



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

31 March 05

Polling was conducted by telephone March 29-30, 2005 in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ±3 percentage points.

4. 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 (29-30 Mar 05)	49%	46	5
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (3-4 Aug 04)	44%	48	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	

RECENT TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9
28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6	3-4 Mar 04	48%	44	8
27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5	18-19 Feb 04	48%	41	11
27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5	4-5 Feb 04	53%	41	6
17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7	21-22 Jan 04	53%	39	8
3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4	7-8 Jan 04	58%	31	11

5. (If approve) Why do you approve of the job he is doing? (OPEN ENDED) (MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

	29-30 Mar 05	21-22 Jan 04
Doing a good job--general	51%	44%
Agree with him on issues	18	15
Fighting/war on terrorism	14	34
Like him personally	9	13
Honesty/Character	7	2
Economy is improving	5	11

Religion/Christian morals	5	2
Social Security	3	na
Tax cuts	2	9
Middle East	2	na
Education reform/No Child Left Behind	2	3
Pro-life/Anti-abortion	2	na
He's Republican	2	1
Caught Saddam	1	4
Health care	1	2
Smart	1	2
Terri Schiavo	-	na
Other	2	-
NS/Refused	5	4

6. (If disapprove) Why do you disapprove of the job he is doing? (OPEN ENDED) (MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

	29-30 Mar 05	21-22 Jan 04
War in Iraq	40%	39%
Do not agree with him on issues	20	19
Doing a bad job--general	16	15
Economy/jobs	14	19
Doesn't care about average people	12	10
Don't like him	10	13
Social Security	8	na
Not doing good job fighting terrorism	4	5
Tax cuts for the rich	4	4
He's not smart	3	5
Health care issues	3	5
Terri Schiavo	2	na
Gas prices	2	na
Special interests	1	4
Environmental issues	1	2
Middle East	1	na
He's Republican	1	1
Education issues	-	3
Usama Bin Laden still not caught	-	1
Other	2	-
NS/Refused	1	3

10. In your everyday conversations with friends and neighbors, what topic would you say comes up most often these days? (OPEN ENDED)

	29-30 Mar05	14-15 Dec04	20-21 Jul04	4-5 May04	3-4 Mar04
Economy/Jobs/Employment	14%	18%	15%	18%	28%
Iraq/Saddam Hussein	13	21	21	27	9
Gas prices	11	2	6	6	-
Terri Schiavo	10	na	na	na	na
Family issues	7	9	6	6	7
Current events/World news	6	4	3	2	2
Politics/Political issues	4	8	12	7	10
Elderly/Social Security	4	1	-	-	1
9/11 /Terrorism/War on Terror	3	4	9	11	3
Sports	3	4	2	2	2
Religion/Bible	3	3	2	2	3
Education/Schools	3	2	3	2	3
Local issues	3	2	2	1	4
Health care	3	na	na	na	na

Weather	2	3	3	1	3
Taxes	2	1	1	1	2
Recreation	1	3	4	4	4
TV/Entertainment	1	1	1	1	1
Holidays	-	3	na	na	na
Work	-	1	na	na	na
Stock market/Finances/Money	-	-	1	-	-
Middle East	-	-	-	1	1

18. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to remove Terri Schiavo's feeding tube?

1. Agree	42%
2. Disagree	38
3. (Not sure)	20

For reference: 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
28-29 Oct 03	61%	22	17

19. 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)
29-30 Mar 05	61%	24	15
1-2 Mar 05	74%	15	11
28-29 Oct 03	74%	16	10

20. Some people say that removing Terri Schiavo's feeding tube was an act of (murder), while other people say it was an act of (mercy). Which is closer to your opinion? ROTATE (IF NOT SURE, OR NEITHER, PROBE:) Which is closer to your opinion?

1. Murder	29%
2. Mercy	54
3. (Neither)	7
4. (Not sure)	11

21. The feeding tube that was keeping Terri Schiavo alive was removed about 10 days ago. If Schiavo's feeding tube had been kept inserted, do you believe there is any chance that down the road she could have improved?

1. Yes, she could have improved	23%
2. No, she could not	60
3. (Not sure)	16

22. If it were up to you, who would you put in control of Terri Schiavo's care as her legal guardian -- her spouse or her parents?

1. Spouse	46%
2. Parents	43
3. (Neither)	4
4. (Not sure)	8

23. Do you believe Terri Schiavo told her husband she would not want to be kept alive under these types of circumstances?

- 1. Yes 43%
- 2. No 25
- 3. (Not sure) 32

ROTATE QUESTIONS 24-25

24. Do you think the actions Republicans took in the Terri Schiavo case will help them or hurt them in the next election?

- 1. Help 16%
- 2. Hurt 37
- 3. (No difference) 25
- 4. (Not sure) 22

25. Do you think the actions Democrats took in the Terri Schiavo case will help them or hurt them in the next election?

- 1. Help 16%
- 2. Hurt 25
- 3. (No difference) 33
- 4. (Not sure) 26

26. Prior to the recent coverage of the Terri Schiavo case, had you ever discussed end of life medical decisions with your spouse, family or friends?

- 1. Yes 78%
- 2. No 20
- 3. (Not sure) 2

27. (If no: n=180, ±7%) Has the Terri Schiavo case prompted you to discuss medical decisions with your spouse, family or friends in the last few weeks?

- 1. Yes 44%
- 2. No 55
- 3. (Not sure) 1

28. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of premeditated murder?

	Favor	Oppose	(Not Sure)
29-30 Mar 05	69%	24	8
3-4 Jun 03	69%	23	8
6-7 Jun 01	68%	22	10
18-19 Apr 01	66%	23	11
28-29 Jun 00	68%	24	8
9-10 Feb 00	67%	22	11
7-8 Jan 98	74%	18	8
25-26 Jun 97	73%	18	9
30 Apr-1 May 97	76%	17	7

47. When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

- 1. Democrat 36%
- 2. Republican 37
- 3. (Independent) 21
- 4. (Other) 2
- 5. (Refused/Don't know) 4