



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

23 September 04

Polling was conducted by telephone September 21-22, 2004 in the evenings. The total sample is 1000 likely voters (LV) nationwide, with a margin of error of ±3 percentage points. Past results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

CURRENT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AMONG LIKELY VOTERS				
	Bush	Kerry	Nader	(NS/Other)
Three-Way	46%	42	1	11
Two-Way	45%	43	na	12

1. - 5. I'm going to read the names of some people. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you've never heard of one, 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
George W. Bush	52%	43	5	-
John Edwards	48%	34	15	3
John Kerry	47%	44	9	-
Dick Cheney	45%	43	10	2
Ralph Nader	20%	52	24	4

George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
21-22 Sep 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
7-8 Sep 04 LV	51%	43	6	-
24-25 Aug 04 LV	50%	44	6	-

Dick Cheney

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

John Kerry

21-22 Sep 04 LV	47%	44	9	-
7-8 Sep 04 LV	46%	44	10	-
24-25 Aug 04 LV	48%	39	12	1

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
<b>John Edwards</b>				
21-22 Sep 04 LV	48%	34	15	3
7-8 Sep 04 LV	47%	31	17	5
24-25 Aug 04 LV	49%	27	19	5

<b>Ralph Nader</b>				
21-22 Sep 04 LV	20%	52	24	4
22-23 Jun 04	21%	47	25	7

6. If the election for president of the United States were held today, would you vote for: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Republican George W. Bush 2. Democrat John Kerry 3. Independent candidate Ralph Nader 4. (Not sure/Other) 5. (Would not vote)

*Please note: On the Sep 21-22 poll, third party candidate Ralph Nader was only included in states where he is either on the ballot or where his ballot status is in question, and therefore was not asked in: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Virginia.*

	Bush	Kerry	Nader	(NS/Other)	(Not vote)
<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b>	46%	42	1	11	-
Democrats	8%	81	1	10	-
Republicans	91%	3	1	5	-
Independents	39%	36	3	21	1
Men	48%	42	1	8	1
Women	44%	42	1	13	-
Veterans	48%	39	1	11	1

**LIKELY VOTER TREND**

21-22 Sep 04	46%	42	1	11	-
7-8 Sep 04	47%	43	3	7	-
24-25 Aug 04	43%	44	3	10	-
3-4 Aug 04	43%	47	2	8	-
20-21 Jul 04	43%	44	3	9	1

7. If the election for president of the United States were held today, would you vote for: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Republican George W. Bush 2. Democrat John Kerry 3. (Not sure/Other) 4. (Would not vote)

	Bush	Kerry	(NS/Other)	(Would not vote)
<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b>	45%	43	11	1
Democrats	8%	83	7	2
Republicans	92%	3	5	-
Independents	40%	37	21	2
Men	48%	43	8	1
Women	44%	42	13	1
Veterans	50%	40	9	1

**LIKELY VOTER TREND**

21-22 Sep 04	45%	43	11	1
7-8 Sep 04	47%	45	7	1
24-25 Aug 04	44%	45	9	2
3-4 Aug 04	43%	48	8	1
20-21 Jul 04	44%	45	9	2

8. Do you support (insert candidate choice) strongly or only somewhat?  
 SCALE: 1. Strongly support 2. Only somewhat support 3. (Not sure)

	--- Bush Voters ---			--- Kerry Voters ---		
	Strngly	Smwht	(NS)	Strngly	Smwht	(NS)
LIKELY VOTERS						
21-22 Sep 04	76%	22	2	72%	27	1
24-25 Aug 04	77%	22	1	64%	34	2
3-4 Aug 04	75%	24	1	67%	32	1
20-21 Jul 04	79%	21	-	63%	35	2

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

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	Approve	approve	(DK)
21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8

10. Which comes closer to what you believe about the outcome of this year's presidential election? (ROTATE)

	All	-- VOTERS --	
		Bush	Kerry
1. My candidate must win for the United States to be a better and stronger country, or	76%	82%	79%
2. It doesn't really matter much which candidate wins, things in the country will be about the same either way	17	13	16
3. (Neither)	3	3	2
4. (Not sure)	4	2	3

11. - 14. Which candidate do you think would do a better job on the following issues?

SCALE: 1. George W. Bush 2. John Kerry 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Not sure)

\*\*\*\*\* SUMMARY CHART \*\*\*\*\*

	Bush	Kerry	(Both)	(Nthr)	(NS)	B-K
The economy	43%	44	3	4	6	-1
The war on terrorism	51%	36	3	3	7	+15
Health care	36%	48	3	5	8	-12
The situation in Iraq	48%	37	3	4	8	+11

PAST TREND

	Bush	Kerry	(Both)	(Nthr)	(NS)	B-K
The economy	43%	44	3	4	6	-1
21-22 Sep 04 LV	43%	44	3	4	6	-1
7-8 Sep 04 LV	41%	45	1	4	9	-4
24-25 Aug 04 LV	40%	46	1	4	9	-6
3-4 Aug 04	36%	44	4	3	13	-8
20-21 Jul 04	39%	45	2	4	10	-6

\*Wording: "Managing the country's"

The war on terrorism

21-22 Sep 04 LV	51%	36	3	3	7	+15
7-8 Sep 04 LV	51%	36	2	4	7	+15
24-25 Aug 04 LV	50%	34	4	5	7	+16
3-4 Aug 04	44%	38	4	3	11	+6
20-21 Jul 04	50%	35	2	4	9	+15

Health care

21-22 Sep 04 LV	36%	48	3	5	8	-12
7-8 Sep 04 LV	35%	50	2	4	9	-15
3-4 Aug 04	31%	49	3	5	12	-18
8-9 Jun 04	34%	48	3	4	11	-14
4-5 May 04	34%	41	2	8	15	-7

