

Interviews with 1,027 adult Americans, including 401 registered voters who describe themselves as Republicans or as Independents who lean Republican, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 9-11, 2007. 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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Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? 1.

	Mar. 9-11	Jan. 19-21	Jan. 11			
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>			
Approve	37%	34%	35%			
	56%	63%	62%			
Disapprove						
No opinion	7%	3%	3%			
	Dec. 15-17	Dec. 5-7	Nov. 17-19	Nov. 3-5	Oct. 27-29	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	
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Approve	36%	37%	38%	35%	37%	
Disapprove	62%	57%	59%	61%	58%	
No opinion	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%	
	Oct. 20-22	Oct 13-15	Oct 6-8	Sent 29-Oct 2	Sept 22-24	Aug30-Sen2
	Oct. 20-22	Oct. 13-15	Oct. 6-8	Sept 29-Oct 2	Sept. 22-24	Aug30-Sep2
	Oct. 20-22 2006	Oct. 13-15 2006	Oct. 6-8 2006	Sept 29-Oct 2 2006	Sept. 22-24 2006	Aug30-Sep2 2006
Approve					-	-
Approve Disapprove	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	2006	<u>2006</u>
	2006 39%	2006 36%	2006 39%	2006 39%	2006 42%	2006 41%
Disapprove	2006 39% 58% 3%	2006 36% 61% 3%	2006 39% 56% 5%	2006 39% 59% 2%	2006 42% 55% 3%	2006 41% 55% 4%
Disapprove	2006 39% 58% 3% Aug. 18-20	2006 36% 61% 3% Aug. 2-3	2006 39% 56% 5% June 14-15	2006 39% 59% 2% May 16-17	2006 42% 55% 3% May 5-7	2006 41% 55% 4% Apr. 21-23
Disapprove	2006 39% 58% 3%	2006 36% 61% 3%	2006 39% 56% 5%	2006 39% 59% 2%	2006 42% 55% 3%	2006 41% 55% 4%
Disapprove No opinion	2006 39% 58% 3% Aug. 18-20 2006	2006 36% 61% 3% Aug. 2-3 2006	2006 39% 56% 5% June 14-15 2006	2006 39% 59% 2% May 16-17 2006	2006 42% 55% 3% May 5-7 2006	2006 41% 55% 4% Apr. 21-23 2006
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Disapprove No opinion	2006 39% 58% 3% Aug. 18-20 2006	2006 36% 61% 3% Aug. 2-3 2006	2006 39% 56% 5% June 14-15 2006	2006 39% 59% 2% May 16-17 2006	2006 42% 55% 3% May 5-7 2006	2006 41% 55% 4% Apr. 21-23 2006

