

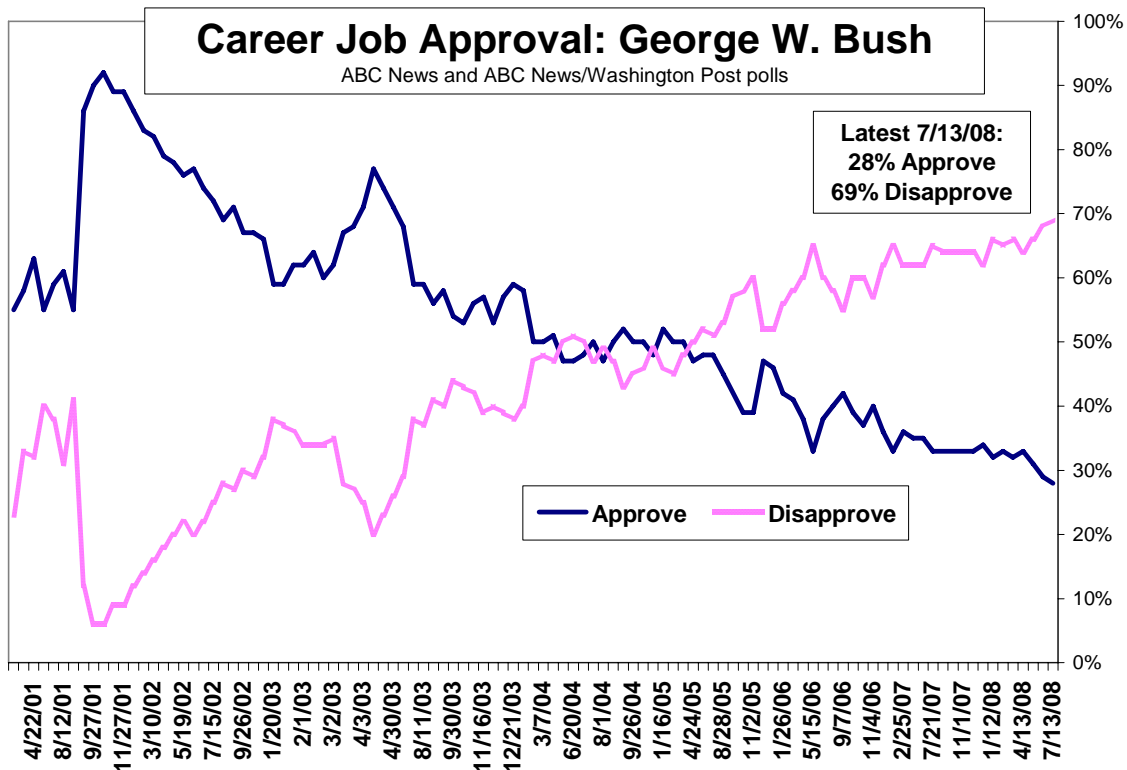
## Bush Approval Ties Carter

Driven down by the weak economy and the unpopular war in Iraq, President Bush's job approval rating has reached a new low for the third month straight. Just 28 percent of Americans approve of how he's handling his job, matching Jimmy Carter's career low. Only two presidents have gone lower: Richard Nixon, 24 percent in July and August 1974; and Harry Truman, 22 percent in February 1952.

Sixty-nine percent disapprove of Bush's performance, a record high in presidential approval polls since 1938 (by ABC News to 1981, and Gallup before us). Fifty-six percent "strongly" disapprove of Bush's performance, another record.

Bush hasn't seen majority approval in 42 months, surpassing Truman's record of 39 months from 1949-52. Indeed Bush's approval rating hasn't exceeded even 40 percent since September 2006.

Bush approval peaks among Republicans, at 65 percent; it plummets to 27 percent among independents and only 6 percent among Democrats (the latter a new low). It ranges from 51 percent among conservatives to 21 percent among moderates and just 7 percent among liberals (all new lows).



METHODOLOGY - This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone July 10-13, 2008, among a random national sample of 1,119 adults, including an oversample of African Americans (weighted to their correct share of the national population), for a total of 209 black respondents. The results from the full survey have a 3-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, PA.

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ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com at <http://abcnews.com/pollingunit>

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Full results follow (\*= less than 0.5 percent).