The situation in Iraq

21-22 Sep 04 LV	48%	37	3	4	8	+11
7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	39	1	4	7	+10
24-25 Aug 04 LV	45%	40	2	5	8	+5
3-4 Aug 04	41%	40	3	5	11	+1
8-9 Jun 04	43%	39	1	6	11	+4

15. - 18. Which candidate do you: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. George W. Bush 2. John Kerry 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Not sure)

	Bush	Kerry	(Both)	(Nthr)	(NS)	B-K
Think has a better vision for the future of the country?						
21-22 Sep 04 LV	43%	43	5	4	5	0

Trust to provide the country with moral leadership?						
21-22 Sep 04 LV	46%	40	4	5	5	+6
Think is more likely to keep his word?						
21-22 Sep 04 LV	46%	37	3	9	5	+9
Think is a more likeable person?						
21-22 Sep 04 LV	47%	37	5	4	7	+10
20-21 Jul 04	43%	38	5	4	10	+5
4-5 May 04	49%	30	6	5	10	+19

Questions 19 - 21 held for release

22. - 25. Do you think George W. Bush has a clear plan for:

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
Handling Iraq?			
21-22 Sep 04 LV	43%	50	7
3-4 Aug 04	43%	50	7
21-22 Apr 04	41%	50	9

Protecting the United States from terrorism?

21-22 Sep 04 LV	54%	38	8
3-4 Aug 04	52%	41	7

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
Creating and protecting jobs in the United States?			
21-22 Sep 04 LV	38%	52	10
3-4 Aug 04	34%	56	10

Handling health care?

21-22 Sep 04 LV	35%	55	10
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26. - 29. Do you think John Kerry has a clear plan for:

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
Handling Iraq?			
21-22 Sep 04 LV	34%	53	13
3-4 Aug 04	33%	48	19
21-22 Apr 04	22%	59	19

Protecting the United States from terrorism?

21-22 Sep 04 LV	39%	50	11
3-4 Aug 04	38%	43	19

Creating and protecting jobs in the United States?

21-22 Sep 04 LV 49% 39 12  
 3-4 Aug 04 51% 35 14

Handling health care?

21-22 Sep 04 LV 47% 40 13

30. Do you support or oppose the United States having taken military action to disarm Iraq and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein? Is that strongly (support/oppose) or only somewhat (support/oppose)?

	----- SUPPORT -----			----- OPPOSE -----			(NS)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	
21-22 Sep 04 LV	63%	47	16	32	10	22	5
Democrats	38%	20	18	54	13	41	8
Republicans	93%	80	13	6	4	2	1
Independents	60%	41	19	36	14	22	4
20-21 Jul 04	58%	40	18	37	11	26	5
8-9 Jun 04	60%	45	15	34	9	25	6
21-22 Apr 04	65%	49	16	31	7	24	4
23-24 Mar 04	61%	45	16	32	12	20	7

31. Since the June 30th handover to the Iraqi interim government, how well do you think things are going in Iraq?

SCALE: 1. Very well 2. Somewhat well 3. Somewhat badly 4. Very badly 5. (Not sure)

	----- WELL -----			----- BADLY -----			(NS)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Vry	
21-22 Sep 04 LV	35%	6	29	60	24	36	5
Democrats	15%	2	13	81	23	58	4
Republicans	62%	11	51	30	22	8	8
Independents	29%	4	25	67	30	37	4

32. Do you think the future of democracy in Iraq is more the responsibility of the United States or more the responsibility of the Iraqi people? (ROTATE)

1. United States 7%  
 2. Iraq 69  
 3. (Both) 17  
 4. (Other) 1  
 5. (Not sure) 6

33. How would you rate your personal financial situation - excellent, good, only fair or poor?

	Exclnt	Good	Fair	Poor	(Not sure)
21-22 Sep 04 LV	15%	44	27	10	4
Democrats	10%	39	33	15	4
Republicans	24%	53	16	4	3
Independents	9%	44	33	10	4
24-25 Aug 04 LV	13%	45	30	10	2
22-23 Jun 04	14%	48	25	11	2
3-4 Mar 04	14%	48	27	10	1
18-19 Nov 03	7%	40	37	13	3

34. Do you think the nation's job situation is getting better, getting worse or staying about the same?

SCALE: 1. Getting better 2. Getting worse 3. Staying the same 4. (Not sure)

	Better	Worse	Same	(NS)
21-22 Sep 04	25%	39	32	4
Democrats	6%	64	27	3
Republicans	49%	10	36	5
Independents	19%	40	38	3
22-23 Jun 04	31%	26	39	4

35. Do you think the Bush administration tax cuts have helped the nation's economy, hurt the economy, or have the tax cuts had no effect on the economy?

	Helped	Hurt	No effect	(Not sure)
21-22 Sep 04 LV	35%	32	25	8
Democrats	9%	55	29	7
Republicans	64%	9	19	8
Independents	33%	31	27	9

*For reference: Do you think the 2003 tax cuts are helping to revive the economy, or not?*

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
3-4 Dec 03	42%	45	13

36. If you had to choose, which do you think is more to blame for the sluggish economy over the last few years: the September 11 terrorist attacks or the policies of the Bush administration? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. September 11 terrorist attacks 2. Policies of the Bush administration 3. (Combination) 4. (Other) 5. (Not sure)

	9/11	Bush admin.	(Combo)	(Other)	(NS)
21-22 Sep 04 LV	37%	27	21	8	7
Democrats	17%	49	26	4	4
Republicans	60%	5	13	13	9
Independents	33%	21	31	10	5