



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

1 September 05

Polling was conducted by telephone August 30-31, 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. - 9. 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.

***** SUMMARY CHART *****

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
John McCain	57%	15	18	10
Hillary Clinton	50%	40	9	1
George W. Bush	47%	45	8	1
Ted Kennedy	43%	42	13	2
John Roberts	32%	12	26	30
Orrin Hatch	27%	18	27	28
Joe Biden	19%	16	27	37
Arlen Specter	17%	19	27	37
Patrick Leahy	14%	17	28	41

George W. Bush

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30-31 Aug 05	47%	45	8	1	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-
RECENT TREND					3-4 Oct 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
12-13 Jul 05	48%	45	7	-	21-22 Sep 04 LV	52%	43	5	-
14-15 Jun 05	52%	42	5	-	7-8 Sep 04 LV	51%	43	6	-
29-30 Mar 05	49%	43	7	1	24-25 Aug 04 LV	50%	44	6	-
1-2 Mar 05	54%	41	4	-	3-4 Aug 04	47%	45	8	-
11-12 Jan 05	53%	41	6	-	20-21 Jul 04	50%	42	8	-
14-15 Dec 04	50%	43	7	-	22-23 Jun 04	52%	41	7	-
30-31 Oct 04	48%	47	5	-	8-9 Jun 04	52%	41	7	-
30-31 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5	-	4-5 May 04	50%	42	8	-
29-30 Oct 04	47%	46	7	-	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7	-
29-30 Oct 04 LV	49%	45	6	-	23-24 Mar 04	50%	43	7	-
28-29 Oct 04	47%	45	8	-	3-4 Mar 04	52%	40	8	-
28-29 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7	-	4-5 Feb 04	56%	37	7	-
27-28 Oct 04	49%	45	6	-	21-22 Jan 04	54%	39	7	-
27-28 Oct 04 LV	50%	44	6	-					

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John McCain									
30-31 Aug 05	57%	15	18	10	12-13 Jan 00	45%	13	22	20
24-25 Aug 04 LV	57%	16	19	8	6-7 Dec 99	41%	11	18	30
6-7 Jun 01	57%	18	18	7	17-18 Nov 99	33%	10	19	38
28-29 Mar 01	54%	17	22	7	3-4 Nov 99	30%	12	23	35
8-9 Mar 00	50%	28	17	5	20-21 Oct 99	34%	12	19	35
23-24 Feb 00	57%	19	19	5	2-3 Jun 99	25%	8	17	50
9-10 Feb 00	54%	15	20	11	20-21 May 98	18%	8	19	55
26-27 Jan 00	42%	17	22	19					

Hillary Clinton									
30-31 Aug 05	50%	40	9	1					
RECENT TREND									
14-15 Jun 05	52%	37	10	1	17-18 Dec 02	47%	45	8	-
25-26 Apr 05	47%	45	8	-	14-15 Nov 01	44%	44	11	1
20-21 Jul 04	44%	44	11	1	18-19 Apr 01	42%	49	9	-
21-22 Jan 04	47%	44	9	-	14-15 Mar 01	39%	51	10	-
17-18 Jun 03	44%	47	9	-	21-22 Feb 01	44%	46	10	-
3-4 Jun 03	44%	47	8	1	10-11 Jan 01	52%	38	10	-

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Joe Biden	19%	16	27	37

Orrin Hatch				
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6-7 Dec 99	19%	27	22	32

Ted Kennedy				
30-31 Aug 05	43%	42	13	2
21-22 Jan 04	42%	44	12	2
23-24 Sep 03	42%	42	13	3

Patrick Leahy	14%	17	28	41
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10. 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 (30-31 Aug 05)	45%	50	5
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (3-4 Aug 04)	44%	48	8

First-Term Average	61%	29	
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	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5				
RECENT TREND							
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10

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

11. - 13. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing on the following issues?

SCALE: 1. Approve 2. Disapprove 3. (Don't know)

Terrorism

	Approve	Disapprove (DK)		Approve	Disapprove (DK)		
30-31 Aug 05	53%	40	6	3-4 Dec 02	66%	22	12
3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	41	6	22-23 Oct 02 LV	67%	22	11
22-23 Jun 04	52%	40	8	24-25 Sep 02	70%	23	7
7-8 Jan 04	67%	24	9	23-24 Jul 02	77%	17	6
18-19 Nov 03	57%	34	9	4-5 Jun 02	73%	18	9
9-10 Sep 03	65%	29	6	30 Apr-1 May 02	78%	16	6
20-21 May 03	73%	19	8	12-13 Mar 02	84%	9	7
29-30 Jan 03	72%	20	8	9-10 Jan 02	89%	6	5

