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Polling was conducted by telephone January 24-25, 2006, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters

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 (24-25 Jan 06)	41%	51	8
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (8-9 Nov 05)	36%	53	11
Overall Average to Date	59%	32	
2005 Average	46%	46	
First-Term Average	61%	29	
2004 Average	49%	43	
2003 Average	59%	30	
2002 Average	72%	18	
2001 Average	69%	18	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8				
RECENT TREND				30-31 Oct 04	47%	46	7
10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9	30-31 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
13-14 Dec 05	42%	51	7	29-30 Oct 04	47%	45	8
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10	29-30 Oct 04 LV	48%	46	6
8-9 Nov 05	36%	53	11	28-29 Oct 04	47%	47	6
25-26 Oct 05	41%	51	8	28-29 Oct 04 LV	47%	47	6
11-12 Oct 05	40%	51	9	27-28 Oct 04	48%	47	5
27-28 Sep 05	45%	47	8	27-28 Oct 04 LV	49%	46	5
13-14 Sep 05	41%	51	8	17-18 Oct 04 LV	49%	44	7
30-31 Aug 05	45%	50	5	3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	43	4
26-27 Jul 05	47%	44	9	21-22 Sep 04 LV	50%	45	5
12-13 Jul 05	47%	47	6	7-8 Sep 04 LV	49%	44	7
14-15 Jun 05	48%	43	9	24-25 Aug 04 LV	51%	43	6
25-26 Apr 05	47%	43	10	3-4 Aug 04	44%	48	8
29-30 Mar 05	49%	46	5	20-21 Jul 04	47%	45	8
1-2 Mar 05	52%	39	9	22-23 Jun 04	49%	44	7
8-9 Feb 05	51%	43	7	8-9 Jun 04	48%	45	7
25-26 Jan 05	50%	40	10	18-19 May 04	48%	43	9
11-12 Jan 05	52%	41	7	4-5 May 04	49%	43	8
14-15 Dec 04	48%	45	7	21-22 Apr 04	50%	44	6
16-17 Nov 04	53%	40	7	6-7 Apr 04	49%	44	7

23-24 Mar 04	47%	44	9	4-5 Feb 04	53%	41	6
3-4 Mar 04	48%	44	8	21-22 Jan 04	53%	39	8
18-19 Feb 04	48%	41	11	7-8 Jan 04	58%	31	11

2. - 4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing on the following issues?

	Dis Approve approve (DK)			Dis Approve approve (DK)			
Terrorism							
24-25 Jan 06	51%	44	5	3-4 Dec 02	66%	22	12
30-31 Aug 05	53%	40	6	22-23 Oct 02 LV	67%	22	11
3-4 Oct 04 LV	53%	41	6	24-25 Sep 02	70%	23	7
22-23 Jun 04	52%	40	8	23-24 Jul 02	77%	17	6
7-8 Jan 04	67%	24	9	4-5 Jun 02	73%	18	9
18-19 Nov 03	57%	34	9	30 Apr-1 May 02	78%	16	6
9-10 Sep 03	65%	29	6	12-13 Mar 02	84%	9	7
20-21 May 03	73%	19	8	9-10 Jan 02	89%	6	5
29-30 Jan 03	72%	20	8				

The economy							
24-25 Jan 06	41%	52	7	29-30 Jan 03	42%	48	10
30-31 Aug 05	38%	55	6	3-4 Dec 02	47%	40	13
11-12 Jan 05	46%	46	8	22-23 Oct 02 LV	48%	42	10
3-4 Oct 04 LV	45%	49	6	24-25 Sep 02	52%	36	12
22-23 Jun 04	46%	49	5	23-24 Jul 02	55%	37	8
7-8 Jan 04	50%	42	8	4-5 Jun 02	62%	28	10
18-19 Nov 03	43%	51	6	30 Apr-1 May 02	64%	29	7
9-10 Sep 03	47%	46	7	9-10 Jan 02	59%	27	14
15-16 Jul 03	47%	44	9	6-7 Jun 01	52%	29	19
20-21 May 03	45%	45	10	28-29 Mar 01	52%	27	21
8-9 Apr 03	48%	40	12				

