



Pre- and Post-SOTU Surveys Show Overwhelming Support for President, GOP

Over three-fourths SOTU viewers rate speech favorably.

- 76% rate speech favorably.
- 70% say policies proposed will move nation in right direction. – CNN/*USA Today*/Gallup

Nearly 6 in 10 Americans approve of President's job performance.

- 58% to 40% margin approves, virtually unchanged from December. – ABC/*Washington Post*

Nearly 7 in 10 approve of his handling of terrorism.

- 68% to 28% margin approves, virtually unchanged from December. – CBS/*NYT*

Nearly 7 in 10 express satisfaction with financial situation.

- 69% to 31% margin expresses satisfaction with their financial situation. – NBC/*WSJ*
- 58% to 41% margin says Administration has made progress on economy. – CBS/*NYT*
- Solid majorities approve of President's handling of economy: 54% to 43% in CNN/*USA Today*/Gallup and 53% to 44% in AP/Ipsos.

President viewed as strong leader who cares.

- 64% to 33% margin rates President Bush as strong leader. – CBS/*NYT*
- 59% to 40% margin says he cares about their needs and problems. – CBS/*NYT*

Americans favor Medicare legislation.

- 54% to 32% margin favors new Medicare law. – NBC/*WSJ*

Americans favor GOP on key issues.

- Americans favor GOP over Democrats on national defense (37-point margin), homeland security (30-point margin), Iraq (26-point margin), terrorism (24-point margin), moral values (22-point margin), foreign policy (15-point margin), trade (11-point margin), taxes (2-point margin), and controlling spending (2-point margin). – NBC/*WSJ*