



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone April 18-19, 2006, 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 (18-19 Apr 06)	33%	57	10
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (18-19 Apr 06)	33%	57	10
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
Democrats	11%	81	8	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
Republicans	66%	23	11	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
Independents	27%	62	12	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
RECENT TREND				30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9

2a. (If approve: n=294, ±6%) Why do you approve of the job he is doing?  
 (OPEN ENDED) (MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

	18-19	29-30	21-22
	Apr 06	Mar 05	Jan 04
Doing a good job--general	52%	51%	44%
Fighting/war on terrorism	21	14	34
Agree with him on issues	18	18	15
Honesty/Character	13	7	2
Like him personally	8	9	13
Economy is improving	6	5	11
Religion/Christian morals	5	5	2
Middle East	2	2	na
He's Republican	2	2	1
Tax cuts	1	2	9
Education reform/No Child Left Behind	1	2	3
Pro-life/Anti-abortion	1	2	na
Caught Saddam	1	1	4
Smart	1	1	2
Social Security	-	3	na
Health care	-	1	2
Other	2	2	-
Don't know/Refused	3	5	4

2b. (If disapprove: n=513, ±4%) Why do you disapprove of the job he is doing?  
 (OPEN ENDED) (MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

	18-19	29-30	21-22
	Apr 06	Mar 05	Jan 04
War in Iraq	48%	40%	39%
Doing a bad job--general	24	16	15
Do not agree with him on issues	22	20	19
Economy/jobs	17	14	19
Don't like him	11	10	13
Doesn't care about average people	10	12	10
Gas prices	8	2	na
Not doing good job fighting terrorism	4	4	5
Environmental issues	4	1	2
Tax cuts for the rich	3	4	4
He's not smart	3	3	5
Not truthful/Lies	3	na	na
Middle East	3	1	na
Social Security	2	8	na
Education issues	2	-	3
Health care issues	1	3	5
Special interests	1	1	4
He's Republican	1	1	1
Usama Bin Laden still not caught	-	-	1
Terri Schiavo	-	2	na
Other	2	2	-
Don't know/Refused	1	1	3

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
Democrats	24%	53	23
Republicans	28%	50	22
Independents	22%	57	21

RECENT TREND

14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
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

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	35%	47	18
Democrats	20%	63	18
Republicans	61%	22	16
Independents	30%	50	21
13-14 Dec 05	40%	44	15
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 Condoleezza Rice is doing as secretary of state?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	60%	22	18
Democrats	40%	38	22
Republicans	86%	7	8
Independents	61%	17	22
13-14 Dec 05	59%	26	15
11-12 Oct 05	50%	26	23
25-26 Apr 05	59%	22	19
1-2 Mar 05	51%	18	32

6. Do you think Donald Rumsfeld should resign as secretary of defense?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	40%	41	19
Democrats	57%	22	21
Republicans	18%	67	15
Independents	41%	42	17

7. If Donald Rumsfeld were to resign as secretary of defense, do you think it would help or hurt the war on terrorism, or would it make no difference?

	Help	Hurt	No difference	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	18%	22	49	11
Democrats	26%	11	53	9
Republicans	9%	42	37	12
Independents	15%	17	58	10

8. Who do you think should have the final say on U.S. military matters -- civilian leaders or military personnel?

	Civilian leaders	Military personnel	(Depends)	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	20%	54	5	14	3	4
Democrats	17%	60	5	12	2	4
Republicans	22%	58	3	11	2	4
Independents	24%	39	6	20	5	6

9. Do you think it is appropriate for retired military generals to openly criticize Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during wartime or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	57%	38	4
Democrats	71%	24	5
Republicans	36%	62	2
Independents	64%	32	4

10. Do you think illegal immigrants from Mexico should be given special treatment and allowed to jump in front of immigrants from other countries that want to come to the United States legally, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	4%	90	6
Democrats	3%	89	8
Republicans	4%	91	5
Independents	6%	87	7

11. Do you think there is a difference between immigrants who are described as "illegal immigrants" and those that are described as "undocumented workers," or do the two phrases describe the same group of people?

	Different groups	Same group	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	21%	71	8
Democrats	23%	67	10
Republicans	22%	73	5
Independents	19%	72	9

12. Do you think most people around the world think the United States has the right to control immigration by restricting who and how many people can move to this country, or do most people around the world think the United States should have open borders?

	Has right to control & restrict immigration	Should have open borders	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	58%	27	15
Democrats	64%	23	13
Republicans	55%	29	16
Independents	54%	29	17

13. What about you -- do you think the United States has the right to control immigration by restricting who and how many people can move to this country, or do you think people should be able to move to the United States without restriction?

