



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 10-11, 2006, 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 (10-11 Jan 06)	42%	49	9
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (8-9 Nov 05)	36%	53	11
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9				
RECENT TREND							
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9
16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7	3-4 Mar 04	48%	44	8
30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7	18-19 Feb 04	48%	41	11
30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6	4-5 Feb 04	53%	41	6
29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8	21-22 Jan 04	53%	39	8
29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6	7-8 Jan 04	58%	31	11

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	39%	41	20
8-9 Nov 05	33%	47	20

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

4. What is your gut instinct about how things will go for the country in 2006? Do you feel like it is going to be a great year, a good year, an okay year or a bad year?

	Great	Good	Okay	Bad	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	7%	31	39	18	5

5. And what about for you and your family - do you feel like 2006 is going to be a great year, a good year, an okay year or a bad year?

	Great	Good	Okay	Bad	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	20%	45	25	6	3

6. What do you think is the most important issue for the federal government to address today? (DO NOT READ - ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	10-11 Jan 06	14-15 Jun 05	3-4 Oct 04 LV	24-25 Aug 04 LV
(War/Iraq/Saddam Hussein)	27%	25%	16%	20%
(Economy/Jobs/Unemployment)	16	13	27	30
(Health care/Prescription drugs)	12	9	10	14
(Education/Schools)	6	4	3	4
(Social Security/Medicare)	5	12	3	2
(Domestic issues/Take care of U.S.)	5	3	2	3
(Terrorism - not Iraq)	5	4	18	9
(Immigration)	3	na	na	na
(Defense/Military/Homeland/ National Security)	3	4	5	8
(Taxes)	2	2	1	1
(Family values/Morals)	2	na	na	na
(Balanced budget/Deficit)	2	3	1	2
(Ethics/Corruption in Government)	2	na	na	na
(Gas prices/Energy)	2	1	-	-
(Foreign affairs/Mideast-not Iraq)	1	2	1	1
(Environment/Energy)	1	2	1	1
(Gay marriage)	-	1	1	-
(Other)	4	10	6	2
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5	6	3

7. Do you trust Democrats or Republicans to do a better job handling that issue? (ROTATE)

	Trust Democrats	Trust Republicans	(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	40%	31	9	13	7
Democrats	79%	3	7	7	4
Republicans	7%	71	9	10	3
Independents	30%	23	11	22	14

8. Which party do you trust to do a better job protecting the country from terrorism, Democrats or Republicans? (ROTATE)

	Trust Democrats	Trust Republicans	(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	30%	43	11	9	7
Democrats	61%	15	11	7	6
Republicans	4%	83	8	4	1
Independents	18%	33	17	18	15

For reference: Which political party -- the Democrats or the Republicans -- do you think would do a better job on terrorism? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
18-19 Feb 04	29%	52	8	11
20-21 May 03	19%	53	14	14
8-9 Oct 02 LV	25%	51	10	14

9. President George W. Bush has nominated Samuel Alito to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. If you were voting on Samuel Alito's nomination, would you vote to confirm him or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
10-11 Jan 06	45%	30	25
Democrats	23%	52	25
Republicans	76%	7	17
Independents	39%	28	33

PAST TREND

13-14 Dec 05*	35%	27	38
8-9 Nov 05	46%	29	25

*December wording "Samuel Alito has been nominated to serve..."

Harriet Miers

25-26 Oct 05	35%	38	27
11-12 Oct 05	37%	32	31
John Roberts			
30-31 Aug 05	50%	26	24
26-27 Jul 05	51%	19	30

10. This year, do you think it is more likely that Democrats and Republicans in Congress will cooperate and compromise to solve problems, or fight and disagree and end up gridlocked? (ROTATE)

	Compromise	Gridlock	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	27%	64	9
Democrats	25%	67	8
Republicans	27%	64	9
Independents	29%	62	9

11. In general, which party, Democrats or Republicans, do you think is currently doing a better job reaching out and trying to cooperate with the other? (ROTATE)

	Democrats are	Republicans are	(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	27%	27	7	27	12
Democrats	52%	8	7	26	8
Republicans	6%	58	6	20	10
Independents	20%	16	8	37	19

12. 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 Win	Republicans Win	(No difference/ Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	44%	33	16	7
Democrats	80%	5	11	5
Republicans	9%	77	11	3
Independents	36%	21	28	15
27-28 Sep 05	40%	32	18	10

13. As of today, which one of the following issues will be the most important in deciding your vote for Congress this fall? (RANDOMIZE)

1. The economy	23%
2. Iraq	18
3. Health care	17
4. Ethics in Washington	12
5. Terrorism	11
6. Social Security	10
7. (Other)	5
8. (Not sure)	4

For reference: Of the following issues, which one will be the most important in deciding your vote for Congress this fall? (ROTATE)

