



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

6 November 06

Polling was conducted by telephone November 4-5, 2006, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 likely voters (LV) nationwide, with a margin of error of ±3 percentage points.

Past results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

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 (4-5 Nov 06 LV)	38%	54	8
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (18-19 Apr 06)	33%	57	10
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	38%	54	8	27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8
Democrats	7%	85	7	13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8
Republicans	79%	16	5	30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5
Independents	29%	61	10	26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9
RECENT TREND				12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6
24-25 Oct 06 LV	40%	53	6	14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9
10-11 Oct 06 LV	40%	56	4	25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10
26-27 Sep 06 LV	42%	54	4	29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10	1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9
29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6	8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7
8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
16-18 May 06	35%	56	8	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9				

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
Democrats	17%	71	13
Republicans	50%	40	11
Independents	20%	63	17

RECENT TREND

10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24
21-22 Apr 04	38%	42	20
20-21 May 03	33%	47	20

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job your own representative is doing in the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	53%	34	13
Democrats	48%	38	14
Republicans	63%	27	10
Independents	46%	39	15
10-11 Oct 06 LV	60%	31	9
12-13 Sep 06 LV	55%	26	20
16-18 May 06	53%	28	19
4-5 Apr 06	57%	21	22

4. Thinking ahead to this November's elections, if the congressional election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/ Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	
4-5 Nov 06 LV	49%	45	4	36	33	3	15
Democrats	89%	82	7	4	4	-	6
Republicans	9%	8	1	81	75	6	10
Independents	42%	38	4	27	22	5	30
Already voted	49%	46	3	34	32	2	18
RECENT TREND							
24-25 Oct 06 LV	49%	46	3	38	36	2	13
Democrats	92%	89	3	2	2	-	4
Republicans	6%	6	-	85	82	3	9
Independents	43%	37	6	29	26	3	29
10-11 Oct 06 LV	50%	45	5	41	36	5	10
26-27 Sep 06 LV	49%	42	7	38	33	5	14
12-13 Sep 06 LV	41%	38	3	38	34	4	21
29-30 Aug 06	48%	43	5	32	28	4	21
8-9 Aug 06	48%	44	4	30	27	3	22

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/ Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	
11-12 Jul 06	42%	38	4	34	31	3	25
13-14 Jun 06	46%	43	3	33	29	4	20
2-3 May 06	41%	37	4	38	32	6	21
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	48%	44	4	34	28	6	18
23-24 Sep 03	41%	35	6	36	32	4	23
22-23 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	41	36	5	19
8-9 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	42	36	6	18
24-25 Sep 02	45%	43	2	42	32	10	13
6-7 Aug 02	36%	31	5	39	33	6	25
26-27 Feb 02	32%	30	2	40	34	6	28

5. (ASK DEMOCRATIC VOTERS AND LEANERS: n=446, ±5%): Which best describes the reason for your vote this year?

SCALE: 1. I generally agree with the policies of the Democratic Party
 2. I feel it is extremely important to change leadership because of what's going on in the world now
 3. (Both) 4. (Other) 5. (Don't know)

	Agree with policies	Change leadership	(Both)	(Other)	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	21%	54	21	3	1

6. (ASK REPUBLICAN VOTERS AND LEANERS: n=323, ±6%): Which best describes the reason for your vote this year?

SCALE: 1. I generally agree with the policies of the Republican Party
 2. I feel it is extremely important to keep the current leadership because of what's going on in the world now
 3. (Both) 4. (Other) 5. (Don't know)

	Agree with policies	Keep leadership	(Both)	(Other)	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	40%	29	20	8	4

7. Is there any possibility at all that you will change your vote for Congress or will you definitely vote for (insert party choice Democrat/Republican from q4; include leaners)?

SCALE: 1. Possibility will change vote 2. Definitely will vote for candidate
 3. (Don't know)

	Possible will change	Definite vote	(DK)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	15%	82	3
Voting Democrat	12%	86	2
Voting Republican	19%	78	3

8. If you were voting in the midterm election today, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports President Bush on key issues, opposes President Bush on key issues, or would President Bush not be a major factor in your vote for Congress this year?

	Supports Bush	Opposes Bush	Bush not a factor	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	25%	39	33	3
Democrats	5%	68	24	3
Republicans	54%	8	37	2
Independents	15%	37	44	4
26-27 Sep 06 LV*	25%	37	33	4
16-18 May 06*	20%	38	39	4
10-11 Jan 06*	26%	34	36	4

*"...Bush on the issues, opposes President Bush on the issues..."

