



# FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone June 27-28, 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 (27-28 Jun 06)	41%	50	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)		
27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9	29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5
Democrats	13%	83	4	1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9
Republicans	79%	12	10	8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7
Independents	24%	62	14	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
RECENT TREND				11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
16-18 May 06	35%	56	8	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9	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

2. Do you think it would be better for the country if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in this year's election? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
	win	win		
27-28 Jun 06	39%	33	20	8
Democrats	81%	1	13	6
Republicans	5%	80	12	4
Independents	23%	18	45	13
16-18 May 06	46%	29	19	6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	45%	31	19	5
7-8 Feb 06	42%	34	18	5
10-11 Jan 06	44%	33	16	7
27-28 Sep 05	40%	32	18	10

3. Do you think it would be better for the national economy if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
	win	win		
27-28 Jun 06	43%	35	15	7
Democrats	84%	4	10	3
Republicans	6%	80	10	4
Independents	34%	24	29	13

4. Do you think the country would be safer from terrorism if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
	win	win		
27-28 Jun 06	28%	39	25	8
Democrats	57%	6	26	11
Republicans	3%	81	12	5
Independents	18%	34	39	9

5. Regardless of how you usually vote -- going forward, which party do you trust to do a better job handling the situation in Iraq? (ROTATE)

	Trust Democrats	Trust Republicans	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	34%	38	5	14	8
Democrats	75%	7	4	9	5
Republicans	3%	80	5	7	5
Independents	20%	28	8	31	14

6. If Democrats win control of Congress in the midterm election, do you think it is more likely to lead to:

SCALE: 1. Change for the better 2. Change for the worse 3. No real change 4. (Don't know)

	Better	Worse	No change	(DK)
27-28 Jun 06	43%	23	30	5
Democrats	79%	1	16	3
Republicans	9%	56	30	5
Independents	35%	10	49	6

7. If Democrats win control of Congress in the midterm election, do you think they are more likely to focus on making problems for President Bush or solving America's problems? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Making problems for President Bush 2. Solving America's problems 3. (Both/Same thing) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Making problems	Solving problems	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
27-28 Jun 06	39%	38	11	5	8
Democrats	14%	70	11	1	4
Republicans	69%	10	10	3	8
Independents	37%	29	14	9	11

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

	27-28 Jun 06	2-3 May 06	4-5 Apr 06	10-11 Jan 06
1. The economy	19%	16	20%	23%
2. Iraq	16	13	19	18
3. Terrorism	12	10	9	11
4. Immigration	11	12	13	na
5. Health care	10	11	17	17
6. Gas prices	7	15	na	na
7. Social Security	7	7	9	10
8. Ethics in Washington	6	9	6	12
9. (Other)	8	3	4	5
10. (Don't know)	4	3	4	4

9. In general, do you think it would be a good idea or bad idea if a third national political party were formed that would run candidates for president, congress, and state offices against the Republican and Democratic candidates?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	50%	37	13
Democrats	48%	40	12
Republicans	38%	47	15
Independents	77%	15	8
23-24 Jun 99	54%	32	14

10. What do you want U.S. troops in Iraq to do -- do you want them to leave Iraq and come home now or do you want them to stay in Iraq and finish the job?

	Come home	Finish job	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	38%	55	8
Democrats	62%	29	9
Republicans	14%	83	3
Independents	35%	54	11
8-9 Nov 05	36%	55	9
30-31 Aug 05	33%	58	9

11. Do you think setting a timetable for U.S. troops to leave Iraq:

SCALE: 1. Does more good than harm because it makes Iraq get prepared to stand on its own 2. Does more harm than good because it tells the enemy when it can move in and take over 3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	More good	More harm	(Both)	(DK)
27-28 Jun 06	38%	44	8	10
Democrats	51%	32	9	9
Republicans	27%	60	6	7
Independents	34%	47	9	10

12. - 14. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. The first one is... (RANDOMIZE)

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
Americans would rather be strong and wrong than weak and right.	48%	38	14
Democrats	52%	35	13
Republicans	43%	42	15
Independents	48%	38	14

In general, the Democrats' position on Iraq can be characterized as "cut and run."	44%	48	8
Democrats	27%	68	5
Republicans	70%	24	6
Independents	39%	50	11

In general, the Republicans' position on Iraq can be characterized as "stay and pay."	56%	34	10
Democrats	61%	31	8
Republicans	54%	35	11
Independents	54%	37	9

15. Do you think it is fair or unfair to hold those accused of being Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorists at Guantanamo Bay military base without charging or trying them?

