

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone May 4-5, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters Democrats n=366,  $\pm 5$ ; Republicans n=331,  $\pm 5$ ; Independents n=159,  $\pm 8$

Questions 1-14 released separately

15. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and groups. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)  
SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

Goldman Sachs

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
4-5 May 10	7%	55	15	23
Democrats	6%	58	12	24
Republicans	9%	51	19	21
Independents	8%	55	14	23

Question 16 released separately

17. Which ONE of the following items do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now? (RANDOMIZE LIST)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. The economy and jobs	47%	55%	37%	48%
2. The deficit and government spending	15	8	22	16
3. Terrorism and national security	8	6	10	10
4. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7	9	5	4
5. Immigration	5	3	7	6
6. (All)	16	18	16	13
7. (None/Other)	1	-	1	2
8. (Don't know)	1	-	1	-

18. - 24. Which political party -- the Democrats or the Republicans -- do you think would do a better job on each of the following issues? (ROTATE)

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

	Democrats	Republicans		
<b>Oversight of</b>				
financial institution	47%	34		
The economy	44%	41		
Taxes	40%	46		
Immigration	35%	42		
Size of government	31%	49		
Terrorism	29%	49		
Border security	28%	48		
<b>Border security</b>				
	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	28%	48	9	14
Democrats	53%	23	9	14
Republicans	7%	76	9	8
Independents	18%	45	11	26
11-12 Jul 06	31%	37	16	16
<b>Immigration</b>				
	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	35%	42	7	16
Democrats	65%	15	6	14
Republicans	10%	72	7	11
Independents	25%	40	8	27
24-25 Oct 06 LV	39%	36	13	12
11-12 Jul 06	37%	32	15	17
4-5 Apr 06	34%	24	26	15
<b>Oversight of financial institutions</b>				
	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	47%	34	6	13
Democrats	77%	11	6	7
Republicans	18%	67	6	9
Independents	42%	22	8	28
<b>The economy</b>				
	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	44%	41	6	9
Democrats	82%	7	5	6
Republicans	7%	82	5	7
Independents	35%	37	9	19
24-25 Oct 06 LV	45%	39	10	6
11-12 Jul 06	49%	29	10	12
7-8 Feb 06	45%	36	8	11
18-19 Feb 04	49%	38	5	8
20-21 May 03	40%	39	9	12
8-9 Oct 02 LV	41%	41	7	11
6-7 Aug 02	43%	36	9	12
26-27 Feb 02	36%	41	10	13
28-29 Mar 01	37%	42	8	13
23-24 Jun 99*	38%	39	9	14
24-25 Feb 99*	39%	41	8	12

\*Wording: "...job maintaining a strong economy"

Taxes	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	40%	46	5	9
Democrats	76%	12	5	8
Republicans	7%	84	4	6
Independents	28%	47	9	15
24-25 Oct 06 LV	42%	40	9	9
7-8 Feb 06	43%	38	9	9
18-19 Feb 04	41%	42	6	11
20-21 May 03	38%	40	9	13
8-9 Oct 02 LV	37%	45	7	11
6-7 Aug 02	41%	40	7	12
26-27 Feb 02	37%	40	10	13
28-29 Mar 01	35%	47	7	11
23-24 Jun 99*	32%	45	8	15
24-25 Feb 99*	33%	44	8	15

\*Wording: "...job keeping taxes down"

#### Size of government

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	31%	49	6	13
Democrats	62%	19	5	14
Republicans	6%	81	7	6
Independents	16%	53	9	22

#### Terrorism

	Democrats	Republicans	(Equal)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	29%	49	11	11
Democrats	57%	19	13	11
Republicans	4%	84	6	6
Independents	20%	48	15	18
24-25 Oct 06 LV	35%	43	11	10
11-12 Jul 06	30%	42	15	13
7-8 Feb 06	31%	45	10	14
18-19 Feb 04	29%	52	8	11
20-21 May 03	19%	53	14	14
8-9 Oct 02 LV	25%	51	10	14

Questions 25-39 released separately

40. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better or getting worse?

