



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone March 14-15, 2006, 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 (14-15 Mar 06)	39%	51	11
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)		
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
Democrats	8%	84	8	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
Republicans	74%	16	9	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
Independents	36%	49	15	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
RECENT TREND				29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10	3-4 Mar 04	48%	44	8
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7				

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
Democrats	22%	62	16
Republicans	42%	41	17
Independents	23%	62	15

RECENT TREND

24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24
21-22 Apr 04	38%	42	20
20-21 May 03	33%	47	20

3. Some people say that George W. Bush is now what is often referred to as a lame duck president -- that is, he has lost a great deal of his power and effectiveness because he cannot be re-elected. Do you think this is true or not?

	Yes, he's now a lame duck president	No, he's still powerful & effective	(Don't know)
14-15 Mar 06	53%	42	6
Democrats	72%	23	5
Republicans	32%	62	5
Independents	50%	42	8

4. Which one of the following comes closest to what you want the outcome of the upcoming midterm congressional election to be?

SCALE: 1. Republicans keep control of both the House and Senate 2. Democrats win control of one house of Congress and the Republicans control the other 3. Democrats win control of both the House and Senate 4. (Don't know)

	Reps control both	Dems control one, Reps the other	Dems control both	(DK)
14-15 Mar 06	32%	26	31	11
Democrats	4%	29	63	5
Republicans	70%	18	5	7
Independents	22%	35	18	24

5. As of today, which one of the following is most likely to determine how you will vote in this November's congressional election?

SCALE: 1. The situation in Iraq 2. Federal spending and taxes 3. Local issues that public officials can affect 4. (All the same) 5. (None) 6. (Other) 7. (Won't vote) 8. (Don't know)

	Spending						(Won't vote)	(DK)
	Iraq	Taxes	Local	(All)	(None)	(Othr)		
14-15 Mar 06	26%	27	18	20	2	2	-	4
Democrats	35%	22	14	23	1	1	-	4
Republicans	20%	31	20	18	3	3	-	5
Independents	22%	30	19	18	6	2	-	3

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

	Trust		(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
	Democrats	Republicans			
14-15 Mar 06	30%	39	10	13	7
Democrats	66%	4	11	12	7
Republicans	4%	81	6	5	4
Independents	14%	35	15	27	9
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	33%	38	10	12	7
10-11 Jan 06	30%	43	11	9	7

Questions 7 - 22 being released separately

23. Which comes closer to your opinion? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. The United States should use the military to promote freedom and democracy around the world 2. The United States should not use its military around the world unless provoked or attacked by another country 3. (Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Use military to	Only if	(Depends)	(DK)
	promote democracy	provoked/attacked		
14-15 Mar 06	28%	58	10	4
Democrats	12%	75	10	3
Republicans	43%	41	11	5
Independents	32%	58	9	1

24. Do you agree or disagree with the sentiment that free nations are peaceful nations, and that every step toward freedom in the world makes the United States safer? Is that strongly or just somewhat (agree/disagree)?

	---- Agree ----			--- Disagree ---			(DK)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	
14-15 Mar 06	68%	39	29	26	13	13	5
Democrats	57%	25	32	36	20	16	7
Republicans	82%	55	27	15	7	8	3
Independents	69%	41	28	25	10	15	6

25. Do you think there will eventually be a free, stable government in Iraq, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
	14-15 Mar 06	34%	55
Democrats	20%	70	9
Republicans	51%	40	9
Independents	31%	53	17

26. 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. (Don't know)

	---- Agree ----			--- Disagree ---			(DK)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	
14-15 Mar 06	59%	39	20	32	12	20	9
Democrats	36%	16	20	55	20	35	10
Republicans	86%	66	20	9	3	6	5
Independents	54%	35	19	35	14	21	10
12-13 Jul 05	64%	43	21	27	11	16	10
25-26 Jan 05	59%	40	19	31	12	19	10
23-24 Mar 04	74%	48	26	17	9	8	9

27. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The United States and the world are safer today without Saddam Hussein in power. Is that strongly or just somewhat (agree/disagree)?

