FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 16-17, 2007, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ±3 percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.
LV = likely voters

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

*** Bush Job Ratings Summary ***

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Most recent (16-17 Jan 07)	35%	58	7
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (18-19 Apr 06)	33%	57	10
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
16-17 Jan 07	35%	58	7
Democrats	10%	84	6
Republicans	68%	24	8
Independents	33%	59	8
RECENT TREND			
5-6 Dec 06	38%	54	9
4-5 Nov 06 LV	38%	54	8
24-25 Oct 06 LV	40%	53	6
10-11 Oct 06 LV	40%	56	4
26-27 Sep 06 LV	42%	54	4
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10
29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6
8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8
11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11
27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9
13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8
16-18 May 06	35%	56	8
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don’t know)
16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
Democrats	35%	42	23
Republicans	38%	44	19
Independents	22%	60	18
RECENT TREND			
4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24
21-22 Apr 04	38%	42	20
20-21 May 03	33%	47	20

3. – 10. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and groups. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)
SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

**********SUMMARY CHART**********

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Democratic Party	51%	35	13	1
Republican Party	39%	49	12	-
George W. Bush	38%	58	4	-
Dick Cheney	37%	53	8	2
Nancy Pelosi	33%	24	23	20
Donald Trump	30%	53	16	1
Robert Gates	28%	16	29	27
Rosie O’Donnell	25%	58	15	2

George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
16-17 Jan 07	38%	58	4	-	25-26 Apr 05	52%	43	5	-
Democrats	14%	82	4	-	29-30 Mar 05	49%	43	7	1
Republicans	75%	22	3	-	1-2 Mar 05	54%	41	4	-
Independents	31%	65	3	1	11-12 Jan 05	53%	41	6	-
Recent Trend					14-15 Dec 04	50%	43	7	-
10-11 Oct 06 LV	43%	54	3	-	30-31 Oct 04	48%	47	5	-
8-9 Aug 06	39%	56	4	-	30-31 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5	-
16-18 May 06	40%	55	5	-	29-30 Oct 04	47%	46	7	-
7-8 Feb 06	46%	47	7	-	29-30 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-
13-14 Dec 05	45%	50	5	-	28-29 Oct 04	47%	45	8	-
8-9 Aug 06	39%	56	4	-	28-29 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7	-
25-26 Oct 05	45%	49	7	-	27-28 Oct 04	49%	45	6	-
30-31 Aug 05	47%	45	8	1	27-28 Oct 04 LV	50%	44	6	-
12-13 Jul 05	48%	45	7	-					
14-15 Jun 05	52%	42	5	-					

Dick Cheney

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
16-17 Jan 07	37%	53	8	2
Democrats	16%	74	8	2
Republicans	72%	19	6	2
Independents	26%	62	8	4
RECENT TREND				
13-14 Dec 05	42%	46	10	1
25-26 Apr 05	49%	40	11	1
11-12 Jan 05	49%	41	10	-
27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	43	8	-
17-18 Oct 04 LV	47%	41	11	1
21-22 Sep 04 LV	45%	43	10	2
7-8 Sep 04 LV	42%	44	12	2
24-25 Aug 04 LV	43%	42	14	1
3-4 Aug 04	40%	46	13	1
20-21 Jul 04	43%	41	14	2
4-5 Feb 04	46%	39	14	1
21-22 Jan 04	43%	39	15	3
3-4 Jun 03	61%	25	10	4
3-4 Dec 02	57%	22	18	3
6-7 Aug 02	60%	25	12	3
30-31 Jan 02	59%	20	16	5

Democratic Party

16-17 Jan 07	51%	35	13	1
Democrats	85%	9	6	-
Republicans	19%	64	16	1
Independents	39%	45	15	1
10-11 Oct 06 LV	52%	38	10	-
8-9 Aug 06	47%	37	15	-
13-14 Dec 05	45%	39	15	1
25-26 Oct 05	46%	37	16	1
29-30 Mar 05	46%	38	16	-
21-22 Jan 04	51%	33	16	-