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

9. Do you think most Democrats in Congress are honest, hard-working and deserve to be re-elected?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	46%	40	15
Democrats	68%	23	10
Republicans	30%	54	16
Independents	31%	49	19

For reference: Do you think most Democrats in Congress deserve to be re-elected?

10-11 Oct 06 LV	44%	38	18
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10. Do you think most Republicans in Congress are honest, hard-working and deserve to be re-elected?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	33%	52	15
Democrats	21%	67	11
Republicans	52%	33	15
Independents	25%	55	21

For reference: Do you think most Republicans in Congress deserve to be re-elected?

10-11 Oct 06 LV	33%	53	14
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11. - 20. How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress? (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Extremely important 2. Very important 3. Somewhat important

4. Not at all important 5. (Don't know)

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

	Extremely Important	Very	Somewhat	Not	(DK)
Iraq	35%				
Terrorism	33%				
The economy	32%				
Political corruption	29%				
Moral values	29%				
Taxes	26%				
Immigration	22%				
Gas prices	22%				
North Korea	19%				
Kerry's comment	11%				
	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not	(DK)
Iraq	35%	46	15	4	1
Democrats	41%	42	11	4	1
Republicans	29%	51	16	3	1
Independents	32%	44	18	5	-
10-11 Oct 06 LV*	45%	40	13	1	1
26-27 Sep 06 LV*	52%	36	9	3	1
**"The situation in Iraq"					
Terrorism	33%	42	19	5	1
Democrats	31%	39	22	6	1
Republicans	39%	46	14	1	-
Independents	27%	43	22	9	-
10-11 Oct 06 LV	39%	36	19	5	1
26-27 Sep 06 LV	52%	33	12	1	1
The economy	32%	50	15	3	-
Democrats	38%	48	12	2	-
Republicans	27%	54	16	3	-
Independents	29%	46	20	4	1
10-11 Oct 06 LV	39%	47	12	2	1

26-27 Sep 06 LV	48%	40	11	1	1
	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not	(DK)
Immigration	22%	38	27	12	1
Democrats	23%	29	31	15	2
Republicans	22%	49	22	7	-
Independents	19%	38	28	14	-
10-11 Oct 06 LV	29%	35	24	10	1
26-27 Sep 06 LV	35%	28	26	10	1
Political corruption	29%	44	19	6	2
Democrats	31%	46	19	2	2
Republicans	22%	47	21	10	1
Independents	36%	38	15	9	1
10-11 Oct 06 LV	36%	36	17	8	3
26-27 Sep 06 LV	41%	32	20	5	2
Taxes	26%	45	22	7	-
Democrats	27%	40	26	6	1
Republicans	23%	53	19	4	-
Independents	28%	41	21	10	-
Gas prices	22%	36	27	14	1
Democrats	28%	37	24	11	1
Republicans	19%	37	27	17	-
Independents	20%	33	33	15	-
North Korea	19%	36	31	11	2
Democrats	22%	37	30	10	2
Republicans	20%	41	30	8	2
Independents	16%	29	36	16	3
Moral values	29%	42	19	9	1
Democrats	28%	40	19	11	2
Republicans	27%	52	15	5	-
Independents	33%	32	25	10	1
John Kerry's recent comment about U.S. troops in Iraq	11%	16	13	54	5
Democrats	8%	15	14	57	5
Republicans	16%	19	15	47	4
Independents	10%	12	11	63	4

21. Which one of the following issues will be the most important to your vote for Congress? (ROTATE)

	Iraq	Terrorism	The economy	(All equal)	(Other)	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	21%	17	28	30	3	1
Democrats	30%	11	26	31	1	-
Republicans	13%	27	26	30	2	1
Independents	16%	14	35	27	6	1

22. In deciding your vote for Congress, would you say the candidate's political party is more important this year, less important, or the same as in the past?

