

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

Polling was conducted by telephone May 12 - 13, 2009, 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

Democrats n=375, ± 5 ; Republicans n=274, ± 6 ; independents n=213, ± 7

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)		Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
12-13 May 09	60%	30	9	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	93%	5	2	Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	23%	63	13	Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	57%	30	13	Independents	61%	24	15
22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	92%	4	4	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	24%	66	10	Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	57%	29	14	Independents	62%	19	19
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Democrats	90%	5	5	Democrats	85%	2	12
Republicans	23%	66	11	Republicans	37%	36	27
Independents	52%	35	13	Independents	64%	16	19

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

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)		Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11
Democrats	64%	25	11	17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13
Republicans	14%	78	8	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11
Independents	37%	53	10	18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12
RECENT TREND				19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13

10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6	13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18	16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15	18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17	14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14				

3. In the next congressional election in 2010, are you more likely to:

SCALE: 1. Vote for the Democrat to help Barack Obama pass his policies and programs 2. Vote for the Republican to provide a check on Obama's power 3. (Too soon to say) 4. (Don't know/Refused)

	Democrat	Republican	(Too soon)	(DK/Ref)
12-13 May 09	47%	35	14	4
Democrats	86%	6	7	2
Republicans	5%	81	11	3
Independents	35%	31	25	9
22-23 Apr 09	46%	33	17	4

4. I'm going to read a list of potential candidates for the 2012 Republican nomination. Please tell me which one you would like to see as the Republican presidential nominee.

(RANDOMIZE LIST)

	Total	Rep	Ind
1. Rudy Giuliani	16%	12%	19%
2. Mike Huckabee	15	20	16
3. Mitt Romney	14	18	12
4. Sarah Palin	9	13	10
5. Newt Gingrich	7	14	5
6. Jeb Bush	3	3	2
7. Mark Sanford	3	4	2
8. Bobby Jindal	2	3	2
9. (Someone else)	10	3	9
10. (Too soon to say)	9	7	14
11. (Don't know)	11	4	9

5. Taking all aspects of their lives into account, how happy do you think most Americans are today?

SCALE: 1. Very happy 2. Happy 3. Only somewhat happy 4. Not really happy at all 5. (Don't know/refused)

	Very happy	Happy	Only somewhat happy	Not really happy at all	(DK/Ref)
12-13 May 09	2%	15	53	27	2
Democrats	4%	20	56	19	1
Republicans	3%	13	52	30	2
Independents	-%	11	51	36	2
18-19 Apr 01	6%	32	47	11	4

6. How about you personally, are you:

SCALE: 1. Very happy 2. Happy 3. Only somewhat happy 4. Not really happy at all 5. (Don't know/refused)

	Very happy	Happy	Only somewhat happy	Not really happy at all	(DK/Ref)
12-13 May 09	20%	36	28	15	1
Democrats	22%	38	30	9	1
Republicans	20%	36	23	21	1
Independents	19%	35	32	15	-
18-19 Apr 01	23%	45	24	7	1

7. In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

	Ahead	Behind	(Depends)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	57%	33	7	3
Democrats	69%	21	5	5
Republicans	42%	49	6	3
Independents	56%	31	12	2

8. The Obama administration has recently said there are signs the economy is starting to improve. Do you believe the economy is starting to get better, or is it that the administration is putting a positive spin on things?

SCALE: 1. Economy starting to get better 2. Administration putting positive spin 3. (A little of both, combination) 4. (Don't know)

	Economy better	Positive spin	(Both)	(DK)
12-13 May 09	45%	42	8	5
Democrats	65%	24	6	4
Republicans	25%	64	7	4
Independents	40%	46	11	3

9. Do you think the Obama administration is proposing too much of an increase in government spending, not enough of an increase, or about the right amount?

	Too much	Not enough	About right	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	54%	6	35	4
Democrats	27%	8	61	4
Republicans	85%	3	10	2
Independents	61%	6	27	6

10. Based on Barack Obama's criticism of Bush administration deficits during the presidential campaign, are you surprised the Obama administration is increasing the nation's deficit, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	28%	68	5
Democrats	23%	71	6
Republicans	37%	60	3
Independents	25%	71	4

11. When an elected official says they want to "invest" your tax dollars in a government program or project, do you think they want to spend your money or save your money?