Handling the situation in Iraq

	Approve	Disapprove (DK)		Approve	Disapprove (DK)		
30-31 Aug 05	41%	55	4	29-30 Jul 03	58%	32	10
11-12 Jan 05	44%	51	5	15-16 Jul 03	57%	35	8
3-4 Oct 04 LV	45%	50	5	30 Jun-1 Jul 03	60%	30	10
22-23 Jun 04	45%	49	6	22-23 Apr 03	71%	22	7
7-8 Jan 04	57%	35	8	8-9 Apr 03	75%	19	6
18-19 Nov 03	46%	48	6	25-26 Mar 03	69%	23	8
9-10 Sep 03	54%	38	8	11-12 Feb 03	50%	38	12

The economy

	Approve	Disapprove (DK)		Approve	Disapprove (DK)		
30-31 Aug 05	38%	55	6	29-30 Jan 03	42%	48	10
11-12 Jan 05	46%	46	8	3-4 Dec 02	47%	40	13
3-4 Oct 04 LV	45%	49	6	22-23 Oct 02 LV	48%	42	10
22-23 Jun 04	46%	49	5	24-25 Sep 02	52%	36	12
7-8 Jan 04	50%	42	8	23-24 Jul 02	55%	37	8
18-19 Nov 03	43%	51	6	4-5 Jun 02	62%	28	10
9-10 Sep 03	47%	46	7	30 Apr-1 May 02	64%	29	7
15-16 Jul 03	47%	44	9	9-10 Jan 02	59%	27	14
20-21 May 03	45%	45	10	6-7 Jun 01	52%	29	19
8-9 Apr 03	48%	40	12	28-29 Mar 01	52%	27	21

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

	Approve	Disapprove (DK)	Dis
30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
RECENT TREND			
29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24
21-22 Apr 04	38%	42	20
20-21 May 03	33%	47	20

15. Would you say you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the U.S. economy right now? (If optimistic/pessimistic, is that strongly or only somewhat?)

	--- OPTIMISTIC ---			--- PESSIMISTIC ---			(Neither/ Don't Know)
	TOTAL	Strgly	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Strgly	
30-31 Aug 05	43%	22	21	50	23	27	7
Democrats	31%	16	15	64	27	37	7
Republicans	61%	32	29	32	18	14	8
Independents	40%	22	18	58	28	30	3
24-25 Aug 04 LV	53%	27	26	40	19	21	7
8-9 Jun 04	55%	26	29	38	19	19	7
3-4 Mar 04	57%	25	32	36	22	14	7
9-10 Sep 03	56%	24	32	37	17	20	7
29-30 Jul 03	60%	22	38	33	20	13	7
6-7 May 03	58%	25	33	35	17	18	7
25-26 Mar 03	55%	21	34	36	20	16	9
11-12 Feb 03	40%	15	25	52	27	25	8
3-4 Dec 02	51%	20	31	41	28	13	8
26-27 Feb 02	66%	31	35	28	18	10	6
12-13 Dec 01	71%	33	38	24	16	8	5
3-4 Oct 01	71%	34	37	23	16	7	6
25-26 Jul 01	55%	22	33	37	22	15	8

16. Who do you want to win next year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE) (the Democrats) or (the Republicans)?

1. Democrats	38%
2. Republicans	35
3. (Neither)	6
4. (Not sure)	21

17. If John Kerry had won last year's presidential election, do you think he would be doing a better job or worse job than George W. Bush on handling the situation in Iraq?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Better	37%	69%	6%	35%
2. Worse	38	7	73	33
3. (Same)	9	8	9	12
4. (Not sure)	16	16	12	20

18. What about on the economy -- do you think John Kerry would be doing a better job or worse job than George W. Bush on handling the economy?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Better	40%	71%	11%	36%
2. Worse	31	6	61	25
3. (Same)	10	9	11	11
4. (Not sure)	18	14	17	27

19. Which of the following comes closest to your view of how the Constitution should be interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court? (ROTATE CHOICES)

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| 1. Judges should base their rulings on what they believe the Constitution's framers meant when it was originally written | 47% |
| 2. Judges should base their rulings on what they believe the Constitution means in today's world | 36 |
| 3. (In between/Combination) | 10 |
| 4. (Not sure) | 8 |

20. President George W. Bush has nominated John Roberts to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. If you were voting on John Roberts' nomination, would you vote to confirm him or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
30-31 Aug 05	50%	26	24
Democrats	28%	46	26
Republicans	74%	7	18
Independents	51%	21	28
26-27 Jul 05	51%	19	30

21. Do you think the scrutiny of John Roberts' record is being done fairly and with sincere concern for the position he has been nominated to hold or do you think it is being done unfairly and in a partisan fashion? (ROTATE)

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| 1. Being done fairly and with sincere concern | 29% |
| 2. Being done unfairly and in a partisan fashion | 41 |
| 3. (Not sure) | 31 |

22. Do you think John Roberts' religious beliefs should or should not be something Senators consider when deciding whether to confirm him?

