



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone April 4-5, 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 (4-5 Apr 06)	36%	53	10
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (4-5 Apr 06, 8-9 Nov 05)	36%	53	10
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	Disapprove (DK)		Approve	Disapprove	Disapprove (DK)
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
Democrats	8%	84	8	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
Republicans	74%	15	10	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
Independents	30%	58	12	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
RECENT TREND				30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	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				

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	29%	51	20
Democrats	44%	36	20
Republicans	14%	69	16
Independents	26%	50	24
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	48	16
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	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	29%	53	18
Democrats	13%	74	12
Republicans	58%	23	19
Independents	18%	59	23
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	34%	53	13
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job your own representative is doing in the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	57%	21	22
Democrats	56%	22	22
Republicans	63%	18	19
Independents	52%	23	25

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

	4-5 Apr 06	10-11 Jan 06
1. The economy	20%	23%
2. Iraq	19	18
3. Health care	17	17
4. Immigration	13	na
5. Social Security	9	10
6. Terrorism	9	11
7. Ethics in Washington	6	12
8. (Other)	4	5
9. (Don't know)	4	4

6. Do you favor or oppose passing a law making English the official language of the United States?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	78%	16	6
Democrats	68%	23	8
Republicans	89%	8	3
Independents	79%	13	8
25-26 Apr 05	80%	15	5

7. In general, do you think immigrants who come to the United States today help the country and make it a better place to live or hurt the country and make it a worse place to live?

	Help	Hurt	(Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	42%	30	20	8
Democrats	45%	28	17	10
Republicans	39%	34	21	7
Independents	42%	30	22	5
14-15 Jan 03	38%	33	21	8

8. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	33%	55	11
Democrats	45%	43	11
Republicans	16%	77	7
Independents	38%	47	15

9. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to allow television coverage of sessions of the U.S. Supreme Court?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	70%	18	11
Democrats	75%	15	10
Republicans	65%	22	13
Independents	69%	20	12

10. How serious a problem do you believe the illegal immigration situation is in the United States today? Do you see it as a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious or not at all a serious problem?

	--Serious--			--Not Serious--			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
4-5 Apr 06	90%	60	30	9	6	3	1
Democrats	89%	58	31	10	6	4	2
Republicans	92%	65	27	7	4	3	2
Independents	87%	56	31	12	10	2	1
25-26 Apr 05*	91%	63	28	7	5	2	2

\*"...illegal or undocumented immigration situation..."

11. How serious a problem do you believe the illegal immigration situation is in your community?

	--Serious--			--Not Serious--			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
4-5 Apr 06	47%	23	24	50	26	24	3
Democrats	43%	22	21	54	28	26	3
Republicans	54%	28	26	44	25	19	2
Independents	44%	19	25	51	24	27	5

12. In dealing with the issue of illegal immigrants, do you think the United States should be more focused on:

1. Securing the borders and preventing illegal immigrants from entering the country, or on 2. Dealing with the millions of illegal immigrants who are already in the country? 3. (Combination/All) 4. (Don't know/Refused)

	Securing borders		Dealing w/ already here		(DK/Ref)
	(Combo/All)	(DK/Ref)	(Combo/All)	(DK/Ref)	
4-5 Apr 06	35%	24	36	5	
Democrats	34%	29	31	6	
Republicans	40%	20	38	2	
Independents	31%	21	42	6	

13. - 17. I'm going to read a list of possible concerns some people have expressed over illegal immigration. For each one, please tell me if you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned about it. (RANDOMIZE)

	-- Concerned --			--Not Concerned--			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
Change the culture of the country	54%	29	25	44	23	21	2
Democrats	50%	29	21	49	26	23	2
Republicans	61%	31	30	39	21	18	1
Independents	55%	28	27	43	21	22	2
Lead to an increase in crime	75%	39	36	24	14	10	1
Democrats	69%	36	33	30	18	12	1
Republicans	82%	43	39	18	9	9	1
Independents	76%	39	37	23	14	9	1
Lead to an increase in terrorism	66%	34	32	32	17	15	1
Democrats	62%	32	30	36	18	18	2
Republicans	75%	41	34	25	14	11	1
Independents	63%	30	33	36	17	19	1
Take jobs away from U.S. citizens	66%	37	29	34	19	15	1
Democrats	65%	41	24	34	20	14	1
Republicans	68%	32	36	31	17	14	-
Independents	61%	36	25	39	19	20	-
Overburden government programs and services	87%	61	26	11	5	6	2
Democrats	88%	56	32	10	5	5	2
Republicans	87%	66	21	11	4	7	1
Independents	85%	63	22	12	7	5	3

18. Overall, do you think illegal immigrants provide more benefits to the nation by doing work many U.S. citizens don't want to do, or do they cost the country more because they don't pay taxes and use public services like schools and emergency rooms?

