



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone August 29-30, 2006, 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

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 (29-30 Aug 06)	38%	56	6
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (18-19 Apr 06)	33%	57	10
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	Disapprove (DK)		Approve	Disapprove	Disapprove (DK)
29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6	14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9
Democrats	7%	88	5	25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10
Republicans	78%	16	5	29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5
Independents	33%	58	8	1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9
RECENT TREND				8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7
8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8	25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10
11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11	11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7
27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9	14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7
13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8	16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7
16-18 May 06	35%	56	8	30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
2-3 May 06	38%	53	9	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
Democrats	16%	73	11
Republicans	43%	40	17
Independents	11%	70	19

RECENT TREND

8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
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

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the government is doing to protect the country from terrorism?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	55%	36	9
Democrats	40%	50	11
Republicans	79%	16	5
Independents	45%	42	13
24-25 Jan 06	58%	34	8
11-12 Oct 05	53%	38	9
12-13 Jul 05	56%	33	11
11-12 Feb 03	71%	19	10

4. 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? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/ Don't know)
	Total	Vote	Lean	Total	Vote	Lean	
29-30 Aug 06	48%	43	5	32	28	4	21
Democrats	87%	79	8	3	2	1	10
Republicans	6%	5	1	79	70	9	16
Independents	40%	34	6	16	14	2	44
RECENT TREND							
8-9 Aug 06	48%	44	4	30	27	3	22
11-12 Jul 06	42%	38	4	34	31	3	25
13-14 Jun 06	46%	43	3	33	29	4	20
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

5. How would you describe the quality of life for most people in your area today?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	11%	47	29	12	1
Democrats	5%	38	41	16	1
Republicans	20%	58	17	5	-
Independents	8%	51	22	17	1

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

	29-30 Aug 06	27-28 Jun 06	2-3 May 06	4-5 Apr 06
1. The economy	23%	19%	16	20%
2. Iraq	14	16	13	19
3. Terrorism	12	12	10	9
4. Health care	11	10	11	17
5. Immigration	9	11	12	13
6. Gas prices	8	7	15	na
7. Social Security	7	7	7	9
8. Ethics in Washington	6	6	9	6
9. (Other)	5	8	3	4
10. (Don't know)	4	4	3	4

7. If Democrats win control of Congress in the midterm election, do you think it is more likely that they will spend the next two years investigating and trying to impeach President Bush or coming up with new ideas to move the country forward? (ROTATE)

	Investigating	New ideas	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Aug 06	30%	47	6	7	11
Democrats	14%	66	8	4	9
Republicans	53%	25	2	12	9
Independents	23%	48	6	8	15

8. On the issue of Iraq, which is more important when you are deciding your vote for Congress this fall? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. The candidate's original position on whether the United States should take military action in Iraq 2. The candidate's current position on whether U.S. troops should be withdrawn or stay in Iraq 3. (Both equal) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Original position	Current position	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Aug 06	22%	60	7	5	6
Democrats	19%	66	6	4	4
Republicans	28%	57	6	4	6
Independents	20%	56	13	6	6

9. Thinking about the situation in Iraq, which of the following better describes what you think about announcing a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. It's just crazy to announce to the enemy when you are going to stop fighting and leave the country 2. It's smart to let the Iraqis know a certain date when they need to be able to stand on their own 3. (Neither) 4. (Don't know)

	Crazy	Smart	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Aug 06	48%	38	8	5
Democrats	34%	51	9	6
Republicans	68%	22	6	3
Independents	45%	38	11	5

10. Which of the following will be more important in deciding your vote for Congress this fall? (ROTATE)

	Problems around the world	Problems in the United States	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	17%	64	17	-	1
Democrats	19%	65	14	-	1
Republicans	19%	60	19	1	1
Independents	11%	68	20	-	1

11. If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (RANDOMIZE)

	----- Dem (±5%) -----			
	29-30 Aug 06	14-15 Mar 06	27-28 Sep 05	14-15 Jun 05
1. Hillary Rodham Clinton	32%	43%	42%	44%
2. Al Gore	15	12	11	na
3. John Kerry	13	10	14	17
4. John Edwards	9	11	14	13
5. Joseph Biden	4	4	5	6
6. Wesley Clark	4	4	1	2
7. Mark Warner	2	3	1	1
8. Evan Bayh	2	2	na	na
9. (Other)	2	-	3	2
10. (Don't know)	18	10	8	13
11. (Would not vote in Democratic primary)	1	1	2	1

12. If Hillary Clinton and Al Gore were the only choices in the Democratic primary, how would you vote? (ROTATE)

	Clinton	Gore	(Don't know)	(Would not vote)
Democrats	53%	34	11	2
Independents	39%	26	11	23

