



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone May 2-3, 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 (2-3 May 06)	38%	53	9
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)
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
Democrats	16%	76	7	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
Republicans	66%	26	9	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
Independents	27%	62	11	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
RECENT TREND				30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7				

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	36%	49	15
Democrats	52%	35	14
Republicans	25%	62	13
Independents	26%	55	19
4-5 Apr 06	29%	51	20
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	48	16
10-11 Jan 06	39%	41	20
8-9 Nov 05	33%	47	20

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	35%	53	12
Democrats	21%	70	9
Republicans	56%	32	12
Independents	18%	65	17
4-5 Apr 06	29%	53	18
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	34%	53	13
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

4. This fall there will be elections for Congress and other offices. Right now, how interested are you in this year's elections:

SCALE: 1. Extremely interested 2. Very interested 3. Somewhat interested  
4. Only slightly interested 5. Not at all interested 6. (Don't know)

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not	(DK)
2-3 May 06	28%	36	24	7	5	1
Democrats	34%	33	20	8	5	-
Republicans	27%	36	26	6	5	-
Independents	18%	37	30	7	7	1

5. Thinking ahead to this November's elections, if the congressional election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (ROTATE)

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/ Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	TOTAL	Vote	Lean	
2-3 May 06	41%	37	4	38	32	6	21
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	48%	44	4	34	28	6	18
23-24 Sep 03	41%	35	6	36	32	4	23
22-23 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	41	36	5	19
8-9 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	42	36	6	18
24-25 Sep 02	45%	43	2	42	32	10	13
6-7 Aug 02	36%	31	5	39	33	6	25
26-27 Feb 02	32%	30	2	40	34	6	28
12-13 Dec 01	29%	21	8	40	33	7	31
28-29 Mar 01	36%	33	3	38	32	6	26
10-11 Jan 01	38%	32	6	33	26	7	29
6-7 Sep 00 LV	41%	34	7	40	32	8	19
24-25 May 00	39%	33	6	42	36	6	19
12-13 Jan 00	36%	32	4	42	35	7	22
6-7 Dec 99	38%	32	6	39	33	6	23
17-18 Nov 99	36%	34	2	42	37	5	22
20-21 Oct 99	40%	35	5	41	34	7	19
22-23 Sep 99	37%	31	6	38	30	8	25
8-9 Sep 99	36%	29	7	40	33	7	24
25-26 Aug 99	39%	34	5	36	29	7	25

6. As of today, which one of the following issues will be the most important in deciding your vote for Congress this fall? (RANDOMIZE)

	2-3				4-5
	May 06	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Apr 06
1. The economy	16%	23%	11%	16%	20%
2. Gas prices	15	15	15	17	na
3. Iraq	13	16	8	16	19
4. Immigration	12	9	15	13	13
5. Health care	11	11	11	13	17
6. Terrorism	10	5	16	6	9
7. Ethics in Washington	9	8	10	7	6
8. Social Security	7	7	7	8	9
9. (Other)	3	4	3	2	4
10. (Don't know)	3	2	3	3	4

7. How much attention have you been paying to the recent staff changes at the White House?

SCALE: 1. A lot 2. Some, but not a lot 3. A little 4. Not much at all

5. (Don't know)

	- Paying attention -			- Not paying attention -			(DK)
	TOTAL	Lot	Some	TOTAL	Little	Not	
2-3 May 06	64%	26	38	35	18	17	1
Democrats	68%	34	34	31	16	15	1
Republicans	67%	21	46	32	18	14	-
Independents	56%	22	34	44	21	23	1

8. Do you think the recent staff changes at the White House will make a real difference to the rest of President Bush's term in office, or are the changes mainly window dressing?

	Make a real difference		Mainly window dressing		(Mix/Both)	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	21%	65	6	8		
Democrats	18%	71	5	5		
Republicans	29%	55	6	9		
Independents	13%	70	7	10		

9. Thinking about FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, do you think it would be more effective and efficient to abolish FEMA and replace it with a new agency, or do you think it would be more effective and efficient to fix FEMA?

	Replace	Fix	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	31%	58	11
Democrats	34%	54	12
Republicans	31%	59	10
Independents	27%	62	11

10. Earlier this week, a national protest called "A Day Without Immigrants" was held with the idea that immigrants would boycott work for the day to show their importance to the American workforce. In general, do you think most illegal workers across the country participated in this boycott or do you think most illegal workers showed up at work as usual?

	Most participated in boycott		Most showed up for work as usual		(Combination)	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	36%	42	11	11		
Democrats	40%	39	9	12		
Republicans	36%	45	10	8		
Independents	28%	40	17	16		

11. Which better describes how you felt when you saw the thousands of participants in the "A Day Without Immigrants" protests? (ROTATE)  
 SCALE: 1. The United States needs to make these people citizens and give rights to immigrants 2. The United States needs to do a better job protecting the country's borders 3. (Mixed/Both) 4. (Don't know)

	Give rights	Protect borders	(Mixed/Both)	(DK)
2-3 May 06	21%	63	12	3
Democrats	26%	59	11	3
Republicans	18%	69	10	3
Independents	18%	58	18	6

12. Do you think the U.S. national anthem should only be sung in English or is it okay for it to be sung in Spanish also?

