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Hello, I'm (NAME), calling for the ABC News/Washington Post public opinion poll. We're not selling anything, just doing an opinion poll on interesting subjects for the news. Out of all the people age 18 or older who are AT HOME RIGHT NOW, can I please speak to the (male/female) who had the last birthday? **(IF NO MALE/FEMALE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, ASK: Then may I please speak to the (female/male) who last had a birthday?)**

NOTES:

--65+ OVERSAMPLE (SAMPTYPE=1) SKIPS TO Q22
--BLACK OVERSAMPLE (SAMPTYPE=2) GETS FULL SURVEY

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?
IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

1 Approve STRONGLY
2 Approve SOMEWHAT
3 Disapprove SOMEWHAT
4 Disapprove STRONGLY
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

*****A,B,C GET THE "STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT" FOLLOW*****
IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?
IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

How about the way Bush is handling (NEXT ITEM)? IF NEEDED: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

*****ASK FULL SAMPLE, SCRAMBLE*****
a. The situation in Iraq
b. The US campaign against terrorism
c. The economy
d. Prescription drug benefits for the elderly

*****HALF SAMPLE #1 (HOLD FOR Q10), ROTATE*****
e. Immigration issues

*****HALF SAMPLE #2 (HOLD FOR Q10), ROTATE*****
f. Health care
g. The situation with gas prices

SCALE FOR ITEM A,B,C,D

1 Approve STRONGLY
2 Approve SOMEWHAT
3 Disapprove SOMEWHAT
4 Disapprove STRONGLY
DK/No opinion
Refused

SCALE FOR ITEMS E,F,G

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
DK/No opinion
Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

4. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2006 were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district?

- 1 Democratic candidate
- 2 Republican candidate
- 3 (VOL) Other candidate **ASK Q5**
- 4 (VOL) Neither **ASK Q5**
- 5 Would not vote
- DK/No opinion **ASK Q5**
- NA/Refused **ASK Q5**

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

5. Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

- 1 Democratic candidate
- 2 Republican candidate
- 3 (VOL) Other candidate
- 4 (VOL) Neither
- 5 Would not vote
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

6. For each item I name, please tell me how important it will be in your vote for Congress this year.

The first is (READ ITEM). Will that be one of the single most important issues, very important, somewhat important or less important than that?

How about (NEXT ITEM)? **IF NEEDED:** In your vote for Congress this year, will that be one of the single most important issues, very important, somewhat important or less important than that?

*****SCRAMBLE*****

- a. The situation in Iraq
- b. The US campaign against terrorism
- c. Prescription drug benefits for the elderly
- d. The economy
- e. Health care
- f. Immigration issues
- g. Local issues where you live
- h. Corruption in Washington

- 1 One of the single most important issues
- 2 Very important issue
- 3 Somewhat important issue
- 4 Less important than that
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

9. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

- 1 Democrats
- 2 Republicans
- 3 (VOL) Both
- 4 (VOL) Neither
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

10. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM)?

*****ASK ALL*****

a. The situation in Iraq

*****HALF SAMPLE #1 (SAME RESPONDENTS AT Q2), SCRAMBLE*****

- b. Prescription drug benefits for the elderly
- c. The economy
- d. Immigration issues

*****HALF SAMPLE #2 (SAME RESPONDENTS AT Q2), SCRAMBLE*****

- e. The US campaign against terrorism
- f. Health care
- g. Corruption in Washington

- 1 Democrats
- 2 Republicans
- 3 (VOL) Both
- 4 (VOL) Neither
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

3. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or others in your household, or not?

IF YES: Has that been a serious hardship, or not serious?

- 1 Yes, SERIOUS
- 2 Yes, NOT SERIOUS
- 3 No
- DK/No opinion
- Refused

11. 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?

Get answer and then ask: Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

- 1 Yes, worth fighting, STRONGLY
- 2 Yes, worth fighting, SOMEWHAT
- 3 No, not worth fighting, SOMEWHAT
- 4 No, not worth fighting, STRONGLY
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

12. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

IF YES: Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a GREAT DEAL, or SOMEWHAT?

- 1 Yes, GREAT DEAL
- 2 Yes, SOMEWHAT
- 3 No, has not
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

13,14 DELETED.

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

15. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Iraq should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

- 1 Increased
- 2 Decreased
- 3 Kept about the same
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF NUMBER OF FORCES SHOULD DECREASE (Q15=2)*****

16. Should all U.S. forces in Iraq be withdrawn immediately, or should they be decreased, but not all withdrawn immediately?