The situation with Iraq							
24-25 Jan 06	40%	55	5	29-30 Jul 03	58%	32	10
30-31 Aug 05	41%	55	4	15-16 Jul 03	57%	35	8
11-12 Jan 05	44%	51	5	30 Jun-1 Jul 03	60%	30	10
3-4 Oct 04 LV	45%	50	5	22-23 Apr 03	71%	22	7
22-23 Jun 04	45%	49	6	8-9 Apr 03	75%	19	6
7-8 Jan 04	57%	35	8	25-26 Mar 03	69%	23	8
18-19 Nov 03	46%	48	6	11-12 Feb 03	50%	38	12
9-10 Sep 03	54%	38	8				

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the United States Supreme Court is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	50%	30	20

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
RECENT TREND			
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

7. Overall, do you think the country is better off or worse off today than it was a year ago?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	32%	48	15	5
Democrats	14%	71	12	4
Republicans	63%	17	15	6
Independents	19%	53	21	7

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the government is doing to protect the country from terrorism?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	58%	34	8
Democrats	44%	47	9
Republicans	80%	15	5
Independents	52%	36	13
11-12 Oct 05	53%	38	9
12-13 Jul 05	56%	33	11
11-12 Feb 03	71%	19	10

9. Which of the following statements do you agree with more? (ROTATE)
 SCALE: 1. I'd rather pay higher taxes to support a larger government that provides more services. 2. I'd rather pay lower taxes and have a smaller government that provides fewer services. 3. (Don't know)

	Higher/ Larger	Lower/ Smaller	(DK)
24-25 Jan 06	34%	52	14
Democrats	45%	38	17
Republicans	26%	67	7
Independents	25%	57	18
21-22 Jan 04	38%	45	17
6-7 May 03	34%	50	16
4-5 Oct 00	32%	52	16
7-8 Apr 98	30%	58	12
11-12 Jun 97	31%	58	11

10. Do you agree or disagree that Senators and Representatives in Congress promise more social programs than taxpayers can afford?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	67%	25	8
Democrats	60%	32	7
Republicans	76%	15	9
Independents	67%	26	7

11. In general, which do you think is better for the country to have?
 SCALE: 1. The president and Congress from the same party 2. To have the president from one party and Congress from another 3. (Don't know)

	Same	Different	(DK)
24-25 Jan 06	34%	46	20
Democrats	27%	54	19
Republicans	48%	32	20
Independents	23%	56	21
27-28 Sep 05	39%	39	22
26 May 00	42%	41	17
22 Oct 99	39%	42	19
12 Mar 99	37%	44	19
2 July 98	37%	42	21
21 June 98	37%	42	21

12. If one party controls the White House and the other party controls Congress, which would you prefer: (ROTATE)
 SCALE: 1. A Republican in the White House and the Democrats controlling Congress 2. A Democrat in the White House and the Republicans controlling Congress 3. (Don't know)

	Rep WH/ Dem Congress	Dem WH/ Rep Congress	(DK)
24-25 Jan 06	32%	40	28
Democrats	19%	61	20
Republicans	54%	23	24
Independents	25%	27	48
27-28 Sep 05	32%	37	31
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	31%	40	29
3-4 Jun 98	29%	41	30

13. If you were writing this year's State of the Union speech, do you think it would be accurate to describe the condition of the country today as strong and confident?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	40%	55	5
Democrats	24%	71	5
Republicans	61%	36	4
Independents	38%	58	4

14. Next week President George W. Bush will give his State of the Union address to the nation. What topic are you most interested in hearing the president talk about during his speech? OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ

	24-25 Jan 06	25-26 Jan 05
(Iraq)	26%	31%
(Economy/Jobs)	20	14
(Terrorism/Security)	11	4
(Health care)	6	4
(Social Security)	4	16
(Domestic affairs)	3	3
(Immigration)	2	1
(Moral values)	2	2
(Foreign Policy)	2	1
(Gas prices)	2	na
(Education)	2	2
(Nothing/Dislike Bush)	2	na
(Iran)	1	na
(Taxes)	1	1
(NSA wiretapping/eavesdropping)	1	na
(Supreme Court)	1	-
(Middle East)	1	-
(Medicare)	1	1
(Ethics/Corruption)	-	na
(Lobbying reform)	-	na
(Other)	1	3
(Don't know/Refused)	12	17

15. What do you think is a bigger problem in Washington today -- government corruption or government overspending?

	Corruption	Overspending	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	34%	36	28	1	2
Democrats	39%	31	28	1	1
Republicans	29%	43	25	1	2
Independents	29%	32	36	2	1

16. Do you think the United States Supreme Court is generally too liberal, too conservative, or about right in its decisions?