	Only English	Spanish also	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	78%	16	5
Democrats	76%	18	6
Republicans	84%	12	4
Independents	71%	21	7

13. Which of the following do you think best describes how environmental rules and regulations affect energy production in the United States? Do you think the United States is: (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Keeping up with other countries while still complying with the environmental rules OR 2. Falling behind other countries because of the environmental rules 3. (Don't know)

	Keeping up	Falling behind	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	31%	55	13
Democrats	29%	56	15
Republicans	34%	55	11
Independents	32%	54	14

14. To the best of your knowledge, is the price of oil set by oil companies and manufacturers, or do buyers and sellers in the market place set the price based on supply and demand?

	Oil companies and manufacturers	Buyers and sellers in the market place	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	52%	42	6
Democrats	56%	39	5
Republicans	50%	43	7
Independents	49%	43	7

15. On the issue of gasoline prices, which of the following would you rather have? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Gasoline rationing, with prices regulated by the government 2. No gas rationing, with prices allowed to go up or down based on market supply and demand 3. (Don't know)

	Rationing	No rationing	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	31%	55	14
Democrats	36%	49	15
Republicans	28%	58	13
Independents	26%	60	13

16. Do you think the gas price situation is best described as a crisis, a major problem but not a crisis, a minor problem or is it not a problem at all?

	A crisis	Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem at all	(Don't know)
2-3 May 06	32%	52	13	2	-
Democrats	41%	48	8	2	1
Republicans	24%	53	19	3	-
Independents	32%	53	12	2	1

17. (If said not a crisis, n=612 ± 4%) How high would gas prices have to go for you to consider it a crisis? (OPEN ENDED)

	2-3 May 06	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
1. \$3.00	9%	13	8	6
2. \$3-3.99	16	16	14	22
3. \$4-4.99	27	21	31	24
4. \$5-5.99	24	29	21	23
5. \$6-6.99	4	2	5	8
6. \$7-9.99	2	2	3	-
7. \$10 or more	2	2	2	3
8. (Other)	2	1	4	1
9. (Don't know/Refused)	13	15	14	14

18. - 22. I'm going to read you a list of items, for each one please tell me if you think it will help or hurt the long-term energy situation in the United States. If help/hurt: Is that a lot or a little? (RANDOMIZE)  
SCALE: 1. Help, a lot 2. Help, a little 3. Hurt, a little 4. Hurt, a lot 4. (Mixed/Depends) 5. (Don't know)

	TOTAL	Help Lot	Help Little	TOTAL	Hurt Little	Hurt Lot	(Mixed/Depnds)	(DK)
Giving \$100 rebate checks to taxpayers to cushion the effect of higher gas prices?	40%	19	21	42	16	26	10	9
Democrats	37%	18	19	46	16	30	10	8
Republicans	48%	25	23	35	17	18	8	9
Independents	27%	9	18	52	18	34	15	6
Relaxing environmental standards for gasoline and automobiles?	46%	26	20	44	14	30	4	6
Democrats	40%	24	16	52	16	36	5	4
Republicans	57%	33	24	34	12	22	3	6
Independents	37%	18	19	52	16	36	5	6
Drilling for oil in the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge and the Gulf of Mexico?	68%	44	24	24	7	17	4	5
Democrats	56%	36	20	33	9	24	6	5
Republicans	81%	53	28	14	5	9	2	3
Independents	61%	41	20	31	10	21	6	3
Raising gas prices above \$5 dollars a gallon to encourage conservation?	30%	15	15	65	10	55	2	3
Democrats	26%	18	8	69	8	61	2	2
Republicans	38%	16	22	56	12	44	2	3
Independents	17%	7	10	78	11	67	3	1

----- Help -----      ----- Hurt -----      (Mixed/  
TOTAL    Lot    Little    TOTAL    Little    Lot    Dpnds) (DK)

Giving tax incentives to  
companies to encourage  
development of  
alternative fuels?

	79%	53	26	14	6	8	4	3
Democrats	73%	49	24	20	8	12	3	4
Republicans	87%	59	28	8	5	3	2	3
Independents	75%	52	23	14	5	9	7	4

23. If you had to choose only one option, which do you think is the better way to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil?