Republican Party

16-17 Jan 07	39%	49	12	-
Democrats	13%	75	12	-
Republicans	79%	11	9	1
Independents	31%	55	14	1
10-11 Oct 06 LV	42%	50	7	1
8-9 Aug 06	38%	51	11	1
13-14 Dec 05	43%	47	10	1
25-26 Oct 05	42%	43	14	1
29-30 Mar 05	48%	38	13	-
21-22 Jan 04	49%	35	16	-

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
Nancy Pelosi				
16-17 Jan 07	33%	24	23	20
Democrats	49%	10	21	21
Republicans	20%	40	22	18
Independents	27%	28	24	21
10-11 Oct 06 LV	19%	26	13	43
Donald Trump				
16-17 Jan 07	30%	53	16	1
Democrats	32%	53	14	1
Republicans	32%	52	14	1
Independents	25%	54	20	1
1-2 Mar 05	39%	37	22	2
Rosie O'Donnell				
16-17 Jan 07	25%	58	15	2
Democrats	33%	50	15	2
Republicans	14%	74	10	2
Independents	28%	51	19	1
Robert Gates				
16-17 Jan 07	28%	16	29	27
Democrats	24%	19	31	26
Republicans	36%	9	24	30
Independents	26%	22	26	25

11. As you may know, Nancy Pelosi was recently elected the first woman speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Do you think the election of a woman as speaker is likely to make a positive or negative difference to the direction of the country, or will it not make much of a difference?

	Positive	Negative	No difference	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	45%	6	43	5
Democrats	59%	3	34	3
Republicans	28%	12	57	3
Independents	45%	5	39	10

12. After the recent midterm elections when the Democrats won control of Congress, they promised to work together with Republicans. Do you expect Congress to be more bipartisan with Democrats in control, less bipartisan or do you expect about the same amount of partisan gridlock as before?

	More	Less	Same	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	25%	16	55	5
Democrats	32%	12	53	4
Republicans	16%	23	57	4
Independents	27%	13	53	7

13. What do you think is the most important issue for the federal government to address today? (DO NOT READ – ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	16-17 Jan 07	11-12 Jul 06	10-11 Jan 06	14-15 Jun 05
(War/Iraq)	45%	21%	27%	25%
(Health care/Prescription drugs)	10	10	12	9
(Economy/Jobs/Unemployment)	7	11	16	13
(Immigration)	5	8	3	na
(Defense/Military/Homeland/ National Security)	5	7	3	4
(Education/Schools)	3	4	6	4
(Domestic issues/Take care of U.S.)	2	5	5	3
(Terrorism - not Iraq)	2	5	5	4
(Balanced budget/Deficit)	2	2	2	3
(Social Security/Medicare)	2	4	5	12
(Gas prices/Energy)	2	4	2	1
(Family values/Morals)	2	2	2	na
(Taxes)	2	1	2	2
(Environment/Energy)	1	1	1	2
(Foreign affairs/Mideast-not Iraq)	1	1	1	2
(Ethics/Corruption in Government)	-	1	2	na
(Gay marriage)	-	1	-	1
(Katrina/Hurricane rebuilding)	-	1	na	na
(North Korea)	-	1	na	na
(Iran)	-	na	na	na
(Other)	6	6	4	10
(Don't know/Refused)	5	5	4	5

14. Do you support or oppose sending additional U.S. troops to Iraq to help stabilize the country?

	Support	Oppose	(Don’t know)
16-17 Jan 07	36%	59	6
Democrats	14%	79	7
Republicans	62%	31	6
Independents	36%	59	5

15. Do you think sending about 22,000 additional U.S. troops increases or decreases the likelihood of stabilizing the situation in Iraq, or will it not make much difference?

	Increases	Decreases	No difference	(Don’t know)
16-17 Jan 07	27%	15	52	6
Democrats	10%	25	61	4
Republicans	48%	3	42	8
Independents	30%	16	50	5

16. If you were a member of Congress, how would you vote specifically on increasing U.S. troop levels in Iraq -- would you vote for or against funding the increase in troops?

