BUSH AND HIS PREDECESSORS

There was a steady downward spiral in Bush's approval ratings in his last year in office. His average rating for 1992 was 42 percent. According to Gallup, though, Bush's average approval rating for his term (61 percent) makes him the third most popular president behind Kennedy and Eisenhower.

Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way (name of president) is handling his job as president?

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Approval

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| After 2nd month - 59 73% 80 63 55 72 60 56 After 51st month - 67 - 41 48 - | _ | 52 |
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| After 7th month 75 - 73 74 62 37 66 60 69 After 56th month - 59 - 40 33 - | _ | 60 |
| After 8th month - 75 75 - 58 39 59 52 70 After 57th month 45 57 - 35 27 - | _ | 63 |
| After 9th month - 65 76 - 56 51 51 56 68 After 58th month 27 - | | 65 |
| After 10th month 63 - 77 - 68 52 56 54 70 After 59th month 42 29 - | _ | 63 |
| After 11th month - 60 78 - 59 - 57 49 71 After 60th month - 58 - 43 26 - | _ | 64 |
| After 12th month 50 68 77 69 61 46 52 47 80 After 61st month 37 54 - 44 27 - | _ | _ |
| After 13th month - 71 78 69 56 47 50 47 73 After 62nd month 37 50 - 59 26 - | _ | 63 |
| After 14th month - 68 79 71 53 44 48 46 74 After 63rd month 46 54 26 - | _ | 62 |
| After 15th month 43 - 77 - 56 41 41 44 67 After 64th month 43 53 26 - | - | 68 |
| After 16th month - 64 73 69 59 39 43 45 65 After 65th month - 54 25 - | ~ | 64 |
| After 17th month - 61 71 67 55 46 42 44 69 After 66th month 39 52 24 - | - | 63 |
| After 18th month 32 _ 69 64 55 48 39 41 60 After 67th month - 56 24 - | - | - |
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| After 20th month — 65 67 69 — 48 48 42 67 After 69th month 36 58 — — — — | _ | 63 |
| After 21st month 35 64 62 65 58 47 49 42 54 After 70th month 26 52 | - | |
| After 22nd month 48 57 - 65 57 45 50 43 54 After 71st month - 57 | _ | 48 |
| After 23rd month 60 63 74 63 52 - 51 41 63 After 72nd month 28 57 After 24th month - 69 76 64 56 - 43 35 83 After 73rd month 24 59 | _ | 49 |
| After 24th month - 69 76 64 56 - 43 35 83 After 73rd month 24 59 After 25th month - 71 70 63 50 - 37 40 80 After 74th month 25 58 | | _ |
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| After 27th month - 68 66 56 50 - 40 41 76 After 76th month 31 60 | _ | 45 |
| After 28th month - 69 64 57 49 53 32 46 76 After 77th month 32 60 | _ | 53 |
| After 29th month 55 - 61 54 48 - 29 47 72 After 78th month 29 61 | _ | 51 |
| After 30th month - 72 61 51 50 - 29 42 71 After 79th month 23 66 | _ | _ |
| After 31st month - 71 63 48 49 - 32 43 74 After 80th month - 66 | _ | 49 |
| After 32nd month 56 56 30 48 66 After 81st month 25 66 | _ | _ |
| After 33rd month 58 47 52 - 31 46 66 After 82nd month - 64 | _ | _ |
| After 34th month - 77 58 46 49 - 38 53 52 After 83rd month - 76 | - | 49 |
| After 35th month - 75 - 44 50 - 54 54 50 After 84th month - 66 | - | 49 |
| After 36th month 36 77 - 49 50 - 58 55 46 After 85th month 28 64 | - | - |
| After 37th month - 76 - 44 52 - 55 55 39 After 86th month 32 64 | _ | 50 |
| After 38th month 39 72 - 46 53 - 39 54 42 After 87th month - 65 | - | 50 |
| After 39th month - 69 - 45 39 52 42 After 88th month - 65 | - | 48 |
| After 40th month 45 62 - 38 54 41 After 89th month - 57 | - | 51 |
| After 41st month 49 57 - 31 54 38 After 90th month 32 63 | - | 51 |
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Note: In months in which more than one approval poll was conducted, the last results of the month are presented **Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of January 8–11, 1993.