

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE

Analysis is based on past CBS News Polls

Former Vice President Al Gore and the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have been awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace prize for bringing the issue of global warming to the public's attention. Earlier this year, Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, won the 2006 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

VIEWS OF AL GORE

As speculation about a presidential run by Al Gore continues, he remains popular among Democratic primary voters. In a CBS News Poll conducted this summer, 55% of those who said they plan to vote in a Democratic primary viewed him favorably, while just one if five had an unfavorable opinion of him. Among voters nationwide, however, opinions are less positive. Republican primary voters feel particularly negative toward Gore - three in four view him unfavorably.

**LATEST VIEWS OF AL GORE
CBS NEWS POLL - JUNE 2007**

	All <u>Voters</u>	Dem Primary <u>Voters</u>	Rep Primary <u>Voters</u>
Favorable	34%	55%	7%
Not favorable	40	20	74
Undecided/haven't heard enough	25	24	18

Gore did receive a bit of a bump in his favorability shortly after his Oscar win in February of this year. In March, for the first time since Gore finally conceded the 2000 election to George W. Bush, more voters held a favorable view of the former Vice President than a negative one.

**VIEWS OF AL GORE
(Among Registered Voters)**

	Favorable	Not Favorable
3/2007	37%	32
1/2007	32%	46
12/2000	44%	39

THE ENVIRONMENT

About half of Americans think Al Gore has struck the right balance between protecting both environmental and economic concerns. 48% say he has, but 35% say his positions go too far in protecting the environment at the expense of economic concerns.

GORE'S POSITIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT..

CBS NEWS POLL - APRIL 2007

Go too far in protecting the environment	35%
Strike the right balance	48

VICE PRESIDENT GORE

During much of Al Gore's two terms as Vice President, voters were more inclined to hold a favorable opinion of him than an unfavorable one. However, as he embarked on his run for president (Gore announced his candidacy in June 1999), and was therefore subject to more scrutiny, opinions became more mixed among voters overall. Still, on the eve of the 2000 presidential election Gore was viewed favorably by 45% of voters. A similar number (47%) viewed his opponent, George W. Bush, favorably.

VIEWS OF AL GORE

(Among Registered Voters)

	11/2000	7/1999	11/1993
Favorable	45%	22%	48%
Not favorable	37	29	17
Undecided	12	25	19
Haven't heard enough	5	23	15

A few months before leaving office, most voters approved of the way Gore handled his tenure as Vice President. In October 2000, 64% of voters approved of the way Gore handled his job as Vice President, while 29% disapproved.

GORE'S JOB AT VICE PRESIDENT

CBS NEWS POLL - OCTOBER 2000

(Among registered voters)

Approve	64%
Disapprove	29