



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

15 September 05

Polling was conducted by telephone September 13-14, 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 (13-14 Sep 05)	41%	51	8
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (13-14 Sep 05)	41%	51	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	

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

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

	Dis	Dis	DK
	Approve	approve	(DK)
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
RECENT TREND			
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. Which one of the following do you think should be the top domestic priority for President Bush right now? (RANDOMIZE)

1. Hurricane relief	27%
2. The economy	17
3. Homeland security	14
4. Gas prices	10
5. Health care	9
6. Social Security	8
7. Education	5
8. (Something else)	5
9. (Don't know)	4

4. Are you more concerned about a terrorist attack or a natural disaster happening in your area? (ROTATE)

1. Terrorist attack	34%
2. Natural disaster	36
3. (Both)	8
4. (Neither)	21
5. (Don't know)	1

5. Which type of natural disaster would be the most likely to keep you from living in a certain area of the country?

1. Earthquakes	26%
2. Floods	12
3. Hurricanes	33
4. Tornadoes	14
5. (None)	10
6. (Don't know)	5

6. Do you think Hurricane Katrina will ultimately make the country stronger or not?

1. Yes	61%
2. No	29
3. (Don't know)	10

7. Who do you hold more responsible for the problems responding to Hurricane Katrina -- the state and local governments in the affected areas or the federal government? (ROTATE)

1. State and local governments	42%
2. Federal government	29
3. (Both)	19
4. (Neither)	6
5. (Don't know)	5

8. - 10. How well prepared do you think [insert item] is/are if a disaster were to happen in your state/area?

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

	--- Prepared ---			-- Unprepared --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
Your state government	62%	18	44	29	18	11	9
Your local authorities	62%	22	40	30	17	13	8
You and your family	71%	29	42	26	15	11	2

For reference:

How well prepared do you think your local authorities are to handle a terrorist attack in your area?

	--- Prepared ---			-- Unprepared --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
8-9 Sep 02	58%	17	41	31	18	13	11
9-10 Jul 02	57%	16	41	35	20	15	8

How well prepared would you say you and your family are if a chemical or biological attack were to happen in your area?

	--- Prepared ---			-- Unprepared --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
12-13 Aug 03	22%	6	16	75	30	45	3
19-20 Nov 02	14%	3	11	83	30	53	3

11. Who would you trust more to help you in the event of a disaster: your local leaders, your state's governor or the president?

1. Local leaders	52%
2. My governor	16
3. The president	10
4. (All equal)	8
5. (None)	10
6. (Don't know)	3

12. Do you feel like Americans are pulling together in response to Hurricane Katrina more or less than they have for previous disasters?

1. More	71%
2. Less	10
3. (About the same)	16
4. (Don't know)	3

13. During a mandatory evacuation, do you think people should be forced to leave their homes or should they be allowed to stay no matter what?

1. Should be forced to leave	57%
2. Should be allowed to stay no matter what	25
3. (Depends on disaster)	13
4. (Don't know)	4

14. If you learned about a potential natural disaster one or two days in advance, do you think you would be more likely to evacuate or more likely to stay put?

1. Evacuate	83%
2. Stay	5
3. (Depends on disaster)	11
4. (Don't know)	1

15. - 17. Have you personally done any of the following because of Hurricane Katrina?

SCALE: 1. Yes 2. No 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(DK)
Donated money to relief organizations	73%	27	1
Said a prayer for the victims and their families	86%	13	-
Taken steps since the hurricane to prepare your family and home for an emergency	39%	61	1

For reference (14-15 Jan 05): Have you personally done any of the following because of the recent tsunami disaster in Asia?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
Donated money to relief organizations?	51%	48	1
Said a prayer for the victims and their families?	86%	14	-

18. How confident are you that the Hurricane Katrina charity funds are being used properly and the money is reaching those in need?

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	
13-14 Sep 05	68%	21	47	25	17	8	7
12-13 Feb 02*	52%	11	41	43	30	13	5

\*"How confident are you that September 11 charity funds are being used..."