	Spend my money	Save my money	(Depends)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	78%	12	8	3
Democrats	68%	17	10	5
Republicans	88%	6	5	1
Independents	82%	9	7	2

12. Do you think the federal government's increased involvement in the management of U.S. banks and the financial industry is a good thing, or a bad thing?

	Good thing	Bad thing	(Combination)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	38%	47	11	4
Democrats	58%	26	12	4
Republicans	17%	75	6	3
Independents	34%	48	15	3

13. Do you think the federal government's increased involvement in the management of U.S. car companies is a good thing, or a bad thing?

	Good thing	Bad thing	(Combination)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	33%	55	9	3
Democrats	52%	34	11	3
Republicans	11%	82	2	4
Independents	29%	55	13	3

14. Are you worried the country is moving away from capitalism and more toward socialism, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	51%	43	7
Democrats	26%	65	9
Republicans	83%	13	4
Independents	51%	44	5

For reference: Does the news about stimulus packages and the federal government giving financial aid to several major corporations make you feel like the country is drifting away from capitalism and more toward socialism or don't you feel that way?

1. Yes, drifting toward socialism 2. No, not drifting toward socialism
3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
13-14 Jan 09	50%	37	14

15. Which do you think would do more to improve the nation's economy right now?
(READ RESPONSES 1 AND 2)

SCALE: 1. Cutting taxes on individuals and businesses 2. Reducing federal spending by the government 3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	Cutting taxes	Reduce spending	(Both)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	28%	44	22	6
Democrats	37%	41	15	7
Republicans	21%	54	23	2
Independents	23%	37	33	7

For reference: Which do you think would do more to improve the nation's economy right now?

	Additional tax cuts	Reducing federal spending	(Both)	(Not sure)
6-7 May 03	15%	58	18	9

16. Do you think Barack Obama is cutting enough waste from government or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	29%	60	12
Democrats	48%	38	15
Republicans	10%	84	6
Independents	22%	66	11

17. Are you looking for more government in your life or less government in your life?

	More government	Less government	(Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	17%	71	8	4
Democrats	28%	55	12	5
Republicans	6%	88	4	2
Independents	12%	77	6	4

18. Do you think you've reduced unnecessary spending as much as you can, or do you think you could spend less and save more if you tried harder?

SCALE: 1. Reduced spending as much as possible 2. Could spend less and save more 3. (Don't know)

	Reduced as much as possible	Could spend less and save more	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	39%	58	3
Democrats	35%	63	2
Republicans	45%	53	3
Independents	39%	58	3
28-29 May 97*	31%	65	4

*Wording: "...and save more if you really wanted to?"

19. Do you think the federal government has reduced unnecessary spending as much as it can, or do you think the government could spend less and save more if it tried harder?

SCALE: 1. Reduced spending as much as possible 2. Could spend less and save more 3. (Don't know)

	Reduced as much as possible	Could spend less and save more	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	9%	87	4
Democrats	13%	83	5
Republicans	4%	94	2
Independents	11%	86	3

20. Compared to your last vacation, do you plan to spend more or less money on this year's vacation?

	More	Less	(Same)	(Don't know)	(No plans)
12-13 May 09	11%	47	17	1	24
Democrats	12%	48	14	2	23
Republicans	10%	45	21	1	23
Independents	12%	46	17	-	25
27-28 Jun 06	20%	24	12	1	43
18-19 May 04	20%	17	16	2	45
6-7 May 03	16%	15	25	3	41
14-15 Mar 01	14%	10	18	2	56

21. - 24. In general, do you think now is a good time to buy [ITEM], or is it not such a good time right now?

SCALE: 1. Good time to buy 2. Not such a good time to buy 3. (Don't know)

	Good time to buy	Not a good time to buy	(Don't know)
A new car	47%	48	5
A new television or computer	45%	49	6
New furniture	38%	54	8
A major vacation trip	30%	64	5

25. - 26. And do you think now is a good time to buy [ITEM], a good time to sell [ITEM], or is it best to sit tight for now?

