONAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT. WOULD YOU THEN FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR PERSONAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS?

	(Base)	Favor	Oppose	Other	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	42	51	1	7	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	41	48	*	10	*

Q8. UNDER THE BUSH PLAN, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BORROW BETWEEN ONE TRILLION AND TWO TRILLION DOLLARS OR MORE OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS OR SO TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY TO RETIREES IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE MONEY GOING INTO THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS. THE MONEY WOULD BE PAID BACK LATER, OVER TIME. WOULD YOU NOW FAVOR OR OPPOSE ALLOWING SOME SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY TO BE INVESTED IN PERSONAL ACCOUNTS AND REDUCING BENEFITS IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO BORROW UP TO TWO TRILLION DOLLARS IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS TO PAY FOR THE NEW PLAN?

	(Base)	Favor	Oppose	(VOL) Don't Know	(VOL) Refused
3/15 - 3/17	(1010)	24	67	9	-
1/12 - 1/13	(1002)	21	69	8	1

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Q11B. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU USUALLY VOTE, WHO DO YOU TRUST MORE TO PROTECT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS - THE REPUBLICANS OR THE DEMOCRATS?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
REPUBLICANS	35%
DEMOCRATS	45%
NONE/NEITHER	12%
BOTH	1%
DON' T KNOW	7%

F1. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
18-24	12%
25-29	9%
30-34	9%
35-39	10%
40-44	11%
45-54	19%
55-64	13%
65 OR OLDER	17%
DON' T KNOW	-
REFUSED	1%

F2. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST GRADE OF SCHOOLING THAT YOU'VE COMPLETED?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
8TH GRADE OR LESS	3%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	11%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	36%
SOME COLLEGE	24%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	16%
POSTGRADUATE STUDY/LAW OR MEDICAL SCHOOL	10%
DON' T KNOW	-
REFUSED	1%

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F3. ARE YOU OF HISPANIC ORIGIN OR DESCENT?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
YES	10%
NO	89%
DON' T KNOW	-
REFUSED	1%
NUMBER OF ANSWERS IN THIS TABLE	100%

F4. WHAT IS YOUR RACE? ARE YOU WHITE, BLACK, ASIAN, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
WHI TE	74%
BLACK	11%
ASI AN	2%
HI SPANI C	6%
OTHER	5%
DON' T KNOW	*
REFUSED	1%

F8. DO YOU RECALL IF YOU VOTED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, BETWEEN GEORGE W. BUSH AND JOHN KERRY?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
YES, VOTED	82%
NO, DI D NOT VOTE	16%
TOO YOUNG TO VOTE/UNDER 18 AT THAT TIME	1%
DON' T KNOW/DON' T REMEMBER	*
REFUSED	1%

F12. DID YOU VOTE FOR GEORGE BUSH OR JOHN KERRY?
 BASE: VOTED IN 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (872)

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
BUSH	49%
KERRY	46%
OTHER	1%
NOT SURE	1%
REFUSED	4%

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F7B. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU USUALLY THINK OF YOURSELF AS...

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

A REPUBLICAN	29%
A DEMOCRAT	33%
AN INDEPENDENT	25%
SOMETHING ELSE	8%
DON'T KNOW	3%
REFUSED	2%

F14. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF AN EVANGELICAL OR BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

YES	43%
NO	54%
DON'T KNOW	2%
REFUSED	2%

F15. FINALLY, JUST FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES, WAS YOUR TOTAL FAMILY INCOME BEFORE TAXES LAST YEAR?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

LESS THAN \$20,000	17%
\$20,000 TO JUST UNDER \$35,000	19%
\$35,000 TO JUST UNDER \$50,000	18%
\$50,000 TO JUST UNDER \$75,000	17%
\$75,000 TO JUST UNDER \$100,000	9%
\$100,000 OR MORE	11%
DON'T KNOW	3%
REFUSED	7%

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