	For	Against	(Don’t know)
16-17 Jan 07	38%	57	5
Democrats	17%	79	4
Republicans	64%	32	4
Independents	39%	52	9

17. Regardless of how you would vote on sending more troops to Iraq -- If you were a member of Congress, would you vote to continue funding the current level of U.S. troops in Iraq or would you vote against funding the war altogether to try to force a troop withdrawal?

	For	Against	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	52%	41	6
Democrats	33%	59	8
Republicans	77%	19	4
Independents	53%	43	4

18. Do you consider the plan announced by President Bush last week to be a real change in U.S. strategy in Iraq or not a change in strategy at all?
SCALE: 1. Yes, a real change in strategy 2. No, not a change in strategy 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	24%	61	14
Democrats	11%	75	13
Republicans	42%	42	16
Independents	23%	63	13

19. Do you personally want the Iraq plan President Bush announced last week to succeed?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	63%	22	15
Democrats	51%	34	15
Republicans	79%	11	10
Independents	63%	19	17

20. How likely do you think it is that the Iraq plan President Bush announced last week will succeed?
SCALE: 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not very likely 4. Not at all likely 5. (Don't know)

	--- Likely ---			--- Unlikely ---			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
16-17 Jan 07	39%	10	29	52	27	25	10
Democrats	23%	8	15	72	35	37	6
Republicans	62%	14	48	27	18	9	11
Independents	37%	8	29	51	26	25	12

21. Do you think most Democrats want the Iraq plan President Bush announced last week to succeed and lead to a stable Iraq or do they want it to fail and for him to have to withdraw U.S. troops in defeat?
SCALE: 1. Most Democrats want Bush plan to succeed 2. Most Democrats want Bush plan to fail 3. (Some want one thing, some another) 4. (Don't know)

	Success	Failure	(Some one, some another)	(DK)
16-17 Jan 07	32%	48	8	11
Democrats	42%	38	7	12
Republicans	21%	67	7	5
Independents	30%	42	11	17

22. If U.S. troops were to withdraw from Iraq before the country was stabilized, do you think Usama bin Laden would claim victory?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	60%	26	14
Democrats	52%	33	14
Republicans	76%	15	9
Independents	54%	27	19

23. – 27. How much do you think U.S. decisions on Iraq should be influenced by what [INSERT ITEM] -- a great deal, somewhat, not much, or not at all?

	Great deal	Some-what	Not much	Not at all	(Don't know)
The U.S. military leaders in Iraq think is the best policy	53%	30	6	7	5
Democrats	46%	34	7	9	5
Republicans	63%	27	4	2	4
Independents	53%	28	7	8	4
A majority of U.S. citizens wants	43%	31	12	9	4
Democrats	51%	27	10	7	5
Republicans	30%	39	18	9	4
Independents	47%	31	7	12	3
The Iraqi political leaders want	30%	37	12	15	7
Democrats	24%	41	11	15	8
Republicans	35%	36	11	14	4
Independents	30%	34	15	13	8
A majority of Congress thinks is the best policy	29%	42	13	11	5
Democrats	36%	41	11	7	5
Republicans	23%	46	13	12	6
Independents	27%	39	14	16	4
The Bush administration thinks is the best policy	25%	36	15	19	5
Democrats	15%	33	21	26	5
Republicans	40%	40	9	7	3
Independents	21%	35	14	23	7

28. Who do you think is more determined and fighting harder to establish a free, stable government in Iraq -- the United States or Iraq? (ROTATE)

	United States	Iraq	(Both equal)	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	64%	14	14	8
Democrats	64%	15	13	7
Republicans	67%	11	17	5
Independents	63%	14	12	11

29. Do you consider the recent plan to send additional troops to Iraq to be President Bush's last chance for victory in Iraq or will he be able to try again?

	Last chance	Try again	(Victory not possible)	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	61%	26	4	9
Democrats	64%	23	4	9
Republicans	61%	29	1	9
Independents	59%	26	7	8

30. If the United States loses the war in Iraq, do you believe terrorists would be more likely to be satisfied, and leave the United States alone or encouraged to attack the United States again, or will it not make a difference to future attacks?