- 1 Withdrawn immediately
- 2 Decreased but not withdrawn immediately
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

17. Would you describe Iraq as currently in a civil war, not in a civil war but close to one, or is the situation less severe than that?

- 1 Currently in a civil war
- 2 Not in a civil war but close to one
- 3 Situation less severe than that
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

18. On another subject: Do you think the United States is or is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into this country?

INTERVIEWER: Get answer and then ask: Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

- 1 Yes, doing enough, STRONGLY
- 2 Yes, doing enough, SOMEWHAT
- 3 No, not doing enough, SOMEWHAT
- 4 No, not doing enough, STRONGLY
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

19. Which if any of the following do you see as the biggest concern about illegal immigrants?

Is it that (READ LIST)? **IF NEEDED:** I'll repeat the list.

*****SCRAMBLE ORDER OF ITEMS 1-4*****

- 1 They broke the law to get here
- 2 They take jobs from legal residents
- 3 They threaten national security
- 4 They use more public services than they pay for in taxes
- 5 Or something else? (SPECIFY)
- 6 (VOL) All equally
- 7 (VOL) No concerns
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

20. Overall do you think illegal immigrants take jobs that other people (want), or take jobs that other people (don't want)?

- 1 Take jobs that other people want
- 2 Take jobs that other people DON'T want
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

21. I'll read three proposals for illegal immigrants who currently live and work in the United States. Please tell me which you prefer.

ONE: Let immigrants who have lived here a certain number of years apply for legal status and eventually become permanent citizens if they meet specific conditions, like paying a fine and back taxes

TWO: Let them pay a fee and work here for a limited number of years after which they'd have to leave the country

THREE: Declare all illegal immigrants to be felons and not allow them to work here legally

Which of these would you prefer - a program that may lead to legal status and permanent citizenship, a program allowing them to work here for a limited number of years but not remain permanently, or no temporary work program and felony status?

- 1 Program that may lead to legal status and permanent citizenship
- 2 Program allowing them to work here but not remain permanently
- 3 No temporary work program and felony status
- 4 (VOL) None of them
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: 65+ OVERSAMPLE SECTION BEGINS HERE*****

22. As you may know, there's a new prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare, the government health insurance program for people 65 and over. How much do you feel you know about the new Medicare prescription drug program - a great deal, a good amount, only some or hardly anything?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 Good amount
- 3 Only some
- 4 Hardly anything
- 5 (VOL) Nothing
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

23. Based on what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the Medicare prescription drug program?

IF APPROVE: Do you approve STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

IF DISAPPROVE: Do you disapprove STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

- 1 Approve STRONGLY
- 2 Approve SOMEWHAT
- 3 Disapprove SOMEWHAT
- 4 Disapprove STRONGLY
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q23 = 1,2 - APPROVE*****

*****ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

24. Who would you say deserves most of the credit for the program: (Bush and the Republicans in Congress), or (the Democrats in Congress)?

- 1 Bush and the Republicans in Congress
- 2 Democrats in Congress
- 3 (VOL) Both
- 4 (VOL) Neither
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q23 = 3,4 - DISAPPROVE*****

*****ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

25. Who would you say deserves most of the blame for the program: (Bush and the Republicans in Congress), or (the Democrats in Congress)

- 1 Bush and the Republicans in Congress
- 2 Democrats in Congress
- 3 (VOL) Both
- 4 (VOL) Neither
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

26. If you knew a candidate for Congress had voted for the new Medicare prescription drug package, would that make you more likely to support that candidate for Congress, more likely to oppose that candidate, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

- 1 More likely to SUPPORT
- 2 More likely to OPPOSE
- 3 Wouldn't make much difference
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

27. If I might ask, are you at least 65 years old, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No **SKIP TO Q39**
- NA/Refused **SKIP TO Q39**

28. Do you currently take prescription drugs on a regular basis, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

29. Have you signed up or been enrolled for the Medicare prescription drug program, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q29 = 2, NOT ENROLLED*****

30. Would you say you've looked into the program and you're thinking about signing up, you've looked into it and decided not to sign up, or you have not looked into it at this time?