	U.S. has right to control & restrict immigration	U.S. should open borders w/out restrictions	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	91%	7	3
Democrats	87%	10	4
Republicans	95%	4	1
Independents	93%	4	3

14. Do you think it is appropriate for immigrants who are in the United States illegally to protest for changes to U.S. law?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	26%	71	3
Democrats	33%	64	4
Republicans	20%	78	2
Independents	26%	71	3

15. Have the immigration protests and demonstrations made you more or less likely to support easing immigration laws in the United States?

	More likely	Less likely	(No difference)	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	20%	47	25	8
Democrats	27%	36	28	9
Republicans	18%	55	21	6
Independents	14%	54	23	9

16. Looking ahead to the next 10 years in the United States, would you describe yourself as optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country?

	--Optimistic--			--Pessimistic--			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Vry	
18-19 Apr 06	58%	25	33	35	18	17	7
Democrats	51%	21	30	41	18	23	8
Republicans	71%	32	39	23	16	7	7
Independents	53%	23	30	42	22	20	5
28-29 Oct 03	73%	39	34	20	12	8	7

17. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair and poor, how would you rate economic conditions today?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	6%	22	42	30	1
Democrats	1%	12	42	43	2
Republicans	14%	36	37	12	1
Independents	5%	19	46	30	-
13-14 Dec 05	5%	26	38	29	2
14-15 Dec 04	4%	28	43	24	1
3-4 Oct 04 LV	4%	27	44	24	1
3-4 Aug 04	6%	30	41	22	1
4-5 May 04	3%	28	41	26	2
18-19 Feb 04	3%	25	39	32	1
7-8 Jan 04	3%	31	42	22	2
18-19 Nov 03	2%	26	44	26	2
23-24 Sep 03	1%	17	42	39	1
12-13 Aug 03	1%	15	40	43	1
3-4 Jun 03	1%	19	48	31	1
8-9 Apr 03	1%	20	47	30	2
11-12 Mar 03	1%	13	41	44	1
14-15 Jan 03	1%	12	46	40	1
8-9 Oct 02 LV	5%	20	44	30	1
9-10 Jul 02	1%	23	51	24	1
30 Apr-1 May 02	3%	27	53	16	1
9-10 Jan 02	2%	26	47	22	3
19-20 Sep 01	4%	25	45	24	2
11-12 Jul 01	4%	38	44	13	1
18-19 Apr 01	4%	35	45	14	2
14-15 Mar 01	3%	36	42	18	1
21-22 Feb 01	5%	41	44	9	1
10-11 Jan 01	9%	50	29	10	2
18-19 Oct 00 LV	19%	54	20	6	1
28-29 Jun 00	13%	49	27	9	2
20-21 Oct 99	3%	48	32	6	1
28-29 Oct 98 LV	12%	57	24	6	1
28-29 Oct 98	11%	54	25	8	2
7-8 Oct 98 LV	10%	51	30	8	1
7-8 Oct 98	11%	49	32	7	1
9-10 Sep 98	12%	49	31	7	1

18. How would you rate your personal financial situation -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	10%	36	35	17	2
Democrats	7%	33	38	22	1
Republicans	14%	44	32	8	3
Independents	10%	36	33	18	4
13-14 Dec 05	8%	40	34	16	2
14-15 Dec 04	7%	43	35	13	2
27-28 Oct 04 LV	16%	47	27	8	2
21-22 Sep 04 LV	15%	44	27	10	4
24-25 Aug 04 LV	13%	45	30	10	2
22-23 Jun 04	14%	48	25	11	2
3-4 Mar 04	14%	48	27	10	1
18-19 Nov 03	7%	40	37	13	3
23-24 Sep 03	5%	39	38	16	2
30 Jun-1 Jul 03	9%	48	29	12	2
8-9 Apr 03	9%	46	33	10	2

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

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	21%	56	20	3
Democrats	10%	70	18	2
Republicans	38%	36	22	5
Independents	20%	58	19	2
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

20a. (If better: n=192, ±7%) Why do you say it feels like the economy is getting better? (OPEN ENDED)

	18-19 Apr 06	18-19 May 04
More jobs	49%	40%
Pay increase	23	12
General sense	14	16
Stock market	12	11
Stores busier/business improving	11	8
Other	2	4
Don't know/Refused	6	9

20b. (If worse: n=504, ±4%) Why do you say it feels like the economy is getting worse? (OPEN ENDED)

	18-19 Apr 06	18-19 May 04
Gas prices increasing	59%	31%
No jobs	28	37
Grocery prices	15	6
Cost of living/Pay not keeping up	12	na
General sense	11	10
Prescription/Health care costs	7	2
Iraq/War	4	4
Stock market	3	1
Taxes	1	na
Immigration	1	na
Other	5	4
Don't know/Refused	2	5

21. Would you say your opinion on the condition of the national economy is based (ROTATE) (more on your personal experiences) or (more on what you see and hear in the media)?