	Leave U.S. alone	Encouraged to attack	No difference	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	7%	46	43	5
Democrats	11%	36	50	4
Republicans	4%	61	31	4
Independents	5%	46	44	5

31. Do you think most Americans are too impatient for a long-term fight against terrorism or are most Americans willing to tolerate a long-term fight against terrorism?

	Too impatient	Willing to tolerate	(Mixed/ Depends)	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	55%	28	12	5
Democrats	44%	38	14	4
Republicans	71%	17	8	4
Independents	51%	26	14	9

32. Now that the Democrats have taken control of Congress, there may be hearings throughout the year investigating the Iraq war, the Bush administration and other issues. Which is closer to your opinion:
SCALE: 1. The hearings would be necessary to oversee the administration and uncover important information 2. The hearings would be purely partisan and intended to hurt Republicans before the next election 3. (Mix/Some of both) 4. (Don't know)

	Necessary	Partisan	(Both)	(DK)
16-17 Jan 07	35%	43	13	10
Democrats	52%	21	15	13
Republicans	17%	67	10	6
Independents	35%	46	10	9

33. – 37. Compared to this time last year, do you feel more optimistic or less optimistic for the coming year about each of the following? (RANDOMIZE LIST)
SCALE: 1. More optimistic 2. Less optimistic 3. (No difference) 4. (Don't know)

	More	Less	(No difference)	(DK)
Your personal happiness	63%	16	19	2
Democrats	59%	19	19	3
Republicans	72%	13	14	2
Independents	60%	17	23	1
Your family's financial situation	46%	31	22	2
Democrats	41%	34	23	2
Republicans	58%	24	17	1
Independents	40%	34	24	2
The direction of the country	39%	45	12	5
Democrats	37%	48	10	5
Republicans	45%	39	10	5
Independents	34%	49	15	2
The war in Iraq	26%	58	13	3
Democrats	17%	69	11	3
Republicans	42%	44	11	3
Independents	23%	58	17	2
Your family's safety from a terrorist attack	41%	26	30	4
Democrats	38%	27	30	5
Republicans	50%	27	22	2
Independents	35%	24	40	2

38. Do you think television news stories usually present all viewpoints or are they usually biased toward a certain point of view? (IF BIASED:) Would that be a liberal bias or a conservative bias?
SCALE: 1. Present all viewpoints 2. Biased toward liberal points of view 3. Biased toward conservative points of view 4. (Don't know)

	All viewpoints	Liberal bias	Conservative bias	(DK)
16-17 Jan 07	15%	47	20	18
Democrats	21%	32	29	19
Republicans	9%	69	9	13
Independents	14%	44	22	20
16-18 May 06	15%	41	20	23
16-17 Apr 02	17%	41	20	22

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
16-17 Jan 07	40%	33	22	3	2
5-6 Dec 06	36%	34	24	3	2
4-5 Nov 06 LV	39%	35	22	2	3
24-25 Oct 06 LV	39%	36	22	2	2
10-11 Oct 06 LV	38%	34	24	1	3
26-27 Sep 06 LV	38%	34	23	2	3
12-13 Sep 06 LV	36%	35	24	3	2
29-30 Aug 06	41%	33	20	3	3
8-9 Aug 06	42%	34	18	3	3
11-12 Jul 06	40%	34	21	2	4
27-28 Jun 06	38%	36	19	3	4
13-14 Jun 06	42%	34	19	2	3
16-18 May 06	41%	32	21	2	3
2-3 May 06	37%	39	19	2	3
18-19 Apr 06	40%	32	23	2	3
4-5 Apr 06	39%	34	23	2	2
14-15 Mar 06	37%	36	20	2	4
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	43%	33	18	3	3
7-8 Feb 06	40%	36	19	3	2
24-25 Jan 06	43%	36	17	2	2
10-11 Jan 06	38%	33	22	4	2