



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

29 September 05

Polling was conducted by telephone September 27-28, 2005 in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters

1. 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 (27-28 Sep 05)	45%	47	8
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (13-14 Sep 05)	41%	51	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8				
<b>RECENT TREND</b>							
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9
29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8	3-4 Mar 04	48%	44	8
29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6	18-19 Feb 04	48%	41	11
28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6	4-5 Feb 04	53%	41	6
28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6	21-22 Jan 04	53%	39	8
27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5	7-8 Jan 04	58%	31	11

2. Do you think President Bush is spending too much time, too little time, or about the right amount of time on hurricane relief?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	(Don't know)
27-28 Sep 05	12%	27	51	10
Democrats	9%	47	30	13
Republicans	15%	6	74	4
Independents	12%	26	47	15

3. If people rebuild homes and businesses in high-risk areas that are known to have a tendency to flood, should they be eligible for taxpayer-funded disaster relief money a second time or not?

SCALE: 1. Yes, should be eligible 2. No, should not be eligible 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(DK)
27-28 Sep 05	29%	58	13
Democrats	40%	47	13
Republicans	19%	67	14
Independents	23%	67	10

*For reference: After hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters, the government routinely provides disaster relief money. Do you think there should be a limit on the number of times the government gives disaster relief money to a family or business to re-build in natural disaster prone areas?*

SCALE: 1. Yes, there should be a limit 2. No, there should not be a limit 3. (Not sure)

	Yes	No	(NS)
22-23 Sep 99	44%	49	7

4. In general, which one of the following do you think is the best way for the government to pay for hurricane relief?

SCALE: 1. Raise taxes 2. Cut government spending 3. Borrow more money 4. (Some of each/Combination) 5. (Don't know)

	Taxes	Spending	Borrow	(Combination)	(DK)
27-28 Sep 05	9%	61	5	14	11
Democrats	11%	58	8	13	10
Republicans	6%	64	3	14	12
Independents	13%	56	3	18	11

5. Who do you think should take the lead role in responding to natural disasters -- state and local governments or the federal government? (ROTATE)

	State/local	Federal	(Both equally)	(Don't know)
27-28 Sep 05	46%	23	28	3
Democrats	30%	33	33	4
Republicans	60%	15	22	3
Independents	51%	18	29	2

6. - 10. (RANDOMIZE) Now I'm going to read you a list of items, and I'd like you to rate your feelings for each one. Would you say you are fed up with and tired of [INSERT ITEM] or don't you feel that way?

SCALE: 1. Fed up with and tired of 2. Don't feel that way 3. (Don't know/Does not apply)

	Fed up with	Don't feel that way	Don't know/Doesn't apply
High gas prices	85%	12	2
Partisan bickering in Washington, DC	77%	12	11
The Iraq war	58%	34	7
Hurricanes	37%	47	16
Your job	11%	61	28

11. Do you think it would be better for the country if (Democrats or Republicans - ROTATE) win next year's congressional elections?

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/ Neither)	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	40%	32	18	10
Democrats	79%	2	11	8
Republicans	5%	74	15	6
Independents	30%	15	40	16

For reference: Who do you want to win next year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE) (the Democrats) or (the Republicans)?

	Democrats	Republicans	Neither	(Not sure)
30-31 Aug 05	38%	35	6	21

12. In general, which do you think is better for the country to have?  
SCALE: 1. The president and Congress from the same party 2. To have the president from one party and Congress from the other 3. (Not sure)

	Same	Different	(NS)
27-28 Sep 05	39%	39	22
Democrats	32%	47	21
Republicans	54%	24	21
Independents	25%	50	25
24-25 May 00	42%	41	17
20-21 Oct 99	39%	42	19
10-11- Mar 99	37%	44	19
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	37%	42	21
19-20 June 98	37%	42	21

13. If one party controls the White House and the other party controls Congress, which would you prefer: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. A Republican in the White House and the Democrats controlling Congress 2. A Democrat in the White House and the Republicans controlling Congress 3. (Not sure)

	Rep WH/ Dem Congress	Dem WH/ Rep Congress	(NS)
27-28 Sep 05	32%	37	31
Democrats	20%	50	30
Republicans	52%	26	23
Independents	21%	33	46
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	31%	40	29
3-4 Jun 98	29%	41	30

14. Have you personally given up on the possibility of the U.S. eventually being able to create a stable government in Iraq or not?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	34%	57	8
Democrats	45%	45	10
Republicans	18%	77	5
Independents	43%	49	9

15. Who do you think has a better plan for handling the situation in Iraq - President Bush or Congressional Democrats? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. President Bush 2. Congressional Democrats 3. (Both equal) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Bush	Democrats	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
27-28 Sep 05	34%	23	7	24	13
Democrats	7%	46	6	28	13
Republicans	67%	3	7	13	10
Independents	25%	16	6	34	18

Questions 16 - 39 held for release.

40. How would you rate the job Supreme Court nominee John Roberts did answering the Senate Judiciary Committee's questions -- do you think he did an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	25%	29	16	8	22
Democrats	8%	27	26	13	26
Republicans	43%	35	4	2	16
Independent	22%	23	17	10	27

41. Do you think Senators who vote against confirming Supreme Court nominee John Roberts are more likely to be voting against him purely for political reasons or because they truly believe he is not suitable?

	Political reasons	Believe unsuitable	(Depends)	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	64%	20	3	12
Democrats	47%	32	5	16
Republicans	82%	7	3	8
Independents	66%	20	3	12

42. Do you think the next Supreme Court nominee will face more opposition or less opposition than John Roberts did?

	More	Less	(Not sure)	(Depends on who it is)
27-28 Sep 05	58%	14	15	12
Democrats	55%	17	18	10
Republicans	66%	13	10	11
Independents	49%	12	17	22

43. As you may have heard, a federal district judge has ruled that the Pledge of Allegiance is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion and cannot be recited in public schools because it contains the phrase "under God." Do you agree or disagree with the judge's decision that the Pledge is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion?

	Agree	Disagree	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	11%	87	2
Democrats	16%	82	2
Republicans	6%	93	1
Independents	13%	81	6
26-27 Jun 02*	12%	83	5

\*"... a federal appeals court has ruled..."

44. Do you think the phrase "under God" should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance or do you want it removed?

	Remain	Removed	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	89%	8	3
Democrats	83%	13	3
Republicans	96%	3	2
Independents	86%	10	5

For reference: Do you believe the motto "in God we trust" should remain on U.S. currency and coins or should it be removed?

	Remain	Removed	(Not sure)
25-26 Apr 05	92%	5	3

45. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "It feels like the country is becoming anti-religion."

	Agree	Disagree	(Already was)	(Not sure)
27-28 Sep 05	54%	39	1	6
Democrats	45%	47	-	8
Republicans	68%	26	1	4
Independents	47%	47	2	5

#### POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

1. Democrat	41%
2. Republican	39
3. (Independent)	17
4. (Other)	1
5. (Refused/Don't know)	3