



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone March 1-2, 2005 in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

34. If a patient has been in what doctors call a "persistent vegetative" or a coma-like state with no higher brain activity for a significant amount of time, who do you think should make the decision whether the patient should be kept alive or not?

SCALE: 1. The person's parents or other family members 2. The person's spouse 3. The government 4. (The person's doctor) 5. (Not sure)

	Parents	Spouse	Government	(Doctor)	(NS)
1-2 Mar 05	38%	45	2	3	12
Parents	39%	46	3	1	11
Non-parents	38%	45	1	3	13
Married	34%	49	2	3	12
Unmarried	46%	38	1	3	13
28-29 Oct 03	31%	50	2	4	13

35. Terri Schiavo has been in a so-called "persistent vegetative state" since 1990. Terri's husband says his wife would rather die than be kept alive artificially and wants her feeding tube removed. Terri's parents believe she could still recover and want the feeding tube to remain. If you were Terri's guardian, what would you do? Would you remove the feeding tube or would you keep the feeding tube inserted?

	Remove	Keep	(Not sure)
1-2 Mar 05	59%	24	17
Parents	58%	23	19
Non-parents	59%	25	16
Married	58%	23	19
Unmarried	60%	26	14
28-29 Oct 03	61%	22	17

36. If you were in Terri Schiavo's place, what would you want your guardian to do? Would you have your guardian remove the feeding tube or keep the feeding tube inserted?

	Remove	Keep	(Not sure)
1-2 Mar 05	74%	15	11
Parents	72%	17	11
Non-parents	75%	14	12
Married	74%	14	12
Unmarried	74%	16	10
28-29 Oct 03	74%	16	10