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6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/13/08	28	12	16	69	13	56	3
6/15/08	29	10	19	68	14	54	3
5/11/08	31	15	16	66	14	52	2
4/13/08	33	16	17	64	15	49	2
3/2/08	32	15	17	66	16	50	2
2/1/08	33	17	16	65	14	51	2
1/12/08	32	16	16	66	15	51	2
12/9/07	33	17	16	64	14	50	3
11/1/07	33	17	16	64	13	50	3
9/30/07	33	15	18	64	14	49	3
9/7/07	33	16	17	64	15	49	3
7/21/07	33	16	17	65	13	52	2
6/1/07	35	17	18	62	16	46	3
4/15/07	35	17	18	62	14	49	2
2/25/07	36	19	17	62	12	49	2
1/19/07	33	17	16	65	14	51	2
12/11/06	36	18	18	62	13	49	2
11/4/06	40	24	16	57	12	46	2
10/22/06	37	21	16	60	15	45	3
10/8/06	39	23	16	60	12	48	1
9/7/06	42	24	18	55	12	43	3
8/6/06	40	23	17	58	12	46	2
6/25/06	38	20	18	60	12	48	2
5/15/06	33	17	16	65	18	47	2
4/9/06	38	20	18	60	13	47	1
3/5/06	41	24	17	58	14	44	1
1/26/06	42	25	18	56	14	42	2
1/8/06	46	29	17	52	13	39	2
12/18/05	47	29	17	52	12	40	1
11/2/05	39	20	18	60	13	47	1
10/29/05	39	22	17	58	13	45	3
9/11/05	42	27	15	57	12	45	1
8/28/05	45	27	18	53	12	41	2
6/26/05	48	27	21	51	11	40	1

6/5/05		48	27	21	52	14	38	1
4/24/05		47	25	22	50	13	38	3
3/13/05		50	31	19	48	11	37	3
1/31/05		50	34	15	45	11	34	5
1/16/05		52	33	19	46	11	35	2
12/19/04		48	27	21	49	12	38	2
10/20/04		50	30	20	46	11	35	4
10/17/04	LV	54	35	19	45	9	36	2
10/16/04	LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/15/04	LV	54	35	19	44	10	34	2
10/3/04	LV	53	36	17	46	11	34	1
9/26/04		50	33	18	45	13	32	5
9/8/04		52	35	17	43	11	32	5
8/29/04		50	31	19	47	13	34	3
8/1/04		47	28	18	49	13	36	5
7/25/04		50	32	19	47	13	34	3
7/11/04		48	31	17	50	11	39	2
6/20/04		47	30	17	51	13	39	1
5/23/04		47	31	17	50	14	36	3
4/18/04		51	33	18	47	13	34	1
3/7/04		50	32	18	48	12	36	2
2/11/04		50	30	21	47	14	34	2
1/18/04		58	35	24	40	9	30	2
12/21/03		59	39	21	38	15	23	3
12/14/03		57	37	20	39	10	29	5
12/7/03		53	32	21	40	13	27	7
11/16/03		57	34	23	39	11	28	4
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10/13/03		53	33	20	43	13	29	4
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9/13/03		58	35	23	40	14	27	2
9/7/03		56	34	22	41	13	28	4
8/11/03		59	37	22	37	14	23	4
7/10/03		59	35	24	38	13	25	3
6/22/03		68	45	23	29	11	18	4
4/30/03		71	50	22	26	17	9	3
4/16/03		74	52	22	23	9	14	3
4/9/03		77	58	19	20	6	14	4
4/3/03		71	54	16	25	7	19	4
3/23/03		68	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	4
3/20/03		67	NA	NA	28	NA	NA	5
3/2/03		62	38	23	35	13	22	4
2/23/03		60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
2/9/03		64	42	21	34	14	20	3
2/1/03		62	41	21	34	13	22	4
1/28/03		62	43	19	36	13	23	2
1/27/03		59	39	21	37	15	22	4
1/20/03		59	36	23	38	16	22	2
12/15/02		66	37	28	32	12	20	2
11/4/02	LV	67	45	23	31	12	20	1
11/3/02	LV	67	45	22	32	12	20	1
11/2/02	LV	67	47	20	32	9	23	1
10/27/02		67	39	28	29	13	16	4
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7/28/02		69	39	31	28	14	14	3
7/15/02		72	42	31	25	12	13	2
6/17/02		74	42	32	22	9	13	4
6/9/02		77	41	36	20	9	11	3
5/19/02		76	48	28	22	8	13	3
4/21/02		78	47	31	20	9	10	2
3/28/02		79	49	30	18	8	10	3
3/10/02		82	52	30	16	9	7	2

1/27/02	83	56	27	14	7	7	3
12/19/01	86	64	22	12	6	6	2
11/27/01	89	69	21	9	4	5	1
11/6/01	89	65	24	9	5	4	2
10/9/01	92	76	16	6	3	3	1
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9/9/01	55	26	29	41	20	22	3
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7/30/01	59	28	30	38	17	22	3
6/3/01	55	27	28	40	18	22	6
4/22/01	63	33	30	32	16	16	5
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