



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone September 26-27, 2006, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 likely voters (LV) nationwide, with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  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 (26-27 Sep 06 LV)	42%	54	4
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)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	42%	54	4	30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5
Democrats	10%	86	4	26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9
Republicans	87%	9	3	12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6
Independents	29%	66	5	14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9
RECENT TREND				25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10	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

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	34%	55	11
Democrats	8%	84	8
Republicans	75%	17	9
Independents	22%	62	17
2-3 May 06	35%	53	12
4-5 Apr 06	29%	53	18
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	34%	53	13
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	39%	48	13
Democrats	61%	28	11
Republicans	20%	72	8
Independents	31%	45	23
2-3 May 06	36%	49	15
4-5 Apr 06	29%	51	20
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	48	16
10-11 Jan 06	39%	41	20
8-9 Nov 05	33%	47	20

4. This year, are you more interested in: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Who wins your House and Senate races 2. Which party wins control of Congress 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Your races	Control of Congress	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	23%	36	28	6	8
Democrats	21%	42	23	5	9
Republicans	19%	39	33	4	4
Independents	32%	28	30	7	4

5. Would you say you are looking forward to voting this year or dreading it?

	Looking forward	Dreading	(Neutral)	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	77%	13	10	-
Democrats	80%	13	7	-
Republicans	76%	11	13	-
Independents	72%	15	12	1

6. 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	
26-27 Sep 06 LV	49%	42	7	38	33	5	14
Democrats	89%	81	8	3	2	1	8
Republicans	6%	5	1	88	80	8	6
Independents	50%	37	13	21	15	6	29
RECENT TREND							
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
29-30 Aug 06	48%	43	5	32	28	4	21

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/
	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	Don't know)
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

7. Overall, which comes closest to your feelings about the Bush administration? Would you say that you feel: (IF NONE/DON'T KNOW) Which would you say is closest to how you feel?

SCALE: 1. Enthusiastic 2. Satisfied, but not enthusiastic

3. Dissatisfied, but not angry 4. Angry 5. (None) 6. (Don't know)

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Angry	(None)	(DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	11%	31	32	24	-	2
Democrats	2%	9	47	39	-	2
Republicans	27%	62	9	1	-	-
Independents	2%	23	39	32	2	1
3-4 Mar 04	15%	38	28	18	-	1

8. - 10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The average person on the street could do a better job than most current members of Congress.

	--- Agree ---			--- Disagree ---			(Don't	
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	(Depends)	know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	36%	19	17	58	23	35	3	2
Democrats	39%	23	16	53	22	31	5	3
Republicans	30%	14	16	67	22	45	2	1
Independents	45%	21	24	52	26	26	1	2

Most Representatives and Senators are more concerned with getting reelected than doing good work for the country.

	--- Agree ---			--- Disagree ---			(Don't	
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	(Depends)	know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	71%	47	24	23	13	10	5	2
Democrats	72%	50	22	23	14	9	4	2
Republicans	60%	40	20	32	17	15	5	3
Independents	84%	53	30	11	7	4	5	-

There are important differences between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

	--- Agree ---			--- Disagree ---			(Don't	
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	(Depends)	know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	84%	64	20	12	6	6	2	2
Democrats	85%	63	22	12	6	6	1	2
Republicans	92%	76	16	6	3	3	1	1
Independents	78%	55	23	16	10	6	4	2

11. - 15. How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this fall?

SCALE: 1. Extremely important 2. Very important 3. Somewhat important  
4. Not at all important 5. (Don't know)

Summary -- Extremely Interested

The situation in Iraq	52%
Terrorism	52%
The economy	48%
Political corruption	41%
Immigration	35%

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not	(DK)
The situation in Iraq	52%	36	9	3	1
Democrats	57%	34	7	2	1
Republicans	45%	41	10	3	-
Independents	57%	29	10	3	1
Terrorism	52%	33	12	1	1
Democrats	51%	31	15	2	1
Republicans	58%	36	5	-	-
Independents	49%	30	19	3	-
The economy	48%	40	11	1	1
Democrats	53%	37	8	-	1
Republicans	44%	40	14	3	-
Independents	48%	40	10	1	-
Immigration	35%	28	26	10	1
Democrats	28%	27	29	14	2
Republicans	45%	29	22	5	-
Independents	32%	29	28	10	1
Political corruption	41%	32	20	5	2
Democrats	45%	33	17	3	2
Republicans	37%	29	25	9	-
Independents	41%	33	21	3	2

16. What will be more important to your vote this November? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Expressing your views on the Bush administration 2. Voting for a specific congressional candidate 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Views on Bush	Vote for candidate	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	23%	47	20	6	4
Democrats	29%	40	21	6	3
Republicans	19%	55	18	6	3
Independents	20%	48	23	5	4

