

# **FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll**

11 October 07

Polling was conducted by telephone October 9-10, 2007, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters

Democrats n=377, ±5 percentage points; Republicans n=316, ±6 percentage points

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

\*\*\* Bush Job Ratings Summary \*\*\*

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Most recent (9-10 Oct 07)	35%	56	9
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (26-27 Jun 07)	31%	60	9
First-Term Average	61%	29	

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	Approve	approve	(DK)	Approve approve (DK)
9-10 Oct 07	35%	56	9	11-12 Jul 06 36% 53 11
Democrats	9%	86	5	27-28 Jun 06 41% 50 9
Republicans	66%	22	11	13-14 Jun 06 40% 52 8
Independents	34%	53	13	16-18 May 06 35% 56 8
RECENT TREND				2-3 May 06 38% 53 9
25-26 Sep 07	34%	58	8	18-19 Apr 06 33% 57 10
11-12 Sep 07	37%	58	6	4-5 Apr 06 36% 53 10
21-22 Aug 07	33%	56	11	14-15 Mar 06 39% 51 11
17-18 Jul 07	32%	61	7	28 Feb-1 Mar 06 39% 54 7
26-27 Jun 07	31%	60	9	7-8 Feb 06 44% 47 9
5-6 Jun 07	34%	57	9	24-25 Jan 06 41% 51 8
15-16 May 07	34%	56	10	10-11 Jan 06 42% 49 9
17-18 Apr 07	38%	54	8	13-14 Dec 05 42% 51 7
27-28 Mar 07	33%	61	6	29-30 Nov 05 42% 48 10
27-28 Feb 07	34%	57	8	8-9 Nov 05 36% 53 11
13-14 Feb 07	35%	56	9	25-26 Oct 05 41% 51 8
30-31 Jan 07	38%	54	8	11-12 Oct 05 40% 51 9
16-17 Jan 07	35%	58	7	27-28 Sep 05 45% 47 8
5-6 Dec 06	38%	54	9	13-14 Sep 05 41% 51 8
4-5 Nov 06 LV	38%	54	8	30-31 Aug 05 45% 50 5
24-25 Oct 06 LV	40%	53	6	26-27 Jul 05 47% 44 9
10-11 Oct 06 LV	40%	56	4	12-13 Jul 05 47% 47 6
26-27 Sep 06 LV	42%	54	4	14-15 Jun 05 48% 43 9
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10	25-26 Apr 05 47% 43 10
29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6	29-30 Mar 05 49% 46 5
8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8	1-2 Mar 05 52% 39 9

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
Democrats	24%	64	12
Republicans	24%	66	11
Independents	25%	60	14
RECENT TREND			
25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24
21-22 Apr 04	38%	42	20
20-21 May 03	33%	47	20

3. If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (RANDOMIZE)

	Dem								
	9-10	11-12	21-22	17-18	26-27	5-6	15-16	17-18	27-28
	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
Hillary Clinton	50%	43%	38%	41%	47%	41%	39%	48%	41%
Barack Obama	18	24	25	25	21	26	23	23	21
John Edwards	11	13	8	12	13	15	15	17	16
Bill Richardson	4	1	3	2	3	1	4	2	2
Dennis Kucinich	2	2	4	4	2	2	-	2	2
Joseph Biden	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
Chris Dodd	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
Mike Gravel	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	na	na
(Other)	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	_	1
(Don't know)	12	11	15	13	7	10	15	8	13
(Would not vote									
in Dem primary)	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2

#### 4. Which Democratic candidate would be your second choice?

	Dem	
	First choice	Second choice
Hillary Clinton	44%	25%
Barack Obama	17	25
Al Gore	10	12
John Edwards	9	14
Bill Richardson	3	2
Dennis Kucinich	2	1
Joseph Biden	1	2
Chris Dodd	1	1
Mike Gravel	-	2
(Other)	-	1
(Don't know)	11	16

----- Dem -----

	With Gore in the race								
	9-10	11-12	21-22	17-18	26-27	5-6	15-16	17-18	27-28
	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
Hillary Clinton	44%	39%	35%	39%	42%	36%	35%	41%	36%
Barack Obama	17	20	23	23	19	23	20	20	18
Al Gore	10	9	10	9	14	14	13	16	14
John Edwards	9	13	6	9	10	12	13	12	13
Bill Richardson	3	1	3	2	1	1	4	2	2
Dennis Kucinich	2	2	3	3	2	1	-	2	2
Joseph Biden	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	1
Chris Dodd	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mike Gravel	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	na	na
(Other)	-	-	1	1	_	-	1	-	1
(Don't know)	11	11	13	11	6	9	13	5	12
(Would not vote in									
Democratic primary	7) 2	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2