SCALE: 1. Personal experiences 2. What I see and hear in the media 3. (Combination) 4. (Don't know)

	Experience	Media	(Comb)	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	48%	21	30	1
Democrats	44%	23	31	2
Republicans	52%	18	29	1
Independents	47%	22	30	-

22. Thinking about recent news reports on the nation's economy, have you generally been hearing more good news or bad news stories about the economy?

SCALE: 1. More good news stories 2. More bad news stories

3. (Neither/Balanced/Accurate) 4. (Depends) 5. (Don't know)

	Good news	Bad news	(Balanced)	(Depends)	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	17%	54	16	6	6
Democrats	17%	52	18	7	6
Republicans	19%	60	12	4	5
Independents	18%	51	18	8	5

23. - 30. When you think about the condition of the national economy, how important are each of the following in deciding whether the economy is in good or bad shape. Please tell me if each one is extremely important, very important, not very important, or not at all important to you in deciding the condition of the economy. (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Extremely important 2. Very important 3. Somewhat important

4. Not at all important 5. (Don't know)

	--Important--			--Not important--			(DK)
	TOTAL	Extmly	Vry	TOTAL	Smwht	Not	
The availability of good jobs	89%	34	55	10	7	3	1
The price of gasoline	83%	40	43	16	12	4	1
The amount of money you are saving for the future	77%	28	49	20	13	7	3
The general direction of the country	77%	28	49	19	17	2	4
The price of food and clothes	73%	22	51	27	22	5	1
The amount you pay in taxes	68%	24	44	29	23	6	3
The stock market	51%	12	39	41	26	15	8
The news coverage	37%	8	29	60	37	23	3

31. As far as you know, has the U.S. stock market gone up in the last year, gone down, or has it stayed about the same?

	Gone up	Gone down	Stay the same	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	44%	10	25	21
Democrats	36%	14	25	24
Republicans	51%	8	25	16
Independents	51%	7	24	17

32. In fact, based on Dow Jones Averages, the U.S. stock market has gone up more than three percent over the last year. Does knowing this make you feel better or worse about the nation's economy, or doesn't it make any difference? (If better/worse ask:) Is that a lot (better/worse) or only a little (better/worse)?

SCALE: 1. A lot better 2. A little better 3. No difference 4. A little worse 5. A lot worse 6. (Don't know)

	-- Better --			-- Worse --			No diff	(DK)
	TOTAL	Lot	Little	TOTAL	Little	Lot		
18-19 Apr 06	36%	13	23	5	3	2	57	3
Democrats	27%	6	21	7	4	3	63	3
Republicans	49%	22	27	3	3	-	46	2
Independents	33%	13	20	3	1	2	62	2



33. As far as you know, has the total number of jobs in the United States gone up in the last year, gone down, or has it stayed about the same?

	Gone up	Gone down	Stay the same	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	45%	28	15	12
Democrats	37%	34	16	12
Republicans	57%	21	13	9
Independents	46%	27	16	11

34. In fact, the total number of jobs has gone up and about 2.1 million jobs have been created in the last year. Does knowing this make you feel better or worse about the nation's economy or doesn't it make any difference? (If better/worse ask:) Is that a lot (better/worse) or only a little (better/worse)?

SCALE: 1. A lot better 2. A little better 3. No difference 4. A little worse 5. A lot worse 6. (Don't know)

	-- Better --			-- Worse --			No	
	TOTAL	Lot	Little	TOTAL	Little	Lot	diff	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	53%	25	28	8	4	4	36	3
Democrats	43%	16	27	10	6	4	45	2
Republicans	74%	40	34	5	3	2	19	1
Independents	47%	21	26	8	3	5	41	4

35. As far as you know, has the real disposable income of U.S. workers, that is, money left over after paying taxes, gone up in the last year, gone down, or has it stayed about the same?

