



**Interviews with 1,029 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 6-8, 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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2. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that George W. Bush has the personality and leadership qualities a president should have.

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Agree	46%	43%
Disagree	52%	55%
No opinion	2%	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	49	50	1
2005 May 20-22*	52	45	3
2004 Oct 22-24**	57	41	2
2004 Oct 1-3**	57	42	1
2004 Sep 3-5**	59	41	*
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1**	55	43	2
2004 Jul 19-21**	55	44	1
2004 Mar 5-7**	57	40	3
2004 Jan 9-11	66	33	1
2003 Sep 19-21	59	40	1
2003 Jun 27-29	64	35	1
2002 Jan 25-27	79	19	2
2001 Aug 10-12	57	41	2
2001 Jun 8-10	54	42	4
2000 Aug 18-19**	64	32	4
2000 Aug 11-12**	65	28	7
2000 Aug 4-5**	70	26	4
2000 Jul 25-26**	62	32	6
2000 Apr 7-9**	61	30	9
2000 Jan 17-19**	65	28	7

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*Asked in rotation with John Kerry (2004) or Al Gore (2000)

3. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with George W. Bush on the issues that matter the most to you.

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Agree	35%	41%
Disagree	62%	57%
No opinion	3%	2%

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	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	41	57	2
2005 May 20-22*	40	57	3
2004 Oct 22-24**	49	49	2
2004 Oct 1-3**	50	49	1
2004 Sep 3-5**	50	48	2
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1**	48	51	1
2004 Jul 19-21**	47	50	3
2004 Mar 5-7**	48	49	3
2004 Jan 9-11	55	44	1
2003 Sep 19-21	46	51	3
2003 Jun 27-29	53	46	1
2002 Jan 25-27	71	25	4
2001 Aug 10-12	52	42	6
2001 Jun 8-10	49	47	4

\*\* Asked of a half sample.

\*\* Asked in rotation with John Kerry.

4. Since the start of 2001 when George W. Bush became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or failure? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>
Success	40%	39%
Failure	57%	55%
No opinion	3%	6%

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	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22*	46	52	2
2005 Oct 28-30	42	55	3
2005 Aug 28-30*	47	51	2

\* Asked of a half sample.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

**Bush Administration First Year:** Do you consider the first year of the Bush administration to be a -- [ROTATED: success (or a) failure]?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>Too soon to tell (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Jan 25-27	83	11	3	3

**Bush Administration First Six Months:** Do you consider the first six months of the Bush administration to be a -- [ROTATED: success (or a) failure]?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>Too soon to tell (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2001 Aug 3-5*	56	32	7	5

**Clinton Administration:** Since the start of 1993 when Bill Clinton became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 Aug 11-12	68	29	3
1999 Jan 22-24	77	20	3
1999 Jan 15-17	81	16	3
1998 Jan 24-25	70	26	4
1998 Jan 23-24	71	25	4
1997 Oct 27-29*	70	25	5
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	64	31	5
1996 Aug 16-18**	57	38	5
1996 Aug 5-7*	64	30	6
1994 Dec 2-5***	44	50	6

\* Asked of half sample.

\*\* WORDING: "Looking back on Bill Clinton's first term in office, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?"

\*\*\* WORDING: "Looking back on Bill Clinton's first two years in office, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?"

**George H.W. Bush Administration:** Looking back on George Bush's four years in office, in general, would you say his Presidency was a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>Mixed (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Aug 8-11	53	33	12	2

5. Since the start of this year, when the Democrats took control of Congress, in general, would you say the Democratic Congress has been a success or a failure? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

Aug. 6-8  
2007

Success	37%
Failure	55%
No opinion	8%

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

Since the start of 1995 when Republicans took control of Congress, in general, would you say the Republican Congress has been a success or a failure?

	Oct.20-22	Aug. 2-3
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>

Success	40%	40%
Failure	56%	54%
No opinion	4%	6%

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Since the start of 1995 when Republicans took control of Congress, in general, would you say the Republican Congress has been a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1998 Apr 17-19	58	30	12
1997 Oct 27-29	46	41	13
1996 Sep 23-25*	44	37	19
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1*	48	43	9
1996 Aug 16-18*	51	41	8
1996 Aug 5-7	49	42	9
1996 May 9-12	43	49	8
1995 Aug 28-30	52	35	13
1995 Apr 17-19	54	35	11
1995 Mar 27-29	52	35	13

\* Registered voters

6. Do you have more confidence in President Bush or in the Democrats in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE)

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006</u>
Bush	35%	33%
Democrats	48%	54%
Both (vol.)	3%	2%
Neither (vol.)	12%	8%
No opinion	2%	3%

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TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

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 <u>1994</u>
Clinton	30%
Republicans	46%
Both (vol.)	3%
Neither (vol.)	13%
No opinion	8%