- 1 Looked into it, thinking about signing up
- 2 Looked into it, decided not to sign up
- 3 Have not looked into it at this time
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q29 = 2, NOT ENROLLED*****

31. What's the main reason you have not signed up for the Medicare drug program at this time? **DO NOT READ LIST.**

- 1 Too confusing
- 2 Too limiting
- 3 Don't need it, already have coverage
- 4 Don't think it will save money
- 5 Not eligible
- 6 Other (SPECIFY)
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q29 = 1, ENROLLED*****

*****ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

32. Would you say you had (an easy) time or (a difficult) time enrolling in the program?

IF EASY: Was it very easy or somewhat easy?

IF DIFFICULT: Was it very difficult or somewhat difficult?

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Somewhat difficult
- 4 Very difficult
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ASK IF Q29 = 1, ENROLLED*****

33. Compared to what you were paying for prescription drugs before, do you think you're saving money in the new program, or not?

IF YES: Are you saving a lot of money, or just some?

- 1 Saving, A LOT
- 2 Saving, JUST SOME
- 3 NOT saving money
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****IF Q29 = 1 (ENROLLED) ASK AS IS*****

*****IF Q29 = 2, DK, REF (NOT ENROLLED) INSERT "WOULD"*****

*****ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

34. Do you think the costs that you (**would**) have to pay in the new prescription program are (reasonable) or (too high)?

- 1 Reasonable
- 2 Too high
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

35,36,38 DELETED.

37. May 15th is the deadline for joining the program this year, after which people without existing drug coverage would have to pay a penalty to join. Do you think this deadline should or should not be extended?

- 1 Yes, should
- 2 No, should not
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****PROGRAMMER NOTE: 65+ OVERSAMPLE SECTION SKIPS TO DEMOS HERE*****

39. On another subject, out of every dollar the federal government collects in taxes, how many cents do you think are wasted?

RECORD NUMBER 0-100.

- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

40. As you may know, Bush authorized wiretaps on telephone calls and e-mails of people suspected of involvement with terrorism, without first getting court approval to do so. Democratic Senator Russ Feingold (**FINE-GOLD**) has called for Congress to censure or officially reprimand Bush for doing this. Do you think Congress should or should not censure or officially reprimand Bush for authorizing these wiretaps?

- 1 Yes, should censure/reprimand
- 2 No, should not censure/reprimand
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES*****

41. Do you think Feingold is calling for censuring Bush mainly (to use the issue for political advantage), or mainly (because he believes it is the right thing to do)?

- 1 Use the issue for political advantage
- 2 Believes it is the right thing to do
- 3 (VOL) Both
- 4 (VOL) Neither
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

42. Democratic Congressman John Conyers has called for creation of a committee to look into impeaching Bush and removing him from office. Do you think Congress should or should not impeach Bush and remove him from office?

- 1 Yes, should impeach
- 2 No, should not impeach
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

STCODE (c.411-412) = 25 = MASSACHUSETTS

45. As you may know, a new law in Massachusetts would require all residents to have health insurance. Low-income residents would get state subsidies to help pay insurance premiums, but everyone would pay something for health services. The plan would penalize people without any insurance and charge fees to employers who don't provide coverage.

MASS: Do you support or oppose this plan?
NOT MASS: Would you support or oppose this plan in your state?

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Now just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

NOTE: ADD AT TOP OF SCREEN FOR ALL DEMO QUESTIONS:

IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded anonymously.

*****ROTATE ORDER OF CODES 1 and 2*****

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (READ LIST)

- 1 A Democrat
- 2 A Republican
- 3 An Independent (ASK Q.904)
- 4 Or what? (ASK Q.904)
- (DO NOT READ BELOW)
- DK/No opinion (ASK Q.904)
- NA/Refused (ASK Q.904)

*****ROTATE ORDER OF CODES 1 and 2 IN SAME ORDER AS Q.901*****

904. Do you lean more towards the: (READ LIST)

- 1 Democratic Party
- 2 Or, Republican Party
- (DO NOT READ BELOW)
- 3 (VOL) Neither
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

905. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

908a. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Moderate
- 3 Conservative
- 4 (VOL) Don't think in those terms
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

909. What was the last grade of school you completed?

- 1 8th grade or less
- 2 Some high school
- 3 Graduated high school
- 4 Some college (ASK IF TECHNICAL SCHOOL; IF YES, PUNCH CODE 3, FOR HIGH SCHOOL)
- 5 Graduated College
- 6 Post-graduate
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

*****IF Q.909 = 5, GRADUATED COLLEGE*****

909a. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

- 1 Associates degree
- 2 Bachelors degree
- 3 Other
- DK/No opinion
- NA/Refused

910. What is your age?

*****ASK IF Q910=REF*****

910a. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...

