



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

14 July 05

Polling was conducted by telephone July 12-13, 2005 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. - 3. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals. Please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone please just say so.

George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
12-13 Jul 05	48%	45	7	-	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-
RECENT TREND					3-4 Oct 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
14-15 Jun 05	52%	42	5	-	21-22 Sep 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
29-30 Mar 05	49%	43	7	1	7-8 Sep 04 LV	51%	43	6	-
1-2 Mar 05	54%	41	4	-	24-25 Aug 04 LV	50%	44	6	-
11-12 Jan 05	53%	41	6	-	3-4 Aug 04	47%	45	8	-
14-15 Dec 04	50%	43	7	-	20-21 Jul 04	50%	42	8	-
30-31 Oct 04	48%	47	5	-	22-23 Jun 04	52%	41	7	-
30-31 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5	-	8-9 Jun 04	52%	41	7	-
29-30 Oct 04	47%	46	7	-	4-5 May 04	50%	42	8	-
29-30 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7	-
28-29 Oct 04	47%	45	8	-	23-24 Mar 04	50%	43	7	-
28-29 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7	-	3-4 Mar 04	52%	40	8	-
27-28 Oct 04	49%	45	6	-	4-5 Feb 04	56%	37	7	-
27-28 Oct 04 LV	50%	44	6	-	21-22 Jan 04	54%	39	7	-

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Sandra Day O'Connor				
12-13 Jul 05	57%	11	20	11

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
William Rehnquist				
12-13 Jul 05	35%	16	29	20
14-15 Jun 05	30%	16	29	24
11-12 Jan 05	31%	17	30	22

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

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the government is doing to protect the country from terrorism?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
12-13 Jul 05	56%	33	11
11-12 Feb 03	71%	19	10

6. Overall, how much do you think the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court affect your life?

1. A lot	52%
2. Some, but not a lot	33
3. Not much	9
4. Not at all	3
5. (Not sure)	3

(RANDOMIZE 7-9)

7. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for a U.S. Senator to base his or her vote on a Supreme Court nominee solely on the nominee's political ideology -- that is, solely because the nominee is a conservative or a liberal?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	(Not sure)
12-13 Jul 05	19%	69	12

8. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for a U.S. Senator to base his or her vote on a Supreme Court nominee solely on the nominee's position on abortion?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	(Not sure)
12-13 Jul 05	20%	73	8
30 Jun -1 Jul 03	15%	72	13

9. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for a U.S. Senator to base his or her vote on a Supreme Court nominee solely on the nominee's position on affirmative action?

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	(Not sure)
12-13 Jul 05	18%	69	13

10. Justices to the U.S. Supreme Court are given lifetime appointments, which means it is completely up to the individual justice when he or she retires. Do you think justices should continue to be allowed to serve as long as they want, or should there be a mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court justices?

1. Should serve as long as they want	28%
2. Should be a mandatory retirement age	66
3. (Not sure)	6

11. When a Supreme Court justice retires, do you think the president has an obligation to replace the retiring justice with another justice with similar legal and political views?

1. Yes	25%
2. No	67
3. (Not sure)	8

12. Do you think President Bush has an obligation to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with another woman?

1. Yes	28%
2. No	65
3. (Not sure)	7

13. When President Bush nominates the next justice to the U.S. Supreme Court, do you want him to nominate someone who is more of a (liberal) or someone who is more of a (conservative) [ROTATE]?

1. A liberal	25%
2. A conservative	39
3. (Not consider ideology)	8
4. (Nominate a moderate)	12
5. (Not sure)	16

14. Regardless of how you usually vote, which political party do you think is more likely to play politics with the Supreme Court justice nomination process? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats	33%
2. Republicans	27
3. (Both)	26
4. (Neither)	3
5. (Not sure)	11

15. If Senate Democrats strongly oppose the person President Bush nominates to be the next Supreme Court justice, do you think they should:

1. Allow an up or down vote on the nominee, even if they might lose, or	51%
2. Draw out the debate to prevent a vote and keep the nominee from being confirmed?	24
3. (Not sure)	26

16. If the person President Bush nominates to the U.S. Supreme Court is a well-qualified strong conservative, do you think Senate Democrats should vote to confirm the nominee?

1. Yes	62%
2. No	22
3. (Not sure)	16

17. Who do you think should have the strongest voice in selecting Supreme Court justices -- the president or the U.S. Senate? (ROTATE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. President	31%	14%	56%	25%
2. Senate	37	56	19	37
3. (Both)	24	23	21	29
4. (Not sure)	7	7	4	9

18. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The U.S. Supreme Court has no right to make laws, only elected officials can make laws.

1. Agree	57%
2. Disagree	33
3. (Not sure)	10

19. Is it more important to you that the next Supreme Court justice have (the right expertise and ability) or (the right political point of view)? (ROTATE)

1. Expertise and ability	62%
2. Political point of view	10
3. (Both)	20
4. (Neither)	2
5. (Not sure)	6

20. If a court order requires a journalist to either reveal the name of a confidential source as part of a criminal case or possibly be sent to jail, what do you think the journalist should do -- keep the promise even if it means going to jail or obey the court order and reveal the source's name?