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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%
<u>2005</u>			Feb 16-17	51%	46%	Jul 29-31	71%	23%
Dec 16-18	41%	56%	Jan 29-Feb 1	49%	48%	Jul 26-28	69%	26%
Dec 9-11	42%	55%	Jan 9-11	59%	38%	Jul 5-8	76%	18%
Nov 11-13	37%	60%	Jan 2-5	60%	35%	Jun 28-30	76%	19%
Oct 28-30	41%	56%				Jun 21-23	73%	21%
Oct 21-23	42%	55%	2003			Jun 7-8	74%	18%
Sep 16-18	40%	58%	Dec 15-16	63%	34%	May 28-29	77%	17%
Sep 8-11	46%	51%	Dec 5-7	55%	43%	Apr 29-May 1	77%	20%
Aug 28-30	45%	52%	Nov 14-16	50%	47%	Apr 5-7	76%	19%
Aug 5-7	45%	51%	Oct 24-26	53%	42%	Mar 22-24	79%	17%
Jul 22-24	49%	48%	Oct 10-12	56%	40%	Mar 8-9	80%	14%
Jun 24-26	45%	53%	Sep 19-21	50%	47%	Mar 1-3	81%	14%
Jun 16-19	47%	51%	Aug 25-26	59%	37%	Feb 8-10	82%	14%
May 20-22	46%	50%	Jul 25-27	58%	38%	Jan 25-27	84%	13%
Apr 29-May 1	48%	49%	Jun 27-29	61%	36%	Jan 11-14	83%	15%
Apr 1-2	48%	48%	Jun 9-10	62%	34%			
Mar 18-20	52%	44%	May 30-Jun 1	64%	32%	2001		
Feb 25-27	52%	45%	Apr 22-23	70%	26%	Dec 14-16	86%	11%
Jan 14-16	51%	46%	Apr 5-6	70%	27%	Nov 26-27	87%	8%
Jan 7-9	52%	44%	Mar 29-30	71%	26%	Nov 2-4	87%	9%
			Mar 22-23	71%	25%	Oct 19-21	88%	9%
2004			Mar 14-15	58%	38%	Oct 5-6	87%	10%
Dec 17-19	49%	46%	Feb 24-26	57%	37%	Sep 21-22	90%	6%
Nov 19-21	55%	42%	Feb 7-9	61%	34%	Sep 14-15	86%	10%
Oct 29-31	48%	47%	Jan 31-Feb 2	61%	35%	Sep 7-10	51%	39%
Oct 22-24	51%	46%	Jan 23-25	60%	36%	Aug 24-26	55%	36%
Oct 14-16	51%	47%	Jan 10-12	58%	37%	Aug 10-12	57%	35%
Oct 9-10	47%	49%	Jan 3-5	63%	32%	Aug 3-5	55%	35%
Oct 1-3	50%	48%				Jul 10-11	57%	35%
Sep 24-26	54%	44%	2002			Jun 8-10	55%	35%
Sep 3-5	52%	46%	Dec 16-17	63%	33%	May 18-20	56%	36%
Aug 23-25	49%	47%	Dec 9-10	63%	32%	Apr 20-22	62%	29%
Jul 30-Aug 1	48%	49%	Nov 22-24	65%	28%	Mar 9-11	58%	29%
	.0,0	.,,,	Nov 8-10	68%	27%	Feb 9-11	57%	25%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or only moderately? 2.

	Mar. 9-1
	<u>2007</u>
Strongly approve	19%
Moderately approve	18%
Moderately disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	42%
No opinion	7%

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	Strongly approve	Moderately approve	Moderately disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	20	18	16	44	2
2005 Dec 9-11	22	20	12	43	3
2005 Aug 5-7	25	20	13	38	4
2005 Jan 14-16	30	21	12	34	3
2004 Nov 19-21	39	16	11	31	3
2004 Oct 14-16	36	15	10	37	2
2004 Jul 19-21	30	19	12	35	4
2004 May 21-23	28	19	12	37	4
2003 Sep 19-21	30	20	15	32	3
2001 Oct 5-6	60	27	5	5	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 –? (RANDOM ORDER) 3.

	Mar. 9-11 2007	Dec. 15-17 2006	Aug. 18-20 2006	Apr. 21-23 2006
Is a strong and decisive leader				
Applies	47%	48%	51%	46%
Does not apply	50%	51%	48%	51%
No opinion	4%	2%	1%	3%
Is honest and trustworthy				
Applies	43%	45%	44%	40%
Does not apply	52%	53%	54%	55%
No opinion	5%	2%	2%	5%
Competent				
Applies	46%	N/A	N/A	47%
Does not apply	49%	N/A	N/A	47%
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	6%
Can manage government effective	ely			
Applies	39%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does not apply	57%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cares about the needs of people l	ike you			
Applies	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does not apply	56%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Has a clear plan for solving the co	ountry's proble	ems		
Applies	27%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does not apply	68%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cares about military veterans and	-	•		
Applies	54%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does not apply	42%	N/A	N/A	N/A
No opinion	4%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Is a strong and decisive leader

	<u>Applies</u>	Doesn't apply	No opinion
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	2 3 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.

Is honest and trustworthy

	<u>Applies</u>	Doesn't apply	No opinion
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

Can manage the government effectively

	<u>Applies</u>	Doesn't apply	No opinion
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	40	59	1
2005 Nov 11-13	43	55	2
2005 Oct 28-30	43	56	1
2005 Jul 22-24	53	45	2
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	67	31	2
2002 Jul 26-28	66	30	4
2002 Apr 29-May 1	75	21	4
2001 Oct 5-6	79	19	2
2001 Feb 9-11	61	31	8
2000 Mar 10-12	64	28	8
2000 Jan 17-19	66	22	12
1999 Sep 10-14	72	19	9
1999 Mar 12-14	77	15	8

[^] Asked of a half sample.