- 1 18 to 30
- 2 31 to 44
- 3 45 to 60
- 4 61 or older
- Refused

911. What, if anything, is your religion? (DO NOT READ)

- 1 Agnostic
 - 2 Atheist
 - 3 Baptist
 - 4 Catholic/Roman Catholic
 - 5 Christian
 - 6 Episcopalian
 - 24 Islam/Muslim
 - 7 Jewish
 - 8 Lutheran
 - 9 Methodist
 - 25 Mormon/Latter Day Saints
 - 10 Pentecostal
 - 11 Presbyterian
 - 12 Protestant
 - 13 Southern Baptist
 - 14 NONE
 - 15 OTHER -> ASK Q911SUP
- ***DO NOT SHOW BELOW ON SCREEN***
- 21 Christian (Protestant)
 - 22 Christian (Non-Protestant)
 - 23 Other Non-Christian
 - DK/No opinion
 - NA/Refused

Q911SUP. DO NOT READ LIST. Code response into one of the following, or record verbatim.

- 1 Bahai (punch Q911=23)
- 2 Buddhist (punch Q911=23)
- 3 Church of Christ (punch Q911=12)
- 4 Church of God (punch Q911=12)
- 5 Druid (punch Q911=23)
- 6 Hindu (punch Q911=23)
- 7 Humanitarian/Humanity (punch Q911=23)
- 8 Jehovah's Witness (punch Q911=22)
- 9 Latter Day Saints (punch Q911=25)
- 10 Metaphysical (punch Q911=23)
- 11 Muslim (punch Q911=24)
- 12 Native American/Indian (punch Q911=23)
- 13 Non-Christian (punch Q911=23)
- 14 Non-Denominational (ask "Q911N")
- 15 Orthodox (Any Mention) (punch Q911=22)
- 16 Pagans (punch Q911=23)
- 17 Satanist (punch Q911=23)
- 18 Seventh Day Adventist (punch Q911=12)
- 19 Spiritualist/Spiritual (punch Q911=23)
- 20 Unitarian/Universalist (punch Q911=23)
- 21 Wiccan (punch Q911=23)
- 22 Other

911n. Is that a Christian religion or not?

- 1 Yes (Ask Q911a)
- 2 No (punch Q911=23)
- DK (punch Q911=23)
- REF (punch Q911=23)

*****ASK IF Q911=5 "CHRISTIAN" or Q911n=1 "Yes"*****

911a. Is that a Protestant denomination, or not?

1 Yes PUNCH Q911=21
2 No PUNCH Q911=22
DK/No opinion PUNCH Q911=22
NA/Refused PUNCH Q911=22

*****IF Q911=3,4,5,6,8-13,21,22,25 or Q911SUP=22*****

911b. Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

914. Are you: (**READ LIST**)

1 Married and living with your spouse
2 Separated
3 Divorced
4 Widowed
5 Or never married
NA/Refused

918. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

(IF "YES," ASK:) Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?

(IF "NO," ASK:) Are you white, black, or some other race?

1 White
2 Black
3 White Hispanic
4 Black Hispanic
5 Hispanic (no race given)
6 Asian
7 Other race
DK/No Opinion
NA/Refused

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

PROBE: Your best estimate is fine.

1 Under 20 thousand dollars
2 20 to under 35 thousand
3 35 to under 50 thousand
4 50 to under 75 thousand
5 75 to under 100 thousand
6 100 thousand or more
NA/Refused

43. Were you born in the United States or in another country?

1 United States
2 Another country
DK/No Opinion
NA/Refused

44. And were either of your parents born in another country, or were both of your parents born in the United States?

- 1 One born in another country, one born in US
 - 2 Both born in another country
 - 3 Both born in the United States
- DK/No opinion
NA/Refused

*****ASK EVERY RESPONDENT, FIRST TWO NIGHTS ONLY*****

920a. May a reporter from **ABC NEWS** or **the WASHINGTON POST** call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No **SKIP TO Q921**
- DK/No opinion **SKIP TO Q921**
- NA/Refused **SKIP TO Q921**

920b. May I please have your first name, so the reporter will know who to ask for:

921. **RECORD GENDER**

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

*****END*****