



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone September 12-13, 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 (12-13 Sep 06 LV)	40%	49	10
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)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10	26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9
Democrats	12%	80	9	12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6
Republicans	82%	12	6	14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9
Independents	25%	58	17	25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10
RECENT TREND				29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5
29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6	1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9
8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8	8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7
11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
16-18 May 06	35%	56	8	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
Democrats	20%	66	13
Republicans	48%	36	16
Independents	17%	60	23

RECENT TREND

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)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	55%	26	20
Democrats	56%	27	17
Republicans	65%	22	13
Independents	39%	26	35
16-18 May 06	53%	28	19
4-5 Apr 06	57%	21	22

4. Do you feel like the country is more or less politically divided now than it was before the 2004 election or is it about the same?

	More	Less	Same	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	54%	4	41	2
Democrats	59%	5	35	2
Republicans	47%	4	48	1
Independents	59%	4	37	1

5. Do you think partisan bickering in Washington has paralyzed the government's ability to get things done, complicated things but not paralyzed them, or has it not made a difference?

SCALE: 1. Paralyzed the government's ability to get things done

2. Complicated things, but not paralyzed 3. No difference 4. (Don't know)

	Paralyzed	Complicated	No difference	(DK)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	38%	43	15	4
Democrats	36%	43	16	5
Republicans	38%	45	15	3
Independents	42%	45	12	2

6. In general, do you think George W. Bush is honest and trustworthy?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	53%	42	5
Democrats	24%	70	6
Republicans	90%	9	1
Independents	43%	50	7
4-5 May 04	53%	38	9
23-24 Mar 04	52%	40	8
14-15 Oct 03*	64%	31	5
30 Jun-1 Jul 03	69%	25	6
11-12 Jul 01	69%	20	11
28-29 Jun 00	57%	26	17
8-9 Sep 00	58%	20	22

*Oct 2003 and earlier: "...think President Bush is..."

7. 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	
12-13 Sep 06 LV	41%	38	3	38	34	4	21
Democrats	84%	78	6	5	4	1	12
Republicans	5%	4	1	85	78	7	11
Independents	36%	32	4	22	19	3	42
RECENT TREND							
29-30 Aug 06	48%	43	5	32	28	4	21
8-9 Aug 06	48%	44	4	30	27	3	22
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

8. Do you think it would be better for the country if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in this year's election? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
	win	win		
12-13 Sep 06 LV	41%	34	18	7
Democrats	80%	4	12	4
Republicans	6%	82	8	5
Independents	40%	14	36	10
27-28 Jun 06	39%	33	20	8
16-18 May 06	46%	29	19	6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	45%	31	19	5
7-8 Feb 06	42%	34	18	5
10-11 Jan 06	44%	33	16	7
27-28 Sep 05	40%	32	18	10

9. (If Democrats better for country: n=373, ±4%) Which of the following better describes why you would prefer Democrats take control of Congress?

SCALE: 1. Democrats have come up with new ideas for the country

2. The country is ready for a change 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Ideas	Change	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	13%	66	14	5	1

10. Do you think it would be good or bad for the country if all the current members of Congress were voted out of office and all new people were elected this November?

	Good	Bad	(No difference)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	39%	42	9	9
Democrats	44%	37	9	10
Republicans	31%	51	9	8
Independents	42%	39	10	8

11. Have you already decided which Congressional candidate you are going to vote for in November or are you still deciding?

	Already decided	Still deciding	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	25%	72	3
Democrats	26%	69	5
Republicans	31%	67	2
Independents	15%	83	2

12. Do you think President Bush helps or hurts Republican candidates in the elections this fall?

	Helps	Hurts	(No difference)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	31%	47	13	9
Democrats	18%	69	7	7
Republicans	56%	21	16	7
Independents	16%	57	17	10

13. What one issue will be the most important in deciding your vote for Congress this fall? (DO NOT READ - ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

(Iraq)	23%
(Homeland/National Security/Terrorism - not Iraq)	11
(Economy/Jobs/Unemployment)	11
(Health care/Prescription drugs)	6
(Immigration/Border Security)	6
(Education/Schools)	3
(Family values/Morals)	2
(Ethics/Corruption in government)	2
(Social Security/Medicare)	2
(Domestic issues/Take care of U.S.)	2
(Taxes)	2
(Gas prices/Energy)	2
(Abortion)	1
(Balanced budget/Deficit)	1
(Environment/Energy)	1
(Gay marriage)	1
(Foreign affairs generally/Middle East - not Iraq)	-
(Stem cell research)	-
(Other)	5
(Don't know/Refused)	18

14. In general, which do you think is better for the country to have?
 SCALE: 1. The president and Congress from the same party, or to have
 2. The president from one party and Congress from another 3. (Don't know)

	Same	Different	(DK)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	41%	39	20
Democrats	32%	50	19
Republicans	63%	21	16
Independents	27%	52	21
24-25 Jan 06	34%	46	20
27-28 Sep 05	39%	39	22
26 May 00	42%	41	17
22 Oct 99	39%	42	19
12 Mar 99	37%	44	19
2 July 98	37%	42	21
21 June 98	37%	42	21

15. - 22. How concerned are you about each of the following?

