



**Interviews with 1,025 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on November 17-19, 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?

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>	<u>Nov. 3-5</u>	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Oct. 20-22</u>	<u>Oct. 13-15</u>	<u>Oct 6-8</u>
Approve	38%	35%	37%	39%	36%	39%
Disapprove	59%	61%	58%	58%	61%	56%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%

	<u>Sept. 29- Oct. 2</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>	<u>August 18-20</u>	<u>August 2-3</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>	<u>May 16-17</u>	<u>May 5-7</u>	<u>April 21-23</u>
Approve	39%	42%	41%	42%	40%	37%	36%	34%	32%
Disapprove	59%	55%	55%	57%	59%	53%	57%	58%	60%
No opinion	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	10%	7%	8%	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%

2. Do you have more confidence in President Bush or in the Democrats in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?

Nov.  
17-19

Bush	33%
Democrats	54%
Both (vol.)	2%
Neither (vol.)	8%
No opinion	3%

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Do you have more confidence in President Clinton or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?

Dec. 7-8  
1994

Clinton	30%
Republicans	46%
Both (vol.)	3%
Neither (vol.)	13%
No opinion	8%

14. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq? (RELEASED AT 1 PM)

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>	<u>Nov. 3-5</u>	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Oct. 20-22</u>	<u>Oct. 13-15</u>	<u>Oct. 6-8</u>	<u>Sept. 29- Oct. 2</u>
Favor	33%	33%	38%	34%	34%	32%	38%
Oppose	63%	61%	59%	64%	64%	62%	61%
No opinion	4%	6%	3%	3%	2%	7%	1%

  

	<u>Sept. 22-24</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>	<u>Aug. 18-20</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u>	<u>June 14-15</u>
Favor	40%	39%	35%	36%	38%
Oppose	59%	58%	61%	60%	54%
No opinion	1%	2%	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

*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>		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Mar 14-15*	64	33	3	2002 Dec. 19-22*	53	38	9
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4	2002 Dec 16-17*	58	35	7
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4	2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3	2002 Nov 22-24	58	37	5
2003 Feb 7-9	63	34	3	2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4	2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6
2003 Jan 23-24	52	43	5	2002 Oct 14-17*	56	37	7
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6	2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7
2003 Jan 3-5*	56	39	5	2002 Sept 20-22*	57	38	5

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

2002 Sept 13-16	57	39	4	2002 Aug 19-21	53	41	6
2002 Sept 5-8*	58	36	6	2002 June 17-19*	61	31	8
2002 Sept 2-4	58	36	6				

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

2001 Nov 26-27	74	20	6	1993 June 29-30	70	27	3
2001 Feb 19-21	52	42	6	1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	55	40	5

15. Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should now do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq – the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, the U.S. should keep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should withdraw some troops from Iraq, or the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq?

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>
Send more troops	16%	15%
Keep same number as now	21%	17%
Withdraw some troops	27%	28%
Withdraw all troops	33%	34%
No opinion	3%	6%

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	<u>Send more troops</u>	<u>Keep as now</u>	<u>Withdraw some troops</u>	<u>Withdraw all troops</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	9	23	38	27	3
2005 Dec 9-11	9	25	38	26	2
2005 Sep 16-18	8	26	33	30	3
2005 Aug 28-30	19	26	27	26	2
2005 Aug 5-7	13	28	23	33	3
2005 Jun 6-8	10	26	31	28	5
2005 Feb 4-6	10	38	32	17	3
2005 Jan 14-16	24	26	21	25	4
2004 Sep 24-26	21	35	21	18	5
2004 Jun 3-6	18	30	23	27	2
2004 May 7-9	25	24	18	29	4
2004 Apr 16-18	33	25	16	21	5
2004 Apr 5-8	20	29	18	28	5
2004 Jan 2-5	11	40	29	16	4
2003 Dec 15-16	14	40	27	15	4
2003 Dec 5-7	22	33	25	17	3
2003 Nov 3-5 ^	17	32	29	19	3
2003 Oct 24-26 ^	14	27	39	18	2
2003 Aug 25-26 ^	15	36	32	14	3

^ WORDING: Which comes closest to your view about what the U.S. should now do about the number of U.S. troops in Iraq – [ROTATED: the U.S. should send more troops to Iraq, the U.S. should keep the number of troops as it is now, the U.S. should begin to withdraw some troops from Iraq, (or) the U.S. should withdraw all of its troops from Iraq]?

16. Do you think the United States is winning or not winning the war in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>
Is winning	34%
Is not winning	61%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Is winning</u>	<u>Is not winning</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	41%	46%	13%

17. Do you think the United States can win or cannot win the war in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>
Can win	54%
Cannot win	43%
No opinion	3%

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	<u>Can win</u>	<u>Cannot win</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	60%	31%	9%

- 17./18. And do you think the United States will win or will not win the war in Iraq? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>
Will win	40%
Will not win	56%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Will win</u>	<u>Will not win</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	52%	37%	11%

NOTE: "Will not win" includes respondents who said the U.S. cannot win the war in Question 17.

19. Do you think the war in Iraq has turned into a situation like the United States faced in the Vietnam War, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>	<u>Sept. 29- Oct. 2</u>
Yes, has turned into situation like Vietnam	58%	52%
No, has not done so	37%	45%
No opinion	5%	3%