

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 18-19, 2011, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters
 Democrats n=333, ± 5 ; Republicans n=309, ± 6 ; Independents n=199, ± 7

Questions 1-8 released separately

9. Which ONE of the following issues do you want President Obama and Congress to focus on this year? (RANDOMIZE 1-6)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. The economy and jobs	45%	45	42	46
2. The deficit and government spending	17%	10	23	19
3. Health care	14%	19	10	10
4. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	4%	8	2	4
5. Immigration	3%	3	3	3
6. Terrorism and national security	2%	2	2	3
7. (None of these/Other)	2%	2	-	2
8. (All)	14%	11	16	12
9. (Don't know)	-%	-	1	-

Question 10 released separately

11. In general, how much do you learn about how things are going in the country and the president's plans for the future from the state of the union speech? Would you say you learn a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all?

	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing at all	(Don't watch or listen)	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	10%	31	28	20	10	1
Democrats	18%	33	24	11	12	2
Republicans	3%	28	34	27	7	1
Independents	8%	29	30	24	8	-

12. Usually Republicans and Democrats sit on different sides of the House chamber when the president delivers his state of the union speech. This year, some have suggested that Democrats and Republicans sit with each other during the address in an attempt to downplay divisions between the parties. Do you think breaking tradition and sitting with each other is a good idea that shows lawmakers are serious about toning down the debate, or is it a silly idea that would mainly be just for show and not really mean anything in the long run?

	Good idea	Silly idea	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	56%	39	5
Democrats	69%	26	5
Republicans	47%	48	5
Independents	55%	40	4

13. - 20. Which political party -- the Democrats or the Republicans -- do you think would do a better job on each of the following issues? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Democrats 2. Republicans 3. (Equal) 4. (Don't know)

****SUMMARY CHART****

	Dem	Rep
Health care	44%	40
Job creation	41%	36
The economy	38%	41
Afghanistan	34%	36
The federal deficit	32%	43
Immigration	32%	42
Size of government	29%	47
Terrorism	29%	47

Health care

	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	44%	40	5	10
Democrats	82%	7	5	7
Republicans	11%	77	4	9
Independents	38%	38	10	14
13-14 Jul 10	42%	43	8	7
24-25 Oct 06 LV	58%	24	10	8
11-12 Jul 06	52%	23	12	13
7-8 Feb 06	51%	28	8	13
18-19 Feb 04	52%	31	7	10
20-21 May 03	48%	30	9	13
8-9 Oct 02 LV	48%	32	7	13
28-29 Mar 01	41%	36	10	13

Job creation

	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	41%	36	12	12
Democrats	76%	7	9	9
Republicans	11%	67	12	10
Independents	30%	37	16	17
13-14 Jul 10	42%	39	10	9

The economy

	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	38%	41	10	11
Democrats	72%	9	10	9
Republicans	6%	79	8	7
Independents	31%	41	14	15
13-14 Jul 10	39%	44	9	9
4-5 May 10	44%	41	6	9
24-25 Oct 06 LV	45%	39	10	6
11-12 Jul 06	49%	29	10	12
7-8 Feb 06	45%	36	8	11
18-19 Feb 04	49%	38	5	8
20-21 May 03	40%	39	9	12
8-9 Oct 02 LV	41%	41	7	11
6-7 Aug 02	43%	36	9	12
26-27 Feb 02	36%	41	10	13
28-29 Mar 01	37%	42	8	13
23-24 Jun 99*	38%	39	9	14
24-25 Feb 99*	39%	41	8	12

* "job maintaining a strong economy"

