

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 12-13, 2010, 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

Democrats n=352, ± 5 ; Republicans n=307, ± 6 ; Independents n=182, ± 7

Questions 1-18 released separately

19. Which ONE of the following issues do you want President Obama to focus on this year? (RANDOMIZE 1-4)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. The economy and jobs	48%	47%	52%	44%
2. Health care	12	18	5	15
3. Terrorism and national security	11	3	20	13
4. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7	8	8	4
5. (None of these/Other)	3	1	4	3
6. (All)	18	23	11	21
7. (Don't know)	-	-	1	-

Questions 20-24 released separately

Changing topics now ...

25. Do you think the United States is safer or less safe today than it was a year ago?

	Safer	Less safe	(Same)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	31%	39	27	2
Democrats	44%	21	34	2
Republicans	17%	63	17	2
Independents	27%	40	30	3

26. Do you think air travel is safer or less safe today than before the attacks on September 11, 2001?

	Safer	Less safe	(Same)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	55%	27	15	3
Democrats	59%	23	14	3
Republicans	56%	30	11	3
Independents	48%	29	21	2

27. Do you approve or disapprove of how the Obama administration handled the attempted bombing of a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	51%	33	16
Democrats	70%	17	13
Republicans	29%	57	14
Independents	52%	28	19

28. Do you think the man who tried and failed to bomb a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day should have been treated as a regular criminal defendant or as an enemy combatant?

	Criminal defendant	Enemy combatant	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	18%	75	7
Democrats	27%	68	5
Republicans	8%	88	4
Independents	19%	71	11

29. All in all, do you think additional screening procedures at airports will do more to increase airline safety or more to inconvenience passengers?

	Increase safety	Inconvenience passengers	(Some of both)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	57%	22	18	3
Democrats	61%	21	18	1
Republicans	57%	24	16	3
Independents	54%	22	19	5

30. Do you think new full-body scanning machines that show detailed images of an individual should be used to screen all airline passengers?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	71%	24	6
Democrats	73%	22	5
Republicans	70%	25	5
Independents	70%	22	8

31. Regardless of whether you think full-body scanning machines should be used, would you personally feel comfortable going through a full-body scanner?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	81%	18	2
Democrats	79%	19	2
Republicans	80%	19	1
Independents	85%	13	2

32. Which screening method do you think would be more effective at preventing future terrorist attacks on airplanes -- using full-body scanning machines or using profiling techniques based on people's behavior or appearance?

	Full-body Scanners	Profiling	(Both the same)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	50%	24	20	2	3
Democrats	65%	15	15	2	2
Republicans	38%	38	20	2	2
Independents	43%	20	29	2	6

33. Do you approve or disapprove of using profiling by looking at a combination of the individual's race, country of origin and behavior to screen airline passengers?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	63%	31	6
Democrats	52%	41	6
Republicans	75%	22	3
Independents	64%	27	9

34. If the use of full-body scanners becomes a part of the standard security screening process at the nation's airports, do you think those body images will eventually leak out and become public?

SCALE: 1. Definitely will 2. Probably will 3. Probably won't 4. Definitely won't 5. (Don't know)

	-- Will leak --			- Won't leak -			(Don't know)
	Total	Def	Prob	Total	Prob	Def	
12-13 Jan 10	44%	15	29	48	28	20	7
Democrats	43%	14	29	49	25	24	7
Republicans	47%	17	30	48	33	15	4
Independents	37%	11	26	51	29	22	11

35. Do you think the Obama administration is as serious about fighting terrorism as the Bush administration was, or not?

SCALE: 1. Yes, as serious 2. No, not as serious 3. (More serious) 4. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(More serious)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	54%	37	5	4
Democrats	78%	12	8	2
Republicans	22%	72	1	5
Independents	57%	31	6	6

36. How confident are you that U.S. intelligence gathering agencies will be able to uncover real threats to the United States in the future?

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

	--- Confident ---			- Not Confident -			(DK)
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	NtVry	Not	
12-13 Jan 10	74%	19	55	24	19	5	2
Democrats	82%	25	57	16	12	4	2
Republicans	68%	10	58	30	23	7	1
Independents	66%	21	45	28	21	7	5
4-5 Feb 04	71%	17	54	24	17	7	5

37. In the war on terrorism, who do you think is more deeply committed to winning -- the United States and its allies or Radical Muslims and extremists? (ROTATE CHOICES)

SCALE: 1. The United States and its allies 2. Radical Muslims and extremists 3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	U.S.	Radical Muslims	(Both)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	33%	49	9	10
Democrats	42%	38	8	13
Republicans	25%	63	6	6
Independents	27%	50	15	9
11-12 Oct 05	36%	36	13	15

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)
12-13 Jan 10	38%	35	14	13
Democrats	31%	42	16	11
Republicans	48%	34	8	10
Independents	35%	27	22	16
24-25 Jan 06	32%	46	13	9

39. Do you think detainees from the Guantanamo Bay military prison should be transferred to a federal prison facility in the United States?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	33%	58	9
Democrats	49%	40	11
Republicans	16%	80	4
Independents	36%	54	10

For reference: If the Guantanamo Bay military prison is closed, do you think the prisoners should be transferred to prison facilities in the United States?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
9-10 Jun 09	36%	60	4
12-13 May 09	37%	55	8
27-28 Jan 09	42%	52	6

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)	
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4	2
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1	2
12-13 May 09	42%	30	24	2	2
22-23 Apr 09	42%	30	22	3	4
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	42%	33	20	3	2
3-4 Mar 09	40%	32	22	3	3
17-18 Feb 09	42%	35	18	3	2
27-28 Jan 09	44%	30	22	2	2
13-14 Jan 09	42%	32	21	2	4
9-10 Dec 08	43%	33	20	2	2
1-2 Nov 08 LV	42%	36	18	3	1
28-29 Oct 08 LV	41%	39	16	2	1
20-21 Oct 08 LV	43%	37	16	2	2
1-2 Nov 08	41%	36	18	4	1
28-29 Oct 08	40%	39	17	2	2
20-21 Oct 08	43%	36	16	2	3
8-9 Oct 08	41%	34	21	2	2
22-23 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
8-9 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
19-20 Aug 08	42%	35	20	1	2
22-23 Jul 08	42%	33	19	3	3