5. If the 2008 Republican presidential primary were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (RANDOMIZE)

					Rep				
	9-10	11-12	21-22	17-18	26-27	5-6	15-16	17-18	27-28
	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jun 07	May 07	Apr 07	Mar 07
Rudy Giuliani	29%	34%	30%	27%	31%	24%	25%	36%	38%
Fred Thompson	16	22	15	17	18	14	9	9	11
John McCain	12	16	7	17	18	15	18	17	22
Mitt Romney	11	8	12	10	8	12	10	11	6
Mike Huckabee	5	2	3	3	3	3	1	1	3
Sam Brownback	2	1	1	1	1	_	2	2	1
Ron Paul	2	2	3	2	-	2	1	-	na
Tom Tancredo	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	na	na
Duncan Hunter	1	3	-	-	1	1	1	2	1
Chuck Hagel	na	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	_
Jim Gilmore	na	na	na	na	-	1	1	1	1
Tommy Thompson	na	na	na	1	2	3	2	4	2
(Other)	1	1	2	2	1	_	2	2	3
(Don't know)	17	11	24	20	12	21	26	14	11
(Would not vote									
in GOP primary)	3	1	3	2	3	3	2	-	2

## 6. Which Republican candidate would be your second choice? ----- Rep -----

	First cho	ice Second	choice
Rudy Giuliani	29%	209	<sup>ે</sup>
Fred Thompson	16	16	
John McCain	12	17	
Mitt Romney	11	16	
Mike Huckabee	5	4	
Sam Brownback	2	3	
Ron Paul	2	1	
Tom Tancredo	2	3	
Duncan Hunter	1	2	
(Other)	1	1	
(Don't know)	17	17	

Questions 7-10 held for release

11. - 16. Regardless of whether you would vote for [NAME] or not, how qualified do you think he/she is to be president of the United States? [RANDOMIZE LIST] SCALE: 1. Very qualified 2. Somewhat qualified 3. Not very qualified 4. Not at all qualified 5. (Don't know)

#### \*\*\*\*SUMMARY CHART\*\*\*\*

	Very Qualified
Hillary Clinton	47%
John McCain	34%
Rudy Giuliani	32%
Barack Obama	23%
Mitt Romney	16%
Fred Thompson	16%

	ç	Qualified			- Not qualified -			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)	
John McCain	75%	34	41	16	8	8	9	
Democrats	64%	23	41	24	11	13	11	
Republicans	86%	44	42	10	6	4	5	
Independents	81%	39	42	11	6	5	8	
27-28 Feb 07	70%	34	36	15	8	7	15	
Hillary Clinton	72%	47	25	25	7	18	1	
Democrats	94%	73	21	6	2	4	1	
Republicans	48%	18	30	51	11	40	1	
Independents	77%	48	29	21	9	12	3	
27-28 Feb 07	65%	37	28	32	14	18	4	
Rudy Giuliani	71%	32	39	23	11	12	6	
Democrats	57%	21	36	36	16	20	7	
Republicans	87%	44	43	10	6	4	3	
Independents	75%	33	42	17	11	6	7	
27-28 Feb 07	68%	30	38	23	12	11	9	
Barack Obama	62%	23	39	30	16	14	8	
Democrats	73%	31	42	20	11	9	7	
Republicans	47%	11	36	45	23	22	8	
Independents	63%	23	40	28	13	15	9	
27-28 Feb 07	52%	18	34	32	16	16	17	

	Q	Qualified			- Not qualified -			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)	
Mitt Romney	54%	16	38	26	13	13	20	
Democrats	42%	10	32	35	16	19	23	
Republicans	68%	24	44	16	9	7	15	
Independents	59%	16	43	19	10	9	23	
Fred Thompson	51%	16	35	28	14	14	20	
Democrats	33%	8	25	45	22	23	22	
Republicans	71%	26	45	13	6	7	16	
Independents	57%	17	40	23	11	12	21	

17. Regardless of how you plan to vote, who do you believe will be the next president of the United States? (OPEN ENDED-DO NOT READ RESPONSES)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
(Hillary Clinton)	44%	61%	25%	45%
(Rudy Giuliani)	12	5	21	12
(Barack Obama)	6	8	3	8
(Fred Thompson)	3	-	7	2
(John Edwards)	3	3	2	3
(John McCain)	2	1	4	1
(Mitt Romney)	2	1	4	2
(Al Gore)	2	2	2	-
(Chris Dodd)	1	-	1	-
(Joe Biden)	-	1	-	-
(Mike Huckabee)	-	-	-	-
(Duncan Hunter)	-	-	-	-
(Dennis Kucinich)	-	-	-	-
(Ron Paul)	-	-	-	-
(Bill Richardson)	-	-	-	-
(Other)	2	1	2	3
(Don't know)	23	16	28	24

#### Questions 18-19 held for release

20. In deciding your vote for president, is the candidate's personal life more important, less important or as important as the candidate's positions on the issues?