	Gone up	Gone down	Stay the same	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	28%	30	28	15
Democrats	23%	32	29	16
Republicans	37%	22	26	15
Independents	26%	34	29	10

36. In fact, the real disposable income of U.S. workers has gone up by more than two percent over the last year. Does knowing this make you feel better or worse about the nation's economy, or doesn't it make any difference? (If better/worse ask:) Is that a lot (better/worse) or only a little (better/worse)?

SCALE: 1. A lot better 2. A little better 3. No difference 4. A little worse 5. A lot worse 6. (Don't know)

	-- Better --			-- Worse --			No	
	TOTAL	Lot	Little	TOTAL	Little	Lot	diff	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	41%	17	24	7	4	3	45	5
Democrats	32%	9	23	8	4	4	55	5
Republicans	60%	28	32	5	4	1	32	3
Independents	39%	19	20	11	6	5	46	4

37. Considering that over the past twelve months the stock market is up, employment has increased and the disposable income of U.S. workers has increased, do you think the news media has generally done a good job or bad job providing accurate news about the nation's economy?

	Good job	Bad job	(Depends/Mixed)	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	41%	38	12	8
Democrats	54%	20	16	11
Republicans	27%	61	8	4
Independents	41%	40	11	9

38. Last week the president of Iran announced that Iran has begun enriching uranium and said his country had "joined the club" of nuclear nations. The current U.S. position is to try to find diplomatic solutions, but to keep military action as an option. Do you agree or disagree with this position?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	62%	27	12
Democrats	52%	35	13
Republicans	75%	17	8
Independents	61%	27	12

39. Do you think the United States currently has the military strength to defeat Iran?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	56%	34	10
Democrats	49%	42	9
Republicans	66%	23	10
Independents	54%	37	9

40. Do you think it would be responsible or irresponsible for the United States to have war plans for Iran already prepared?

	Responsible	Irresponsible	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	67%	26	7
Democrats	59%	32	9
Republicans	80%	14	6
Independents	65%	30	6

41. Do you think the United States could co-exist with a nuclear Iran or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	44%	40	16
Democrats	50%	35	15
Republicans	34%	51	15
Independents	51%	34	15

42. If the United Nations fails to get involved and take a hard line with Iran about nuclear weapons, do you think the United States should stop paying dues to the United Nations, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	36%	49	15
Democrats	29%	58	13
Republicans	48%	37	14
Independents	34%	49	16

43. Do you think the United States will eventually have to take military action against Iran?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	47%	37	17
Democrats	43%	41	16
Republicans	55%	30	16
Independents	45%	40	16

44. Thinking now about the U.S. Congress, do you think members of Congress should spend more time at home in their districts listening to their constituents, or more time in Washington, DC, debating the issues with other lawmakers?

SCALE: 1. More time at home listening 2. More time in Washington, DC debating 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Home, listening	In DC, debating	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	52%	22	18	2	6
Democrats	47%	26	19	2	6
Republicans	58%	19	15	2	6
Independents	47%	23	21	2	7

45. Some people have started calling the current Congress a "do nothing" Congress because they are expected to be in Washington fewer than 130 days this year. Others say that it is not the number of days Congress spends in Washington, but how much has gotten done. Do you agree or disagree with calling this Congress is a "do nothing" Congress?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	54%	31	15

46. There's a new movie coming out called "United 93," which is about the hijacked United Airlines flight that crashed in Pennsylvania on September 11. Which one of the following best describes how you feel about movies being made about the September 11 attacks? Do you think:

1. It is appropriate and timely 2. It is appropriate, but too soon 3. It is inappropriate 4. (Don't know)

	--- Appropriate --- Timely	Too soon	Inappropriate	(DK)
18-19 Apr 06	42%	17	33	8

*For reference: There has recently been talk of movies being made based on the September 11 attacks on the United States. Do you have any problems with movies being made about the 9/11 attacks, or not?*

	Yes, have problems	No problems	(Not sure)
30-31 Aug 05	38%	54	8

47. Do you think you would go and see a movie about September 11?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	38%	58	4

48. Do you think the tapes from the cockpit voice recorder on United Flight #93 should or should not be made public?

	Should	Should not	(Don't know)
18-19 Apr 06	55%	37	8

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

	Apr 18-19	Apr 4-5	Mar 14-15	Feb28 -Mar1	Feb 7-8	Jan 24-25	Jan 10-11
1. Democrat	40%	39%	37%	43%	40%	43%	38%
2. Republican	32	34	36	33	36	36	33
3. (Independent)	23	23	20	18	19	17	22
4. (Other)	2	2	2	3	3	2	4
5. (Refused/Don't know)	3	2	4	3	2	2	2