

Bush's Ratings

		Approve	Disapprove
Gallup/USAT	Dec. 6-9	37%	57%
ABC/WP	Dec. 6-9	33	64
CBS/NYT	Dec. 5-9	28	65
AP/Ipsos	Dec. 3-5	36	61
LAT/Bloom.	Nov. 30-Dec. 3	33	61
Gallup/USAT	Jan. 5-7	37	59

Bush Approval--Yearly Averages

Gallup/USA Today	Approve
2007 to date	34%
2006	38
2005	46
2004	50
2003	60
2002	71
2001	68

Favorable Opinion of . . .

CBS News/New York Times	Dec. 2007			
	Nat.	Rep	Dem	Ind
Republican Party	33%	75%	9%	27%
Democratic Party	48	21	79	39

Partisan Identification

	Dem	Rep
2003 Gallup	45.2 %	45.5%
2007 Pew	52	36

Note: Gallup is reporting on 41,000 interviews conducted in 2003. Pew results based on four surveys conducted in January, February, and March of 2007.

If the November 2008 election for president were being held today, would you probably vote for?

CBS News/New York Times	Dec. 2007	
	Republican candidate	Democratic candidate
National	31%	48%
Republicans	72	10
Democrats	2	89
Independents	26	39

Most Important Issue to Your Vote for President

	ABC/WP Dec. 2007
Economy	44%
Iraq	37
Health care	22
Terrorism	15
Immigration/Illegal	10

	Gallup/USA Today Nov.-Dec. 2007			
	Nat	Rep	Ind	Dem
Iraq	37	29%	34%	46%
Economy	17	13	19	15
Health care	15	7	14	22
Illegal immigration	10	17	10	3
Security/terrorism	7	17	7	4

Note: Only the top five shown in each poll.

The Party More Likely To

CBS News/New York Times	Dec. 2007			
	Make the right decisions about the war in Iraq		Ensure a strong economy	
	Rep	Dem	Rep	Dem
National	30%	45%	31%	49%
Republicans	68	16	65	19
Democrats	6	76	8	84
Independents	26	38	29	38

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

Gallup/USA Today	Excellent/		
	Good	Only fair	Poor
Dec. 2007	28%	45%	27%
Jan. 2007	52	33	15

Right now, do you think economic conditions in the country as a whole are . . . ?

Gallup/USA Today	Getting better		Getting worse	
	Dec. 2007	21%	71%	
Jan. 2007	38	53		

Congress's Ratings

		Approve	Disapprove
Gallup/USAT	Dec. 6-9	22%	70%
ABC/WP	Dec. 6-9	32	60
CBS/NYT	Dec. 5-9	21	64
AP/Ipsos	Dec. 3-5	25	70
Fox News/OD	Nov. 13-14	26	61
Gallup/USAT	Jan. 15-18	35	56

Would you prefer Congress to be controlled by Republicans or Democrats?

	Rep	Dem
NBC/WSJ (RV)		
Nov. 2007	37%	46%

Congressional Approval--Yearly Averages

	Approve
Gallup/USA Today	
2007 to date	27%
2006	25
2005	36
2004	42
2003	47
2002	54
2001	56

Which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district?

	Historical Trend	
	Rep	Dem
Gallup/USA Today		
Oct. 2004	44%	50%
Oct. 2000	45	48
Oct. 1996	41	47
Oct. 1992	37	47
Oct. 1988	NA	NA
Oct. 1984	46	48
Oct. 1980	42	51

Do you approve of the way _____ are doing their job?

	Dec. 2007	
	Approve	Disapprove
ABC News/Washington Post		
Republicans in Congress	32%	63%
Democrats in Congress	40	53

Please tell me whether you think each of the following political officeholders deserves to be re-elected, or not. How about...most members of Congress?

	Most members deserve re-election		Do not	
Gallup/USA Today				
Oct. 2007 (NA)	41%	50%		
Oct. 2004 (NA)	51	33		
Sep. 2000 (RV)	54	30		
Oct. 1996 (RV)	54	26		
Oct. 1992 (RV)	29	50		

Re-elect current representative or give someone new a chance?