Afghanistan				
	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	34%	36	12	18
Democrats	61%	15	8	16
Republicans	12%	64	11	14
Independents	23%	31	22	23
13-14 Jul 10	32%	41	12	15
The federal deficit				
	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	32%	43	11	14
Democrats	67%	12	7	13
Republicans	6%	77	8	9
Independents	16%	45	19	21
13-14 Jul 10	31%	46	12	12
7-8 Feb 06	28%	48	9	17
Immigration				
	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	32%	42	10	16
Democrats	59%	18	9	14
Republicans	11%	71	7	11
Independents	24%	38	12	26
13-14 Jul 10	32%	45	10	12
4-5 May 10	35%	42	7	16
24-25 Oct 06 LV	39%	36	13	12
11-12 Jul 06	37%	32	15	17
4-5 Apr 06	34%	24	26*	15
*(Both/Neither)				
Size of government				
	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	29%	47	9	15
Democrats	61%	15	9	15
Republicans	7%	79	5	9
Independents	10%	54	13	22
13-14 Jul 10	30%	46	9	15
4-5 May 10	31%	49	6	13
Terrorism				
	Dem	Rep	(Equal)	(DK)
18-19 Jan 11	29%	47	13	11
Democrats	59%	19	10	12
Republicans	6%	77	10	7
Independents	16%	48	21	15
13-14 Jul 10	30%	46	12	13
4-5 May 10	29%	49	11	11
24-25 Oct 06 LV	35%	43	11	10
11-12 Jul 06	30%	42	15	13
7-8 Feb 06	31%	45	10	14
18-19 Feb 04	29%	52	8	11
20-21 May 03	19%	53	14	14
8-9 Oct 02 LV	25%	51	10	14

Questions 21-38 released separately

Moving on..

39. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair and poor, how would you rate economic conditions today?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	1%	7	40	51	1
Democrats	2%	9	46	43	1
Republicans	-%	5	33	62	-
Independents	1%	9	45	45	-
26-28 Oct 10 RV	1%	8	35	55	1
26-28 Oct 10 LV	1%	8	33	58	-
8-9 Jun 10	1%	6	44	49	1
12-13 Jan 10	1%	7	39	52	1
22-23 Apr 09	4%	8	30	57	1
13-14 Jan 09	1%	4	20	74	1
22-23 Sep 08	1%	5	29	65	1
9-10 Oct 07	8%	24	37	29	1
24-25 Oct 06 LV	9%	33	38	19	1
18-19 Apr 06	6%	22	42	30	1
13-14 Dec 05	5%	26	38	29	2
14-15 Dec 04	4%	28	43	24	1
3-4 Oct 04 LV	4%	27	44	24	1
3-4 Aug 04	6%	30	41	22	1
4-5 May 04	3%	28	41	26	2
18-19 Feb 04	3%	25	39	32	1
7-8 Jan 04	3%	31	42	22	2
18-19 Nov 03	2%	26	44	26	2
23-24 Sep 03	1%	17	42	39	1
12-13 Aug 03	1%	15	40	43	1
3-4 Jun 03	1%	19	48	31	1
8-9 Apr 03	1%	20	47	30	2
11-12 Mar 03	1%	13	41	44	1
14-15 Jan 03	1%	12	46	40	1
8-9 Oct 02 LV	5%	20	44	30	1
9-10 Jul 02	1%	23	51	24	1
30 Apr-1 May 02	3%	27	53	16	1
9-10 Jan 02	2%	26	47	22	3
19-20 Sep 01	4%	25	45	24	2
11-12 Jul 01	4%	38	44	13	1
18-19 Apr 01	4%	35	45	14	2
14-15 Mar 01	3%	36	42	18	1
21-22 Feb 01	5%	41	44	9	1
10-11 Jan 01	9%	50	29	10	2
18-19 Oct 00 LV	19%	54	20	6	1
28-29 Jun 00	13%	49	27	9	2
20-21 Oct 99	3%	48	32	6	1
28-29 Oct 98 LV	12%	57	24	6	1
28-29 Oct 98	11%	54	25	8	2
7-8 Oct 98 LV	10%	51	30	8	1
7-8 Oct 98	11%	49	32	7	1
9-10 Sep 98	12%	49	31	7	1

40. All in all, do you think the economic policies of the Obama administration have helped or hurt the economy, or have they not made much of a difference either way?

