



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone February 8-9, 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 (8-9 Feb 05)	51%	43	7
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (3-4 Aug 04)	44%	48	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	

RECENT TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
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

2. In general, do you think George W. Bush is in touch with what is going on in the country, or not?

	In touch	Out of touch	(Not sure)
8-9 Feb 05	52%	44	4
30 Jun-1 Jul 03	68%	27	5

3. How do you feel about George W. Bush as a person -- would you say you like him or dislike him? Is that strongly or only somewhat?  
 SCALE: 1. Strongly like 2. Somewhat like 3. Somewhat dislike 4. Strongly dislike 5. (Neutral) 6. (Not sure)

	-----Like-----			-----Dislike-----				
	TOT	Strngly	Swht	TOT	Swht	Strngly	(Ntrl)	(NS)
8-9 Feb 05	60%	36	24	25	7	18	9	6
7-8 Jan 04	63%	37	26	20	8	12	11	6

4. How do you feel about the Bush administration's policies -- would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with them? Is that strongly or only somewhat?

SCALE: 1. Strongly satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Strongly dissatisfied 5. (Neutral) 6. (Not sure)

	---Satisfied---			---Dissatisfied---				
	TOT	Strngly	Swht	TOT	Swht	Strngly	(Ntrl)	(NS)
8-9 Feb 05	47%	24	23	45	11	34	6	3
7-8 Jan 04	55%	25	30	34	14	20	7	4

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of elected officials making references to God and religion at public events?

1. Approve 63%  
 2. Disapprove 28  
 3. (Not sure) 8

6. In your opinion, does George W. Bush talk about God and religion too often or not often enough?

1. Too often 28%  
 2. Not often enough 30  
 3. (About right amount) 30  
 4. (Not sure) 12

7. What percentage of your tax dollars do you think are wasted by the federal government? (OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ)

1. (None) 3%  
 2. (1-10%) 5  
 3. (11-20) 7  
 4. (21-30) 11  
 5. (31-40) 9  
 6. (41-50) 13  
 7. (51-60) 5  
 8. (61-70) 3  
 9. (71-80) 7  
 10. (81-90) 3  
 11. (91-100) 8  
 12. (Not sure) 26

8. Do you feel that you generally understand how the proposal to let people invest a portion of their Social Security contributions in personal or private accounts would work or do you feel that you need more information to understand the proposal?

1. Generally understand 37%  
 2. Need more information 59  
 3. (Not sure) 4

9. Which political party -- the Democrats or the Republicans -- do you trust more to handle Social Security today? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats	40%
2. Republicans	34
3. (Neither)	15
4. (Both)	3
5. (Not sure)	8

10. Based on what you know about the Social Security personal investment proposal, would you want the choice to invest a portion of your Social Security contributions in stocks or mutual funds?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
8-9 Feb 05	48%	40	12
Age under 30	58%	36	6
30-45	59%	32	9
46-55	54%	33	12
Age 55 and under	57%	33	10
Over age 55	34%	50	15

11. Do you think you would be better off or worse off if George W. Bush's plan for Social Security passes?

	Better Off	Worse Off	(No Difference)	(Not sure)
8-9 Feb 05	27%	41	14	17
Age under 30	40%	46	5	9
30-45	32%	39	7	22
46-55	33%	41	10	17
Age 55 and under	34%	41	8	18
Over age 55	18%	41	25	16

12. - 14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

SCALE: 1. Agree 2. Disagree 3. Not sure (RANDOMIZE)

	Agree	Disagree	(NS)
The Social Security system is in a state of crisis	57%	33	10
Americans today have a duty to reform Social Security so the system will be available for future generations	82%	11	7
If the Social Security system is left unchanged, the program will go bankrupt by the year 2042	51%	31	18

15. - 16. I am going to read some pairs of arguments that have been made for and against allowing workers to invest a portion of their Social Security contributions in private accounts. Please tell me which statement is closer to your opinion. The first pair of statements is . . . (ROTATE)

1. Allowing private investments will strengthen Social Security and lead to the long-term stability of the system; OR	42%
2. Allowing private investments will weaken Social Security and is a step toward dismantling the system.	39
3. (Not sure)	19

1. It is important enough to create private accounts that we should do it even if it leads to a larger federal deficit in

the short term; OR 33%

2. We should not be considering changes to the Social Security system that could lead to a larger federal deficit. 49

3. (Not sure) 18

Question 17 held for release

18. Do you think going to war with Iraq was the right thing for the United States to do or the wrong thing? Do you feel strongly or only somewhat that it was (right/wrong) to go to war with Iraq?

SCALE: 1. Strongly right 2. Somewhat right 3. Somewhat wrong 4. Strongly wrong 5. (Not sure)

	---- Right ----			----- Wrong -----			(Not sure)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwt	TOTAL	Smwt	Strngly	
8-9 Feb 05	46%	33	13	49%	10	39	5
Democrats	17%	11	6	77%	10	67	5
Republicans	79%	59	20	16%	9	7	6
Independents	42%	28	14	54%	12	42	4

Past Trend

22-23 Jun 04	50%	34	16	42%	11	31	8
4-5 May 04	50%	36	14	43%	10	33	7
6-7 Apr 04	50%	37	13	44%	10	34	6
3-4 Dec 03	55%	38	17	38%	13	25	7
14-15 Oct 03	58%	39	19	35%	12	23	7
9-10 Sep 03	62%	43	19	33%	12	21	5
29-30 Jul 03	65%	42	23	27%	10	17	8
30 Jun-1 Jul 03	65%	43	22	27%	9	18	8

19. Based on what is known about the January 30th Iraqi elections to date, do you think the elections were legitimate or not?

SCALE: 1. Legitimate 2. Not legitimate 3. (Too soon to tell) 4. (Not sure)

	Legitimate	Not Legit	(Too soon)	(NS)
8-9 Feb 05	67%	14	7	13
Democrats	55%	20	7	18
Republicans	81%	7	5	8
Independents	68%	14	9	9

20. Five years from now, do you think it is more likely that Iraq will have some form of a democracy or some form of a dictatorship?

	Democracy	Dictatorship	(Other)	(Not sure)
8-9 Feb 05	56%	28	2	14

For reference: Five years from now, do you think it is more likely that Iraq will have a freely elected government or that it will have some form of dictatorship?

	Freely elected	Dictatorship	(Other)	(Not sure)
22-23 Jun 04	34%	47	3	16

21. Do you think the Iraqi elections on January 30th justify U.S. involvement in Iraq over the past two years or not?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
8-9 Feb 05	46%	44	9
Democrats	24%	66	10
Republicans	74%	18	9
Independents	42%	52	6

22. Now that elections have been held in Iraq, how much longer do you think the United States should keep a significant number of troops there?

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Less than a year            | 26% |
| 2. One to two years            | 16  |
| 3. Two to four years           | 8   |
| 4. (As long as it takes)       | 26  |
| 5. (Bring all troops home now) | 17  |
| 6. (Not sure)                  | 7   |

23. Do you think most Iraqi citizens want U.S. troops to stay until things are more stabilized or do Iraqis want U.S. troops to leave immediately?

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|---------------|-----|
| 1. Stay       | 53% |
| 2. Leave      | 35  |
| 3. (Not sure) | 12  |