SCALE: 1. Good time to buy 2. Good time to sell 3. Best to sit tight for now 4. (Depends) 5. (Don't know)

	Good time to buy	Good time to sell	Best to sit tight	(Depends)	(Don't know)
A home	48%	5	42	5	1
Stocks	30%	4	55	4	6

27. If you were shopping for a new car right now, would you buy a car from Chrysler? (If no): Why not?

SCALE: 1. Yes 2. No, (because filed bankruptcy) 3. No, (another reason)
4. (Depends on the specific Chrysler product) 5. (Don't know)

	Yes	No, bankruptcy	No, another reason	(Depends on product)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	24%	17	50	6	3

28. - 30. If you were shopping for a new car right now, would you buy a car from [INSERT]? (RANDOMIZE LIST)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Ford	54%	44	2
General Motors	46%	49	4
Honda	48%	47	5

31. Do you think the Obama administration has been too easy or too tough on U.S. car company executives?

	Too easy	Too tough	(Neither/Even handed)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	58%	15	18	8
Democrats	57%	12	24	7
Republicans	59%	23	11	7
Independents	60%	12	16	11

32. Do you think the Obama administration has been too easy or too tough on the auto industry unions?

	Too easy	Too tough	(Neither/Even handed)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	57%	15	14	14
Democrats	50%	18	19	12
Republicans	70%	12	4	13
Independents	53%	12	18	17

33. What do you think is the more important contribution the U.S. auto industry makes to American society? (READ LIST)

SCALE: 1. Providing good jobs and benefits to workers 2. Making good cars and trucks for consumers 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Providing jobs	Making good cars & trucks	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	42%	27	24	4	2
Democrats	51%	23	19	4	3
Republicans	37%	36	21	4	2
Independents	38%	23	33	5	1

34. Who do you think makes better cars and trucks? (READ LIST)

SCALE: 1. U.S. auto companies 2. Foreign auto companies 3. (Both the same/Neither) 4. (Don't know)

	U.S.	Foreign	(Both/Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	39%	45	12	4
Democrats	41%	46	10	3
Republicans	36%	48	11	4
Independents	37%	43	16	4

For reference: How would you rate the overall quality of cars and trucks made by U.S. auto companies -- are they better, worse or the same as foreign cars?

	Better	Worse	Same	(Don't know)
9-10 Dec 08	20%	40	36	5

35. How comfortable are you with Barack Obama selecting the next U.S. Supreme Court nominee?

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

	-- Comfortable --			- Uncomfortable -			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Nt	
12-13 May 09	60%	34	26	33	13	20	7
Democrats	88%	57	31	6	4	2	7
Republicans	24%	7	17	70	23	47	6
Independents	61%	30	31	31	14	17	8

For reference: How comfortable are you with George W. Bush selecting the next U.S. Supreme Court nominee?

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

	-- Comfortable --			- Uncomfortable -			(NS)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Nt	
14-15 Jun 05	54%	31	23	43	15	28	4
Democrats	22%	7	15	75	22	53	4
Republicans	90%	61	29	7	4	3	2
Independents	52%	27	25	46	19	27	2
16-17 Nov 04	59%	39	20	34	10	24	7
30 Jun-1 Jul 03*	59%	32	27	34	14	20	7

*"Given President Bush's appointments in other areas, how..."

36. How do you think the Supreme Court should interpret the Constitution? (READ RESPONSES "1" AND "2")

SCALE: 1. No matter what the outcome, the court should follow what the Framers meant when they wrote the Constitution 2. If necessary, the court should ignore what the Framers meant to reach the outcome it feels is appropriate for today 3. (In between/Combination) 4. (Don't know)

	Follow what	Reach outcome	(In between/	(DK)
	Framers meant	appropriate for today	Combination)	
12-13 May 09	60%	26	8	6
Democrats	44%	37	10	9
Republicans	78%	13	5	4
Independents	61%	27	8	4

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

SCALE: 1. Judges should base their rulings on what they believe the Constitution's framers meant when it was originally written

2. Judges should base their rulings on what they believe the Constitution means in today's world 3. (In between/Combination) (Don't know)

	Originally	Means today	(Comb.)	(Don't know)
	written			
30-31 Aug 05	47%	36	10	8

37. - 41. Supreme Court Justice David Souter recently announced he will resign at the end of his term, which will give Barack Obama his first chance to nominate a Supreme Court justice. I'm going to read a list of qualities that might be considered when selecting a new justice. For each one, please tell me whether you think it:

SCALE: 1. Should be the single most important factor 2. Should be a factor, but not the most important 3. Shouldn't matter 4. Should be a disqualifying factor 5. (Don't know) (ROTATE LIST)

