



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

28 July 05

Polling was conducted by telephone July 26-27, 2005 in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 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 (26-27 Jul 05)	47%	44	9
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (3-4 Aug 04)	44%	48	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	

RECENT TREND

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

2. - 9. I'm going to read you a list of various items that have been in the news recently. Please tell me how much you and your friends and neighbors have been talking about each one. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. A lot 2. Some 3. Only a little 4. Not at all 5. (Not sure)

	Lot	Some	Little	Not	(NS)
The summer heat wave	55%	22	13	10	1
The situation in Iraq	53%	29	12	5	0
The bombings in London and search for terrorists	46%	31	14	8	0
The economy	42%	30	17	11	1
The launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery	19%	24	25	32	1
Reports a White House staffer may have leaked classified information to reporters	19%	20	22	38	2
The nomination of John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court	18%	24	24	33	1
The new Harry Potter book	9%	10	22	57	3

10. Which of the following decisions made by George W. Bush during his presidency do you think will have more of a long-term, lasting affect on the country? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Decisions about Supreme Court justices,	23%	21%	27%	23%
2. Decisions about the war against terrorism	54	58	49	60
3. (Equal)	15	14	18	10
4. (Neither)	3	3	4	2
5. (Other decision more important)	1	0	1	-
6. (Don't know)	4	4	2	5

11. President George W. Bush has nominated John Roberts to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you approve or disapprove of John Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Approve	48%	30%	71%	44%
2. Disapprove	17	29	7	13
3. (Don't know)	34	41	22	43

12. Overall, do you think John Roberts is qualified to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court or not?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Qualified	65%	54%	78%	67%
2. Not qualified	10	17	4	5
3. (Don't know)	25	29	19	28

13. If you were voting on John Roberts' nomination, would you vote to confirm him or not?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Yes	51%	32%	74%	47%
2. No	19	33	7	12
3. (Don't know)	30	35	19	41

14. From what you know about John Roberts, would you say he is more of (a liberal) or (a conservative)? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Liberal	8%	10%	5%	7%
2. Conservative	56	54	62	51
3. (Moderate)	8	7	8	10
4. (Don't know)	28	28	25	32

15. Do you think the Senate will confirm John Roberts or not?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Yes	70%	68%	77%	67%
2. No	7	10	5	3
3. (Don't know)	23	23	19	30

16. Do you agree or disagree that, as president, George W. Bush should be able to choose a nominee who shares his political philosophy to serve on the Supreme Court?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Agree	63%	46%	84%	60%
2. Disagree	29	47	10	28
3. (Don't know)	7	7	6	12

17. So far, have you heard anything about John Roberts that you think disqualifies him from serving on the Supreme Court?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Yes	9%	15%	5%	6%
2. No	83	77	91	86
3. (Don't know)	8	9	4	8

18. In previous Senate confirmation hearings, some nominees have refused to answer questions related to past Supreme Court cases or cases that may come before the Court in the future. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for John Roberts to decline to answer questions on past or future cases before the Supreme Court?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Acceptable	41%	26%	58%	41%
2. Unacceptable	43	64	24	36
3. (Not sure)	16	10	18	23

19. Do you think the Senate confirmation of the John Roberts nomination is more likely to be a civilized and respectful process or a political mud fight? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Civilized and respectful	39%	42%	36%	39%
2. Political mud fight	45	43	52	38
3. (Don't know)	16	15	12	23

20. Do you think most Senators are more interested in confirming a good judge or stopping people they disagree with? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Confirming a good judge	28%	35%	26%	20%
2. Stopping people they disagree with	47	42	54	48
3. (Combination)	14	12	13	20
4. (Not sure)	11	11	7	12

Questions 21 - 32 released separately

33. In general, whose political views do you think are more mainstream -- George W. Bush or Hillary Rodham Clinton? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Bush	42%	13%	75%	37%
2. Clinton	35	61	14	27
3. (Both)	3	3	1	9
4. (Neither)	10	13	4	16
5. (Don't know)	10	10	6	11

34. If you were taking a cross-country driving trip, which one of the following people would you most like to take along? (RANDOMIZE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. George W. Bush	24%	7%	47%	19%
2. Hillary Clinton	20	37	7	12
3. John McCain	15	13	14	22
4. Rudy Giuliani	15	7	21	18
5. John Kerry	5	12	1	2
6. Ted Kennedy	5	8	2	4
7. (All)	2	2	1	2
8. (Wouldn't go/None)	8	8	4	14
9. (Other)	2	1	2	3
10. (Don't know)	5	6	2	5

35. Who do you trust more to tell the public the truth: government officials or news reporters? (ROTATE)

	Government officials	News reporters	(Both/Same)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
26-27 Jul 05	18%	38	5	33	6

For reference: Who would you trust more to tell you the truth: a politician or a journalist?

	Politician	Journalist	(Same/Equal)	(Neither)	(DK)
15-16 Oct 97	6%	61	6	20	7
24-25 Apr 96*	9%	52	25	-	14

*"members of the news media"

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

1. Democrat	39%
2. Republican	37
3. (Independent)	17
4. (Other)	3
5. (Refused/Don't know)	3