	22-23 Oct 02 LV	8-9 Oct 02 LV
1. The economy	25%	30%
2. Terrorism	17	12
3. Social Security	11	11
4. Iraq	5	8
5. Health Care	13	11
6. Taxes	7	8
7. Education	14	12
8. (None/not sure)	8	8

14. 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	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	26%	34	36	4
Democrats	6%	62	29	3
Republicans	54%	6	38	2
Independents	18%	32	43	7

15. In general, do you think most elected officials in Washington make policy decisions or take actions as a direct result of money they receive from major campaign contributors?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	65%	21	14
Democrats	68%	19	13
Republicans	63%	22	15
Independents	64%	20	16

16. Which political party in Washington do you think is more corrupt, Democrats or Republicans? (ROTATE)

	Democrats are	Republicans are	(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	15%	33	40	4	8
Democrats	7%	58	25	2	7
Republicans	33%	13	42	5	6
Independents	5%	23	57	5	10

17. Do you think your own Congressional representative has ever taken money or things of value in return for voting a certain way?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	44%	33	23
Democrats	42%	35	24
Republicans	42%	38	19
Independents	48%	27	24

18. Have you heard or read about Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff's guilty plea on federal corruption charges?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	57%	40	3
Democrats	57%	42	1
Republicans	57%	38	5
Independents	54%	43	3

19. (If heard about Abramoff: n=509, ±4%) If an elected official from your state took a campaign contribution from Jack Abramoff or organizations that he represented, how much of a factor would that be in deciding whether to vote for him or her in the next election?

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor at all	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	44%	33	16	6
Democrats	54%	27	13	6
Republicans	31%	41	23	5
Independents	44%	32	16	8

20. (If heard about Abramoff: n=509, ±4%) Do you think elected officials who received contributions from Jack Abramoff or the organizations he represented should return the money, donate it to charity, or do you think it is okay to keep the money?

	Return it	Donate it	Keep it	(Depends)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	29%	56	7	3	5
Democrats	33%	58	4	2	3
Republicans	26%	55	11	4	4
Independents	29%	55	6	5	4

21. Who do you think is more at fault for the current corruption and bribery in Washington? (ROTATE)

	Elected officials	Lobbyists	(Both equal)	(Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	32%	25	33	1	9
Democrats	37%	21	30	1	11
Republicans	30%	30	31	2	8
Independents	29%	26	38	2	5

22. (If heard about Abramoff: n=509, ±4%) Do you think one political party is more closely tied than the other to lobbyist Jack Abramoff? If yes, which party?

	Yes, Democrats	Yes, Republicans	(Both/ Neither)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	5%	33	40	22
Democrats	3%	52	29	15
Republicans	7%	11	50	33
Independents	5%	35	44	16

23. Do you think the absence of a terrorist attack in the United States since 9/11 is more likely because U.S. security measures are working or no attacks were planned? (ROTATE)

	Measures working	No attacks planned	(Both)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	46%	22	20	12
Democrats	33%	30	22	15
Republicans	66%	16	14	4
Independents	39%	20	25	15

For reference: Do you think an absence of additional terrorist attacks in the United States is because the government security measures are working or because terrorist organizations are waiting and planning what to do?

	Working	Planning	(Other)	(Not sure)
9-10 Sep 03	32%	50	7	11
22-23 Apr 03	35%	44	9	12

24. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Congress passed the Patriot Act which, in part, gives federal officials wider authority to use wiretaps and other surveillance techniques. Some people say the Patriot Act is a necessary and effective tool in preventing terrorist attacks, while others say the act goes too far and could violate the civil liberties of average Americans. Which comes closer to your view -- overall, would you say the Patriot Act is a good thing for America or a bad thing for America?

	Good	Bad	(Mixed)	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	53%	30	13	4
Democrats	35%	45	15	5
Republicans	79%	12	6	2
Independents	48%	32	16	4

PAST TREND

14-15 Jun 05	57%	30	na	13
21-22 Apr 04	54%	28	11	7
29-30 Jul 03	55%	27	9	9

25. Do you think the Patriot Act has helped prevent terrorist attacks in the United States or not?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	59%	29	12
Democrats	44%	41	15
Republicans	81%	11	8
Independents	55%	32	12

PAST TREND

14-15 Jun 05	50%	35	15
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26. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose extending the Patriot Act when it comes up for renewal?

	Support	Oppose	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	57%	31	11
Democrats	40%	47	13
Republicans	85%	11	4
Independents	51%	34	14

PAST TREND

14-15 Jun 05*	56%	31	12
21-22 Apr 04**	53%	32	15

* "...which is scheduled to expire at the end of the year?"