	More benefits	More costs	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	22%	65	13
Democrats	26%	62	12
Republicans	16%	73	11
Independents	23%	60	18

19. Some people say that illegal immigrants are mainly doing low-paying jobs that U.S. citizens don't want. Other people say that illegal immigrants are taking jobs away from U.S. citizens. Which is closer to how you feel?

1. Doing jobs U.S. citizens don't want
2. Taking jobs away from U.S. citizens
3. (Combination/Depends)
4. (Don't know)

	Doing unwanted jobs	Taking jobs away	(Combo/Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	47%	34	16	3
Democrats	48%	36	14	3
Republicans	45%	34	18	3
Independents	49%	32	18	1

20. - 26. There have been several proposals regarding how to deal with the issue of illegal immigration. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Favor 2. Oppose 3. (Depends) 4. (Don't know)

\*\*\*\*\* SUMMARY CHART \*\*\*\*\*

	% Favor				
More federal agents along border	80%				
Fine employers who hire illegals	73%				
Allow temporary worker status	69%				
Send illegals back to home countries	57%				
Use U.S. military at border	55%				
Fence along Mexican border	50%				
Fence along Canadian border	36%				
		Favor	Oppose	(Dpn ds)	(DK)
Building a wall or security fence along the U.S.-Mexico border to stop illegal immigration?					
4-5 Apr 06	50%	43	3	4	
Democrats	49%	46	1	3	
Republicans	58%	36	2	3	
Independents	45%	45	4	5	
11-12 Oct 05*	51%	37	na	12	
<i>***...build a 2,000-mile-long security fence along..."</i>					
Building a wall or security fence along the U.S.-Canada border to stop illegal immigration?					
4-5 Apr 06	36%	57	3	5	
Democrats	37%	57	1	5	
Republicans	39%	53	3	4	
Independents	34%	57	3	5	
Increasing the number of federal agents patrolling the border to stop illegal immigration?					
4-5 Apr 06	80%	15	2	3	
Democrats	77%	18	2	2	
Republicans	83%	13	1	3	
Independents	81%	15	3	1	
Using the U.S. military to stop illegal immigrants at the borders?					
4-5 Apr 06	55%	38	3	4	
Democrats	56%	41	1	3	
Republicans	61%	32	3	3	
Independents	49%	40	7	4	
25-26 Apr 05	67%	24	na	9	
18-19 Jun 02	79%	15	na	6	
Imposing fines and criminal charges against employers who hire illegal immigrants?					
4-5 Apr 06	73%	19	4	4	
Democrats	69%	22	4	4	
Republicans	79%	15	3	3	
Independents	73%	16	5	5	
Trying to send as many illegal immigrants back to their home countries as possible?					
4-5 Apr 06	57%	31	7	5	
Democrats	54%	34	6	6	
Republicans	63%	27	7	3	
Independents	58%	28	11	3	

	Favor	Oppose	(Dpnds)	(DK)
Allowing illegal immigrants who have jobs in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status?				
4-5 Apr 06	69%	25	3	2
Democrats	71%	23	4	2
Republicans	69%	26	3	2
Independents	68%	27	3	2
25-26 Apr 05*	62%	31	na	7

*\*\*...illegal or undocumented..."*

27. Do you think it should be a requirement of those applying to become U.S. citizens that they speak English?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	77%	20	3
Democrats	73%	24	3
Republicans	81%	15	3
Independents	78%	20	1

28. Is it more important to you for illegal immigrants to learn English or to pay their fair share of taxes?

	Learn English	Pay taxes	(Both equal)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	12%	45	40	2	1
Democrats	12%	47	38	1	1
Republicans	13%	48	37	2	-
Independents	9%	38	48	4	2

29. Do you think most illegal immigrants have a greater allegiance to their home countries or to the United States?

	Home countries	U.S.	(Depends)	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	57%	18	11	14
Democrats	55%	19	10	16
Republicans	65%	18	8	9
Independents	54%	16	18	12

30. Do you think most illegal immigrants really want to become citizens or do you think they just want to make money in the United States and go home?

