

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone May 12 - 13, 2009, 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
 Democrats n=375, ± 5 ; Republicans n=274, ± 6 ; independents n=213, ± 7
 Gun owners n=355, ± 5

47. How much have you heard or read about the situation in Pakistan where the Taliban have taken over much of the Northwest portion of that country?

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	24%	38	24	13	1
Democrats	23%	41	22	13	1
Republicans	25%	34	27	13	1
Independents	24%	42	20	12	2

48. How concerned are you about the current situation in Pakistan?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	41%	41	10	6	2
Democrats	36%	41	12	7	3
Republicans	45%	43	8	3	1
Independents	44%	37	11	7	2
Heard a great deal/some	51%	41	6	2	1

49. Do you think there is a chance the Taliban will get control of Pakistan's nuclear weapons?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	56%	29	14
Democrats	45%	37	18
Republicans	69%	19	13
Independents	60%	30	10
Heard a great deal/some	57%	32	10

50. If the Guantanamo Bay military prison is closed, do you think the prisoners should be transferred to prison facilities in the United States?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	37%	55	8
Democrats	43%	46	11
Republicans	27%	68	5
Independents	39%	53	7
27-28 Jan 09	42%	52	6
Democrats	47%	46	7
Republicans	32%	65	2
Independents	46%	46	8

51. Do you think transferring the detainees from the Guantanamo Bay military prison to prison facilities in the United States would make the United States safer, less safe, or would it not make much of a difference either way?

	Safer	Less safe	Not much of a difference	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	8%	43	45	3
Democrats	10%	33	54	3
Republicans	7%	55	35	3
Independents	7%	45	44	4

For reference: Do you think closing the Guantanamo Bay military prison would make the United States safer, less safe or would it not make much of a difference either way?

	Safer	Less safe	Not much of a difference	(Don't know)
27-28 Jan 09	12%	32	51	5
Democrats	20%	15	59	6
Republicans	3%	58	36	3
Independents	9%	33	53	5

52. At the request of the American Civil Liberties Union, later this month the Pentagon will release photos of alleged detainee abuse by U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. How likely do you think it is that the release of these photos will cause a backlash against the United States and endanger the lives of U.S. troops: Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	41%	36	12	7	4
Democrats	31%	39	15	11	4
Republicans	48%	36	9	4	3
Independents	50%	33	8	6	3

53. Based on the government's handling of the swine flu outbreak, how well prepared do you think it is to handle a terrorist attack using chemical or biological weapons?

	Very prepared	Somewhat prepared	Not very prepared	Not at all prepared	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	15%	43	25	13	4
Democrats	21%	45	22	7	4
Republicans	10%	40	29	18	3
Independents	12%	44	25	16	3

For reference: How well prepared do you think the U.S. government is to handle terrorist attacks using chemical or biological weapons?

SCALE: 1. Very prepared 2. Somewhat prepared 3. Not very prepared 4. Not at all prepared 5. (Not sure)

	Very	Smwht	Ntvry	Not	(Not sure)
12-13 Aug 03	10%	47	24	13	6
19-20 Nov 02	8%	43	31	10	8

54. Which of the following do you think is more likely to decrease gun violence? (READ LIST)

SCALE: 1. Better enforcement of existing gun laws 2. More laws and restrictions on obtaining guns 3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	Better enforcement of laws	More laws and restrictions	(Both)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	47%	34	10	8
Democrats	34%	49	11	6
Republicans	63%	22	8	6
Independents	49%	28	13	10
Gun owners	61%	24	8	7
22-23 Mar 00	41%	37	14	8
Gun owners	54%	24	13	8

55. Have you or has someone in your home purchased a gun in the last six months?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	10%	89	2
Democrats	7%	92	1
Republicans	15%	83	2
Independents	9%	89	1

56. If it were possible to locate most illegal immigrants currently in the United States, would you favor deporting as many as possible or would you favor setting up a system for them to become legal residents?

SCALE: 1. Deport as many as possible 2. Set up system to become legal
3. (Don't know)

	Deport	Set up system	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	43%	50	7
Democrats	29%	66	5
Republicans	60%	32	8
Independents	44%	48	8
5-6 Jun 07	39%	51	9

57. On the issue of abortion, would you say you are more pro-life or more pro-choice?

	Pro-life	Pro-choice	(Both, mix)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	49%	43	6	2
Democrats	34%	57	8	1
Republicans	69%	27	3	1
Independents	51%	40	6	3
8-9 Sep 08	41%	49	6	4
23-24 Oct 07	37%	48	8	7
15-16 May 07	39%	51	8	3
13-14 Feb 07	40%	51	5	4
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	41%	49	7	3
25-26 Apr 05	42%	47	8	3
21-22 Apr 04	47%	44	6	3
15-16 Jul 03	44%	44	6	6
22-23 Apr 03	41%	49	5	5
9-10 Jan 02	41%	47	5	7
24-25 Jan 01	42%	47	7	4
12-13 July 00	38%	54	5	3
26-27 Jan 00	44%	43	8	5
23-24 Jun 99	44%	42	9	5
7-8 Jan 98	46%	49	-	5
20-21 Aug 97	40%	50	5	5

58. Do you believe gays and lesbians should be:

SCALE: 1. Allowed to get legally married 2. Allowed a legal partnership similar to but not called marriage 3. No legal recognition given to gay and lesbian relationships 4. (Don't know)

	Legally married	Legal partnership	No legal recognition	(DK)
12-13 May 09	33%	33	29	5
Democrats	46%	33	15	5
Republicans	14%	37	45	4
Independents	37%	29	29	5
4-5 Nov 06 LV	30%	30	32	7
13-14 Jun 06	27%	25	39	8
18-19 May 04	25%	26	40	9
3-4 Mar 04	20%	33	40	7

12-13 Jan 00* 19% 24 47 10
 *Wording: "...legal domestic partnership..."

59. In general, do you think straight people in your community who have traditional religious values are tolerant of gays and lesbians and their beliefs, or not?

	Very tolerant	Somewhat tolerant	Somewhat intolerant	Very intolerant	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	22%	45	14	14	6
Democrats	20%	46	13	15	7
Republicans	26%	46	12	13	4
Independents	21%	40	18	15	6

60. In general, do you think gays and lesbians in your community are tolerant of straight people who have traditional religious values and their beliefs, or not?

	Very tolerant	Somewhat tolerant	Somewhat intolerant	Very intolerant	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	32%	35	10	9	13
Democrats	40%	36	7	6	12
Republicans	21%	33	16	17	13
Independents	30%	39	9	6	15

61. Do you believe global warming exists?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	69%	26	5
Democrats	87%	8	5
Republicans	48%	46	6
Independents	67%	30	2
30-31 Jan 07	82%	10	8
25-26 Oct 05	77%	13	10

62. (IF YES n=622, ±4) Do you believe global warming is caused by normal climate patterns or by people's behavior, such as driving and burning too much fossil fuel like coal and oil?

	Climate patterns	People's behavior	(Both)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	15%	54	28	3
Democrats	13%	62	23	2
Republicans	21%	43	33	3
Independents	14%	48	34	3
30-31 Jan 07	14%	41	38	8
25-26 Oct 05	17%	46	30	6

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)
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
1-2 Nov 08 LV	42%	36	18	3	1
28-29 Oct 08 LV	41%	39	16	2	1
20-21 Oct 08 LV	43%	37	16	2	2