



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 25-26, 2005 in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  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 (25-26 Jan 05)	50%	40	10
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (3-4 Aug 04)	44%	48	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	
2004 Average	49%	43	
2003 Average	59%	30	
2002 Average	72%	18	
2001 Average	69%	18	

RECENT TREND

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

2. Next week President George W. Bush will give his State of the Union address to the nation. What topic are you most interested in hearing the president talk about during his speech? OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ

(Iraq)	31%
(Social Security)	16
(Economy/Jobs)	14
(Terrorism/Security)	4
(Health care)	4
(Domestic affairs)	3
(Education)	2
(Moral values)	2
(Foreign Policy)	1
(Immigration)	1
(Medicare)	1
(Taxes)	1
(Middle East)	-
(Supreme Court)	-
(Other)	3
(Not sure)	17

3. Did you see or hear any of President George W. Bush's inauguration speech last week?

1. Yes	46%
2. No/(Not sure)	54

4. (If yes: n=418, ±5%) How would you rate President Bush's inauguration speech?

1. Excellent	26%
2. Good	35
3. Only fair	19
4. Poor	14
5. (Not sure)	6

5. In George W. Bush's inauguration speech he said, "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	Agree	Disagree	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	57%	33	10
Democrats	33%	55	12
Republicans	82%	11	7
Independents	59%	28	14

6. During last week's inauguration ceremony while George W. Bush was taking the oath of office, which one of the following people do you think was most likely to be daydreaming about taking the oath themselves four years from now? (RANDOMIZE)

1. Hillary Clinton	42%
2. John Kerry	13
3. John McCain	7
4. Rudy Giuliani	8
5. (All of the above)	11
6. (None)	6
7. (Not sure)	13

7. Iraq is scheduled to hold elections later this month. In your opinion, what percentage of Iraqi adults needs to vote in order for the election to be legitimate? OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ

- 1. (1-20%) 5%
- 2. (21-30%) 3
- 3. (31-40%) 6
- 4. (41-50%) 14
- 5. (51-60%) 18
- 6. (61-70%) 9
- 7. (71-80%) 12
- 8. (81-90%) 4
- 9. (Over 90%) 7
- 10. (Don't know) 21
- 11. (Same as U.S.) 1

8. How dangerous do you think it will be for the average Iraqi to go to the polls and vote in the upcoming election?

- 1. Very dangerous 65%
- 2. Somewhat dangerous 28
- 3. Not very dangerous 3
- 4. Not at all dangerous 2
- 5. (Not sure/refused) 3

9. In the recent 2004 presidential election in the United States approximately 61 percent of eligible voters cast ballots. If voters in the United States had to risk their lives to vote like voters in Iraq will have to do, what percentage of Americans do you think would vote?

- OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ
- 1. (1-20%) 25%
  - 2. (21-30%) 15
  - 3. (31-40%) 11
  - 4. (41-50%) 13
  - 5. (51-60%) 6
  - 6. (61-70%) 5
  - 7. (71-80%) 7
  - 8. (81-90%) 3
  - 9. (Over 90%) 4
  - 10. (Don't know) 11

10. If voting for president required putting your life at risk, do you think most people you know would still vote?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	45%	48	7
Democrats	39%	53	8
Republicans	50%	43	7
Independents	48%	45	7

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The Iraqi people are better off today because of the military action taken in Iraq by the U.S.-led coalition. Is that strongly or just somewhat (agree/disagree)?

SCALE: 1. Strongly agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree 4. Strongly disagree 5. (Not sure)

	---- Agree ----			--- Disagree ---			(NS)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	
25-26 Jan 05	59%	40	19	31	12	19	10
23-24 Mar 04	74%	48	26	17	9	8	9

12. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Setting up a democracy in Iraq will make the world safer from terrorism. Is that strongly or just somewhat (agree/disagree)?

