



Interviews with 1,033 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 18-20, 2006. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for results based on half-samples is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

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

	August <u>18-20</u>	August <u>2-3</u>	June <u>14-15</u>	May <u>16-17</u>	May <u>5-7</u>	April <u>21-23</u>
Approve	42%	40%	37%	36%	34%	32%
Disapprove	57%	59%	53%	57%	58%	60%
No opinion	1%	2%	10%	7%	8%	8%

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	Ap- prove	Disap- prove		Ap- prove	Disap- prove		Ap- prove	Disap- prove
<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 -- the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate? (IF UNDECIDED) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate? (RESPONSES ROTATED)

	<u>August 18-20</u>	<u>August 2-3</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>	<u>May 5-7</u>	<u>April 21-23</u>
REGISTERED VOTERS					
Democrat	52%	53%	45%	52%	50%
Republican	43%	40%	38%	38%	40%
Other (vol.)	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
No opinion	3%	4%	12%	7%	6%
ALL AMERICANS					
Democrat	52%	51%	44%	50%	50%
Republican	41%	40%	36%	37%	38%
Other (vol.)	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%
No opinion	4%	7%	15%	10%	7%

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	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Undecided/ other</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>			
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
<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>			
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)?

	<u>August 18-20</u>	<u>April 21-23</u>
Is a strong and decisive leader		
Applies	51%	46%
Does not apply	48%	51%
No opinion	1%	3%
Is honest and trustworthy		
Applies	44%	40%
Does not apply	54%	55%
No opinion	2%	5%
Shares your values		
Applies	44%	N/A
Does not apply	54%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A
Inspires confidence		
Applies	42%	N/A
Does not apply	58%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A
Generally agrees with you on issues you care about		
Applies	41%	N/A
Does not apply	57%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A
Understands complex issues		
Applies	47%	N/A
Does not apply	51%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A

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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

Is a strong and decisive leader

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.

Shares your values

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	45	52	3
2006 Jan 20-22	44	54	2
2005 Nov 11-13	43	55	2
2005 Aug 28-30	46	54	*
2005 Jul 22-24	50	48	2
2005 Apr 1-2	55	43	2
2004 Feb 16-17	52	45	3
2003 Nov 14-16	53	46	1
2003 Jan 10-12	54	43	3
2002 Nov 8-10	66	31	3
2002 Jul 26-28	60	36	4
2002 Apr 29-May 1	67	30	3
2001 Aug 10-12	56	41	3
2001 Jul 10-11	56	40	4
2001 Apr 20-22	58	39	3
2001 Feb 9-11	57	39	4
2000 Mar 10-12	52	41	7
2000 Jan 17-19	55	32	13
1999 Sep 10-14	56	34	10
1999 Mar 12-14	58	31	11

Inspires confidence

2005 Sep 8-11	46	53	1
2005 Aug 28-30	47	52	1
2005 Jan 14-16 ^	50	49	1
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	65	34	1
2002 Jul 26-28	66	31	3
2001 Oct 5-6	75	24	1
2001 Apr 20-22	55	42	3
2001 Feb 9-11	57	39	4
2000 Mar 10-12	56	37	7
2000 Jan 17-19	60	29	11

Generally agrees with you on issues you care about

2004 Feb 16-17	47	50	3
2003 Nov 14-16	48	51	1
2002 Apr 29-May1 ^	64	33	3
2001 Feb 9-11	53	43	4
2000 Mar 10-12	49	44	7
2000 Feb 25-27	51	41	8
1999 Mar 12-14	54	35	11

Understands complex issues

2002 Nov 8-10	64	31	5
2002 Jul 26-28	60	36	4
2002 Apr 29-May 1	68	27	5
2001 Oct 5-6	69	27	4
2001 Apr 20-22	56	38	6
2001 Feb 9-11	55	38	7
2000 Jan 17-19	60	26	14

^ Asked of a half sample.

18. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq?

	<u>August 18-20</u>	<u>August 2-3</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>
Favor	35%	36%	38%
Oppose	61%	60%	54%
No opinion	3%	3%	8%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 9-12 ^	40	56	4
2005 Jun 16-19	39	59	2
2005 Mar 18-20 ^	47	47	6
2004 Nov 19-21 ^	48	46	6
2003 Oct 24-26	54	43	3
2003 Apr 22-23	71	26	3
2003 Apr 10 †	72	22	6
2003 Apr 7-8	68	28	4
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3
2003 Mar 29-30	70	27	3
2003 Mar 24-25	71	27	2
2003 Mar 22-23	72	25	3

^ Asked of 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.

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *Would you favor or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?*

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Mar 14-15 ^	64	33	3
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3
2003 Feb 7-9	63	34	3
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4
2003 Jan 23-25	52	43	5
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	56	39	5
2002 Dec 19-22 ^	53	38	9
2002 Dec 16-17 ^	58	35	7
2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
2002 Nov 22-24	58	37	5
2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6
2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6
2002 Oct 14-17 ^	56	37	7
2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7
2002 Sep 20-22 ^	57	38	5
2002 Sep 13-16 †	57	39	4
2002 Sep 5-8 ^ †	58	36	6
2002 Sep 2-4 †	58	36	6
2002 Aug 19-21 †	53	41	6
2002 Jun 17-19 ^ †	61	31	8
2001 Nov 26-27 ‡	74	20	6
2001 Feb 19-21 ‡	52	42	6
1993 Jun 29-30 ‡	70	27	3
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5 ‡	55	40	5

^ Asked of half sample.

† WORDING: Would you favor or oppose sending American ground troops to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

‡ WORDING: Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