	Become U.S. citizens	Make money and go home	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	33%	51	16
Democrats	33%	53	14
Republicans	34%	54	12
Independents	31%	48	21

31. Do you think it is fair or unfair to grant rights to illegal immigrants while thousands of people wait each year to come to the United States legally?

	Fair	Unfair	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	12%	81	8
Democrats	15%	77	8
Republicans	9%	86	5
Independents	10%	80	11

32. Based on what you know, how common is it for people in your community to hire illegal immigrants to perform jobs such as childcare, house cleaning or lawn work? Is it very common, somewhat common, not very common or not at all common?

	--Common--			--Not Common--			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
4-5 Apr 06	50%	27	23	38	20	18	12
Democrats	51%	30	21	37	19	18	12
Republicans	49%	26	23	37	23	14	14
Independents	48%	23	25	43	17	26	10

33. Under current law, any child born in the United States is a citizen of the United States. If an illegal immigrant has a baby while living in the United States, do you think the child should automatically become a U.S. citizen or not?

	Yes, citizen	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	45%	49	6
Democrats	56%	37	7
Republicans	36%	59	5
Independents	41%	53	6

34. Which party do you think would do a better job handling the issue of immigration -- Democrats or Republicans?

	Democrats		Republicans		(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
	would	would	would	would			
4-5 Apr 06	34%	24	6	20	15		
Democrats	68%	6	4	10	12		
Republicans	7%	56	5	19	13		
Independents	19%	12	11	34	23		

Questions 35 - 41 being released separately

42. Which one of the following do you think is most likely to happen if the United States were to pull out of Iraq immediately?

SCALE: 1. Things would get better 2. Civil war would break out  
3. Iraq would become a haven for terrorists 4. (Don't know)

	Terrorist			
	Get better	Civil war	haven	(DK)
4-5 Apr 06	14%	41	32	13
Democrats	19%	43	21	16
Republicans	8%	39	46	7
Independents	12%	44	29	15

43. How confident are you in the ability of the United Nations to handle the situation with Iran?

SCALE: 1. Very confident 2. Somewhat confident 3. Not very confident  
4. Not at all confident 5. (Don't know)

	-- Confident --			-- Not confident --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
4-5 Apr 06	36%	8	28	59	25	34	5
24-25 Jan 06	46%	11	35	49	22	27	5

44. Do you think Iran is deliberately trying to provoke war with the United States?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	49%	37	14
Democrats	47%	38	15
Republicans	58%	27	15
Independents	45%	45	10

45. Ultimately, do you think the United States will end up in war with Iran or do you think the situation will be solved diplomatically?

SCALE: 1. End up in war 2. Situation will be solved diplomatically  
3. (Neither/Somewhere in between) 4. (Don't know)

	War	Diplomacy	(Nthr/Btwn)	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	36%	42	10	13
Democrats	37%	41	8	14
Republicans	36%	43	9	13
Independents	32%	47	11	10

46. If Iran backs terrorist attacks in the United States, do you think the United States should respond with large and aggressive military action, respond with more limited and specific targeted attacks, or should the U.S. try to negotiate to stop the terrorist attacks?

-- Military action --

	Large	Targeted	Negotiate	(Don't know)
4-5 Apr 06	32%	29	30	10
Democrats	22%	27	40	11
Republicans	43%	28	21	9
Independents	35%	32	24	8

#### POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

	Apr 4-5	Mar 14-15	Feb28 -Mar1	Feb 7-8	Jan 24-25	Jan 10-11
1. Democrat	39%	37%	43%	40%	43%	38%
2. Republican	34	36	33	36	36	33
3. (Independent)	23	20	18	19	17	22
4. (Other)	2	2	3	3	2	4
5. (Refused/Don't know)	2	4	3	2	2	2