
Subject: Bush Approval Rating Up
Posted by [FredT](#) on Wed, 20 Dec 2006 12:20:32 GMT
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According to a recent poll the Bush approval rating has nudged up from 25% just before the midterm election to 26% last week. Does this mean that another 1% of Americans have suffered brain death since the last poll? Is the Surgeon General going to do something about this? OK, maybe I'm being too narrow-minded and one-sided. To see the White House's story go to the Google homepage that's linked below, type in the word "failure", and hit "I'm feeling lucky".
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Subject: Polarization
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 22 Dec 2006 16:53:18 GMT
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I dunno, Fred. I think it's just propaganda, polarization of the population with sound bites and political rhetoric. The alternatives to Bush were Kerry and Gore. Pregnant Chad and Botox Boy. Would you rather have either or them? I'm still glad neither of those guys became president. Who I'd really like to see in office next time is Rudy Giuliani, but I don't know if he really would have a chance. Who do you think will run? As for Google keyword loading, that's another story but I don't like it much. It's a game, one that I think is bullshit. The fact that the search engines don't implement procedures that pull out that kind of thing shows me that they aren't cataloging information in a useful way. Another hot button for me is the sale of trademarked phrases as search engine keywords. I suppose probably Harley Davidson can afford to police their trademark but what about all the smaller companies? I'm not sure they should have to pay Google to prevent them from selling their trademark to the highest bidder. Is it "fair use"? I think not.

Subject: Re: Polarization
Posted by [FredT](#) on Sat, 23 Dec 2006 19:16:37 GMT
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In relative terms I agree we could have elected a worse leader than Bush, but in absolute terms I can't think of anything good to say about the leadership, or the lack thereof, he has provided. I didn't vote for Gore - he made me very nervous and still does. I did vote for Kerry, but only because I viewed him as the lesser of two evils. Nothing has happened since then to cause me to question that choice. Regarding your suggested candidates, I could support Rudy Giuliani or John McCain over anybody else I'm aware of, but I would choose Ralph Nader over Bush. That's how strongly I feel about the harm he has caused the country.

Subject: Re: Polarization

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 02 Feb 2007 04:37:36 GMT

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I'll tell you why I don't agree. I think the trouble in this country is much more diverse than the single office of the chief executive. Seems like every president is blamed, and it takes focus off the real problem, which is much more widespread. It's easy to blame a single target, because it's easy to concentrate on one thing. But the real problem is not there. It's the fact that we, the people, are allowing our freedoms to erode.
