

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

12 June 2009

Polling was conducted by telephone June 9-10, 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=361, ± 5 ; Republicans n=300, ± 6 ; independents n=206, ± 7

12. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and institutions. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of an individual or institution, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Sonia Sotomayor	36%	18	25	21
Democrats	49%	6	22	23
Republicans	21%	32	25	22
Independents	35%	19	31	16

Questions 1 - 11 and 13 - 23 previously released.

Questions 24 - 32 held for release.

33. Which one of the current U.S. Supreme Court Justices do you most admire or agree with? (OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ)

	9-10 June 09	16-17 Nov 04	30 Jun- 1 Jul 03
1. (Sandra Day O'Connor)	11%	13%	11%
2. (Clarence Thomas)	11	8	5
3. (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)	9	5	3
4. (John Roberts)	8	na	na
5. (Antonin Scalia)	5	5	6
6. (Anthony M. Kennedy)	3	1	2
7. (Stephen G. Breyer)	1	1	1
8. (David Souter)	1	1	-
9. (John Paul Stevens)	1	1	-
10. (Samuel Alito)	1	na	na
11. (William H. Rehnquist)	-	6	2
12. (Other)	-	1	2
13. (Don't know/Don't know names)	50	58	68

34. Which one of the following better describes how you feel about the role of judges in the United States? Do you think judges:

SCALE: 1. Should only interpret the law, and not take into account their own personal views and experiences 2. Should take their own personal views and experiences into account when interpreting the law 3. (Don't know)

	Only interpret	Personal views	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	71%	26	3
Democrats	61%	35	4
Republicans	80%	17	3
Independents	74%	23	4

35. President Obama has nominated Sonia Sotomayor to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. If you were voting on Sotomayor's nomination, would you vote to confirm her or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	46%	32	22
Democrats	69%	12	19
Republicans	19%	55	27
Independents	46%	33	21

36. - 41. In picking Sonia Sotomayor as his nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, how important do you think [ITEM] were/was to Barack Obama?

SCALE: 1. Extremely important 2. Somewhat important 3. Somewhat important 4. Not at all important 5. (Don't know)

	-- Important --			--Not important --			(Don't know)
	Total	Exmly	Vry	Total	Smwht	Not	
Political support from Hispanic voters							
9-10 Jun 09	58%	24	34	36	27	9	6
Democrats	50%	18	32	45	33	12	5
Republicans	73%	31	42	23	20	3	5
Independents	49%	22	27	41	29	12	10
Her legal qualifications							
9-10 Jun 09	54%	24	30	35	25	10	11
Democrats	71%	32	39	21	18	3	8
Republicans	35%	13	22	52	35	17	13
Independents	54%	26	28	34	23	11	12
Political support from women voters							
9-10 Jun 09	54%	17	37	40	30	10	6
Democrats	50%	15	35	45	34	11	6
Republicans	63%	22	41	32	26	6	5
Independents	47%	13	34	45	29	16	7
Her Hispanic background							
9-10 Jun 09	53%	19	34	40	26	14	7
Democrats	48%	17	31	46	29	17	6
Republicans	62%	22	40	31	21	10	6
Independents	49%	16	33	43	27	16	8
Her liberal political views							
9-10 Jun 09	52%	21	31	41	30	11	8
Democrats	46%	14	32	48	34	14	6
Republicans	63%	28	35	29	21	8	7
Independents	47%	22	25	41	32	9	11
Her gender							
9-10 Jun 09	48%	16	32	45	25	20	6
Democrats	42%	13	29	43	26	27	5

Republicans	57%	20	37	37	24	13	6
Independents	46%	15	31	45	26	19	8

42. As you may have heard, Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor has said several times that a wise female Hispanic judge would make better decisions than a white male judge. Do you think these remarks should disqualify her from serving on the Court or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	29%	67	4
Democrats	15%	83	2
Republicans	44%	51	6
Independents	30%	66	4

43. Here's exactly what Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor said in a speech in 2001: (QUOTE) "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life." (UNQUOTE) Do you agree with her or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	32%	58	9
Democrats	47%	42	11
Republicans	18%	77	5
Independents	27%	61	11

On another topic...

44. Do you think it matters that you vote in elections, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	91%	8	1
Democrats	90%	9	1
Republicans	94%	6	-
Independents	90%	9	1

45. Do you think requiring voters to show photo identification at their polling places before being allowed to vote is a good idea because it helps avoid fraud or a bad idea because it could discriminate against people who don't have a driver's license or other photo id?

1. Good idea because it helps avoid fraud 2. Bad idea because it could discriminate 3. (Don't know)

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	83%	15	2
Democrats	76%	22	2
Republicans	92%	6	2
Independents	84%	14	2

46. Do you think people should be required to show photo identification or a social security card to prove U.S. citizenship before being allowed to register to vote?

	Yes, should	No, should not	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	91%	8	1
Democrats	89%	9	1
Republicans	94%	5	-
Independents	90%	8	2

Questions 47 - 52 held for release

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)
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
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
22-23 Jul 08	42%	33	19	3	3
17-18 Jun 08	42%	35	16	3	3
28-29 Apr 08	44%	30	21	2	2
18-19 Mar 08	43%	30	21	3	3
19-20 Feb 08	43%	33	17	4	3
30-31 Jan 08	42%	33	20	2	3
18-19 Dec 07	42%	35	19	1	3
13-14 Nov 07	44%	33	18	1	4