19. In the future, do you think the city of New Orleans will be better than it was, the same as it was or worse than it was?

1. Better than it was	56%
2. Same as it was	17
3. Worse than it was	16
4. (Not sure)	11

20. Do you believe natural disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes and earthquakes are messages from a higher being or not?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
13-14 Sep 05	40%	51	8
14-15 Jan 05	38%	53	9

21. In your opinion, are storm and weather-related disasters becoming worse or is the media just making it seem that way?

SCALE: 1. Weather is getting worse 2. Media just make it seem that way 3. (Don't know)

	Worse	Media	(DK)
13-14 Sep 05	52%	41	7
5-6 Feb 97	40%	50	9

22. Which do you think was more likely the cause of Hurricane Katrina's extraordinary strength -- global warming or a random act of nature? (ROTATE)

1. Global warming	22%
2. Random act of nature	56
3. (Both equally)	11
4. (Don't know)	10

23. What do you think will have a greater long-term affect on the country as a whole -- Hurricane Katrina or 9/11? (ROTATE)

1. Hurricane Katrina	28%
2. 9/11	46
3. (Both equally)	21

4. (Don't know) 4

24. Do you think Sen. Hillary Clinton's call for a commission to investigate the government's response to Hurricane Katrina is better described as a politically motivated request intended to criticize President Bush or as a sincere request to determine what happened? (ROTATE)

1. Politically motivated	46%
2. Sincere request	32
3. (Mix of both)	13
4. (Neither)	2
5. (Don't know)	7

25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The country needs more leaders getting things done and fewer independent commissions studying what should have been done."

1. Agree	75%
2. Disagree	10
3. (Don't know)	15

26. So far, which political party do you think is trying to use the hurricane to their political advantage -- the Democrats or the Republicans? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats	40%
2. Republicans	15
3. (Both)	22
4. (Neither)	12
5. (Don't know)	11

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the job news organizations are doing covering Hurricane Katrina?

1. Approve	67%
2. Disapprove	26
3. (Don't know)	7

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29. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "If everyone in the country tried to cut back on driving and generally conserve energy then oil companies would be forced to reduce the price of gasoline."

1. Agree	54%
2. Disagree	41
3. (Don't know)	5

30. Would you seriously be willing to join a nation-wide movement to cut your gasoline consumption by 10 percent to get the attention of oil producers?

1. Yes	67%
2. No	26
3. (Don't know)	6

31. Have you and your family tried to conserve gasoline? (If yes, "Have you tried to conserve a lot or only a little?")

1. Yes, a lot	55%
2. Yes, a little	30
3. No	13
4. (Don't know)	1

32. Do you think the federal gasoline tax should be suspended until gas prices come down?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
13-14 Sep 05	57%	33	10
9-10 May 01	56%	37	7

33. Who do you think has the most control over gas prices? (OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ LIST)

(Domestic oil companies/producers)	36%
(The government)	13
(OPEC/Middle East)	12
(The president/Bush administration)	10
(Consumers)	5
(Gas station owners)	2
(Combination)	10
(Other)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	10

34. President George W. Bush has nominated John Roberts to take the place of William Rehnquist as chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you approve or disapprove of John Roberts' nomination to be chief justice?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
13-14 Sep 05	51%	21	27
26-27 Jul 05*	48%	17	34

*\*\*President George W. Bush has nominated John Roberts to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you approve or disapprove of John Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court?\**

35. Overall, do you think John Roberts is qualified to serve as chief justice of the Supreme Court or not?

	Qualified	Not Qualified	(Don't know)
13-14 Sep 05	62%	14	24
26-27 Jul 05*	65%	10	25

*\*"...qualified to serve as a justice on..."*

36. Do you think the Senate will confirm John Roberts or not?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
13-14 Sep 05	75%	6	19
26-27 Jul 05	70%	7	23

37. Do you think John Roberts' views are in line with those of mainstream America or not?

1. Yes	49%
2. No	22
3. (Don't know)	29

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)	16
4. (Other)	1
5. (Refused/Don't know)	3