	Re-elect current rep.	Give new person a chance
NBC/WSJ (RV)		
Nov. 2007	39%	51%
	Historical Trend	
Oct. 2004	49%	34%
Oct. 2000	50	35
Oct. 1996	NA	NA
Oct. 1992	31	56

Note: All askings but the most recent were about the "U.S. House of Representatives."

Democrats: Iowa

	Pew/AP Nov. 7-25	DMR Nov. 25-28	ARG Nov.26-29	Zogby Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Mason-Dixon Dec. 3-6	Newsweek Dec. 5-6
Clinton	31%	25%	25%	27%	27%	29%
Obama	26	28	27	24	25	35
Edwards	19	23	23	21	21	18
Richardson	10	9	4	8	9	9

New Hampshire

	ARG Nov. 26-29	FN/OD Nov. 27-29	Marist Nov. 28-Dec. 2	ABC/Post Nov. 29-Dec 3	Zogby Dec. 1-3	Mason-Dixon Dec. 3-6	CNN/WMUR Dec.6-10
Clinton	34%	30%	37%	35%	32%	30%	31%
Obama	23	23	24	29	21	27	30
Edwards	17	17	18	17	16	10	16
Richardson	10	12	8	10	6	7	7

South Carolina

	Pew/AP Nov. 7-25	Clemson Nov. 14-27	ARG Nov. 26-29	Mason-Dixon Dec. 3-6
Clinton	45%	19%	45%	28%
Obama	31	17	21	25
Edwards	10	12	12	18

Republicans: Iowa

	Pew/AP Nov. 7-25	DMR Nov. 25-28	ARG Nov. 26-29	Zogby Dec. 1-3	Mason-Dixon Dec. 3-6	Newsweek Dec. 5-6
Huckabee	24%	29%	27%	25%	32%	39%
Romney	25	24	28	26	20	17
Giuliani	14	13	9	12	5	9
Thompson	12	9	14	8	11	10

New Hampshire

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Romney	36%	29%	31%	37%	35%	25%	32%
Giuliani	22	19	18	16	15	17	19
McCain	11	21	18	20	17	16	19
Huckabee	13	7	11	9	10	11	9

South Carolina

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Huckabee	10%	13%	18%	20%
Romney	19	17	21	15
Thompson	18	15	13	14
Giuliani	19	9	23	17
McCain	13	11	10	10

Note: Candidates are shown if they received 10 percentage points or more in any poll in a particular state. See Page 7 for methodology and sample sizes.

Presidential Primary Madness

Date	State	Delegates Up for Grabs	
		Democrats	Republicans
January 3	Iowa Caucus	57	40
January 5	Wyoming Conventions (R)	--	28*
January 8	New Hampshire Primary	22	24*
January 15	Michigan Primary	128*	60*
January 19	Nevada Caucus	33	34
January 19	South Carolina Primary (R)	--	47*
January 26	South Carolina Primary (D)	45	--
January 29	Florida Primary	185*	114*
February 1	Maine (R)	--	21

Super Duper Tuesday – February 5, 2007

Alabama Primary	52	45
Alaska Caucus (D)	18	--
Alaska Convention (R)	--	29
Arizona Primary (D)	56	--
Arkansas Primary	35	31
California Primary	370	170
Colorado Caucus	71	46
Connecticut Primary	48	27
Delaware Primary	15	18
Georgia Primary	87	72
Idaho Caucus (D)	23	--
Illinois Primary	153	57
Massachusetts Primary	93	40
Montana Caucus (R)	--	25
Minnesota Caucus	72	41
Missouri Primary (D)	72	--
New Jersey Primary	107	52
New Mexico Primary (D)	26	--
New York Primary	232	87
North Dakota Caucus (D)	21	--
Oklahoma Primary	38	38
Tennessee Primary	68	40
Utah Primary	23	36
West Virginia Convention (R)	--	18

* National parties plan to penalize these states for going early. Democrats plan to penalize by taking away 100 percent of the convention delegates; Republicans plan to penalize by taking away 50 percent of the convention delegates.

- For Democrats, there will be 4,051 delegates at the convention. A majority of 2,026 is necessary to win. By February 5th, 1,927 delegates (47.6 percent) will be **pledged**. For Republicans, there will be 2,380 delegates at the convention. A majority of 1,191 is necessary to win. 1,243 delegates (52.2 percent) will be **pledged** by Super Duper Tuesday.

