



Interviews with 1,021 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on May 5-7, 2006. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus three percentage points and for results based on half-samples is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points

ALL RESULTS FOR RELEASE ON MONDAY, MAY 8 AT 4 PM

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

May 5-7 April 21-23

Approve	34%	32%
Disapprove	58%	60%
Don't Know	8%	8%

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<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%

2. (IF DISAPPROVE OF BUSH) If you had to choose, would you say you disapprove of how Bush is handling his job --

May 5-7

MOSTLY because of rising gas prices	13%
MOSTLY because of the war in Iraq or	56%
MOSTLY because of other issues	26%
No opinion	5%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq in March, 2003?

May 5-7

Approve	39%
Disapprove	58%
No opinion	3%

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Dec 17-19	48	51	1
2004 Jan 2-5	63	35	2
2003 Dec 15-16 ^	61	37	2
2003 Dec 5-7 ^	60	39	1

^ WORDING: Do you approve or disapprove of the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq in March of this year?

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation in Iraq in the past few months?

May 5-7

Approve	34%
Disapprove	59%
No opinion	7%

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Dec 17-19	39	58	3

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation with Iraq since the major fighting ended in April 2003?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Jan 2-5	60	38	2
2003 Dec 15-16 ^	65	34	1
2003 Dec 5-7 ^	46	51	3
2003 Nov 14-16 †	42	55	3
2003 Oct 24-26 †	47	50	3
2003 Apr 22-23 † ‡	80	18	2

^ WORDING: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation with Iraq since the major fighting ended in April?

† WORDING: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. has handled the situation with Iraq since the major fighting ended?

‡ Based on a half sample.

13. Do you think the war with Iraq has made the U.S. safer or less safe from terrorism?

May 5-7

Safer	33%
Less safe	53%
No change (vol.)	10%
No opinion	4%

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	<u>Safer</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	<u>No change (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Aug 5-7	34	57	6	3
2005 Jul 7-10 ^	40	54	5	1
2005 Jun 29-30	44	39	13	4
2005 Jun 24-26 ^	43	46	8	3
2004 Oct 1-3	47	45	5	3
2004 Jun 21-23	37	55	6	2
2004 Mar 5-7	50	37	10	3
2003 Dec 15-16 ^	56	33	9	2
2003 Nov 14-16	48	43	7	2
2003 Oct 24-26	45	43	10	2
2003 Apr 22-23	58	33	8	1
2003 Apr 10 †	51	37	9	3

^ Based on a half sample.

† Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

18. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?
19. (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?

	May <u>5-7</u>	April <u>21-23</u>		May <u>5-7</u>	April <u>21-23</u>
Q.18 ONLY			Q.18 AND Q.19 COMBINED		
Yes, caused hardship	65%	69%	Severe hardship	21%	23%
No hardship	34%	28%	Moderate hardship	44%	46%
No opinion	1%	1%	No hardship	34%	28%
			No opinion	1%	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?

20. Which of the following statements comes closer to your views about the reasons for the recent price increase in gasoline: It is MOSTLY due to unethical behavior by people involved in the production and distribution of gasoline, or It is MOSTLY due to a decrease in the supply of oil and an increase in demand for it.

May 5-7

Unethical behavior	61%
Supply and demand	26%
Neither of the above (vol.)	7%
No opinion	6%

21. What do you think will happen to gas prices in the U.S. over the next six months -- they will continue to rise, they will stabilize, or they will go back down?

May 5-7

Continue to rise	61%
Stabilize	25%
Go back down	10%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Continue to rise</u>	<u>Stabilize</u>	<u>Go back down</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 29-May 1	57	33	9	1

22. Do you think there are or are not reasonable steps that George W. Bush should take right now that would significantly lower gas prices in the United States?

May 5-7

Yes, there are	70%
No, there are not	24%
No opinion	7%

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	<u>Yes, are</u>	<u>No, are not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 29-May 1	67	29	4

23. As a result of the recent rise in gas prices, would you say you have or have not done each of the following:

	<u>May 5-7</u>		
	<u>Yes, have</u>	<u>No, have not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
a. Cut back significantly on how much you drive	59%	39%	2%
b. Seriously considered getting a more fuel-efficient car the next time you buy a vehicle	60%	36%	4%
c. Cut back significantly on your household spending because of higher gas prices	49%	50%	1%

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Cut back significantly on how much you drive

	<u>Yes, have</u>	<u>No, have not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 1-2	48	51	1
2004 Jun 3-6	45	54	1

Seriously considered getting a more fuel-efficient car the next time you buy a vehicle

	<u>Yes, have</u>	<u>No, have not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 1-2	57	42	1
2004 Jun 3-6	53	46	1

Cut back significantly on your household spending because of the higher gas prices

	<u>Yes, have</u>	<u>No, have not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 1-2	38	62	*
2004 Jun 3-6	34	66	*