SCALE: 1. Increase supply by drilling more in the U.S. 2. Decrease demand by requiring conservation 3. (Both) 4. (Not sure)

	Drilling in U.S.	Requiring conservation	(Both)	(Not sure)
2-3 May 06	49%	35	12	5
Democrats	45%	41	9	4
Republicans	53%	27	15	5
Independents	49%	34	9	8
26-27 Feb 02	33%	43	15	9
6-7 June 01	37%	38	18	7

24. - 28. For each one of the following, please tell me if you think most Americans would truly be willing to take the action as a way to conserve gasoline. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Yes 2. No 3. (Don't know) 4. (Not an option)

	Yes	No	(DK)	(Not option)
Take mass transit or public transportation?	65%	30	3	2
Democrats	64%	30	3	2
Republicans	67%	28	4	2
Independents	63%	32	3	2
Join a car pool?	68%	29	3	-
Democrats	68%	29	3	-
Republicans	67%	30	3	-
Independents	68%	27	5	-
Cut back on driving in general?	63%	34	3	-
Democrats	67%	32	2	-
Republicans	61%	35	4	-
Independents	60%	37	2	-
Work from home instead of commuting?	63%	30	4	3
Democrats	64%	29	3	4
Republicans	61%	31	5	3
Independents	61%	31	6	2
Drive 50 miles per hour or less?	35%	63	2	-
Democrats	37%	62	2	-
Republicans	36%	63	2	-
Independents	31%	65	3	1

29. - 35. How much do you think each of the following is to blame for high gas prices? Please tell me if you think each deserves a lot of blame, some blame, but not a lot, a little blame, or no blame at all. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. A lot 2. Some, but not a lot 3. A little 4. None at all

5. (Don't know)

	A lot	Some	Little	None	(DK)
Oil industry executives and the industry in general	66%	21	9	3	2
Democrats	76%	17	5	-	1
Republicans	53%	25	15	5	2
Independents	68%	18	8	3	2
The federal government	53%	27	12	6	2
Democrats	66%	22	6	3	2
Republicans	39%	33	19	7	3
Independents	54%	25	11	8	1
The situation with Iran that may put Persian Gulf oil supplies at risk	52%	26	11	7	3
Democrats	61%	21	8	6	3
Republicans	47%	29	13	7	3
Independents	47%	27	14	10	2
Increased demand from developing countries such as China and India	41%	31	14	7	7
Democrats	43%	28	12	7	9
Republicans	44%	34	12	5	4
Independents	34%	29	18	12	7
Consumers who drive excessively and buy big vehicles	39%	31	17	12	1
Democrats	46%	27	15	11	1
Republicans	31%	35	18	14	1
Independents	40%	32	16	10	2
People who block oil drilling and exploration	37%	29	19	11	3
Democrats	34%	26	23	15	2
Republicans	46%	31	12	7	4
Independents	24%	32	24	16	4
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that damaged oil refining capacity	33%	33	23	10	2
Democrats	37%	27	22	12	2
Republicans	33%	34	23	8	1
Independents	26%	40	23	10	1

36. Which one of the following do you think best describes how much effort you and your family are putting into conserving gasoline or cutting back in other areas to be able to afford gas? Would you describe your family's effort as:

SCALE: 1. A tremendous amount of effort 2. A lot of effort 3. Some effort, but not a lot 4. Not much effort at all 5. (None at all) 6. (Don't know)

	Tremendous	A lot	Some	Not much	(None)	(DK)
2-3 May 06	19%	27	42	9	2	1
Democrats	22%	25	42	7	3	1
Republicans	17%	28	40	12	3	1
Independents	11%	31	47	10	1	-

37. Some people say: (ROTATE) 1. Democrats are more to blame for the current rise in gas prices because they are too close to the environmentalist position that stresses conservation over more production of oil. 2. Republicans are more to blame because they are too close to the oil industry position that stresses more production of oil over conservation measures. Which of these positions is closer to your own?

SCALE: 1. Democrats are more to blame; too close to conservationists  
 2. Republicans are more to blame, too close to oil companies 3. (Combination, both partly to blame) 4. (Neither to blame) 5. (Don't know)

	Democrats to blame	Republicans to blame	(Combination)	(Neither)	(DK)
2-3 May 06	20%	36	27	11	5
Democrats	15%	55	15	10	4
Republicans	30%	19	33	12	5
Independents	11%	32	37	13	6

38. The president recently announced an investigation into price increases and possible price fixing by the oil industry. In previous investigations, the government failed to find evidence of price fixing by the oil industry. How likely do you think it is that this new investigation will find evidence of price fixing?

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

	--- Likely ---			--- Unlikely ---			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	
2-3 May 06	47%	23	24	50	18	32	3
Democrats	48%	26	22	49	14	35	3
Republicans	51%	24	27	44	20	24	4
Independents	38%	16	22	61	19	42	1

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)
2-3 May 06	37%	39	19	2	3
18-19 Apr 06	40%	32	23	2	3
4-5 Apr 06	39%	34	23	2	2
14-15 Mar 06	37%	36	20	2	4
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	43%	33	18	3	3
7-8 Feb 06	40%	36	19	3	2
24-25 Jan 06	43%	36	17	2	2
10-11 Jan 06	38%	33	22	4	2