



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone October 11-12, 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. 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 (11-12 Oct 05)	40%	51	9
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (11-12 Oct 05)	40%	51	9
First-Term Average	61%	29	

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

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Condoleezza Rice is doing as secretary of state?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	50%	26	23
25-26 Apr 05	59%	22	19
1-2 Mar 05	51%	18	32

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Dick Cheney is doing as vice-president?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	41%	43	16
25-26 Apr 05	43%	40	17
11-12 Jan 05	48%	41	11
16-17 Nov 04	50%	38	12
21-22 Apr 04	46%	42	12
14-15 Oct 03	50%	32	18
3-4 Dec 02	53%	23	24
28-29 Nov 01	73%	10	17
14-15 Mar 01	54%	11	35

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Rumsfeld is doing as secretary of defense?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	39%	46	15
25-26 Apr 05	44%	40	16
11-12 Jan 05	42%	42	16
16-17 Nov 04	46%	38	16
18-19 May 04	48%	36	16
21-22 Apr 04	49%	39	12
14-15 Oct 03	54%	29	17
22-23 Apr 03	67%	19	14
25-26 Mar 03	71%	16	13
29-30 Jan 03	58%	20	22
8-9 Sep 02	63%	17	20
30-31 Jan 02	77%	9	14
12-13 Dec 01	78%	6	16
28-29 Nov 01	80%	4	16
14-15 Nov 01	78%	5	17
17-18 Oct 01	75%	7	18

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	53%	38	9
12-13 Jul 05	56%	33	11
11-12 Feb 03	71%	19	10

6. In your everyday conversations with friends and neighbors, what topic would you say comes up most often these days? (OPEN ENDED)

	11-12 Oct 05	29-30 Mar 05	14-15 Dec 04	20-21 Jul 04	4-5 May 04	3-4 Mar 04
(Gas prices)	18%	11%	2%	6%	6%	-%
(Economy/Jobs/Employment)	13	14	18	15	18	28
(Iraq/Saddam Hussein)	10	13	21	21	27	9
(9/11 /Terrorism/War on Terror)	8	3	4	9	11	3
(Weather)	7	2	3	3	1	3
(Politics/Political issues)	7	4	8	12	7	10
(Current events/World news)	6	6	4	3	2	2
(Katrina/Hurricane relief)	4	na	na	na	na	na
(Family issues)	3	7	9	6	6	7
(Local issues)	3	3	2	2	1	4
(Religion/Bible)	2	3	3	2	2	3
(Sports)	2	3	4	2	2	2
(Health care)	2	3	3	4	4	4
(Education/Schools)	2	3	2	3	2	3
(Taxes)	1	2	1	1	1	2
(Work)	1	-	1	na	na	na
(TV/Entertainment)	1	1	1	1	1	1
(Elderly/Social Security)	1	4	1	-	-	1
(Stock market/Finances/Money)	1	-	-	1	-	-
(Other)	1	1	-	2	2	11
(Don't know/Refused)	6	7	7	6	5	4

7. President George W. Bush has nominated Harriet Miers to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. So far, do you think most people are giving Harriet Miers fair consideration or are most people jumping to conclusions about her nomination?

SCALE: 1. Giving her fair consideration 2. Jumping to conclusions 3. (Some of both) 4. (Don't know)

	Fair	Conclusions	(Both)	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	19%	51	7	24
Democrats	22%	47	6	25
Republicans	15%	55	8	22
Independents	21%	50	5	24

8. Overall, do you think Harriet Miers is qualified to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court or not?

	Qualified	Not qualified	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	37%	28	35
Democrats	20%	44	36
Republicans	56%	12	33
Independents	38%	26	36

For reference: 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
Democrats	52%	23	25
Republicans	78%	4	18
Independents	52%	17	31
26-27 Jul 05*	65%	10	25
Democrats	54%	17	29
Republicans	78%	4	19
Independents	67%	5	28

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

9. If you were voting on Harriet Miers' nomination, would you vote to confirm her or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	37%	32	31
Democrats	20%	50	30
Republicans	57%	14	29
Independents	35%	30	35