2008 Senate Races

110th Congress Lineup: 49 Democrats, 49 Republicans, and 2 independents (who caucus with Democrats)

2008 Races: 23 Republicans, 12 Democrats

Democrats

<i>State</i>	<i>Senator/First Elected</i>	<i>Results of Last Election</i>	<i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i>	<i>Status</i>
AR	Mark Pryor-2002	54-46	+9	Running
DE	Joe Biden-1972	58-41	-7	Running
IA	Tom Harkin-1984	54-44	+1	Running
IL	Richard Durbin-1996	60-38	-11	Running
LA	Mary Landrieu-1996	52-48	+15	Running
MA	John Kerry-1984	80-18	-25	Running
MI	Carl Levin-1978	61-38	-3	Running
MT	Max Baucus-1978	63-32	+20	Running
NJ	Frank Lautenberg-1982	54-44	-7	Running
RI	Jack Reed-1996	78-22	-20	Running
SD	Tim Johnson-1996	50-50	+22	Running
WV	Jay Rockefeller-1984	63-37	+3	Running

Republicans

<i>State</i>	<i>Senator/First Elected</i>	<i>Results of Last Election</i>	<i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i>	<i>Status</i>
AK	Ted Stevens-1968	78-11	+25	Running
AL	Jeff Sessions-1996	59-40	+25	Running
CO	Wayne Allard-1996	51-46	+5	Retiring
GA	Saxby Chambliss-2002	53-46	+17	Running
ID	Larry Craig-1990	65-33	+38	Retiring
KS	Pat Roberts-1996	83-09	+25	Running
KY	Mitch McConnell-1984	65-35	+20	Running
ME	Susan Collins-1996	58-42	-9	Running
MN	Norm Coleman-2002	50-47	-3	Running
MS	Thad Cochran-1978	85-15	+19	Running
MS*	Trent Lott-1988	64-35	+19	Retiring
NC	Elizabeth Dole-2002	54-45	+12	Running
NE	Chuck Hagel-1996	83-15	+33	Retiring
NH	John Sununu-2002	51-47	-1	Running
NM	Pete Domenici-1972	65-35	+1	Retiring
OK	Jim Inhofe-1994	57-36	+32	Running
OR	Gordon Smith-1996	56-40	-4	Running
SC	Lindsey Graham-2002	54-44	+17	Running
TN	Lamar Alexander-2002	54-44	+14	Running
TX	John Cornyn-2002	55-43	+23	Running
VA	John Warner-1978	83-10	+9	Retiring
WY	Michael Enzi-1996	73-27	+40	Running
WY [^]	John Barrasso-appointed 2007	N/A	+40	Running

* Sen. Lott plans to resign by the end of 2007. It is unclear when a special election to replace him will occur in 2008.

[^] Sen. Barrasso is running to fill the remainder of former-Sen. Craig Thomas' term (through 2012).

2008 House of Representatives Open Seats

So far, twenty-two representatives have announced that they are retiring or seeking other office, creating open seats in their districts. Five are Democrats; seventeen are Republicans. The number of retirements is well below the average of 31 open seats for the past five congressional elections.

Democrats

<i>District</i>	<i>Representative/First Elected</i>	<i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i>	<i>Reason for Leaving</i>
ME-01	Tom Allen-1996	-12	Seeking other office-Senate
IN-07	Julie Carson-1996	-16	Retiring
NY-21	Michael McNulty-1988	-12	Retiring
CO-02	Mark Udall-1998	-17	Seeking other office-Senate
NM-03	Tom Udall-1998	-9	Seeking other office-Senate

