



**Interviews with 1,012 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on April 21-23, 2006. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus three percentage points.**

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**ALL RESULTS FOR RELEASE ON MONDAY, APRIL 24 AT 4 PM**

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

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Approve	32%
Disapprove	60%
Don't Know	8%

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	<u>Ap- prove</u>	<u>Disap- prove</u>		<u>Ap- prove</u>	<u>Disap- prove</u>		<u>Ap- prove</u>	<u>Disap- prove</u>
<u>2006</u>								
Mar 10-12	36%	60%	Jul 19-21	49%	47%	Oct 31-Nov 3	63%	29%
Feb 28-Mar 1	38%	60%	Jun 21-23	48%	49%	Oct 21-22	67%	28%
Feb 9-12	39%	56%	May 7-9	46%	51%	Oct 3-6	67%	28%
Jan 20-22	43%	54%	Apr 16-18	52%	45%	Sep 20-22	66%	30%
Jan 6-8	43%	54%	Mar 26-28	53%	44%	Sep 13-16	70%	26%
			Mar 5-7	49%	48%	Sep 2-4	66%	29%
			Feb 16-17	51%	46%	Jul 29-31	71%	23%
<u>2005</u>			Jan 29-Feb 1	49%	48%	Jul 26-28	69%	26%
Dec 16-18	41%	56%	Jan 9-11	59%	38%	Jul 5-8	76%	18%
Dec 9-11	42%	55%	Jan 2-5	60%	35%	Jun 28-30	76%	19%
Nov 11-13	37%	60%				Jun 21-23	73%	21%
Oct 28-30	41%	56%	<u>2003</u>			Jun 7-8	74%	18%
Oct 21-23	42%	55%	Dec 15-16	63%	34%	May 28-29	77%	17%
Sep 16-18	40%	58%	Dec 5-7	55%	43%	Apr 29-May 1	77%	20%
Sep 8-11	46%	51%	Nov 14-16	50%	47%	Apr 5-7	76%	19%
Aug 28-30	45%	52%	Oct 24-26	53%	42%	Mar 22-24	79%	17%
Aug 5-7	45%	51%	Oct 10-12	56%	40%	Mar 8-9	80%	14%
Jul 22-24	49%	48%	Sep 19-21	50%	47%	Mar 1-3	81%	14%
Jun 24-26	45%	53%	Aug 25-26	59%	37%	Feb 8-10	82%	14%
Jun 16-19	47%	51%	Jul 25-27	58%	38%	Jan 25-27	84%	13%
May 20-22	46%	50%	Jun 27-29	61%	36%	Jan 11-14	83%	15%
Apr 29-May 1	48%	49%	Jun 9-10	62%	34%			
Apr 1-2	48%	48%	May 30-Jun 1	64%	32%	<u>2001</u>		
Mar 18-20	52%	44%	Apr 22-23	70%	26%	Dec 14-16	86%	11%
Feb 25-27	52%	45%	Apr 5-6	70%	27%	Nov 26-27	87%	8%
Jan 14-16	51%	46%	Mar 29-30	71%	26%	Nov 2-4	87%	9%
Jan 7-9	52%	44%	Mar 22-23	71%	25%	Oct 19-21	88%	9%
			Mar 14-15	58%	38%	Oct 5-6	87%	10%
<u>2004</u>			Feb 24-26	57%	37%	Sep 21-22	90%	6%
Dec 17-19	49%	46%	Feb 7-9	61%	34%	Sep 14-15	86%	10%
Nov 19-21	55%	42%	Jan 31-Feb 2	61%	35%	Sep 7-10	51%	39%
Oct 29-31	48%	47%	Jan 23-25	60%	36%	Aug 24-26	55%	36%
Oct 22-24	51%	46%	Jan 10-12	58%	37%	Aug 10-12	57%	35%
Oct 14-16	51%	47%	Jan 3-5	63%	32%	Aug 3-5	55%	35%
Oct 9-10	47%	49%				Jul 10-11	57%	35%
Oct 1-3	50%	48%	<u>2002</u>			Jun 8-10	55%	35%
Sep 24-26	54%	44%	Dec 16-17	63%	33%	May 18-20	56%	36%
Sep 3-5	52%	46%	Dec 9-10	63%	32%	Apr 20-22	62%	29%
Aug 23-25	49%	47%	Nov 22-24	65%	28%	Mar 9-11	58%	29%
Jul 30-Aug 1	48%	49%	Nov 8-10	68%	27%	Feb 9-11	57%	25%

Thinking for a moment about the elections for Congress next year,

2. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -- [ROTATED: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?
- 2A. As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