Cares about the needs of people like you

	<u>Applies</u>	Doesn't apply	No opinion
2006 Jan 20-22	44	54	1
2005 Sep 16-18	42	56	2
2005 Sep 8-11	48	51	1
2005 Aug 28-30	44	55	1
2005 Apr 1-2	53	46	1
2005 Jan 14-16 ^	45	53	2
2003 Nov 14-16	49	50	1
2003 Jun 27-29	57	42	1
2003 Apr 5-6	65	34	1
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	56	41	3
2002 Nov 8-10	60	38	2
2002 Jul 26-28	60	36	4
2002 Apr 29-May 1	66	31	3
2001 Oct 5-6	69	29	2
2001 Jul 10-11	57	40	3
2001 Apr 20-22	59	39	2
2001 Feb 9-11	56	39	5
2000 Mar 10-12	51	42	7
2000 Jan 17-19	56	33	11
1999 Sep 10-14	59	32	9
1999 Mar 12-14	59	32	9

[^] Asked of a half sample.

Has a clear plan for solving this country's problems

	<u>Applies</u>	Doesn't apply	No opinion
2006 Jan 20-22	34	64	2
2004 Feb 16-17	42	55	3
2003 Jun 27-29	50	47	3
2002 Nov 8-10	53	42	5

4. Next, we'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

`	Favor-	Unfavor-	Never	No
	<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	Heard of	Opinion
Rudy Giuliani				-
March 9-11, 2007	56%	21%	11%	12%
November 3-5, 2006	60%	18%	10%	12%
John McCain				
March 9-11, 2007	47%	27%	12%	14%
November 3-5, 2006	52%	22%	11%	15%
September 22-24, 2006	50%	25%	14%	11%
April 21-23, 2006	46%	20%	17%	16%
Newt Gingrich				
March 9-11, 2007	25%	43%	18%	14%
November 3-5, 2006	28%	44%	13%	16%
Mitt Romney				
March 9-11, 2007	18%	18%	42%	22%
Chuck Hagel				
March 9-11, 2007	10%	11%	58%	22%

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Rudy Giuliani

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	Never heard of	No opinion
2005 Jul 25-28	64	19	9	8
2004 Aug 23-25*	65	14	6	15

^{*} Asked of a half sample.

John McCain

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	Never heard of	No opinion
2005 Jul 25-28	51	22	16	11
2004 Aug 23-25*	55	19	9	17
2004 Mar 26-28	53	21	13	13
2002 Apr 29-May 1**	53	21	11	15
2001 Jun 8-10**	60	21	10	9
2000 Apr 28-30**	61	18	6	15
2000 Mar 10-12**	57	28	6	9
2000 Feb 25-27**	66	18	5	11
2000 Feb 20-21**	65	17	7	11
2000 Feb 4-6**	67	12	8	13
2000 Jan 17-19**	51	17	10	22
1999 Dec 9-12**	57	11	14	18
1999 Oct 21-24**	37	12	30	21
1999 Apr 13-14**	35	12	28	25
1999 Feb 19-21**	27	8	44	21

Newt Gingrich

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	Never heard of	No opinion
2003 Jul 25-27	39	42	8	11
1998 Jun 5-7	32	53	5	10
1998 Feb 13-15	37	48	4	11
1997 Jun 26-29	25	61	4	10
1997 Apr 18-20	24	62	6	8
1997 Jan 3-5	25	61	5	9
1996 Mar 15-17	24	58	6	12
1996 Jan 12-15	31	57	4	8
1995 Aug 4-7	31	47	6	16
1994 Dec 28-30**	27	35	14	24
1994 Nov 28-29**	29	25	22	24
1994 Oct 7-9*	19	22	42	17

^{**}WORDING: Incoming Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich *WORDING: House Minority Leader, Newt Gingrich