17. When talking with your friends and neighbors about the upcoming election, which one of the following do you get a sense that they are most angry with? (RANDOMIZE 1-4)

SCALE: 1. Republicans in Congress 2. Democrats in Congress 3. All members of Congress 4. President Bush 5. Or are they not angry at all 6. (Don't know)

	Rep in Congress	Dem in Congress	All of Congress	Pres. Bush	Not angry (DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	7%	10	20	44	10 10
Democrats	12%	3	12	61	6 6
Republicans	3%	20	28	26	13 10
Independents	4%	7	23	43	11 12

18. - 20. 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: 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	27%	36	30	7
Democrats	50%	10	32	8
Republicans	3%	78	16	2
Independents	27%	23	44	7
12-13 Sep 06* LV	22%	34	37	7
27-28 Jun 06*	28%	39	25	8
<i>*"... safer from terrorism if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November?"</i>				
More progress would be made in Iraq	35%	34	23	9
Democrats	66%	6	21	7
Republicans	4%	77	14	5
Independents	34%	22	35	10
Iran is more likely to be prevented from obtaining nuclear weapons	22%	34	34	11
Democrats	37%	13	36	14
Republicans	10%	67	17	6
Independents	17%	23	51	8

21. If you had to choose between a candidate who believes the United States should stay in Iraq or a candidate who believes the U.S. should get out of Iraq, which one would you pick?

SCALE: 1. Candidate who believes U.S. should stay in Iraq 2. Candidate who believes U.S. should get out of Iraq 3. (Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Stay	Get out	(Depends)	(DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	36%	46	15	3
Democrats	9%	76	13	2
Republicans	76%	9	12	3
Independents	25%	50	23	2

22. If you were voting in the midterm election today, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports President Bush on the issues, opposes President Bush on the 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)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	25%	37	33	4
Democrats	3%	64	29	4
Republicans	62%	3	34	1
Independents	11%	45	39	5
16-18 May 06	20%	38	39	4
10-11 Jan 06	26%	34	36	4

Questions 23 - 33 released separately

34. Who do you blame more for failing to kill or capture Usama bin Laden -- the Clinton administration or the Bush administration? (ROTATE CHOICES)

SCALE: 1. Clinton administration 2. Bush administration 3. (Both to blame)

4. (Neither to blame) 5. (Don't know)

	Clinton	Bush	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	22%	32	21	17	8
Democrats	5%	57	17	15	6
Republicans	47%	6	22	18	7
Independents	17%	32	24	19	9

35. Which best describes how you feel about the war in Iraq?

SCALE: 1. I support the war and the current strategy 2. I support the war, but think a new strategy is needed 3. I oppose the war, but could support it if the strategy is changed 4. I oppose the war no matter what the strategy is

5. (Don't know)

	Support war, current strategy	Support war, need new strategy	Oppose war, could support w/new strategy	Oppose war, no matter strategy	(DK)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	19%	33	20	25	3
Democrats	5%	21	31	41	2
Republicans	42%	46	6	5	1
Independents	13%	32	22	30	4

36. Do you think the U.S. military action in Iraq is part of the overall war on terrorism or is military action in Iraq separate from the war on terrorism?

1. Action in Iraq is part of the war on terrorism 2. Action in Iraq is separate from the war on terrorism 3. (Don't know)

	Part of	Separate from	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	51%	41	8
Democrats	34%	55	10
Republicans	79%	17	3
Independents	37%	56	7
28-29 Oct 03	54%	34	12
25-26 Mar 03*	61%	30	9
24-25 Sep 02	50%	38	12

\*March 2003 and previous: "... military action against Iraq..."

37. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to allow television coverage of sessions of the U.S. Supreme Court?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	63%	25	13
Democrats	66%	25	10
Republicans	63%	24	13

Independents	62%	23	14
4-5 Apr 06	70%	18	11

38. Who do you think should decide whether there should be television coverage of Supreme Court sessions -- should Congress decide or should the Supreme Court decide?

	Congress	Supreme Court	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	37%	49	15
Democrats	40%	47	13
Republicans	39%	48	13
Independents	30%	54	16

39. Do you think men or women are more intelligent?

	Men	Women	(Both equal)	(Don't know)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	6%	28	59	8
Democrats	4%	37	52	6
Republicans	9%	20	62	9
Independents	2%	27	64	7
Men	7%	20	65	8
Women	4%	35	53	8

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)
26-27 Sep 06 LV	38%	34	23	2	3
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
11-12 Jul 06	40%	34	21	2	4
27-28 Jun 06	38%	36	19	3	4
13-14 Jun 06	42%	34	19	2	3