



AS THE SUMMER DRIVING SEASON APPROACHES, REPUBLICANS ARE RUNNING OUT OF GAS

PRESIDENT BUSH'S RATINGS CONTINUE TO TANK

- **CNN/USA Today/Gallup:** "President Bush's approval ratings have sunk to a personal low, with only a third of Americans saying they approve of the way he is handling his job." [CNN, 4/25/06]
- **Harris Interactive:** "President Bush's job-approval rating slipped for the third consecutive month and remains near the lowest mark of his presidency." [Wall Street Journal, 4/19/06]
- **Washington Post/ABC News:** "Political reversals at home and continued bad news from Iraq have dragged President Bush's standing with the public to a new low, at the same time that Republican fortunes on Capitol Hill also are deteriorating..." [Washington Post, 4/11/06]

CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS' RATINGS ARE PUTTERING

- **Pew Research Center:** "The American public is angry with Congress, and this is bad news for the Republican Party. The belief that this Congress has accomplished less than its predecessors is markedly higher than at any point in the past nine years, and by a wide margin Republican leaders are blamed for this." [Pew Research Center, 4/20/06]
- **Washington Post/ABC News:** "Barely a third of registered voters, 35 percent, approve of the way the Republican-led Congress is doing its job -- the lowest level of support in nine years." [Washington Post, 4/11/06]
- **Gallup:** "The nation's opinion of Congress has reached a recent low, according to a poll released yesterday by Gallup that shows public approval of lawmakers dropping to 23 percent, down four points since March and now at the lowest level of the year." [Washington Times, 4/18/06]

AMERICANS THINK REPUBLICANS ARE TAKING THE COUNTRY IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, DEMOCRATS TRUSTED MORE ON THE ISSUES

- **Gallup:** "Harris Interactive: "Only 27% of Americans believe 'things in this country are going in the right direction,' a drop from 31% in March." [Wall Street Journal, 4/19/06]
- **Washington Post/ABC News:** "As Bush and the Republicans falter, Democrats have emerged as the party most Americans trust to deal with such issues as Iraq, the economy and health care... Democrats also hold a six-percentage-point advantage over the GOP (49 percent to 43 percent) as the party most trusted to handle the economy. Their lead swells to double digits on such as issues as immigration (12 points), prescription drug benefits for the elderly (28 points), health care (32 points) and dealing with corruption in Washington (25 points)." [Washington Post, 4/11/06]
- **Bloomberg/Los Angeles Times:** "Democrats are preferred even on issues that often favor Republicans, such as taxes and the budget deficit, and lead by wide margins on traditional Democratic strengths like Social Security and health care." [Bloomberg, 4/13/06]