Republicans

<i>District</i>	<i>Representative /First Elected</i>	<i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i>	<i>Reason for Leaving</i>
WY-AL	Barbara Cubin-1994	+40	Retiring
AL-02	Terry Everett-1992	+34	Retiring
NJ-07	Mike Ferguson-2000	+6	Retiring
OH-07	David Hobson-1990	+14	Retiring
CA-52	Duncan Hunter-1980	+23	Seeking other office-President
IL-18	Ray LaHood-1994	+16	Retiring
LA-04	Jim McCrery-1988	+19	Retiring
NM-02	Steve Pearce-2002	+17	Seeking other office-Senate
MS-03	Chip Pickering-1996	+31	Retiring
OH-15	Deborah Pryce-1992	<1	Retiring
MN-03	Jim Ramstad-1990	+3	Retiring
OH-16	Ralph Regula-1972	+8	Retiring
AZ-01	Rick Renzi-2002	+8	Retiring
NJ-03	Jim Saxton-1984	+2	Retiring
CO-06	Tom Tancredo-1998	+21	Seeking other office-President
IL-11	Jerry Weller-1994	+7	Retiring
NM-01	Heather Wilson-1998	-3	Seeking other office-Senate

Republicans' Views on Immigration

Sample Note from Page 3 Polls

Which of the following comes closer to your view?

A: The federal government should take a hard line against illegal immigration by deporting those who are in the country illegally and punishing those who employ them.

B: The federal government should develop a comprehensive approach to the immigration problem, taking into account the economic benefits undocumented workers provide in certain industries, and by creating a path to citizenship for those who are here working and earning to improve the lives of their families?

Mason-Dixon

	Dec. 2007	
	Likely Republican	
	caucus/primary goers	
		Comprehensive
	Hard line	Approach
Iowa	57%	33%
New Hampshire	71	27
South Carolina	61	31

Do you think children of illegal immigrants who qualify through their grades and test scores should or should not be eligible to receive state funds to help them pay for college?

PSRA/Newsweek

	Dec. 2007	
	Likely Republican	
	Iowa caucus goers	
Should be eligible	15%	
Should not	73	

Illegal immigrants working in the U.S. should be ... ?

CBS News/New York Times

	Dec. 2007	
	National	
	Republicans	
Allowed to keep jobs, apply for citizenship	29%	
Allowed to stay as guest workers	27	
Required to leave U.S.	41	

Democrats

Iowa: The Pew Research Center/AP sample is 460 registered voters who say they will definitely or probably attend a Democratic caucus. The *Des Moines Register* sample is 500 registered Iowa voters who say they definitely or probably will attend the Democratic caucuses. The American Research Group sample is 600 likely Democratic caucus goers. Zogby sample is 514 likely caucus goers. The Mason-Dixon sample is 400 likely Democratic caucus participants. The *Newsweek* sample is 395 likely Democratic caucus goers.

New Hampshire: The American Research Group sample is 600 likely Democratic primary voters. The Fox News/Opinion Dynamics sample is 500 likely Democratic primary voters. The Marist sample is 604 likely Democratic presidential primary voters. The ABC News/*Washington Post* sample is 592 New Hampshire adults likely to vote in the 2008 Democratic primary. The Zogby sample is 502 likely Democratic primary voters. The Mason-Dixon sample is 400 likely Democratic primary voters. The CNN/WMUR sample is 378 likely primary voters who say the plan to vote in the Democratic presidential primary.

South Carolina: The Pew Research Center/AP sample is 373 registered voters who plan to vote in the Democratic primary. The Clemson sample is 450 likely Democratic primary voters. The American Research Group sample is 600 likely Democratic primary voters. The Mason-Dixon sample is 400 likely Democratic primary voters.

Republicans

Iowa: The Pew Research Center/AP sample is 264 registered voters who say they will definitely or probably attend a Republican caucus. The *Des Moines Register* sample is 500 registered Iowa voters who say they definitely or probably will attend the Republican caucuses. The American Research Group sample is 600 likely Republican caucus goers. The Zogby sample is 508 likely caucus goers. The Mason-Dixon sample is 400 likely Republican caucus participants. The *Newsweek* sample is 275 likely Republican caucus goers.

New Hampshire: The American Research Group sample is 600 likely Republican primary voters. The Fox News/Opinion Dynamics sample is 500 likely Republican primary voters. The Marist sample is 505 likely Republican presidential primary voters. The ABC News/*Washington Post* sample is 488 New Hampshire adults likely to vote in the Republican primary. The Zogby sample is 508 likely Republican primary voters. The Mason-Dixon sample is 400 likely Republican primary voters. The CNN/WMUR sample is 354 likely primary voters who say the plan to vote in the Republican presidential primary.

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