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APPROVAL OF BUSH JOB PERFORMANCE HITS HISTORIC
LOW IN ARIZONA. NEGATIVE RATINGS OUTPACE
FAVORABLE ONES FOR FIRST TIME

Phoenix, Arizona, November 2, 2005. For the first time since assuming office, more Arizonans disapprove of the job performance of President George Bush than approve. Forty-one percent now rate his performance as "poor" compared to only 35 percent who say he is doing a good job as President.

Favorable ratings of the President have collapsed among Democrats (12%), Independents (29%), women (33%) and among older voters (33%).

The proportion of Republicans who say the President is doing a good job stands at a strong 67 percent, but the figure may not be solid when compared to the 80 percent registered among Republicans one year ago today. It also appears that women and younger voters are moving away from the President. For example, last October, 42 percent of younger voters (under 35) applauded his performance – a number that has shrunk to 30 percent today. Among women, 33 percent today give him favorable ratings compared to 49 percent one year ago.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 701 adults across Arizona conducted between October 19th and October 28th, 2005, by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit www.brcpolls.com to read this and other recent polls.

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"Next, I'd like to read you the names of some public officials. As I read each one, please just tell me if you think the job they are doing in office is excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor." (READ EACH; ROTATE LIST)

President George W. Bush		EXCELLENT/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/VERY POOR	(NET POS TO NEG)
Oct.	2005	35%	21%	41%	(- 6)
July	2005	43	18	37	(+ 6)
April	2005	41	19	38	(+ 3)
Jan.	2005	53	16	28	(+ 25)
Oct.	2004	50	15	31	(+ 19)
July	2004	52	15	30	(+ 22)
April	2004	45	16	36	(+ 9)
January	2004	50	16	29	(+ 21)
October	2003	51	19	27	(+ 24)
July	2003	56	20	21	(+ 35)
April	2003	69	13	14	(+ 55)
January	2003	57	21	18	(+ 39)
October	2002	58	19	20	(+ 38)
July	2002	63	21	15	(+ 48)
April	2002	73	15	10	(+ 63)
January	2002	77	15	7	(+ 70)
October	2001	79	14	5	(+ 74)
July	2001	44	27	21	(+ 23)
April	2001	49	24	19	(+ 30)

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