	More	Less	Same	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	37%	9	51	3
Democrats	47%	5	45	2
Republicans	33%	10	55	2
Independents	28%	13	54	5

23. - 26. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think [ITEM] if Democrats gain control of Congress or if Republicans keep control of Congress?
 (ROTATE SCALE) SCALE: 1. Democrats gain control 2. Republicans keep control
 3. (No difference) 4. (Don't know)

	Dem gain	Rep keep	(No diff)	(DK)
The country would be safer from terrorism	28%	31	35	7
Democrats	52%	6	35	7
Republicans	4%	66	23	7
Independents	22%	22	51	5
26-27 Sep 06 LV	27%	36	30	7
27-28 Jun 06*	28%	39	25	8
<i>*Do you think the country would be safer from terrorism if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November?</i>				
A solution to Iraq is more likely to be found	37%	30	27	6
Democrats	66%	7	22	5
Republicans	8%	65	20	6
Independents	32%	18	44	5
Iran is more likely to be prevented from obtaining nuclear weapons	25%	29	37	10
Democrats	45%	9	36	10
Republicans	7%	60	26	7
Independents	18%	20	52	10
26-27 Sep 06 LV	22%	34	34	11
Taxes would be lower	28%	32	33	7
Democrats	47%	13	32	8
Republicans	11%	60	25	4
Independents	21%	25	44	10

27. If Democrats win control of Congress, which one of the following best describes what would you like them to do?
 SCALE: 1. Take strong positions in opposition to Bush administration policies, including investigations 2. Take moderate positions, but ensure there is some opposition and a check on the Bush administration 3. Be supportive of efforts of President Bush to address the situation in Iraq and the economy
 4. (None/Don't know)

	Strong	Moderate	Supportive	(None/DK)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	25%	31	35	9
Democrats	43%	34	14	9
Republicans	8%	21	66	5
Independents	23%	41	25	11

28. If Democrats win control of Congress, do you think there will be cooperation between Congress and the Bush administration, or will there be an all-out war for the next two years in Washington?

	Cooperation	War	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	24%	63	13
Democrats	27%	59	14
Republicans	19%	71	10
Independents	28%	57	14

29. If Democrats win control of Congress, do you think they will try to cancel the Bush tax cuts?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	61%	21	18
Democrats	56%	23	20
Republicans	73%	15	11
Independents	50%	27	22

30. If U.S. troops leave Iraq soon, do you think the United States will end up fighting terrorists somewhere else in the near future?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	73%	15	12
Democrats	67%	20	14
Republicans	84%	11	5
Independents	67%	15	18

31. In the war against terrorism, do you think the United States should:

SCALE: 1. Fight terrorists only after they attack Americans

2. Pursue and fight terrorists in other parts of the world before they attack Americans 3. (Don't know)

	Fight after	Fight before	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	26%	59	15
Democrats	27%	53	19
Republicans	17%	75	8
Independents	36%	48	16

32. If President Bush were to fire Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, do you think that would be an admission to the terrorists and the world that the United States is losing the war in Iraq, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	26%	60	14
Democrats	23%	65	12
Republicans	32%	56	12
Independents	21%	63	16

33. Do you think Massachusetts Senator John Kerry's recent comment about U.S. troops in Iraq was appropriate or inappropriate?

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	(Don't know/ Haven't heard about)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	11%	70	19
Democrats	19%	57	24
Republicans	5%	87	8
Independents	6%	68	27

34. (If aware of comment: n=726, ±4%) Did Sen. John Kerry's comment make you more likely or less likely to vote for him in the future?

	More likely	Less likely	(No difference)	(Don't know)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	7%	53	38	2
Democrats	14%	40	42	4
Republicans	3%	66	30	1
Independents	2%	53	45	1

35. 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)
4-5 Nov 06 LV	30%	30	32	7
Democrats	42%	29	22	8
Republicans	21%	28	45	6
Independents	27%	36	28	9
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..."

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 Nov 06 LV	39%	35	22	2	3
24-25 Oct 06 LV	39%	36	22	2	2
10-11 Oct 06 LV	38%	34	24	1	3
26-27 Sep 06 LV	38%	34	23	2	3
12-13 Sep 06 LV	36%	35	24	3	2

INTEREST IN ELECTIONS: This fall there will be elections for Congress and other offices. Right now, how interested are you in this year's elections?

		Extremely	Very	Somewhat
4-5 Nov 06 LV	Democrats	37%	44	19
	Republicans	26%	54	20
	Independents	31%	48	21
24-25 Oct 06 LV	Democrats	39%	40	21
	Republicans	33%	42	25
	Independents	38%	46	16
10-11 Oct 06 LV	Democrats	41%	41	18
	Republicans	22%	51	27
	Independents	32%	37	31
26-27 Sep 06 LV	Democrats	26%	46	28
	Republicans	30%	45	25
	Independents	27%	50	23