	Too Liberal	Too Conservative	About right	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	28%	17	42	13
Democrats	18%	26	43	13
Republicans	42%	7	40	12
Independents	21%	17	45	17
30 Jun-1 Jul 03	30%	20	37	13

17. President George W. Bush has nominated Samuel Alito to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. If you were voting on Samuel Alito's nomination, would you vote to confirm him or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	47%	32	21
Democrats	21%	53	25
Republicans	79%	7	14
Independents	46%	33	21
10-11 Jan 06	45%	30	25
13-14 Dec 05*	35%	27	38
8-9 Nov 05	46%	29	25

*December wording "Samuel Alito has been nominated to serve..."

18. How would you rate the job Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito did answering the Senate Judiciary Committee's questions -- do you think he did an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	19%	27	21	11	23
Democrats	9%	19	29	18	25
Republicans	34%	36	11	3	17
Independents	13%	25	23	13	27

For reference: How would you rate the job Supreme Court nominee John Roberts did answering the Senate Judiciary Committee's questions -- do you think he did an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	(Don't know)
27-28 Sep 05	25%	29	16	8	22

19. And how would you rate the job the Senate Judiciary Committee did questioning nominee Samuel Alito -- overall, do you think the committee did an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	6%	24	26	20	23
Democrats	9%	24	26	14	26
Republicans	5%	27	25	24	19
Independents	2%	17	28	28	25

20. - 21. During Samuel Alito's confirmation hearings (ROTATE):

Do you think the questioning by Senate Democrats was too tough and personal?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	38%	38	24
Democrats	24%	50	25
Republicans	55%	23	22
Independents	38%	36	26

Do you think the questioning by Senate Republicans was too easy and friendly?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	37%	34	28
Democrats	50%	21	29
Republicans	21%	52	27
Independents	39%	32	30

22. Which country do you think poses the greatest immediate danger to the United States? OPEN ENDED - DO NOT READ

	24-25 Jan 06	25-26 Jan 05
(Iran)	28%	18%
(North Korea)	17	26
(Iraq)	16	11
(China)	14	8
(USA)	4	3
(Afghanistan)	3	2
(Saudi Arabia)	1	1
(Pakistan)	1	1
(Russia)	1	2
(Syria)	-	2
(Indonesia)	-	-
(Other)	3	3
(Don't know/Refused)	11	23

23. Iran says it wants to use uranium enrichment for peaceful purposes, such as nuclear power generation, but some believe Iran wants to use the uranium for military purposes, such as to build a nuclear weapons program. Which do you believe is more likely -- Iran wants uranium for peaceful purposes or military purposes? (ROTATE)

	Peaceful purposes	Military purposes	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	8%	82	11
Democrats	9%	78	13
Republicans	5%	89	6
Independents	8%	78	14
1-2 Mar 05	8%	75	17

24. Which one of the following best describes your view of the danger Iran poses to the United States today?

SCALE: 1. An immediate threat 2. A threat in the near future 3. A threat further down the road 4. Not a threat at all 5. (Don't know)

	Immediate	Near future	Down the road	No threat	(DK)
24-25 Jan 06	16%	40	34	7	3
Democrats	16%	37	35	9	3
Republicans	17%	45	33	4	1
Independents	11%	42	35	5	8

25. Do you think Iran currently has a nuclear weapons program?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	68%	18	14
Democrats	62%	23	16
Republicans	76%	13	11
Independents	64%	20	17
25-26 Jan 05	60%	23	18
28-29 Oct 03	57%	24	19

(ROTATE 26 - 27)

26. How confident are you in the ability of the Bush administration to handle the situation with Iran?

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

	-- Confident --			-- Not confident --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvj	Not	
24-25 Jan 06	54%	24	30	43	17	26	3
Democrats	32%	12	20	64	24	40	4
Republicans	86%	47	39	13	8	5	1
Independents	45%	12	33	48	17	31	7

27. How confident are you in the ability of the United Nations to handle the situation with Iran?

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

	-- Confident --			-- Not confident --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvj	Not	
24-25 Jan 06	46%	11	35	49	22	27	5
Democrats	54%	16	38	40	24	16	6
Republicans	42%	10	32	56	21	35	2
Independents	33%	4	29	59	20	39	8

28. - 30. If diplomacy fails, which of the following U.S. military actions would you support to stop Iran from getting nuclear weapons? Would you support [ITEM]?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Using only air strikes, but no ground troops	51%	34	15
Democrats	50%	38	12
Republicans	56%	29	15
Independents	45%	38	17
Using air strikes and ground troops	46%	42	12
Democrats	36%	54	10
Republicans	60%	26	14
Independents	41%	45	15
Using whatever military force is necessary	59%	33	8
Democrats	50%	42	8
Republicans	72%	20	8
Independents	54%	37	10

31. Do you think Iran is more of a threat or less of a threat to the world today than Iraq was before the United States took military action to remove Saddam Hussein?