	Single most important	Not most important	Shouldn't matter	Disqual. factor	(DK)
The nominee being a woman	5%	18	75	1	-
Democrats	8%	22	69	1	1
Republicans	3%	12	82	3	-
Independents	4%	19	75	1	1
The nominee being a minority	4%	17	75	2	2
Democrats	6%	21	69	2	2
Republicans	4%	12	80	3	2
Independents	4%	17	77	1	2
The nominee being a homosexual	4%	11	66	17	2
Democrats	4%	10	75	9	2
Republicans	4%	10	55	29	2
Independents	3%	15	64	15	3
The nominee having judicial experience	45%	44	8	1	1
Democrats	42%	44	11	2	2
Republicans	48%	48	4	-	-
Independents	47%	42	9	1	1
The nominee sharing Obama's views on key issues	12%	29	47	10	3
Democrats	16%	34	46	2	3
Republicans	7%	23	47	21	2
Independents	11%	28	48	10	3

42. As you may know, it is not a requirement for a Supreme Court justice to be an attorney. What do you think would be the better choice for the country -- for the next justice to be one of the smartest legal minds available or the next justice to be a regular everyday American? (ROTATE)

	The smartest legal mind available	A regular everyday American	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	58%	38	4
Democrats	58%	38	4
Republicans	57%	38	5
Independents	63%	36	2

RANDOMIZE NEXT THREE QUESTIONS

43. Do you think Hillary Clinton would make a good Supreme Court Justice, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	42%	53	5
Democrats	64%	32	5
Republicans	16%	82	2
Independents	39%	52	9

44. Do you think Al Gore would make a good Supreme Court Justice, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	32%	59	8
Democrats	50%	40	10
Republicans	12%	82	6
Independents	29%	63	8

45. Do you think Oprah Winfrey would make a good Supreme Court Justice, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	16%	78	6
Democrats	23%	71	6
Republicans	10%	87	3
Independents	13%	77	9

46. If you had to choose, and assuming both people were qualified, would you rather the next Supreme Court nominee be a woman or a minority?

	Woman	Minority	(Both the same/Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	35%	13	47	5
Democrats	35%	18	44	3
Republicans	41%	9	44	7
Independents	31%	11	53	5

Questions 47-51 held for release

52. At the request of the American Civil Liberties Union, later this month the Pentagon will release photos of alleged detainee abuse by U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. How likely do you think it is that the release of these photos will cause a backlash against the United States and endanger the lives of U.S. troops: Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	41%	36	12	7	4
Democrats	31%	39	15	11	4
Republicans	48%	36	9	4	3
Independents	50%	33	8	6	3

Questions 53 - 62 held for release

63. Do you think Barack Obama is making too many public appearances and holding too many press conferences, too few appearances and press conferences, or about the right number?

	Too many	Too few	About right	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	30%	5	61	4
Democrats	11%	7	81	1
Republicans	57%	3	34	5
Independents	28%	5	62	5

64. Do you think it is right for the Obama administration to continue to blame the Bush administration for mistakes or is it time for the Obama administration to start taking responsibility?

SCALE: 1. Right to continue to blame Bush 2. Time for Obama to take responsibility 3. (Depends on the issue) 4. (Don't know)

	Right to blame Bush	Obama take responsibility	(Depends)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	21%	64	12	4
Democrats	38%	43	14	5
Republicans	8%	86	6	1
Independents	10%	69	15	6

65. Who do you think the White House will put in a muzzle first -- Vice President Joe Biden or First Dog Bo?

	Joe Biden	First dog Bo	(Both/Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 May 09	45%	28	10	17
Democrats	37%	32	13	18
Republicans	56%	24	7	13
Independents	46%	27	9	18

66. Just your best guess, which is the bigger number -- one billion or one trillion?

	One billion	One trillion	(Don't know/Refused)
12-13 May 09	3%	96	1
Democrats	5%	93	2
Republicans	1%	98	-
Independents	2%	98	-

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)
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
27-28 Jan 09	44%	30	22	2	2
13-14 Jan 09	42%	32	21	2	4
9-10 Dec 08	43%	33	20	2	2
1-2 Nov 08 LV	42%	36	18	3	1
28-29 Oct 08 LV	41%	39	16	2	1
20-21 Oct 08 LV	43%	37	16	2	2
1-2 Nov 08	41%	36	18	4	1
28-29 Oct 08	40%	39	17	2	2
20-21 Oct 08	43%	36	16	2	3
8-9 Oct 08	41%	34	21	2	2
22-23 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
8-9 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
19-20 Aug 08	42%	35	20	1	2