

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone May 4-5, 2010, in the evenings.
 The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of ±3 percentage points.
 Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters
 Democrats n=366, ±5; Republicans n=331, ±5; Independents n=159, ±8

Questions 1-16 released separately

17. Which ONE of the following items do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now? (RANDOMIZE LIST)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. The economy and jobs	47%	55%	37%	48%
2. The deficit and government spending	15	8	22	16
3. Terrorism and national security	8	6	10	10
4. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7	9	5	4
5. Immigration	5	3	7	6
6. (All)	16	18	16	13
7. (None/Other)	1	-	1	2
8. (Don't know)	1	-	1	-

18. - 24. Which political party -- the Democrats or the Republicans -- do you think would do a better job on each of the following issues? (ROTATE)

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

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
Oversight of				
financial institution	47%	34		
The economy	44%	41		
Taxes	40%	46		
Immigration	35%	42		
Size of government	31%	49		
Terrorism	29%	49		
Border security	28%	48		
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4-5 May 10	28%	48	9	14
Democrats	53%	23	9	14
Republicans	7%	76	9	8
Independents	18%	45	11	26
11-12 Jul 06	31%	37	16	16

Immigration

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	35%	42	7	16
Democrats	65%	15	6	14
Republicans	10%	72	7	11
Independents	25%	40	8	27
24-25 Oct 06 LV	39%	36	13	12
11-12 Jul 06	37%	32	15	17
4-5 Apr 06	34%	24	26	15

Oversight of financial institutions

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	47%	34	6	13
Democrats	77%	11	6	7
Republicans	18%	67	6	9
Independents	42%	22	8	28

The economy

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	44%	41	6	9
Democrats	82%	7	5	6
Republicans	7%	82	5	7
Independents	35%	37	9	19
24-25 Oct 06 LV	45%	39	10	6
11-12 Jul 06	49%	29	10	12
7-8 Feb 06	45%	36	8	11
18-19 Feb 04	49%	38	5	8
20-21 May 03	40%	39	9	12
8-9 Oct 02 LV	41%	41	7	11
6-7 Aug 02	43%	36	9	12
26-27 Feb 02	36%	41	10	13
28-29 Mar 01	37%	42	8	13
23-24 Jun 99*	38%	39	9	14
24-25 Feb 99*	39%	41	8	12

*Wording: "...job maintaining a strong economy"

Taxes

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	40%	46	5	9
Democrats	76%	12	5	8
Republicans	7%	84	4	6
Independents	28%	47	9	15
24-25 Oct 06 LV	42%	40	9	9
7-8 Feb 06	43%	38	9	9
18-19 Feb 04	41%	42	6	11
20-21 May 03	38%	40	9	13
8-9 Oct 02 LV	37%	45	7	11
6-7 Aug 02	41%	40	7	12
26-27 Feb 02	37%	40	10	13
28-29 Mar 01	35%	47	7	11
23-24 Jun 99*	32%	45	8	15
24-25 Feb 99*	33%	44	8	15

*Wording: "...job keeping taxes down"

Size of government

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	31%	49	6	13
Democrats	62%	19	5	14
Republicans	6%	81	7	6
Independents	16%	53	9	22

Terrorism

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	29%	49	11	11
Democrats	57%	19	13	11
Republicans	4%	84	6	6
Independents	20%	48	15	18
24-25 Oct 06 LV	35%	43	11	10
11-12 Jul 06	30%	42	15	13
7-8 Feb 06	31%	45	10	14
18-19 Feb 04	29%	52	8	11
20-21 May 03	19%	53	14	14
8-9 Oct 02 LV	25%	51	10	14

Questions 25-27 released separately

There have been several proposals regarding how to deal with the issue of illegal immigration. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following: (RANDOMIZE)

28. Building a wall or security fence along the U.S.-Mexico border to stop illegal immigration

	Favor	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	53%	40	4	3
Democrats	46%	47	4	4
Republicans	60%	34	3	2
Independents	52%	43	4	1
4-5 Apr 06	50%	43	3	4
11-12 Oct 05*	51%	37	na	12

*Wording: "...build a 2,000-mile-long security fence along..."

29. Using the U.S. military to stop illegal immigrants at the borders

	Favor	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	60%	34	3	3
Democrats	53%	41	2	4
Republicans	68%	27	4	1
Independents	58%	34	4	3
4-5 Apr 06	55%	38	3	4
25-26 Apr 05	67%	24	na	9
18-19 Jun 02	79%	15	na	6

30. Using National Guard troops to help border patrol agents at the country's Southern borders

	Favor	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	79%	17	2	2
Democrats	73%	22	2	3
Republicans	87%	11	1	-
Independents	77%	19	3	2

For reference: Using thousands of National Guard troops temporarily to help border patrol agents along the Mexican border to stop illegal immigration?

	Favor	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
16-18 May 06	63%	31	3	3

31. Imposing fines and criminal charges against employers who hire illegal immigrants

	Favor	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	79%	17	3	2
Democrats	71%	23	3	2
Republicans	85%	12	2	1
Independents	83%	13	3	-
4-5 Apr 06	73%	19	4	4

32. Which ONE of the following is your biggest concern when you think about illegal immigration? (RANDOMIZE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Overburdening government programs and services	44%	36%	52%	46%
2. Taking jobs away from U.S. citizens	19	25	16	11
3. Leading to an increase in crime	6	7	5	9
4. Leading to an increase in terrorism	6	6	6	7
5. Changing the culture of the country	3	3	4	2
6. (All)	14	11	14	19
7. (None)	5	8	2	4
8. (Other)	1	1	1	-
9. (Don't know)	1	2	-	1

33. Do you favor or oppose the new Arizona immigration law, or don't you know enough about it to say?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know enough to say
4-5 May 10	34%	21	45
Democrats	18%	35	48
Republicans	51%	9	40
Independents	37%	18	45

34. Do you think the Obama administration should try to stop the new Arizona immigration law, or should the administration wait and see how the law works?

	Try to stop	See how it works	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	15%	64	20
Democrats	26%	52	22
Republicans	6%	77	17
Independents	10%	68	22

35. On immigration, which government do you think deserves to be targeted by demonstrations and protests -- the U.S. government for having tough immigration laws that restrict non-citizens from moving to the country or the Mexican government for creating the conditions that make so many of its citizens want to leave?

	U.S. government	Mexican government	(Both equally)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	17%	60	11	11
Democrats	17%	60	13	11
Republicans	23%	58	9	11
Independents	10%	68	12	10

36. Do you think Arizona was right to take action by passing its new immigration law and not waiting any longer for the federal government to act, or do you think securing the border with Mexico is the responsibility of the federal government and Arizona should have waited for the federal government to take action on immigration?

	Right to take action	Should have waited	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	61%	27	12
Democrats	43%	41	15
Republicans	77%	14	9
Independents	72%	21	7

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)
4-5 May 10	41%	37	18	2	2
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4	2
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4	2
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5	3
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4	2
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1	2
12-13 May 09	42%	30	24	2	2
22-23 Apr 09	42%	30	22	3	4
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	42%	33	20	3	2
3-4 Mar 09	40%	32	22	3	3
17-18 Feb 09	42%	35	18	3	2
27-28 Jan 09	44%	30	22	2	2
13-14 Jan 09	42%	32	21	2	4
9-10 Dec 08	43%	33	20	2	2