



**Interviews with 1,028 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on May 4-6, 2007. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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5. How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for President next year -- will it be -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?  
(RANDOMIZE ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The situation in Iraq	51%	37%	9%	2%	*
Terrorism	45%	35%	14%	6%	*
Education	44%	37%	16%	3%	*
Health care	43%	35%	18%	4%	*
Gas prices	43%	31%	16%	10%	1%
Corruption and ethical standards in government	41%	36%	17%	7%	*
The situation in Iran	38%	39%	17%	5%	1%
Social Security and Medicare	38%	37%	20%	4%	*
The economy	33%	46%	16%	4%	*
Illegal immigration	31%	32%	26%	10%	1%
Taxes	30%	40%	23%	6%	1%
The federal budget deficit	30%	34%	26%	9%	2%
Global warming	27%	26%	27%	19%	1%
Abortion	27%	24%	24%	24%	1%
Gun policy	26%	26%	29%	17%	2%
Stem cell research	20%	28%	28%	21%	3%
Policies toward gays and lesbians	13%	15%	30%	41%	1%

6. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today – as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 3-5 <u>2006</u>	
Very good	18%	10%	15%	8%	
Somewhat good	43%	42%	48%	41%	
Somewhat poor	25%	31%	23%	32%	
Very poor	14%	15%	13%	18%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	

  

	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug.30-Sep. 2 <u>2006</u>	Jun. 14-15 <u>2006</u>	May 7-9 <u>2006</u>
Very good	13%	12%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat good	49%	47%	35%	42%	42%
Somewhat poor	24%	26%	34%	31%	26%
Very poor	13%	15%	22%	16%	21%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some-what good</u>	<u>Some-what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

\*Asked of a half sample.

30. Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?

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Yes	64%
No	35%
No opinion	2%

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
January 11-12, 1995	55	37	8
April 1991	67	28	5

31. Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all children under the age of 18, even if this would require higher taxes?

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Yes	73%
No	25%
No opinion	2%

32. Do you think all employers, including small businesses which employ few workers, should be required to provide health insurance to every employee, or don't you think so?

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Yes	56%
No	43%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
September 23, 1993	60	35	5

35. Would you favor or oppose each of the following proposals: (ROTATE ORDER)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
a. Building a 700 mile long fence on the border with Mexico			
May 4-6, 2007	45%	53%	2%
October 20-22, 2006	45%	53%	2%
June 8-11, 2006	45%	50%	5%
b. Creating a temporary worker program that would allow foreign citizens to enter the US for several months to work but would not allow them to apply for US citizenship			
May 4-6, 2007	48%	50%	2%
May 16-17, 2006	48%	46%	7%
c. Creating a program that would allow illegal immigrants already living in the United States for a number of years to stay in this country and apply for US citizenship if they had a job and paid back taxes			
May 4-6, 2007	80%	19%	1%
April 10-12, 2007	77%	21%	2%
May 16-17, 2006	79%	18%	3%

36. Now I would like to ask your opinion about a specific abortion procedure known as a "late term" abortion or "partial birth" abortion, which is sometimes performed on women during the last few months of pregnancy. Do you think that the government should make this procedure illegal, or do you think that the procedure should be legal?

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Government should make this procedure illegal	66%
This procedure should be legal	28%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Oct 24-26	68	25	7

43. With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

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Pro-choice	45%
Pro-life	50%
Don't know what the terms mean (vol.)	2%
Mixed/both/neither (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%