1. Keep the promise and go to jail	47%
2. Obey the court and reveal the source	35
3. (Not sure)	17

21. Which of the following comes closest to your view? (ROTATE)
1. The London bombings show the Iraq war is a diversion from the war on terrorism making the nations fighting there less safe, or 26%
 2. The London bombings show it is necessary to fight the war against the terrorists in Iraq and everywhere else? 56
 3. (Not sure) 18

22. Do you think the recent terrorist attacks in London were caused more by Britain's involvement in the Iraq war or more by Britain's support of freedom and democracy in general?

1. Involvement in Iraq war 32%
2. Support of freedom and democracy 38
3. (Both) 12
4. (Other reason) 5
5. (Not sure) 13

23. Given the terrorist attacks in London, do you think the British are more or less likely to support the war in the Iraq?

1. More likely 62%
2. Less likely 20
3. (No difference) 8
4. (Not sure) 10

24. Do you think the United States is safer or less safe today than before 9/11?

	Safer	Less Safe	(Same)	(Not sure)
12-13 Jul 05	48%	34	14	4
3-4 Aug 04	52%	28	15	5
3-4 Mar 04	58%	23	15	4

25. Do you think the next major terrorist attack is more likely to take place in the United States or in another country?

1. United States 31%
2. Another country 44
3. (Not sure) 25

26. How likely do you think it is that another terrorist attack causing large numbers of American lives to be lost will happen in the near future?
SCALE: 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not very likely 4. Not likely at all 5. (Not sure)

	--- Likely ---			- Unlikely -			(Not sure)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
12-13 Jul 05	75%	33	42	17	12	5	8
22-23 Apr 03	66%	23	43	29	24	5	5
25-26 Mar 03	75%	29	46	21	17	4	4
25-26 Feb 03	81%	38	43	14	11	3	5
29-30 Jan 03	77%	31	46	17	13	4	6

27. How safe do you think public transportation systems are in the United States?

1. Very safe 16%
2. Somewhat safe 48
3. Not very safe 19
4. Not at all safe 11
5. (Not sure) 5

28. Do you think public transportation systems in the United States are safer or less safe than those in Britain?

- 1. Safer 30%
- 2. Less safe 22
- 3. (Same) 24
- 4. (Not sure) 24

29. As a result of the London bombings, will you change the way you lead your everyday life?

- 1. Yes, a lot 4%
- 2. Yes, a little 6
- 3. No 87
- 4. (Not sure) 2

30. If the United States gets hit by another major terrorist attack, do you think it will strengthen the nation's resolve to be even tougher in going after terrorists and nations harboring terrorists or do you think it will hurt the nation's resolve and Americans will back down?

- 1. Be even tougher 81%
- 2. Back down 7
- 3. (Not sure) 11

31. 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	
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

32. Do you think U.S. troops should stay in Iraq only for a specified length of time or should troops stay as long as it takes to establish a stable, free government in Iraq?

1. Specified length of time 2. As long as it takes 3. (Not sure)

	Specified length	Long as it takes	(Not sure)
14-15 Jul 05	40%	51	9
21-22 Apr 04	39%	55	6

33. In general, do you think most Iraqi people are glad that the United States removed Saddam Hussein from power or do they wish the United States troops had stayed home?

	Glad U.S. removed Saddam	Wish U.S. troops stayed home	(Not sure)
14-15 Jul 05	66%	20	13
21-22 Apr 04	69%	18	13
9-10 Sep 03	65%	20	15

34. - 36. Generally speaking, do you think news reports about (insert items) have been: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. More likely to focus on the negative and leave out the positive, or

2. More likely to focus on the positive and leave out the negative?

3. (Balanced/Neither) 4. (Depends) 5. (Not sure)

--- Focus on ---

	Negative	Positive	(Nthr)	(Dpnds)	(NS)
The U.S. economy	46%	30	11	4	9
The Bush administration	45%	31	11	6	7
U.S. military operations in Iraq					
12-13 Jul 05	51%	27	10	4	7
18-19 May 04	70%	11	7	8	4
14-15 Oct 03	60%	19	8	9	4

For reference (29-30 Mar 05): Overall, do you think recent news coverage (insert item) has been balanced or one-sided? (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Balanced 2. One-sided, too positive 3. One-sided, too negative 4. (Not sure)

--- One-sided ---

	Balanced	Too positive	Too negative	(NS)
On U.S. military operations in Iraq	39%	12	34	15
Of George W. Bush	41%	18	29	12

37. Are you more concerned about (surviving a future terrorist attack) or (having enough money in your retirement savings)? ROTATE

1. Surviving a future terrorist attack	24%
2. Having enough money in retirement savings	59
3. (Not sure)	17

38. Where do you think is the safest place to put your long-term investment funds today?

	12-13 Jul 05	24-25 Sep 02
1. A government or company pension plan	7%	11%
2. A 401K or similar private savings plan	22	20
3. Real estate	21	23
4. Stocks	7	6
5. Bonds	4	8
6. Savings accounts	9	10
7. Other	12	11
8. (Not sure)	18	11

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

1. Democrat	38%
2. Republican	35
3. (Independent)	20
4. (Other)	2
5. (Refused/Don't know)	4