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

	Extremely concerned				
	Extremely	Very	Not very	Not at all	(DK)
The price of health care	44%	43	9	4	1
Democrats	52%	40	7	1	-
Republicans	34%	44	14	6	2
Independents	44%	47	8	2	-
The situation in Iraq	43%	45	8	2	1
Democrats	53%	42	4	2	-
Republicans	32%	50	14	3	1
Independents	45%	45	6	1	2
The decline of moral values	36%	40	16	6	2
Democrats	38%	30	20	10	2
Republicans	42%	43	10	4	1
Independents	27%	48	18	5	1
Gas prices	35%	42	19	4	-
Democrats	48%	35	14	3	-
Republicans	26%	44	25	4	1
Independents	30%	47	18	5	-
Terrorist attacks	35%	39	21	3	2
Democrats	41%	32	23	4	1
Republicans	35%	47	15	2	1
Independents	27%	38	26	6	3
The nation's economy	32%	44	19	5	1
Democrats	43%	44	12	2	-
Republicans	19%	45	25	9	1
Independents	34%	44	19	4	-

	Extremely	Very	Not very	Not at all (DK)	
Being able to pay your bills	30%	37	22	11	-
Democrats	40%	34	16	10	-
Republicans	23%	38	24	15	1
Independents	23%	41	26	9	-
Illegal immigration	29%	39	24	6	3
Democrats	27%	32	31	9	1
Republicans	34%	46	17	-	2
Independents	25%	38	24	7	6

23. Other than a general sense of obligation or duty to vote, which one of the following is the biggest thing motivating you to vote in this fall's congressional elections? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. To vote for or against a specific candidate you like or dislike	28%	22%	34%	31%
2. Anger with President Bush and Republicans in Congress	17	31	2	17
3. Anger with Democrats in Congress	8	1	20	4
4. To show support for the Iraq war	14	9	24	10
5. To show opposition to the Iraq war	9	11	4	12
6. (A specific referendum or ballot proposition)	2	2	2	-
7. (Other)	7	7	6	9
8. (Combination)	9	13	6	7
9. (Don't know)	6	4	3	10

24. Do you think it feels like the economy is getting stronger or not?

	Yes, stronger	No, not stronger	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	35%	57	7
Democrats	18%	78	5
Republicans	56%	34	10
Independents	34%	60	6
27-28 Oct 04 LV	45%	49	6
7-8 Sep 04 LV	41%	51	8
22-23 Jun 04	47%	43	10
6-7 Apr 04*	36%	55	9
9-10 Sep 03	42%	49	9
17-18 Jun 03	37%	55	8
24-25 Sep 02	26%	63	11

*April 2004 and earlier: "For you and your family, does it feel like ..."

25. Are you better off or worse off financially today than you were four years ago?

	Better off	Worse off	(Same)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	38%	37	23	2
Democrats	21%	55	21	2
Republicans	60%	19	20	2
Independents	31%	36	32	1
3-4 Oct 04 LV	40%	34	25	1
20-21 Jul 04	41%	32	26	1
23-24 Mar 04	40%	35	24	1

26. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Are you doing okay and have extra money each month, or are you barely getting by?

SCALE: 1. Doing okay and have extra money 2. Barely getting by

3. (Neither/In between/Mixed) 4. (Don't know)

	Doing okay	Barely getting by	(Neither/ mixed)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	56%	32	12	-
Democrats	45%	42	12	-
Republicans	69%	19	11	-
Independents	52%	36	12	-

(ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

27. If Democrats win control of Congress in November, do you think the economy will get better or get worse?

	Get better	Get worse	(No difference)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	39%	29	19	13
Democrats	68%	7	15	10
Republicans	12%	62	17	10
Independents	36%	18	30	17

28. If Republicans retain control of Congress in November, do you think the economy will get better or get worse?

	Get better	Get worse	(No difference)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	37	24	9
Democrats	13%	63	16	8
Republicans	55%	11	28	7
Independents	19%	36	33	12

29. As of right now, do you think the U.S. and its allies are winning the war against terrorism?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	41%	51	8
Democrats	22%	68	10
Republicans	64%	30	6
Independents	32%	59	9
23-24 Mar 04	41%	44	15
9-10 Sep 03	55%	33	12
3-4 Jun 03	57%	29	14
19-20 Nov 02	37%	42	21
8-9 Sep 02	36%	43	21
28-29 Nov 01	67%	15	18
14-15 Nov 01	62%	18	20
17-18 Oct 01	47%	32	21

30. Do you think the country would be safer from terrorism if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November? (ROTATE)

	Democrats win	Republicans win	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	22%	34	37	7
Democrats	46%	6	39	9
Republicans	3%	74	20	3
Independents	15%	23	55	7
27-28 Jun 06	28%	39	25	8

(ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

31. In the war against terrorism, do you think the Bush administration has pursued terrorists too aggressively or not aggressively enough?