13. If the 2008 Republican presidential primary were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (RANDOMIZE)

	----- Rep (±5%) -----			
	29-30 Aug 06	14-15 Mar 06	27-28 Sep 05	14-15 Jun 05
1. Rudy Giuliani	27%	29%	26%	29%
2. John McCain	25	22	23	26
3. Newt Gingrich	14	8	7	9
4. Mitt Romney	5	4	3	2
5. George Pataki	4	2	na	na
6. Chuck Hagel	3	1	na	na
7. George Allen	3	3	2	3
8. Bill Frist	2	5	2	3
9. (Other)	3	3	2	2
10. (Don't know)	14	22	17	23
11. (Would not vote in Republican primary)	1	1	1	3

14. If John McCain and Rudy Giuliani were the only choices in the Republican primary, how would you vote? (ROTATE)

	McCain	Giuliani	(Don't know)	(Would not vote)
Republicans	36%	46	16	2
Independents	46%	29	14	11

15. - 18. Thinking ahead to the next presidential election, if the 2008 general election were held today and the candidates were [NAME] and [NAME], for whom would you vote? What if the candidates were:
 (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS AND ROTATE ORDER OF NAMES WITHIN QUESTIONS)

	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	(Other/Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	39%	47	13
Democrats	68%	20	12
Republicans	9%	80	10
Independents	36%	45	19
16-18 May 06	42%	46	13
14-15 Mar 06	39%	50	11
7-8 Feb 06	38%	51	11
27-28 Sep 05	38%	49	12
16-17 Nov 04	37%	53	10

	Al Gore	John McCain	(Other/Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	40%	47	13
Democrats	70%	20	10
Republicans	9%	80	11
Independents	35%	46	20
16-18 May 06	36%	48	17
14-15 Mar 06	34%	52	14
27-28 Sep 05	29%	57	14
8-9 Mar 00	40%	44	16
23-24 Feb 00	33%	53	14
9-10 Feb 00	36%	49	15
26-27 Jan 00	42%	38	20
12-13 Jan 00	36%	46	18
6-7 Dec 99	42%	41	17
17-18 Nov 99	38%	41	21
3-4 Nov 99	41%	40	19
10-11 Mar 99	44%	30	26
20-21 May 98	43%	25	32

	Hillary Clinton	Rudy Giuliani	(Other/Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	42%	46	11
Democrats	73%	17	10
Republicans	9%	82	9
Independents	40%	44	16
16-18 May 06	40%	49	12
14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	10
7-8 Feb 06	40%	51	10
27-28 Sep 05	39%	50	11
16-17 Nov 04	38%	49	13

	Al Gore	Rudy Giuliani	(Other/Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	42%	46	12
Democrats	76%	16	7
Republicans	6%	83	11
Independents	32%	49	19
16-18 May 06	37%	50	13
27-28 Sep 05	32%	55	13

19. Do you believe Hillary Clinton is prepared to be the first female president of the United States?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	51%	43	6
Democrats	75%	19	6
Republicans	24%	70	6
Independents	50%	42	8

Questions 20 - 40 held for release

41. Do you think the United States has been too aggressive, not aggressive enough or about right in trying to get Iran to stop building a nuclear weapons program?

	Too aggressive	Not aggressive enough	About right	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	12%	43	38	7
Democrats	20%	39	32	8
Republicans	3%	52	42	4
Independents	13%	37	39	11

42. Iran says it will not stop its nuclear development program and will not abide by the United Nations deadline. Do you think the United States should do whatever it takes to stop Iran -- including military action -- or do you think there are limits on what the United States can and should do to stop the Iranian program?

	What it takes	Limits	(Don't know)
29-30 Aug 06	37%	55	8
Democrats	29%	62	9
Republicans	50%	45	5
Independents	32%	56	12

43. Overall, which of the following do you think best describes the United Nations? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. It is a distinguished organization that is run by committed professionals working to solve world problems 2. It is a useless organization that is run by corrupt anti-American bureaucrats 3. (Mixed/Depends) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Distinguished	Corrupt	(Mixed/Dpnds)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Aug 06	38%	33	17	3	9
Democrats	44%	24	18	2	12
Republicans	30%	48	15	2	6
Independents	37%	30	21	6	6

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)
29-30 Aug 06	41%	33	20	3	3
8-9 Aug 06	42%	34	18	3	3
11-12 Jul 06	40%	34	21	2	4
27-28 Jun 06	38%	36	19	3	4
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18-19 Apr 06	40%	32	23	2	3
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