^{*}Asked of a half sample.
**WORDING: Arizona Senator John McCain

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dick Cheney is handling his job as vice-president? 8. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Dec. 15-17 2006	
Approve	34%	39%	
Disapprove	54%	56%	
No opinion	11%	5%	

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	No opinion
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	40	52	9
2006 Jan 20-22	41	47	12
2005 Nov 11-13	36	54	10
2005 Jan 7-9	50	40	10
2004 Jan 9-11	56	36	8
2002 Jan 25-27	68	18	14
2001 May 18-20	60	26	14
2001 Apr 20-22	63	21	16

Based on what you know about Dick Cheney, do you think he is qualified to serve as president if 9. it becomes necessary, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Mar. 9-11
	<u>2007</u>
Yes, qualified	32%
No, not	60%
No opinion	8%

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	Yes, qualified	No, not	No opinion
2001 May 18-20	62	28	10
2000 Jul 24	57	18	25

As you may know, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Dick Cheney's former top aide, was recently found 28. guilty of obstruction of justice and perjury in connection with the CIA leak investigation. Do you think George W. Bush should or should not give a presidential pardon to Libby?

	Mar. 9-11 2007
Should pardon	18%
Should not pardon	69%
No opinion	13%

Do you think Dick Cheney was part of a cover-up to try to prevent the special prosecutor from 29. getting to the truth about who leaked CIA agent Valerie Plame's name to the news media, or was not part of any cover-up?

	Mar. 9-11 2007
Yes, part of cover-up	52%
No, was not	29%
No opinion	20%

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	Yes, part of	No,	No
	cover-up	was not	<u>opinion</u>
November 10-11, 2005	52%	27%	21%

BASED ON 401 REGISTERED REPUBLICANS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.9% PTS.

30 Please tell me which of the following people you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in the year 2008. Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, Former Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore, Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel, Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, California Congressman Duncan Hunter, Arizona Senator John McCain, Former New York Governor George Pataki, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo, or Former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson? (RANDOM ORDER)

Registered Republicans

	Mar. 9-11	Jan 19-21	Dec. 5-7	Nov. 17-19	Oct. 27-29	Aug.30-Sep.2
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
Giuliani	34%	32%	29%	33%	29%	32%
McCain	18%	26%	24%	30%	27%	21%
Gingrich	9%	9%	13%	9%	12%	12%
Romney	9%	7%	6%	9%	7%	6%
Pataki	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%
Gilmore	2%	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brownback	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Hagel	2%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paul	2%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Huckabee	1%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tancredo	1%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thompson	1%	1%	2%	3%	N/A	N/A
Hunter	*	1%	1%	2%	N/A	N/A
No opinion	17%	12%	23%	8%	13%	3%

31. Would you say you will definitely support that candidate in 2008, or is it possible you would change your mind? (REGISTERED REPUBLICANS WHO CHOSE A CANDIDATE)

	Mar. 9-11
	<u>2007</u>
Definitely support	37%
Possible to change mind	62%
No opinion	1%

BASED ON 401 REGISTERED REPUBLICANS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.9% PTS.

And who would be your second choice? (ASKED OF GINGRICH SUPPORTERS ONLY) 31a. QUESTIONS 30 AND 31a COMBINED:

Registered Republicans

	If All Candidates <u>Run</u>	If Gingrich Were Not In Race
Giuliani	34%	38%
McCain	18%	19%
Gingrich	9%	
Romney	9%	10%
Gilmore	2%	2%
Pataki	3%	3%
Brownback	2%	2%
Hagel	2%	2%
Paul	2%	2%
Huckabee	1%	2%
Tancredo	1%	1%
Thompson	1%	1%
Hunter	*	*
No second choice		1%
No opinion	17%	17%

34. For many years, Americans moved their clocks ahead one hour on the first Sunday in April, but starting this year, that [FRIDAY/SATURDAY INTERVIEWS: will happen on Sunday] [SUNDAY INTERVIEWS: happened today]. Do you think moving the start of Daylight Saving Time from April to March was a good idea or a bad idea?

	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>
Good idea	51%
Bad idea	31%
No opinion	19%