For reference: If you were voting on John Roberts' nomination, would you vote to confirm him or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
26-27 Jul 05	51%	19	30
Democrats	32%	33	35
Republicans	74%	7	19
Independents	47%	12	41

10. Do you think the Senate will confirm Harriet Miers or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	48%	19	33
Democrats	48%	23	29
Republicans	50%	14	37
Independents	48%	18	34

For reference: Do you think the Senate will confirm John Roberts or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
13-14 Sep 05	75%	6	19
Democrats	75%	7	18
Republicans	77%	6	17
Independents	70%	5	24
26-27 Jul 05	70%	7	23
Democrats	68%	10	23
Republicans	77%	5	19
Independents	67%	3	30

11. Do you think it is more important for the president to select a Supreme Court nominee he trusts or a nominee who will please his supporters?

SCALE: 1. Someone he trusts 2. Someone his supporters like 3. (Some of both) 4. (Don't know)

	He Trusts	Supporters Like	(Both)	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	55%	18	11	16
Democrats	41%	24	12	23
Republicans	73%	11	9	7
Independents	53%	18	13	16

12. Some people think all Supreme Court justices should have prior experience as a judge, while others think it is a good idea if some Supreme Court justices do not have prior experience as a judge. Which of these comes closer to your view? (ROTATE CHOICES)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. All Supreme Court justices should have prior judicial experience	55%	69%	44%	41%
2. Good idea if some justices do not have prior judicial experience	35	21	47	45
3. (Don't know)	10	10	9	15

13. From what you know about Harriet Miers, would you say she is more of (a liberal), or (a conservative)? (ROTATE CHOICES)

	Liberal	Conservative	(Moderate)	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	6%	47	8	39
Democrats	6%	45	7	42
Republicans	6%	53	9	32
Independents	4%	45	9	43

For reference: From what you know about John Roberts, would you say he is more of (a liberal) or (a conservative)? (ROTATE)

	Liberal	Conservative	(Moderate)	(Don't know)
26-27 Jul 05	8%	56	8	28
Democrats	10%	54	7	28
Republicans	5%	62	8	25
Independents	7%	51	10	32

14. So far, have you heard anything about Harriet Miers that you think disqualifies her from serving on the Supreme Court?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	13%	77	10
Democrats	21%	67	12
Republicans	6%	87	7
Independents	13%	78	9

For reference: So far, have you heard anything about John Roberts that you think disqualifies him from serving on the Supreme Court?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
26-27 Jul 05	9%	83	8
Democrats	15%	77	9
Republicans	5%	91	4
Independents	6%	86	8

15. In the war on terrorism, who do you think is more deeply committed to winning? (ROTATE CHOICES)

SCALE: 1. The United States and its allies 2. Radical Muslims and extremists 3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	U.S.	Radical Muslims	(Both)	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	36%	36	13	15
Democrats	29%	42	14	16
Republicans	44%	32	13	11
Independents	31%	37	17	16

16. Do you agree or disagree that the threat of radical Islamic terrorism today is similar to the threat posed by war with communism in the last century?

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

	Yes	No	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	48%	38	14
Democrats	47%	39	14
Republicans	52%	35	13
Independents	45%	41	14

17. Do you think mainstream Islamic leaders are doing enough to try to stop Muslim extremists from committing acts of terrorism?

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

	Yes	No	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	13%	73	13

18. How much progress do you think is being made toward restoring security and government services in Iraq?

	A lot of progress	Some, but not a lot	A little	None at all	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	17%	36	24	13	9
14-15 Oct 03	19%	44	21	9	7

19. In a few days, the Iraqi people will be voting on whether or not to ratify a new constitution. Do you think that ratifying a new constitution will be a major step towards establishing stability in Iraq, a minor step towards stability, or do you not think it will make any real difference? SCALE: 1. Major step 2. Minor step 3. No real difference 4. (Don't know)

	Major	Minor	No difference	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	31%	29	35	5

20. Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is scheduled to stand trial this month before a Special Iraqi Tribunal. Saddam is being tried for ordering a massacre of 143 people in a town north of Baghdad in 1982. Do you think Saddam will be found guilty?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	82%	9	9

21. If convicted, what do you think should happen to Saddam -- life in prison or the death penalty?

SCALE: 1. Life in prison 2. Death penalty 3. (Don't know)

	Prison	Death	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	35%	56	10

22. Do you think the federal government is doing enough to secure the country's borders?

	Yes	No	(Not sure)
11-12 Oct 05	16%	78	6
14-15 Jan 03	30%	62	8
16-17 Apr 02	27%	60	13
14-15 Nov 01	31%	54	15

23. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to build a 2,000-mile-long security fence along the U.S.-Mexico border to stop illegal immigration?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	51%	37	12

24. Which of the following do you think would be more effective at preventing illegal immigration along the U.S.-Mexico border? (ROTATE CHOICES)

SCALE: 1. A two-thousand-mile-long security fence 2. Thousands of additional border patrol agents? 3. (Same) 4. (Neither would be effective) 5. (Don't know)

	Fence	Agents	(Same)	(Neither)	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	23%	38	11	18	10

25. How closely have you been following the news about the avian or bird flu?

SCALE: 1. Very closely 2. Somewhat closely 3. Not very closely 4. Not at all closely 5. (Not sure)

	-- Closely --			-- Not closely --			(NS)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
11-12 Oct 05	64%	26	38	34	21	13	2

26. How concerned are you about the spread of bird flu in the United States?
 SCALE: 1. Very concerned 2. Somewhat concerned 3. Not very concerned 4. Not at all concerned 5. (Not sure)

	-- Concerned --			-- Not concerned --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(NS)
11-12 Oct 05	63%	30	33	32	21	11	5

27. How prepared do you think the federal government is to deal with a potential outbreak of bird flu?
 SCALE: 1. Very prepared 2. Somewhat prepared 3. Not very prepared 4. Not at all prepared 5. (Don't know)

	-- Prepared --			-- Not prepared --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwt	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(NS)
11-12 Oct 05	35%	6	29	55	29	26	11

28. If the bird flu becomes widespread, do you think the president should have the authority to use the military to enforce quarantines in affected areas?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	65%	21	13

29. Which are you personally more concerned about? (ROTATE CHOICES)
 SCALE: 1. Being the victim of a terrorist attack 2. Catching the bird flu 3. (Both equally) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Terrorism	Bird flu	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	32%	29	13	23	3

30. Many U.S. drug manufacturers have stopped producing vaccines, in part because of the threat of lawsuits and because vaccines are not big money makers. Given growing concerns about the avian flu spreading to humans, do you think U.S. drug manufacturers will set aside their concerns about profits and lawsuits and make the necessary vaccine or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	41%	47	12

31. Do you favor or oppose legalizing physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients?

	Favor	Oppose	(Not sure)
11-12 Oct 05	48%	39	13

For reference: Do you favor or oppose physician-assisted suicide?

	Favor	Oppose	(Not sure)
3-4 Nov 99	45%	46	9
2-3 Dec 98 (±4.5%)	42%	47	11

32. Do you think states should have the right to let doctors prescribe medications that would help mentally competent, terminally ill patients end their lives?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	52%	37	11

33. Has anyone in your immediate family suffered from a painful terminal illness?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Oct 05	55%	42	2
17-18 Jul 02	53%	46	1

34. Recently several high-profile Republicans have been the focus of legal controversies, including a grand jury indictment of Texas Congressman Tom DeLay and a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist. Do you think these are better described as politically motivated attacks or as legitimate legal actions? (ROTATE CHOICES)

SCALE: 1. Politically motivated attacks 2. Legitimate legal actions 3. (Mix of both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Political	Legitimate	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
11-12 Oct 05	34%	29	14	1	22
Democrats	23%	42	13	1	21
Republicans	51%	13	12	1	23
Independents	22%	33	21	4	20

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)	3