	Fair	Unfair	(Depends)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	43%	44	5	7
Democrats	25%	62	4	8
Republicans	62%	26	7	5
Independents	43%	47	4	7

*For reference: Even though it is considered consistent with international law, do you personally think it is fair or unfair to hold the accused Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorists at Guantanamo Bay military base without charging them?*

9-10 Jul 02	Fair 68%	Unfair 17	(Depends) 7	(Don't know) 8
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16. Do you think the United States is safer because of information from the prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	48%	36	16
Democrats	33%	53	15
Republicans	68%	16	16
Independents	42%	39	19

17. Do you think the United States should honor its international treaty commitments to other countries, even if that means releasing dangerous enemy fighters from Guantanamo Bay?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	29%	54	16
Democrats	36%	47	17
Republicans	20%	65	14
Independents	36%	48	16

18. Which one of the following do you think poses the greatest threat to the safety of the United States today? (RANDOMIZE)

	Iran	North Korea	Al Qaeda	(All)	(None)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	17%	22	33	19	4	5
Democrats	18%	26	31	14	6	4
Republicans	16%	17	37	22	1	6
Independents	17%	23	29	21	5	5
1-2 Mar 05	10%	21	41	20	3	6

19. Which country do you think poses the greatest danger to the United States right now?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Iran	39%	39%	46%	29%
2. North Korea	32	36	26	39
3. France	1	-	1	3
4. Russia	1	2	1	1
5. China	12	10	15	11
6. (All)	4	2	5	8
7. (None)	3	5	1	2
8. (Don't know)	7	7	5	7

20. Recently North Korea threatened to test launch a long-range ballistic missile. Do you think North Korea is bluffing and the threat is part of a larger negotiating plan or do you think there is a real threat that North Korea will launch a long-range missile soon?

	Bluffing	Real threat	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	33%	56	11
Democrats	37%	52	11
Republicans	32%	59	9
Independents	29%	58	14

21. If North Korea does test its long-range missile capabilities, do you think the United States should respond with diplomacy or by blowing up their missile?

	Diplomacy	Blow up missile	(Depends)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	35%	51	6	7
Democrats	44%	42	6	8
Republicans	26%	62	5	7
Independents	35%	51	9	5

22. Do you think the United States will eventually have to take military action against North Korea?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	46%	40	14
Democrats	47%	42	11
Republicans	49%	37	14
Independents	38%	44	18

23. Who do you think is crazier? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. The leader of North Korea 2. The leader of Iran 3. (Both equal)  
4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	North Korea	Iran	(Both equal)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	31%	26	27	5	11
Democrats	34%	25	23	8	11
Republicans	26%	32	31	2	9
Independents	37%	21	27	3	11

24. Who do you trust more to tell the public the truth: government officials or news reporters? (ROTATE)

	Government Officials	News reporters	(Both/ Same equal)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	25%	40	5	26	4
Democrats	13%	57	3	23	2
Republicans	45%	25	5	21	5
Independents	16%	36	3	42	3
26-27 Jun 05	18%	38	5	33	6

25. Do you support or oppose the U.S. Treasury Department tracking suspected terrorist financing through a secret program that looks at money transfers?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	70%	21	10
Democrats	58%	30	12
Republicans	83%	11	6
Independents	67%	23	11

26. In investigations of possible terrorist activity, do you believe the government is doing a good job or a bad job protecting the privacy of ordinary Americans?

	Good job	Bad job	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	55%	37	8
Democrats	38%	56	6
Republicans	82%	12	6
Independents	45%	40	15
16-18 May 06	49%	38	13

27. Recently, some classified national security information was reported by the news media. Who do you think is more to blame for this -- the government employees for leaking the information or the media for reporting the information?

	Government employees	The media	(Both)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	51%	28	17	4
Democrats	67%	17	11	5
Republicans	38%	44	16	1
Independents	44%	20	29	7

(ROTATE ORDER OF NEXT THREE QUESTIONS)

28. Do you think news organizations that report and publish information about national security secrets that may make it easier for terrorists to operate should face criminal charges?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	66%	27	7
Democrats	55%	37	7
Republicans	84%	11	6
Independents	58%	35	7

29. Do you think news organizations that report and publish information about national security secrets are committing treason or operating for the public good?

	Treason	Public good	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	43%	37	20
Democrats	29%	55	16
Republicans	65%	17	19
Independents	35%	41	24

30. Do you think government employees who leak classified national security secrets should face criminal charges?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Jun 06	87%	8	5
Democrats	82%	11	7
Republicans	93%	4	2
Independents	83%	10	7

31. What do you think is more important to most news organizations -- getting scoops and reporting stories or keeping national security information secret?

SCALE: 1. Getting scoops 2. Keeping classified info secret 3. (Both)

4. (Don't know)

	Scoops	Secret	(Both)	(DK)
27-28 Jun 06	68%	21	4	6
Democrats	61%	26	6	7
Republicans	74%	18	3	4
Independents	72%	20	3	5

32. What do you think should be more important to the news organizations -- getting scoops and reporting stories or keeping national security information secret?

SCALE: 1. Getting scoops 2. Keeping classified info secret 3. (Both)

4. (Don't know)

	Scoops	Secret	(Both)	(DK)
27-28 Jun 06	21%	67	6	6
Democrats	25%	60	7	8
Republicans	13%	80	4	3
Independents	30%	61	4	4

33. The Bush administration asked the New York Times not to publish information about the secret government program tracking terrorist financing. The New York Times went ahead with the story and says it decided it was in the public interest to do so. By publishing the story, do you think the New York Times did more to help the American public or more to help terrorist groups like Al Qaeda?

SCALE: 1. More to help the American public 2. More to help terrorist groups

3. (Don't know)

	Americans	Terrorists	(DK)
27-28 Jun 06	27%	60	13
Democrats	42%	42	15
Republicans	9%	84	7
Independents	31%	53	15

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)
27-28 Jun 06	38%	36	19	3	4
13-14 Jun 06	42%	34	19	2	3
16-18 May 06	41%	32	21	2	3
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