	Too aggressively	Not aggressively enough	(About right)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	24%	41	26	9
Democrats	35%	44	10	11
Republicans	15%	41	41	3
Independents	24%	39	25	11
7-8 Sep 04 LV	24%	39	25	12
21-22 Jan 04	18%	37	36	9

32. If Democrats win control of Congress, do you think they will pursue terrorists too aggressively or not aggressively enough?

	Too aggressively	Not aggressively enough	(About right)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	9%	53	20	18
Democrats	13%	33	30	24
Republicans	3%	84	5	7
Independents	12%	44	24	21

33. Do you support or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq? Is that strongly (support/oppose) or only somewhat (support/oppose)?

	--- Support ---			--- Oppose ---			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Strgly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strgly	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	51%	31	20	44	11	33	6
Democrats	26%	11	15	68	15	53	6
Republicans	84%	59	25	13	5	8	3
Independents	38%	18	20	54	14	40	8

34. If you had to choose between a candidate who wants to set a date to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq and a candidate who wants the United States to stay in Iraq, for whom would you vote?

SCALE: 1. Candidate who wants to set a withdrawal deadline

2. Candidate who wants the U.S. to stay 3. (Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Deadline	Stay	(Depends)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	43%	36	16	5
Democrats	68%	14	12	6
Republicans	14%	68	16	2
Independents	49%	28	19	4

35. If you were voting in the midterm election today, would you be more likely to vote for a Democratic candidate who supports the war in Iraq or a Republican candidate who opposes the war in Iraq? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. A Democrat who supports the war in Iraq 2. A Republican who opposes the war in Iraq 3. (Depends) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Democrat supports the war	Republican opposes the war	(Depends)	(Neither)	(DK)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	36%	29	20	7	7
Democrats	39%	29	17	8	7
Republicans	46%	25	19	6	5
Independents	23%	36	25	7	8

(ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

36. If Democrats are in control, do you think the United States will win the war in Iraq?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	20%	58	22
Democrats	30%	50	21
Republicans	11%	73	16
Independents	20%	51	28

37. If Republicans are in control, do you think the United States will win the war in Iraq?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	34%	43	23
Democrats	14%	66	21
Republicans	63%	19	18
Independents	26%	47	27

38. Do you approve or disapprove of using profiling to screen airline passengers?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	74%	19	7
Democrats	59%	30	11
Republicans	87%	10	4
Independents	75%	18	6

39. Do you believe most immigrants really want to become Americans and contribute to our society or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	58%	33	9
Democrats	59%	33	8
Republicans	55%	34	11
Independents	65%	28	7

40. Do you believe Muslim immigrants really want to become a part of this country and support American traditions and culture?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	46%	38	16
Democrats	46%	37	18
Republicans	42%	46	13
Independents	56%	31	13

41. Do you think there should be special screening for Muslims who want to immigrate to the United States?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	66%	27	7
Democrats	62%	30	8
Republicans	73%	22	5
Independents	62%	29	9

(ROTATE ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

42. Do you think former President Clinton and his administration are willing to take their share of the blame for the failure of the United States to prevent the September 11 terrorist attacks?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	28%	61	10
Democrats	36%	52	12
Republicans	21%	71	8
Independents	27%	62	10

43. Do you think President Bush and his administration are willing to take their share of the blame for the failure of the United States to prevent the September 11 terrorist attacks?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	33%	56	11
Democrats	19%	73	9
Republicans	52%	36	12
Independents	26%	63	11

44. Did you happen to watch at least part of ABC's television docudrama called "Path to 9/11"?

	Yes	No/(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	60
Democrats	41%	59
Republicans	45%	55
Independents	35%	65

45. Former President Bill Clinton and members of his administration recently asked ABC to change the content of the program called "Path to 9/11" because they disagreed with how the show characterized them. Do you think President Clinton's request is an appropriate attempt to get the facts straight or an inappropriate attempt to censor the program?

SCALE: 1. Appropriate attempt to get the facts straight 2. Inappropriate attempt to censor the program 3. (Mixed/Both) 4. (Don't know)

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	27%	44	11	18
Democrats	40%	26	14	20
Republicans	13%	68	5	14
Independents	27%	39	17	17

46. Did you hear or watch at least part of President Bush's television address to the nation on Monday night, the fifth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks?

	Yes	No/(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	47%	53
Democrats	37%	63
Republicans	51%	49
Independents	53%	47

47. (Speech watchers: n=419, +4%) Did watching the address make you feel positive or negative about the nation's security? (If positive or negative:) Is that very or just somewhat (positive/negative)?

SCALE: 1. Very positive 2. Somewhat positive 3. (Neither positive/negative) 4. Somewhat negative 5. Very negative 6. (Don't know/refused)

	Very positive	Somewhat positive	(Neither)	Somewhat negative	Very negative (DK)	
12-13 Sep 06 LV	27%	23	17	13	16	5
Democrats	6%	14	17	27	30	7
Republicans	48%	32	11	3	3	2
Independents	22%	17	24	12	18	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)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	36%	35	24	3	2
29-30 Aug 06	41%	33	20	3	3
8-9 Aug 06	42%	34	18	3	3