	Getting better	Getting worse	(Staying the same)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	49%	37	11	3
Democrats	67%	23	7	3
Republicans	32%	54	13	2
Independents	48%	35	14	3
9-10 Jun 09	40%	42	16	2

41. For you and your family, does it feel like the economy is getting better or worse?

	Getting better	Getting worse	(Staying the same)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	36%	38	24	2
Democrats	50%	28	19	2
Republicans	25%	49	25	1
Independents	32%	37	29	2
13-14 Oct 09	37%	43	19	1
9-10 Oct 07	22%	53	23	2
18-19 Apr 06	21%	56	20	3
18-19 May 04	31%	49	17	3
18-19 Feb 04	36%	41	21	2
21-22 Jan 04	44%	34	19	3
14-15 Oct 03	35%	45	18	2

42. Do you think the nation's job situation is getting better or getting worse?

	Getting better	Getting worse	(Staying the same)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	36%	48	11	4
Democrats	50%	36	11	4
Republicans	24%	64	9	3
Independents	33%	47	16	5
21-22 Sep 04	25%	39	32	4
22-23 Jun 04	31%	26	39	4

43. Which one of the following statements do you think best describes the potential for the United States to go bankrupt?

SCALE: 1. The United States could go bankrupt, and it could happen soon  
 2. The United States could go bankrupt, but it's unlikely 3. The United States could not go bankrupt, period 4. (Don't know)

	Could go bankrupt soon	Could go bankrupt, but unlikely	Could not go bankrupt	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	25%	58	13	4
Democrats	15%	67	14	4
Republicans	34%	55	7	4
Independents	27%	53	17	3

For reference: Do you think it is possible the country -- meaning the United States government -- could go bankrupt?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
15-16 Sep 09	63%	33	3
3-4 Mar 09	61%	36	4

44. Who do you think is more responsible for the current size of the federal budget deficit -- Barack Obama or George W. Bush? (ROTATE)

	Obama	Bush	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	27%	51	13	6	3
Democrats	7%	83	6	2	2
Republicans	53%	18	17	9	4
Independents	21%	50	21	5	2
21-22 Jul 09	28%	53	8	7	3

45. Based on what you know, do you favor or oppose the federal government imposing new stricter controls and regulations on Wall Street and the financial services industry?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	69%	20	11
Democrats	82%	10	9
Republicans	55%	33	11
Independents	65%	20	14

*For reference: Based on what you know, do you favor or oppose the Democratic plan for regulating Wall Street and the financial services industry?*

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	39%	39	22
Democrats	65%	14	21
Republicans	15%	70	15
Independents	34%	34	32

46. Do you believe new laws regulating the financial industry will be effective and change things on Wall Street or do financial executives have ways to get around regulations so it wouldn't make any difference?

- SCALE: 1. Regulations will be effective and change things  
 2. Executives can get around regulations, won't make a difference  
 3. (Don't know)

	Regulations will be effective	Won't make a difference	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	25%	66	9
Democrats	34%	58	8
Republicans	17%	75	8
Independents	24%	64	11

47. If you had to choose one of the two following groups to manage your family's finances, would you choose the Goldman Sachs executives who testified before the Senate about their investment practices, or would you choose the U.S. Senators who were questioning the executives about their investment practices?

	Goldman Sachs executives	U.S. Senators	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	19%	35	2	34	10
Democrats	13%	46	2	30	9
Republicans	26%	28	1	33	11
Independents	17%	30	1	46	5

48. Senate hearings were just held on Capitol Hill where the executives of Goldman Sachs, a long-standing Wall Street investment firm, were grilled about their actions relating to the recent economic crisis. Who do you blame more for the economic problems the country has gone through the past couple of years -- Congress, for its bad oversight, or Wall Street, for its bad financial practices?

	Congress	Wall Street	(Both equally)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	31%	41	21	2	5
Democrats	26%	49	19	1	5
Republicans	38%	36	20	2	4
Independents	31%	38	26	2	3

49. Do you think Goldman Sachs deliberately and illegally cheated their clients, or were their clients just taking the kinds of risks that are expected on Wall Street?

	Deliberately cheated their clients	Their clients were taking expected risks	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	55%	25	20
Democrats	63%	19	18
Republicans	46%	31	23
Independents	58%	25	17

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

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
4-5 May 10	41%	37	18	2	2
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4	2
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4	2
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5	3
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4	2
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1	2
12-13 May 09	42%	30	24	2	2
22-23 Apr 09	42%	30	22	3	4
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	42%	33	20	3	2
3-4 Mar 09	40%	32	22	3	3
17-18 Feb 09	42%	35	18	3	2