SCALE: 1. Strongly agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree  
4. Strongly disagree 5. (Not sure)

	---- Agree ----			--- Disagree ---			(NS)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	
25-26 Jan 05	52%	32	20	39	14	25	8
23-24 Mar 04	53%	28	25	34	16	18	13

13. After the January 30 elections in Iraq, do you think the United States should start bringing some troops home or should U.S. troops stay until more stability is established?

SCALE: 1. Start bringing home 2. Stay until stabilized 3. (Bring all troops home now) 4. (Whatever Iraq needs) 5. (Not sure)

	Start bringing home	Stay til stable	(Bring all home now)	(Whatever) Iraq needs)	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	47%	46	na	2	6
22-23 Jun 04*	42%	44	7	2	5

\*Wording: "After the June 30 handover of power to the Iraqi interim government, do you..."

14. Senate Democrats have delayed the confirmation of Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state. Do you think the scrutiny of Rice's record is being done fairly and with sincere concern for the high-level office she will hold or do you think it is being done in a mean-spirited and partisan fashion in an effort to harm the Bush administration? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Being done fairly with sincere concern 2. Being done in a mean-spirited, partisan fashion 3. (Not sure)

	Fairly Sincere	Mean-spirited Partisan	(NS)
25-26 Jan 05	37%	43	20
Democrats	53%	24	23
Republicans	23%	63	15
Independents	37%	45	18

15. Do you think raising the reward for capturing Usama bin Laden from \$25 million to \$50 million dollars would help the U.S. capture the terrorist leader or not?

1. Yes 14%  
2. No 80  
3. (Not sure) 6

16. Which country do you think poses the greatest immediate danger to the United States? OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ

(North Korea)	26%
(Iran)	18
(Iraq)	11
(China)	8
(USA)	3
(Russia)	2
(Syria)	2
(Afghanistan)	2
(Saudi Arabia)	1
(Pakistan)	1
(Indonesia)	-
(Other)	3
(Not sure)	23

17. Do you think Iran currently has a nuclear weapons program?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	60%	23	18
28-29 Oct 03	57%	24	19

18. Do you think the United States should take military action to keep Iran from developing or trying to develop a nuclear weapons program?

1. Yes	41%
2. No	46
3. (Not sure)	13

19. (Among 586 non-retired respondents, ±4%) If the Social Security system remains unchanged, do you think there will be money in the system for you when you retire?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	41%	52	7
Age under 30	24%	68	8
30-45	27%	67	6
46-55	52%	41	7
56-64	67%	25	8

20. Which of the following options do you think poses the larger risk? (ROTATE)

1. Investing some of your Social Security contributions in mutual funds, which are subject to the fluctuations of the stock market or	35%
2. Leaving all of your Social Security funds in the system, which could run out of money and possibly not pay you full benefits	43
3. (Both equal)	11
4. (Neither)	6
5. (Not sure)	6

21. Some people would like to have more control over their Social Security savings and personally make investment decisions for a small portion of those funds, while other people would rather leave all of their Social Security contributions in the system and not make any investment decisions. Which comes closer to your view -- would you rather have more control over your Social Security funds, or prefer to leave the funds in the system?

1. More control over Social Security funds	52%
2. Prefer to leave funds in system	42
3. (Not sure)	6

22. Some people think individuals should be allowed to put a small portion of their Social Security contributions into a personal account, which could be invested in mutual funds. While the personal accounts would be subject to the fluctuations of the stock market, individuals would own the funds when they retire. Others think it is better to leave that money in the Social Security system so it could be used to help pay benefits when you retire. Which comes closer to your view?

1. People should be allowed to put a small portion of contributions into a personal account	44%
2. Leave all the money in the Social Security system	49
3. (Not sure)	7

23. Do you think the United States is ready to elect a woman president?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	56%	39	5
Democrats	63%	31	6
Republicans	48%	47	5
Independents	60%	37	3
Men	59%	34	6
Women	53%	43	4
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	51%	43	6

24. If your party nominated a woman for president, would you vote for her?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
25-26 Jan 05	61%	14	25
Democrats	76%	7	17
Republicans	48%	20	32
Independents	59%	15	26
Men	59%	15	25
Women	61%	14	25
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	55%	16	29