	---- Agree ----			--- Disagree ---			(DK)
	TOTAL	Strngly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strngly	
14-15 Mar 06	74%	56	18	24	10	14	2
Democrats	58%	35	23	38	17	21	3
Republicans	92%	77	15	7	4	3	1
Independents	67%	53	14	30	9	21	3
29-30 Mar 05	71%	47	24	24	9	15	5
18-19 Feb 04	75%	56	19	21	10	11	4
4-5 Feb 04	74%	50	24	22	10	12	4

28. Do you think the United States has the responsibility to stay in Iraq until a democratic government is established, even if it takes years, or doesn't it have that responsibility?

	Does	Does not	(Don't know)
14-15 Mar 06	44%	48	8
Democrats	28%	67	5
Republicans	61%	29	10
Independents	47%	45	8
18-19 Nov 03	58%	34	8

Now thinking about Iran...

29. Which one of the following do you think is the most likely outcome for the situation with Iran trying to obtain nuclear weapons?

1. Iran will be stopped from getting nuclear weapons through diplomatic solutions
2. Iran will be stopped from getting nuclear weapons through military action
3. Iran will eventually get nuclear weapons
4. (Don't know)

	--- Stopped through ---			Will get weapons	(DK)
	Diplomacy	Military			
14-15 Mar 06	22%	26	42	11	
Democrats	24%	19	45	12	
Republicans	21%	31	38	10	
Independents	23%	24	43	10	

30. - 32. If diplomacy fails, which of the following U.S. military actions would you support to stop Iran from getting nuclear weapons? Would you support [ITEM]?

SCALE: 1. Yes, would support 2. No, would not support 3. (Don't know)

Using only air strikes, but no ground troops?

	Yes	No	(DK)
14-15 Mar 06	54%	35	11
Democrats	51%	39	10
Republicans	60%	28	12
Independents	49%	40	11
24-25 Jan 06	51%	34	15

Using air strikes and ground troops?

	Yes	No	(DK)
14-15 Mar 06	42%	48	10
Democrats	27%	64	9
Republicans	60%	30	11
Independents	37%	53	9
24-25 Jan 06	46%	42	12

Using whatever military force is necessary?

14-15 Mar 06	50%	42	8
Democrats	39%	53	8
Republicans	63%	28	9
Independents	46%	48	6
24-25 Jan 06	59%	33	8

33. How likely do you think it is that the United States will be forced to take military action against Iran in the next year?

	--- Likely ---			--- Unlikely ---			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
14-15 Mar 06	57%	19	38	36	22	14	7
Democrats	53%	16	37	38	22	16	8
Republicans	61%	18	43	34	22	12	5
Independents	56%	26	30	37	22	15	7
30 Jun-1 Jul 03*	43%	14	29	40	27	13	17

\*"...United States will take military action..."

34. A company owned by the United Arab Emirates has agreed to give up a deal to run some ports in the United States. Do you think the United States is:

SCALE: 1. Safer today because an Arab country is not running some U.S. ports, or 2. Less safe because a relationship with an ally may be damaged?  
3. (Don't know)

	Safer	Less safe	(Don't know)
14-15 Mar 06	44%	33	23
Democrats	45%	35	20
Republicans	38%	38	23
Independents	50%	24	26

35. Which company would you trust more to run ports in the United States -- the Arab-owned Dubai Ports World or American-owned Halliburton? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Dubai Ports World 2. Halliburton 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	DPW	Halliburton	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
14-15 Mar 06	8%	62	4	15	11
Democrats	10%	57	4	21	9
Republicans	7%	71	3	8	11
Independents	9%	58	5	19	10

36. Do you think the United States gets more of its intelligence about terrorist activity from Arab allies or from Western allies?

	Arab	Western	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
14-15 Mar 06	22%	38	11	4	25
Democrats	19%	45	8	5	23
Republicans	28%	31	14	3	25
Independents	19%	39	12	4	25

#### POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

	Mar 14-15	Feb28 -Mar 1	Feb 7-8	Jan 24-25	Jan 10-11
1. Democrat	37%	43%	40%	43%	38%
2. Republican	36	33	36	36	33
3. (Independent)	20	18	19	17	22
4. (Other)	2	3	3	2	4
5. (Refused/Don't know)	4	3	2	2	2