SCALE: 1. Iran is more of a threat than Iraq was 2. Iran is less of a threat than Iraq was 3. (Same/No difference) 4. (Don't know)

	More	Less	(Same)	(DK)
24-25 Jan 06	47%	25	19	9
Democrats	48%	25	18	10
Republicans	43%	28	20	9
Independents	51%	15	23	10

32. - 34. If Iran obtains nuclear weapons, how concerned are you that it would: (RANDOMIZE)

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

	-- Concerned --			- Not concerned -			(DK)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
Attack a neighboring country?	81%	54	27	15	8	7	4
Democrats	77%	49	28	18	10	8	5
Republicans	90%	64	26	8	5	3	1
Independents	71%	46	25	22	10	12	7
Attack the United States?	73%	47	26	24	16	8	3
Democrats	70%	48	22	27	17	10	4
Republicans	82%	48	34	17	13	4	1
Independents	64%	42	22	31	19	12	6
Supply nuclear weapons to terrorists?	91%	68	23	6	3	3	3
Democrats	88%	62	26	7	4	3	4
Republicans	98%	79	19	1	1	-	-
Independents	84%	62	22	10	3	7	6

35. Do you think most Iranian citizens feel friendly toward the United States or not?

	Yes, friendly	No, unfriendly	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	22%	58	20
Democrats	19%	62	19
Republicans	28%	53	20
Independents	20%	59	21

36. In addition to the previous United Nations scandal involving mismanagement of the Oil-for-Food program, there are now indications of corruption in the handling of peacekeeping activities. Do you think the United States should stop paying dues to the United Nations until its problems of mismanagement are cleaned up?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	48%	42	11
Democrats	44%	43	13
Republicans	55%	37	8
Independents	45%	44	10

37. How likely do you think it is that another terrorist attack causing large numbers of American lives to be lost will happen in the near future?

	--- Likely ---			- Unlikely -			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
24-25 Jan 06	80%	38	42	17	14	3	4
Democrats	78%	40	38	18	14	4	4
Republicans	82%	35	47	17	16	1	1
Independents	77%	38	39	15	11	4	8
PAST TREND							
12-13 Jul 05	75%	33	42	17	12	5	8
22-23 Apr 03	66%	23	43	29	24	5	5
25-26 Mar 03	75%	29	46	21	17	4	4
25-26 Feb 03	81%	38	43	14	11	3	5
29-30 Jan 03	87%	31	46	17	13	4	6

38. Do you think the terrorist group Al Qaeda is stronger or weaker today than it was a year ago?

	Stronger	Weaker	(Same)	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	32%	46	13	9
Democrats	41%	35	14	10
Republicans	21%	64	8	7
Independents	31%	41	18	10

39. And what about compared to the days after September 11 -- do you think Al Qaeda is stronger or weaker today than it was immediately after the 2001 attacks?

	Stronger	Weaker	(Same)	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	30%	52	9	9
Democrats	39%	40	11	10
Republicans	19%	72	4	5
Independents	28%	45	14	13

40. In a new audiotape Usama bin Laden threatens to strike again inside the United States. Are you more likely to: (ROTATE)
 SCALE: 1. Believe the threats are true and Al Qaeda will attempt more attacks in the United States soon
 2. Dismiss the tape as rantings from an extremist
 3. (Don't know)

	Believe	Dismiss	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	67%	22	10
Democrats	70%	20	10
Republicans	65%	26	9
Independents	66%	22	12

41. Do you think Usama bin Laden will ever be captured or killed?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
24-25 Jan 06	56%	31	13
Democrats	44%	41	15
Republicans	68%	22	10
Independents	62%	26	12

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

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

1. Democrat	43%
2. Republican	36
3. (Independent)	17
4. (Other)	2
5. (Refused/Don't know)	2