More	important	Less important	Same	(Don't know)
9-10 Oct 07	20%	49	28	3
Democrats	19%	56	22	3
Republicans	21%	39	37	3
Independents	19%	54	24	3

21. How likely is it that you would vote against a candidate for president because he or she has been divorced?

SCALE: 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not very likely 4. Not likely at all 5. (Don't know)

	Likely			- Not	likely	-		
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)	
9-10 Oct 07	17%	7	10	78	17	61	5	
Democrats	17%	9	8	79	15	64	5	
Republicans	21%	8	13	45	18	57	5	
Independents	14%	3	11	82	18	64	3	

22. How likely is it that you would vote against a candidate for president because you don't like his or her spouse?

		Likely		- Not	likel	у -	
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvry	Not	(DK)
9-10 Oct 07	22%	9	13	74	19	55	5
Democrats	15%	6	9	79	16	63	5
Republicans	29%	12	17	67	21	46	4
Independents	21%	8	13	75	22	53	4

23. - 29. I'm going to read you some religious affiliations and I'd like you to tell me whether you think that most Americans would be comfortable with a president who is that affiliation. Do you think most Americans would be comfortable with a president who is [INSERT ITEM] or not? (RANDOMIZE LIST)

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	Yes	No	(Don't know)
A Protestant	80%	13	8
Democrats	72%	18	10
Republicans	86%	7	7
Independents	87%	9	4
Parram Cathalia	700	1.4	-
Roman Catholic	79%	14	7
Democrats	75%	16	9
Republicans	85%	10	5
Independents	81%	13	5
A member of the			
Christian Coalition	59%	26	15
Democrats	58%	29	13
Republicans	63%	21	17
Independents	50%	30	19
Jewish	50%	38	12
Democrats	44%	43	13
Republicans	56%	30	14
Independents	50% 57%	34	9
Independents	3/%	34	9
A Mormon	36%	50	13
Democrats	32%	54	14
Republicans	43%	45	12
Independents	36%	50	14
An atheist	15%	76	9
Democrats	12%	80	8
Republicans	15%	76	10
Independents	20%	72	8
A Muslim	10%	83	7
Democrats	10%	82	8
Republicans	8%	86	6
Independents	14%	80	6
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30.	As	far	as	you	know,	do	you	think	Mormons	are	Christians	or	not?	
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	Yes	No	(Don't know)	
9-10 Oct 07	56%	26	18	
Democrats	55%	26	19	
Republicans	55%	32	14	
Independents	63%	18	19	
5-6 Dec 06	53%	25	22	

#### 31. As far as you know, do you think Catholics are Christians or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)	
9-10 Oct 07	85%	10	5	
Democrats	84%	11	5	
Republicans	86%	9	5	
Independents	89%	8	3	

#### 32. Do you consider the United States a Christian country or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
9-10 Oct 07	78%	16	6
Democrats	73%	22	5
Republicans	84%	10	6
Independents	77%	17	6

### 33. If you could, would you prefer to vote for a candidate for president who is the same religion as you are?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)	(Not religious)
9-10 Oct 07	33%	46	16	6
Democrats	31%	48	16	6
Republicans	40%	44	12	4
Independents	22%	47	22	9

34. If a candidate for president wore an American flag lapel pin in the past and then announced that he or she would no longer wear a flag pin, would that make you have some doubts about the person's patriotism or not?

	10 (2011 )	Know)
0% 4	<b>1</b> 5	5
3% 5	52	5
3% 3	32	5
3% 5	56	1
	0% 4 3% 5 3% 5	0% 45 3% 52 3% 32

35. When you hear people say that they "support the troops" but are "against the war," do you think they are truly making a logical and valid distinction or are they really trying to have it both ways?

SCALE: 1. Making logical and valid distinction 2. Trying to have it both ways 3. (Mixed) 4. (Don't know)

Valid	distinction	Both ways	(Mixed)	(Don't Know)
9-10 Oct 07	44%	42	7	7
Democrats	53%	32	8	8
Republicans	31%	59	5	6
Independents	52%	37	8	3

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
9-10 Oct 07	42%	35	17	2	4
25-26 Sep 07	39%	34	20	3	3
11-12 Sep 07	44%	33	19	1	2
21-22 Aug 07	37%	35	20	3	5
17-18 Jul 07	40%	33	21	3	4