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| 1. Should | 22% |
| 2. Should not | 61 |
| 3. (Not sure) | 17 |

23. John Roberts is a practicing Catholic. Knowing this, are you more likely or less likely to support his confirmation?

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| 1. More likely | 21% |
| 2. Less likely | 13 |
| 3. (No difference) | 57 |
| 4. (Not sure) | 9 |

24. How do you think things are going for U.S. troops in Iraq -- would you say things are going better than expected, as well as can be expected, or worse than expected?

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| 1. Better than expected | 8% |
| 2. As well as can be expected | 35 |
| 3. Worse than expected | 52 |
| 4. (Mixed) | 3 |
| 5. (Not sure) | 2 |

25. In the long run, how do you think the situation with Iraq will turn out for the United States -- will the situation turn out well or badly?

	Turn out well	Turn out badly	(Mixed)	(Not sure)
30-31 Aug 05	33%	46	12	10
23-24 Sep 03	44%	34	9	13

26. What do you want U.S. troops in Iraq to do -- do you want them to leave Iraq and come home now or do you want them to stay in Iraq and finish the job?

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| 1. Come home now | 33% |
| 2. Finish the job | 58 |
| 3. (Not sure) | 9 |

27. If U.S. troops left Iraq now, who do you think would have won the war: the U.S. and its allies or the Iraqi insurgents and terrorists?

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| 1. U.S. and its allies | 19% |
| 2. Iraqi insurgents and terrorists | 48 |
| 3. (Neither) | 18 |
| 4. (Not sure) | 15 |

28. If elected president, who do you think would do a better job handling a situation similar to Iraq: (Hillary Clinton) or (John McCain)? (ROTATE)

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| 1. Clinton | 30% |
| 2. McCain | 44 |
| 3. (Both the same) | 3 |
| 4. (Neither) | 10 |
| 5. (Not sure) | 14 |

29. Cindy Sheehan, the mother who started the anti-war protest outside George W. Bush's ranch, met with the president last year after her son was killed in Iraq. She has since requested another meeting. Do you think Sheehan has a legitimate reason for requesting another meeting with President Bush, or do you think she is just trying to get publicity for anti-war demonstrators?

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| 1. Legitimate reason for requesting another meeting | 39% |
| 2. Trying to get publicity for anti-war demonstrators | 46 |
| 3. (Both) | 5 |
| 4. (Not sure) | 10 |

30. Overall, do you think most families of U.S. soldiers who are serving or have served in Iraq agree or disagree with Cindy Sheehan?

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| 1. Agree | 25% |
| 2. Disagree | 49 |
| 3. (Not sure) | 26 |

Questions 31 - 34 held for release

35. Six months from now, do you think gas prices will be higher, lower or about the same as they are today?

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| 1. Higher | 67% |
| 2. Lower | 14 |
| 3. Same | 15 |
| 4. (Not sure) | 4 |

36. To deal with higher gas prices, have you and your family been more likely to cut back on driving or more likely to cut back on other spending?

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| 1. Driving | 42% |
| 2. Other spending | 17 |
| 3. (Both) | 20 |
| 4. (Neither/Haven't cut back) | 19 |
| 5. (Not sure) | 3 |

37. Who do you think is most to blame for rising gasoline prices? (OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ)

	30-31 Aug 05	8-9 Jun 04	9-10 May 01
(The president/Bush administration)	23%	22%	9%
(Domestic oil producers/Big oil companies)	20	25	32
(OPEC/Middle East)	12	25	19
(Congress)	4	2	6
(Consumers/Inefficient cars/SUV drivers)	2	5	8
(Hurricane/Katrina)	2	na	na
(Clinton administration)	na	na	3
(Environment)	na	na	1
(Combination/All)	15	na	na
(Other)	5	4	1
(Not sure)	17	17	21

38. Have higher gas prices made you more likely to consider buying a hybrid car - that is, a car that is powered by both gasoline and electricity?

1. Yes, more likely to consider	37%
2. No, no more likely to consider	58
3. (Not sure)	5

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

1. Democrat	41%
2. Republican	39
3. (Independent)	15
4. (Other)	2
5. (Refused/Don't know)	2