April 21-23

REGISTERED VOTERS

Democrat	50%
Republican	40%
Other (vol.)	3%
Don't Know	6%

ALL AMERICANS

Democrat	50%
Republican	38%
Other (vol.)	4%
Don't Know	7%

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	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Undecided/ other</u>
<b><u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u></b>			
2006 Mar 10-12	55	39	7
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	53	39	7
2006 Feb 9-12	50	43	8
2006 Jan 6-8	49	43	8
2005 Oct 21-23	50	43	7
2005 Aug 28-30	53	41	6
<b><u>ALL AMERICANS</u></b>			
2006 Mar 10-12	54	38	8
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	52	39	10
2006 Feb 9-12	49	42	9
2006 Jan 6-8	49	42	9
2005 Oct 21-23	50	42	8
2005 Aug 28-30	52	41	7

3. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to George W. Bush. How about – [ROTATED]?

APRIL 21-23, 2006

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Is a strong and decisive leader	46%	51%	3%
Is honest and trustworthy	40%	55%	5%
Competent	47%	47%	6%

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**Is honest and trustworthy**

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	47	52	1
2006 Jan 20-22	49	49	2
2005 Nov 11-13	46	52	2
2005 Oct 28-30	49	48	3
2005 Sep 16-18	47	50	3
2005 Aug 28-30	51	47	2
2005 Jul 22-24	54	44	2
2005 Apr 1-2	56	42	2
2005 Jan 14-16 ^	56	41	3
2004 Feb 16-17	55	42	3
2003 Nov 14-16	59	40	1
2003 Jun 27-29	65	33	2
2003 Apr 5-6	73	25	2
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	70	27	3
2002 Jul 26-28	69	26	5
2002 Apr 29-May 1	77	20	3
2001 Jul 10-11	66	31	3
2001 Apr 20-22	67	29	4
2001 Feb 9-11	64	29	7
2000 Mar 10-12	64	28	8
1999 Sep 10-12	62	29	9

^ Asked of a half sample.

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### Is a strong and decisive leader

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	52	47	1
2006 Jan 20-22	51	48	1
2005 Oct 28-30	52	47	1
2005 Sep 16-18	49	51	*
2005 Sep 8-11	52	47	1
2005 Aug 28-30	60	40	*
2005 Jul 22-24	62	37	1
2005 Jan 14-16 ^	61	37	2
2004 Feb 16-17	65	33	2
2003 Nov 14-16	66	34	*
2003 Jun 27-29	75	24	1
2003 Apr 5-6	80	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	76	23	1
2002 Jul 26-28	70	27	3
2002 Apr 29-May 1	77	21	2
2001 Oct 5-6	75	23	2
2001 Aug 10-12	55	43	2
2001 Jul 10-11	57	40	3
2001 Apr 20-22	60	37	3
2001 Feb 9-11	61	34	5
2000 Mar 10-12	63	30	7
2000 Feb 25-27	61	32	7
2000 Feb 20-21	58	33	9
2000 Feb 4-6	62	30	8
2000 Jan 17-19	66	24	10
1999 Mar 4	60	14	26

^ Asked of a half sample.

- 5A. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?  
 5B. (IF YES:) Is that a severe hardship that affects your ability to maintain your current standard of living, or is it a moderate hardship that affects you somewhat but does not jeopardize your current standard of living?

	<u>April 21-23</u>		<u>April 21-23</u>
Q.5 ONLY		Q.5A AND Q.5B COMBINED	
Yes, caused hardship	69%	Severe hardship	23%
		Moderate hardship	46%
No hardship	28%	No hardship	28%
No opinion	1%	No opinion	1%

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	<u>Severe hardship</u>	<u>Moderate hardship</u>	<u>No hardship</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Sep 26-28	16	45	38	1
2005 Sep 12-15 ^	21	51	28	*
2005 Aug 28-30	18	51	31	*
2005 Apr 1-2	15	43	42	*
	<u>Yes, caused hardship</u>	<u>No hardship</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	
2005 Sep 26-28	61	38	1	
2005 Sep 12-15 ^	72	28	*	
2005 Aug 28-30	69	31	*	
2005 May 20-22	59	41	*	
2005 Apr 1-2	58	42	*	
2000 Feb 14-15 †	40	60	*	

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: Have recent price increases in gasoline, diesel fuel and home fuel oil caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ROTATED

6. How worried would you be if the price of gas were twice as high as it is now but you had no difficulty finding gas to purchase -- very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?

April 21-23

Very worried	70%
Somewhat worried	21%
Not too worried	5%
Not worried at all	4%
No opinion	1%

7. How worried would you be if gas prices did not rise but you had to wait in long lines to buy gasoline or if there were restrictions on when you could buy gasoline or how much you could buy - - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?

April 21-23

Very worried	47%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	9%
Not worried at all	8%
No opinion	1%