** "...which is scheduled to expire in one year?"

27. Would you feel the United States would be more vulnerable to terrorism if the Patriot Act expired?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	57%	35	8
Democrats	41%	48	11
Republicans	79%	15	5
Independents	51%	43	6

28. Would you be willing to give up some of your personal freedom in order to reduce the threat of terrorism?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	61%	27	13
Democrats	53%	34	14
Republicans	74%	14	11
Independents	57%	33	10

PAST TREND

26-27 Jul 05	64%	21	15
8-9 Sep 02	61%	24	15
4-5 June 02	64%	21	15
17-18 Oct 01	71%	20	9
9-10 May 01	33%	40	27
7-8 Aug 96	60%	30	10

29. When you hear of government officials anonymously leaking top-secret national security information to the press, are you more inclined to think of the officials as patriots who are blowing the whistle because they think something illegal might be going on, or traitors who are leaking government secrets and possibly causing harm to the country? (ROTATE)

	Whistle-blowers	Traitors	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	27%	50	23
Democrats	34%	42	23
Republicans	20%	62	18
Independents	25%	49	26

30. Do you think the president should or should not have the power to authorize the National Security Agency to monitor electronic communications of suspected terrorists without getting warrants, even if one end of the communication is in the United States?

	Should	Should not	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	58%	36	6
Democrats	42%	53	5
Republicans	78%	16	5
Independents	57%	35	8

31. In an effort to identify terrorist activity, do you think the president should or should not have the power to authorize the National Security Agency to do computer searches of large numbers of international phone calls coming in and out of the United States without getting warrants?

	Should	Should not	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	60%	34	7
Democrats	42%	50	8
Republicans	80%	15	5
Independents	59%	34	7

32. How concerned are you that government efforts to track terrorists are harming the civil liberties of Americans?

SCALE: 1. Very concerned 2. Somewhat concerned 3. Not very concerned
4. Not at all concerned 5. (Not sure)

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	(Not sure)
10-11 Jan 06	29%	30	19	20	2
Democrats	40%	33	15	9	3
Republicans	17%	23	27	32	1
Independents	29%	32	16	21	2

33. Would you personally mind having the National Security Agency monitor an international telephone call of yours?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)	(Don't call overseas)
10-11 Jan 06	33%	60	3	3
Democrats	41%	52	2	5
Republicans	20%	75	2	2
Independents	40%	51	6	3

34. - 40. How concerned are you about each of the following? (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Very concerned 2. Somewhat concerned 3. Not very concerned
4. Not at all concerned 5. (Not sure)

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

	"Very" Concerned
Gas prices	66%
Decline of moral values	65%
Corruption in Washington	60%
Terrorist attacks	49%
U.S. political divisions	38%
Government monitoring	26%
Spread of bird flu	26%

	-- Concerned--			-- Not concerned --			(NS)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
Gas prices?							
10-11 Jan 06	89%	66	23	11	7	4	1
22-23 Jun 04	83%	54	29	17	10	7	-
Decline of moral values?							
10-11 Jan 06	85%	65	20	12	7	5	2
22-23 Jun 04	82%	59	23	16	8	8	2
Corruption in Washington?	91%	60	31	7	5	2	1

	-- Concerned--			-- Not concerned --			(NS)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvv	Not	
Terrorist attacks?							
10-11 Jan 06	84%	49	35	15	11	4	1
22-23 Jun 04	87%	53	34	12	9	3	1
28-29 Oct 03	80%	37	43	19	15	4	1
22-23 Apr 03	84%	44	40	15	12	3	1
29-30 Jan 03	91%	62	29	9	7	2	-
3-4 Dec 02	80%	40	40	18	14	4	2
22-23 Oct 02 LV	88%	53	35	11	8	3	1

Political divisions within the country?

10-11 Jan 06	73%	38	35	23	15	8	4
22-23 Jun 04*	71%	34	37	22	13	9	7

* "partisan divisions"

Government electronic monitoring programs?

	59%	26	33	39	21	18	2
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The spread of bird flu in the United States?

10-11 Jan 06	57%	26	31	43	28	15	2
11-12 Oct 05	63%	30	33	32	21	11	5

41. What are you most likely to do with the gifts you received this holiday season that you don't like?

1. Just keep them	36%
2. Return them for cash	7
3. Exchange for something else	16
4. Re-gift them	12
5. Sell them online	1
6. (Liked them all/didn't receive any)	24
7. (Don't know)	5

42. Just a guess -- how much weight do you think you gained over the holidays? (OPEN ENDED)

1. (None/Zero)	44%
2. (1 - 2 pounds)	12
3. (3 - 5 pounds)	27
4. (6 - 10 pounds)	11
5. (More than 10 pounds)	2
6. (Don't know/Refused)	4

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

1. Democrat	38%
2. Republican	33
3. (Independent)	22
4. (Other)	4
5. (Refused/Don't know)	2