	Helped	Hurt	No difference	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	28%	32	37	2
Democrats	49%	7	41	3
Republicans	6%	60	34	1
Independents	29%	32	35	4

41. Have you personally been helped or hurt by the economic policies of the Obama administration, or have they not made much of a difference either way?

	Helped	Hurt	No difference	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	13%	26	60	1
Democrats	20%	8	71	1
Republicans	5%	42	52	1
Independents	15%	27	57	1

42. Which worries you more -- what could happen to the country if something isn't done about the size of the national debt or the possibility of a future terrorist attack?

	The national debt	Future terrorist attack	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	50%	30	15	3	2
Democrats	40%	42	12	3	3
Republicans	55%	24	19	1	1
Independents	56%	20	15	5	4

43. How likely do you think it is that the United States will have to ask China for a bailout in the next five years?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	(Already happening)	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	22%	31	23	14	3	7
Democrats	21%	28	23	17	1	11
Republicans	23%	36	21	11	3	5
Independents	20%	31	26	13	5	5

44. Which one of the following best describes your view of the threat China poses to the United States economically?

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 threat	Near future threat	Threat down the road	Not a threat	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	16%	26	41	12	5
Democrats	9%	23	43	18	7
Republicans	20%	33	36	7	3
Independents	19%	24	40	11	5

45. And which one of the following best describes your view of the threat China poses to the United States militarily?

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 threat	Near future threat	Threat down the road	Not a threat	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	7%	16	43	28	6
Democrats	5%	15	36	36	8
Republicans	10%	16	48	21	4
Independents	7%	16	44	28	5

46. When thinking about the unemployment situation in the country today, do you think there are jobs available, just not jobs that most people want, or do you think there truly aren't any jobs to be found?

	Yes, there are jobs out there	No, there aren't any jobs	(Depends on where you are)	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	46%	41	11	2
Democrats	46%	43	9	2
Republicans	49%	40	9	2
Independents	45%	34	18	2

47. Do you personally know anyone who has been unemployed and looking for a job for two years or more?

	Yes	No	(Don't know/Refused)
18-19 Jan 11	52%	47	-
Democrats	57%	43	1
Republicans	53%	47	-
Independents	43%	56	-
27-28 Jul 10*	41%	58	1

* Wording: Do you personally know anyone who has been unemployed for two years or more?

Changing topics...

48. On the issue of abortion, would you say you are more pro-life or more pro-choice?

	Pro-life	Pro-choice	(Both, mix)	(Don't know)
18-19 Jan 11	50%	42	5	3
Democrats	32%	59	5	3
Republicans	69%	26	3	1
Independents	47%	41	6	6
12-13 May 09	49%	43	6	2
8-9 Sep 08	41%	49	6	4
13-14 Feb 07	40%	51	5	4
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	41%	49	7	3
25-26 Apr 05	42%	47	8	3
21-22 Apr 04	47%	44	6	3
15-16 Jul 03	44%	44	6	6
22-23 Apr 03	41%	49	5	5
9-10 Jan 02	41%	47	5	7
24-25 Jan 01	42%	47	7	4
12-13 July 00	38%	54	5	3
26-27 Jan 00	44%	43	8	5
23-24 June 99	44%	42	9	5
7-8 Jan 98	46%	49	-	5
20-21 Aug 97	40%	50	5	5

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)
18-19 Jan 11	37%	34	22	4	3
14-15 Dec 10	35%	38	21	4	2
26-28 Oct 10 RV	37%	37	18	5	3
26-28 Oct 10 LV	37%	41	17	4	2
11-13 Oct 10 RV	39%	34	19	5	3
11-13 Oct 10 LV	40%	39	15	4	2
28-29 Sep 10	39%	36	19	3	3
14-16 Sep 10	37%	41	17	3	2
1-2 Sep 10	39%	37	20	3	1
10-11 Aug 10	38%	40	17	3	2